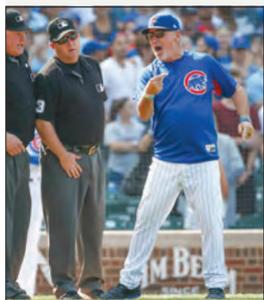


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## Chrisman wants water

City Council begins process of looking for another supply from Paris or Ridge Farm

BY GARY HENRY  
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**CHRISMAN** – A vote at the Monday, Aug. 6, Chrisman City Council meeting started the process of looking for another water supply.

Per the recommendation of water commissioner Rodney Wolfe, the council approved paying Fehr Graham Engineering & Environmental \$5,500 to study the feasibility and costs associated with the city purchasing water from either Paris or Ridge Farm.

Mayor Dan Owen supported the move. He reminded council members a project several years ago seeking a new well site north of Chrisman on the glacial ridge along the county line failed to locate a suitable drilling site. Another option of piping water



**OWEN**

from Newport, Ind., is no longer a possibility.

"That fell through," Owen said about the Indiana project.

Chrisman may not find it necessary to buy water from another community if it can get its water into compliance with Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regulations for arsenic levels. The arsenic in the water is a naturally occurring result of Ice Age detritus in the aquifer rather than outside contamination. The percentage level of arsenic has remained consistent for many years and was in compliance with previous regulations. Chrisman is no longer in compliance because

the EPA changed the regulations.

City water superintendent Matt Shelatto provided council members with a June report indicating the city's water averaged .027 milligrams of arsenic per liter during the previous year. The level set by the EPA is .010 milligrams/liter.

The EPA is working with Chrisman to find a solution and gave the city one-year to get the water into compliance with treatment methods. Wolfe said the preferred option is keeping the city's well in service but a contingency plan needs to be in place if that is not possible.

"If we can't get it done in a year, we've got to do something," said Wolfe.

In another water related matter, Shelatto had proposals from two

companies to sell the city new water meters that are capable of being read by radio frequencies and avoiding the need for someone to open the meter pit and physically record the numbers. One proposal was for \$100,000 and the other for \$73,000 included 400 new meters, a computer, software and reading device.

Shelatto estimated between 400 and 500 meters are on the city system.

"This will replace the residential meters," said Shelatto.

He recommended making the change for efficiency reasons. The old meters are worn and not providing accurate readings. There is normally a 39 percent discrepancy between what the city pumps and See **CHRISMAN**, Page **8A**

## RELAY FOR LIFE CONTINUES THE GOOD FIGHT



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

In keeping with the Star Wars theme for the 2018 Relay for Life, one of the spirit activities urged participants to don sunglasses for a Welcome to the Dark Side lap.

## Message: You're not alone

BY GARY HENRY  
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Cancer robs one of not only their health but also dignity and spirit as the treatment becomes almost too much to bear and the uncertainty creates a crushing despair.

Cami Costa-Kuglin had a somber, yet still hopeful, story to tell Aug. 4 as the featured speaker for the Edgar County Relay for Life.

"I shouldn't be here today," she said. "I should be in the Vermilion Cemetery, next to my grandpa, and there were times in treatment when I would have welcomed that."

A persistent pain in her left leg was the indication that something was wrong. Despite being a surgery nurse, Costa-Kuglin ignored it for several months before finally mentioning it to a doctor friend while they were performing a gall bladder surgery.

The following Monday she was in the surgeon's office and over the next few days underwent a battery of tests. That Friday she was told she had bone cancer. A written report urged her to contact an oncologist immediately.

A biopsy quickly followed and after returning home from the hospital, she went to her closet, found



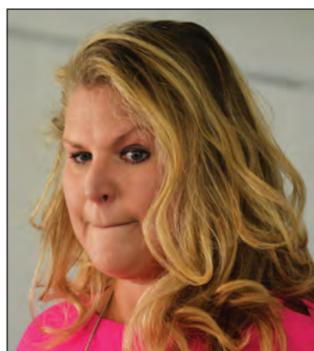
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**Rayleigh Ike listens to her grandmother tell the little girl's cancer journey prior to the survivors' lap at the Edgar County Relay for Life. If Ike's response to treatment continues as it has, she will likely have her last chemotherapy session in December.**

her favorite dress and pinned a note to it reading, "This one."

Costa-Kuglin explained the meaning of the note to her husband as the dress she wanted to be buried in. He acknowledged her statement and then told her she was going to beat cancer because she is the strongest person he knows.

"That helped me renew my determination," she said, adding she



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**Speaker Kami Costa-Kuglin paused frequently to compose herself against painful memories as she addresses the Relay for Life and relate the harrowing tale of learning she had bone cancer and the life-draining chemotherapy that followed.**

was growing despondent over the thought of not being there to see her three young sons grow up.

She met her oncologist after checking back into Union Hospital to start her chemotherapy. It was not a good meeting as he laid out what was wrong with her and the treatment she was about to experience.

See **RELAY**, Page **8A**

## County health plan set

Employees escape a double digit increase

BY GARY HENRY  
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Edgar County has escaped a double-digit health insurance increase for employees.

Blue Cross Blue Shield informed the county in late July of a nearly 11 percent premium increase for county employee health insurance. By the time of the Wednesday, Aug. 8, board meeting that amount was reduced to 4.03 percent. Board members accepted the renewal for coverage between Oct. 1, 2018, and Sept. 30, 2019. The approval is subject to a final review of the insurance committee.

Board member Andy Patrick said the committee was meeting later that day with employee representatives to go over the plan and options for coverage.

The matter was discussed in more detail during the board's Monday Aug. 6 study session.

It was noted at that time the county's risk number dropped into the negative range, which is good for keeping down costs. Also Blue Cross Blue Shield eliminated one of the plans previously available so the six employees using that plan must now choose a different style of coverage.

Board chairman Jeff Voigt said when all of the reviews were completed the change amounted to about \$19 more per month per employee and depending on what deduction level employees opted for, the increase might be eliminated.

It was suggested at some point in the future the county may want to eliminate cafeteria style health plans and offer only one option to all employees.

Voigt agreed that is a possibility but he also called for gathering employee input before making such a decision.

See **COUNTY**, Page **8A**

## First Mid Bank and Trust begins conversion

BY NANCY ZEMAN  
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First Bank and Trust closed its doors for the final time at 5 p.m. Friday, paving the way for the conversion to First Mid Bank and Trust this weekend.

Work on the outside the building began in earnest Friday afternoon when the familiar First Bank signs began coming down. The bank will be closed today and will reopen Monday as First Mid Bank and Trust.

The conversion is the end of a long history of both First Bank and Trust — formerly known as First Federal Savings and Loan — and Edgar County Savings and Loan, which previously merged with the former.

Edgar County Savings and Loan was chartered in April 1887 while First Federal (later First Bank) was chartered in July 1893.

In addition to Paris, branches in Champaign, Marshall, Martinsville, Rantoul and Savoy will be converted to First Mid Bank this weekend. The First Mid banking center located at 2229 South Neil Street in Champaign will merge with First Bank at 1251 Woodfield Dr. in Savoy.

First Mid Bank & Trust and First Bank officials have been working together for several months to make the transition as smooth as possible for customers.

Laura ZuHone, vice-president  
See **FIRST MID**, Page **11A**



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**New signs going up mark the final changes in the transition of First Bank and Trust to First Mid Bank and Trust, after the Mattoon-based bank purchased the Paris bank and all of its branches. Workers from Monitor Sign Service were busy Friday changing all of the exterior signs at the property located at Central and Court in Paris.**

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
						
84 62 Prec: 0%	85 63 Prec: 0%	85 64 Prec: 0%	84 66 Prec: 40%	82 64 Prec: 50%	81 62 Prec: 30%	82 63 Prec: 30%

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

**TODAY** — Mostly sunny and seasonal with highs in the mid 80s.  
**SUNDAY** — Highs once again top out in the mid 80s under sunny skies.  
**MONDAY** — Almost a copy and paste forecast from Sunday with sunny skies and highs in the mid 80s.

**ALMANAC**  
Paris through noon Tuesday.

**Temperature**  
High/Low ..... 84°/65°  
Record High ..... 100° in 1941  
Record Low ..... 47° in 1965

**Precipitation**  
Month to date ..... .16"  
Normal month to date ..... .137"  
Year to date ..... .3112"  
Normal year to date ..... .2644"

**SUN AND MOON**

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
<b>TODAY</b>	5:59 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	6:06 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	6:00 a.m.	7:51 p.m.	7:20 a.m.	9:00 p.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	6:01 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	8:32 a.m.	9:36 p.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	6:02 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	9:42 a.m.	10:10 p.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	6:03 a.m.	7:47 p.m.	10:49 a.m.	10:42 p.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	6:04 a.m.	7:45 p.m.	11:54 a.m.	11:14 p.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	6:05 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	12:57 p.m.	11:48 p.m.



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**TODAY**

**VERMILION COUNTY MUSEUM**

The Vermilion County Museum, Danville, is holding an open house 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today and 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday. Visitors may tour the museum and the Fithian Home free of charge during the open house hours.

**VFW STEAK SUPPER**

The monthly VFW Auxiliary steak supper is from 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street.

**HUMORIST PERFORMING**

Aaron Wilburn, a humorist, songwriter, is doing a free performance at Martinsville's Linn Park Amphitheater. Audience members should bring personal seating. Food concessions are available starting at 6 p.m., and the performance is 7 p.m.

**SUNDAY**

**CAMPBELL REUNION**

The 2018 Campbell Reunion at noon at Twin Lakes Park with a carry-in meal. More information is available by calling 812-230-8991.

**TUESDAY**

**PLANT PROPAGATION SEMINAR**

The Summer Series of the Four Seasons Gardening program from University of Illinois Extension concludes with "At-Home Micropropagation: In Vitro Plants." The program is 1:30 p.m. via computer link at the Edgar County Extension Office in Paris.

**DON'T MISS**

**"NOISES OFF!" CONCLUDE SULLIVAN SUMMER SEASON**

The Little Theatre On The Square in Sullivan closes its 2018 Summer Season with a play called the funniest farce ever written — "Noises Off!"

"Noises Off!," which premiered on Broadway in 1983, presents a manic menagerie of itinerant actors rehearsing a flop called "Nothing's On." "Doors slamming on and offstage, intrigue and an errant herring all figure in the plot of this hilarious and classically comic play. Brimming with slapstick comedy, "Noises Off!" is a delightful backstage farce.

Direction is by The Little Theatre's Associate Artistic Director, Therese S. Kincaide. "Noises Off!" closes Sunday, Aug. 22. A complete schedule of show times and ticket prices can be found at [thelittletheatre.org](http://thelittletheatre.org). Tickets may be purchased by calling 217-728-7375 or ordered online at [thelittletheatre.org](http://thelittletheatre.org).

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Micropropagation is a form of growing plants using tissue culture in sealed containers. This method allows for new plants to be grown using cuttings down to a number of cells. Learn from Extension Horticulture Educator, Bruce Black, about micropropagation at home using common household items. This webinar may also be viewed from home by pre-registering at [go.illinois.edu/4seasons\\_webinars](http://go.illinois.edu/4seasons_webinars). There is no cost to attend this webinar. Advance registration is not required but questions can be directed to the Edgar County Ex-

tension Office at 217-465-8585.

**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.

**EVENING TOPS MEETING**

TOPS Illinois #2318 meets every Tuesday in the basement of the

Presbyterian Church. Weigh-in starts at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting is 7 p.m. Contact Janice Stevens at 217-808-0078 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY**

**ANNUAL TEACHER BREAKFAST**

Local churchwomen will host the annual back-to-school breakfast for teachers in Paris 95 and Crestwood schools at 8 a.m. at Lake Ridge Christian Church.

**PHS CLASS OF 1964**

PHS Class of 64 will begin planning their 55<sup>th</sup> Reunion to be held in 2019. The first committee meeting is 11:30 a.m. at Tuscany. All class members are welcome to attend.

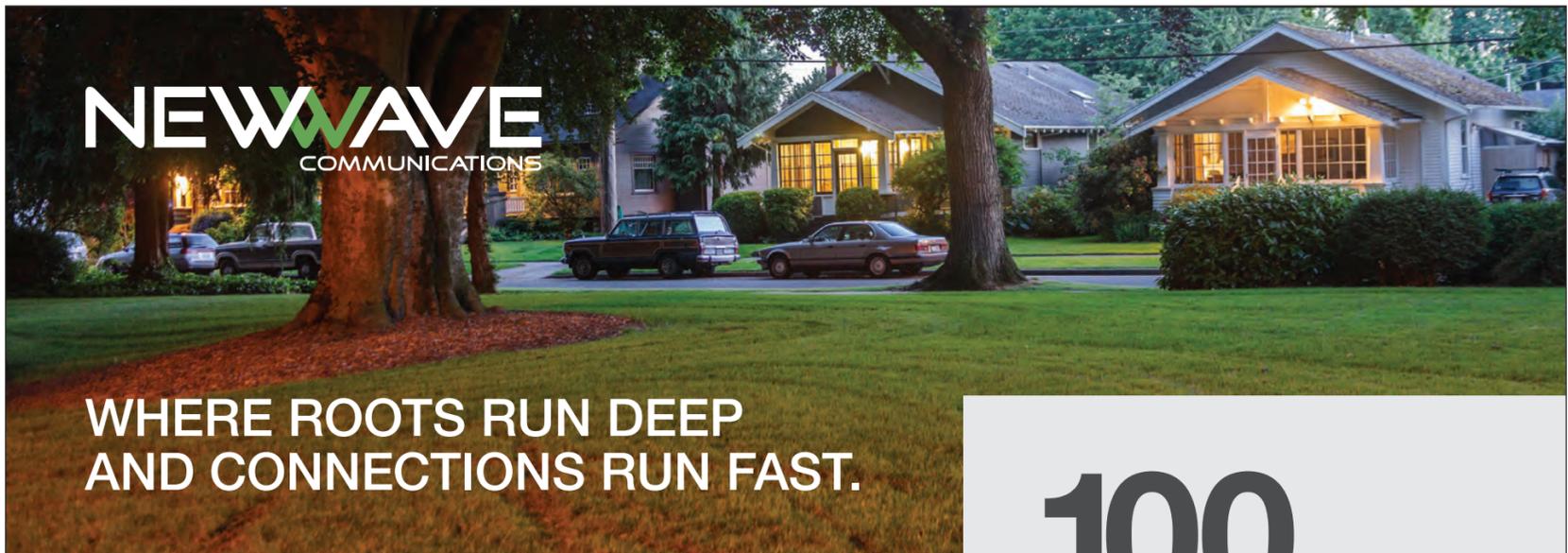
**THURSDAY**

**VFW AUXILIARY DINNER**

The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, scalloped pineapple or California blend and white or wheat roll. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1.

**ILLINOIS HISTORY PROGRAM**

The Clark County Historical Society presents fun and historical facts about Illinois at Marshall Public Library as part of the Illinois Bicentennial observation. The free program is 6:30 p.m. in the Dale McConchie Meeting Room. To register call 217-826-2535, or go to [www.marshallillibrary.com](http://www.marshallillibrary.com).



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# Former coach sentenced to 60 years

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CHARLESTON – Former girls youth basketball program coach Barry S. Wolfe, 54, Martinsville, received the maximum sentence of 60 years in prison Friday afternoon related to the criminal sexual assault of several former teen players.

Coles County resident judge Brien O'Brien sentenced Wolfe to the maximum of 15 years for each of the four counts of felony criminal sexual assault to which he previously pleaded guilty. The sentences are consecutive and Wolfe must serve at least 85 percent of the time before he is eligible for parole.

"To the victims and their parents I can't understand the true pain. I applaud and acknowledge your courage and coming forward today... You may have saved others from harm from this man," said O'Brien before announcing the sentences. "This is not about basketball it is about a person who held a position of trust... He grossly abused that power and trust and chose the victims carefully to prey upon them."

The judge noted Wolfe manipulated the players by controlling playing time, practice events, future opportunities and financial scholarships among many other aspects of the young girls lives.

O'Brien also spoke to Wolfe directly who was seated at the

defense table in a black and white county jail jumpsuit.

"A coach is someone in charge with the responsibility of teaching and protecting not placing them in dangerous situations. You failed miserably in that respect," O'Brien said, adding Wolfe took advantage of the young women to satisfy his deviant sexual desires.

The prosecution's part of the sentencing hearing began with testimony by three of the victims. The Prairie Press is withholding the victim's names to protect their privacy.

The first victim, who played six years for Wolfe, testified Wolfe started making comments about her body, which eventually escalated to kissing and progressed to other sexual acts. She described faking illnesses and trying to avoid situations that could place her in danger.

"It was the worse place to be," she said describing being alone with the coach in his personal vehicle.

She explained he controlled her through numerous daily text messages and threatening to take away college basketball scholarships if she refused his advancements. She also described her attempts to break away from Wolfe's constant control and the repercussions she faced when she avoided communication with him such as blackmail.

In her impact statement she

said, "I was an innocent child until Barry decided I would be his next victim."

She deliberately attended a distant college to break all contact with her abuser.

"I pray putting you behind bars will allow me to build myself up," she said.

The second victim described Wolfe's control through text messages, emails and handwritten letters praising the young athlete's success, while expressing love toward her.

"When I went to college I stopped responding to his hundreds of text messages a day," she said.

After blocking Wolfe's number on her cell phone, his anger escalated to the point where Wolfe threatened to come and watch her play college basketball. That incident prompted her to report the abuse to campus police.

The final victim, who began playing for the organization at age 14, testified the abuse began gradually with comments about her physical body shape. She also described Wolfe's manipulative control that included threats to release sexually explicit photos and a video on social media along with threats to take away her basketball friends. She stated Wolfe showed up at her house when she was alone on several different occasions.

When she tried to avoid communication, Wolfe mailed

letters to her with references to the sexual abuse events. The letters were sometimes on Holiday Inn Express stationery with an arrow pointing to the hotel's logo.

"Numerous assaults happened at multiple hotels," she said.

She also said the messages from the defendant never stopped.

She read one text message for the court, "Good morning beautiful you...Miss hanging out with you. Love you."

The message, she said, had code phrases such as "Hanging out" as a reference to the abuse.

"That's what he called it to be discrete," she said.

Another message she read aloud threatened to release sexually explicit material of her on the Internet. It said simply, "Going viral now," and she interpreted it as an attempt to control her.

The final witness for the state was former Mattoon Police Chief Jeff Branson who questioned Wolfe Oct. 26, 2017, in Casey.

Branson said Wolfe admitted to portions of the sexual crimes. That interview was recorded on Branson's body camera, and the video was played during the sentencing hearing over a defense objection.

Wolfe showed emotion only when the video exhibited him discussing how his life is ruined

and the damage abuse allegations would cause his family.

When it was time for the victim impact statements, the second victim described the trauma brought on by the sexual abuse. She described the effects as, "There is no words to say...A black hole I was trapped in." She noted she has not been allowed to be herself since the abuse began but showing courage she added, "You brought this upon yourself. I have decided to stand up and fight and no longer be under your control." Before concluding she added, "I forgive you...I am free from you."

The third victim's statement claimed she was enslaved in a cult, where none of the victims knew there were other girls also being abused.

"Not one thing about him was real. The only thing true was his extreme and endless arrogance," she said, describing Wolfe as racist and homophobic. She asked the judge to impose a 60-year sentence.

In conclusion she said, "You might be in our past but no longer are you in our future."

Wolfe's statement in allocution pointed out his 30-year business history and absence of a criminal record. He described his passion for the basketball organization he created. He painted a picture of his desires to see the children involved in his travel basketball program become successful.

"I was passionate about their success, most importantly I challenged them to chase their dreams," said Wolfe.

He denied many of the facts presented during the hearing and told the court.

"I am a monster in this courtroom today, but I am not a monster," Wolfe said. "I love these kids, not sexually. They will be in my heart because I believe in them."

Before apologizing to his wife of 33 years, two adult children, mother and brother, Wolfe said to his accusers, "I will forever believe in you no matter what you say or condemn me."

His closing remarks were directed to the judge.

"I'm not a bad person," Wolfe said. "When you consider my fate today, I am someone who made mistakes. I want to look at these people and say I love and care about them and I am sorry. All I want your honor is I want their success."

Defense attorney Ed Piraino asked the court to consider Wolfe's absence of prior crimes as an important mitigating factor, but O'Brien was more swayed by the need to create a deterrence of future crimes with the sentence.

"I am sending a loud and clear message with the hope that no other coach or supervisor will abuse that power to your extent," said the judge speaking directly to Wolfe.

# Clark County Fair opens Monday in Marshall

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MARSHALL – The Clark County Fair at Marshall kicks off Monday with a weeklong schedule of events featuring shows in front of the grandstand each evening.

A highlight for many is the 7 p.m. Friday concert by country music group Parmalee, with special guest Jordan Davis.

Parmalee, comprised of brothers Matt and Scott Thom-

as, their cousin Barry Knox along with their best friend Josh McSwain are an American Country band known for such hits as the group's 2013 breakout single, "Carolina" and two additional singles "Close Your Eyes" and "Already Callin' You Mine."

American Country singer and songwriter Jordan Davis, the 2017 New Country Music Artist of the Year, opens the show.

Tickets for the performance are \$30 for standing or lawn chair seats on the track and \$25 for grandstand seating.

Dairy judging opens the fair at 9 a.m. Monday with harness racing at 6 p.m.

Tuesday features the Clark County Fair Queen Pageant at 7 p.m. The 2017 Fair Queen Whitney Stirrett will crown one of three queen contestants Alex Stone, Julia Seaman and Sara Newbold. Five contes-

tants vie for the Clark County Junior Miss crown — Savannah Short, Kennedy Mullen, Courtney Davidson, Laura Robinson and Courtney Phillips.

Carnival rides also begin Tuesday by Brady's Amusement of Valdosta, Ga. Rides are free 5 to 10 p.m. each evening through Saturday, with the \$6 gate fee.

Wednesday's grandstand entertainment is the 7 p.m. Bro-

ken Horn Rodeo. The rodeo features Jim McElroy, a blacksmith by trade, and wife Sandy along with their two sons Kenny and Kevin from Ripley, Ohio.

Thursday events start at 8 a.m. with sheep judging and swine judging. The evening attraction at 7 p.m. is the Southern Illinois Truck Pull. Pull classes are 6,500-pound stock gas; 6,700-pound stock gas; 6,500-pound modified gas;

7,200-pound modified gas; 8,000-pound street diesel and 8,000-pound open diesel. The events are open pulls with a guaranteed \$4,000 purse.

Beef judging is 8 a.m. Friday followed by the open steer judging.

Traditionally, the biggest crowd for the fair is Saturday night when the demolition derby gets underway at 6 p.m. Inspections of the participating vehicles is from 1 to 5 p.m.

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# Paris man found in contempt for not paying

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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Not obeying the terms of a criminal sentence can bring other consequences.

Craig G. Shields, 23, Paris, appeared in custody of the Edgar County Sheriff's Department for the July 30

criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. Shields was arrested on the court's order when he failed to appear for a previous review of his sentence for a Class A misdemeanor resisting a peace officer conviction. The court found the defen-

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dant is in indirect civil contempt for not applying his tax refund to his fines and costs as ordered. The matter was continued for a hearing at which time Shields must provide a case for why the court should not impose additional sanctions.

Other individuals appearing before the bench during the July 30 and Aug. 2 calls included:

### IN CUSTODY

■Jerome Arnett, 41, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony aggravated domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. Bond was set at \$10,000, and the matter was continued for a first appearance. His bond conditions include no contact with the apparent victims or their Paris residence, and he must reside in Fairmont with his family. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Anthony M. Conklin, 34, Harrison, Mich., appeared in custody. His unresolved charge of a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender was continued for a negotiated plea. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Raymond Flannelly, 33, Vincennes, Ind., appeared in custody. The defense filed a motion seeking either a bond reduction or a furlough. The matter was continued to another date. Flannelly has unresolved charges of two counts of a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 felony threatening a public official, a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing and three separate counts of a Class 4 felony violating of an order of protection, all were continued for a status hearing.

He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Sarah Lynn Hall, 30, Paris, appeared in custody. She was charged with a Class 2 felony burglary and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. She was remanded to custody pending posting \$30,000 bond.

■Kristin D. Jewell, 27, Paris, appeared in custody. The public defender was appointed to represent him against a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property, two counts of a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct and a Class C misdemeanor assault charges. He pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand and a pretrial conference was scheduled.

In another matter, Jewell pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing to real property. In this case, he was granted a personal recognizance bond. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Kyle Justice, 19, Hoopston, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony aggravated battery and a Class A misdemeanor battery. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Sherry L. Ricketts, 48, Paris, appeared in custody. Her oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. Her unresolved charges of a Class 2 felony burglary and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing were continued for a negotiated plea hearing. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

### CHARGES

■Diane Branson, 61, Paris, was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor operating a vehicle with suspended registration. She was sentenced to a \$1,001 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Megan C. Cusick, 23, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance, a Class 4 felony retail theft and a Class A misdemeanor theft. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Donna J. Galvin, 53, Chrisman, was charged with two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Tristen I. Gosnell, 19, Paris, was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding offense. He was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Daniel Henson, 38, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. He waived his right to an attorney, and the

matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Jennifer M. Herbek, 40, Kansas, was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Ethan T. Johnson, 19, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Joseph L. Kauffman, 44, Chrisman, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license and a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Steven E. Petticrew, 24, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor or resisting a police officer and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. He told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■David L. Pinnell, 57, Chrisman, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor unlawful violation of an order of protection. He told the court he will hire an attorney. A first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Brandon Wayne Timmerman, 39, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Ashley K. Whitley, 35, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed. A first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Shelby L. Wilson, 22, Marshall, was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

### GUILTY PLEAS

■Jennifer S. Mahar, 46, Savoy, pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding offense and was sentenced to a \$400 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Jacob L. Neibarger, 22, Paris, admitted a petition to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor battery conviction. The matter was continued for a sentencing hearing.

■Carolyn S. Stonebraker, 52, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor theft. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. A warrant for her arrest was quashed.

### NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Austin D.J. Adams, 21, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor contributing to the delinquency of a minor charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Lindsey E. Board, 31, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor leaving the

scene of an accident charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Andrea Gross, 38, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor battery charges. She hired an attorney and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Thomas L. Harrier, 44, Danville, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class B misdemeanor speeding offense. He has hired an attorney and a pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Marilyn N. Ingram, 57, Chrisman, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Aaron D. Mullenix, 43, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor battery charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Dustin Wayne Sallee, 36, Kansas, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor aggravated assault charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Leroy J. Schmitt, 34, Charleston, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■David Thompson, 60, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

### OTHER MATTERS

■Joshua P.S. Hornbrook, 27, Paris, appeared for a motion to vacate jail time imposed in his Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The motion was denied, and he was ordered to serve 60 days starting in jail Aug. 16.

■James D. Leek, 54, Spencer, Ind., learned the state withdrew petitions to revoke his probation sentences for a Class 2 felony driving under the influence of alcohol and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license convictions.

■Victor C. Thompson, 20, Kansas, fresh from a two-month stay in the Moultrie County Jail, was ordered to serve a 60-day jail sentence for his Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia conviction. He was ordered to report to the jail Aug. 9.

### WARRANTS

■Warrants were ordered when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Ronald G. Amerman Jr., 37, Marshall; Gretchen L. Biddle, 38, Paris; Randy J. Bramlett, 51, Metcalf; Jacob A. Coe, 42, Terre Haute, Ind.; Beth R. Cole, 40, Upperco, Md.; Dustin C. Craig, 37, Paris; Ashely Y. Dye, 24, Oakland; Megan N. Eads, 29, Paris; Eric D. Paige, 26, Paris; Jeremy L. Stephens, 37, Oblong; Charles F. Straw, 40, Paris; Michael A. Swinford, 39, Hindsboro; Patrick E. Tingley, 38, Paris; and Jessie R. Woodmansee, 40, Oakland.

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**DERRICK MCCORMICK**

CHRISMAN - Derrick Lee McCormick, 24, of Chrisman was a beautiful soul who left this world behind much too soon Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018.

A funeral service is 11 a.m. CDT Monday, Aug. 13, at the Christian Church. Visitation is from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. CDT Sunday, Aug. 12, at the church, and again from 10 a.m. until the service time Monday at the church. Krabel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. McCormick was born Feb. 7, 1994, at Terre Haute, Ind., the son of Brian McCormick and Lisa Yaw McCormick.

He is survived by his parents, Lisa McCormick of Chrisman and Brian (Rose) McCormick of Terre Haute; sisters, Amber McCormick of Lake Worth, Fla., and Alicia "Tai" McCormick of Indianapolis, Ind.; grandparents, Betty "Granny" Campbell of Terre Haute, Billie McCormick of Champaign, and Larry and Carole Yaw of Chrisman; and several aunts, uncles, cousins and two nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Willie Campbell.

Mr. McCormick had an infectious smile that would light up any room he walked into and a laugh that was simply contagious. He had a kind heart for people who came into his life, always generous with his warmth and hugs. He had a fierce love for his family and was a gracious champion of game nights. He was fun loving, compassionate and talented. He leaves behind a light that will continue to burn bright inside all that knew him.

He grew up in Chrisman where he completed kindergarten through his junior year

and graduated from Terre Haute North High School in 2012. He then attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale for one year before heading closer to home.

Mr. McCormick was well known in the Chrisman area for his athletic ability and talent, as well as his wit and humor. He excelled in baseball, basketball, track, cross-country, golf and football. He was a key player in taking the Chrisman Cardinals to the 2011 IA IHSA Basketball Super Sectional and led in team assists and steals that year.

As a running back for the Georgetown-Ridge Farm/Chrisman Buffaloes, he thrived as offensive MVP, All-Conference running back, All-County running back and defensive back. He also earned a place on the 2011 Commercial-News All-Area First Team. In the spring of 2011, he broke a 40-year-old Vermillion County record in long jump, clearing 22-feet and 3/4 inches. Teammates and opponents counted on his competitiveness.

While living in Champaign from 2013 to 2018, he made numerous friends working at Guido's Bar and Grill and Jimmy Johns.

Many knew him as an athlete, but he was also an artist and a foodie, spending time drawing, writing short stories and perfecting recipes. He was an avid fan of anime and shows such as Walking Dead, Game of Thrones and Vikings. When he was into something, he was all in.

Mr. McCormick recently moved back to Chrisman and was happy and grateful to reconnect with his childhood and hometown friends, who describe him as a loyal and trusted friend.

Memorial donations may be made to the Edgar County Homeless Organization in Paris.

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

**JEANNE SHY**

Jeanne Babb Shy, 98, of Greenville, S.C., and formerly of Paris, passed away at 8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, at Rolling Green Village, Greenville. She was formerly a bookkeeper for Edgar County Supply Company.

A graveside service was 2 p.m. Friday, Aug. 10, in Fairview Cemetery, near Kansas, with the Rev. Jack Woods officiating. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Mrs. Shy was born March 22, 1920, at Isabel, the daughter of the late Archie O. and Grace Combs Babb. She married Max Heltsley Shy Feb. 7, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo., and he passed away Dec. 24, 2001.

She is survived by two daughters, Jayne Ann (Mike) Anderson of Smolan, Kan., and Kathy Sue (Howie) Quackenbush of Moore, S.C.; two grandchildren, Greg (Heiké) Anderson of Smolan, Kan., and Valerie Anderson of Mission, Kan.; and one great-granddaughter, Desiree Harrison of Emporia, Kan.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Wayne Babb and Pfc. James Babb; two sisters, Neva Price and Patricia Wombacher; and one infant sibling.

Mrs. Shy was a member of Saint Matthew United Methodist Church in Greenville.

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

**DAVID HENRY JR.**

CHRISMAN - David Augustus Henry Jr., 66, of Chrisman, died Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018, at Gibson Family Center for Hospice, Terre Haute, Ind. He was a farmer in the Chrisman area for many years.

A funeral service is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Krabel Funeral Home. Burial follows at Hoult Cemetery. Visitation is from 3 to 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, and again from 4 p.m. until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

Mr. Henry was born July 16, 1952, at Danville, the son of the late David Augustus and Margaret Louise Trout Henry. He married Gloria Jean Harvey April 10, 1976, at the Chrisman Nazarene Church, and she survives.

He is also survived by four children: Melanie (Scott)

Johnson of Chrisman, Melinda "Sis" (Trent) Simpson of Georgetown, Melissa "Missy" (Greg) Smothers of Chrisman and Mariah (Cody) McConkey of Paris; two sisters, Diana (Dean) Craig of Chrisman and Suzanne (Mike) Grafton of Hume; eight grandchildren, Eli and Maecy Johnson, Morgan Simpson, Layne, Haydan and Natalie Smothers and Elliott and Kadence McConkey; and several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Henry was a member of the Bloomfield Masonic Lodge, Danville Consistory, Edgar County Shrine Club and the Montezuma Fish & Game Club. He enjoyed hunting, sporting clays, slow country drives in his truck, shooting baskets with his kids and grandkids, playing pool and riding horses.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Wabash Valley of Terre Haute, Ind.

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

**JOSEPH SMITH**

HUME - Joseph Lawrence Smith, 93, of Hume passed away Tuesday, July 24, 2018, at Signature Healthcare, Terre Haute, Ind.

A Funeral service was Friday, July 27, at St. Michael's Catholic Church. Burial was in Young America Cemetery. The Joines Funeral Home of Newman was in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Smith was born May 29, 1925, at Hume, the son of the late Henry Asa and Ella Shelton Smith. He married Betty Jane Lieb Lucas of Newman April 6, 1948. Together they raised a family of three daughters and three sons.

Surviving are his six children, Mary Louise (James) Mies of Petersburg, Lawrence Michael Smith of Hume, Sarah Jane (Michael) Ciolli of Terre Haute, Elizabeth Ann (Matthew) Harbaugh of Met-

calf, Jeffery Paul (Amy) Smith of Hume and Donald Henry Smith of Hume; one brother, Paul Henry Smith formerly of Evansville, Ind.; 16 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Robert Shelton Smith; one sister, Mary Elizabeth Smith Harmon; and one granddaughter, Emily Harbaugh.

After graduating from Hume High School in 1943, he enlisted in the United States Navy where he honorably served in the Pacific Theater during World War II and survived a direct torpedo hit on his ship, the USS Bennett.

A lifetime resident of Hume, he was actively engaged in farming, was a member of the local volunteer fire department, the Roth-Williams American Legion Post #369 and St. Michael's Catholic Church.

Memorial donations may be made to Roth Williams American Legion Post #369.



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**PHYLLIS CRAWLEY**

MARTINSVILLE - Phyllis Yvonne Crawley, 82, of Martinsville, passed away at 1 a.m. Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Heartland Nursing Center, Casey.



CRAWLEY

A graveside service and burial is 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at Ohio Cemetery, Melrose Township, Clark County, with Brother Billie Ray Ulrey officiating. Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mrs. Crawley was born Aug. 7, 1936, at Marquette, Mich., the daughter of the late Harry M. Somerville and Dorothy Rogers Somerville. She married William C. Crawley June 21, 1954, at Strasburg, and he passed away May 10, 2008.

Survivors include her son, Herbert Crawley of Martinsville; daughters, Valla (Jim) Taylor of Martinsville, Myra Hollingsworth of Yale and Maria (David) Washburn of Palestine; 16 grandchildren; and 19 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by great-grandson, Austin Washburn.

Mrs. Crawley was a 1954 graduate of Paris High School. She worked for CBS in Terre Haute, Ind., Charles Marine in Casey and as a CNA at Casey Nursing Home. She enjoyed gardening, reading and spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren.

Memorial donations may be made to Clark County Animal Shelter, 15303 E. Anderson Rd., West Union, IL 62477.

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

**ELEANOR SANDERS**

MARSHALL - Eleanor Jane Sanders, 92, of Marshall, passed away 7:50 a.m. Friday, Aug. 3, 2018, at Burnsides Community Health Center.

Per her request, the funeral is a graveside service at 1 p.m. today, Aug. 11, at Auburn Cemetery, rural Marshall, with Pastor Tim Duke officiating. No visitation is



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scheduled. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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

More information and online condolences at [www.pearcefuneralservices.com](http://www.pearcefuneralservices.com).

**HERBERT MARSHALL**

MARSHALL - Herbert Bruce Marshall, 88, of Effingham, and formerly of Marshall passed away at 8:04 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018, at the Gibson Family Hospice/Wabash Valley, Terre Haute, Ind.

Military graveside rites are 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, rural Martinsville.

Memorial contributions



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may be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5975 Transportation Fund.



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**Legendary Blackhawk Stan Mikita, dies; led team to title**

CHICAGO (AP) — When Stan Mikita got back together with the Chicago Blackhawks, it was clear how much the reconciliation meant to the Hall of Fame forward.

He became a team ambassador, and then got a bronze statue outside the United Center. He was a regular at home games, drawing loud cheers when he was shown

on the videoboard, often with former teammate Bobby Hull right beside him.

"I was proud to wear the Indianhead uniform for 22 years," Mikita said when he was honored before a 2008 home game.

Made it look good, too.

The Blackhawks lost one of the most revered figures in franchise history when Mikita

died this past week. The former captain, who helped Chicago to the 1961 Stanley Cup title, was 78.

Mikita's family announced his death in a statement released by the team. No further details were provided, but he had been in poor health after being diagnosed with Lewy body dementia — a progressive disease that causes prob-

lems with thinking, movement, behavior and mood.

"He was surrounded by his loving family whom he fiercely loved," the family said in the statement.



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## Summer program a success

As the summer begins to wind down, it's time to reflect on how great the summer was because kids received nutritious meals throughout the summer months.



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The Edgar County Summer Food Program concluded its third successful year this summer. This program is funded through the Illinois State Board of Education and is the same program used during school for the lunch program. The summer food program allows anyone that is 18 and under to receive a meal with all of the required components for free. There are no income requirements, residence requirements, or other requirements except for age. The children receive a meal with all of the necessary components and sit and eat with their friends. If they do not like something they are encouraged to place it on the share table for others to enjoy as long as it hasn't been opened.

This year's program began with Hannah Volkmann deciding to become the site program supervisor. Hannah had experience from working with the program in recent years. She participated in the Illinois State Board of Education training in the early summer and started on the planning process.

First, Hannah began to secure locations for the program. Multiple parks were thought as a mechanism to reach more children; however, only two sites were chosen by the participants during the online registration. The program quickly changed to only one site and a busing system was put into place to transport the children to the West Lake from locations throughout Paris. MSB transportation set up a route similar to that of the high school bus route and flyers and signs were posted. The children were picked up at five locations and dropped off at the West Lake to enjoy a meal and activities. The bus then took them back to the locations where they were picked up.

At the West Lake, children not only enjoyed the free meals, they also enjoyed the fun activities the park has to offer. During many of the days, children dropped off at the

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### YOUR VIEW

## Responders important in violence

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Enclosed is what could be considered part II of my respond don't react in abusive situations letter printed last June. I honestly did not see the damage I inflicted until I was affected.

Here are some more of my thoughts on domestic abuse and how to respond.

First responders show up in the middle of some of the craziest moments and accidents of our lives. Calm, calculated and professional, they are trained to respond calmly long before the crisis or accident.

The training takes time and is what separates the responders from the others at the scene of an accident or crisis. Most are hysterical, distraught and overwhelmed with emotions.

The same is true in most domestic altercations — emotions are out of control, hysteria and anger run the scene. To take a minute in the middle of a heated argument is very hard, if not impossible.

Without the training of a responder, things can go south in about four seconds. This training begins in our own self-esteem and personal boundaries. We need to be assertive early in our family and relationships.

Communicate honestly in the beginning from day one, and when conversations occur in the family or relationships, talk and express boundaries, agree together as a family or with a partner on boundaries. If and when boundaries are crossed, respond with a conversation.

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# Parents, get involved

Moms and Dads are an important piece of a student's educational success

It doesn't seem possible, but East Central Illinois students begin returning to their classrooms this week. It's about time to shift into school year mode and while the frame of mind changes from year to year as kids progress from kindergarten through high school, some things remain constant: What you get out of school depends on how much you are willing to put into it. This applies to parents as well as children.

While students are the ones who attend school every day, the involvement by their parents can make a difference whether it's helping with homework and providing a quiet place to complete it, attending open houses to meet teachers or just showing interest. Study after study has found the more parents communicate with their children about school, the greater their level of achievement in the classroom.

Those lines of communication

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should also extend to the teachers and school administrators and should begin with four small words: How can I help?

One thing parents can do is ask teachers what they need to make their classrooms hospitable. Maybe it's boxes of tissues or bottles of hand sanitizer or some other supplies that always seem to be in short supply.

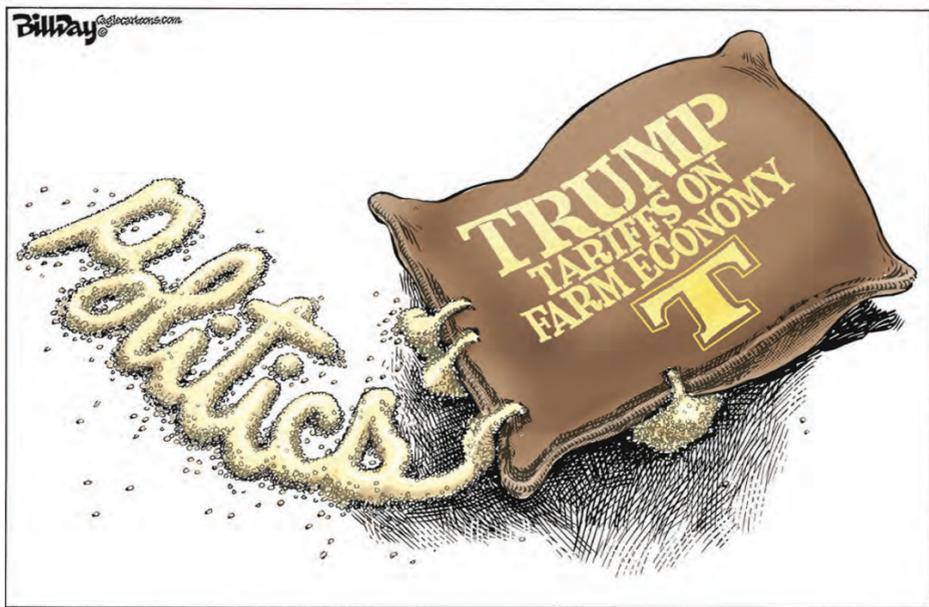
Perhaps the biggest contribution every parent can make is to send to school students who are ready to learn — students who realize that by applying themselves they can be as successful as they want to be. Send children who want to be challenged — not students who need to be babysat. Send students who want to

help their fellow students, not bully them.

The best school experience goes beyond the classroom. Students should be encouraged to take part in activities at their schools, whether it's the fifth-grade band, the school drama program or participating in student council. Good athletes and musicians are always in demand. Every school is a small city unto itself. The students are its citizens — each with a responsibility to contribute or lead in some way.

So whether the big decision your family will face this year is choosing the right superhero lunchbox, or choosing the right college or university, the start of school is always an exciting occasion. Make sure this year is as good as it can be by taking an active role with your student and your school.

Everyone will be better off for it.



## DPI has its work cut out

Last month, Rep. Christian Mitchell (D-Chicago) was interviewed by Chicago



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go Public Radio about his new role as interim executive director of the Democratic Party of Illinois. Mitchell

was asked at one point about what the state party planned to do to counter Dan Proft's newspaper empire.

Proft, a conservative activist and radio talk show host, operates about 40 news websites, from the Lake County Gazette, to Rock Island Today to the Carbondale Reporter. They all run stories with a decided tilt toward Proft's favored Republican candidates, who are pro-life, anti-union and pro-gun.

Proft receives millions of dollars from ultra-wealthy businessman Dick Uihlein (Proft's Liberty Principles PAC reported receiving another \$3.5 million just last week from Uihlein).

Rep. Mitchell called Proft's papers fake news, and clarified that he didn't mean to use the term the way President Donald Trump employs it to describe The Washington Post, The New York Times, CNN and other established national news outlets. Mitchell said his party intends to counter Proft's pro-GOP, anti-Democratic Party messages with its own messaging.

I use Google to automatically track news stories published about every contested legislative race in the state, and for weeks now, maybe 90 percent of the coverage of all those candidates is coming from just a single information source: Dan Proft.

"Democrat Statehouse hopeful betting taxpayer-funded abortion, property tax hikes popular with DuPage voters," was the headline on a July 23rd story in Proft's DuPage Policy Journal about Terra Costa Howard, the Democratic

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## Shimkus: Military, veterans are better off

We live in dangerous, unpredictable times. The threats we face are not just the terror networks



JOHN SHIMKUS  
GUEST COLUMN

and plots we've been disrupting for more than a decade, but also major powers like Russia, China and North Korea who wield a range of nuclear, conventional and cyber weapons.

To ensure our military remains the greatest fighting force in the history of the world, I supported legislation this Congress to add 20,000 troops, give them a 2.6 percent pay raise, which is the largest in nine years and invest in our missile defense capabilities, combat vehicles, as well as new aircraft (including F/A-18s built in St. Louis) and submarines. Detailed summaries of the current and past National Defense

Authorization Acts I voted for can be found at [armedservices.house.gov/ndaa](http://armedservices.house.gov/ndaa)

Providing the resources and training our troops need doesn't end when they leave active duty, and it's no exaggeration to say this Congress and this president have enacted the most sweeping reforms to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) in a generation.

Major VA reforms signed into law this Congress include:

The Department of Veterans Affairs Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act, which created a streamlined and efficient process to remove, demote or suspend any VA employee for poor performance or misconduct.

The VA MISSION Act, which consolidated the VA's multiple community care programs and authorities and provides further funding to sustain the Choice Program so veterans can get the care they earned and deserve.

The Forever GI Bill, which removed restrictions so eligible veterans can use their education benefits throughout their lives, instead of the current 15-year deadline.

Our military and our veterans are better off now because of these bipartisan bills I supported and that President Trump signed into law.

Veterans, or any constituent, having issues with the VA or any federal government agency are always welcome to contact my office for assistance.

Constituents interested in veterans affairs can sign up for a veteran-specific newsletter with information and updates, as well as more general email updates, at [shimkus.house.gov](http://shimkus.house.gov)

(Rep. John Shimkus (R-15th District) represents Edgar County in Congress. He is a West Point graduate and a retired Army lieutenant colonel. Contact him at [shimkus.house.gov](http://shimkus.house.gov))

## Trump still being Trump with his tweets

Trump is still being Trump. Whether he's holding his stand-up political rallies in Wilkes-Barre



MICHAEL REAGAN  
MAKING SENSE

or Ohio, or delivering his incendiary early morning tweet storms, he's not going to change his wild and crazy ways.

He's been doing a lot of great stuff in Washington, but if he wants to stay there he'd

better be careful.

The raw party numbers are against him.

Last time around, in 2016, the Democrats had a deplorable can-

didate - Hillary Clinton - who lots of Democrats didn't like, either, and therefore didn't show up to vote for at the polls.

Now Democrats have someone even bigger to collectively hate - Donald Trump.

He's already given them plenty of reasons to put on their Impeach Trump Hats and get out and vote for Democrats in the November congressional elections.

But last week the president made things more difficult for himself by foolishly making a few million new enemies in the sports world by personally attacking LeBron James.

Responding to the negative things the NBA superstar had said

in a CNN interview with professional Trump-hater Don Lemon, the president tweeted:

"LeBron James was just interviewed by the dumbest man on television, Don Lemon. He made LeBron look smart, which isn't easy to do. I like Mike!"

Though the president sided with Michael Jordan fans in the great debate over who's the greatest NBA player of all time, Mike sided with LeBron James, who had charged the president with using athletics and athletes to divide the country.

Through a spokeswoman, Jordan responded, "I support LeBron James. He's doing an amazing job for his community."

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**MILLER**  
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challenger to Rep. Peter Breen (R-Lombard). After noting how many doors she's been knocking on, the article went on to claim that Howard is, "unabashedly touting far-left policies historically unpopular, if not anathema, to the upper-middle-class voters of her district."

"Madigan spends \$67K in July to boost West Chicago Democrat State House hopeful Villa," another DuPage Policy Journal headline declared last week about in-kind contributions from the Democratic Party of Illinois, which is chaired by House Speaker Michael Madigan. Karina Villa is the Democrat running against Tonia Khouri in retiring GOP Rep. Mike Fortner's district.

Appointed Democratic state Rep. Natalie Phelps Finnie's Republican opponent received some favorable coverage the other day from Proff's SE Illinois News publication.

"Republican state House candidate Patrick Windhorst was impressed by Oliver North's speeches during a recent tour of the area," the story began, then went on to

quote a Windhorst Facebook post. The story claimed that Windhorst is running on, "a platform of greater fiscal responsibility and tax reform."

Another story in the same publication is titled, "Windhorst vows to work for every resident of 118th House District," and quotes directly from another Windhorst Facebook post. "As your state representative, I will work hard to ensure that every corner of the 118th is given the time and effort demanded by the position." They're not exactly Pulitzer Prize contending articles, but they aren't designed to do anything like that. The idea appears to be simply publishing flattering stories about the candidates Proff's political organization supports.

Some stories are more interesting than others, though. One recent piece in the Metro East Sun chronicled Democratic state Senate candidate Brian Stout's use of an anti-gay slur during a Facebook spat three years ago. Stout is running against the heavily favored Republican nominee Jason Plummer.

But many if not most stories are like this one from the Illinois Valley Times: "Illinois House Speaker and Democrat

Party Chairman Michael J. Madigan (D-Chicago) has reported \$43,433 in July contributions to Lance Yednock, a Democrat running for the Illinois State House of Representatives against incumbent Rep. Jerry Long (R-Streator)." And there's this recent lede in the Chicago City Wire: "Ammie Kessem argues that Rep. Robert Martwick's actions are proof that he views voters in the 19th House District as second-class citizens."

Yes, it's only August. But almost all established local news outlets have slashed their budgets over the years, so their reporting on these races will undoubtedly continue to be sparse throughout the fall campaign.

And if a voter happens to use Google to find out what's going on in his or her local legislative contests, that voter will be far more likely to be directed to one of Proff's outlets than anywhere else. Rep. Mitchell and the Democrats have their work cut out for them on this particular front.

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**MINOR**  
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park from the bus enjoyed the splash park. This program was also very beneficial to those families that came to the splash park and learned that they did not have to leave the park for food or take time to pack nutritious food for their children. They just had to show up and receive the meals for their children. This was also true for the children that visited the all-abilities park.

Hannah also had activities planned for program participants. Some of these activities included making tie-die shirts, going to the East Lake to swim and the occasional kickball game. During the program days of June 4 to July 27, there were 1,415 meals served to children at the lake.

During the first week, 124 meals were served at Sylvan Park. During the week of June 11, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes provided a Paris Power Camp to residents. This sports day camp experience was completely free of charge for children entering fifth through the eighth grades. Each day included solid athletic training from local high school coaches, dynamic assembly speakers and Biblical discussions led by high school and college FCA athletes. The Summer Food Program partnered with this great organization and provided over 300 meals to the participants during the camp.

Another site participating in the program was the Rec Summer Camp. This camp provided activities and field trips throughout the summer. In the past children and parents were expected to pack a meal every day. By partnering with our program, children were able to receive a hot nutritious meal for free. Parents didn't have to worry about getting up early to pack a lunch and could spend the extra money from the grocery bill to spend in Paris

and stimulate our economy. A total of 831 meals were distributed to this program. A menu was distributed and kids could choose either a hot lunch or bring their own lunch. This became a great partnership and a win/win for the kids and their parents.

This program could not have been planned, implemented or funded without the generous support from so many in the community. The first thank you is to Hannah Volkmann, who had the insight and the passion to make sure the program was still available to the kids in Paris. She was also very instrumental in procuring funding to help in supplementing this program. Some of these funders would like to be anonymous but have to know that they affected so many this summer. Other donors were the Paris Kiwanis Club and the Presbyterian Church.

Sometimes it is not the monetary donations that support the program the most; it is those that put hard work and effort into performing their duties. Tuscany's agreed to provide the summer meals this year. This is not an easy task, as meal counts change, deliveries are rushed and overall program requirements for food safety and quantity become cumbersome.

Jennifer Malovski became the beacon of the program in making sure that all of the children received hot and nutritious meals. Even when requests became difficult, she made it work with a smile. We would like to publically thank

Tuscany's and Jennifer for all of their hard work in making this program successful this summer.

Another organization that molded to fit our requests throughout the summer was Ball Transportation. After multiple changes they were able to find the best route in getting the children to the program. This couldn't have been done without the patience and the knowledge from Michelle and Scott Ball. Again we thank you for providing a great service to these children and making sure the kids felt safe and cared for before returning home.

Another thank you goes out to the City of Paris. The city provided trash pickup and advertisement for this program and allowed everyone to not only enjoy a free meal but also the great attractions that our city provides.

There are many more volunteers and helpers that provided countless hours for these children and this program.

These volunteers know the impact they have made on these children this summer and the feeling of knowing that every participant not only received a free meal but received the friendship and the compassion the volunteers gave out so freely.

All we can say is Thank You and we hope to see you back next year for an even better program.

*(Amanda Minor is the Douglas County Health Department administrator who oversees the summer food program.)*

**LETTERS**  
FROM PAGE 6A

It all starts with honest, assertive conversation. Place a sign or agreement plaque in the family room, with principal boundaries on them. If this itself is a problem, then the relationship may need evaluated.

Respond to your life, don't just react in a panic during your life and end up in a hospital, prison or even worse.

Take the time, set the boundaries. Love yourself and you will by nature love others.

Curtis Wilson  
Robinson Correctional Center

Editor, The Prairie Press:

In saying the press is the enemy of the people, White House Press Secretary Sarah H. Sanders trumps even Nixon, who on his worst day

never said that.

If fake news is the enemy as they say, then everyone but Fox, who toes the party line is fake. Sounds just like Russia to me.

George Orwell said the best description of a fascist is the word bully.

According to this administration, U.S. courts are biased, the FBI is corrupt, MSM always lies and elections are rigged if Trump doesn't win. Let's also add banning Muslim and South American immigrants, restrict voting and criminalize abortions and divert funding for public education to the private schools.

Also high on the list is Trump's attempt to bar any investigation into his abuses of power; which is why he's pushing talking to Mueller to try to convince him he and Donald Trump Jr. didn't do anything wrong.

If you spend your life within an ultra-conservative echo chamber, where an inordinate amount of time watching Fox News is your daily routine, you will learn only what the goose-stepping right-wing want you to know. Believe me, I shall always be grateful to my parents who brought me up in an open, inquisitive atmosphere.

It was during World War II when Mussolini said of his fascist regime if you pluck a feather out of a chicken one at a time, no one will notice. But this time, in this perilous hour, we have noticed.

Trump's hate movement against the media is not new. Two other men have called the press the enemy of the people, Stalin and Hitler. Now we can add Trump to the list.

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## RELAY

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"He told me I had a six-and-one-half-inch tumor inside my leg bone," she said. "That's huge for a cancer cell."

The growth was made up of several different kinds of cells meaning the cancer had spread throughout her body to obtain the different cells needed for the unusual growth.

As a result, her treatment was mixture of different chemotherapy formulas – some to target the bone cancer and others to spread throughout her body and attack other cancer cells.

The prognosis was not good. She was told only 60 percent of the people diagnosed with this particular cancer live five years past the diagnosis. The other 40 percent don't last that long.

"I'll be four years next month," Costa-Kuglin said.

Her treatment also included removing a large segment of her thighbone and replacing it with a titanium rod to avoid amputation of the leg. That left her left leg one-half inch shorter than the right one.

She spent 77 days, some in isolation, on the Union Hospital oncology floor. It was an emotionally trying time for her, her family and other supporters as they were aware of what else was happening on the floor.

"Most of the patients came there to die," said Costa-Kuglin. "Each day there was another group in the hallway crying at the news."

The 11 months of chemotherapy she endured kept her alive, but it came at a cost. She received a lifetime supply of the chemotherapy medicines and can never take them again.

The harsh chemicals designed to kill the cancer cells also damaged her internal organs, destroyed 50 percent of her hearing and left her with short-term memory loss.

Costa-Kuglin said the doctors and medicines saved her life but they didn't do it alone.

"I was cured by people who laid loving hands on me



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

**The survivor's lap at the Relay for Life is a significant event for survivors and their family members.**



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

**Grant North, left, and Jake North, right, made a pit stop at the First Baptist Church booth for Wi Li Kit ice cream sundaes to fuel up while walking laps at the Aug. 4 Edgar County Relay for Life.**

– some with faith and others not," she said.

As the mother of twins, her friends in Mothers of Multiples in Edgar County helped clean her house for a year, did the family laundry, brought meals and visited.

She added her church family brought meals and prayed.

"It was friends and neighbors that saved me," she said.

Her final message to the audience was the human spirit is resilient when faced with challenges, and she encouraged everyone to not only donate to research to help end cancer but also to lend emotional support to those they know with cancer — even if it just involves sitting and holding someone's hand.

"You never know what it is you will do that will help someone survive," said Costa-Kuglin.

Sue Bennett of the Relay

for Life Committee had high praise for both Costa-Kuglin and the family of honorary survivor Rayleigh Ike in delivering emotional and powerful stories of what cancer does to the patient and the patient's family.

Bennett said the group is still counting money and waiting for more to come in but it appears the 2018 Relay will not make the \$40,000 goal set for it by the American Cancer Society.

She said the final tally will probably be around \$37,000 or \$38,000.

"It's disappointing because we exceeded the goal last year," said Bennett. "We are pleased with how close we came."

She attributes the shortfall to the weather.

"It was so hot people didn't come out," Bennett said.

## CHRISMAN

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what the meters indicate is flowing into customers' homes and businesses. Such a discrepancy means the city could collect 39 percent more revenue for the water department if accurate meters are in place.

Another efficiency appealing to Shelatto is the reduction in time needed to read the meters.

The job presently takes about three days and requires more than one person. Remotely read meters can be done from a moving vehicle, will take less time and free city employees to work on other projects.

Some reluctance was expressed at spending more than \$70,000 at one time. Wolfe noted at least \$16,000 of the proposal is for the software, computer and reading device. He asked to

table the purchase for more discussion with the vendor about keeping the per unit price of 400 meters if the city purchases 100 at a time for staged installation. The council agreed and the meter project was tabled.

A long-standing issue of what to do about the city truck finally got resolution. One of the tasks of the all-purpose vehicle is spreading salt while snow plowing. The salt resulted in a badly rusted dump bed and before bids were finalized to replace the bid, the truck developed mechanical problems.

Street and alley commissioner Tim Owen presented a bid from state authorized bidder Terry's Ford of Peotone to sell the city a 2019 Ford F-450 equipped with a dump bed and all of the required safety lights for \$48,214 and allow \$6,000 in trade for the city's current truck.

Commissioner Owen noted that price includes delivery to Chrisman and driving away the older vehicle. He was uncertain how soon the new truck will be ready since the Ford dealership has to install the dump bed, necessary hydraulic system and safety lights on a chassis that is currently on order.

The council approved the purchase

Mayor Owen announced filling the vacancy created when Chrisman Police Chief Toby Krabel resigned to accept a position with the Paris Police Department. The mayor said part-time officer Jordan Hale served as the interim chief and was agreeable to a three-month trial period to determine if the chief's position can be handled on a part-time basis. The council approved the plan and authorized Hale's pay at \$18 per hour, retroactive to July 19.

## COUNTY

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"We need to fulfill our obligation to our employees," said Voigt.

Monday was also the road and bridge committee meeting between county engineer Aaron Lawson and the full board.

Lawson informed board members the highway department received orders from the Illinois Department of Transportation to post the Camp Bridge in Kansas Township with a restricted weight notice.

The bridge is deemed no longer suitable for an 80,000-pound load and the new maximum weight capacity is 32 tons.

He had some encouraging news about efforts to help Symmes Township with road improvements in the vicinity of the Southfork Homestead ag-tourism attraction.

The United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program asked the highway department to resubmit the funding application and ask for more money to complete



LAWSON

the road improvements.

The project to build a bridge on Staley Road over Sugar Creek is still one of some advances and some reverses.

An Illinois Environmental Protection Agency study has created complications because the construction site is possibly in the habitat of an endangered species of salamander.

Lawson credited IDOT for providing excellent support in trying to find a way to build the bridge while remaining mindful of the need to protect the salamanders.

Another problem for the Staley Bridge is some of the property needed for construction is now in probate.

On the positive side, Lawson said EnerStar has agreed to provide up to another \$200,000 in loans, if needed, to help build the bridge. The money is from a fund EnerStar administers for the USDA Rural Development.

"If Staley Bridge is moved

up, we have to position ourselves to have the money to award the contract," said Lawson. "EnerStar has been really good to us."

During the reports section of the county board meeting, county treasurer Don Wiseman finally had some good news to offer. He said while funding remains tight, the county is not facing the dilemmas of years past.

Wiseman noted his office was able to do the first distribution from local taxes ahead of schedule and another distribution will follow in about 30 days.

"I didn't have to solicit line of credit bids this year, because I thought we might be able to squeeze by," said Wiseman.

Airport manager Tom Tuttle said July fuel sales were the highest he has seen since being manager. Part of that was from sales to some crop dusters using the airport as a base but there was also an unexpected source.

"Our Oshkosh traffic was huge this year," said Tuttle, referring to planes going to the big air show at Oshkosh, Wis.

## REAGAN

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Though the Lemon interview included CNN's standard anti-Trump political slant, it was focused on James' foundation's contribution of \$2 million to help at-risk public school kids in his hometown of Akron, Ohio.

The tweeter in chief might have been pleased with himself for scoring a few political dunks and inflaming the anti-Trump media for the millionth time.

But if he wants to keep Congress Republican this fall, or have a second term, he's going to have to change — and learn.

We know he gets beat up unfairly by the liberal media and Democrats every day, all day. But so did Ronald Reagan. My father fought back on the issues or made jokes, but he never attacked anyone personally.

President Trump should not have kept quiet about the Lemon and LeBron insults, but he's got to learn how

to turn his enemies' blind hatred of him to his own advantage.

He should have tweeted something like, "I'm sorry LeBron disagrees with me personally and doesn't appreciate the historically low unemployment rates and middle-class tax cuts my policies have created. But I like what he'd doing for those third and fourth graders in Akron. Our star athletes can do great things for their communities and I hope others follow LeBron's generous example."

It wouldn't have been very Trumpian. It wouldn't have fit in a tweet. And it wouldn't have gotten the liberal media's panties in a twist for three days.

But it would have immediately turned Lemon's and LeBron's cheap shots back on them and the rest of the liberal media and allowed the president to score a few political three-pointers of his own.

At some point President Trump has to rise above this

personal crap.

His family already knows how to do it. First Lady Melania Trump publicly supported James' work in Akron through a spokesman. First Daughter Ivanka supported the press against her father, saying she didn't think journalists were the enemy of the people.

In one smart tweet the president could have turned the tables on Lemon and LeBron.

The liberal media would never have given him credit for taking the high road, but that's OK. It's time the man who is president of us all starts acting presidential.

It'd be for his own political good. But more important, it'd be for the good of the country.

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

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## Jr. high baseball opens

BY TIM HENDERSHOT  
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KANSAS — Last season the Tri-County Titans junior high baseball team see some strong growth with a mix of experience and youth despite going 3-10.

Most of last year's team is now gone on to the high school ranks bringing the question of who will be the players to step up in some very important places.

This year's Titan squad will have plenty of players with experience to fill in those vital positions to choose from.

The 2018 version of the Purple, Orange and Blue will have 15 players — 13 of them returning from a season ago — to take the field for Coach Joe Morrissey's team.

Practice for the season opener began this past week in Kansas. The Titans will hope to improve on last year's record with a players ready to go.

The Titans do return three players that will give them a possible pitching rotation.

Gaige Cox, an eighth grader from Shiloh, will more than likely be the number one pitcher to go to having the most innings pitched from one year ago. Cox went 14 2/3 innings in six games on the hill going 0-1 with a 6.68 ERA giving up nine walks while striking out 10.

Two pitchers that will be called upon to eat up more innings are eighth grader Skylur Emery and seventh grader Justin Robertson. Emery went 1 1/3 innings in the lone game he pitched in giving up three hits and three runs, none of them earned, while striking out five. Robertson appeared on the mound for one game not recording an out, but will be a needed arm having to replace three solid pitchers from a season ago.

On the other side of the plate, the Titans are working to improve an offense that averaged .212 as a team and scored 4.3 runs a contest.

Eighth grader Brenden Cash returns as the team leading hitter from last season batting .214 with three RBIs. Justin Robertson is next as he batted .179 with an RBI and Skylur Emery is third going .167 with an RBI.

Out of the 15 players, only five of the players played in five or more games a year ago providing prime opportunities for the Titans to grow within to fill in the missing production.

The schedule for TCT is full of top teams such as the Casey-Westfield Braves, Cumberland Raiders, Marshall Cubs, Salt Fork Storm, Villa Grove Blue Devils, Unity Rockets, Paris Mayo Redbirds and Paris Crestwood Eagles.

Out of the 10 games scheduled, six of the contests will be played at home — (three in Kansas and three in Hume).

The Titans will begin their season next Saturday, August 11 with a home contest at Ken Coffey's Field of Dreams in Kansas against the Casey-Westfield Braves. First pitch is set for 9:00 a.m. at Kansas High School.

# Lady Redbirds are 4-1

Mayo pulls out close win against tough Cumberland team 9-8; downs Tri-County 14-0

BY JEREMY PATTERSON  
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With the opening week of the softball season now in the books, the Lady Redbirds of Mayo Middle School are redhot, going 4-1 including an exciting win against Cumberland.

The Lady Redbirds, coached by Christina Clark, were able to ward off Cumberland in a 9-8 shootout.

After leading the first three innings of the game, the Mayo bats fell silent for an inning, allowing the Cumberland team to jump out to a 6-3 lead.

In the bottom of the fourth, however, Mackenzie

Hofmann knocked a double into left field, driving in three runs in the process and tying the game.

Mayo never looked back, scoring once more in the fifth inning and twice again in the sixth. The Lady Redbirds then held off a late Cumberland rally in the seventh inning to secure the win.

Zoe Sanders led the Lady Redbirds in the circle, pitching four and one-third innings. She allowed six runs on nine hits with three strikeouts.

Mayo was led in hitting by Hofmann, Emma Kemper, Pip Phillippi, Kensley Cox

and Caradan Hoffman. Each managed multiple hits in the contest.

### MAYO 14, TRI-COUNTY 0

HUME — Mayo overwhelmed Tri-County on both sides of the ball to win a 14-0 contest Tuesday Aug. 7).

Mackenzie Hofmann and Peighton Smith shined in their pitching efforts to shut out their Tri-County foe.

Hofmann threw four innings, striking out seven batters while giving up only one hit. Smith finished the game for the Lady Redbirds with one inning of relief. She recorded the final three outs for

the team.

The team was led offensively by the combined efforts of Emma Kemper, Kensley Cox, Pip Phillippi, Zoe Sanders, Caradan Hoffman and Stephanie Johnson, all who had hits in the game. Sanders also led the team with three RBIs.

The Lady Titans showed their first game jitters, but stayed within striking distance of the Redbirds only down 5-0 after three innings. The fourth inning was the difference maker as Mayo used their experience to take advantage of some costly errors in the field both physically and mentally to score nine

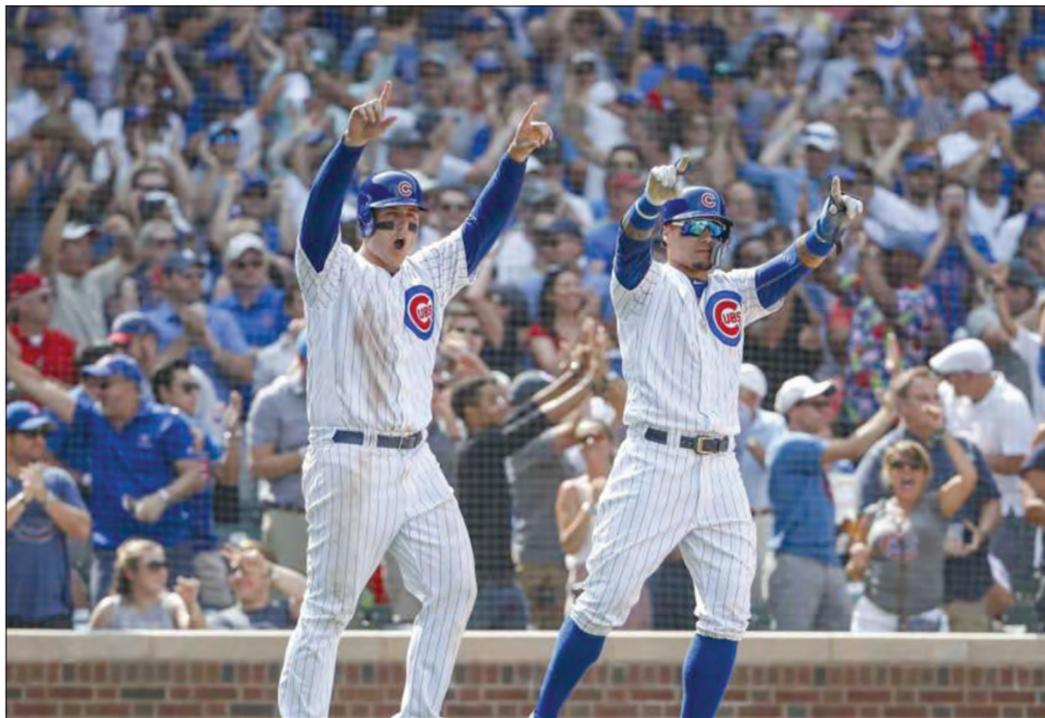
runs in the frame and never look back taking a 15-0 win via run rule in five innings.

The Titans managed only three hits on the day as the trio Kelsey Luth, Thaylee Barry and Mollie Pollock all went 1 for 2. Pollock added a stolen base on the offensive side. Luth went three plus

innings in the start giving up seven hits and nine runs - three earned - while walking three and striking out three. Pollock went the final three innings in relief giving up three hits and five runs - one earned - while walking three and striking out two.

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## RIZZO, BAEZ CELEBRATE CUBS SCORE



Special to The Prairie Press

Chicago Cubs' Anthony Rizzo, left, and Javier Baez, right, celebrate after scoring on single hit by Jason Heyward against the Washington Nationals during the sixth inning of a baseball game, Friday in Chicago.

# A walk plus single is a win

CHICAGO (AP) — Anthony Rizzo walked the Cubs to a wild victory.

Rizzo walked with the bases loaded in the seventh inning after Jason Heyward broke up a no-hitter with a two-run single in the sixth, and Chicago beat the Washington Nationals 3-2 on Friday.

In the first meeting between the teams since they beat Washington in the NL Division Series, the Cubs won even though they didn't get a hit against Nationals starter Jeremy Hellickson.

Heyward finally broke through against Sammy Solis (1-2) with two outs in the sixth. But just as big was Rizzo walking three times. He sparked the tying rally with one in a 13-pitch at-bat before forcing in the go-ahead run with another in the seventh.

Manager Joe Maddon got ejected, but the Cubs pulled out the victory.

"The second one obviously was a big one for us," Rizzo said. "(Hellickson) was cruising, really hitting his spots."

Hellickson retired 17 in a row after issuing a leadoff walk to Rizzo in the first. But things took a wild turn with two out in the sixth.

He walked Rizzo on 13 pitches and both Javier Baez and Ben Zobrist on four to load the bases.

Heyward took two balls from Solis before lining a tying two-run single past second baseman Daniel Murphy.

"I think I tried everything," Hellickson said. "That's why (Rizzo is) one of the best hitters in our game."

Chicago grabbed a 3-2 lead in the seventh after Maddon got tossed for



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Chicago Cubs manager Joe Maddon, right, argues a call against his team with umpire Bill Miller, left, and Todd Tichenor, center, as he is ejected from a baseball game against the Washington Nationals during the seventh inning, Friday.

arguing an interference call against Willson Contreras on the bases. The Cubs thought they had runners on second and third after Kyle Schwarber led off with a single and third baseman Anthony Rendon's throw sailed down the right-field line.

Instead, he got called for interference, leading to Maddon's second ejection this season. He argued with plate

umpire Bill Miller and went to first to demonstrate his point that first baseman Ryan Zimmerman could not have caught the throw, anyway.

Maddon called it "obviously a horrific call" that rewards defenses and penalizes offenses and said the umpires should be allowed to "exercise judgment."

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## Huge 7th inning lifts TCT

Softball team takes first win of the year over Martinsville

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MARTINSVILLE — The Tri-County Titans junior high softball team under Head Coach Joe Budd made the trek south to Martinsville Thursday afternoon to face the Martinsville Blue Streaks in their second game of the season.

The girls hoped to bounce back from a slow start to the campaign after dropping a five inning game at home against Paris Mayo.

Thursday's contest was a game of ups and downs with TCT gaining an early lead before the Streaks roared back to tie the game through six innings.

In the end, it was a huge nine run top of the seventh inning that propelled TCT to a 16-8 win to even their record on the season.

After a scoreless first inning, the Titans broke through batting all nine batters in the frame scoring four runs capped off by a two-run inside the park home run by Thaylee Barry making the score 4-0.

The Streaks got one run back in the bottom of the frame as Allyson Truelove singled home Bri Hammond to cut the Titans lead to 4-1.

The Titans kept up the pressure in the top of the third inning batting seven players and scoring three runs capped off by a two run double by Barry giving the Lady Titans a four lead again 7-1.

The Streaks then matched that three run total in the bottom of the inning highlighted by a single by Hammond to score Ava Gable. Hammond then successfully stole home to put the Titans lead back to three at 7-4.

TCT was held scoreless for the next three innings while the Streaks continue their comeback scoring a combined three runs in the fifth and sixth innings.

All of a sudden the contest was tied a 7-7 going

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**MAYO**

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**MAYO 15, LAWRENCEVILLE 1**

The Lady Redbirds jumped out to a hot start in the first inning, driving in four runs and giving up only one to Lawrenceville. After that the Lady Redbirds really got it rolling as they rattled off 11 more runs in the game, winning decisively, 15-1.

Zoe Sanders secured the win for the team, pitching all six frames while merely allowing two hits and one run. She struck out 11 batters in the process.

To match their 15 runs, the Lady Redbirds notched 15 hits, with contributions coming from Emma Kemper, Kensley Cox, Peighton

Smith, Mackenzie Hofmann, Caradan Hoffman, Stephanie Johnson, Pip Phillippi and Sanders. Kemper and Sanders drove in three RBI's apiece in the contest as well.

**VILLA GROVE 10, MAYO 6**

After falling behind early against a talented Villa Grove team, the Mayo Redbirds mounted a comeback attempt that, in the end, just fell short.

After four innings the Lady Redbirds were down 7-1 with not much going their way. That changed in the fifth, however, when Pip Phillippi scored on a single to third base. Two more runs followed in the inning and another two in the top of the sixth. This pulled the Mayo team within one run with one more inning

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But Miller insisted: "In this situation, (Contreras) interfered with the first baseman's ability to catch the ball. Because he was running inside fair territory — he was not running in the lane."

Schwarber had to go back to first. But he eventually scored when Greg Holland walked Rizzo after Ian Happ and Addison Russell singled to load the bases, putting the Cubs on top.

Kyle Hendricks gave up two runs and eight hits in six innings for Chicago, and five relievers combined to hold the Nationals scoreless the rest of the way.

Steve Cishek (3-1) struck

out the final two batters in the seventh. Carl Edwards Jr. got three outs in the eighth after former Washington pitcher Brandon Kintzler walked the first two batters. Contreras picked Juan Soto off first from his knees before Mark Reynolds flied out and Murphy grounded out, and Pedro Strop worked the ninth for his ninth save in 12 chances.

Hellickson gave up two runs, walked four and struck out three. Murphy had three hits and a run, but the Nationals came up short after a 7-3 homestand.

**CUBS MOVES**

The Cubs signed veteran left-hander Jorge De La Rosa and transferred righty Yu Darvish to the 60-day disabled list

of offense to go. The Villa Grove team managed to rattle off three runs in the bottom of the sixth to pull ahead 10-6 and Mayo was unable to heal, dropping the contest.

Mackenzie Hofmann, Stephanie Johnson, Zoe Sanders, Emma Kemper, Kensley Cox and Phillippi led the offensive unit for Mayo.

Zoe Sanders recorded the loss in the circle for the team, giving up four runs on five hits through one inning. Mackenzie Hofmann pitched five innings, giving up six runs on seven hits.

**MAYO 15, BLUE RIDGE 0**

Mayo defeated over Blue Ridge with an impressive 15-0 shutout.

The contest took mere-

ly four innings to complete, with the Lady Redbird offense striking their opponent quickly.

Mayo scored seven runs in the first inning with Emma Kemper beginning the barrage. The second inning yielded two runs while the third and fourth gave way to three runs apiece.

Kensley Cox and Stephanie Johnson led the team in hitting with three and two hits each, respectively.

Mackenzie Hofmann was the star of the day, however, as she pitched a complete game shutout, allowing one hit in her four innings in the circle. Hofmann also added nine strikeouts to her resume, keeping the bases free of the Blue Ridge lineup.

to make room for him on the 40-man roster. Chicago also optioned left-hander Randy Rosario to Triple-A Iowa to create a spot for De La Rosa on the active roster.

**TRAINER'S ROOM**

Nationals: OF Bryce Harper was back in the lineup after being scratched from Thursday's game against Atlanta because of a sore right knee. ... Martinez said RHP Stephen Strasburg (cervical nerve impingement) is scheduled for about a 60-pitch bullpen session Saturday and will pitch in a simulated game on Wednesday. Martinez said he thinks Strasburg will need to go on a minor league rehab assignment before returning to the rotation. ... RHP Erick

Fedde (shoulder inflammation) threw in the bullpen in the bullpen on Friday.

Cubs: The Cubs plan to have Darvish — sidelined since May 20 because of triceps and elbow injuries — throw at least one more simulated game before going on a minor league rehab assignment. ... Ben Zobrist (sore hip) started in right field after missing Wednesday's game at Kansas City.

**UP NEXT**

Nationals: RHP Tanner Roark (6-12, 4.21 ERA) looks to win his fourth straight start.

Cubs: LHP Jon Lester (12-4, 3.44) hopes to return to form after going 0-2 with an 8.53 ERA in his past four starts.

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into the seventh and final inning.

In the top of the seventh, the Lady Titans rejuvenated the bats sending 15 batters to the plate and scoring nine runs including a three run triple by Barry, a run scoring single by Sydney McKenzie and a run scoring double by Mollie Pollock. TCT was back up 16-7.

The Titan defense then held the Streaks to just one run in the bottom of the frame to seal the 16-8 win.

Thaylee Barry hit for the cycle going 4 for 4 with a double, a triple, a home run, two runs scored and seven RBIs. Briana Reese went 2

for 3 with three runs scored and two RBI and Mollie Pollock had a double, a run scored, and an RBI. Sydney McKenzie had a single and an RBI.

Kelsey Luth went the distance giving up six hits and eight runs - three earned - while walking one and striking out twelve. Luth added a single and a run scored at the plate.

Bri Hammond went 3 for 4 with two stolen bases and four runs scored for the Streaks while Olivia Hammond added two runs scored in the loss.

The Titans (1-1) will travel to Urbana Tuesday afternoon to face the Urbana Tigers. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m. at Urbana Middle School.

## Colts lose promising rookie RB for season

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Andrew Luck came out of the preseason opener unscathed.

Some of his teammates weren't as fortunate.

Indianapolis Colts coach Frank Reich announced Friday that promising rookie receiver Deon Cain suffered a season-ending knee injury and running backs Marlon Mack and Robert Turbin will be listed week to week after sustaining other injuries.

"Really unfortunate. Obviously, he was having a great camp," Reich said during a conference call with reporters. "We'll support him and he'll come back stronger next year."

All eyes, of course, were on Luck — who made his first game appearance in almost 600 days and looked like his old self.

He completed 6 of 9 passes for 64 yards, leading the Colts to field goals on their first two drives and even bounced up quickly after taking his first big hit on the surgically repaired right shoulder before leaving the game.

It was exactly what the Colts — and an anxious fan base — needed to see from the top overall pick in the 2012 draft.

"Hopefully it brought a smile to the whole city (of Indianapolis) and really the NFL," Reich said. "I think what's cool in this league is that guys root for each other and quarterback root for each other, so it's really a boost for the league and for our team."

But losing the other three players could alter the Colts' preseason plans.

Cain, a sixth-round pick out of Clemson who slid down the draft board because of off-the-field questions, was playing so well at training camp he was moving up the

depth chart and appeared to be in position to challenge for one of the top three jobs in the receiving rotation.

He spent the offseason working out with recently inducted Hall of Famer Randy Moss and consistently showed the coaches he was neither afraid of making catches in traffic nor using his 6-foot-2, 202-pound frame to win jump balls.

Reich wasn't even sure when Cain tore his anterior cruciate ligament though he believed it came when Cain made a cut, trying to come back for the ball on a deep route.

"One of the traits Deon was flashing was an ability to really win against press coverage and that's really an attribute at this level," Reich said. "But we know we've got something special in Deon Cain. He's a good guy who can become a great player."

Losing Cain means the Colts are likely to stick with four-time Pro Bowler T.Y. Hilton, free agent acquisition Ryan Grant and veteran Chester Rogers as their top three receivers.

And, for now, Reich seems content filling the other jobs with other players already in camp such as veteran K.J. Brent, who has impressed, too.

But the more pressing concern is at running back, where the Colts are thin.

Indy plugged Mack into the starting job left by departed workhorse Frank Gore.

Mack played all of last season with a torn labrum in his shoulder and left in the first quarter Thursday with an injured hamstring.

Turbin, a short-yardage specialist who was projected to be the No. 2 back, left the Seattle game with an injured ankle.

# Police receive training to aid vets

Encountering PTSD victims may require a special approach

BY GARY HENRY  
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Paris police officers received special training Thursday, Aug. 9, about how to deal with military veterans who may be suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and are possibly suicidal.

"Twenty veterans die each day by suicide, that's down from 22," said Sarah Nixon, Suicide Prevention Case Manager with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. "Our goal is zero. One is too many."

She noted of that number 14 never contact the VA seeking help for their problems. The other six might be VA clients for general health care but do not discuss emotional issues with the VA's mental health providers.

"We don't even see them (the 14). Other people are seeing them, and we suspect it is you guys," she told the officers.

She said 18 percent of all suicides in the U.S. are veterans and veterans are most likely to be successful in the attempt because they frequently use firearms to take their lives.

"On average, a veteran owns six guns," she said.

PTSD, Nixon said, is a specific diagnosis that must meet certain criteria. She described it as a serious illness, but one for which there are several treatment options.

Risk factors contributing to PTSD in veterans are repeated deployments, long deployments and exposure to extreme stress.

"It's not always combat stress," said Nixon. "Sexual assault is a problem in the military, and it happens to men as well as women."

Nixon said sometimes when police are called to a scene family members may provide information that

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

points to a veteran having suicidal tendencies. Other times when encountering an individual behaving strangely police will not know if the person is a veteran suffering from PTSD and encountering stressors leading to suicidal thoughts.

"You have to ask questions and elicit as much information as possible to assess the risk," said Nixon.

She recommended officers use a S.A.V.E approach in such situations. The acronym stands for Signs of suicide, Asking about suicide, Validating feelings and Encouraging seeking help.

One of the key factors officers must assess is if the person feels hopeless.

"No one ever uses the word hopeless, but there are other things to pick up on," she said and explained statements such as the family would be better off without him or there is no reason to continue should raise alarms the person is suicidal.

When that happens a direct approach is needed. Officers must ask if the person plans to take his life.

"You are not going to put a thought in their head they haven't already had," Nixon said.

Follow up questions assess how close the person is to suicide. It is important to know how recently the person thought about it, how frequently he has thoughts of suicide and it is critical to know if the person has a plan. If they confirm a plan exists, the next step is assessing if the person has access to means for carrying out the action.

Nixon acknowledged it is

not always a crystal clear situation and officers must use their experience and instincts to assess the scene.

"The more likely someone is to commit suicide the more likely that person is to hide intent," she said. "If they say they are not going to hurt themselves but the wife tells you they bought a gun and are searching suicide on the Internet, you have someone at risk. When dealing with a veteran at risk it is important to remain calm and let the veteran talk."

One of the most important things an officer must do is set aside any personal judgment about suicide and validate the confusion, pain and emotional turmoil the veteran is feeling. Then it is necessary to confirm help exists and encourage the person to let the police take them where they can get help.

"Most suicidal crises are brief. The acting is impulsive," Nixon said. "We want to put as much time and distance as possible between the veterans and the means."

Police Chief Mike Henness said during high risk situations the Paris Police Department will hold weapons if a family member requests it in order to get guns out of the house.

During discussion, officers said most of the suicidal situations they encounter end with the person willingly going with police or the ambulance crew to the hospital for additional evaluation.

"It's the attitude of the officers," said Henness. "This is a good bunch and most people go willingly."

Veterans having suicidal thoughts are encouraged to call the Veterans Crisis Line 1-800-273-8255 and press 1 to talk with trained mental health professionals.

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This is unacceptable. You're going to have multiple calls. It's to be expected. The ECSD should have at least two Deputies on, to cover each end of the county, and to back each other up when needed.

We need a larger part-time roster, to ensure that Deputies aren't working alone. We need to rebuild the Auxiliary Deputy program to get some help with traffic control, searches, and other emergencies.

I will be a working Sheriff. I'll come in and cover calls when needed, regardless of the shift. I'll be available 24-7 to work a shift when we're short. I'll also be working extra patrol frequently, to back the other deputies up, and help keep us all safer. You have my word on it.

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 Rob and Cheryl Funkhouser  
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 Grandview Pioneers 4-H Club  
 Great Heart Seed  
 Rob Hackett – State Farm  
 Jay and Tina Halloran  
 John and Carole Halloran  
 In Memory of Lee and Lois Hamilton  
 Hart Livestock Farm  
 Hart Rose Garden Dairy Goat Farm  
 Josh Hickman Memorial – Larry and Mary Ann Hickman  
 Josh Hickman Memorial – Christopher and Jenny Hickman  
 Horizon Health  
 The Hornbrook Family  
 Hornbrook Sheep Farm – Allen and Sharon Hornbrook

Ingrum Waste Disposal  
 Zach Jewell Memorial – Gary and Jackie Jewell  
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 Patrick Aviation  
 Chris Patrick  
 Payne Construction Services  
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Pumpkin Works  
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**Nick Avanetti**  
**Matt Moss**  
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 Rockville Livestock, Inc  
 Scott Ball  
 Scott Johnson  
 Stephanie Ray – Stine Seed

Sullivan Ag Service  
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 Todd Harper  
 Tom Burnside  
 Wanda Winans  
 Wayne Marrs  
 Webster Show Pigs

Bennett Electric installed a new electrical system in the beef barn that was made possible from the Dan Winans Memorial.



Pictured is the Dan Winans family.



The Edgar County 4-H Association was able to make several improvements at the fairgrounds this year. Eighteen sheep and goat pens were purchased from KSEM, Inc. from dollars received from the Jerry Waller Memorial.

Pictured is Glenda Waller standing by the new pens.

- A Special thank you to local businesses, organizations and individuals that donate goods, services & funds which make our fairgrounds beautiful & serviceable. A special thanks to all our 4-H club leaders, volunteers, fair superintendents, judges and parents.
- Thank you to First Farmer's Bank for distributing free watermelon to members, families & people attending the fair
- Thank you to the fair clean-up crew: Tucker Marrs, Dale Cash, Gabe Winans, Brenden Cash.
- Thank you to Nutrien Ag Solutions of Kansas & Mays Station for their annual contribution for 4-H Fairgrounds maintenance.
- A special thanks to Edgar County 4-H Association members for their continued dedication and commitment to our 4-H program. You are greatly appreciated!
- Thank you to Edgar County 4-H Association for offering breakfast and the Edgar County HCE units for offering lunch & dinner.
  - Thank you to Farm Credit of Illinois for taking livestock auction participants' pictures.
  - Thank you to Paris Rural King for giving each livestock auction participant a \$35 gift card & Rural King hat.

## A snake story difficult to believe

About four years ago, while my family and I sat conversing in the living room, we



ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT  
OLD CODGER

suddenly noticed eccentric behavior by our cat, the house guardian. Somehow he sensed a strange occurrence.

Fur frizzed on his back and tail, his ears flattened and he growled. Very slowly and methodically, he crept stealthily toward the kitchen sink, pausing at times to sniff the air. Once reaching the sink, he growled some more, then gradually backed away. We suspected he'd detected a mouse. What else? Our reaction was to open the door beneath the appliance for a looksee. Nothing showed at first, but a careful probe into the shadows with a flashlight revealed a black snake curled around the drain pipe, seemingly unconcerned, as if snoozing.

Obviously the snake had entered from the crawl space beneath the floor. We left it in peace, realizing that snakes are beneficial mouse catchers.

Since then, two or three times each year, we've discovered this apparent same docile snake sunning on our back porch steps or slithering in the driveway. We've never acted hostile. If we stand within touching distance, it freezes in position and awaits our next movement, which is to quietly walk away. Close examination shows a subdued gold pattern on its body.

I've heard stories about some snakes and their fondness for milk. The late Jesse Stuart wrote a children's book (chosen in 1970 to be in the White House library) "Old Ben" about a big black snake that inhabited the family's corn crib for the better part of a year. They poured fresh cow's milk into a pan each day. The 8-foot long snake was appreciative and even became a pet. Jesse, a kid at the time, carried him around resting on his shoulders. It even followed him places. The pet kept their corn crib and hay loft free of mice. I have a written statement from Jesse: "He was as good a pet as we ever had."

Another fascinating story was told by one of my former school principals. Not the windbag-type, he swore it was true.

"When I was a kid," he said, "my dad milked cows on the farm. In the evenings the cows would usually be hanging around the barn to be fed and milked. If they were still in the pasture, we'd summon them by a voice call. They'd respond immediately. Except one. We noticed she'd be tardy."

So his dad sent him to the field to see why the cow was acting strangely. There he found her standing in the pond with her udder just above the water, nursing a long-bodied black snake.

"Next day I went earlier and watched the cow wade into the pond," he continued. "Sure enough, the big snake popped out of a cattail patch and wriggled across the water surface to sate its appetite from the contented cow. These two animals had developed a mutually enjoyable relationship."

There is a member of the king snake family called the milk snake. According to an encyclopedia, it was once believed to take milk from cows. The article says this is impossible, that no snake can suck milk directly from a cow. Milk snakes are brightly colored active hunters at night. Because they were often found in barns beneath boards in the daytime where cows are milked, hence the

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## Portland offers respite

BY KRISTIN CHITTICK  
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My Portland vacation really starts with the people I meet, then the places I go and then, of course, the food.

I sat next to a lady on the plane named Sherry Boram, a fabric artist. Delightful, talented and quite interested in the artistry of the Paris Center of Fine Arts, for sure. She was the youngest 79-year-old that I ever met. Next my longtime friend, JoAnn, met me at the Portland airport and the whirlwind began.

Portland, Oregon, gave me an entirely new way to think about getting fed.

I enjoyed wonderful meals and also enjoyed an absolute feast for the eyes and spirit. From Mt. Hood's Timberline Lodge — where scenes from several movies have been filmed — I looked down the Cascade Mountain Range at Mt. Jefferson and several other mountains and remembered what another airport traveler shared about Portland. "Just breathe," she advised.

We visited Vista House on Crown Point for sweeping vistas of the mighty Columbia River and the river gorge. We drove up the gorge to see Latourelle, Bridal Veil and finally Multnomah Falls. Looking at them is both mesmerizing and a vivid reminder of the power of water. It was also a powerful reminder of fire as the charred trees from last year's Eagle Creek Fire showed how close the fire came to the historic Multnomah Lodge.

We used Portland's Max — the commuter train — to tour Powell's books and hit the food carts in Pioneer Square appropriately nicknamed Portland's Living Room. Powell's City of Books takes up an entire city block and is the largest bookstore — by shelf space — in the world.

The food carts offered cuisine from across the planet. I enjoyed a bowl with amazing herbs, sauce, vegetables and brown rice. We also visited Blue Star Doughnut where they've got everything from blueberry bourbon basil to the Mexican inspired horxata glaze.

Tourists in the know will say, "Why didn't you go to Voodoo Doughnut?" My friend advised me that's for tourists.

Portland has more coffee shops per capita than Seattle giving us numerous options. I enjoyed a mocha and a straight up coffee at Dutch Brothers — called Dutch Bros by the locals.

We had dinner in the Alberta Arts District. The fish tacos at Stella Tacos — an Austin, Texas, inspired eatery — were delicious. They featured an industrial designed interior just like Paris' own Lot 50 Brewery. No visit to Alberta is complete without standing in line for some Salt and Straw ice cream with inventive flavors like Honey Lavender, Pear and Blue Cheese and Strawberry



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The Mt. Multnomah Falls is a 611-foot cascade of icy water, located in the Columbia River Gorge just 30 minutes from Portland.



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Kristin Chittick, right, and her Portland friend, Joan Klooz, are pictured in front of Mt. St. Helens, one of the stops on Chittick's recent visit to Oregon.

Honey Balsamic with Pepper.

The next day required some rest and then it was off to Rooster Rock State Park for a Star Party. One of the great gifts of this area is the dark skies providing incredible night time views of the heavens. We were treated to views of Mars, Venus, Jupiter and even the rings of Saturn. It was incredible.

The next day we headed up Interstate 5 to Washington to see Mt. St. Helens. The view of the crater from the Johnson Ridge Observatory is truly spectacular. The landslide and eruption on May 18, 1980, was an unbelievable event for this part of the Pacific Northwest. The landslide preceding the eruption was the largest ever recorded. Mudslides went 14 miles and covered Spokane, Wash. with ash — and it's a five-hour drive away.

We also found great Thai food and a 50s diner in downtown Gresham on the far east side of the Portland Metro. There was also wonderful Italian food at

Pompello's in Troutdale at the entryway to the Gorge. Gotta love Dungeness crab with pasta and asparagus.

It's always nice to come home, but coming home was an adventure on its own. At my stopover in Oakland, Calif., they needed three volunteers to step off the completely booked plane to allow some flight attendants to get to their flights, so I volunteered. That gained me vouchers for a future trip adding a two-hour wait in Oakland, a stop in Austin, a stop in Atlanta and finally back to Indianapolis for the two-hour drive home, 22 hours later.

I did meet a rather nice couple of men who were going to Austin for an electrical cooperative conference and asked them if they knew our EnerStar Cooperative. OK. It was a longshot, but you never know.

If you've never been to this part of our country, I'd recommend you see this vast, beautiful countryside. Meeting people and seeing places is a feast for the soul.

## Mars putting on a spectacular show in late summer

As we enter late summer our neighboring planet is putting on a spectacular show.

Mars is the most Earth like planet in our solar system. Currently, Mars is the fourth brightest object in the sky behind the sun, moon and Venus.

At the recent International Society for Technology in Education conference, I had an opportunity to meet author and futurist Andy Weir. He wrote "Martian" which was adapted to the recent screenplay. He did all his own analysis of how living on Mars might be possible.

President Obama predicted a manned mission to Mars in 2030. Last December, President Trump signed Space Directive-1 telling NASA to work with international and commercial partners to refocus exploration efforts on the moon, with a goal of going on to Mars and beyond. His focus is largely commercial.

Billionaire Elon Musk the optimistic private entrepreneur asserts he can get men to Mars by 2025.

The planet Mars is named after the Roman God of War, most likely because it has a blood red color and is a fierce, fast planet. It has been tracked closely by every civilization.



TERRY SULLIVAN  
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

Some Aboriginal tribes of Australia named it lherrm-penh, meaning burnt in flames. The Mayan calendar documented

the 780-day cycle when the Earth and Mars are closest to each other. This happens basically every two years and makes Mars appear five times brighter. Earth and Mars just passed this opposition point July 27.

This year was one of the closest possible, and it won't be this close again until late in the century. Take advantage of the evening viewing because perfect viewing continues until Sept. 7. Mars is coming up in the east just before 9 p.m. and will continue to rise closer to sunset as we enter fall.

Of all the planets in our solar system, Mars is still the best candidate for having some form of life. It would have to be a simple bacteria like organism, nothing complex or intelligent exists there.

In the late 1800s, famous mathematician and astrono-

mer Percival Lowell caught the Mars bug. Knowing an opposition was to happen in 1894, he pushed to complete the observatory outside Flagstaff that bears name.

Using a 24-inch refracting telescope he designed, Lowell spent hours studying the canal system on Mars. He was convinced they were a desperate attempt to move water from the poles to the central plains by starving beings.

It turns out most of the canals are mirages. The ones that do exist are the result of ancient plate movements on Mars leaving huge cracks. Valles Marineris is a seven-mile deep, 2,500-mile long valley that dwarfs the Grand Canyon.

Mars surface is a rocky desert. It looks like a reddish dry expanse of the Iranian desert. The red color comes from the iron rich soil. With a thin atmosphere, there are no clouds or greenhouse effect to stabilize temperatures. Daytime temperatures during the summer reach 80 degrees Fahrenheit, but on a winter night the mercury drops to negative 200 F.

Mars is quite similar to the Earth. It is about half our size and thus has 40 percent of our gravity. A 150-pound person on Earth weighs 60 pounds

on Mars.

The Earth tilts at 23.5 degrees while the Martian axis leans at 25 degrees. It takes the Earth 365 days to orbit the sun compared to Mars' 687 days. A day on Earth is 24 hours while Mars spins once every 24.5 hours. The day/night cycle would feel normal to humans, and Mars has four seasons with each lasting about six months.

With a molten iron/sulfur interior, Mars was once volcanically active. Having less gravity allowed volcanoes to grow much larger.

The greatest volcano found on any planet is Olympus Mons. This largest known mountain in the solar system rises over twice as tall as Mt. Everest. When it used to erupt the power blasted lava completely off the planet. We have some meteorites on Earth believed to have come from Olympus Mons billions of years ago.

Earth is 70 percent covered by water. Water is a limited resource on our desert neighbor, although Mars did contain a substantial amount of water early in its history. Most of the original water on Mars escaped into space long ago due to the limited gravity and no shielding from UV light.

## Movies are great if you can see them

Several months ago, I went with my grandson to see "Black Panther."

The movie was grand, but I should have taken my night goggles. Unfortunately, it was difficult to see the actors, or anything else.



HARRY REYNOLDS  
ANOTHER LOOK

Actor Martin Freeman, who plays Doctor Watson in PBS Masterpiece Mystery's "Sherlock," was barely visible. It was as if the studio turned down the lights to save electricity.

Movies have been getting darker. It will, assuming the trend continues, be much like radio. We will be left to our imagination. No more \$100-million budgets.

On radio, actors use microphones. Doors are slammed, and glass broken. Gunshots, screams, sobs and laughter fill in the blanks.

Why pay high-cost movie actors, when you can find them cheap? Anyone with a decent voice, and the ability to use inflection, could fit the bill. We must exclude Frankenstein's grotesque creature for obvious reasons.

Going to a movie requires bank financing. A guy next to me said he mortgaged his house to buy his ticket and sold his Cadillac SUV to buy popcorn (no charge for the butter-like substance) and a drink.

In all, advertising consumed 45 minutes. To make matters worse, discontents in the audience complained. On one occasion, a family of a mother and three children parked across the aisle. They were loaded down with popcorn, candy and enough soft drinks to float a ship.

Barely had the movie started when the mom bellowed, "We are leaving. It is too loud." She apparently had not seen a movie since 1915.

Another time, a senior citizen (in PC Land, no one is ever old) complained it was too cold. So, she set off in search of the manager. The audience, having heard her, searched for a rope. Her walker did not impede her departure.

And what's this in movies and television crime series with the flashlight and parked-car-lights thing in the dark? With the understanding

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Icecaps visible at the Martian poles are more frozen carbon dioxide than water. Such polar icecaps of dry ice partially vaporize and reform with the seasons, and they do contain limited water.

The prospects for life and future habitation of Mars grew more likely last month when scientists published proof there are large reservoirs of water. The European Space Agency's (ESA) Mars orbiting satellite uses low frequency radar capable of ground penetration to map the planet. ESA confirmed a lake of salt water over 12 miles across and just under the surface near the south pole. A mile of dry ice covers the lake, but it is liquid water possible to tap into.

Mars will never be a vacation oasis, but permanent colonies for mining and exploration are likely.

Terra-forming is a popular theme in science fiction. It is massive engineering to convert a whole planet to more earth-like conditions.

Musk advocates using focused heating or even thermonuclear warheads to melt the carbon dioxide in the polar caps and create a greenhouse cloud over Mars. His goal being to warm the

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**CODGER**

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I ask myself the question: "Was my principal telling the truth?" Perhaps his dad's cow had a leaky faucet and was dripping? (Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired schoolteacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

**REYNOLDS**

FROM PAGE 1B

you have seen the TV series NCIS, or CSI, you, may have wondered why agents turn on their flashlights as they search a dark room. These guys never hit a light switch. The Three Stooges would have figured that one out. When a hero gets out of a

car at night, he invariably, leaves his headlights on, not taking into account the obligatory bob on the head, which inevitably, delays his return.

It reminds me of an incident in a Wal-Mart parking lot. An elderly woman, emerged from a herd of cars parked over the horizon, and confronted me.

"Your truck is over the line," she said, which could not be denied.

"What does it matter?" I asked, genuinely, perplexed.

"You need to park your vehicle between the lines," she replied, emphatically.

It was a hot day, and I was in a bad mood. Upon contemplating the outcome if I strangled her, I replied: "It is none of your business," and walked away.

Sometimes, one does those things, in lieu of murder.

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**MILESTONES**

**Willetts celebrate 50th anniversary**



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**Tom and Sandy Willett, center, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Disney World with their children and grandchildren.**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Tom and Sandy (née Steen) Willett recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at Disney World, Orlando, Fla. They were married July 20, 1968, at the Brocton Christian Church. Tom is a local barber and has

been in business for more than 50 years. Sandy retired as the Edgar County Circuit Clerk in 2016.

The celebration was a family affair as they were joined at Disney World by their children and grandchildren: Nick, Kristen and Liam Willett of Monroe, Conn., and Josh, Tif-

fany, Beau, Quinci and Linkon Snedeker of Chrisman.

A special event for the anniversary celebration was attending a luau at the Polynesian Village in the resort. Everyone enjoyed the luau and had a great time celebrating the Willett's 50 years together.

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**Little Honeybee sign up set**

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Signup for children to participate in the Little Honeybee King and Queen Pageant is 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Aug. 18, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3601, 601 W. Court Street, Paris.

The event is open to children between four and six years old. There is a small fee to enter the pageant.

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**Sperrys mark 50th anniversary with trip**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Warren and Jody Sperry of Paris will mark their 50th wedding anniversary Friday, Aug. 17.

Jody Dearth, a freshman, and Warren Sperry, a junior, went on their first date in January 1963 to a Vandalia High School basketball game. They officially started going steady in February 1963.

Warren Sperry graduated from Vandalia in 1964 and began attending Eastern Illinois University where he began working toward a degree in music education. Jody Dearth graduated from Vandalia in 1966 and followed him to EIU. The couple became engaged in August 1967 while they both were still in college.

The couple was married Aug. 17, 1968, at the Vandalia United Methodist Church. Their best friends from high school were the maid of honor and best man — Rebecca "Becky" Holliday and Bruce Banister.

They had only a long weekend to honeymoon in the Smokey Mountains because he was hired as the new band di-



**WARREN AND JODY SPERRY ON THEIR WEDDING DAY**

rector at Mayo Middle School. After the PHS director Roger Maulding accepted a position at Kent State University, Warren Sperry, 22, was promoted to PHS band director and the rest, as they say, is history.

The couple has resided in Paris all of their married life and are the parents of three children — Marty born in May 1970; Adam born in February 1972 and Emily born in September 1976. Marty (Tish) reside in Westfield, Ind.; Adam (Kim) live in Scottsdale, Ariz., and Emily (Daren) reside in

St. Louis, Mo. There are five grandchildren — Rhiley Sperry, a freshman at Butler; Parker and Nora Sperry and Ella and Tate Kest.

The family gathered in Vail, Colo., in late July for a Sperry Colorado Adventure including a Jeep tour, water rafting, zip line, tubing, ropes course, spoons and a million belly laughs.

Following the family get together, the couple traveled to Park City, Utah.

The couple resides at 320 E. Crawford in Paris.

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

**HCE MEMBERS ATTEND DISTRICT 5 MEETING**



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**Members of the Edgar County Home and Community Education (HCE) recently attended the District 5 HCE meeting in Bloomington to learn about organizational updates, lessons local units can provide at meetings and to exchange ideas with members of other county HCE units. From left are Carole Halloran, Beth Sablotny and Paula Coombes. The Edgar County HCE extends an open invitation to join this educational group.**

**Morning, evening TOPS groups meet**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Morning TOPS #IL 1563 met Thursday, Aug. 2, with 17 members attending the meeting. Club members recognized were: Terri Cheatham, TOPS weekly best loser; Sue English, KOPS weekly best loser; Connie Porter won the walking drawing and was recognized for her 10-pound weight loss; Lynn Moody won the food chart drawing; and Jill Hoffman was recognize as a two-year KOPS member.

The meeting program was the installation of chapter officers with Sue English, leader; Sauny Preston, co-leader; Lynn Moody, secretary; Brenda Porter, treasurer; Terri Cheatham, weight recorder; and Sue Bennett, assistant weight recorder.

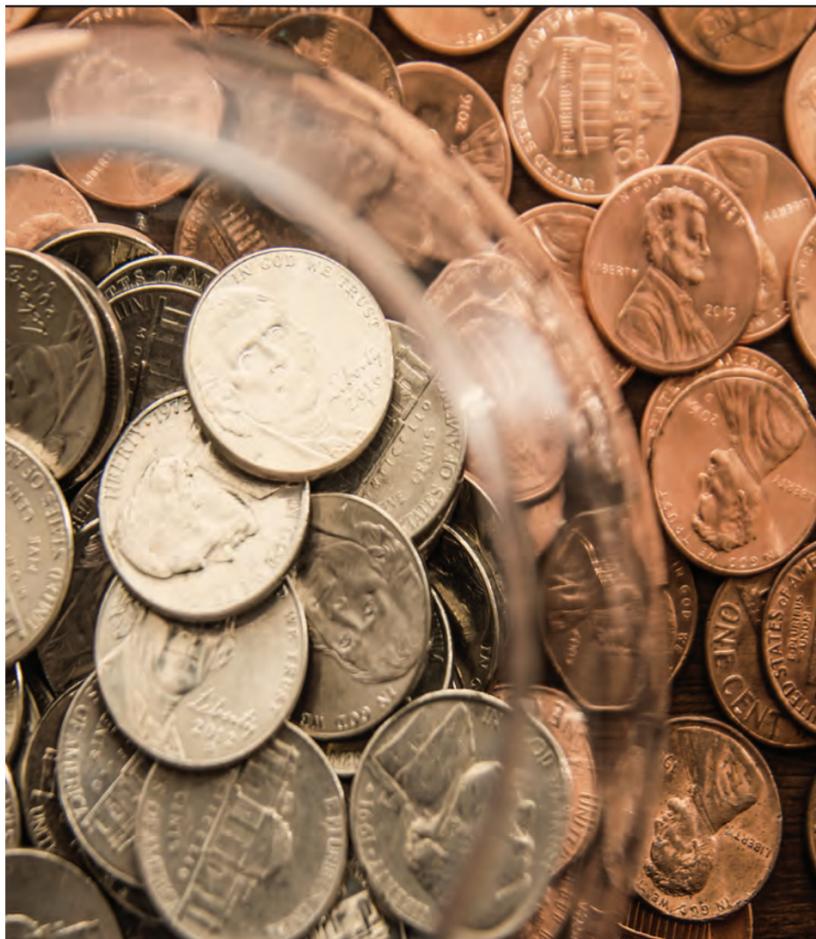
Evening TOPS #2318 met Tuesday, Aug. 7, with 15 members weighing in and 15 attending the meeting.

Club members recognized

were: Patty Felgenhauer, TOPS weekly loser; Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Sharon Phillips, tops walker; Janice Stevens and Verna Smith, top exerciser; and Kelly Tinsman won predict your weight.

The program was a whole chapter discussion.

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



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## OUT OF THE PAST

COMPILED BY NED JENISON  
Former Editor and Publisher  
Paris Beacon-News

The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of Aug. 5-12, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the interests of the Paris community exactly 100 and 50 years ago this week.

### EDUCATION NEEDED

Mayor Hoff has been requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all the people of Paris to pause a minute at noon each day to offer silent prayer for the success of American arms in France.

The Mayor says, however, that he does not feel inclined to issue any such proclamation unless there are indications that it will be effective. He suggests that the ministerial association and the Chamber of Commerce take up the matter and begin a campaign of education which will put the people in the spirit of prayer, else it would be farcical to issue a call for prayer to which no one would pay any attention.

### PARIS BOY KILLED

WASHINGTON — The name of Roy Noel of Paris is on the casualty list issued by the War Department today. He was a son of Luke Noel.

### AUGUST'S HEAT RECORD PASSED

Paris and the surrounding country sizzled and blistered under the influence of the hottest August weather recorded since the U.S. Weather Bureau was established at Terre Haute in 1901.

The highest temperature registered was 101 at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, while the street thermometer passed the 103 mark. Loss of temper and energy were the most serious results of the extreme heat reported.

### COLSON REMODELS BUILDING

U. O. Colson is remodeling the building purchased a short time ago, known as the Link-Buchanan building on North Central. The woodwork is completed, and they are now ready for papering on the second floor.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### BOY DROWNS IN LAKE

A 10-year-old youth from Sidell lost his life early Sunday evening during unsupervised swimming at the East Lake. The victim was Ralph William Eickhoff who was swimming from a boat with four other companions.

When the youth was discovered missing, the other boys took the boat to shore and summoned help from the public boat ramp where lake supervisor Charles Johnson was on duty.

#### MENTAL HEALTH REFERENDUM

Paris attorney Wayne Jones appeared before the Edgar County Board of Supervisors on behalf of the Edgar County Mental Health Center, and requested a referendum during the November election on establishing a countywide Mental Health district, needed to relieve growing financial problems to maintain the local clinic, now in its 11th year.

The board unanimously adopted the resolution for the referendum.

#### ORDER ELM STREET REOPENED

The Illinois Commerce Commission has ordered the Elm Street crossing of the Penn-Central in Paris reopened, and protected with automatic flashing signal lights.

#### FIRE AT HUME

Fire badly damaged the Hume Grain Company elevator, starting in a grain elevator leg as grain was being dumped into the elevator and loaded out into an adjacent hopper rail car. The northern portion of the elevator was badly damaged, according to elevator operator Don Kincaid.

# Lincoln used the telegraph

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### BY STEVE TARTER

The Journal Star of Peoria

FDR used the radio, JFK scored on TV and Donald Trump expounds on Twitter. But the first president to make effective use of electronic communications was Abraham Lincoln.

His use of the telegraph, a tool used extensively during the Civil War, was one of the things that made Lincoln

a unique communicator in tumultuous times.

"Two things set Lincoln apart in terms of his relationship with, and mastery of, the press," said Harold Holzer, author of "Lincoln and the Power of the Press: The War for Public Opinion," published in 2015. "His language was simple and direct enough to make press reprints of his speeches especially compelling. Second, he courted journalists from the beginning of his career."

Holzer, director of the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute at Hunter College in New York City, added two more things: "(Lincoln) drafted editorials for his Whig and Republican newspapers and owned a newspaper, himself (as did his arch-rival, Stephen A.

Douglas)," he said.

The newspaper that Lincoln purchased — in secret — was a pro-Republican, German-language paper published in Springfield just prior to the 1860 presidential election. "State legislators bought and distributed the paper in their districts," said James Cornelius, curator of the Lincoln Collection at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library & Museum in Springfield.

Cornelius said Lincoln's rise in Illinois politics was marked by a close relationship with the press.

"He was often in newspaper offices up and down the state in the 1830s and 1840s. Hanging around a newspaper office was a good place to shoot the breeze — and exchange information. He also

wrote a lot that was published anonymously during that time," he said.

William Herndon, Lincoln's Springfield law partner, observed Lincoln's relationship with the press firsthand. Writing in 1886, he noted: "In common with other politicians, he never overlooked a newspaperman who had it in his power to say a good or bad thing of him. The press of that day was not so powerful an institution as now, but ambitious politicians courted the favor of a newspaperman with as much zeal as the same class of men have done in latter days."

Herndon recalled Lincoln writing to an editor of a small country paper in southern Illinois. "I have been reading your paper for three or four years and have paid you

nothing for it," Lincoln wrote. He then encloses \$10 and admonishes the editor with innocent complacency: "Put it into your pocket, saying nothing further about it," he said.

Not long after, Lincoln sent an article on political matters to the editor - who declined to publish the piece, "because I long ago made it a rule to publish nothing as editorial matter not written by myself."

"Although the laugh was on Lincoln, he enjoyed the joke heartily," noted Herndon, recalling Lincoln saying, "That editor has a rather lofty but proper conception of true journalism."

True journalism wasn't always on display in the newspapers that reigned in Lincoln's era. Editors were not See LINCOLN, Page 4B

# Farm dealerships gone

### BY ROGER STANLEY

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When the tractor and the combine replaced the horse and the binder some businessmen saw opportunity in the new horsepower generated by machines.

New businesses started that eventually replaced the blacksmith shop and the workhorses. There were at least 23 tractor and implement dealers in Edgar County at one time or another.

An early innovator was Metcalf resident Pat Breen, who went into the International Harvester business in the early 1900s. That business continued until 1926 when his building burned.

In 1918, Breen was honored by the International Harvester Company for the highest sales of farm equipment in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

James Tuttle took over the I.H. business in 1928 and by the 1930s he was awarded \$100,000 for having the largest volume of business for Illinois. He sold the business in 1945 to Frank Kaulig and in 1949, Kaulig erected a big new machinery sales building on U.S. Route 36, just south of Metcalf.

Kaulig's business and franchise closed in 1965. The building was leased to the Morris brothers who sold and serviced Allis Chalmers machinery until 1971.

In Redmon, Joe Cooper said, "Dad bought his first Minneapolis-Moline tractor in about 1934, and he liked it so well he started selling them."

His father Chauncey Cooper was in that business from 1935 to 1948, and he was the first Minnie dealer in this area. He sold many in Edgar County as well as a few neighboring counties.

"Sparky" Dennison and Maurice Arnold sold Allis-Chalmers products in Redmon in the mid 1930s. They also sponsored an independent basketball team featuring University of Illinois players such as Harry Combs, Jim Vopika and Bob Cotton.

Billy Kirchner and Ed Biggs ran a John Deere dealership in Redmon starting in the 1930s. Elton Holding bought their franchise in 1953, and that facility sold many pieces of farm machinery around Redmon.

Lester Thomas sold Minneapolis-Moline tractors in Redmon during the 1960s after purchasing the building on Third Street from Holding and Biggs. Lee Blankenbaker also sold the Oliver line of implements near Redmon.

Tractors were not only sold, but also manufactured in Hume.

Leigh St. John saw the first Hume tractor come off the line when it was built. He was a salesman and mechanic for the company. The Hume tractor was built to replace horses and to offer a reliable tractor to farmers. Local farmer Hugh Brooks Sr. had one. In 1917, the stockholders sold out the company,

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This advertisement promotes Farnham Case and New Idea machinery in Paris. The farm implement dealership was located where the post office is now.



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Sheppard Diesel tractors sold briefly in Paris. The design was likely too advanced and unfamiliar to generate sufficient sales and the company folded

but it is still remembered and the only known survivor is occasionally shown at antique tractor events.

Albert and Gene Rogers sold and serviced New Holland and Deutz equipment for many years at Hume.

Paris area farmer Walter Hodge also owned a Massey-Harris and New Idea implement business. At one time, it was across from the Edgar County Jail and later moved to a new Quonset building on the Cherry Point Road in the north end of Paris. That building still stands.

Hodge along with William Colwell owned the first combine in Edgar County in 1914.

In the 1918 Prairie Farmer Directory, the Parrett Tractor was advertised. It was an old steel-wheeler and burnt either kerosene or gasoline. The dealership was in the hands of Joe Stewart of the Auto Sales Tractor and Tuck Company. Carl Brecht operated the International Harvester dealership on Jasper Street for many years starting about 1960. About that time Case became a partner with I.H. and a downturn in the farm economy caused him to close the business.

Maurice Farnham handled Case machinery and New Idea equipment and was for many years at a location on East Wood Street where the post office now stands.

In the 1950s, there was a Sheppard Diesel tractor dealer located near the Edgar County Cemetery. Sheppard Diesel built durable and efficient engines to power lifeboats during World War II, and during a time of high demand for new tractors the company basically built three models of tractors, but their success was short lived.

For some reason, farmers were not looking for those advanced and before their time-designed tractors. The company's most popular tractor had a three-cylinder engine and was very durable, but farmers were not familiar with the design and concept and did not reward the company with purchases.

Just across from Crestwood School, Lyle Hutchings had a Ford Tractor dealership. In the 1940s, there was also an Oliver dealership on Union Street.

There was at least one tractor dealership in Brocton run by a Mr. Cooley See TRACTORS, Page 4B

# From hooves to wheels

When I was just a little tad in 1940 a lot of farming was still done using real horsepower. The kind that whinnied or went neigh.



ROGER STANLEY

NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

We didn't have large work-horses on the Jones Farm

where I lived, but Grandpa Stanley kept several teams on his farm. The heaviest of fieldwork was done by an old G John Deere and a F-30 Farmall. Some of the lighter work was still done with those creatures you talked to or slapped a line to get them moving.

There was a special connection between those farmers and the horses they used to work the fields or drove on the road pulling a wagon or a buggy. The horses possessed an early version of the Global Positioning System because many times those intelligent animals were already doing a command before the driver told them to. I have heard a lot of stories about coming home late at night when the driver fell asleep in his buggy, and he woke up when the horse stopped at home.

When I was old enough to drive a horse pulling up loose hay with a long rope that reached to the pulley at the top of the barn I thought I was smart enough to work with the horse. That wasn't true. He was smart enough to move and circle whenever he needed, and I just hung on for the ride.

The Englum brothers and their crew were thrashing wheat next to our farm one hot day. They didn't have a steam engine attached to the machine, but rather a big old four-wheeler McCormick Deering to run the belt. The men hauling the wheat shocks to the machine used horse-drawn wagons for the job.

Mike Englum, my brother and I got to do the important job of hauling

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**The Quonset building of the Massey Ferguson dealership at Chrisman has been an area landmark since the early 1950s. The Chrisman Farm Center is the last farm implement dealer in Edgar County.**

## TRACTORS

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for a few years on the south side of the village main street, near where Hair Port now stands. There may have been dealerships in Vermilion and Kansas, but the records are not clear.

Chrisman had a John Deere dealership owned by Francis Robinson and later by Dennis Radke, just west of the southwest corner of the square.

In the late 1940s, the Culton brothers had a machinery business on the south side of the square that sold Minneapolis-Moline equipment and the Massey-Harris brand. They moved their location near the intersection of state Route 1 and U.S. Route 36 and built a large Quonset building in 1951. In 1961, John Craig became the owner and has been there for 57 years.

Craig has been very successful selling Massey-Ferguson equipment and Great Plains drills. Both companies have recognized Craig as a top merchandiser for a single-store ownership.

The Minneapolis-Moline dealership at Chrisman was just south of the Massey-Ferguson franchise, but it went out of business several years ago.

The Chrisman Farm Center is the only farm implement business left in Edgar County. Thanks to John Craig and his outfit of skilled workers the store does things right while serving the farmers of this area and just keeps going.

## LINCOLN

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shy about taking stands — or taking shots — at the nation's leaders.

"Let's just say that the openly, proudly partisan editors of the Lincoln era — Republicans like Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune and Democrats like Manton Marble of the New York World — would not be surprised at all that today's media outlets, like Fox and MSNBC, display the same kind of doctrinaire leanings, except (the networks of the 21st century) don't like to admit it," said Holzer.

"Partisanship was deeply embedded in the American press tradition, from the days of John Adams onward," he said.

In talking about the reliability of newspapers, Lincoln is said to have joked, "They lie and then they re-lie." But Lincoln also said, "No man, whether he be private citizen or President of the United States, can successfully carry on a controversy with a great newspaper, and escape destruction unless he owns a newspaper equally great, with a circulation of the same neighborhood."

Lincoln learned how to deal with a divided press just as he did with a divided country. "Mr. Lincoln understood the power of the press. He well understood the excesses of the media, especially during his presidency. On the whole, he was thick-skinned, but he did object to falsehoods, calumnies, libel and slander," noted Lewis Lehrman, author of "Lincoln at Peoria: The Turning Point."

"Lincoln's genius with the press consisted primarily in presenting arguments for the

Union cause and emancipation which prevailed over the common prejudices of the day. His fair-mindedness, even in the face of vicious press attacks, was apparent to all — in the end, even to his enemies," Lehrman said.

Holzer suggested that a lifetime of reading, writing and negotiating with newspapers laid the groundwork for what Lincoln was able to do as president: reach the public with letters to the editor spelling out his positions on some of the much-debated issues of the day.

"With his dramatic letters of 1862 and 1863, Lincoln in some ways wrote the big three New York editors out of the equation when it came to molding public opinion," the historian noted.

Lincoln's habit of maintaining close ties with members of the press as president didn't always set well with members of his Cabinet. Writing in his diary in 1864, Navy Secretary Gideon Welles complained: "It is an infirmity of the President that he permits the little news mongers to come around him and be intimate, and in this he is encouraged by (Secretary of State William) Seward, who does the same, and even courts the corrupt and the vicious, which the President does not. He has great inquisitiveness. Likes to hear all the political gossip as much as Seward. But the President is honest, sincere and confiding — traits which are not so prominent in some by whom he is surrounded."

When it came to using the technology of the day, Lincoln learned about sending messages by wire from Charles Tinker, a telegraph operator he met at the Tazewell House hotel in Pekin in 1857.

## STANLEY

FROM PAGE 3B

water around to the workers. There was a very good well at our place, and we only had to haul the water less than a quarter of a mile. It seemed the horse we thought we were steering knew where the thirstiest workers were 'cause he made his way right to them and stopped. And we thought we were guiding him. GPS again. You know back in those days the letters stood for God's Patient Service.

A few years later after the binder and threshing era ended, tractors and heavier more efficient machinery were seen on many farms. My first experience of driving a tractor was when Dad needed me to pull a harrow through the cornfield to take out the weeds and stir the soil a little. This was before the rotary hoe was used very much in our vicinity.

He drove it once around the field as I hung onto that old A John Deere. He cautioned me to stay out of the fence and make sure the wheels of the tractor went between the rows. I got the row thing down pretty well when he left me to myself, but when I swung around on the end rows the fence just seemed to keep moving in my way. I did finally learn my lesson doing the job right and fixing the fence tight.

A year or two later Dad even let me attempt to cultivate soybeans. I was on that old A again with a two-row front mounted cultivator. The tractor did not have a lift that

worked by pulling back on the clutch. That particular field was planted round and round and many times I had to stop the tractor, put her in neutral and then raise the cultivator up.

It seems young farm boys never got out of their fathers' sight, and he soon came up to me and wanted to know why I took so long to cultivate a 26-acre field. Another tractor and cultivator was operating in the same field with me, and it kept catching up with me.

I learned a couple of lessons that day. I learned how to do more than one thing at a time, and I was learning more than just herding a tractor down the rows.

I was on the road to becoming an operator working together with the tractor and the implement. As a side note, I also learned not to go to sleep in the middle of the afternoon. You can't uncover a row of beans you just took out.

That was only the beginning of the story of hooves to wheels and later on I operated a 16-row rear mounted cultivator and after that I even learned you don't have to cultivate any more for a successful crop. This is only one small step in the conversion of farming during the 50 years I had on the farm.

I guess I could write a book about it, but I kind of already did that.

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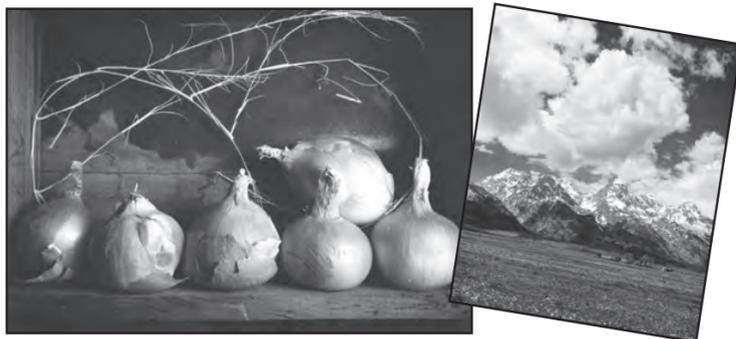
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# Christianity vital to refugees

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**BIDI BIDI REFUGEE CAMP, Uganda** — Every morning when Achol Kuol wakes up, she borrows a Bible from her neighbor and reads a verse to comfort herself before she meets others in an open-air church rigged from timber.

They sing, dance and speak in tongues during the service. Some who feel filled with the Holy Spirit scream and jump — not with joy, but remorse.

Confessions flow as they recall the ones they killed in the civil war back home in South Sudan. They cry out, lamenting ordeals they endure at night. Others weep in prayer as they ask God for forgiveness.

"I can't sleep unless I keep on praying," said Kuol, 38, a mother of five. "I always have

nightmares. In my dreams I go back to my old village and I see how my friends were shot dead. They keep on calling me, 'Achol! Achol! Achol!' And I would wake up screaming."

For thousands of South Sudanese here in the world's largest refugee camp, the search for healing from recent horrors involves a quest for God. Saddled with post-traumatic stress disorder in many cases, refugees are often encouraged by camp counselors to attend church as a pathway to healing.

"Many refugees usually go to church because it's the only likely place in the camp where they can get help to recover from the trauma," said Gabriel Mayen, a trauma counselor at Bidi Bidi. "The church gives them new hope, which is important to refugees and any person who has experienced

trauma." South Sudan, the world's youngest nation, broke into civil war in late 2013 when troops loyal to then-Vice President Riek Machar clashed with forces loyal to President Salva Kiir. The conflict spread quickly into an ethnic clash as the two leaders were representing two major tribes. Christianity is the majority religion in South Sudan.

As a result, thousands have been killed, 2 million have been displaced in South Sudan, and another 2 million have sought refuge in neighboring countries. More than 1 million have fled to Uganda.

This camp, known as Bidi Bidi, is home to more than 250,000 people.

There, dozens of churches have cropped up and are becoming increasingly

popular as the traumatized seek a foundation to put their lives back together.

Kuol's husband was murdered in June last year when government soldiers attacked her town of Yei in southwest South Sudan. She fled with her children, arriving at Bidi Bidi three days later.

One child died from hunger during the journey.

"I passed through a difficult time," she said. "God saved me from death, and I had to accept him. In God I find peace, and I don't have nightmares ... though the memories of the killings still haunt me."

More than 30 churches spread across the camp are headed by South Sudanese pastors, according to Ugandan officials. Many church leaders, including pastors, bishops, priests,

evangelists and others, moved with their South Sudanese congregations into exile when civil war erupted.

"When these church leaders arrived at the camp, they began their own churches," said Deng Bol, a refugee teacher and representative. "We have different denominations. Refugees have options here. If they want to go to Catholic or Protestant churches, they can go."

Pastor John Deng of Christ Ministry Church fled South Sudan in 2016. He said his church is bringing together members of warring tribes, the Nuer and Dinka, and fostering cooperation across tribal lines. The church also provides emotional healing if one loses a family member at the camp or back home in South Sudan, he said.

"The church has played

a vital role in unifying the people of South Sudan who had hated each other," he said. "We are happy that people are living peaceful in the camp away from home."

Peace can be elusive at Bidi Bidi. Those traumatized by torture, rape and other violence often bring vengeful habits with them, Mayen said. Many drink alcohol in excess and become violent, he said.

"Some even take machetes and attack other refugees," he said.

Spiritual warfare is a theme heard often around the camp. During a recent worship service, Deng warned the people of South Sudan that civil war in their country will not end until they turn to God and ask for forgiveness. Quoting from Proverbs 6:16-19, Deng said his home country was already under

## New beginnings

Sometimes it's just a meal — food on a plate, fuel for your body, a pit stop in your day.



**MICHAEL DIXON**  
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Sometimes it's a whole lot more than you were expecting. That's what I discovered one day at lunch. I was in Michigan at an event, and when it was time for our lunch break I was on my own. I didn't know where to go, so I made my best guess and headed west.

After just a few minutes, I thought, "wrong choice." I was in the middle of factories and warehouses and fences. I was ready to turn and explore elsewhere when I saw a possibility at the next light.

It was a cute little place with parking and the sign "New Beginnings," a family restaurant. My kind of place. So I stopped and went in with my book.

I didn't get much reading done. In addition to the waitress talking and asking questions, I was fascinated by what was going on around me. Several of the customers were probably regulars and interacted with both staff and clientele. From what I could hear, one was having a problem and was talking it out with his server.

Then a man came in who looked the stereotypical of a bum off the streets. However, you'd have thought him a VIP the way he was treated. I was impressed.

Many of those greeted, and welcomed, and treated like they belonged truly had a little new beginning to their day and attitude as a result.

When I was finished and paying my bill, I asked about the name. She smiled and said they specialized in breakfast, and that could be considered a new beginning. Then she added the owner sometimes hires ex-cons to give them a new beginning.

We all need a new beginning at some point in our lives.

For some of us, it's more than once; when your plans fall through, when a job is no more, when you mess things up or someone else does, and when your hopes and dreams end up being hollow.

Where do you go for a new beginning?

We've seen where many in the world go, and then they quickly need another.

Why not try God? It's his business — giving broken, wrecked, heart-hurt people

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## CELEBRATING 135 YEARS OF FAITH



Gary Henry/ The Prairie Press

The Scotland United Methodist Church has served the small community in northern Edgar County for 135 years. Members are hosting a public celebration of the anniversary at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12

# Church marks founding

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS

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The congregation of the Scotland United Methodist Church is hosting a 135th anniversary celebration Sunday, Aug. 12, at the rural Edgar County church.

The small but extremely faithful congregation invites the public to join them for a program at 2 p.m., which includes speakers discussing the rich history of the church followed by fellowship with refreshments of drinks and desserts.

"The event is a celebration of it's own because many of the smaller churches are closing down and the fact that our church and congregation are keeping on is a whole lot to celebrate," said Pastor Melanie Hoth.

"We hope to get a lot of people to celebrate with us," said church member Emma Henry. The church has a regular attendance of approximately 15 to 20 worshippers each Sunday.

Delivering the message is Methodist district superintendent Scott Grulkey of Effingham. Former pastors have also been invited to speak about the church history and their time in service at Scotland.

The congregation selected favorite hymns for singing during the special service, and Henry will share a poem that was read at a previous anniversary celebration.

"We invite the public — especially those people who have been affiliated with the church in the past in many ways such as baptisms, weddings, or even special Sunday services," said Hoth. "We seat about 70 and have exceeded that before. I hope we can do that again."

Hoth said the small congregation spends a great amount of time planning special events to minister to the community.

"Our goal is to keep the doors open," said Hoth. "To do that, the church members have an open mind as far as newer ideas and ways to minister and serve the rural communities. When you have God on your side, then we can't go wrong."

Echoing the pastor's sentiments Henry said, "We could have waited until the church's 150th anniversary but we wanted to celebrate together earlier because our congregation is aging."

In preparation for the celebration, Henry researched the extremely old church documents and history books.



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Pastor Melanie Hoth leads worship at the Scotland United Methodist Church. The church is celebrating its 135th anniversary Sunday, Aug. 12, with a special 2 p.m. program followed by light refreshments.



Gary Henry/ The Prairie Press

Members of the Scotland Methodist Church invite the public to join them 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, for a special service marking the church's 135th anniversary. Seated, left to right, Cora Jean Froman, Donna Wheeler, Martha Phillips and Wilma Phillips. Standing, left to right, Izzie Hoth, Pastor Melanie Hoth, Emma Henry and David Henry.

The church started 11 years after Scotland became a village in September 1872 with two blacksmiths, two doctors and three dry-good stores.

An interdenominational Sunday School was organized in the spring of 1874 and classes were held in a hall above the J.A. Dawson store. It only lasted for six months. Another Sunday school class was created in 1875 and worship was held above the Simpson-Thompson Hall, which was later known as the Craft's Garage.

The land for the Scotland Methodist Episcopal Church was purchased from William and Sarah Scott Nov. 9, 1882, and the building was dedicated July 29, 1883.

The Rev. Granville Lowther was minister in 1881 and is known as the first pastor of the Scotland Methodist Episcopal Church, although a Rev.

Stevens preached at the school and in a small chapel prior to 1881.

After reminiscing about the past, Hoth looks toward the future and the church flourishing for many years to come.

"We see worshippers come and go right now, and we have a few youth in the congregation" said Hoth. "We anticipate moving forward and staying relevant to the community while looking for new ideas and more ways to reach out to Christman, Scotland and surrounding areas and ways to meet their needs."

"Our small congregation is doing what churches should do which is to minister to the community. This is an example of Christ. He reached out to any and all so we will continue to think of new ideas and see how we can fill that roll. We have some very caring people in the congregation and that shows."

## Manna Church serves the military

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — The Thursday evening service at Manna Church packs a punch that more than rivals large Sunday morning services elsewhere.

As people take their seats, the band's thundering bass bounces off the walls, a fog machine spews smokelike vapors and previews of coming youth events and special guest appearances flash on the auditorium's three screens.

As the nondenominational service concludes, hundreds of people stream outdoors. Kids twirl hula hoops and toddlers play a parachute game in the fading late-summer light. Adults line up at the edge of the parking lot for food trucks dishing out burgers, hot dogs and tacos.

This dynamic megachurch is similar to many others across the country, except for this: 70 percent of church members are military families based at Fort Bragg, the nation's largest military installation. And despite a rapid turnover of members, due to deployments, retirements and transfers to other bases, the nondenominational evangelical church has not only held steady, but grown.

There are 3.5 million military personnel in all branches of the armed forces. Of those about 1.2 million are active duty and about 40 percent of those identify as evangelical. At a time when many churches are struggling to hold on to members and millennials express a flagging faith, the founder of Manna Church, Senior Pastor Michael Fletcher, thinks he has found a way to keep many of those young military families by building a church home for them wherever they go.

Over the past three years the church has grown from its flagship Fayetteville location to eight churches serving mostly military families across the country. They include one in Colorado Springs, Colo. (near Fort Carson); another in Niceville, Fla. (near Egin Air Force Base); as well as outposts in Newport News, Va. (Langley Air Force Base, Fort Eustis and others); and Honolulu (multiple bases).

In each new location, it has relied, to a large extent, on a core group of soldiers who had attended

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(The Rev. Michael C. Dixon is pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Paris. Email him at firstchristian@nwcable.net. Pastor's Perspective is provided by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.)

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Special to The Prairie Press

The Rev. Jonathan Seitz is preaching 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 11, at the Paris Presbyterian Church and discussing his work as a missionary in Taiwan, where he lives with his wife, Emily, and children, left to right, Eva, Eli and Samuel.

## Missionary visits Paris Presbyterian Church

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

The Rev. Jonathan Seitz, a missionary serving in Taipei, Taiwan, is preaching at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 12, at the Presbyterian Church, Paris, 204 W. Court Street. He and his wife, Emily, have served as missionaries in Taiwan for nine years. All are welcome to attend the service and learn more about Seitz's missionary work.

A reception in the church's Koinonia Kafe follows after worship with snacks and punch and a short presentation by Seitz adding to his worship message. The reception is also open to all who care to attend and should start around 11:40 a.m.

## Presbyterians host social

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The Presbyterian Church is hosting an ice cream social 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19. A variety of homemade ice cream flavors will be available along with homemade cookies, cakes and pies to accompany the ice cream. Beverages are also available.

This is a free event for the public but donations are welcome to help the church with its community projects such as an October food drive for the Compassionate Food Pantry, creating Thanksgiving baskets for those in need at the holiday time, helping families in need at other times and providing financial support to ongoing programs in the community.

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Persons of all faith traditions are invited for the hour-long service including prayer, beautiful music and a time for silence, spoken and silent prayers. The prayer space is lit primarily by candlelight offering a quiet, reflective, peaceful and joyful experience. Remaining Taizé gatherings are Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13 and Dec. 11. More information is available by calling 812-535-2952 or log on to Taize.ProvCenter.org.

**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION LUNCHEON SET**  
TERRE HAUTE, Ind. – The next Christian Women's Connection of Terre Haute luncheon is 11 a.m. Aug. 21 in the MCL meeting room at Meadows Shopping Center. The speaker is Viki Scherer with the program "You Can Plan for the Future, But You Can't Predict It." Schere will also discuss a trip to Israel. Verna Davis is providing the music. Call Julie, 812-234-7388, or Sherri, 812-249-3084, to make a reservation.

**MANNA FROM PAGE 5B**

the flagship North Carolina church and are able to carry the congregation's culture to their new assignments on other bases.

Now Manna Church has set an ambitious goal: to open a campus in every city with a large military base.

"The neat thing about planting near an Army base is we already have a bunch of families out here that used to go to Manna Church in Fayetteville, N.C.," said Joe Adams, pastor of Manna Church in Colorado Springs. "So when they heard we were coming out to start Manna in Colorado Springs, they immediately said, 'We want to be a part of this. We want to help.'"

The Colorado Springs outpost has the same name, logo and vision statement as the mother church and it tries to develop the same culture.

After launching in a community college auditorium in January, Adams had 469 people attending Sunday services by the end of July — an impressive start in a town with no dearth of evangelical churches.

That goal of opening new churches along what Fletcher calls the military highway took shape three years ago when he reviewed a report showing the church had lost 1,143 people to transfers and retirements that summer.

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## Corn consumption is up

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

URBANA — While discussion of trade issues and the potential for new crop yield continues to dominate the market outlook for corn, low corn prices seen over the last couple of months spurred corn consumption in the latter part of the marketing year in export and ethanol markets, according to University of Illinois agricultural economist, Todd Hubbs.

“Weekly ethanol production exceeded a million barrels per day in all but two weeks thus far in 2018. Buoyed by positive ethanol profit margins, estimates of corn use for ethanol during

this marketing year continue to increase,” Hubbs says.

Current USDA estimates of corn use for ethanol sit at 5.6 billion bushels for the marketing year. Through three quarters of the marketing year, corn used in ethanol production totaled 4.18 billion bushels. Based on ethanol production since May and estimates of corn use in production, corn consumption for ethanol as of July 20 is approximately 4.98 billion bushels. Ethanol exports continue to support corn use with a total through May coming in at 1.24 billion gallons, up 17 percent over last year.

“To reach the USDA es-

timate, about 104 million bushels of corn use per week is necessary for the remainder of the marketing year,” Hubbs says. “The recent pace of ethanol production indicates the potential to reach and possibly exceed the current USDA estimate.”

USDA estimates corn exports at 2.4 billion bushels this marketing year. Exports through three quarters of the marketing year came in at 1.66 billion bushels, down 6.3 percent from last year over the same period. However, Hubbs says the weekly rate of export inspections during June and July point toward a substantial increase in corn exports during the

fourth quarter.

Accumulated exports through July 26 came in at 2.027 billion bushels. “By using the relationship between Census Bureau export estimates from September through May and cumulative export inspections, exports through July 26 totaled 2.125 billion bushels. With five weeks left in the marketing year, an additional 275 million bushels of exports is required to reach the current USDA estimate, an average of 55 million bushels per week,” he explains. “For the four weeks that ended July 26, weekly export inspections averaged 56 million bushels per week. At 391 million

bushels, outstanding sales as of July 19 point toward meeting the USDA estimate.

“While the export demand for U.S. corn for the remainder of the marketing year is uncertain, the recent pace of export inspections and new export sales are supportive of the current projection for the marketing year.”

The level of corn consumption in the feed and residual category likely fell from a year ago. The 50 million bushel reduction by the USDA in the July 12 WASDE reflected the larger-than-expected June 1 corn stocks. Livestock production levels supported the notion of increased corn

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## Dividing perennials

Dividing perennials has a couple of advantages. It gives you extra free plants to expand your garden, share or maybe trade with friends. At \$8 to \$10 for the most common perennials, enlarging your garden with free divisions is the smart, economical way to go.

Perhaps the best reason to divide a perennial is for its continued health and flower production. Over time, some plants start to decline and need a little encouragement to produce new roots, leading to better flower display. Dividing provides that stimulation.

Spring and fall are the two times root growth occurs so those are the times to divide. A majority of perennials have their greatest root growth in the spring, however peonies, daylilies and bearded iris prefer late summer and early fall.

Knowing what type of root/crown system the perennial has determines the best way to divide it. Clumpers are the easiest. Offsets grow from the base of the plant and can be easily removed. Hosta and daylily fall into this category.

Runners produce the most daughter plants. They spread by sending rhizomes, shallow horizontal stems, out in all directions. Roots grow from nodes on the rhizome with a new plant emerging above the soil at that spot. Bee balm, gooseneck lysimachia, and goldenrod spread this way.

Tubers or thick rhizomes grow along the surface or just beneath it. Their function is food storage. Bearded iris and canna fall into this category. They are easily divided using pruners to cut into sections.

Tight, woody crowns grow buds, a.k.a. eyes, on a tightly packed semi-hard crown. These are a little trickier to divide. First you need a section that includes several healthy buds with a mass of viable roots. According to horticulturist Paula Gross, wait until the plant is large enough to divide into three or four pieces. Baptisia and peony are two examples.

Single taproot, sub-shrubs, the final category, should be left alone. It is really hard to split a taproot and have either piece remain viable. These woody plants are better divided by layering or tissue culture, which are completely different processes.

The actual process of plant division is quite easy. Dig it up, divide into sections depending on which root/crown system it has, and replant the divisions. Water them and you are finished. For best results, give the roots plenty of room, spreading them out so they aren't crowded.

Do not fertilize at planting time. Let the roots get established before forcing new canopy growth. If dividing in the fall, skip the fertilizer completely, waiting until spring.

Call University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Clark, Crawford and Edgar Counties with questions about plant division or any other horticulture issues at 217-465-8585.

(Jan Phipps is a master gardener and a member of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Edgar County. Email her at jan-hipps@gmail.com.)



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## Did I just read that?

Sometimes it's even hard for me to believe what I read in the newspaper.



ALAN GUEBERT  
FARM & FOOD FILE

The latest, “some-one-really-said-that?” moment arrived courtesy of The Milkweed, the sharp-penned, monthly dairy newspaper owned

and edited by Peter Hardin in Brooklyn, Wis.

In its July 2018 edition, Milkweed writer Jan Shepel highlighted the controversy fueled by Marin Bozic, a dairy foods marketing economist from the University of Minnesota, in testimony before a joint legislative committee hosted by the Minnesota state senate last February.

Bozic, asked to describe the, “current situation in the [state’s] dairy sector,” told legislators that he had, “estimated... over 80 percent of the state’s remaining dairy farmers are ‘last generation dairies.’”

Interestingly, that walking-dead news wasn't what landed Bozic, who doubles as the associate director of the Midwest Dairy Foods Research Center, in hot milk. It's what he said next that did the trick:

“In this ‘sour’ milk’ economy,” wrote Shepel, Bozic “proposed a new kind of dairy business model to take the state forward...”

“He told lawmakers that the capital needed to build a new dairy that will achieve sufficient economies of scale is \$30 to \$50 million and that no single farmer can afford that.” As such, “We need to bring together 10-12-15 families that all bring their financial wherewithal.”

By itself, that idea was — is — radical even for Minnesota’s fiercely independent dairymen and historically progressive politicians. But before Bozic gave his audience time to absorb that body blow, he offered a powerhouse illustration, “River View LLC, a Morris, Minn., dairy with 350 partners who invested in the business.”

Reaction to Bozic’s powerhouse testimony was swift and angry. Since Minnesota has about 460,000 dairy cows, wrote Bill McMillin of Kellogg, Minn., in a letter

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## How a grain elevator works



Special to The Prairie Press

The Chrisman elevator, located at the south edge of the community, was located on a rail line for easy shipping of Edgar County grain.

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Even if you'd never lived on a farm or worked at an elevator, most of us haven't the faintest idea how a grain elevator works.

We all know farmers plant corn in their field in late April and May and in the fall corn is harvested by combine. Once the corn is harvested — usually in September, October, or November — it is dried and stored on a farm or in a grain elevator and from there is shipped to mills and refineries.

So, how does a grain elevator work?

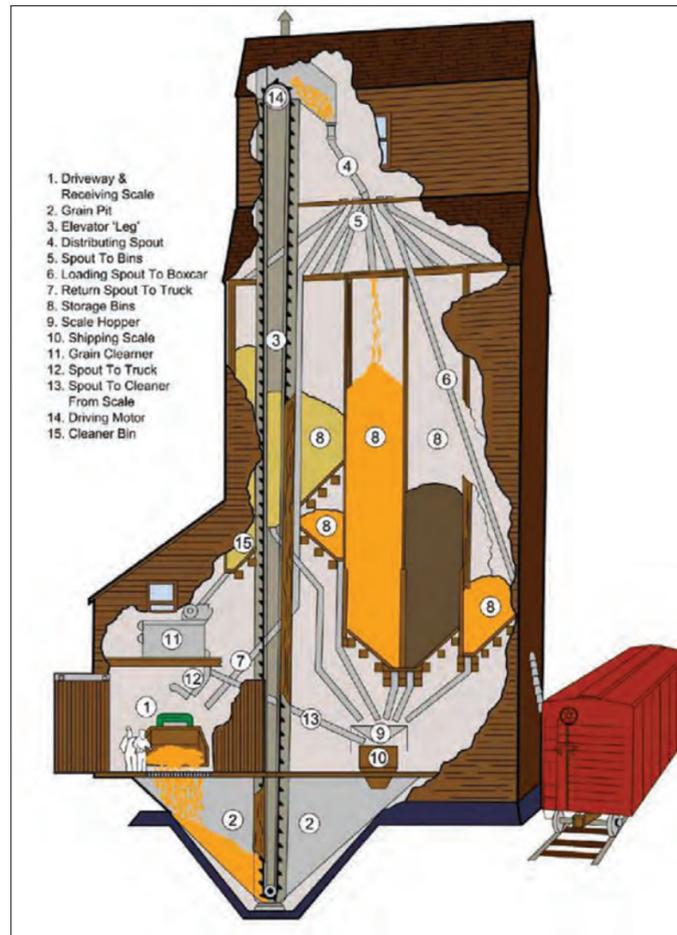
Combines harvest grain out of the field and transfer it to a grain cart or directly into a truck carrying the crop to the grain elevator. Edgar County grain elevators are located near railways to accommodate shipping the grain after being processed.

At one time, nearly every small community in the county had an elevator located there — the idea making it less distance for the farmer to haul the grain. Unfortunately, that is no longer the case and many farmers have been forced to invest in a semi to haul their grain.

The truck carrying the grain pulls into the local grain elevator and stops on the elevator scale to be weighed. The elevator operator takes a sample of the grain to test for the weight, moisture content and if any foreign material is present such as stalks, weeds or trash.

To store grain, the moisture content needs to be around 15 percent. Anything higher runs the risk the grain might mold. If the grain is too wet, farmers must pay for drying at the elevator. Either one of these scenarios will lower the cost per bushel.

The grain is then dumped from the truck to a work floor of the elevator. The work floor is an open, slatted floor where the grain dumps into a pit and travels on a continuous belt with



buckets attached to scoop up the grain. It is then deposited into silos. This bucket system elevates the grain taking it from the floor to the top of the silo — thus the name a grain elevator. The empty truck drives back to the scale to weigh again. This tells the elevator operator how much corn was unloaded.

The farmer/driver will receive a weight or scale ticket. This ticket tells the number of bushels calculated dumped at the elevator.

It is important for the farmer to know the weight of the grain that was dumped. Corn is sold by the bushel and the standard weight of a bushel is 56 pounds. It is the measurement for weight when

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## ELEVATOR

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buying or selling crops. The ticket will be a record of delivery for the farmer. The scale ticket will show the date, quantity, kind of grain and quality of the grain being delivered. It will also tell if the grain is to be sold or stored.

Grain elevators were created to hold crops being purchased or available for resale, as well as storage. The essential function of storage is to protect the grain from the elements and allow it to be stored and tracked for quality and temperature.

Grain storage allows flexibility to the farmer for marketing. There is a cost incurred for storing grains. If selling the crop later for a price that exceeds the current selling price is the better decision, the farmer will choose to store the grain.

Gravity is usually used to load grains from bins to the loading station. The empty truck pulls onto the scales and is weighed. The truck will pull under the spout and the grain will load back into the truck. Both the trucker and the elevator operator watch the gauges to know when to shut off the grain. The truck will pull back onto the scales to get an accurate weight and then will deliver the load to the destination.

Farmers have choices on how to sell their grain. They can choose to do a forward contract and sell to a grain dealer at any time.

If the farmer does choose to store the grain and sell later, he can sell to ethanol plants, bio-diesel plants or to livestock feed producers. The farmer negotiates prices to sell throughout the year.

## DAIRY

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printed in several local ag publications, Bozic's basic idea means, "it would take about 11," equally-sized, laterally-integrated dairies, "to produce the milk of the current 3,000 dairy farms in the state."

Then McMillin, as quoted by The Milkweed, asked the operative question at the heart of not just Minnesota dairy woe but all 21st century American ag policy: "Do we push for the model suggested by Bosisic (sic) or do we strive to find policy which works for the majority of dairy" — really all U.S. farm and ranch producers?

It's the critical question that's been in need of an answer for more than 20 years since, in 1996, Congress — led by then-House Ag Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kansas, now Senate Ag Chairman Pat Roberts — pushed Big Ag's most hands-off Farm Bill proposal through a GOP-dominated House and Senate.

## CORN

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in feed use during this marketing year.

Despite strong livestock production, the USDA projection for marketing year feed and residual use fell by 100 million bushels since January.

"The growth in ethanol production created an increase in distiller's grain production that contributed to lower feed use," Hubbs says. "When combined with a slight decline in distiller's grain exports during the marketing year, the availability of distiller's grains is apparent."

Feed and residual use of corn came in at 4.7 billion bushels through three quarters of this marketing year, down 88 million bushels from last year.

The essence of this anti-Washington approach was decidedly simple: here are seven years of fixed government payments, go forth and farm any way you want.

This uncoupling of government price support from production spawned the law's nickname, Freedom to Farm or F2F, because it removed virtually all links between farmers (and dairy farmers) and government income support programs.

At least that was the original design of the seven-year, \$42 billion program.

Untethered by government rules, however, farmers did what farmers are very good at, they produced. And produced and produced.

In response, commodity prices did what commodity prices do in periods of over-production: They fell. F2F's \$42 billion in government support disappeared and Congress allocated more money — eventually nearly \$100 billion — before F2F was reformed a year early, in 2002.

And again in 2008 and 2014 and, now, the still-not-done 2018 law.

All those reforms, however, did not alter the beating heart of this hands-off American farm policy, Freedom to Farm. The majority of farmers, ranchers, and Congress continue to promote and support the idea that government's role in farming and food is that of a benevolent backstop: If you need us, give us a call.

Only now, it appears, there will be a handful of laterally integrated producers — and how I hate that word because these are people with lives, not just producers with jobs — a generation from now to do the calling.

This can't be the sole American farm policy much longer if America hopes to retain its farming soul. (Alan Guebert is an award-winning agricultural journalist and expert who was raised on an 720-acre, 100-cow southern Illinois dairy farm. Email him at agcomm@farmandfoodfile.com.)

To reach the current USDA estimate of 5.45 billion bushels, fourth-quarter feed and residual use must equal 754 million bushels, 67 million bushels larger than the fourth quarter of the 2016-17 marketing year.

Over the last three marketing years, fourth-quarter feed and residual use constituted 11.2 percent of total use in the category.

"If the average occurred this year, 610 million bushels of feed and residual use would happen in the fourth quarter. Lower corn prices and strong livestock production levels may see the potential for corn feed use coming in at the current USDA estimates. Reaching the current USDA estimate appears unlikely at this point. An expectation of an additional 25 million bushel reduction in the feed and

residual use category is anticipated," Hubbs says.

Corn futures prices recently rose from 2018 lows seen in mid-July.

Hubbs adds the continued speculation on the size of the 2018 crop and trade issues dampened the impact of strong consumption growth seen over the last month.

"Despite lower-than-expected feed and residual use, strength in ethanol use for corn and export markets indicate the current ending-stocks estimate of 2.027 billion bushels by the USDA is attainable. The Aug. 10 crop production report provides some clarity on yield potential for corn this year, and with a lower-than-expected yield, may witness stronger prices under current consumption levels."

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## Local tractor cruise benefits cancer society

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KANSAS — Here's a unique way for old tractor aficionados to help with cancer research.

The 10th Annual Tractor Cruise for Life supporting the research efforts of the American Cancer Society is Aug. 25 from the city park in Kansas.

Signup starts at 8:30 a.m. with donuts and coffee available for purchase. The cruise begins at 9 a.m. and the picturesque course for the day's drive is between 50 and 60 miles long.

Lunch is available for purchase during the noon stop. The cruise ends back at the Kansas Park where an evening meal awaits the drivers.

The entry fee is \$25 and drivers must provide their own fuel. Each tractor in the cruise must be capable of maintaining a minimum 10 mph road speed.

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Questions may be directed to Phil and Nancy Bouslog, 217-269-2617, prior to Aug. 15.

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# SULLIVAN

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planet, stabilize temperatures and make it more habitable.

NASA published an analysis in July stating Musk's idea will not work. Mars has less than 1 percent of Earth's atmosphere and not enough to create the greenhouse effect needed.

Mars atmosphere is thin but there is enough it can cause strong winds.

In May, a hurricane-sized storm developed, which has expanded to engulf the entire planet. It shows no sign of subsiding anytime soon. The blowing dust is so thick that sunlight cannot reach the surface.

A NASA Mars rover has

been crawling the surface since 2004. It is now in sleep mode since the solar panels cannot recharge it. Scientists hope the batteries outlast the storm.

The great red dustbowl storm on Mars makes it especially beautiful in the night sky. It is impossible to see surface features but dust reflects light. If you look just south of east in the evening you will see a brilliant soft-red beacon beaming like a neon welcome sign in the sky.

*(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)*

# Brocton locking up for better security

BY GARY HENRY  
ghenry@prairiepress.net

BROCTON – A quick business session of the Wednesday, Aug. 8, Brocton Village Board meeting accomplished one thing.

Mayor Dennis Cary presented a plan to rekey locks on buildings belonging to the village.

"It's been several years since we changed locks and who knows how many keys are out there," said Cary. "We've got 18 different doors with 15 different keys."

Cary worked with village resident Tom Porter,

who is a locksmith, to devise a plan so that one master key can open all of the doors and access to that key will be limited. Other keys will only open certain doors depending on the key holder's need for access.

The plan also includes installing a digital lock for access to the water tower. Again the goal is to limit access to only essential people.

Porter estimated the cost at between \$475 and \$500. The trustees approved the idea.

A partial treasurer's report was on the table for the village board. Cary said the new treasurer does not yet have

authorization to access all accounts but that will change. Another issue is a change in the accounting system.

"The auditors have been

here and installed the new software for accounting," said Cary. "They are inputting figures. It's just going to take some time."

# Tractor show is scheduled at Martinsville Aug. 17-19

Clark Antique Power Club plans quilt show, activities

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

MARTINSVILLE – The Clark County Antique Power Club's annual tractor show is next weekend, Aug. 17, 18 and 19 on the Martinsville Fair Grounds.

The schedule of events is:  
Aug. 17 – 8 a.m. tractor registration and quilt show; 5-6:30 p.m., entertainment by John Crouch; 6 p.m., tractor games for Power Club members; 6:30-8 p.m., entertainment by Doug Haddix and Kurt Williamson.  
Aug. 18 – 8 a.m. tractor

registration; 8 a.m., all-day quilt show; 10 a.m., kiddie pedal pull, search in the straw, face painting; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., vendor fair and flea market; 1 p.m., threshing and baling demonstration; 5 p.m., open fire cooked ham and bean dinner by donation; 5-7 p.m., entertainment by Dicky James.

Aug. 19 – 8:30 a.m., church service led by Bob Gard; 1-3 p.m., Classic Car Cruise In and quilt show; 1-3 p.m., entertainment by DJ Mike Murphy; 2:45 p.m., raffles.

Throughout each day homemade ice cream, a wagon raffle, quilt raffle, barrel train, rides and food available on the grounds.

# Puzzles

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### Here's How It Works:

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

2	3	4	1	6	8	5	7	9
8	6	9	3	7	5	2	1	4
8	6	9	3	7	5	2	1	4
5	6	7	9	2	8	1	4	3
9	8	6	7	9	5	1	7	2
9	1	8	4	3	6	7	2	5
7	3	2	1	6	4	8	5	9
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8	9	6	3	7	5	2	1	4

ANSWER:

B	U	R	G	O	S	S	T	A	P	E	S		
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# CROSSWORD

- Across**  
1. Spanish city  
7. Middle ear bone  
13. Satisfy to the fullest  
14. Able to be consumed  
16. US island territory (abbr.)  
17. Predatory reptile  
19. Beachwear manufacturer  
20. European space program  
22. Alias  
23. Metrical feet  
25. Large integers  
26. Matrilineality  
28. Snouts  
29. Giants' signal caller Manning  
30. Pacific Time  
31. Electronic countermeasures  
33. "Anna Karenina" author  
34. Snare  
36. Sleeveless garment  
38. More arctic  
40. Clean off  
41. Signs  
43. Common Japanese surname  
44. Allow

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69. Confession (archaic)  
70. Witnessing  
**Clues Down**  
1. Whiskey receptacle  
2. Western State  
3. Cereal grasses  
4. Needlefishes  
5. Relating to the ears  
6. Mathematical ratio  
7. Dignified  
8. Pacific sea bream  
9. One of Thor's names  
10. Song of praise  
11. Equal to one quintillion (abbr.)  
12. Drools  
13. Cluster  
15. One in a series  
18. Egyptian unit of weight  
21. Broached  
24. Skin cancers  
26. Second sight  
27. Shock treatment  
30. Whittled  
32. Murdered in his bathtub  
35. A way to soak  
37. Small piece  
38. Relating to Islam  
39. Climbing plant  
42. Drunkard  
43. Test for high schoolers  
46. Least exciting  
47. Amanda and James are two  
49. Something comparable to another  
50. Soothes  
52. Month in the Islamic calendar  
54. White gull having a black back and wings  
55. Japanese seaport  
57. The south of France  
59. Batman villain  
62. British air aces  
63. Body part  
66. Clearinghouse  
68. Manganese

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**Garage Sale:**  
304 W Blackburn, Paris, IL  
August 10 8-2 & August 11 8 - ?  
clothes, grinder with stand, new shark mop, angle iron, lots of misc.

**Moving Sale**  
440 W Crawford Street  
Thurs., 8/16, 4-7:30 pm  
Fri., 8/17 7:30am-2 pm  
2 wheel utility trailer, file cabinets, area rug, alpaca wall hanging, kitchen chairs, refrigerator, stove, washer & dryer, freezer, small dresser, lamps, older bow flex, stuffed animals, 2 lazy boy chairs, desks, baby boy 18 mo. - 2T clothes, womens clothes S-L, lots of stuff, NRFA

**Basement Sale**  
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Sat 8/18, 9am-4pm  
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**Garage Sale:**  
Friday August 17 9-2  
Saturday August 18 9-1  
729 West End Ave.  
Lots of misc.

**Porch Sale**  
708 Clinton Rd  
Saturday August 11th  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Mens and womens leather coats - M, Light oak desk, shoes girls clothes - x sm, sm, med, lge, XL, size 2 up to size 12, crock pot blender, circular saw 50 ft. x 1/4" airless hose - NEW car seat, curtains 42W - 84L books, bicycle racks keyboard & mouse - New mens blue jeans - 34x30, finger nail polish, stuffed animals, hangers

**PORCH SALE**  
August 18 Saturday Only 8-3  
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**HELP WANTED**  
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The office of Marsha L. Combs-Skinner, Chapter 13 Trustee, Central District of Illinois, located in Newman, has an immediate opening for a Case Manager. Qualified person will be primarily responsible for handling phone calls, scanning documents, data entry, and assisting others with duties assigned. Candidate must possess strong communication and math skills, ability to prioritize/organize, follow instructions, adapt to change and meet high pressure deadlines. Ability to work with a team is required. Proficient in Microsoft Office. 5-7 years business/office experience preferred. Credit and Criminal background check required. F/T position with highly competitive salary and benefits.  
**Deadline for applicants will be 8/24/2018. Please send resume to: teri@ch13cdil.com. No phone calls or walk-ins will be accepted.**

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**Deadline for applicants will be 8/24/2018. Please send resume to: teri@ch13cdil.com. No phone calls or walk-ins will be accepted.**

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**LEGALS**

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

CITY OF PARIS, Plaintiff, Vs. RONALD A. McPHEARSON, GREGORY S McPHEARSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2018-MR-52

LIS PENDENS NOTICE AND NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given to RONALD A McPHEARSON, GREGORY McPHEARSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, that a Complaint has been filed in the above entitled cause on July 17, 2018 requesting abatement of nuisance, demolition of unsafe buildings, and other relief.

(i) The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is RONALD A. McPHEARSON, GREGORY S McPHEARSON.  
(iv) The legal description of the property is: Lot No. 2 of Rock Hill Subdivision No. w of a part of Outlet No. 160 to the City of Paris, Edgar County, IL, recorded in Book 4 of the Plats, Page 100 of Records of Edgar County, Illinois. PREIN: 09-18-01-434-008  
(v) Common address of subject real estate is: 103 N. High Street, Paris, Illinois

RONALD A. McPHEARSON, GREGORY S McPHEARSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS are served by publication of this Notice. Unless RONALD A. McPHEARSON, GREGORY S McPHEARSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS file an answer to the Complaint in this case or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before August 24, 2018, a default judgment may be entered against such RONALD A. McPHEARSON, GREGORY S McPHEARSON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Complaint.

Angela R. Barrett  
CIRCUIT CLERK

FRUIN & KASH  
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)  
129 North Central Avenue  
Paris, IL 61944-1704  
Telephone: 217-465-4196  
Fax: 217-466-1213  
Email: service@fgklaw.net

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, the 4th day of September, 2018 at the residence of Herbert Aden, 2330 E County Road 1350 N, Newman, IL 61942, Douglas County, Illinois, for the purpose of electing one Drainage Commissioner for the Drainage District No. 1 of Newman and Murdock, for a term of three years. The polls of said election will open at the hour of 2:00 p.m. and close at 4:00 p.m. of said day.

Dated this 17th day of July, 2018.

Julie Mills  
Circuit Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage District

**STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JENNINGS IN THE JENNINGS CIRCUIT COURT**

IN THE MATTER OF:

BB-DOB 10/15/2001  
A CHILD IN ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES

AND

JASON C. BUTLER  
(BIOLOGICAL FATHER)

CAUSE NUMBER:  
40C01-1711-JC-000116

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Jason C. Butler

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Jennings Circuit Court, 24 North Pike Street, Vernon, IN 47282 - 812-352-3082 for a(n) Initial hearing on 13th day of September 20, 2018 at 10:30 a.m. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is a child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.

YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you without further notice.

Date this 16th day of July, 2018.

Mary Dorsett Kilgore  
Clerk, Jennings Circuit & Superior Courts

Harriet Cable, 34530-03  
Attorney, Indiana  
Department of Child Services  
2017 Crestwood Drive  
North Vernon, IN 47265  
Office: 812.493.1424

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD H. LAND, Deceased.  
No. 2018-P-45

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of RICHARD H. LAND of Chrisman, Illinois. Letters of office were issued to Amy Land of 717 South State St., Westville IL 61883 and Robert Land of 16545 E. 260 N. Rd., Ridge Farm, IL 61870 as Independent Co-Executors. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office at the Edgar County Courthouse; 115 W Court St, Paris, IL 61944, or with the representative, or both, on, or before February 4, 2019 (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice). 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 is filed. AMY LAND & ROBERT LAND, Independent Co-Executors of the Estate of RICHARD H. LAND, Deceased  
BY: RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C., their attorneys  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
Attorneys for Independent Co-Executors:  
Rammelkamp Bradney, P.C.  
Anthony J. DelGiorno  
741 South Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62704  
Tel. 217/522-6000  
Fax. 217/522-6018  
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**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 31, 2018 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Edgar County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as: BEE SWEET BOUTIQUE Located at: 115 N. Central, Paris, IL Owner(s): Stephanie McKenna Dated: July 31, 2018  
August H. Griffin  
Edgar County Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ROSE ANN HANCOCK, Deceased  
No. 2018-P-46  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ROSE ANN HANCOCK. Letters of Office were issued on 30th day of July, 2018 to GARY G. HANCOCK, 9794 800th Street, Paris, IL 61944 and PAMA LEE BROWN, 9974 E. 900th Road, Paris, IL, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 5th, 2019, (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.  
GARY G. HANCOCK  
Independent Co-Executor  
PAMA LEE BROWN  
Independent Co-Execitpr  
FRUIN & KASH  
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129 N. Central Ave.  
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**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  
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No. 2018CH5

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COUNTY, IL

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**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWN  
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COUNTY OF EDGAR AND STATE  
OF ILLINOIS on the 4th day of  
September, 2018 from the hour of  
2 o'clock to the hour of 4 o'clock  
in the afternoon thereof for the  
purpose of electing a Drainage  
Commissioner of said drainage  
district for a term of 3 years.  
Every adult owner of land in the  
district, whether residing within or  
without the district, is entitled to  
vote and if a resident of the State  
of Illinois is eligible to the office of  
Drainage Commissioner.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2018.

ANGELA R. BARRETT  
Circuit Clerk, Edgar County, Illinois  
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District  
16-MC-18

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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OF KANSAS (ON ROUTE 49),  
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OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF EDGAR,  
STATE OF ILLINOIS on the 4th day  
of September, 2018 from the hour  
of 2 o'clock to the hour of 4 o'clock  
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purpose of electing a Drainage  
Commissioner of said drainage

district.  
Every adult owner of land in the  
district, whether residing within  
or without the district, is entitled  
to vote.

DATED this 6th day of August,  
2018.

ANGELA R. BARRETT  
Circuit Clerk of Edgar County,  
Illinois  
Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage  
District

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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COOLEY'S GARAGE LOCATED  
AT 4220 E 1700TH Rd, Brocton  
IL, within the boundaries of  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 7 OF THE  
TOWN OF EMBARRASS, COUNTY  
OF EDGAR, STATE OF ILLINOIS on  
the 4th day of September, 2018  
from the hour of 2 o'clock to the  
hour of 4 o'clock in the afternoon  
thereof for the purpose of electing  
a Drainage Commissioner of said  
drainage district.

Every adult owner of land in the  
district, whether residing within  
or without the district, is entitled  
to vote.

DATED this 25th day of July, 2018.

ANGELA R. BARRETT  
Circuit Clerk, Edgar County, Illinois  
Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage  
District

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
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ILLINOIS within the boundaries of  
UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO.  
8 OF BUCK AND EMBARRASS,  
COUNTY OF EDGAR AND STATE  
OF ILLINOIS on the 4th day of  
September, 2018 from the hour of  
2 o'clock to the hour of 4 o'clock  
in the afternoon thereof for the  
purpose of electing a Drainage  
Commissioner of said drainage  
district for a term of 3 years.  
Every adult owner of land in the  
district, whether residing within or  
without the district, is entitled to  
vote and if a resident of the State  
of Illinois is eligible to the office of  
Drainage Commissioner.

DATED this 6th day of July, 2018.

ANGELA R. BARRETT  
Circuit Clerk, Edgar County, Illinois  
Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage  
District  
16-MC-48

**DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
that an election will be held at WILL  
COOLEY'S GARAGE LOCATED  
AT 4220 E 1700TH Rd, Brocton  
IL within the boundaries of  
DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 11 OF  
THE TOWN OF EMBARRASS,  
COUNTY OF EDGAR AND STATE  
OF ILLINOIS on the 4th day of  
September, 2018 from the hour of  
2 o'clock to the hour of 4 o'clock  
in the afternoon thereof for the  
purpose of electing a Drainage  
Commissioner of said drainage  
district.

Every adult owner of land in the  
district, whether residing within  
or without the district, is entitled  
to vote.

DATED this 24th day of July, 2018.

ANGELA R. BARRETT  
Circuit Clerk, Edgar County, Illinois  
Ex-Officio Clerk of said Drainage  
District

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN  
BY THE Board of Education of Paris  
Union School District No. 95 in  
the County of Edgar, State of  
Illinois, that a budget for said  
School District for the fiscal year  
beginning July 1, 2018, will be on  
file and conveniently available to  
public inspection at the Office of  
the Superintendent, 300 E. Wood  
Street, City of Paris, Illinois, from  
and after 12:00 noon on the 14th  
day of August, 2017.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY  
GIVEN that a public hearing on  
said budget will be held at 4:45

PM on the 10th day of September  
2018, at the Office of the  
Superintendent.

Dated this 14th day of August,  
2018.

Cindy Mathis  
Secretary, Board of Education  
Paris Union School Dist. 95  
County of Edgar,  
State of Illinois

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

All personal property currently  
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ted to Bruce Savard shall be sold  
or otherwise disposed of pursuant  
to the Self Storage Facility Act on

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time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc.  
By: Debbie Lowe

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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Warehouse Inc. located at 1103  
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ted to Michael Lenhart shall be sold  
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Craig's Warehouse Inc.  
By: Debbie Lowe

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## BRIEFLY

### Warren Buffett's son announces \$30M investment

DECATUR, Ill. (AP) — The foundation of billionaire investor Warren Buffett's son plans to invest \$30 million in a central Illinois campus of facilities to help people with drug addiction and bring together social services.

The (Decatur) Herald and Review reports Macon County Sheriff Howard Buffett announced plans Wednesday in Decatur. Crossing Healthcare, which serves primarily low- and moderate-income residents, will own four new facilities including a residential rehabilitation building and outpatient treatment center.

Howard Buffett says the investment, "will address the health of our community at multiple levels."

Howard Buffett was appointed sheriff in September and was an executive at Archer Daniels Midland. Warren Buffett has helped the Howard G. Buffett Foundation by giving his Berkshire Hathaway stock. The foundation has donated millions of dollars to projects in central Illinois.

### Rauner signs law requiring state jobs in Springfield

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner has signed a law requiring state jobs to be located in the capital city unless there's good reason to put them elsewhere.

The Republican's action Thursday is designed to save state money — and Springfield's pride. It makes Sangamon County what Rep. Sara Wojcicki Jimenez called the default location for government employees.

The Leland Grove Republican sponsored the measure. A study has identified 400 jobs that could potentially move to Springfield. A job won't move until it becomes vacant. Newly created jobs based outside of Sangamon County must be justified.

Jimenez says it, "promotes Lincoln's hometown and his vision," for the capital.

Lincoln was among lawmakers called the Long Nine who succeeded in moving the state capital to Springfield from Vandalia in 1837.

### Rauner says he will not send Illinois Guard to Chicago

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Bruce Rauner says he will not dispatch the Illinois National Guard to Chicago to stem gun violence.

The Republican said Wednesday, "the National Guard is not for neighborhood policing."

He dismissed suggestions that he call up the Guard after more than 70 people were shot in the city last weekend. At least 11 were killed.

Chicago police have said 600 additional officers will be patrolling the affected neighborhoods.

Rauner told reporters in Peoria, "the violence in Chicago is heartbreaking, it's got to end."

But he says state troops would only be appropriate for, "a riot or some issue like that."

Rauner says improving economic opportunities will help end the violence.

### Intiative will return lost animals sooner

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago has a new strategy to return lost animals to their owners more quickly and keep them out of the city's animal shelter.

Mayor Rahm Emanuel said Thursday the city's animal control officers will now carry mobile microchip scanners. They'll be able to scan lost pets that have been implanted with microchips to determine the owner's address.

The animals will be returned to their owners without having to be processed through Chicago Animal Care and Control.

Best Friends Animal Society and Animal Farm Foundation donated the 60 scanners.

# 160th state fair underway

With Bicentennial as the backdrop, Illinois fair offers prices 'not to break the bank'

BY JOHN O'CONNOR  
AP Political Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The 2018 Illinois State Fair by the numbers: 160. 200. 30 million. 4. And 1 Crazy Mouse.

The state fair kicked off Thursday, the 160th edition, amid the backdrop of the Prairie State's 200th birthday.

After years of fairgrounds deterioration exacerbated by a political deadlock that left the state without a budget for two straight years, there's \$30 million available this year for improvements — the roads have already been repaved.

And to celebrate, the fair is offering a 20 percent drop in the price of a beer, to \$4. The fair runs through Aug. 19 and admission is unchanged at \$10 except for Thursday's Preview Day, Agriculture Day on Aug. 14 and Family Day on Aug. 19, when \$5 gets you in the gate.

"We want people to come out and enjoy a nice, cold beverage after work, invite their family and friends

and co-workers," state fair manager Luke Sailer said. "We don't want people to break the bank in coming out here to enjoy the Illinois State Fair."

The Crazy Mouse is the state fair midway's first-ever roller coaster.

First presented in 1853, the fair has endured as an annual festival except when it was canceled by war in 1862 and from 1942-45, and by competition from Chicago's Columbian Exposition in 1893. This year, it provides a grand stage for the state's birthday, whose theme is "Born, Built and Grown in Illinois."

"The state fair has its roots in agriculture, and that's what's 'Born, Built and Grown in Illinois,'" said state Rep. Tim Butler, a Springfield Republican and member of the Bicentennial Commission. "This really underscores what it is to be Illinois and the importance of agriculture."

But financial problems, even before the record state budget impasse of 2015-17, have wreaked substantial wear on the fairgrounds in

Springfield and in DuQuoin, where the state operates a smaller fair at month's end. Deferred maintenance at the two sites runs to \$185 million. The most glaring example of decline is the fairgrounds' historic Coliseum, closed for two years because of unsafe conditions.

What's worse, the (Springfield) State Journal-Register reported last week on the weak performance thus far of a fundraising foundation Gov. Bruce Rauner formed two years ago.

Instead of boasting a hoped-for \$2 million to \$3 million a year, its 2017 income was \$32,000. Raymond Poe, director of the Department of Agriculture, which has no connection to the private foundation, noted that Rauner and his wife, Diana, just last month re-opened a renovated Governor's Mansion for which Diana Rauner raised \$15 million in private contributions.

"I'm hoping the emphasis will shift now to the Illinois State Fair," Poe said.

Poe said most fairgrounds roofs will be replaced and a \$7.5 million infusion into the Coliseum, built in 1901, will have it ready for the 2019 fair.

Although that is only a fraction of the money needed for exhaustive updates, Sailer called the initial investment a total game-changer.

"What we plan on doing with that \$30 million is going to change the landscaping and the beautification of the Illinois State Fairgrounds drastically," Sailer said.

The Grandstand again will be the center of live entertainment. Illinois-born country singer Brett Eldredge leads a lineup that also features Boy George and Culture Club, Halestorm, Luke Combs, Ludacris, Foreigner and more. The fairgrounds are dotted with free live-music stages as well.

The midway's carnival rides will include the state fair's first-ever roller coaster. Sailer promises to give it a whirl.

## SPREADING LOVE ON FOUR PAWS



Rick West/Daily Herald

In this July 3, 2018, photo King of Glory Lutheran congregation's new comfort dog named Julia wears an 'In Training' vest in South Elgin. These dogs are from the same ministry run by Lutheran Church Charities that brings the dogs to disaster sites, such as school shootings or tornadoes.

# Church dogs bring comfort

BY ELENA FERRARIN  
Daily Herald

ELGIN, Ill. (AP) — The job of the newest staff member of King of Glory Lutheran Church in Elgin is to spread love ... on four paws.

Julia, a 1½-year-old golden retriever, is a trained comfort dog who joined the church in June. Her work is all about connecting with people, Pastor Doug Swanson said. "We were looking for ways we could bring love into the community," he said.

"She is a working animal. She's not a pet," he said. "She gets up and goes to work. ... The idea is to be able to interact with our community, visit nursing homes, school facilities, anywhere we can think of, where we can take her and use her as a way of loving on people around us."

Julia was trained by Lutheran Church Charities, which has had a police dog comfort dog ministry program since 2008.

The church raised \$15,000 for training expenses and waited nearly two years on a waiting list, Swanson said. The church owns the dog while Lutheran Church Charities owns her comfort dog vest, which means that if Julia were to fail in her duties, her status as comfort dog could be revoked, he explained.

Julia lives with her caregiver, church member Matt Ponsolle, and his family in South Elgin. Ponsolle and Swanson are among 11 Elgin church members who were trained as comfort dog handlers as part of the program.

Handlers train three days to get to know the dogs and the commands they follow, as well as how they connect with people, Ponsolle said.

Julia has adapted well to her new home and promptly responds to commands such as stand, stay, walk backward, go on lap and more, Ponsolle said, she occasionally strays in her behavior, such as by enthusiastically trying to lick a reporter's face on a recent morning.

When she's out and about, people truly gravitate toward Julia, whose vest



Rick West/Daily Herald

In this July 3, 2018, photo King of Glory Lutheran Pastor Doug Swanson poses with the congregation's new comfort dog named Julia in South Elgin. These dogs are from the same ministry run by Lutheran Church Charities that brings the dogs to disaster sites, such as school shootings or tornadoes. Julia lives with church member Matthew Ponsolle and his family in South Elgin.

says "Please pet me," Ponsolle said.

"It's about building a relationship, finding out if (people) have needs and praying for them," he said. "Sometimes you only have 15 seconds you might try to talk to people, sometimes it might last an hour."

Lutheran Church Charities' program started 10 years ago with four dogs and has grown to about 130, said Tim Hetzner, the organization's president and CEO. Dogs get 2,000 hours of training at the Northbrook headquarters or in Nebraska, and are placed with churches, schools and universities, he said.

"This is the unique thing about our ministry ... for most groups dogs are handled by a person, and that person owns the dog. In our case, no one person owns the dog," he said.

The program has a component for

military veterans and their families, and active and retired police officers, he said.

Lutheran comfort dogs have responded to several national tragedies, said Swanson, who has experience with a comfort dog at a Darien church. That includes shootings at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut, and Pulse nightclub and Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Florida.

"When I got called here, I always wanted to get involved with another comfort dog," he said. "It's really about loving the people in our community, finding ways to make connections. We're not particularly concerned with whether they come to King of Glory. We recognize life is hard and if we can do something to put a smile on people's faces, that's what we want to do."

## Rauner blames mayor for violence

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner blamed Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel on Thursday for the city's gun violence, saying the mayor has, "failed horribly," on public safety after gunfire last weekend injured more than 70 people and killed at least 11.

The Republican governor said Chicago police lack sufficient officers and cutting-edge equipment. A spokesman for Emanuel, a Democrat, dismissed the claims and pointed at Rauner's rejection of legislation to license firearms dealers.

Speaking at a state Capitol news conference, Rauner for the second straight day said he had no plans to send the National Guard to patrol Chicago's South and West Sides, where many of last weekend's shootings occurred. Chicago police have added 400 officers to those areas, with plans to dispatch 200 more by this weekend.

"The leaders of Chicago have fundamentally failed, failed horribly. Our first duty in public service is to keep people safe," Rauner said, adding that he's, "very disappointed in the mayor and his handling of this whole dynamic. I do not believe the Chicago police have received the proper support that they need to do their jobs effectively."

Rauner also said of police, "they need to be more assisted in their staffing." He did not elaborate.

Police officials have been vocal about expanding their force by more than 1,000 in the past 18 months and they've publicized major investments in computer- and camera-driven predictive technology they say has reduced the number of shootings.

Emanuel spokesman Adam Collins said it is Rauner who stood in the way of the, "policing tool that would make a huge difference," — the state licensing of firearms dealers to better spot and monitor sales of guns to authorized buyers who transfer them to criminals.

Collins said Police Superintendent Eddie Johnson, "made numerous personal pleas to the governor," to approve the plan, "to keep illegal guns out of the wrong hands."

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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