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## Sunday liquor sales open

City Council ruled in favor of expanded liquor sales, new ordinance now takes effect

BY NED JENISON  
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Beginning Sunday, July 1, those wishing to purchase alcoholic beverages will have more opportunity in Paris.

The Paris City Council at its Monday, June 25, meeting expanded the hours for sale of alcohol to include a half-day on Sundays. The amended Alcoholic Beverages ordinance now allows retail sales on Sundays between 12 noon and midnight.

Previously only restaurants were permitted the sale of alcohol — with food orders — on Sundays between 11 a.m. and 9 p.m. The new brewery license issued to the Lot 50 microbrewery on East Court Street also allowed Sunday afternoon sales.

Broadening the hours of sales in Paris allows local merchants to remain competitive with neighboring Indiana, which recently approved Sunday sales, and other nearby communities, Mayor Craig Smith pointed out. Sunday sales remain optional at the decision of each



SMITH

The newly organized Paris Community Theatre was granted \$2,000 to help promote its first production, "Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," on the stage of the Paris Center Of Fine Arts in mid July. Nancy Zeman spoke to the council on behalf of the production and the ongoing plans for the theatre group.

Also approved was a \$750 grant to promote the Little Illini Classic sports event later this year.

The Paris Police Department is losing a veteran officer. Police Sgt. Ray Sollars submitted his letter of resignation to the council to conclude a 38-year career with the local law enforcement agency. The council authorized the Board of Fire and Police Com-

missioners to appoint a replacement officer.

The Paris Park Board also gained a new member with the appointment of Casey Redman for a term ending in 2020.

In general civic housekeeping actions, the council:

■ Adopted the annual state prevailing wage ordinance covering any contract work for the city.

■ Renewed the cable service franchise agreement. Mayor Smith pointed out the city removed a \$1 support fee per subscriber for the city, which would have been added to the monthly cable charge.

■ Joined with other emergency agencies in Paris and Edgar County for a Leads online subscription at a cost of \$2,128 to the city. This is a nationwide database used by all law enforcement and emergency responders.

■ Purchased replacement parts for the city's street sweeper for \$1,965 from Key Equipment.

■ Purchased a fluoride pump for the water plant from Brooks & Associates for \$1,855.

■ Purchased replacement parts for the sewage plant's primary clarifier from Evoqua for \$46,233. Commissioner Steve Kemper noted the purchase was planned in this year's budget.

At the opening of the meeting, Paris District 95 Superintendent Jeremy Larson expressed the thanks of the school district for the ongoing support to city schools by the city administration. He introduced the three District 95 building principals. New this year are Kyle Shay at Mayo Middle School and Megan Carroll at Carolyn Wenz. Returning to Memorial School is Gary Doughan.

Smith announced the next agenda meeting for the council is 4 p.m. Tuesday, July 3, a day earlier than normal due to the Fourth of July holiday.

The next council meeting is the following Monday, July 9, at 5:30 p.m.

## UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT VISITS PARIS



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis, at left, speaks at a reception in her honor Sunday, June 24, at EVELAND GYM, organized by the Edgar County ISU Alumni Club. Curtis and her husband, Lynn Curtis, toured the new high school and visited with longtime friends and colleagues during the open house. Seated at the score table is former ISU national alumni board president Cindy Belt of Paris, who organized the open house.

## ISU alumni honor Curtis

BY NANCY ZEMAN  
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For Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis and her husband, Lynn, the Sunday, June 24, reception was a homecoming to the friendly confines of Ernie Eveland Gym.

ISU's 12th president and her husband — who was head basketball coach at Paris High School for seven years — spent their first years as a married couple in the community. Two of their children were born here. "Right up there is where the coaches wives sat," Curtis said, pointing to the area behind the Tiger home bench. There, she recalled, is where she brought her six-week-old daughter, Lauren (now 37 and a mother of two) to her first Paris basketball game.

But Sunday's reception, planned by the Edgar County ISU Alumni Club, was much more than a trip down memory lane. Curtis spent a great deal of the time during the reception — and afterward — assuring com-

munity leaders and alumni that ISU is making a renewed commitment to Paris and Edgar County.

"I am standing here today, making a commitment to you," Curtis said, adding the Terre Haute university is a wonderful value for Illinois students. "Our state appropriations are strong," she said.

Curtis said many have called ISU the best kept secret in higher education — but those days are over.

"I'm going to be a megaphone for our university," she pledged. "Here comes Blue again."

Paris and Edgar County has a strong connection to ISU, Curtis reminded those attending the reception. She mentioned Cindy Belt, who previously served as chairman of the ISU Alumni Association board as well as former national alumni board members Pete Templeton and Nancy Zeman. Patrick Bell of Paris is a member of the ISU Foundation Board of directors, she noted. Bill Minnis of Paris is the chair-elect of the ISU

Alumni Association board.

"We want to do more, and we will do more for this community," Curtis said.

The commitment to Paris and all of Edgar County is an integral part of the ISU mission and part of the, "clear message we are sharing everywhere," she explained.

ISU serves a specific type of student, Curtis said, noting 50 percent are first generation college students and 55 percent are Pell Grant eligible. A Pell Grant is money the government provides for students who need it to pay for college. Grants, unlike loans, do not have to be repaid. Eligible students receive a specified amount each year under this program.

"ISU graduates stay, work and become important parts of their community," she said. "We are educating the citizens of this region."

Curtis said ISU is not in competition with Indiana University or

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## Spending to save

Adopting energy efficiency can help county

BY GARY HENRY  
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Edgar County is poised to leap forward rather than struggle with the status quo.

Orry Cummings and Ray Lesnick of SmartWatt presented an initial study at the Monday, June 25, county board study session identifying ways county facilities can adopt energy efficiency and reduce expenses.

Typical recommendations like weather stripping, caulking, replacing single-pane windows and converting light fixtures to use LED bulbs are part of the study, but so is the more unusual idea of the county building a solar array at the Edgar County Airport. The array is sized to produce approximately 60 percent of the electricity used by the county's various buildings.

"The big driver is to make Illinois more energy efficient with energy credits," said Cummings. "That's where you are getting the big bang for your buck. Solar makes it possible for you to get savings for the project."

Electricity created at the airport will not flow directly to each of the county's buildings. The power goes onto the grid and the utilities are obligated to buy it through a net metering process. Each unit of power generated is credited against the county's overall power usage.

Cummings calculates the payback for installing solar panels at 11 years. He assured the board there is no financial risk to the county. State law holds SmartWatt responsible for its work.

If any recommendations acted

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## Twin Lake Park improvements are almost done

BY GARY HENRY  
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Some needed big maintenance projects at Twin Lakes Park are nearly complete.

Chris Redman, superintendent of streets, alleys and parks, briefed the Paris Park Board about progress during the Tuesday, June 26, meeting.

He said Wilson Construction finished putting new roofs on the campground shower house, two small pavilions and the round office building.

"It looks a lot better," said Redman, adding the roof decking was good on all the buildings so there was no extra expense beyond the \$9,050 bid on the project.

At the May meeting, the park board authorized the expenditure of up to \$300 for the purchase of new trees. Redman acquired seven trees for \$207 and most of the new trees are planted

along the drive near the main entrance to the park on state Route 1.

Redman expressed satisfaction with a project to power wash, prime and paint Spicer Pavilion. He said the power washing alone did much to improve the facility's appearance.

"They have started priming, and they tell me they will be done by July 4," said Redman.

The Paris Independence Day celebration is July 7, not July 4, and features performances by the Paris City Band, The 71 Band and a fireworks display. Other attractions in the park include refreshment vendors and a bounce house and slide for the children.

Board member Cliff Macke asked to discuss a Facebook post claiming older youths using the splash park and All-Abilities Playground are dominating those spaces and their larger size and exuberance poses a danger to

smaller children also trying to occupy the same spaces. The implication of the posting was some authority needs to intercede and make the larger youths leave.

"It's a public space," said board member Jodi Theirl. "Parents need to take responsibility to ask the older kids to modify their behavior. You have to watch your child and let everyone play."

Fellow board member Melinda Young agreed. She said if high school age youths are deliberately damaging equipment that is one issue but if all they are doing is playing, they have as much right to use park equipment as anyone else.

"Sometimes the older kids get a bad rap when all they are doing is playing," said Young.

Board member Brenda Martin questioned if the situation is as dire as the Facebook discussion implied,

because she has not observed such a problem when she has visited the park. She noted the All-Abilities playground equipment is designed to hold adults to accommodate both grown people with physical or mental limitations as well as parents playing with their special needs child.

Martin stated a willingness to consider setting age and size limits for the splash park but not the All-Abilities Playground.

Redman suggested waiting for now. "I'm out there a lot, and I've never seen this problem," said Redman. "When I've seen older kids in the splash park or the All-Abilities, they have little kids with them. I'm not convinced there is a problem."

No members of the public attended the meeting to voice concern about older children using the play areas. Apparently, it was a Facebook issue.

## HOMERS POWER CUBS TO WIN 10-6

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Drawing by Justice, Memorial Elementary School

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The Relay for Life of Edgar County invites you to join the American Cancer Society's "Fight like a Jedi" event to find a Cure.

**Date:** August 4, 2018 from 12 o'clock noon to 10:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Twin Lakes Park in Paris, Illinois.

**Event Announcements**  
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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
94 73 Prec: 0%	91 72 Prec: 30%	88 71 Prec: 50%	89 72 Prec: 30%	90 71 Prec: 0%	90 73 Prec: 30%	87 70 Prec: 0%

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

### ALMANAC

Paris through noon Tuesday.

**Temperature**  
High/Low: .85°/66°  
Record High: 103° in 1913  
Record Low: .44° in 1943

**Precipitation**  
Month to date: 4.90"  
Normal month to date: 4.35"  
Year to date: 25.56"  
Normal year to date: 20.64"

### SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	5:27 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	7:34 a.m.
SUNDAY	5:27 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	10:47 p.m.	8:30 a.m.
MONDAY	5:27 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	11:20 p.m.	9:26 a.m.
TUESDAY	5:28 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	11:50 p.m.	10:24 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:29 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	12:19 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
THURSDAY	5:29 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	12:48 a.m.	12:22 p.m.
FRIDAY	5:30 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	--	1:23 p.m.



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## PLAN YOUR WEEK

### TODAY

#### CHRISMAN GARDEN WALK

The Chrisman Nite HCE is sponsoring a garden walk 1-4 p.m. June 30 featuring 10 homes in the Chrisman area. The \$10 ticket price helps the HCE provide scholarships to Chrisman students. Tickets and maps may be obtained the day of the walk at the Chrisman Christian Church.

## DON'T MISS

### DINE WITH A DOC®

Senior Education Ministries, Inc. in partnership with Chester P. Sutton Community Center for Seniors of Edgar County has scheduled: Dine with a Doc® on the second Wednesday of every month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chester P. Sutton Community Center for Seniors of Edgar County, 256 W. Court St. Paris. Dine with a Doc® is a free program that welcomes the local senior public to hear an educational topic while enjoying a complimentary lunch. Each speaker — including doctors — donate their time in an effort to listen, hear and answer medical questions while sharing a meal. The Dine with a Doc® program was designed to allow the seniors to get out of their homes, fellowship with their peers, extend their available financial resources, promote enhanced living and educate them with the goal of improving their quality of life and providing them with the resources and information to make an informed choice about their healthcare. This month's speaker is Dr. Spencer Deig D.O. Deig is a second year resident at Union Hospital Family Medicine Residency. He is a graduate of Marian University School of Osteopathic Medicine in Indianapolis. His medical interests include community medicine and working with underserved populations. Deig plans to practice full spectrum family medicine upon completion of his residency. A complimentary Lunch is provided courtesy of Twin Lakes Rehab and Health Care. Reservations for Dine with A Doc® are required and can be made at (217) 465-8143 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests who would like transportation to attend Dine With A Doc® may call the Chester P. Sutton Community Center for Seniors of Edgar County at least two days in advance.

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.

### WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING

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

### THURSDAY

#### MORNING TOPS MEETINGS

TOPS #IL1563 meets every Thursday morning at the Highland Manor Community Room with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m. More information is available by attending a meeting or calling Jo Ellen Edmonds at 251-4722.

### MUSIC IN PARK

The Buzz Factory Relics play a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. July 5 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park as part of the 2018 Music in the Park concert series. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

### QUILT SHOW

The 36th Annual Midwest Heritage Quilt Show, featuring 62 entries, is July 5-July 31 at the Vermilion County Museum, 116 N. Gilbert Street, Danville. More information is available by calling 217-442-2922.

### HORIZON HEALTH CLOSED

Horizon Health clinics in Paris, Chrisman and Oakland are closed Wednesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. All locations resume normal business hours on Thursday, July 5. The EZ Care walk-in clinic, located at 1 Phipps Lane (along Route 1 South), will have regular hours on Wednesday, July 4, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. EZ Care is open 362 days a year, closing only on Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. For more information about Horizon Health's services, visit [MyHorizonHealth.org](http://MyHorizonHealth.org).

### JUNE 30 TRIVIA NIGHT

The Knights of Columbus are hosting a Trivia Night 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 30, at the KC hall. The cost is \$10 per person with a maximum of 10 people per team. Participants may register at the door prior to the 6:30 p.m. start time.

### MONDAY

#### COMMUNITY KITCHEN

The community kitchen serves

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

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# Tragedy narrowly averted



**Captain Chad Crampton of the Paris Fire Department makes his way to shore after helping Veronica Hornbrook and her six-year-old son escape their Jeep in the rain-swollen Sugar Creek. He went back to the vehicle to retrieve Hornbrook's personal belongings. The Jeep was swept into the fast moving water Tuesday, June 26, when Hornbrook attempted to drive on the flooded Staley Road slab crossing.**

BY GARY HENRY  
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The rushing water of Sugar Creek almost claimed two more victims Tuesday, June 26.

Edgar County resident Veronica Hornbrook attempted to cross the rain-swollen creek by driving onto the Staley Road concrete slab. Such slabs are intended for use only during low water conditions when the water is below the slab and none is flowing over the concrete.

Conditions Tuesday were such the slab was not only under water, it was not even visible. The deep and fast flowing water pushed Hornbrook's Jeep off the slab and carried it several feet away until the vehicle sank onto its wheels in the creek. She and her six-year-old son were trapped in the roiling water with no way out.

"This is why you don't cross this," said Paris Fire Chief Brian Gates after firefighters safely rescued Hornbrook and the child. "People underestimate the force of the water."

It isn't just the water's power that creates a problem. The muddy water hid the slab so a concealed danger may be in place if part of the slab washes away and no solid surface

exists to support a vehicle. Gates said it was fortunate the Jeep landed on its wheels. "If it rolled onto its side or flipped, this wouldn't have been a rescue. It would have been body recovery," said Gates.

A member of the Vermilion Station of the Paris Community Fire Protection District was the first person on scene in his private vehicle. Gates said the Vermilion firefighter threw a rope, which Hornbrook successfully tied to the Jeep, and the firefighter secured the other end to a large tree to help anchor the vehicle in the water.

One concern was the current might cause the Jeep to start moving downstream again and pose the risk of a rollover into the water.

The Paris Fire Department arrived on scene with the dive boat but there was not a convenient place to launch. Gates said firefighters were prepared to drive across country to locate somewhere to launch and come back upstream to the Jeep, but the decision was made to put a firefighter in the water as a first attempt.

"We had to get the six year old out," said Gates. "He was starting to panic, and we were afraid he might try to get out."

Paris Fire Captain Chad Crampton donned a life vest and secured himself to the rope running between the Jeep and the shore. Another lifeline was tied to him.

"It was a one-shot deal," said Gates. "If at any time he was fighting the current, we would have pulled him out."

Crampton successfully reached the Jeep with two more life vests. After the boy was secured in a vest and tied off to a safety line, Crampton got him safely to shore and went back to assist Hornbrook.

The EMS team from the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance checked all three after they came out of the water and there were no serious injuries sustained during the incident.

According to Crampton, the current was manageable in the area where he waded to the Jeep, noting the door of the vehicle appeared to be past the rip currents and undertow working at the front of the car.

The Staley Slab is on the Edgar County Highway Department's list for replacement with a bridge, but the estimated \$1 million cost is beyond the county's financial ability without saving the annual state Township Aid to Bridge

payments for several years.

Some preliminary site work has already occurred in anticipation of building a bridge there in the near future.

Edgar County Highway Engineer Aaron Lawson said this recent incident illustrates the need for a bridge at the location. He added Edgar County is working with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet), EnerStar and Elbridge Township to move a new bridge up to the 2019 construction season.

The county has several such low-water crossings and Gates issued a warning about their use. He said they are only safe to drive over or walk on when the surface is dry.

Nor does he want people swimming at such locations even when the water is low because the presence of the slabs in the water creates unpredictable current patterns.

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# Domestic abuser gets jail time

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**COURT**

A repeat domestic abuser has some time to ponder his misguided ways while serving a sentence at the Edgar County Jail.

Joshua T. Bewley, 31, Paris, appeared in custody during the June 21 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court and pleaded guilty to a Class 4 felony domestic battery with a prior conviction charge. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 27 days previously served and 80 days subject to a motion to vacate, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees.

The court ordered Bewley cannot have contact with the victim and must obtain anger management counseling

per an evaluation.

In exchange for the plea, the state will not file petitions to revoke his sentences for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class A misdemeanor unlawful use of a weapon convictions. He was remanded to custody to begin his jail sentence.

Other individuals appearing before the bench included:

**IN CUSTODY**

■Kandee L. Kelly, 39, Paris, appeared in custody. Her unresolved charges of a Class 1 felony permitting the sexual abuse of a child

and a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child were continued for a pretrial conference. A new pretrial conference was scheduled, and she was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Travis S. Posey, 35, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. The state withdrew petitions to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs conviction and a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving conviction. The sentences were terminated unsuccessfully and the matters were referred to collections. He was remanded to custody pend-

ing release processing

**CHARGES**

■Cody A. Rigdon, 28, Paris, was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Jesus A. Romero, 20, Bargersville, Ind., was charged and pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding. He was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

**NOT GUILTY PLEAS**

■Clifford W. Cunningham II, no age provided, Paris, waived preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to Class 2 and Class 3 felony possession

of methamphetamine charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Leroy J. Schmitt, 34, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions charge. The public defender was assigned to the case and a pretrial conference was scheduled.

**OTHER MATTERS**

■Nathaniel E. Schumacher, 21, Paris, failed to appear. The court granted a motion to vacate jail time attached to his sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. A warrant for his arrests remains outstanding.

■Kaleb A. Sink, 21, Paris, was resented on a petition to revoke his probation

sentence for a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol conviction. He was resented to 60 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, one year of conditional discharge and ordered to pay all previous financial obligations.

**WARRANTS**

Warrants were ordered prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Christina D. Bell, 42, Hume; Kylee K. Bowman, 18, Paris; Robert D. Crippin, 44, Oakwood; Angela D. Eslinger, 36, Terre Haute, Ind.; Joshua A. Newbold, 43, Paris; Nathaniel E. Schumacher, 21, Paris; Jeremy L. Stephens, 37, Oblong; Jeffrey T. Vice, 31, Paris; and Brit-tany N. Winter, 24, Paris.

# Wolfe pleads guilty to sexual assault of players

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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WOLFE

open guilty plea Tuesday, June 26, in Coles County Circuit Court. The plea was to two counts of

CHARLESTON – A long-time AAU basketball coach accused of committing serious sexual offenses against some of his former female ball players has pleaded guilty.

Clark County resident Barry Wolfe, 54, appeared in custody and entered an

a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault to a victim between 13 and 17 years old, a Class 1

felony criminal sexual assault and a Class 2 felony criminal sexual assault while in a supervisory position over the victim.

An open plea leaves the sentence term up to the judge.

A presentencing investigation was ordered and the sentencing hearing was scheduled at 9 a.m. Aug. 10.

Over a defense objection,

Judge Brien O'Brien granted the state's motion to revoke bond. Wolfe will remain in custody of the Coles County Sheriff's Department until the sentencing hearing. The defendant has been in custody since his October 2017 arrest being unable to post the \$2 million bond.

Wolfe was informed the sentences on the four felony

charges will be served consecutively, meaning he must finish serving the first sentence before the second starts and cycle that way through all four counts.

A Class 1 felony is the second most serious class of felonies in the State of Illinois and has a sentencing range of up to 15 years. The Class 2 felony sentence can be up to five years.

Wolfe originally faced more

than 50 felony counts of aggravated criminal sexual abuse or criminal sexual assault. According to court information, the remaining counts are open until Wolfe is sentenced, at which time they will likely be dismissed by the state.

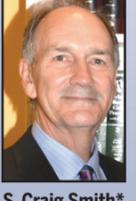
The charges stem from two apparent victims alleging inappropriate sexual contact while Wolfe coached them.

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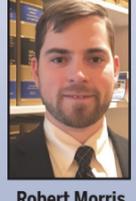
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# IDNR now seeking applications

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) is seeking applicants for the position of Conservation Police Officer Trainee. The Department is beginning the selection process with the written exam to be administered July 1 to Aug. 30 with the intent to hire up to 20 officers in 2019.

Interested applicants should complete a CMS100 employment application from the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Further

information is available on the IDNR website at [www.dnr.illinois.gov](http://www.dnr.illinois.gov).

Conservation Police Officer Trainee is a state employment position title for which CMS does not test on a regular basis, so those interested in the position are encouraged to apply and participate in the testing. Interested applicants must take a completed CMS100 Application to the CMS Testing Facilities. CMS100 applications mailed in to CMS in advance will not be accepted.

The Springfield CMS Testing Center will offer the test

on Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Chicago CMS Testing Center will offer the test on Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Marion, Rockford and Champaign CMS Testing Centers will only offer the exam by appointment.

Applicants who are seeking Veterans Preference Points or a waiver of the college degree requirement under PA 97-0948, and who have not yet established their status with the CMS Veterans Outreach Program, must submit their

military documentation to CMS-VOP as soon as possible prior to testing to establish their veterans preference status. Questions regarding establishing veterans preference status should be directed to CMS-VOP at 217-524-1313.

Applicants who are currently employed as a full-time police officer with full law enforcement authority in the State of Illinois may be eligible to participate in a fast-track training process that would waive the 14-week Basic Law Enforcement Academy requirement.

# Fireworks safety: leave displays to licensed, trained vendors

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois Department of Natural

Resources (IDNR) is reminding individuals and organizations sponsoring fireworks displays in Illinois to be sure

the fireworks vendor has the required state licenses and certificates issued by the IDNR and the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) prior to a fireworks show.

The Illinois Explosives Act requires anyone who purchases, possesses, uses, transfers, stores or disposes of explosives, including display fireworks, must have an explosives license and explosives storage certificate issued by the IDNR.

Licensing and storage requirements administered by the IDNR do not apply to Consumer Fireworks (classified as 1.4 explosives). Approved Consumer Fireworks are regulated by the OSFM and are permitted only in villages, counties and municipalities that have passed ordinances allowing such displays. Consumer fireworks may be purchased and displayed only by adults who have obtained permits from their local jurisdiction.

Hand held fireworks, including fire crackers, roman candles

and bottle rockets are not approved for sale or use in Illinois.

The Illinois Explosives Act is administered by the IDNR Office of Mines and Minerals' Explosives and Aggregate Division with a staff of trained blasting specialists located throughout Illinois. In addition to requiring comprehensive licensing, training and examination for individuals, the law requires unattended display fireworks and explosives must be stored in an explosives magazine, storage facility or container that is inspected and certified by IDNR.

IDNR currently has 2,306 individuals licensed for the use of explosives in Illinois, of which approximately 921 are specifically for the use of display fireworks. There are 771 certified explosives storage magazines in Illinois, which contain nearly 45 million pounds of explosives. Of those storage magazines, 120 are certified specifically for the storage of display fireworks.

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**JIM BREWINGTON**

FLINT, Mich. — James Earl "Jim" Brewington, 94, of Denton, Texas, passed away Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at home after a long illness.

A funeral service was held at noon, Monday, June 25, at the Swartz Funeral Home, 1225 West Hill Road, Flint, Mich., with Pastor Steve Wood officiating. Burial was in White Chapel Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the service time Monday at the funeral home.

Mr. Brewington was born Nov. 8, 1923, at Owosso, Mich., the son of the late Wade and Viola Randolph Brewington. He married Julia "Jean," Aug. 26, 1947, at Livonia, Mich., and she preceded him in death.

He is survived by one son, Tracy J. (Sherrie) of Niles, Mich.; one daughter, Penny Limsky of Denton, Texas; granddaughters, Cassandra (Marc) Kalaf of Denton, Texas, Erin (Jason) Henderson of Niles, Mich., and Amanda (Ed) Horter of Niles, Mich.; six great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and his best friend brother-in-law, Herman Fineberg of River-view, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jerry Brewington; and son-in-law, John Limsky.

Mr. Brewington joined the Navy after high school and served on a destroyer in the South Pacific. After an honorable discharge, he studied tool and die making.

He was employed by Ford Motors and General Motors, in the Buick division for 11 years. Mr. Brewington and his wife ran a local neighborhood grocery store in Paris.

He learned the meat cutter trade and was an excellent butcher. He subsequently returned to Flint and worked at Buick until his retirement.

After retirement, the couple moved to Texas to be closer to his family. He and his son-in-law, John (now deceased) had a daily ritual of going for coffee to Whata Burger.

His main hobbies after retirement were coin collecting, as well as reading, watching westerns and "The Walking Dead" on TV. He was a member of Flint Rock & Gem Club and UAW Local #1292.

He made many friends during his long life and was an inspiration for his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He will be greatly missed.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

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

**JAMES BYNUM**

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — James Harlan Bynum, 76, of Brunswick, Ga., and formerly of Paris and Tampa, Fla., passed away at 8:15 a.m., Saturday, June 23, 2018, at Southeast Georgia Medical Center, Brunswick. He was retired from General Telephone Company (GTE).

Mr. Bynum suffered from Parkinson's Disease and dementia, which ultimately claimed his life. No funeral service was conducted and the body was cremated. The family will hold the remains until such time as his wife passes.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Kay Steffey Bynum of Brunswick, Ga.; son, David Harlan Bynum Sr. of Brunswick, Ga.; daughter-in-law, Kimberly D. Bynum of Brunswick, Ga.; step-granddaughter, Hannah N. Choudhari and step-grandson, Shaune I. Choudhari, both of Brunswick, Ga.; grandsons, James Richard Bynum of San Antonio, Texas, and David Harlan Bynum Jr., U.S. Navy Coronado, Calif.; and father-in-law, Joseph E. Steffey of Paris.

Mr. Bynum was a 1959 graduate of Paris High School. While living in Paris, he worked at Chittick Optical, Steffey's Sporting Goods and later GTE. His job with GTE took him to Tampa, Fla., in 1982, and he remained there until his 2006 retirement. He was recognized by GTE in 2004 for having advanced in the company so rapidly. Starting as a courier driver and retiring as a Level 8 supervisor was quite a task.

Mr. Bynum was a pilot and avid shooter. He was also lifetime member of Prairie Lodge #77 of Paris and the Scottish Rite in Danville. He was a semi-pro golfer winning numerous club championships while living in Tampa. Upon retirement in 2006, he moved to Brunswick, Ga., to be closer to his son.

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**ROSE MARY HICKOX**

CASEY — Rose Mary Hickox, 90, of Yale, passed away at 12:02 p.m. Friday, June 22, 2018, at her home.

A funeral service was 10 a.m. Monday, June 25, at Casey United Methodist Church, with Brother Boyd Sellers, Michael Hickox and Dusty Hickox officiating. Burial followed in the Walnut Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 – 8 p.m. Sunday, June 24, at Casey United Methodist Church. Markwell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Cure Childhood Cancer Organization [www.cure-childhoodcancer.org](http://www.cure-childhoodcancer.org) or Brain Trauma Organization [www.braintrauma.org](http://www.braintrauma.org).

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

**JODY GISWOLD**

MARSHALL — Dr. Jody M. Giswold, 58, of Marshall, passed away Wednesday, June 27, 2018, in the VA Medical Center, Danville.

A family gathering will be held at Pearce Funeral Home, and burial is in the Marshall Cemetery.

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

**LOIS RAY**

Lois Ruth Ray, 87, of Danville, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Friday, June 22, 2018, at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living, Christian.

A service celebrating her life was 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 27, at Templeton Funeral Home, with the Rev. Robert Roush officiating. Burial followed in Vermilion Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at the funeral home.

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

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

**WILMA STONE**

Wilma Lou Stone, 90, of Paris, passed away at 4:30 a.m. Saturday, June 23, 2018, at Casey Health Care Center.

A service celebrating her life was 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Forsythe Cemetery, Clark County. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 25, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Lincolnland Hospice.

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

**JOHN FREY**

OAKLAND — John D. Frey, 75, of Oakland, passed away Friday, June 22, 2018, at his home.

A private memorial is planned for the family and visitation was 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, at Krabel Funeral Home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oakland-Hindsboro Charitable Foundation.

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

**GERALD JONES**

CASEY — Gerald Lee Jones, 78, of Casey, passed away at 1:55 p.m. Thursday, June 28, 2018, at Casey Health Care.

A funeral service is noon Tuesday, July 3, at Markwell Funeral Home, with Pastor Larry Howard officiating. Burial follows in the Washington Street Cemetery. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until the noon service Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, 4400 Clayton Ave., St. Louis, MO 63110.

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

**MARY ATHEY**

MARSHALL — Mary Athey, 75, of Punta Gorda, Fla., passed away Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at her home.

A service honoring her life will be at Pearce Funeral Home on a yet to be announced date.

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

**JOSIE RENFROW**

Josie B. Renfrow, 76, of Paris, passed away at 4:23 a.m. Monday, June 25, 2018, at her residence.

A graveside service was 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 26, in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, near Martinsville, with Andrew Richey officiating. The family requested everyone meet at the cemetery. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Edgar County Humane Association or Lincolnland Hospice.

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

**ELIZABETH DAYTON**

Elizabeth Ann Dayton, 70, of Paris, passed away at 8:11 p.m. Tuesday, June 26, 2018, at Carle Hospital, Urbana. She was retired after many years as an educator.

A service celebrating her life is 11:30 a.m. Monday, July 2, at Templeton Funeral Home, with the Revs. Rodger Allen and Laurie Williams officiating. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Monday at the funeral home.

Ms. Dayton was born April 20, 1948, at Paris, the daughter of the late John Shelby and Faye Geneva McMillan Dayton.

Survivors include two brothers, Daniel J. (Deborah) Dayton of Paris and Jeffrey S. (Laura) Dayton of Tolono; and three nephews, Peter V. Dayton (Corby Johnson) and John A. Dayton, both of Paris, and Derek J. Dayton of Tolono.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Laura S. Dayton.

Ms. Dayton attended Millikin University before earning her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Illinois and her Master's Degree from Indiana State University. She

will be remembered as someone who was active, organized and immaculate.

She attended The Presbyterian Church of Paris where she was a member of the church choir. Professionally, she served as a consultant for the Illinois State Board of Education's Gender Equity Department for a number of years and volunteered for many years as a tutor, something in which she found tremendous reward.

Ms. Dayton had a passion for fashion, history and the arts and enjoyed modeling in the St. Louis area in her younger years. She was an accomplished genealogist and historian and participated in historic re-enactments at every opportunity. She loved music and theater and was a talented singer and pianist.

In her spare time, she was gregarious and sociable, always on the go whether hosting or traveling, gardening, mushroom hunting or simply enjoying the outdoors. She was fiercely devoted to her parents, a proud supporter of her nephews in their various activities and was kind to animals.

Memorial donations may be made to The Presbyterian Church of Paris.

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

**ELEANOR BELT**

Eleanor Elizabeth Belt, 93, of Paris, passed away at 1:05 a.m. Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at Horizon Health Paris Community Hospital.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday,

June 29, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Ronald Hilt as celebrant. Private burial was in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 9 a.m. until the Mass at the church.

Memorial donations may be made to Meals on Wheels or to the Compassionate Food Pantry.

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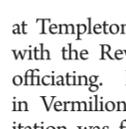
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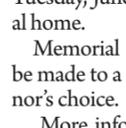
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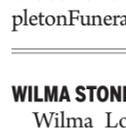
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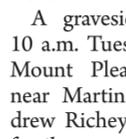
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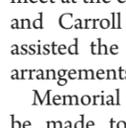
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Thank you to all those who called, sent texts, cards, gifts or flowers, prayed for our family, brought food by or donated to the Edgar County Animal Shelter in her memory.

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# Capital Gazette published

The best part of an otherwise horrible day? The Capital Gazette published Friday.



BILL GOODYKOONTZ  
GUEST COLUMN

Damn straight it did. That's remarkable, considering that a man walked into its newsroom in Annapolis, Maryland, on Thursday and started shooting. By the time he was done, five people were dead, others wounded.

To those of us who actually work in the media, and who have reported at small newspapers or television stations or radio stations, that's no surprise. The paper always comes out tomorrow. On the other hand, I hope it shocks those who spend their time whining about a corrupt media, as if reporting truth you don't want to hear is somehow fake. The suspect reportedly targeted this newsroom specifically, having lost a defamation suit against the paper.

His actions are shocking. The climate in which they occurred makes them a little less so.

Yes, it was another mass shooting, an occurrence so sickeningly frequent these days that we run the risk of becoming immune to the horror.

But not this one. Not because it is any more tragic than one of the scores of school shootings or other senseless killings. They're all tragic — we should be angered and outraged and saddened by every single one of them.

This one, however, involves the media. Depending on your point of view, that could either mean crucial defenders of democracy or purveyors of fake content. Social media immediately divided into opposing camps, although you really have to question whether slamming dead people is the position you want to defend, no matter how you feel about the press.

For all I know, the suspect voted for Hillary Clinton. He may have no political agenda whatsoever.

But the people who cheered his reprehensible actions sure do.

Reporters haven't topped any most-popular-professions lists in a long time, if ever. That's no surprise. But lately things have gotten a lot worse.

President Donald Trump has labeled the media the enemy of the people. Those words carry significant historical import, but just by themselves they're irresponsible. Every time he holds one of his rallies, the rabid crowds boo the media, often at his behest. In the wake of Sarah Sanders being asked to leave a Virginia restaurant, there's been a lot of talk about civility.

Give me a break. The president chucked civility out the window when he started running for office. His followers treat the notion with contempt. (Should Maxine Waters, a Democratic congresswoman from California, have encouraged protesters to harass Trump supporters? No, she shouldn't have.

But a lot of people have been emboldened to say and do a lot of stupid, irresponsible things since Trump took office. You get the idea that some of these folks finally feel free to unleash their real feelings. Trump certainly has no problem doing so.

That, along with the willful ignorance of looking a fact square in the face and proclaiming it false, is a tremendous danger.

But here's what people who haughtily proclaim that the media has some hidden, left-wing agenda don't get: Such accusations, false claims, threats and even bullets, won't stop us.

No one gets into this business to get rich. It sounds hackneyed, perhaps, but most of us see journalism as a duty. I don't know anyone who's ever turned down a raise, but that's not why we do this.

We do it to find the truth, and report it. No matter what.

Say what you want. Think what you want. But remember this:

The Capital Gazette published Friday. Damn straight. (Bill Goodykoontz is a journalist at the Arizona Republic. Email him at [bill.goodykoontz@arizonarepublic.com](mailto:bill.goodykoontz@arizonarepublic.com).)

# A pledge to the county

ISU President Deborah Curtis makes commitment to Edgar residents

Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis made a return trip to Paris Sunday, June 24, and in crossing the Wabash River, made a commitment to Paris and Edgar County to work together to educate and prepare students and local residents for the workplace.

Paris and Edgar County has a long history with Indiana State from the hundreds of alumni who have traveled to Terre Haute to study education, business, journalism and a myriad of other courses of study. Many have moved on to other communities but many of those alumni are living right here in Edgar County.

This is an exciting time for ISU and Edgar County as groups like PEDCO and our county school systems work to not only educate students who are planning to attend college,

## OUR VIEW

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but those who want to join our local employment base immediately.

Curtis expressed a willingness to sit down with members of PEDCO and the local schools to discuss how ISU can support the continued job growth in our county.

Paris High School students can now graduate with certification to enter the local industrial workforce immediately, thanks to the vocational training now available at the school.

ISU offers one of the finest technology schools in the country. It is not impossible professors from the university may soon be in county

classrooms working with students — including those enrolled in the independent study classes.

Curtis pointed out during her visit ISU's demographic is 50 percent students who are first generation college students and 55 percent are Pell Grant eligible — not unlike many county students.

President Curtis' visit to Paris was a great first step to begin the process of getting ISU again involved in Edgar County. The university, she said, is sensitive to the workforce needs of our area and to serve our population.

Indiana State University is a valuable resource once again available to our Paris community and Edgar County. We're confident we'll be seeing a lot more Sycamore blue here as our community and ISU work to forge a renewed partnership.



# Madigan popularity is an issue

Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan will be on the ballot in just one of Illinois'



RICH MILLER  
CAPITOL FAX

118 House districts this November, but his name and reputation will be featured in electoral battles

throughout the state as Gov. Bruce Rauner and the Republican Party use Madigan against every Democrat from J.B. Pritzker on down to maybe even mosquito-abatement district races.

On the surface anyway, Madigan is less popular in democratic Illinois than are unpopular Republicans Rauner and President Donald Trump. 60 percent of Illinoisans polled in a recent Capitol Fax/We Ask America survey said they had an unfavorable view of Madigan, compared to 56 percent for Trump and 55 percent for Gov. Rauner.

They're all doing pretty poorly, but Trump wins this category if you look at people with very unfavorable opinions. 49 percent of 600 likely Illinois voters who were polled June 9-11 hold a very unfavorable view of the president, while 46 say they have a very unfavorable opinion of the speaker and 39 percent say it about the Republican governor. In contrast, 27 percent say that about J.B. Pritzker. The poll's margin of error was +/-3.99 percent.

Overall, the poll found that Pritzker led Gov. Rauner by nine points, 36-27, with 26 percent choosing an unnamed third-party candidate and 11 percent undecided. Just 31 percent of Democrats have a favorable view of Speaker Madigan, while 41 percent of Democrats have an unfavorable view, according to the poll. And lots of folks within what's considered the base of the Democratic Party's statewide strength don't like Speaker Madigan, either. African-Americans are split 43-43. Women

## YOUR VIEW

# Does Second Amendment have relevance?

Editor, The Prairie Press:

I recently had a letter in a local newspaper questioning what our one sentence Second Amendment means by a well-regulated militia. I suggested this refers perhaps to the National Guard.

In a following letter, it was explained to me in childlike simplicity that the Second Amendment gives us the right to bear arms against the possible tyranny of our own government. In which case, the National Guard would be the enemy of the people. Boy, was I confused.

Tyranny in our country could be just around the corner. Suppose our president decides to deport all Muslims to counter terrorism; deport all Hispanics to counter drugs; repatriate blacks to Africa for humanitarian reasons; shut down the Washington Post and jail all critical journalists for sedition; eliminate the departments of Energy, Labor, Interior, Education, IRS and EPA for being anti-corporate; make English the national language and Christianity the national religion; replace Social Security, Medicare, food stamps and public education with vouchers; allow only Fox & Friends to broadcast on TV; ban football, baseball and basketball as frivolous distraction and limit sports to cage fighting and bowling; and burn books since our president doesn't read.

A few may see these as steps in the right direction to Making America White, er, Great Again. But thinking, democracy-loving Americans would see this for what it is — despotism and tyranny. And thanks to one interpretation of the Second Amendment, we can fight back.

The commander-in-chief has tanks, Blackhawk helicopters, mines, artillery, drones, nuclear and probably biological weapons.

To level the playing, er, battlefield, perhaps the Second Amendment should be updated, extending our right to those weapons, too. Shotguns, rifles and pistols may not get us far in today's battle against tyranny.

Or perhaps I'm still confused, making mountains from molehills. Maybe the Second Amendment is an archaic document written for the 18th century and has no relevance in the 21st, other than something to hide behind and excuse gun violence in America.

Michael Bennett  
Vermilion

## Our country lacks compassion for the poor

Editor, The Prairie Press:

The U.S. does not lack for money, but what it does lack is compassion for those less fortunate. Wealth does not equal merit, and being a poor migrant-refugee should neither be a crime nor a character flaw. When you look down on people, they stop being people, and we as a nation should never stigmatize those who struggle to live and have a hope for a better life.

Certainly no child anywhere should be put in cages in a detention camp. This is a draconian and bullying tactic and must be seen for what it is — kidnapping and using children as leverage to build Trump's wall.

This administration translates a fear of immigrants into fanaticism, while shifting extremist policies into the mainstream. You would think human rights may be guaranteed by law, but one's humanity is never a given.

Today, as witnessed at the border, one's humanity and the rights that accompany it are shaped by race, class and geography. To

toy with the idea of violating the Fifth Amendment is a very scary thought indeed. The shame is not this, rather that each new outrage is met with complacency on the part of some.

All the frustrations that Maxine Walters and others feel in calling for the harassment of administration officials may be misguided but is understandable for in standing up however one can against tyranny is never pretty.

The chaos and anger spreading across the country would not be happening if Trump were the type of leader dedicated to preventing suffering instead of causing it.

Anita Griffith  
Vermilion

## Letter writer stands by his conviction on Trump

Editor, The Prairie Press:

I have been catching a lot of flack about my opinion that Donald Trump could be the Anti-Christ.

What people need to understand is that the letter to the editor section of the Prairie Press is an opinion column. All I did was share my opinion.

The truth is that I will be shocked if Trump is not the Anti-Christ.

Love, God bless.

Pastor CK Nay  
Paris

## Trump investigation still finds nothing

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Where to begin? Two letters in last Saturday's Prairie Press left me shaking my head and I find I must respond to both of them. I begin with the fact that after nearly two years of investigation by the FBI and by Special

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# LETTERS

FROM PAGE 6A

Counsel Mueller's team, no evidence of so-called "collusion" between the Trump campaign and Russia has been found. The suggestion of obstruction of justice is also moot, since former FBI Director James Comey's own notes tell of the President urging him to get to the bottom of the Steele Dossier and any involvement by campaign workers with Russians, hence firing him could hardly be supposed to try to stop him from an investigation the president himself had instructed him to pursue. If the president did not break the law he therefore has nothing to pardon himself for. What Ms. Griffith apparently does not know, however, is that the president's power to pardon is absolute as stated in the Constitution. There are no limits placed upon it. Thus, yes, any president could pardon himself. Though to do so, had he actually committed a provable crime, would immediately result in impeachment. The lack of "normalcy" in

the United States, is something that President Trump has, in fact, been restoring rather than shredding. There would be no "national nightmare" without the Democrats and Never-Trumpers constantly wringing their hands and weeping into their handkerchiefs because their law-breaking candidate lost and an outsider won. The "national nightmare" is daily promoted by the press who present pictures of immigrant children sleeping in cages during Obama's administration and claim that it is President Trump who is caging them.

It is perpetuated by millionaire Senator Nancy Pelosi who calls \$1000 to \$3000 bonuses received by American middle class workers as "crumbs" and berates the president for calling MS-13 gang members who rape, decapitate, and dismember children "animals," claiming that even they have a "spark of divinity inside of them."

Trump's "so-called" shredding of our democracy like "the shredding of our flag in the wind" is producing the highest GDP in years and the

lowest unemployment since 1969. It is bringing optimism to those who despaired under the burden of President Obama's thousands of new regulations which caused the closing of small businesses, cost workers in the fossil fuel industry their jobs, and cost the U.S. billions of dollars meeting those new mandates. It has created a job market in which there are more jobs available than there are those looking for jobs. It has pulled us out of treaties which did not benefit us, but instead required us to pay billions of dollars to other countries. It started NATO members finally agreeing to pay their fair share of protecting their countries. It defeated ISIS. It began a peace process with North Korea which has the possibility of ending the threat of a nuclear bomb falling on Guam or San Francisco. It is fighting for freedom of speech and supporting the rights of Christians to actively practice their faith, both of which are guaranteed by the Constitution but chipped away constantly by liberals. Far from shredding our democracy (which is actually a

Republic), President Trump is restoring it, despite every attempt by his hating and crude opponents to prevent him from doing so.

As for bake sales causing obesity, a more ridiculous argument has probably never been made. The number of bake sales occurring in this community on any given weekend is at the most two, and I have yet to observe individuals filling box upon box with the sweet treats to take home for an orgy of eating. Obesity is indeed a health problem in the U.S., but it is more the result of the time we spend watching T.V. and using our phones, computers, and laptops rather than getting out and exercising, than buying a brownie at a bake sale. Nor have most bake sales I have seen been raising money to pay the doctor bills of someone suffering a disease brought on by obesity as Mr. Bennett suggests. They usually help buy uniforms for cheerleaders or send teenagers to church camp.

His move from bake sales to single-payer health care is a stretch. Had he wanted to talk about the benefits of

single-payer health care (of which there are none), he should have simply done that without bringing in the poor girl scout troop raising money for a field trip. As for the single payer system, both Canada and Great Britain are good examples. Wait times to see a specialist in Canada can stretch to almost a year. Wait times and quality of care in Great Britain are both problems and the system there is running out of money as it is in France. A recent report even said our own Medicare (which is single-payer health care for seniors) may be out of money by 2025.

But the greatest warning to stay away from a government run healthcare system comes from the examples of two babies in Great Britain. Doctors could not figure out what to do to help either of them, so they decided the babies should simply be taken off life-support and allowed to die. In the case of the first, Charlie Gard, doctors in the United States had an experimental treatment that might have saved the baby and they were willing to treat him for free and money to

fly him to the U.S. had been donated to the parents. In the second case, Italy had made the little Alfie Evans an Italian citizen so he could be treated by their health-care system, the Pope had personally intervened, and a jet was waiting on the tarmac to fly the toddler to Italy for treatment. But in both cases, the British doctors went to court to prevent the parents from removing the children from the country for treatment, and the courts upheld their decisions. Both babies, declared beyond hope by the British single-payer health care system, were allowed to die when they might, just might have lived. The government of Great Britain held those babies hostage and killed them.

I prefer an America that really is becoming great again and where parents are free to seek medical treatment for their children wherever they choose. And this is the America that President Trump is bringing back to us, despite what some would have us to believe.

Jane Witmer  
Paris

# MILLER

FROM PAGE 6B

Women turn thumbs down 27-56 fave/unfave, as do Chicagoans (30-58), suburban Cook County residents (34-53) and labor union households (36-54).

Gov. Rauner has his own troubles with his party's base. The only important GOP demographic he's not underwater with outside of self-declared Republicans is senior citizens, and they just barely tolerate him. The Democrats are sure to use Rauner's name and reputation against Republican candidates throughout the state.

So, my pollster came up with a question to try to see who was more popular with voters in actual down-ballot races: "If the election for state legislator were being held today, are you more likely to vote for a candidate

supported by Bruce Rauner, or a candidate supported by Michael Madigan?"

41 percent said they'd be more likely to vote for a candidate backed by Rauner, while 32 percent said the same about Madigan. Another 27 percent said it wouldn't make any difference either way.

While majorities or pluralities of Democratic base elements chose Madigan, significant minorities chose Rauner. For instance, 11 percent of Democrats chose a legislative candidate backed by Rauner, compared to 59 percent for Madigan.

Among African-Americans, a significant 23 percent would choose a Rauner-backed candidate and 54 percent would choose a Madigan-backed legislative contender. Chicagoans were 19 percent for a Rauner candidate and 43 for a Madigan person, the Cook

County suburbs went 32 for a Rauner candidate and 41 for a Madigan candidate, and union households broke 30 percent for the Rauner candidate to 43 percent for the Madigan candidate.

Another way of looking at it is that Gov. Rauner outperforms his personal favorable/unfavorable ratings across the board when we stacked him up against the image of Speaker Madigan.

Just 36 percent of whites viewed Rauner favorably, but 44 percent would vote for a Rauner candidate over a Madigan candidate. 36 percent of collar county voters like Rauner, but 49 percent would pick a Rauner candidate over the 29 percent who'd choose a Madigan candidate. 44 percent of Downstaters said they had a favorable impression of Rauner and 51 percent would vote for a Rauner-backed candidate

over a Madigan-backed candidate. I could go on, but you get the idea.

So, what does this tell us? Well, first of all, neither state politician is beloved (duh). Indeed, they're so disliked that candidates should avoid any association with the both of them. But hotly contested campaigns are often won on the edges, and the anti-Madigan message might have an edge over the anti-Rauner message.

We didn't do this test with President Trump, who will certainly be used by the Democrats against the Republicans in many areas. And there are other issues out there that will decide various races. Plus, as always, this is just one poll in June.

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# July 2018

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**CLOSURES: Wednesday, July 4—All clinics closed. EZ Care open 9 am to 7 pm.**

## Visiting Specialists

<b>Cardiology</b>	<b>Bradley Grissom, APN (Mon)</b> —9 <b>Dr. Namburi (Fri)</b> —6, 13, 20, 27 <b>Dr. Nasser (Thurs)</b> —12, 19, 26 <b>Dr. Shatagopam (Thurs)</b> —19 <b>Dr. Wiarda (Wed)</b> —18
<b>Gastroenterology</b>	<b>Dr. Batey (Tues)</b> —17
<b>Nephrology</b>	<b>Dr. R. Kumar (Fri)</b> — <b>Dr. Jeevan (Tues/Thurs/Fri)</b> —12, 17, 20, 26
<b>Neurology</b>	<b>Dr. Tazudeen (Tues)</b> —10, 17, 24, 31
<b>OB/GYN Gynecology</b>	<b>Dr. Benson (Tues)</b> —3, 10, 17, 24, 31 <b>Dr. Weisbaum (Thurs)</b> —19
<b>Oncology</b>	<b>Dr. Huh (Thurs)</b> —12 <b>Dr. Patel (Thurs)</b> —12, 19, 26
<b>Ophthalmology (Eye)</b>	<b>Dr. Deranian—Surgery 24; Clinic 25</b>
<b>Optometry (Eye)</b>	<b>Dr. Blumthal (Mon)</b> —2, 9, 16, 23
<b>Otolaryngology (ENT)</b>	<b>Dr. Nguyen (Thurs)</b> —5
<b>Pain Management Clinic</b>	<b>(Fri)</b> —6, 13, 20, 27
<b>Pulmonology, Adult</b>	<b>Dr. Main (Wed)</b> —11, 25
<b>Pulmonology, Pediatric</b>	<b>Dr. Davison (Fri)</b> —6
<b>Rheumatology</b>	<b>Dr. Kohli (Mon/Tues)</b> —9, 24
<b>Urology</b>	<b>Dr. Yang (Tues)</b> —3, 10, 17, 31
<b>Vascular Surgery</b>	<b>Katie Wilson, APN (Mon)</b> —16

## Special Events & Groups

<b>Stay Strong, Live Long</b>	July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 10am (Sutton Senior Center)
<b>Dashing to the Doc</b>	July 5-Aug. 23 @ 6:30pm (Paris High School Track)
<b>Monthly Health Screenings</b>	July 13 @ 7-9am (Paris Clinic)
<b>Free Adult AED/CPR Class</b>	July 18 @ 8am-1pm (D)
<b>Caregiver Support Group</b>	July 18 @ 3pm (B)
<b>Cancer Support Group</b>	July 24 @ 10am (B)

\*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.

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<b>Dr. Davison:</b> 217-383-3100	<b>Dr. Patel:</b> 217-465-2606 x4690
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# Paris City Band's diverse concert

BY JANE BLAIR  
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The Paris City Band members fight the heat again this Sunday, July 1, as they are in concert at 7 p.m. in the Spicer Pavilion of West Lake Park. Paris native Jonathon Boren is conducting this concert. Boren teaches general music at Memorial Elementary School and co-directs the Paris District 95 choir. He has served as the percussion technician for the PHS Marching Tigers since 2012.

The concert opens with "Jackson Lake Overture" by Mark Williams, followed by "Selections from Aladdin,"

arranged by John Moss and features the favorites "A Whole New World" and "A Friend Like Me."

The next piece, "El Capitan," by John Philip Sousa is actually an operetta in three acts he composed in 1896 while serving as director of The Sousa Band. In 1996, Michael Kamen composed "An American Symphony" for the finale of the film "Mr. Holland's Opus."

Closing out the first half is a song audience members will undoubtedly recognize. The familiar two-note phrase of the "Colonel Bogey March" was composed by British Lt. F.J. Ricketts in 1914. Most do not know

the tune was supposedly inspired by a military man and golfer who whistled those two notes instead of shouting "Fore." Now it is associated with the 1957 film "Bridge over the River Kwai" as the tune World War II British prisoners whistled as they marched into the Japanese prison camp.

The second half opens with "Welsh Rhapsody." Composed in 1968 by Clare Grundman, one of the true masters of early wind band writing, the rhapsody is actually in the form of a medley, with several different Welsh folk songs represented.

The pure and deep "O

Magnum Mysterium" by H. Robert Reynolds, has been described as a most touching piece that often moves both directors and musicians to tears.

"Defying Gravity," by Steven Reineke concludes the concert. Not to be confused with the song of the same title from the movie "Wicked," this piece depicts a plane's take off, its soaring adventures in the sky above the clouds and a turbulent storm that challenges the pilot to land safely.

The band's Independence Day concert is not July 4, but has moved to July 7 in conjunction with the city's festivities at Twin Lakes.

From 2 to 4 p.m., the band will entertain the audience with patriotic favorites such as Sousa's arrangements of "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful," plus his marches "The Thunderer," "The Washington Post," "Semper Fidelis," "The Liberty Bell March" and "Stars and Stripes Forever," featuring retired director Susan Hiddle on piccolo. Vocalist Kim Henness joins the band for the July 7 concert singing "The Pledge of Allegiance," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and Irving Berlin's "God Bless America." Also featured is Nancy Hasler-Gregg singing the contem-

porary favorite "God Bless the USA."

Other selections are E.E. Bagley's "National Emblem March," Clare Grundman's "The Blue and the Gray" and Henry Filmore's "Americans We."

The band will honor members of our military with "Armed Forces Salute" and the patriotic tribute "Duty, Honor, Country" narrated by Randy Turner.

Directing duties for the Independence Day concert are shared by retired District 95 band directors Warren Sperry and Jim Belterud, along with current Mayo band director Christina Farley.

## Kansas school year budget approved

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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KANSAS – The Kansas School Board approved the 2018-2019 school year budget at the Wednesday, July 27, board meeting.

Following a brief budget hearing, the board members present unanimously approved the final budget as presented. The direct revenues totaled \$2,208,957 with the total direct expenditures at \$1,876,817 for a positive difference of \$332,140. The

entire budget can be viewed at the school website at <https://kansascusd3.com/amended-budget-2017-2018>.

The board took several other routine actions during the regular meeting such as the required prevailing wage resolution; school fees; handbook changes; and revised board policies.

School registration for the 2018-2019 school year is 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m. Aug. 3. Another registration period is noon-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

Aug. 6. Registration occurs at the Kansas School Library.

The revised sports co-op agreement was approved. Kansas will once again join forces with Oakland and Shiloh schools for athletics.

Following the closed session, the board accepted the resignation of teacher Danielle Camp. Another vacant position is that of junior high boys basketball head coach.

## Hume prepares for heat

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

HUME – The village of Hume is prepared for hot temperatures and high humidity for today, June 30, and Sunday, July 1.

Village mayor Mike Eads said

any village resident without air conditioning may call 251-6453 and the community center will open as a cooling center.

The National Weather Service predicts temperatures in the high 90s for today with a heat index reaching 108, or higher.

Everyone should take caution to avoid heat sickness by limiting activity, drinking lots of water and having adequate ventilation. It is recommended people make frequent checks on elderly relatives and neighbors.

## Trauma not an end, hope leads to recovery

Last of HRC Trauma series closes on how to recover

BY GARY HENRY  
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There is an old saying that life happens meaning everyone experiences good and bad things.

Good things are easy for everyone to accept but the bad things, especially those involving trauma, are more difficult situations and responses vary widely in how people cope with the negative. For the last several months, the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties has hosted a series of lunch and learn sessions to educate the community on what trauma is and the impact it has on all of society, not just victims.

The last session Wednesday, June 28, focused on recovery.

"I wanted to end on a positive note – a note of hope," said Johanna Westin, clinical director at HRC.

She added it is appropriate to close out the series by talking about recovery because June is National PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) Month.

PTSD is most familiarly associated with the problems some combat veterans have after suffering wounds or witnessing the rigors and aftermath of war. The disorder is not just a military problem. It can affect anyone who experiences or witnesses a terrifying

event such as an automobile accident, the death of a loved one, experiencing or seeing domestic abuse or a frightening medical diagnosis among the many possible causes.

Westin provided some numbers to illustrate the breadth of the problem: 50-90 percent of the people in mental health and substance abuse treatment have a history of trauma in their lives and estimates are between 3.5 and 10 million children each year witness the physical abuse of their mothers.

"Trauma leads to negative beliefs about self, depression and detachment from community," said Westin.

It does not have to be that way. She told the backstories of well-known individuals such as Oprah, Jim Carrey, JK Rowling, Stephen King and Shania Twain. Each of them had multiple traumatic experiences but still managed to become successful people.

"All of them exhibited resiliency," said Westin. "Resiliency counters the psychological problems people experience."

She noted resilient people have an ability to keep things in perspective and find positive ways to overcome what they experience. It still hurts but they tend to bounce back quicker by regarding it as a learning experience rather than getting trapped in the pain through self medicating with drugs or alcohol.

This does not mean some people are destined to follow a self-destructive path since

all have a choice of how to respond.

"You can grow your resiliency," Westin said. "It is not a trait you are born with."

She stressed everyone experiencing trauma will go through a period of depression as part of the healing, although some do get stuck there. It is how resilient people handle the depression that sets them apart.

"You just can't choose not to be depressed, but you still need hope and an ability to look for ways to make the future better," she said. "Everybody has their own unique coping skills."

One way to enhance resiliency is by taking a moment each day for incorporating affirmations. Testing shows the daily repeating of affirmations interrupts the maladaptive neuronets that form in the brain after a traumatic event.

"We don't think about our own self worth, but it is important," Westin said. "Too often, we are too hard on selves."

She said strong personal connections, finding laughter, spirituality through religion or other means and a healthy lifestyle all contribute to how each person responds to adverse situations.

"Just because something is broken doesn't mean it can't be fixed or made better than it was," said Westin.

## CURTIS

FROM PAGE 1A

Purdue University for students. "Those institutions serve as specific type of student. ISU is different," she said.

ISU is preparing a workforce for the Wabash Valley and beyond, Curtis said, noting higher education in Indiana is not suffering from the support problems universities in Illinois are facing. "Indiana is doing a very good job with higher education," she said.

Curtis said she was born and raised in Illinois but unlike similar universities in Illinois, Indiana State offers what she described as, "overwhelming incredible value and stability."

Paris and Edgar County, Curtis said, "will always be a significant part of our lives."

While the couple has kept contact with Tom and Susan Punzelt and John and Connie McNary, Sunday's reception allowed them to renew friendships with PHS and Crestwood colleagues.

PHS interim co-principal Lorraine Bailey treated the couple to a tour of the new Paris High School and Curtis was understandably impressed.

"That is a wonderful new facility which will benefit Paris students for years to come," she observed. "As we walked through the building, we mentioned a community doesn't get to build something like this very often. Let me say this. You did it right out there — including that amazing theater



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

Paris Mayor Craig Smith, left, presents the key of the city to Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis, who was honored along with her husband, Lynn, at a reception Sunday (June 24) at Eveland Gym. Lynn Curtis was head basketball coach in Paris for seven years while the new ISU president taught music in Chrisman and at Crestwood School while working on her advanced degrees at ISU.

space. We were wowed by the experience. We are delighted for Paris."

One of the highlights of the short program planned by Belt was the surprise appearance of the first ISU alum,

who later served as president of the university — William Carson Parsons. He was portrayed by retired ISU English professor Gene England, who is familiar to local audiences for having performed as Coach Ernie Eveland and Bob Hope during the annual hospital fundraiser.

The program concluded with Paris Mayor Craig Smith presenting the key to the city to Curtis. Smith spoke of the

long association between Paris and ISU, noting his father-in-law, Phil Bibo, was a longtime economics professor at the university along with Charles Wishart and Terry Parks.

Local alumni Tracy Quinn-Porter, Pete Templeton, Janis Ludeks and Patrick Bell assisted Belt, who served as the chairman of the local alumni committee.

Indiana State was represented by Rex Tindell, executive director of alumni engagement; Hilary Duncan, assistant director of alumni engagement; Thomas Recker, ISU Foundation and Libby Roerig, community and media relations director.

## Local title companies merge

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CHAMPAIGN – Allied Capital Title (ACT), headquartered in Champaign, acquired Edgar County Title April 27.

"The opportunity to add the outstanding team at Edgar County Title to the ACT family is very exciting," said Thomas E. Harrington Jr., ACT president. "The combination of ACT resources and the knowledgeable local title staff will allow us to provide outstanding title services in Paris."

Edgar County Title was owned and operated by First

Bank and serviced Edgar county since 1997. Max and Martha Williams previously owned the title company.

Jack Franklin, former First Bank president, was positive about the sale.

"This transaction will continue the long history of local outstanding title services to be available to the Edgar County area," said Franklin.

Allied Capital Title is the largest independently owned title company in east central Illinois. Formed in 2011 by a merger of Associated Capital Title and Allied Title Services, ACT's history dates back to the 1930s and Champaign County

Abstract Company.

In addition to Champaign, ACT has offices in Springfield, Danville Effingham, Tuscola and Crawfordville, Indiana. With the addition of the Paris office, ACT will provide real estate title services in over 23 counties throughout the state of Illinois.

"The staff is thrilled about the merger with ACT," said Jasmin Hays, Paris branch manager. "The updated software and support ACT has provided has already improved our turnaround time and overall customer experience."

## ENERGY

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on by the county fail to match the company's projections, SmartWatt must pay the difference to the county.

"If the incentives go away, we own it," said Cummings. "You guys don't take a risk."

Up to this point the county has not put any money into the energy audit. SmartWatt must do the work at no charge.

It is a gamble on the company's part the county will want to move ahead with the energy efficiency plan tentatively priced at a little more than \$1 million. It remains a gamble because SmartWatt's competitors can bid to take over the next phase of performing an Investment Grade Audit (IGA) with more specific recommendations and more detailed plans. Once the county accepts the IGA and determines which projects to do, the company that prepared the study becomes the general contractor and hires others to put the plan into place.

Much of the early study deals with electric consumption. One recommendation is to eliminate the steam heat and window air conditioners at the courthouse. The installation of heat pumps will both heat and cool the first floor rooms. Another recommendation is replacing the single, inefficient old boiler at the jail with two new high efficiency boilers.

More old equipment slated for replacement per the SmartWatt study are the pneumatic controls on the HVAC system at the health department building. According to the study, the controls prevent the system from operating at maximum efficiency.

Lesnick briefly discussed the antiquated Edgar County Jail. He said jails are commonly the biggest water users of any county facility — partially because of the number of people in the building and also those in custody have a chance to cause trouble by damaging plumbing fixtures. Some of this can be remediated with electronic flush valve controls limiting nuisance flushing and reducing flow rates into toilets.

The study identified five ways doing the efficiency upgrades to all buildings will benefit the county: replaces antiquated equipment; avoids costly emergency repairs; reduces deferred maintenance; provides energy and water cost savings and increases occupant comfort.

"It's a no-brainer," said board member Andy Patrick. "There's a lot on here we need to do at the courthouse anyway."

Consensus among board members was to place the issue on the July 11 meeting agenda for a vote to send the information to the Illinois Capital Development Board for posting a Request for

Qualifications from companies interested in doing the investment grade audit.

Board member Derrick Lorenzen briefed the board on another construction project.

Lorenzen recently attended a meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics regarding delayed work at the Edgar County Airport.

According to Lorenzen, IDOT is confident the way is now clear for using federal money to relocate and improve the fuel storage area, enlarge the ramp and resurface the parallel taxiway. These projects were on hold because of a protest Paris resident Robert Bogue filed with the Federal Aviation Administration claiming the local airport is not qualified to receive federal money. The FAA rejected Bogue's complaint and clarified the Edgar County Airport may use federal funds for the improvements.

Lorenzen said IDOT anticipates having the Edgar County Airport projects on the November bid letting for completion in 2019.

In addition, IDOT officials assured Lorenzen money is also now available to reimburse the county for expenditures already made to replace the airport's beacon light.

"That was all good news," said Lorenzen. "They were all as eager to get things moving as we are."

## World Cup may be best

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Wow. What a start. If you're among those who suspect this World Cup has the makings of one of the best ever, the numbers from the just-completed group stage of the football showcase suggest you may be right. Aside from a few snoozers, the essential ingredient for engrossing sporting spectacle — uncertainty — triumphed.

Games were tighter than ever. Traditionally strong teams still dominate, with the obvious exception of now dethroned ex-world champion Germany, already licking its wounds back at home. But increasingly better drilled, prepared and ambitious so-called "smaller" nations are continuing to narrow the gap. World Cup debutant Panama was the only team to look seriously out of its depth.

The most common result in the 48 games was 1-0, which is how the score finished a record-equaling 13 times. That illustrates not only how close games were, but that teams, once ahead, are increasingly able to protect their leads. An example of that was Mexico 1, Germany 0. In the second half at Moscow's Luzhniki Stadium, Die Mannschaft took 17 shots, had six corner kicks and six shots blocked and still couldn't cancel out Hirving Lozano's first-half winner.

Since the World Cup expanded to 32 teams in 1998, only once before has it seen so many 1-0 games in the group stage. That was in South Africa in 2010, when teams struggled to score with the Jabulani ball. The 16 teams that advanced that year to the knockout round did so by scoring just 67 times, a record low. They did much better this year, scoring 83. That was down from 90 at the last edition in Brazil and the record-high 91 goals scored by group-stage qualifiers in 2002 but still illustrated the attacking intent shown by teams in Russia.

Some other numbers: —Again illustrating the narrowing gap between winners and losers, 24 games were decided by just one goal. That is a record high. And 11 of those games saw both teams score. That reinforces the impression that this group stage offered good entertainment, with teams going at each other, aiming for goals, and often succeeding.

—Further proof that teams didn't hold back: Just nine games ended in a draw. That equaled the record low set in Brazil four years ago. At the first 32-team World Cup in 1998, exactly one third of group-stage

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JOHN LEICESTER  
THE BIG STORY

## Tiger's in the hunt again

Woods shoots a 65, in range going into the weekend for TPC Quicken Loans National

POTOMAC, Md. (AP) — What once was a formality is now a pleasant surprise for Tiger Woods. He goes into the weekend at the Quicken Loans National without having to make up too much ground on the lead.

Woods chipped in from 80 feet for birdie after his only bad miss off the tee, made four of his six birdie putts from 18 feet or longer and matched his lowest score of the year with a 5-under 65 on a steamy Friday morning at the TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

He was tied for 11th, four shots behind Beau Hossler, Ryan Armour and Brian Gay. "I'm not that far back," Woods said. "The scores aren't going to be that low and it's going to be a tough weekend. It will be over 100 degrees and it will be a long weekend mentally and phys-



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**Tiger Woods throws grass in the air on the 14th tee during the second round of the Quicken Loans National golf tournament Friday in Potomac, Md.**

ically. I'm in a good position now."

Not since the Valspar Championship during the Florida swing has Woods been this close to the 36-hole leader. He was tied for second that week in March, two shots behind, and he wound up one

shot behind the winner.

The biggest difference was putting, and it all started with a mistake.

Woods hit two long irons on the 574-yard 10th hole just short of the green, leaving him 20 feet of fairway grass and then just over 80 feet to

the pin. He had a putter in his hand during his long walk to the green and never put it back. Instead of a 56-degree wedge to hit a pitch-and-run, he tried using his putter.

"I shouldn't have," he said. "I was caught in between. Should I hit my little 56 and run it over the top? I figure the greens were a little bit faster early in the morning, but the fairways are a little bit dewier. In hindsight, no, I should have hit my 56."

Not to worry. While the shot came up 25 feet short, he holed the birdie putt and was on his way.

Woods didn't make a putt longer than 8 feet when he opened with a 70 on Thursday. He was rolling them in from much longer range in the second round, starting with his opening hole. After scrambling for a bogey on the 11th hole when his shot went

into grass so deep he could barely see the golf ball, Woods bounced back with an 18-foot birdie putt he had to play well outside the hole.

"I hit good putts, started the ball on line and with the right seed, and they just didn't go in," Woods said of his first round. "So what? If I just continue to do that, which I haven't done in probably about four tournaments, they're going to start falling. And today, they fell."

The big moment came on the 18th hole as he made the turn. He sprayed a drive well to the right into the rough, came up short of the green and then hit a perfect pitch that broke sharply back to the left and fell on its last turn as thousands in his gallery erupted.

Woods began to hit his stride on the front nine, ripping 3-wood from 282 yards

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## HOMERS POWER WIN OVER MINNESOTA



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**Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell, left, celebrates his grand slam with Kyle Schwarber during the fifth inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins on Friday in Chicago.**

## Cubs slam to a victory

CHICAGO (AP) — Addison Russell hit his second career grand slam, Jason Heyward and Ben Zobrist each had two-run homers and the Chicago Cubs rallied to beat the Minnesota Twins 10-6 on Friday.

Kyle Schwarber added his 16th home run, a solo shot in seventh, and Anthony Rizzo completed Chicago's scoring with an RBI single in the eighth as the Cubs pulled away to win their third game in four following a five-game losing streak.

Russell's second homer in two days chased Twins starter Jose Berrios (8-6) with one out the fifth and put Chicago ahead for the first time, 6-5. The short-stop's deep fly to left was pushed by a steady southwest wind as it narrowly reached the Wrigley Field bleachers.

Joe Mauer homered among three hits and finished with a season-high five RBIs. Coming through twice with two outs, Mauer hit a three-run shot in the second and lined a two-run double off Cubs starter Mike Montgomery in the fourth.

Montgomery (3-2) lasted five innings and earned the win despite giving up five runs (three earned) and seven hits with three walks. Three Cubs relievers followed with a scoreless inning each before Justin Wilson allowed



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**Chicago Cubs' Jason Heyward, right, celebrates his two-run home run with teammate Albert Almora Jr. during the third inning of a baseball game against the Minnesota Twins, Friday in Chicago.**

the Twins' final run in the ninth.

Brandon Morrow came in to get the final out for his 17th save.

Berrios lacked his usual velocity as he yielded a season-high six runs and four walks. The right-hander was 3-0 with a 2.10 ERA over his previous five starts.

Mauer's homer was just his second this season, following a solo shot on

May 1. The 35-year-old first baseman last drove in five runs in a game last Sept. 17 against Toronto.

After Max Kepler and Mitch Garver led off the second with singles, Mauer's drive with two outs made it 3-0. His fly carried into the left-field basket with help from the wind.

With Albert Almora, Jr. on first, See CUBS, Page 10A

## Post 211 Juniors lose 2

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CHARLESTON — The lack of timely hitting spelled doom for the Paris Post 211 Junior Legion team against Charleston Post 90 Sunday, June 24. Post 211 dropped the opener 2-0 and fell in the nightcap 9-1.

Paris had numerous opportunities in game one after falling behind 2-0 in the second inning. In the third, fourth and fifth innings, Post 211 left a base runner on third base with two outs.

Mitchell Worrell, JT Johnson and Reese Wagoner led Paris in hitting as each player recorded a hit.

In game two, Post 211

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## Prospect wins battle of the banks

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Following a week marred by rain, the Paris Babe Ruth League returned to action Tuesday, June 26.

Prospect Bank defeated First Bank by the final of 14-3 in a game that ended via the 10-run rule.

After scoring a pair of runs in the first inning, Prospect Bank added four more in the second and seven more in the fourth. First Bank finally got in the scoring column in the fourth inning, plating all three of their runs in that frame.

Reese Wagoner, Ethan Noel and Aydonne Sutton had a pair of singles each to lead Prospect Bank.

Briar Blair and Justyn Allen added a double apiece, and Blayne Roberts, Blake Barna and Ethan Dick all singled.

Connor Gore had a double to lead First Bank at the plate. Nick Fomera and Braydon Atkinson each added a single.



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gave up seven runs in the bottom half of the first inning and never recovered. Bryan Kohlmeier led the way for Paris, as he was a perfect three-for-

three at the plate with singles. Worrell had a double and a single, and Eric Speicher and Layne Gill each added a base hit.  
Paris hosts Toledo for a doubleheader 1 p.m. Sunday, July 1, at Laker Stadium.

# Yankees rout Red Sox 8-1

NEW YORK (AP) — CC Sabathia shut down the high-scoring Red Sox, Greg Bird hit two home runs and Aaron Judge connected off a college teammate as the New York Yankees bopped Boston 8-1 on Friday night to retake the top record in the majors.

Not since the famed Bucky Dent playoff game in 1978 had the Yankees and Red Sox met so late in a season when they owned the two best marks in baseball. Home runs decided this matchup, too, with Miguel Andujar also going deep for New York.

The biggest crowd of the year at Yankee Stadium was in the spirit as lines forming outside the gates more than 3 1/2 hours before the start. The pro-Yankees chants began prior to the first pitch, the anti-Boston shouts soon

followed.  
Sabathia (5-3) helped end Boston's four-game winning streak, less than a month from his 38th birthday. He gave up one run and six hits in seven innings.  
Steve Pearce, acquired a day earlier from Toronto, batted cleanup in his debut for Boston and doubled and singled off Sabathia. No matter, the big lefty improved to 6-0 in his last seven starts against Boston. Eduardo Rodriguez (9-3) gave up five early runs. Boston fell to 3-4 against their rivals this season, and 12 more games are left.

**RAYS 3, ASTROS 2**  
ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Wilmer Font and four relievers combined on a three-hitter and Tampa Bay snapped Houston's 11-game

road winning streak.  
Font (2-3) allowed one run and one hit over five-plus innings before an injury forced him to leave the game. Diego Castillo, Chaz Roe, Sergio Romo and Jose Alvarado held the Astros in check the rest of the way. Alvarado got the final out for his second save.  
A strained right lat caused Font's early exit.  
Alex Bregman homered for the Astros, who lost for just fourth time in 22 games overall. Gerrit Cole (9-2) gave up three runs — one earned — and five hits in six innings to end his seven-game winning streak.

**ANGELS 7, ORIOLES 1**  
BALTIMORE (AP) — Mike Trout celebrated his return to center field with a solo home run and an impressive

catch, and Los Angeles beat Baltimore to snap a six-game skid.  
Martin Maldonado also homered for Los Angeles, Andrelton Simmons had four hits and Felix Pena (1-0) allowed five hits over 5 1/3 shutout innings.  
Back in the outfield after an ineffective nine-day stretch as a designated hitter, Trout hit his 24th home run in the first inning off David Hess (2-5) to spark the Angels to their first win in a week.  
The two-time AL MVP reached base three times and ran down a liner in the gap to rob Danny Valencia of a potential fourth-inning double.  
Baltimore owns the worst record in the majors (23-58), and is playing at a pace to lose 116 games.

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Heyward lined Berrios' first pitch to him in the third into the right-center bleachers to cut it to 3-2.  
Mauer's double to center field got past Almora in the fourth and plated two runs to extend the Twins' lead to 5-2.  
After the Cubs loaded the bases in the fifth, Russell's fifth homer put them ahead. Zobrist added his two-run shot to right in the sixth off Matt Magill to make it 8-5.

**BABY BOY BAEZ**  
INF Javier Baez wasn't in

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onto the green at the par-5 second for a two-putt birdie, following with a 25-foot birdie on the next hole and spinning a wedge back to 2 feet for a tap-in birdie on the fifth.

the lineup following the birth of his son Friday morning. Baez, tied with Schwarber for the team lead with 16 homers, pinch hit in the seventh and struck out.

**TRAINERS ROOM**  
Twins: INF/OFTaylor Motter was placed on the disabled list with concussion like symptoms after hitting his chest hard against right field wall at Guaranteed Rate Field on Thursday while trying to make a catch. ... Minnesota recalled C/INF Willians Astudillo from Triple-A Rochester to take Motter's roster spot. ... The Twins designated

RHP Felix Jorge for release or assignment.  
Cubs: RHP Yu Darvish travelled to Texas to see orthopedic surgeon Keith Meister for a fresh opinion on his sore right triceps. The injury flared up in a bullpen session on Thursday in Los Angeles and forced the Cubs to scrub Darvish's return to the rotation this weekend. . INF/OF Kris Bryant (left shoulder inflammation) hit off a tee and took infield practice on Friday. He could return on Tuesday when he's eligible to come off the disabled list. ... RHP Carl Edwards Jr. (right shoulder

inflammation) was scheduled to make a rehab outing at Triple-A Iowa on Friday and is nearing a return from the DL.  
**UP NEXT**  
Twins LHP Adalberto Mejia makes his first major league appearance of the season and faces Cubs RHP Tyler Chatwood (3-5, 3.95), who comes off the paternity list. Mejia is 4-2 with 2.74 ERA in 11 games (nine starts) for Triple-A Rochester, and was 4-7 with 4.50 ERA in 21 starts for the Twins in 2017. Chatwood leads the majors with 63 walks.

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a draw, a record-high of 16 draws not seen since. And some of the draws this time were spectacular, none more so than Portugal 3, Spain 3, with Cristiano Ronaldo's late free-kick curling past the Spanish wall to complete his hat-trick and level the score.  
—Just once, at Denmark vs. France, did fans come away without seeing a goal from either team. Again, that record low of scoreless draws illustrates the ambitious mindset of teams and was a vast improvement over previous editions. There were five scoreless draws in Brazil and six — the record high in the 32-team format — in South Africa.  
—The group stage again saw very lopsided wins (Russia 5, Saudi Arabia 0; England 6, Panama 1) but not as dominating as at previous tournaments (Portugal 7, North Korea 0 in 2010; Germany 8, Saudi Arabia 0 in 2002). Just eight of the games saw four or more goals scored. That equals the record low from South Africa and is sharply down from 2014, when there 16 four-goals-or-more matches in the group stage. Again, that reflects how smaller football nations frustrated star teams and players this time, notably the defensive master-class from Iceland that prevented Argentina's Lionel Messi from scoring in a 1-1 draw at Moscow's Spartak Stadium. But Messi redeemed himself with his strike against Nigeria, the tournament's 100th goal and a contender

able to post 5 (under) for the day."  
And now he sees if he can make up ground on Saturday in the final edition of the Quicken Loans National.  
Woods has two top 5s this year, though he has finished within six shots of the lead at only one tournament, the Valspar Championship.  
"I think I'm not that far away from putting it together where I can win," Woods said after his round. "Just be patient with it. A long way to go."

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for goal of the tournament, exquisitely controlling the ball with his left thigh and left foot in one fluid movement before scoring with his right.  
The group stage wasn't without blemishes, but was without major scandal. Uruguay's Luis Suarez managed not to bite anyone, an improvement from 2014, and the French haven't gone on strike as they did on their way to an early exit in 2010. The record 24 penalties awarded, of which 18 were scored, are an unfortunate, game-distorting side effect of video refereeing's debut at the World Cup, which has caught officiating mistakes but is also messing with the rhythm of matches and seen some very debatable decisions. And using yellow cards as a tie-breaker to separate Senegal, sent home, and Japan, which stays, seems unfair, given that some referees are more trigger-happy with cards than others.  
Still, Russian President Vladimir Putin has lucked out. Russia's team that seemed unlikely to progress earned itself a marquee match-up with 2010 champions Spain and the football spectacle is competing for global attention, instead of novichok, Syria, flight MH17, Crimea, east Ukraine, election interference and other issues that have chilled relations between Russia and western capitals.  
In a tournament as famous as the World Cup, picking the best will always be a subjective choice. But with this one: So far, so good.  
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## FRANCE LOOKING FOR ANSWERS



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France's Thomas Lemar challenges for the ball with teammates during the official training at the eve of the round of 16 against Argentina in Centralmy Stadium at the 2018 soccer World Cup in Kazan, Russia, Friday.

# How to stop Messi?

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Like any other team preparing to play Argentina, France faces the Lionel Messi question: How to stop the five-time world player of the year?

Unlike many of its rivals at the World Cup, though, France has an answer: a center-half pairing of Raphael Varane and Samuel Umtiti.

France, which plays Argentina for a spot in the quarterfinals on Saturday in Kazan, has been misfiring since the start of the tournament, scoring just three goals in its group matches.

But the French defense, marshalled by the pair of Spanish league players, has been solid, having conceded just once.

Umtiti knows Messi extremely well because he trains with the Argentina great at Barcelona on a day-to-day basis. Varane, a regular starter for Real Madrid, has vast experience of playing against Messi.

"I see him every day. It is very hard to stop him," Umtiti said. "He's got outstanding qualities."

Asked if these defenders' knowledge would give France an edge against the two-time World Cup champions, France coach Didier Deschamps said it could be useful.

"Hopefully I can give you a positive answer after the game," Deschamps said.

"Knowing him from the Spanish league will not make the difference, but having played against him, similar situations could repeat themselves."

After a difficult start to the tournament, Messi come to life during the 2-1 win over Nigeria in Argentina's last group game, scoring an exquisite goal from a long pass over the defense. This goal aside, his teammates have been struggling to set him up properly.

"He is different with Argentina than with Barcelona," Umtiti said. "He does not have the same players with him, and their way of playing is different but he has saved them on several occasions."

Umtiti, who has 21 caps for France, will start in the heart of the French defense alongside Varane. Deschamps told a press conference Friday that

Benjamin Mendy would not play at left-back because of an unspecified muscular injury. The means Lucas Hernandez would likely start at left back and Benjamin Pavard on the right.

While acknowledging Messi's exceptional skills, Deschamps insisted his players will also need to focus on Argentina's other qualities, and notably Javier Mascherano's experience as a holding midfielder.

As a player, Deschamps was confronted with a similar problem when France beat a Brazil team led by Ronaldo 3-0 to win the 1998 World Cup. Ronaldo was arguably the world's best striker at the time, with his speed and fast crossovers making him nearly unstoppable. The French squad spent hours studying "El Fenomeno" before the final at the Stade de France.

"Ronaldo and Messi are

two immense players, with a totally different style, but their influence on their teams is quite similar," Deschamps said. "We are facing an extraordinary player, we need to be careful and make sure we give our players a maximum of information. With the talent he has, the smallest thing can create a spark, his unpredictability sets him apart."

Deschamps also hopes his strikers will finally live up to expectations after a forgettable group stage to exploit Argentina's lack of defensive pace.

Despite its immense attacking potential, France has failed do far in Russia to reproduce the intensity that carried Les Bleus to the European championship final two years ago.

Atletico Madrid forward Antoine Griezmann, the top scorer at the Euros who was expected to lead France's at-

tack, has been a target of the French media following three unimpressive showings.

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# Paris welcomes ISU president, PHS coach



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Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis and her husband, Lynn, stand in the center circle at the new Paris High School gym. Lynn Curtis was Tiger basketball coach for seven years while his wife taught at Crestwood and Chrisman and pursued her doctorate, eventually leading her back to ISU.



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Former PHS basketball coach Lynn Curtis, right, talks to Warren and Jody Sperry during the reception Sunday, June 24, in Eveland Gym. Sperry was band director when Curtis coached and taught at PHS.



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ISU President Deborah Curtis, left, talks to ISU alumnae Susi Willis during the reception by the Edgar County ISU Alumni Club Sunday (June 24) at Eveland Gym.



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Former chairman of the ISU Alumni Board Cindy Belt served as the leader for the Edgar County ISU Alumni Club which organized the reception Sunday, June 24, at Eveland Gym. Belt planned the program, which included ISU President Deborah Curtis being presented with the key to the city.



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ISU President Deborah Curtis was greeted by teaching colleagues from her time at Crestwood during Sunday's reception in her honor at Eveland Gym. Pictured, from left, are retired teacher Nancy Hollis, Curtis, former Curtis piano student Susan Barnes, and retired Crestwood teachers Linda and John Schneider.



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ISU President Deborah Curtis and her husband, Lynn, toured the new high school facility with ISU Alumni Association chair-elect Bill Minnis and his wife, Jennifer, stopping by the science classroom the Minnis family provided through the campaign with the Edgar County Community Foundation.



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A surprise visitor to the reception in honor of ISU President Deborah Curtis, right, was William C. Parsons, the third president of Indiana State and the only other president of the university who was an alum. Portraying Parsons was retired ISU English professor Gene England.



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Current Crestwood principal Dan Lynch, left, talks with ISU President Deborah Curtis. Lynch is a graduate of Indiana State and just ended his first year as an administrator.



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Former Paris High School basketball Coach Lynn Curtis, second from the left, found a familiar seat in Eveland Gym Sunday — on the bench where he led the Tigers for seven years. Sitting, from left, are ISU President Deborah Curtis, Curtis, Paris Mayor Craig Smith and his wife, Hellie. Smith presented the ISU leader with a key to the city.



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ISU President Deborah Curtis listens to PHS interim co-principal Lorraine Bailey, at right, during a tour of the new high school Sunday prior to a reception in Curtis' honor.

## A dog's trust should not be violated

My Uncle Floyd spent his career in Detroit, Michigan as a cab driver. Knew that city like the back of his hand. Lived in a modest neighborhood. I could relate more about him and Aunt Juanita, but this story concerns their black and white dog.

Buddy was a terrier mix with a calm demeanor. Uncle Floyd trained him to perform a few tricks. You could say "Left paw", and he'd shake hands appropriately. Of course, he could shake with the right paw, too. Quite an intelligent pet.

Uncle Floyd often walked Buddy on a leash to a corner grocery where he'd purchase a few provisions. That usually included buying something from the meat counter.

Mr. Simsley, called Sims by friends, took a liking to Buddy. He'd talk to the dog, pat him on the head, and to prove friendship, wrap a hot dog in paper, tie it with a bow and present it to Buddy. The dog proudly carried it home clamped in his jaws. Uncle Floyd unwrapped it and Buddy gobbled the delectable treat.

This developed into an established procedure. My aunt or uncle opened the yard gate every afternoon for Buddy. The dog, all alone, ambled casually to the meat counter, sit on his hind legs, and wait for his present.

Sims would chat a bit, Buddy would woof, and the wrapped hot dog was exchanged. Then Buddy, as usual, trotted home for his prized gift to be unwrapped. The routine continued for five years or more.

One day, however, for some reason the butcher shop was crowded with customers. A waiting line had formed when Buddy showed up. Sims normally had plentiful time to babble with Buddy, but not this day. Customers had priority. So while the butcher sliced baloney and ham, Buddy was forced to wait impatiently. He barked to gain attention.

Sims just didn't have time to immediately accommodate the dog, but in haste he did execute an odious, damnable trick. Quickly inserting his finger into a roll of wrapping paper, he tried a bow, withdrew the finger, and handed the make-believe hot dog to Buddy. Satisfied, Buddy carried the package home while Sims resumed customer service.

Buddy presented the cargo to his master, only to discover no hot dog. The canine whimpered and barked, protesting the apparent tomfoolery. He was aggravated and extremely disappointed.

Next day Buddy left home as usual and soon returned with a wrapped hot dog. The daily routine resumed. Uncle Floyd who always paid for the treats at the end of each month, learned about the incident.

"Buddy hasn't been back to see me since," said Sims.

"Well, he brings home a hot dog every day," Uncle Floyd replied.

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ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT  
OLD CODGER



Ruth Patchett/The Prairie Press

Part of the fun in traveling is making a new discovery. Roy's BBQ at Russellville, Ky., is a true gem with good food and occasionally a live string band playing familiar songs.

## Touring in our hot rod

With 3 angels on their shoulders, couple finds adventure on hot rod trip

BY RUTH PATCHETT  
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A year ago Tom and I went on our first Hot Rod Power Tour and loved it despite the very hot temperatures. When we returned Tom said, "Next year we are going to have a car with more room, it will be an automatic instead of a stick shift and will have air conditioning."

He enjoyed looking online for several months and bought a 1972 Dodge Charger in Columbus, Ohio. It was a driver, he thought, and just needed a few changes to make the car more comfortable. A radio and air conditioning were easy installs, and it was ready to go. Little did he know.

Easy and simple is not in Tom's vocabulary. After very close examination of the car he found several problems, some of which were hidden by body putty, and not noticeable till put on a lift. A complete engine rebuild later and with no useable radio or air conditioning, Tom finally stopped working on the car five minutes before we left.

Without the help and advice of several car people, our angels back here, we would not have left the driveway in Jezebel, the name our friend Tim gave the car. Without the help of three angels we met on the 2,450-mile trip, we would not have made it back.

We met the first angel Monday, the second day of our tour going from Chattanooga, Tenn. to Hoover, Ala. We had already put on more than 500 miles and were pleased with how things were going. The detailed directions said to turn right at the Auto Zone in Piedmont, Ala., and get on U.S. Route 278.

The Auto Zone parking lot was full of tour drivers, and Tom said we could use some new wiper blades, so we pulled in. When the store manager Kenneth asked if we wanted him to install the blades we said, "Yes, please."

Kenneth was happy to be outside, looking at the multitude of different cars and when he put on the wiper blades he thought our car had an odd smell. He said to lift up the hood and realized there was a serious battery problem. It needed replaced or it



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Cakes are piled high at the Corner Café in Griffin, Ga. The place is so popular there are waiting lines even on a Tuesday evening.

could explode. We're so thankful our angel Kenneth had a good sense of smell and detected the problem. A new battery and wipers, and we were on our way to Hoover, Ala.

On Wednesday, things seemed to be going very well as we made our way to Darlington, S.C. The distance was almost 100 miles farther than any of the other days. Our plan was to find I-20 after spending a few miles on the scenic back roads, which the very detailed map tour likes to take you on, and then drive quickly on the Interstate to get out of the heat. While we, and others, were stopped and waiting at a serious road construction site, Tom lifted up the hood and found we were again having battery problems. Needing to get to a garage as soon as possible, we decided to get to I-20, now, and took Georgia 15 north ending up in White Plains, Ga.

White Plains is the birthplace of former President Jimmy Carter, but he was not our second angel. Instead, it was the people at the Coleman Store. They had a huge repair shop for keeping their seven logging crews up and working and offered to help us. I learned MOPAR parts are not as easy to find as Chevy or Ford and this place had a 1970 Road Runner new regulator still in the box, which was essential for battery regulation.

In a town of this size, it was a miracle. Another new battery and this time, with a proper regulator installed, we made it to Darlington, S.C. God truly was watching over us when we came across our second angels, Richard and Kenny.



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Back road America is full of people like Richard at the Coleman Store, White Plains, Ga., who are willing to help strangers. He located a never-used regulator for a 1970 Road Runner that worked on the Patchett's 1972 Dodge Charger to keep them moving in the Hot Rod Power Tour.

Saturday morning, after completing the long haul, which means you have made it to each of the six stops on the tour, we were finally on our way home. Both of us were ready to be there and we decided to spend the night in Louisville, Ky., rather than go the entire 700 miles home.

We left Charlotte, N.C., early and were making good time when the car started having steering issues. About 3 p.m. just outside of Lexington, Ky., the cause of the steering problem became

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## Still ugly inside

Comedian Kathy Griffin (and you thought Osama bin Laden was hysterical) is arrogant, self-centered and self-righteous. Well, I could toss in a word that begins with a "b," but, I will not. Oh, the "h-" with it, "b" describes her perfectly.



HARRY REYNOLDS  
ANOTHER LOOK

My apologies go to the Politically Correct Police.

The readers should be advised if the first sentence of this column stands alone, the editor of this newspaper has censored the really good part. And if you are curious, you are encouraged to contact me at reynoldsharry1943@gmail.com.

If, on the other hand, the editor leaves the good part in, I would highly recommend she be taken to a local bar and bought a battalion of drinks. A warning: "Buzzed driving is drunk driving (whatever that means)."

Griffin could be the most beautiful woman in the world, but she would remain ugly inside, way down deep where the soul resides. The woman exudes meanness. She revels in it. She mistakes it for humor.

Why, you may wonder, is a 75-year-old, hack writer, in this particular column, going on the warpath (my apologies as always to Native Americans), against Kathy Griffin? What has she done to deserve such treatment - A second-rate comedian?

I like my Sundays peaceful. It is the day of rest from my wife's restless search for perfection in a being who is the poster child for imperfection - me. Normally, I avoid the fake news cable channels, and only watch Fox News (adjudged real news by President Donald Trump, and endorsed by Sean Hannity).

Calling up Twitter, lo and behold, there was Kathy Griffin reacting to a statement released by the First Lady's spokesman in connection with President Trump's policy of separating the children of illegal immigrants from their families at the Mexican border.

"Mrs. Trump hates to see children separated from their families and hopes both sides of the aisle can finally come together to achieve successful immigration reform. She believes we need to be a country that follows all laws, but also a country that governs with heart."

A thoughtful, compassionate, sincere statement is as foreign to

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## Multiple chances to celebrate the Fourth of July

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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Independence Day commonly means fireworks, parades, carnivals, picnics and concerts along with family and friends gathering to celebrate the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. Paris and the surrounding communities are planning special events this year to celebrate the national holiday.

Paris celebrates a few days after the actual holiday on Saturday July 7 at the West Twin Lakes Park. All day festivities are planned at the lake said a spokesperson of Paris City Hall.

The festivities include bounce houses for youngsters along with carnival games. Refreshments will be provided by Pop's Kettle Corn and the local Boy Scouts serving lemon shake ups.

Live music keeps those in the park entertained from 2 to 4 p.m. by the Paris City Band, and the 71 Band takes the stage at 7 p.m. The band consists of local musicians Randy Rhoads, Kenny Hays, Beetle Bailey, Jerry Branson, Steve Pittman, Justin Hays, Stacy Doty and Donnie "Itchy" Alexander, who play music favorites by the Beat-

les and Tom Petty and other classic rock and roll tunes.

The Christmas In July Car Show is Saturday, July 7, at Lake Ridge Christian Church. Registration is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and awards are presented to the best vehicles and motorcycles in several different classes at 3 p.m. Proceeds from the event go to His Ministries Christmas For Kids program.

The first Eastern Illinois Truck Show is 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Edgar County Fairgrounds. Classes are: Show 'n' Shine, Lifted, Lowered, 72 and older, Jeep,

Ladies Choice and Best of Show. Special events include dirt drags and a burnout box.

Prior to the official Paris celebration, the tradition of a boat parade on Twin Lakes is 8 p.m. Wednesday, July 4. Participants are encouraged to decorate their water vessels using a circus theme and meet at 7:30 p.m. at the East Lake Dam.

"We have been doing this for nearly 10 years," said boat parade coordinator Joan Mattingly. "It is so pretty to see the boats at dusk with their lights on."

The parade is open to all watercraft including pon-

toons, ski boats and jet skis.

Mill Creek Lake and Park, located in nearby Clarksville,

celebrates Independence Day one day early on July 3 with a large aerial fireworks display at dusk. The daylong festivities begin earlier that day with five food vendors at the park — Bud's BBQ, Johnny Provolone's, Sati Babi, Brookins Shaved Ice, We Lik It Ice Cream and hot dogs served by the Cub Scout Pack 81.

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**REYNOLDS**  
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Griffin as a good joke. Vicious is another word for humor in Griffin's dictionary, and she followed it with the grace of a rabid wolverine.

It is beyond Griffin's grasp to criticize with humor. She feeds on the acclaim she receives from the haters — my Lord, America is brimming with haters these days. They know no party, religion, race, creed or color. There is equality in the ranks.

Tanya Edwards, Yahoo Lifestyle editor, wrote: "The issue she (Melania Trump) was talking about, though, is one that is once again causing strong reactions, and in some cases profanity, from both sides of the political divide." Therein lays the excuse: everybody else is doing it.

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

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"Not from here, I'm sorry to say," Sims replied.

Careful observation the following day revealed Buddy leaving home in an opposite direction. He was patronizing the IGA store four blocks east. The dog had been insulted once, and once was enough. Buddy switched butcher shops.

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

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**Area students earn honors**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

**MATTOON** — Academic honors for fulltime students at Lake Land College have been announced for the 2018 spring semester.

To qualify for the president's list, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours in courses numbered 040 or higher per semester, excluding summer term, with a GPA of 3.8 – 4.0.

To qualify for the dean's list, a student must have completed at least 12 credit hours in courses numbered 040 or higher per semester, excluding summer term, with a GPA of 3.65 – 3.79.

To qualify for the honor's list, a student must have completed at least 12 hours in courses numbered 040 or higher per semester, excluding summer term, with a GPA of 3.5 – 3.64.

Earning President's honors for the spring semester were: Brocton — Brandon Richards.

Casey — Andrea Beeman, Taylor Williams, Chelsey Wilkins, Mickenzie Veach and Rachel Weger.

Hindsboro — Kristy Warman and Carey Hendrix.

Kansas — Triston Cline.

Marshall — Cody Martin, Sheldon Rayhel, Taylor Davidson, Ashley Wernz, Stephanie Thompson, Will Daugherty, Ripun Patel, Trevor Maynard and Alexandria Meyer.

Martinsville — Adora Gowin and Belinda Roddy.

Oakland — Shelton Cash, Vanessa Zimmerman and Sophia Turner.

Paris — Christina Duke, Corey Balch, Susannah Hall, Andrew Volstorf, Jacob Scott, Montana Boatman, Elizabeth Allanson, Amber Tegeler, Sarah Campbell, Taylor Evans, Serenity Parent and Timothy Kremitzki.

Westfield — Keagan Sims.

Earning dean's list honors for the spring semester were Abigail Bush, Brocton; Kristine Finney and William Carr, Casey; Kassidy Evans, Marshall; Ashtyn Siverly, Martinsville; Julia Dubois, Oakland and Jenna Lawson, Taylor Stevens and Alivia Cline, Paris.

Earning honors for the spring semester were Nathaniel Davison, Mara McCulloch and Beau Biggs, Casey; Nathan Medsker and Carrick Batson, Kansas; Brandon Knowles and Sarah Larson, Marshall; Zachariah Zimmerman, Oakland; Karen Cook, Benjamin Randolph, Colton Dosch, Kameron Kingery and Carson Myers, Paris and Mitchell Starwalt, Westfield.

**Summer youth production set**

40 performers ages 6-16 featured in annual presentation

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

**DANVILLE** — DLO Musical Theatre is presenting its summer youth production, "The Big Bad Musical" at 7 p.m. July 12 and 13 and at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. July 14 at St. James United Methodist Church, 504 N. Vermilion St., in Danville.

In this howling courtroom comedy, the jury (with audience participation) must decide the outcome of the biggest trial ever in the fairy tale world.

The notorious Big Bad Wolf is being slapped with a class-action lawsuit by quirky storybook characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf. With Sydney Grimm as the commentator on live Court TV, the two greatest legal minds in the Enchanted Forest — the Evil Stepmother and the Fairy Godmother — clash in a trial that will be remembered forever after.

The show features more than 40 performers ages 6-16 from across Vermilion County. Jodi Prosser-Muller is the director.

Tickets for The Big Bad Musical are just \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. They may be purchased online at www.dlomusicaltheatre.com, by phone at (217) 431-1660, at the Village Mall weekdays from 9 a.m. to noon or at the door one hour prior to performances based on availability.

This production is made possible in part through the generous support of the John P. Cadle Foundation and the Julius W. Hegeler II Foundation.

For more information, call the box office or email boxoffice@dlomusicaltheatre.com.

**Paris TOPS groups meet**

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

TOPS #IL1563 met Thursday, June 21, with 18 members attending.

Recognized were Gretchen Dyl, TOPS weekly best loser; Sauny Preston and Sue English, tied as the KOPS weekly best losers; Ruth Ann Knight was named best walker and also won the walking and the food chart drawings; and Janet Embry was welcomed as a new member.

Winners of the spring Kite Contest were Jean Daniels, Connie Porter and Terri Cheatham for TOPS and Sue English and Wanda Luth for KOPS.

The program was an open discussion of sharing weight loss tips and low calorie, zucchini recipes.

TOPS #IL1563 meets every Thursday at the Highland Manor Community Room - weigh-ins begin at 8 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome and more information is available by calling 251-5190.

TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, June 26, with 16 members

weighing in and 13 attending the meeting.

Recognized were: Jayne Peters, TOPS weekly loser; Carmen Minge, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Sharon Phillips, top walker; Verna Smith and Pam Waller, top exercisers. Janice Stevens was in charge of the program.

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

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begins at 4 p.m. The band Jac Freeze performs from 7 to 11 p.m. near the park concession stand, and the fireworks show at dusk is the culmination of the celebration.

The City of Marshall has fireworks at dusk July 4 at the Clark County Fairgrounds.

"It's a wonderful display for a small town," said a spokesperson of the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, noting the pyrotechnics show is usually 30 minutes long.

The Marshall City Band performs favorite patriotic songs at the gazebo on the square of the Clark County Courthouse prior to the fireworks display.

The City of Casey and the Clark County Shriners are once again combining efforts for a Fourth of July Celebration in Casey. The festivities kick off Tuesday evening, July 3, with the band The Generation Gap performing at 7 p.m. at the bandstand located in Casey Fairview Park.

The Casey celebration continues July 4 with the Clark County Shriners Parade with an anticipated 75 or more parade entries. The parade, led by Casey Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5762 Color Guard, kicks off at 10 a.m. and includes Shrine units from Wayne and Crawford Counties, the Casey-Westfield High School band and business and organization entries.

Immediately after the parade, the Shriners' annual fish fry is in the Lions pavilion at Fairview Park. Proceeds from this fish fry help support the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

According to Nik Groothuis of Casey, the city's Fourth of July Committee has arranged a fun-filled day with food booths and flea market vendors available all day. A horse-shoe tournament begins at 10 a.m. in the park and beginning at noon and running throughout the afternoon is a car show, an antique tractor pull and a special family entertainment act for children and adults by The Moogician.

There will also be two musical events at the bandstand with the Ash Family Band taking the stage at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m. the Walkin' With Cash Band performs.

"The day will culminate with an even bigger and better fireworks display than in the past," said Groothuis.

Festivities are planned for today, June 30, in Oakland at the Oakland square and Miller Park.

On the small square in Oakland, a variety of craft, collectible and food vendors are peddling their unique items until 7 p.m. A cruise-in is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring music by A&E Karaoke. Bounce inflatables and games by KAZ Amusement and Entertainment is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with bracelets for unlimited use for \$20 or single ticket purchases.

Youngsters will test their strength at 11 a.m. at the Kid-die Tractor Pull followed by a parade at 2 p.m. sponsored by the Oakland Chamber of Commerce. A Hemi motor-sports display and kid demonstration is planned from 3 to 5 p.m.

At 3 p.m. a corn hole tournament kicks off along with Chicken Bingo at 3 p.m. Similar to the Cow Patty Bingo, the outdoor game is where players attempt to predict the square of a numbered grid on which a wandering chicken will defecate. A variety show is at 4 p.m. followed by the Lions Club Pork Chop dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Lake Park Pavilion.

Several evening events are planned at Oakland's Miller Park. The AirLife Helicopter goes on display starting at 5:30 p.m. Entertainment by Robert Carter is from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. before the fireworks show. Vocalist Maddie Flesner will sing the National Anthem before the fireworks display at dusk at the Norton Knolls Golf Course.

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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of June 24-30, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

### CRACK LUTZ SAFE

The safe at Lutz Bros. meat market, 233 North Main Street, was blown open with nitroglycerine about 12:30 o'clock Sunday morning and about \$40 in money taken. The crackmen wheeled the safe from the front of the store to the interior of a large refrigerator in the rear, closed the door to muffle the sound and blew off the safe door.

### SUNDAY FUNERALS BANNED

The Paris Ministerial Association has decided to ask the undertakers to cooperate with them in not holding Sunday funerals. The Mayor will also be asked to issue a proclamation prohibiting motorists from opening their cut-offs while passing churches.

### RED LIGHT RAID

TERRE HAUTE – One councilman and more than 30 women were gathered in last night by Mayor Charles Hunter's vice squad, when they swooped down upon the former tenderloin district in a final blow, meant as the climax of the six months' campaign against vice.

Former saloons, houses of ill fame and residences were entered and ransacked by the squadron of police and not a corner or crevice was overlooked. The patrol wagons were kept on the run until long after midnight.

### LAND IN SUNKEL FIELD

Arriving on schedule Saturday afternoon, Lt. Rue Link, accompanied by Capt. Smith, reached Paris in their aeroplanes, having made the trip from Rantoul in fifty minutes.

They landed in the pasture of Ed Sunkel, west of the city. Mr. Link said the landing was perfect. They will remain in Paris Saturday night and return to the training camp sometime Sunday. Chief of Police J. E. Bacon issued an order for no person to touch the army aeroplanes. Persons are permitted to look at the aeroplanes, but under no circumstances touch them.

### 50 YEARS AGO

### 13 YOUTHS HELD

A total of 13 young people, both minors and young adults, were taken into custody by the Sheriff's department for violation of curfew and possession of liquor Saturday night and early Sunday morning.

Gatherings in three separate locations, including on the East Lake where six were apprehended, were investigated by sheriff's patrols. Sheriff H. Dean Bishop said such areas will be placed under even more strict surveillance in the future.

### MOVING DAY

It was moving day at the Illinois Cereal Mills as officers and business and sales staff occupied new quarters in the office building addition on South Jefferson street, which houses executive and expanded sales offices. Work has started on the next major project, a new 70-foot extension of the milling operations building, six stories high.

### BOAT CLUB TO EXPAND

The Paris Boat Club announced plans for two new piers to be placed at the boat club grounds next Sunday, and the swimming area to be enlarged to accommodate the growing number of children of club members.

# Gen. Grant's first march

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

### BY GREG OLSON

The Jacksonville Journal-Courier

Col. Ulysses S. Grant passed up a chance to have his soldiers ride in train cars. Instead, he thought it best they march to war.

So, on July 3, 1861, Grant mounted a horse and led his first Civil War command out of Camp Yates in Springfield, en route to Quincy. The 39-year-old Grant had molded his somewhat

unruly troops — members of the 21st Illinois Volunteer Infantry Regiment — into a disciplined fighting force.

"There was direct railroad communication between Springfield and Quincy, but I thought it would be good preparation for the troops to march," Grant wrote in his "Memoirs."

The approximately 1,000 men of the 21st Illinois marched about 8 miles the first day before setting up camp just west of present-day Riddle Hill near what is known today as the Old Jacksonville Road in Sangamon County.

On the Fourth of July, Grant led his men to Island Grove in western Sangamon County, where they stopped for a while at the home of Capt. James N. Brown, a wealthy farmer and Shorthorn cattle raiser.



Photos courtesy of the Jacksonville Journal-Courier

**A Col. U.S. Grant marker stands at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. Then Lt. Col. Grant marched the Illinois 21st from Springfield to Quincy in 1861 instead of allowing the luxury of taking the train.**

"My father, Capt. Brown sent (my brother), William Brown, out to meet Col. Grant and tell him the people wished him to stop and the troops could rest and enjoy the day with them," wrote Benjamin

Warfield Brown in 1927. "The exercises soon began and Col. Grant and a great many of the soldiers listened very intently to the exercises. Hon. David A. Brown read the Declaration of Independence and the Rev.

Peter Cartwright delivered the main address."

The march on the Fourth covered about 17 miles and ended on the Corrington farm, 9 miles east of Jacksonville.

Years later, William Corrington recalled the soldiers' encampment on his father's farm.

"I well remember that 4th of July as I watched Grant and his regiment go in camp just across the road from my father's home ... on the head of the Mauvaisterre (Creek)," Corrington wrote.

"Another reason that I remember it so distinctly was I had my pockets full of firecrackers; had been celebrating the 4th, when by some means, the crackers got on fire, and before I could get

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# A star shines from Hume

### BY DANNY BRISENO

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Many children grow up watching television.

They pick one, or in some cases, several favorite shows and perhaps a character whose persona sparks dreams of growing up to be an entertainer.

Most do not get that chance but for some lucky ones the glimmer they held in their eyes as children becomes a reality.

It did for one Edgar County native. Barbara Ann McNeese was born on a cold Jan. 3, 1930, at Paris, the daughter of Orville Franklin McNeese and Lillian Richi. She grew up in Hume with her brother, Richard.

McNeese was like every other kid who attended school. It was not until after graduation that her life took off.

After high school, McNeese moved to Cincinnati, Ohio, where she got her first experience with acting. She enrolled in the Schuster-Martin School of Drama and eventually decided New York was the place to be. She packed up and moved again.

McNeese really started to hone her craft in New York under Stella Adler and Uta Hagen. Acting classes were expensive and McNeese took a side job as a model to support herself and her aspirations. She also decided for professional purposes to use an old family name. So, Barbara Ann McNeese the young, attractive woman from Edgar County became Barbara Ann Stuart the actress and model.

1954 proved a great year for Stuart. She was cast in her first role as Comrade Martine Fenton in the cold war drama "I Led Three Lives."

She tried out for the national touring production of "Lunatics and Lovers" with star Zero Mostel and got a part in "The Great Gildersleeve." From that point, the roles came in like the opening of floodgates.

For the next several years, Stuart found roles dropping at her feet. Her numerous television appearances included "The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show," "Rawhide," "The Twilight Zone," "The Dick Van Dyke Show" and others. She also had roles in movies like "Airplane" and "Hellfighters."

Her most familiar role was that of "Bunny" on "Gomer Pyle USMC." From 1964 to 1969, Stuart had people laughing with her recurring appearances as the girlfriend of Sergeant Carter.

The longevity of her role on Gomer Pyle seemed a rarity in Stuart's acting career as most often she appeared in only a few episodes



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**Barbara Ann Stuart, center, was a regular on the television show "Gomer Pyle USMC" from 1964 to 1969. She is pictured here in a publicity still from the show with star Jim Neighbors, left, in the lead role of Gomer Pyle and co-star Frank Sutton,**



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**Barbara Ann McNeese, whose professional acting name was Barbara Ann Stuart, was born in Paris and raised in Hume. She was determined as a young woman to become a successful actress and worked hard to reach stardom. Stuart had a long career playing a variety of roles on television, but she also performed on stage and in film.**

of a show before the character was written out of the cast.

Off-screen, Stuart fell in love with actor Dick Gautier. They were married from 1967 until their 1979 divorce. They did not have children.

After the divorce, Stuart's acting career still prospered and she has credits for appearances in "Highway to Heaven," "Simon and Simon" and "L.A. Law." It seemed nothing could slow her down.

Stuart retired from acting in 2006 and her final role was in the television show "Huff."

The Edgar County native lived out her life in St. George, Utah. Her final curtain call was May 15, 2011, when she passed away, leaving a brother and three stepchildren.

Barbara Ann Stuart may not have originally dreamed of becoming a famous actress, and many people may even have looked at her and said there was no way for a girl from Hume to ever amount to anything. Stuart's determination did not let anything stop her from reaching the goals she finally set for herself.

Children today still strive for the same greatness. They see a doctor or a lawyer on television and some say that is what I am going to be. Others may see a racecar driver and next thing you know they are driving the cars we watch on television.

All it proves is that when something is wanted so badly whether as an adult or child — some like Barbara Ann Stuart will not stop until they reach the top.

# Opie was right

I am reminded of an old episode of "The Andy Griffith Show"

and Opie had to explain to his dad, the sheriff, about being keeper of the flame.

Opie believes it is his duty to watch a

candle at night until it is completely burned out. It's kind of like he is the guardian for a flame that lights his little part of the world.

As I go through life I wonder who the keepers of the flame have been down through the years. Even more importantly who will rise up and do it nowadays — someone who is guardian of the light that shines for us and will tend it and keep it bright. Maybe I could liken that to a self appointed guardian of the public morality.

I am not thinking about any famous person or exactly one who displayed historic leadership in our past history. I am thinking about someone who shared their light that others could find happiness and even a reason for living and keeping and showing their own light. A light that we are intended to show as deemed by our creator and savior.

Maybe it was a mother who had great patience and understanding, who worked very hard at loving her family and the way they lived. Maybe she was the wife who did not give in to despair when her husband lost a job and did not whine about their plight. She displayed a frugality for the way their family lived, but was not silent and frugal about sharing ideas and ways of surviving and learning what was really important in life.

Perhaps the guardian was a grandpa who gave his secrets to a good life to his kids and

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## Medicine has changed over the years ...

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# Bicentennial exhibit opens

Legacy collection is featured at Illinois State Museum

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SPRINGFIELD — The Illinois State Museum is presenting a major new exhibition in celebration of the state's 200th birthday which will feature rare and rarely-seen artifacts from the Museum's 13.5-million-object Illinois Legacy Collection to highlight the dynamic story of Illinois.

The "Bicentennial and Beyond! The Illinois Legacy Collection" exhibition opened to the public Friday.

"The exhibition is the most comprehensive of the Museum's broad collection in the history of the institution," said Illinois State Museum Director Robert Sill. "Visitors will see a significant portion of their shared story that is being preserved for future generations by the Illinois State Museum, and learn about the individuals who used these objects and the stories behind them."

The exhibition will feature artifacts from a variety

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ILLINOIS STATE MUSEUM DIRECTOR

of disciplines including fine and decorative art, anthropology, archaeology, botany, history, geology and zoology chosen for the unique stories they tell about Illinois. Reflecting the fact the complete story of Illinois goes well beyond the 200 years since statehood, artifacts will range from 400-million-year-old fossils to contemporary art. Visitors will see a helmet worn by a World War I soldier; a trunk brought to Illinois by German immigrants in 1852; a core segment from Route 66; a piece of contemporary art created on cowhide; an Olney albino gray tree squirrel mount and, a portrait miniature done by an itinerant Illinois artist, among many other

treasures.

Visitors will explore, discover, learn, and share the history, prehistory, and natural history of Illinois through the featured objects and the fascinating stories behind them.

The exhibition is featured at the Illinois State Museum in Springfield through next Feb. 3.

The Illinois State Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from noon until 4:30 p.m. The Museum is located at 502 South Spring Street in Springfield on the Capitol Complex.

Museum admission is \$5 for adults ages 19-64 with free admission for youth, seniors and veterans.

## STANLEY

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grandkids. Not so much in giving them material things but something more important like giving them hints of what a real marriage

is. He might say he believed it is for life or make sure to pick the right mate, which is more important than when you get married.

Sometimes too many undeserved gifts are not healthy to the attitude of the giver and the receiver. Yes, grandpa must know their needs but maybe giving a hint or example is more important than earthly things.

The richness of spirit that is endearing and true is more important than the home you live in and the car you drive. Grandpa cannot be the keeper of the light forever and he knows it must be passed down from generation to generation.

Another keeper of the light is the oneness of purpose of husband and wife for the importance of disciplining their kids with love and nurturing them with a healthy environment. Sharing all of that does not always work perfectly so it is important to rearrange the attitude a little and try again using better insight and greater

determination.

Common everyday people are those who really shape their families. They can influence their communities and ultimately the attitude of their country. I am tired of all the hatred and bickering of those who should know better.

Has their light gone completely out, or are they consumed by the flames of discontent?

We who can be guardians of the light of morality must sweep away the darkness of ignorance and greed. We are due for a new enlightenment, and we the common good citizens must use every effort so the lost souls around us are made whole.

We must be like Opie and take on the responsibility that each one of us can be a keeper of the flame.

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## GRANT

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get them out, they had burned a hole in my new cotton trousers; and as I was standing in front of Grant's tent that evening, he said, 'Son, what's the matter with your pants?' My answer was: 'I had firecrackers in my pocket, and they got on fire,' He laughed and said: 'I bet you are a Union man,' and I said, 'Yes, sir. I was all through the camp, and the soldiers gave me several little keepsakes I prized very highly. They were a tired, footsore lot.'

On July 5, the 21st Illinois broke camp and headed west to Jacksonville.

The regiment passed through Jacksonville on State Street late on the morning of July 5.

As the soldiers passed the Joshua Moore family home on West State Street, 15-year-old Ensley Moore asked what regiment it was.

"The reply was 'the 21st Illinois.' And to the question who is your colonel, the reply was 'Grant.' Grant! I had never heard of him, and probably no other citizen of Jacksonville had," Moore said years later. "But there he was, riding along up the street, his horse moving at a slow walk, an officer on each side of the colonel."

The 21st Illinois made its way to the Morgan County Fairgrounds just west of Jacksonville and rested. During the Civil War, the fairgrounds was called Camp Duncan and was used for drilling soldiers.

In 1910, A.Y. Hart of Mattoon, who served in the 21st Illinois, remembered the regiment's brief stay at the fairgrounds.

"Col. Grant stationed himself at the gate at the fairgrounds and examined our canteens for whiskey," Hart said.

"One man of my company bought a coffee boiler, stopped the passage between the boiler and spout with wax, filled the boiler with whiskey and the spout with milk, and Col. Grant passed him in."

After resting at the fairgrounds, the 21st Illinois marched southwest to Allinson's Grove, about 7 miles from Jacksonville. The soldiers camped there the night of July 5.

The next day, Grant and his command covered about 15 miles, marching from Allinson's Grove, through Exeter in Scott County and camping that night on the northern edge of Naples, near the east bank of the Illinois River.

On July 8, the regiment was ferried across the river and then marched west on the Perry and Naples Road. Grant later received orders to return to the west bank of the Illinois River and wait for a steamboat to carry them to St. Louis. From there the regiment was to board a train for Ironton, Mo.

Grant and the regiment waited for the steamboat, but it never arrived because it got hung up on a sandbar downstream.

On July 10, the 21st Illinois crossed the Illinois River and caught a train for Quincy. Grant's men then went to Missouri to reinforce Union troops who were under attack from secessionist guerrillas.

Grant left the 21st Illinois in August 1861, when he was promoted to brigadier general. He later led all Union forces in the war.

Members of the 21st regiment, most of whom were from eastern Illinois, later participated in the battles of Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Chickamauga, Ga., and suffered many casualties.



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# Corporate engagement affirmed

Presbyterian Church juggles corporate relationships, the environment, and modern issues at assembly

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

For the third time in a row, the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s General Assembly decided against divesting from companies invested in fossil fuels.

Instead, delegates passed a resolution at the biennial meeting of the PCUSA last week in St. Louis asking the denomination's Mission Responsibility Through Investment committee to continue engagement with corporations that produce or heavily consume fossil fuels.

It was, "the most powerful result that could come out of this assembly," said Rob Fohr, the PCUSA's director of faith-based investing and corporate engagement.

That's because the resolution also included guidelines for measuring companies' progress that could lead to selective divestment at the 2020 General Assembly. And the denomination recently joined a five-year initiative called Climate Action 100+

led by investors to pressure companies to cut greenhouse gas emissions and improve financial disclosures and governance related to climate change, Fohr said. That gives them clear goals to measure companies' progress and more leverage as part of a coalition with almost \$30 trillion in investments.

The denomination has about \$150 million invested in companies regarded as large producers and consumers of fossil fuels.

Divesting from fossil fuels has been a hot topic at the past two meetings, with the 2016 assembly similarly voting to continue to engage energy companies for at least two more years. Steven Webb, co-chair of the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for the General Assembly, said beforehand the denomination has seen some movement away from fossil fuels from companies in that time.

"So far they have been continuing to talk to us and make some changes — not

as much as we want, not as much as they should, but they're moving in the right direction," Webb said. "If they're moving in the right direction, we can stay in dialogue with them."

For example, Fohr said, companies are beginning to disclose the risks of climate change as a result of pressure from investors, including Exxon Mobil, Marathon Petroleum, Noble Energy and Occidental Petroleum.

But that's not enough for members of Fossil Free PCUSA and others. About 35 people walked all or part of the 260 miles between the mainline Protestant denomination's headquarters in Louisville, Ky., and the assembly in St. Louis, hoping to persuade the 1.4 million-member denomination to divest.

After the vote, about 20 members of the group staged a die-in at the assembly, lying on the stone floor of the America's Center Convention Complex outside the plenary where the vote had taken

place, symbolizing lives lost to climate change caused by fossil fuel dependence.

The Rev. Abby Mohaupt, moderator of Fossil Free PCUSA, said she was angry and disappointed that, with its vote, the General Assembly was, "really saying that as a denomination we're going to continue to engage with people who are causing so much suffering instead of standing in solidarity with people who are experiencing climate change." But she also left feeling hopeful because of the number of people who were supporting the movement.

Delegates also approved a resolution (called an overture" at the General Assembly) opposing anti-BDS (Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions) legislation by Congress and state governments. It pointed to Senate Bill 720 and House Resolution 1697, which it says, "seek to impose civil and criminal penalties for nonviolent BDS resistance against human rights

violations in Israel and Palestine."

It was one of several resolutions regarding Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories adopted at the General Assembly.

Four years ago, delegates to General Assembly narrowly voted to divest church funds from three American companies it said were profiting from the oppression of Palestinians within Israel's occupied territories.

And they were met with some pushback. The American Jewish Committee did not attend the assembly this year as it has in years past. Rabbi Noam Marans, AJC director of interreligious and intergroup relations, issued a written statement afterward, calling the denomination, "obsessively critical of Israel in its national utterances."

The Rev. J. Herbert Nelson II, the assembly's stated clerk, also issued a statement in the assembly's daily newsletter in response to a reported threat made to a speaker following a meeting of its Middle East

Issues committee.

"Presbyterians tend to have strong feelings about public issues and, in the case of the search for peace in the Middle East, that exposes the General Assembly to strong, divergent opinions," Nelson wrote.

"Sometimes that exposes us to the existential passion of people embedded in the struggle, who have been invited to provide information and advice to the assembly committees. When that passion boils over, we have to deal with the results."

Other actions taken by the General Assembly include:

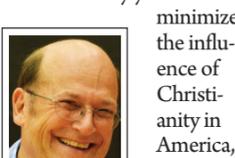
- Calling for an end to the zero tolerance border policy responsible for separating families at the U.S.-Mexico border while also condemning President Trump's executive order, "that further criminalizes migration through the expansion of family detention on military bases and other government property, potentially indefinitely."

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## Parsons and patriotism

The influence of Christian pulpits upon the founding of America

There has been an orchestrated and concerted effort for many years to



JACK HOFFMAN  
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

minimize the influence of Christianity in America, and piggy backed on that effort has been the dissembling revisionist fabrications concerning our nation's struggle for independence from Great Britain.

So successful have been the enemies of the righteousness of our Republic that we have raised generations of people with a skewed or ignorant understanding of our founding. It is not the mission of this writer to address all the errors or omissions regarding the observance of our birth as a sovereign nation, but maybe a few nuggets of truth in one particular area will help some attain clarity in their understanding.

While only one of the 56 signers, John Witherspoon of New Jersey, was an ordained practicing Presbyterian minister yet "most of these men were steeped in the traditions and teachings of Christianity - almost half the signers of the Declaration of Independence had some form of seminary training or degree." (p. 71 - A Patriot's History of the United States, Larry Schweikart and Michael Allen © 2004).

A careful study of those men who risked their lives, families and fortunes, when they agreed to stand against England's oppressive regime also reveal that a substantial percentage of them were the children or grandchildren of ministers from a variety of different Christian denominations.

The influence of John Witherspoon during the titanic struggle for freedom cannot be overstated. Like many who also were immigrants, Witherspoon arrived in the American colonies in 1768 from Scotland to take the job of president of the College of New Jersey - later renamed Princeton University. Witherspoon relished liberty.

The minister educator was elected June 22, 1776, See PASTOR, Page 6B

## SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE UPDATES WEBSITE



The website serving the Sisters of Providence of St. Mary of the Woods has a new look, thanks to the work of staffers in the group's mission advancement department. The redesign is the first for the site in five years.

# New website, same heart

Update makes the Sisters more accessible

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Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary of the Woods are utilizing technology specifically the Internet to educate the public and introduce their congregation, ministries and activities to more people.

The first phase of the newly designed website, <https://spsmw.org/>, was unveiled by the Sisters earlier this month.

Jason Moon, media relations manager, said the project began more than a year ago when staff of the Sisters' Mission Advancement Department saw a need for a more user friendly and visually appealing website.

"The redesigned website helps provide community members and prospective religious people a view of what goes on here at Saint Mary's of the Woods," said Moon. "The public can surf the website and see photos of the various activities or view the alpacas and the many different services offered by the Sisters." In general, the website educates and familiarizes people with Saint Mary's explained Moon.

A news release claims the new design was created with a core strategy to, "provide a welcoming, enjoyable, inspiring space for the Providence community to connect, collaborate and grow in order to be Providence wherever they are."

The website redesign offers much of the same information as the former website, but new information was added with an emphasis on the visual appeal of the site. The last website redesign was approximately five



The newly designed website for the Sisters of Providence at St. Mary of the Woods serves not only the Wabash Valley area reaching throughout the world. Sister My Huong Pham, right, a native of Viet Nam, recently transferred her perpetual vows with Sisters of Providence General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski.

years ago.

"I think they will find in our new website the same breadth of information but presented in a way that is more visual, more accessible and perhaps as a result, more interesting and engaging," said General Superior Sister Dawn Tomaszewski. "People have always told us they love our website. They have appreciated the information provided about us, our ministries and activities and our history and founders."

The redesigned website includes several categories detailing the ministries and history of the congregation. It also offers catalogs of information to engage people for joining the Sisters in their mission of love, mercy and justice among God's people, said Moon.

New tabs include a section about visiting the Woods and a find-a-sister search tab along with inspirational quotes.

"When I first looked at

our new site, what came to my mind was the line from the Robert Frost poem, 'The woods are lovely, dark and deep.' The new colors and images are deep and rich and really reflect our woodland roots," Tomaszewski explained.

The Internet, new website redesign and social media provide the Sisters with a new platform to minister and reach the public.

"This is changing the way the Sisters connect with people especially those interested in Saint Mary's of the Woods College and those particularly interested in their activities," said Moon, noting many of the sisters have their own social media accounts which they update regularly.

"They recognized that this is an entire new avenue to get their message out," Moon said.

He added the new find-a-sister feature provides a short biography of the sisters that will eventually

link to other web pages, blogs or various topics important to the individual sisters.

"This is extremely important because many of the sisters have impacted people's lives or taught all over the nation and those people still have interest in knowing what the sisters are doing. It keeps the sister connected," Moon said.

A form in the archive section of the website facilitates communication with the Sisters.

The new website design was a very important to the Sisters. Moon said designers and the Sisters poured over hundreds of photos and information requiring numerous hours of work to reach the end result.

"It took a lot of effort looking through hundreds of documents. The updated version of the site is stunning and helps quite a bit to convey the Sisters' message," said Tomaszewski.

## Religious groups tackle ICE

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Even before the Trump administration's zero tolerance policy led to the forced separation of immigrant parents and children at the U.S.-Mexico border, religious groups cast a jaundiced eye on the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Known as ICE for short, the agency has drawn widespread criticism for its aggressive arrest of immigrants, procedural missteps and documented cases of physical and sexual abuse among detainees. Last year, a report by Homeland Security's Office of Inspector General identified a series of problems that, "undermine the protection of detainees' rights, their humane treatment, and the provision of a safe and healthy environment." Those included strip-searching detainees and deterring them from filing grievances.

Now two left-leaning faith-based groups, the American Friends Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association, are joining a growing call to abolish ICE.

On Monday (June 25), the AFSC, a group founded by the Quakers, issued an email urging recipients to "Sign our petition today: Tell Congress to abolish ICE!" And this past weekend, delegates to the Unitarian Universalist Association meeting in Kansas City, Mo., passed a resolution calling for ICE to be dismantled. The sentiment was so overwhelming that no count was taken.

"ICE has a history of terrorizing and abusing immigrants and operating outside the law," the UUA resolution reads. "As the agency carrying out the administration's barbaric policies, it must be dismantled so humane and appropriate processes and agencies can be created."

Religious groups are just the latest to champion the idea of killing the agency. The effort has already gained traction among several congressional candidates plus four sitting members of Congress, all Democrats.

And Sen. Kamala Harris, D-Calif., viewed as a potential 2020 presidential candidate, said Sunday during an interview with NBC News that "we need to probably

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think about starting from scratch" in immigration enforcement. Senator Bernie Sanders, the independent from Vermont who is also a potential 2020 presidential contender, has so far shied from calling for the agency's elimination.

But many faith-based groups that have been working with immigrants have never liked ICE.

The agency, created in 2003 and installed under the jurisdiction of the then-new Department of Homeland Security, was set up in the wake of the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

It gained a reputation for its

zealous enforcement of laws on the border, particularly with undocumented immigrants and asylum seekers. Faith-based groups working with immigrants have been among the first to point out cases where ICE has picked up people suspected of being undocumented in workplace raids, outside of hospitals and riding in cars.

"We have many groups around the country working with immigrant communities, experiencing firsthand the systematic abuses that ICE has been carrying out," said Kristin Kumpf, director of human migration and mobility for the AFSC.

The organization hopes to get some 10,000 signatures for its petition to Congress.

As of Wednesday it had received half that. Many of its supporters have also adopted the Twitter hashtag #AbolishICE.

Kumpf said she didn't feel like the organization needed to offer a solution for replacing ICE.

"We don't need to have an exact blueprint for restructuring the federal government in this moment to say that ICE is immoral, unaccountable and dangerous," she added.

Neither did Carey McDonald, an executive vice president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. "We lived without ICE for a long time," he said, adding the country could easily go back to pre-2003 status quo.

Prior to ICE, the government empowered the Immigration and Naturalization Service to undertake enforcement.

McDonald said 60 percent of the association's 1,000 congregations reported taking some public action to support immigration justice last year. Some 80 UUA congregations have pledged their willingness to offer sanctuary to undocumented immigrants and others are training now to accompany detained immigrants when they go to court hearings, often with no legal counsel.

"One of our principles is the inherent worth and dignity of each person," McDonald said. "Our immigration system denies the dignity of people in the system."

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to represent New Jersey in the Continental Congress. His theologically grounded belief that people should choose their own government provoked him to become a passionate champion on the patriot side. He knew the struggle against Britain would inevitably result in painful conflict but openly urged, "If your cause is just, if your principles are pure, and if your conduct is prudent, you need not fear the multitude of opposing hosts."

As with the rest of the signers, the resulting six years of war inflicted a high price for this clergyman, including losing a son in battle and leaving a college in ruin that he spent the remainder of his life rebuilding.

His personal influence was weighty and beyond calculation for five of his students from the College of New Jersey — including James

Madison, were seated at the Constitutional Convention. Along with future President Madison the fruit of his tutelage at Princeton ultimately included nine cabinet officers, 21 senators, 39 congressmen, three Supreme Court justices, 12 governors and a vice president. (p. 221 – The American Patriot's Almanac, William J. Bennett and John T.E. Cribb © 2008, 2010).

The saturating influence of Hollywood with its dubious revisions has also helped contribute to a misrepresentation of the character and stability of ministers in general in America.

The depictions of men of the cloth, being less than manly or courageous, or even cowardly, or consumed with greed and lust (i.e. the Elmer Gantry huckster type) has pervaded our culture. Lost in antiquity because of willful disdain or lack of care has been the record of those countless parsons that dotted the cities and countryside

alike throughout the young emerging nation as men who loved their wives and families and their country. They were preachers who spoke passionately about freedom of choice and soul liberty and who overwhelmingly set aside their Bibles and took up their muskets to join with their parishioners in a most noble effort, the struggle for independence.

If you do the due diligence and take the time to research some of the old historical records and books (albeit few for this topic is a focused minority study) that record such precise information, as this writer has previously done, you will be amazed at the stories of courage and sacrifice that the clergy of America willingly rendered for the cause of freedom. Preachers didn't just preach liberty. They died along side their fellow countrymen in the pursuit of the guarantees provided in the first and second amendment to our

Constitution, and of all the just causes of a nation that was born out of the restless relentless quest for religious liberty and autonomy for every man and woman.

To be called a parson and a patriot was never an oxymoron, to believe in the love of God and the salvation provided for by Jesus Christ and also in the necessity of even shedding one's own blood for liberty was not an antithetical notion in those days that brought us the Declaration of Independence. Don't forget the fireworks you enjoy around the Fourth of July were originally lit by flames from pulpits across America.

(Jack Hoffman is the pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Paris. Email him at jilland-jack1971@gmail.com. Pastor's Perspective is provided by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship. Hoffman grants permission to quote in part or whole as long as recognition is given to the author.)

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- Affirming the denomination's commitment to, "the full welcome, acceptance, and inclusion of transgender people, people who identify as gender non-binary, and

people of all gender identities within the full life of the church and the world," and the gifts of LGBT people for ministry, as well as celebrating LGBT people's service in the church. This comes after previous assemblies voted to ordain LGBT clergy and allow same-sex marriage.

- Asking RE/MAX to do, "everything within its legal and moral power to stop facilitating the sale and rental of property in Israeli settlement colonies in East Jerusalem and the West Bank."

- Expressing grief over Palestinians' deaths in recent protests at the Gaza border, praying for all Palestinians and Israelis who have been injured, and renewing the denomination's call for an end to the blockade of Gaza by Israel.
- Preparing a report for the next assembly describing the present status of Jerusalem and making policy recommendations.
- Sending a message to the U.S. government asking it to work toward a cease-fire in

Syria and substantially expand the number of refugees admitted from the country.

For many, the highlight of the assembly wasn't the resolutions, but a march June 19 to the City Justice Center, where delegates used the offering collected at their opening worship service to bail out about three dozen people incarcerated for minor offenses, according to the Rev. Jerry Van Marter, interim director of communications for the Office of the General Assembly.

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The annual sale — sponsored by Linden Leaf Gifts — begins July 28, and concludes August 6. Times are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., each day.

It will take place at Providence Spirituality & Conference Center while supplies last.

This is the 15th year the sisters have conducted the sale. It began as a way for the sisters and other staff, associates and friends, to recycle old books.

"There is always a lot of interest in this annual sale," Linden Leaf Gifts Manager Ryan Sheehy said. "We have a lot of books and more. There is a little bit of everything for everybody."

Book categories include hardbacks, paperbacks, spirituality, Bibles, novels, history, children's books, gardening, health and crafting. In addition, in the past, CDs, DVDs and vinyl records have also been available.

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# NAL goes green on concrete

Recycles more than 1,350 tons of concrete destined for landfill

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The ongoing expansion at the North American Lighting (NAL) Paris facility requires the demolition of more than 30,500 cubic feet of concrete, posing the problem of what to do with the refuse.

Instead of transporting 97 loads of concrete to a landfill and emitting 34 tons of greenhouse gases, NAL's facility and environmental engineers managed a cost effective and environmentally friendly solution to recycle the concrete.

The concrete excavated from the south side of the facility makes a short trip to the northwest of the building and is sent through an on-site grinder operated by Drake Excavating. This crushed material goes back into use as the sub-base material for the new floors of the warehouse expansion.

"The repurposed material provides good compaction and avoids sourcing new material from area quarries," said



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**The concrete debris created by the demolition work at North American Lighting is getting repurposed for another use rather than going into a landfill. After getting ground and crushed, the concrete is reduced to gravel size chunks for use as substrate under the new floors of the expanded warehouse.**

John Burkett, NAL's Facilities and Environmental Engineering Manager. "We encourage the use of more sustainable construction methods and recognize our suppliers for our shared commitment to reducing the environmental impact of our activities."

Robert Eickhoff, NAL's

General Manager of Manufacturing Engineering, endorses the project.

"The activity demonstrates the type of outside the box thinking NAL needs to reduce its environmental impact," said Eickhoff. "This was not just recycling pop cans or newspapers, which are good



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**The warehouse expansion at North American Lighting requires the demolition of massive amounts of concrete. Rather than landfill the rubble NAL is sending it through a grinder and converting it into substrate material for new floors in the expanded warehouse.**

activities, but this shows what can be accomplished when a concerted team effort is put forth to reduce our impact to the environment. This project eliminated land fill, reduced the impact to air quality and eliminated the need to excavate additional base layer material."

Work on the Paris ware-

house expansion will be completed in two phases so as not to disrupt shipments or manufacturing work during construction.

The first phase began in April and should finish by October. The second phase of the project begins in October and will be completed by March

2019. The excess crushed concrete will be retained and used for future projects.

NAL's ISO 14001 certified environmental management system challenges the company to be environmentally responsible. In addition to the concrete solution, NAL is implementing further sustainable measures including the installation of daylight harvesting systems, LED lighting in the new expansion, upgraded lighting to LED in existing adjacent assembly space, LVHV (Low Velocity, High Volume) ceiling fans in the new warehouse, a white reflective roof for lower heat gain and VFD (Variable Frequency Drive) controlled air compressors.

North American Lighting, Inc., a member of the Koito Group of Companies, is the largest automotive lighting manufacturer in North America and has been manufacturing since 1983. NAL is a pioneer in vehicular lighting from LEDs to adaptive driving beams, and is now pursuing the latest technology in autonomous driving.

More information about NAL is available at [www.nal.com](http://www.nal.com).

## Small business lessons from Red Hen's Sanders ouster

NEW YORK (AP) — Taking a political stand — like asking a White



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House press secretary to leave your restaurant — can be polarizing and risky. So experts say an owner who decides to act should do so with

forethought and civility.

The Red Hen in Lexington, Virginia, has become internationally famous since ousting Sarah Huckabee Sanders over the weekend. The owner had consulted with employees, who said Sanders made them feel uncomfortable. It was an on-the-spot decision, and led to condemnation by President Donald Trump, an onslaught of negative Yelp reviews and global media coverage.

Under federal law, restaurants and other businesses can not discriminate based on age, race, national origin, religious beliefs, gender, disability, pregnancy or veteran status. But other issues are fair game (thus the sign "No shoes, no shirt, no service"). Whether it's worth it is another matter.

"Any time a restaurant company or a brand takes a political stand these days, the country is so polarized they run the risk of losing as many customers as they can gain," said Allen Adamson, co-founder of branding firm Metaforce.

The Red Hen's co-owner Stephanie Wilkinson told The Washington Post that her staff had called her to report Sanders was in the restaurant. She cited several reasons, including the concerns of several restaurant employees who were gay and knew Sanders had defended Trump's desire to bar transgender people from the military.

It's a risk to act out on political beliefs based on what your staff thinks — but it's a gamble to ignore them, too.

Small businesses must ensure they're paying attention to their customers and employees and making sure their message stays on brand, said Andrew Park, vice president at customer experience management company InMoment.

"If you're in touch with customers and understand what your employees think,

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## THE CHRISMAN DOUGHNUT LADY



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

**What started as a way to help the Chrisman Farmers Market with vendors has turned into a growing summer business for Deborah Hale. She sells fresh made doughnuts every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning from her home at 301 N. Illinois Street. She also pulls her newly renovated vintage camping trailer to the Friday evening Chrisman Farmers Market and other locations. She is touched by how Deborah's Donuts has resonated with the public, noting customers made the wreath and a pennant banner among other things to help decorate the trailer.**

# Making some dough

Deborah's Donuts has become a Chrisman summer staple.

BY GARY HENRY  
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CHRISMAN — An idea to support a community event has grown into a side business for Deborah Hale.

When the Chrisman High School FFA started a farmers market three years ago Hale wanted to help the students have enough vendors for the market. She used canned biscuit dough to fry fresh doughnuts at the location. The canned dough was OK to get started but it didn't satisfy Hale's idea of what a doughnut should be.

"I like yeast doughnuts," she said.

With that commitment, she started a yearlong process testing different yeast recipes to find one she liked and was suitable for use at different locations. She zeroed in on one recipe, made a few modifications to suit her taste, and Deborah's Donuts was on a roll.

Hale attended the Chrisman farmers market, festivals and other events where she prepared the dough and fried it fresh under a tent. People like a good doughnut and the public responded.

"People started asking me to do it for weddings and showers," Hale said.

She quickly discovered loading her vehicle for each event with tables, equipment, supplies and tent then setting up for the event followed by tearing down, packing the vehicle and transferring everything into a shed at home was a tedious and time consuming task.

"It was a lot of work taking all of that," said Hale. "I wanted something to keep it all in."

The solution was a 1973 Wildcat camping trailer, which brought its own adventure of tracking down the original owner for a title transfer. Hale gutted the inside of the trailer and installed a work counter, prep sinks, deep fryer, a refrigerator and shelving. She also painted the outside pink with a hori-



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**Deborah Hale pipes buttercream icing onto a doughnut fresh from the fryer. The icing made with coffee created the weekly special flavor of coffee-toffee at Deborah's Donuts in Chrisman.**

zontal band of artwork depicting candy sprinkles such as those used to decorate doughnuts and cakes.

A pink trailer stands out but so does the rest of the space that includes a turntable and playing 33 1/3 rpm vinyl albums and occasioning the presence of a colorful quilt made by her husband's grandmother.

Hale likes the symbolism of records being round with a hole in the center for use at a doughnut stand but more important is the unique touch and sound the turntable adds to the trailer.

"I just love anything vintage," said Hale.

Making doughnuts on the road is much easier now with everything inside a trailer for towing to a location.

"It really seems to have taken off this year," said Hale.

She attended the June 23 Paris Farmers Market and sold out of doughnuts

twice. Alternate Saturday mornings she is at the Danville Farmers Market, providing she is not working a festival or other special event. Help at the big events consists of her son, Porter Hale, a Chrisman High School student.

"I couldn't do it without him," she said. "We are so busy."

Hale's goal is to provide great doughnuts to customers. She makes her dough fresh every day from flour, sugar and yeast and does the same for her glaze and other icing options. The dough is always made fresh as needed as opposed to mass produced batches used by bigger retailers.

"A yeast doughnut has to be light, fluffy and airy," said Hale, adding humidity and other weather factors influence how the dough rises. "There's a real science to getting that."

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## You can be a happy owner of timeshare

Many people are desperate to shed their timeshares.

That provides bargains for timeshare enthusiasts like Angie and Mike McCaffery of Los Angeles.



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The retired couple has paid as little as 50 cents for used timeshares. They've parlayed their timeshare weeks at four mainland U.S. resorts into affordable stays in England, Spain, Costa Rica, Hawaii, Mexico and the Caribbean.

"You hear all the nightmare stories, but if you know how to work it and you can plan ahead, it's the best thing ever," says Angie McCaffery, 71.

Timeshares are a way to use vacation property, typically resort condominiums with bedrooms and kitchens, for a week each year. In addition to the upfront cost of buying, owners must pay annual maintenance fees, which currently average about \$900 but can total \$3,000 or more for higher-end properties.

Timeshares may be a specific week each year, or floating weeks that can change from year to year, or points that can convert into reservations for days or weeks at timeshare resorts. Most timeshares offer exchange opportunities that allow owners to stay at other resorts if they plan well in advance.

The details can vary quite a bit, but people who are satisfied with their timeshares tend to have several things in common, says Brian Rogers, owner of Timeshare Users Group, one of the oldest forums for timeshare owners.

Happy timeshare owners:

### TIMESHARES AREN'T A FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

The average cost of timeshares sold by resort developers has risen over time and now tops \$20,000, according to the American Resort Development Association, an industry trade group. Unethical salespeople use that fact to imply, or even assert, that the timeshare you buy will increase in value. That's not true. On the resale market, the typical timeshare sells for 10 percent or less of what the original owner paid, Rogers says. TUG, eBay and other sites are full of for sale ads

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Part of what makes Deborah's Donuts so appealing is her effort to fry each doughnut when it is ordered so the pastry is served warm to the customer fresh from the fryer.

"I can't always do that when we are busy," she said.

Hale acknowledged surprise at how the business has grown.

"I didn't expect it to take off. It was a hobby to do in the summer, but I really enjoy it," said Hale, who works as a teacher's aid during the school year.

At this point, Hale doesn't have expansion plans.

"I don't want to overthink it," said Hale. "I just want to enjoy what I'm doing. If you aren't happy, your customers aren't happy."

Deborah's Donuts is open 7-10 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in the side yard of her home at 301 N. Illinois, Chrisman. She hooks up the trailer and is at the Chrisman Farmers Market 4-6:30 p.m. every Friday.

Saturday mornings she



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**Deborah Hale works at the deep fryer inside her little camping trailer serving as the vending spot for Deborah's Donuts. Her goal is to fry the fresh, made-from-scratch yeast doughnuts when ordered so they are served warm, but that is not always possible on busy days.**

may be at the Paris or Danville farmers market or a festival.

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**DON'T BUY ON VACATION**

Timeshare salespeople are often much better at selling than you are at resisting — especially when you're relaxed and having a great time. That's no state of mind to be in when you need to scan the details of a contract, assess potential exchange options and uncover things that can go wrong, such as rising annual maintenance fees or problems trading your share.

If you're interested in a property, Rogers recommends renting from an existing timeshare owner to see how much you like it. But don't sign up on the spot.

"I tell my friends, 'Don't ever go to a presentation.' They've gotten very hard-

sell," Angie McCaffery says.

**DON'T PAY RETAIL**

The McCafferys bought their first timeshare in 1994 from a developer, paying \$15,000 for a two-bedroom condo in Palm Desert, California.

Later they learned they could save thousands buying directly from other timeshare owners who no longer wanted to pay their annual maintenance fees.

People who simply stop paying their fees risk having the debts turned over to collection agencies, which can sue them and trash their credit.

In 2006, the McCafferys bought a one-bedroom timeshare in Park City, Utah, for \$100 on eBay. Four years later, they paid \$1 total for two timeshares, a one-bedroom unit in New Orleans and a two-bedroom unit in Ruidoso, New Mexico.

Developers often offer incentives for buying retail, such as frequent traveler points or VIP treatment, but "those are almost never worth paying \$19,000 or \$20,000 extra for," Rogers says. "For that money, I'll get my own limo from the airport."

**CHOOSE ATTRACTIVE LOCATIONS**

Don't buy a timeshare in an undesirable location on the promise you can trade it to stay in more desirable ones. If you don't want to vacation there, chances are potential exchange partners won't, either.

The McCafferys prefer buying fixed-week timeshares. That way, if they don't want to trade for another property, they're guaranteed access to their properties each year without having to make advance reservations. Floating-week and point systems typically require more planning, since desirable

weeks are snapped up early or require more points the longer people delay.

**ENJOY RESEARCH AND PLANNING**

Learning the ins and outs of each timeshare system takes effort. While point systems are often touted as a way for people to vacation at the last minute, the reality is the best deals have to be secured nine to 12 months in advance, Rogers says.

That's actually a plus for people like Angie McCaffery, who typically starts researching the couple's vacation options a year or more ahead.

"Half the fun of it is planning it," she says.

(Liz Weston is a columnist at NerdWallet, a certified financial planner and author. Email her at lweston@nerdwallet.com. This column was provided to The Associated Press by the personal finance website NerdWallet.)

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you have a shared group of

values and you're in a better situation to make the right call when you need to," he said.

A restaurant in a blue state

bubble might gain from a move such as Red Hen's, he said, but many people on both sides of the spectrum also thought the restaurant shouldn't punish people for their political views.

While the Red Hen incident happened in the moment, a small business making a foray into politics works best when there's a game plan, said Tina Cassidy, executive vice president and chief content officer of public relations firm Inkhouse.

"What we would recommend from a PR perspective is if you're going to be a business and take a stand on an issue, that you have thought through the next steps attached to it," she said. The Red Hen owner, she said, could have used the limelight as an opportunity to talk in greater depth about how she wants the nation to behave, or hopes for employees, or how policies the Trump administration put in place affect the workforce.

"You want to tie it to a higher cause, bigger meaning or specific outcome you want to see in the world," she said. "Without that, it's just a one-off protest."

In the end, the best strategy is to be considerate, Cassidy said.

"It's hard to lose when you lead with kindness in terms of how you're communicating."

(Mae Anderson is a tech and business writer for the Associated Press.)

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**POWER**  
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evident. It was caused by the left front tire, which bubbled and lost some tread. The tread looked good when we left for the tour but pieces of it were now missing. We were stopped and unable to continue.

Our third angel, Chad, and his date Katie could have driven by and continued enjoying their last few minutes together before Chad went to work at 5 p.m. at Lowe's. Instead, he stopped to help, just in the nick of time. Tire stores were closing at 4 p.m., and the tire we needed was for a 14-inch rim. Apparently, it is rather difficult to get

a 14-inch tire, and we managed to get to the store just before it closed. Luckily they had one in stock. One of the stores we stopped at said they could not get a tire of that size till Monday. Again God was helping us, I truly believe.

You may be wondering if I need my head examined for making this trip. No air conditioning, temperatures in the 90s, humidity in the 70s, no radio, various car issues every few days and no spare tire.

We had tools in the trunk to fix everything. We had a huge first aid kit, lawn chairs, umbrella, flashlights, plenty of clothes, cooler for cold drinks, etc., along with four

kinds of mapping devices. What was Tom thinking? No spare tire. What was I thinking? I did it because I love Tom, and I love adventure.

All this brings me to the last part of my story. I'm beginning to love Trip Advisor as it provided two memorable places to eat at along the way. It truly is a good sight to visit.

Tom is always saying to check Trip Advisor for restaurants, and we did while in Russellville, Ky., where we stayed before leaving on the tour from Bowling Green, Ky. Trip Advisor's number one choice in Russellville was Roy's BBQ. The food was very tasty but what I

loved most was the atmosphere.

We walked in on a Saturday night, and I got tears in my eyes as I heard the music being played by a band of old timers. I felt like I was truly home. The music they were playing sounded just like the music sessions I hear at family gatherings at my brother Leonard's house, where I go for Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter dinners. It was exactly what I needed.

I ordered pulled pork, which was served with cornbread, cooked flat like a pancake so you can make a wrap. The place was filled with friendly people who just smiled when they watched me swaying to the music.

Another Trip Advisor find was in Griffin, Ga., where we came across the number two restaurant of choice. In my opinion, it should have been number one. Waiting for a seat on a Tuesday night had to mean the place was good, and it was.

In downtown Griffin at the Corner Café, as advertised the food is homemade and delicious. We chose to split a main entrée so we would have room for dessert. The meal we shared was a spaghetti dish made with Andouille sausage and shrimp, with wonderful grilled mushrooms and red peppers. I did not get the recipe, but will experiment when I purchase some Andouille sausage and see if I can try to duplicate. It was that good.

The dessert case was filled with five and six-layer cakes at least six inches tall from an Atlanta Bakery. The cheesecakes, which were at least 4 inches tall, were made in house. Because we could not decide, we split a piece of

triple chocolate milky-way cake and then took along a piece of red velvet cake since our room had a refrigerator, and we thought we could eat it for breakfast.

If I am ever within 100 miles of Griffin, Ga., it will be worth a side trip just to eat there again.

Speaking of trip advising here is my advice:

■ Start by thanking God for all the blessings he provides and ask him to watch over your travels.

■ Do not take a trip to the south in a car without air conditioning when temperatures and humidity are extreme. Two-sixty air (two windows down and driving 60 mph) does not work.

■ A few problems make for a memorable trip, so laugh when you can.

■ Enjoy the beauty of the back roads.

■ Appreciate all the good people you meet and be an angel to others along the way.

■ Short trips or long, always take a spare tire.

**Puzzles**

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

**SUDOKU**

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Level: Intermediate

**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!

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ANSWER:

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**Marshall Dine with a Doc scheduled July 13**

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The Dine with a Doc® program was designed to allow the seniors to get out of their homes, fellowship with their peers, extend their available financial resources, promote enhanced living and educate them with the goal of ensuring their quality of life.

This month's featured speakers are Connie Rhoads LCSW and Terra Ogle LCSW.

Rhoads is a licensed clinical social worker with a masters degree in social work at Senior

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**CROSSWORD**

- Across**
- The winners
  - A place to relax
  - Monies to pay debts
  - Horse mackerel
  - Type of steroid
  - Make dry
  - The Godfather's adopted son
  - Ivanovic and Gasteyer
  - Horror movie franchise
  - Grab
  - Iranian city
  - Yearly tonnage (abbr.)
  - One's illicit lover
  - Fake smarts (abbr.)
  - Where Jersey natives depart from
  - Doctor
  - Front feet
  - Insurance option
  - Some is "wicked"
  - Type of weaving
  - Religious woman
  - One point east of southeast
  - Prestigious literary prize
  - Tiny humans
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- Piers Anthony
- Musical instrument
- Gives a permanent post
- It's in a plant
- Sun worshippers love one
- One-time special
- Ammonia-producing process
- 4th month of the Jewish calendar
- New England river
- Mongolian desert
- Stores grain
- Confess openly
- Quarterbacks do it
- Great Britain, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- British air aces
- Not good
- A lover to Zeus
- Witness
- Frequently
- Author Coulter
- Get together again
- Type of screen

- Clues Down**
- Dice game
  - Greek goddess of youth

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**LEGALS**

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

IN RE THE ADOPTION OF XHALEN CHRISTOPHER BURROUGHS, A Minor  
2018-AD-2

ADOPTION NOTICE

To: Taylor Stout and All whom it may concern

Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Edgar County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named XHALEN CHRISTOPHER BURROUGHS.

Now, therefore, unless you Taylor Stout, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Fifth Judicial Circuit, Edgar County, Circuit Clerk, Edgar County Courthouse, in the City of Paris, Illinois, on or before the 24th day of July, 2018, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.  
Dated June 7, 2018, Paris, Edgar County Illinois,

Angela R. Barrett, Clerk

By: William D. McGrath  
McGrath Law Office  
107 S. Sixth Street  
Marshall, IL 62441  
217-826-3055  
Fax: 217-826-3056  
[wmcgrath@mcgrathlawoffice.net](mailto:wmcgrath@mcgrathlawoffice.net)

**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 13, 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:

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Located at: 14161 N 1900th St, Paris, IL  
Owner(s): Raymond E. Rigdon

Dated: June 13, 2018  
August H. Griffin  
Edgar County Clerk

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes  
Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 1

To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or the Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on June 1, 2018, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) proposed changes in its rates and charges for approved Energy Efficiency and Demand-Response Measures (EDR) throughout its territory in Illinois pursuant to its Rider Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Investment (Rider EE) tariff in Docket No. 18-1100. The changes to Rider EE are applicable to Ameren Illinois Rate Zones I, II and III.

A copy of the proposed change in schedule may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at [www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/](http://www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/).

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KATEY MAY DESIGNS  
Located at: 212 W Madison St, Paris, IL  
Owner(s): K. Good

Dated: June 14, 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 KATHLEEN C. CASH,  
Deceased  
No.2018- P -37

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of KATHLEEN C. CASH. Letters of Office were issued on June 15, 2018 to Rex A. Brimmer, 3959 Clarksville St., Paris, IL 61944 as executor 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 (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.

Rex A. Brimmer  
Independent Executor  
FRUIN & KASH  
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)  
129 N. Central Ave. Paris, IL 61944  
Phone: 217/ 465-4196  
FAX: 217/ 466-1213

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUNE COOK, Deceased  
No. 2018-P-34

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of June Cook. Letters of Office were issued on June 8, 2018, to Benjamin Ramsey Cook, Jr., as Independent Executor, 704 E. Monroe Ave., Chrisman, IL 61924, 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 December 17, 2018 (at least six months from date of first publication) 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.  
Benjamin Ramsey Cook, Jr.,  
Independent Executor  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS IN PROBATE**

In the matter of the Estate of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ, deceased  
No. 2018-P-36  
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2018, to DENNIS W. THOMAS, II, as Independent Administrator, 109 W. Harrison, Clinton, Indiana 47842, whose attorney is DREW P. GRIFFIN, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 26, 2018, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the

attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
DATED this 23rd day of June, 2018.  
DENNIS W. THOMAS, II,  
Independent Administrator of the Estate of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ, deceased

Drew P. Griffin  
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Owner(s): Joe Biemick  
Dated: June 18, 2018  
August H. Griffin  
Edgar County Clerk

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

FIRST BANK & TRUST, S.B., Paris, Illinois, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY JANE WASHBURN, and MARTHA J. RHOADS, )  
n/k/a MARTHA J. GOSNELL, )  
UNKNOWN OWNERS and )  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, )  
Defendants.  
2016-CH-2

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause, the Edgar County Sheriff, at 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2018 at the assigned courtroom at the Courthouse of Edgar County, 115 West Court Street, Paris, Illinois 61944, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate:

Lot No. 76 in Levings, Jones and Hunt's West End Addition to the City of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.  
PIN: 09-18-02-234-008  
The common address of which is 223 N. Austin Street, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid shall be paid by certified funds at the close of the sale, to the Plaintiff. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance of the sale price will be due and payable within seven (7) days following the date of sale. The property is subject to all outstanding and unpaid general real taxes, special assessments, or special assessments levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to the quality or quantity of title, and without recourse to Plaintiff. The property is being offered for sale in "AS IS" condition. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved with a single family residence. Further information regarding the property may be obtained by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney identified hereinafter. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, Janett S. Winter-Black of the Law Offices of Winter Black & Baker, 201 N. Logan, P.O. Box 835, Mattoon, Illinois 61938, (217) 235-3400.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN H. SAYRE,  
No. 2018-P-32  
Deceased

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of JOHN H. SAYRE of Chrisman, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 18, 2018, to

LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST, 202 West Madison Street, Chrisman, IL 61924, whose attorney is RICHARD L. JAMES, 328 N Central, P O Box 820, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 31, 2018, (six (6) months from the date of the first publication), and any claims not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED: June 21, 2018

LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST Representative

#1323156 RICHARD L. JAMES Attorney at Law 328 N Central P O Box 820 Paris, IL 61944 (217) 465-2529 rlj@rjameslaw.com

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO: 2018-03 PREVAILING WAGE RATES

TAKE NOTICE that the Village of Metcalf has passed an ordinance establishing prevailing wage rates for construction to be the same as those in Edgar County as determined by the Illinois Department of Labor. Anyone wishing to inspect the ordinance may do so by contacting the village clerk.

Jada Cloyd, 217-712-0539 (texting accepted) or by email metcalfvh@gmail.com

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All personal property currently stored in space # 5 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Cherry Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Justin Erwin shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc. By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 12 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Cherry Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Tina Boyer shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc. By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 72 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Cherry Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Kim Stewart shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc. By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 91 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Cherry Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944

rented to Josh Hoover shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location. Craig's Warehouse Inc. By: Debbie Lowe

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATES

The Edgar County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on the following dates. The meetings will be held in the conference room of the Community Building located at 604 Highland Drive in Paris, IL.

- August 15, 2018
September 19, 2018
October 17, 2018
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## BRIEFLY

### Hit-and-run vehicle recovered

YORKVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Authorities investigating the death of a suburban Chicago high school softball coach who was killed in a hit-and-run collision this month say they've recovered the vehicle they believe struck the woman.

In a news release, the Kendall County sheriff's office says a tip led to the silver 2006 Chrysler Pacifica.

The body of 26-year-old Amanda Stanton of Lockport was found on June 24 in the area of Plainfield Road and Plainsman Court in Oswego Township. Investigators believe she was walking in the area when she was hit by the vehicle. No arrests have been made.

Stanton was the head girls' softball coach at Oswego High School.

### Chicago bracing for dangerous heat wave

CHICAGO (AP) — The expected dangerously hot weather in and around Chicago has officials warning people to drink lots of water, avoid going outside for long stretches and find a cool spot to ride out the heat.

The National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning for the area from Friday morning until at least Saturday evening. Temperatures are expected to hover in the mid-90s during and day — with humidity that will make it feel like the temperature is as high as 105 to 112 degrees.

Dozens of cooling centers have been opened in and around the city. Residents are also asked to check on elderly neighbors and people with medical problems and to make sure that pets aren't left unattended.

### Family receives Purple Heart medal left at bank

CHICAGO (AP) — Relatives of an Illinois man who earned a Purple Heart in Vietnam have received the medal years after it was found in a safe deposit box at a bank that closed.

Private First Class Phillip Morris of Harvey received his Purple Heart Medal after being wounded in 1966. He received an honorable discharge in 1970 and returned to Harvey. Morris died in 1997.

Illinois State Treasurer Michael Frerichs says the medal was in a safe deposit box that belonged to Morris' sister.

It was surrendered to Frerichs' office in 2008 as unclaimed property. The office tracked down Morris' relatives using public records.

Frerichs gave the medal to Morris' daughter and grandson this week.

He says it's a "great honor" but the office still has more than 100 unclaimed military medals.

### 3 tornados touched down in N. Illinois

MANHATTAN, Ill. (AP) — The National Weather Service says at least three tornados touched down in northern Illinois on Tuesday.

Weather Service meteorologist Eric Lenning says a storm survey conducted Wednesday determined that an EF-1 tornado with maximum winds of about 95 mph swept through the Will County community of Manhattan on Tuesday evening.

The post office was damaged as tornado was on the ground for about a mile.

Lenning says an area southeast of Manhattan where residents had filmed a funnel cloud touching down briefly was also surveyed but there were no signs of damage.

The survey crew also found no damage in an area of Kane County where residents said a tornado briefly touched down.

Tuesday's storms caused flooding along and north of Interstate 88.

# State paying for backlog

Delays in finding Medicaid eligibility put Illinois on hook for \$300M in nursing home care

BY JOHN O'CONNOR  
AP Political Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois officials are so far behind on determining Medicaid eligibility for 15,000 nursing home residents that privately run facilities are fronting \$300 million in care while state officials struggle with the backlog, according to interviews and documents obtained by The Associated Press.

Beginning this past Thursday (June 28), the state must pay the Medicaid cost of care for those who have waited more than 45 days for a determination of their eligibility, according to conditions set by a federal judge.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services responded by issuing a request for a private company to step in and help catch up at a cost of up to \$14.4 million. It would utilize a computer system whose glitch-laden rollout last fall included improperly canceling federal food assistance for 40,000 needy families.

Numbers compiled by state Comptroller Susana Mendoza

and obtained by the AP show the backlog of cases waiting for eligibility determination peaked at over 16,000 in May before dropping this month to 14,572. The oldest cases — those still awaiting a decision after 90 days — jumped 143 percent, to more than 9,000, just from December 2017 to May, Mendoza found.

Nursing home administrators are perplexed by the holdup. Universal Health Care Management's 49-bed nursing home in Stockton, a town of 1,900 in northwestern Illinois, has fronted about \$500,000 for residents awaiting eligibility determination, according to company Vice President Michael Nudell.

"Some of these are slam dunks," Nudell said. "There's no property, no money, no outside source of income. You look at these and say, without question, they meet the criteria to get Medicaid coverage, yet these are taking a long time."

A report Mendoza plans to publish, obtained in advance by the AP, says state agencies in the past have blamed staffing shortages along with unfamiliarity with the same computer system that caused the food assistance problems.

It's unclear how the backlog grew so quickly or why its escalation began shortly after the deadline legislators imposed in a 2013 law that demanded elimination of a smaller backlog by summer 2014. Department of Healthcare and Family Services spokesman John Hoffman said Thursday that the lawsuit prevents him from commenting.

The state's Medicaid long-term care program focuses on those 65 or older or who are disabled and have assets less than the cost of private nursing care. It's responsible for 55,000 nursing home residents in 738 Illinois nursing homes, according to Mendoza, a Democrat highly critical of Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

"For Illinois' aging population, this is a massive health care and housing crisis and it again demonstrates an inability by Gov. Rauner to manage basic state functions and critical programs," Mendoza said in a statement.

U.S. District Judge Joan

Gottschall, in a lawsuit filed last year, ordered the state to clear the backlog by Thursday or, going forward, presume everyone who's been awaiting an eligibility decision for at least 45 days is eligible and pay the state's share of the federal-state Medicaid program. That rule would be enshrined in state law under legislation awaiting Rauner's action.

Matt Werner, a Springfield consultant on the case, estimated the cost currently at \$280 million to \$320 million overall, with half reimbursed later by the federal government. He said payments will be spread out because HFS must create identifiers for the residents and then providers must bill the state for each.

Nursing homes find themselves in a situation not unlike the way others providing goods or services have fronted state government costs for years because of a historic budget stalemate, waiting months for payment, as evidenced by a \$6.4 billion bill backlog.

"We function, essentially, as a state bank," said Greg Wilson, vice president of Petersen

Healthcare in East Peoria.

Some operations have begun refusing admission to residents whose Medicaid eligibility is not concluded, but most don't consider that an option, Wilson said.

"We're part of the communities we serve," he said. "We don't turn people away, but the state owes us millions."

HFS sought a private company to help reduce the backlog, estimating in a procurement document that it would cost \$14.4 million over two years. The solicitation closed Monday. There's no indication of whether a contractor was selected.

The request indicated the successful bidder would use the Integrated Eligibility System.

The state first implemented it in 2013 for \$144 million. By the time it became fully operational last fall, the cost was over \$287 million and its rollout beset by bugs that improperly canceled Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits for 40,000 needy families. The benefits were restored later in the year.

## MERCYHEALTH OPENS FOR BUSINESS



Arturo Fernandez/Rockford Register Star

**This June 15, 2018 photo shows the new MercyHealth Alpine Clinic in Loves Park. The clinic will house 12 residents in the family medicine residency program in July 2019 as part of its operation. New Mercyhealth residency programs in nearby Rockford are training recent medical school graduates in hopes of enticing top-notch physicians to practice here once their training is complete.**

# Residents wanted

Programs aim to keep best physicians in Rockford

BY GEORGETTE BRAUN  
Rockford Register Star

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — New Mercyhealth residency programs in Rockford that will train recent medical school graduates are getting high-fives from leaders of the medical community, who hope the programs entice top-notch physicians to practice here once their training is complete.

Mercyhealth said last week it will start two residency programs in July 2019, one that will accept 13 first-year residents to train as internists and a second that will train 12 family medicine residents. Medical school seniors will interview in the fall for admission to the programs.

By 2021, the programs, which take three years to complete, will be training a total of 39 internal medicine residents and 36 family practice residents each year.

Additional residency programs, in cooperation with other health care providers, are possible within five years, said Dr. John Dorsey, vice president of physician services and chief medical officer of Mercyhealth in Rockford.

"It's an opportunity to increase access to health care for patients in hospitals and in clinics," Dorsey said.

It's also good for the local economy. "It will increase the presence of higher-earn-

ers who spend more money," Dorsey said.

Mercyhealth, which in January will open a new hospital near the junction of Riverside Boulevard and Interstate 90 and will continue to operate a hospital on Rockton Avenue, is one of three health systems present in Rockford.

The internal medicine residency will be housed at Mercyhealth Mulford. The family medicine residency will be based at the rebuilt Mercyhealth Alpine Medical Center in Loves Park, which will open to the public July 2. Residents train under the direction of experienced physicians.

The Mercyhealth residency programs will be the largest in Rockford. The University of Illinois College of Medicine Rockford's family medicine residency program, which dates to 1972, trains 25 resident physicians a year, most of whom wind up going to work for Swedish American, a division of UW Health.

Mercyhealth's internal medicine residency will be affiliated with the College of Medicine for "access to library services, research capacity and additional academic benefits," Dorsey said. He said the connection with the College of Medicine "will attract a higher-quality resident when they see we are affiliated with a university."

Dr. Alex Stagnaro-Green, dean of the College of Medicine, said the university affiliation is "good for Mercyhealth. ... It will enhance its academic stature."

Dorsey said Mercyhealth also is trying to establish a similar connection with the College of Medicine for the family medicine residency but hasn't yet in part because of the college's affiliation for that program with SwedishAmerican.

Dr. Michael Born, president and CEO of SwedishAmerican, said his take on Mercyhealth's plans is an "emphatic 'yes' to new residency programs in our city. ... This is job creation for positions needed in our community."

Born said the region and the nation need more family practitioners and internists, both of which are considered primary care physicians. By 2030, according to a study by the Association of American Medical Colleges, there could be a shortfall of between 14,800 and 49,300 primary care physicians as well as a shortage in non-primary care specialties of between 33,800 and 72,700 physicians.

Dr. Harnett Bath, vice president and chief medical officer of OSF HealthCare Saint Anthony Medical Center, said he expects Mercyhealth's residency programs will help lure resident physicians who'll want to stay here.

"It's not very easy recruiting to places like Rockford when we're so close to Chicago. Physicians get so many options," he said. When resident physicians work in a community, though, they come to recognize, "it's not a bad community to live in, and I can raise my family here."

## Judge orders immediate release of Brazilian boy

CHICAGO (AP) — A federal judge in Chicago on Thursday ordered the U.S. government to release a 9-year-old Brazilian boy who was separated from his mother at the U.S.-Mexico border, saying their continued separation "irreparably harms them both."

Judge Manish Shah mulled his decision for just a few hours before finding that Lidia Karine Souza can have custody of her son, Diogo, who has spent four weeks at a government-contracted shelter in Chicago. Shah ordered that the child be released Thursday, but didn't specify a time. Souza's attorneys said she would pick up her son Thursday afternoon.

The mother, who has applied for asylum, was released from an immigrant detention facility in Texas on June 9 and is living with relatives outside Boston.

"We are thrilled that Lidia Souza and her son will be reunited today as the result of this afternoon's order," attorneys Jesse Bless and Britt Miller said in a written statement. "Judge Shah has vindicated the rule of law and taken a definitive step to allow Lidia's son to finally be with her again. We are hopeful that this outcome will benefit other families facing similar circumstances."

Shah, the son of immigrants from India, took just four hours before posting

his written ruling after a hearing Thursday morning.

"Continued separation of ... (the) nine year-old child, and Souza," he wrote, "irreparably harms them both."

The decision came two days after a different judge ordered the government to reunite more than 2,000 immigrant children with their families within 30 days, or 14 days for those younger than 5. Souza's attorneys nonetheless moved forward with an emergency hearing in their lawsuit against the Trump administration to demand her son be immediately released. He has spent four weeks at a government-contracted shelter in Chicago, much of it alone in a room, quarantined with chickenpox. He spent his ninth birthday on Monday without his mom.

Shah wrote that he understood that volume of paperwork, filings and forms normally required before the government can release a child in its custody are intended to ensure the child's well-being. But, he said, "the government's interests in completing certain procedures to be sure that (Souza's child) is placed in a safe environment and in managing the response to ongoing class litigation do not outweigh the family's interest in reuniting."

"The fitness of the mother in this case isn't questioned, he said, so dragging out processing "only serves to interfere in the family's integrity with little to no benefit to the government's interests."

## Wolves may be in Illinois

INDUSTRY, Ill. (AP) — A western Illinois man's trail camera video has prompted wildlife experts to conduct testing to see whether a wolf pack is living in the area.

Jay Smith has captured video for several years of canines on property he manages near the McDonough County village of Industry, which is about 235 miles (380 kilometers) southwest of Chicago. Smith has more than 40 separate videos of the animals and at least 70 photos, he told the Chicago Tribune.

While the area hasn't had a verified wolf sighting in decades, Smith believes the animals are wolves.

"We basically have Grand Central Station for wolves here," Smith said.

The Illinois Department

of Natural Resources, Chicago's Field Museum and the U.S. Department of Agriculture are working together to identify the animals. The Field Museum is conducting DNA tests on carcasses that Smith has provided. Results are expected in a few weeks.

Identifying the animals is difficult because scientists haven't been able to agree about the genetic differences between wolves and coyotes. Improvements to DNA analysis has raised questions about how many distinct species there are between gray, red and eastern wolves and coyotes, said David Mech, a senior scientist in the U.S. Geological Survey.

Experts believe the animals Smith has spotted are likely coyotes, indigenous wild dogs or some sort of hybrid.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

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