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## Geography state champ

Crestwood's Ty Jones advances to national finals in Washington, D.C., May 20-23

BY GARY HENRY  
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Crestwood geography whiz Ty Jones' next stop is Washington, D.C. Jones, an eighth grade student, won the April 6 Illinois State Geography Bee and as the state champion advances to the national championship May 20-23.

The state competition was a grueling five-hour event of answering geography related questions and advancing through the preliminary rounds to make it onto the stage for the final round.

He said competitors were divided into groups of about 21 for the first elimination round and each person was asked eight questions.

"You must get eight out of eight



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correct," said Jones.

At the end of the first elimination, only three people were left in Jones' group.

The competition finally got down to him and one other person. Jones knew he won the event with an answer to a question about a person swimming off the coast of a country that is a British dependency.

"I answered South Georgia Island and the other kid answered Tierra del Fuego," said Jones.

He described the competition as exhausting from the stress of wanting to get every answer right and avoid

elimination.

Jones did not study for the state championship — and he denied having an eidetic memory.

"I remember it if I want to remember," said Jones. "Math, I'm not good at."

Geography has intrigued Jones since he was a small child.

"When I was little I was interested in things," he said. "I learned where they were located and learned more about them."

He does plan to study more in preparation for the national competition, because the questions are more esoteric and away from what he described as mainstream knowledge. Current events is an area he plans to delve into more for the Washington

event.

"Current events is a thing they like to do," said Jones. "Everything basically ties into it."

There is a good reason for studying and preparing for the competition — college scholarships.

The first place winner receives a \$50,000 scholarship, a lifetime membership in the National Geographic Society, \$500 cash and a trip to the Galapagos Islands. The second place winner gets a \$25,000 scholarship and third place receives a \$10,000 scholarship.

Jones hasn't given much thought to college or a career path.

"I don't want to do anything with math, or set in a cubicle," said Jones. "I just want to travel."

## NEW BUSINESS FINDS A NICHE MARKET



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Lifelong friends Casey Spesard, left, and Shelby Phipps, look over the all-important recipe notebook as they discuss what May Farm 2 Crock meals will be offered to their growing customer base. Spesard and Phipps prepare 10 or so freezer meals for clients. The two women have discovered a niche market of busy working mothers and families who are looking for home cooked meals.

## Farm 2 Crock growing

BY NANCY ZEMAN  
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Two Chrisman fulltime working wives and mothers are operating a part-time business making and selling freezer meals — and their business is growing.

Shelby Phipps and Casey Spesard met in kindergarten and have been friends ever since.

"One day we were talking and just came up with the idea to make freezer meals for our families each month," said Spesard, a fifth grade teacher at Salt Fork Elementary School.

Phipps, who is employed by ADM in Oakland and Tuscola, agreed and the two women came up with 20 recipes to prepare for a month.

They shopped for the ingredients and one Saturday morning met at 7 a.m. at the Phipps' rural home. "We cooked for 12 hours and when we had finished, we had 20 meals," Spesard recalled. "It was just Shelby and I. We enjoy each other's company and just talked the entire day."

The freezer meals may be prepared in the oven, skillet or crockpot, Phipps explained.

In August 2016, the women decided to try a sale for family and close friends in the basement of the Chrisman Christian Church.



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Casey Spesard, left, holds the orange Farm 2 Crock delivery bag while Shelby Phipps places part of an order for delivery. The two busy working wives and mothers are operating a small business making and selling freezer meals.

"We made 100 meals and we sold them all," Spesard said. "Then we had people calling and wanting to buy more.

They agreed they were definitely on to something, Spesard said. "We began discussing the possibilities of

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## Chrisman changing solicitation ordinance

Door-to-door salesmen not welcome in city

BY GARY HENRY  
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CHRISMAN — Toby Krabel, Chrisman police chief, told the city council Monday, April 10, changes are needed in the city's solicitation ordinance.

He explained it appears companies engaged in door-to-door sales are using other services to hire third person staff for such sales efforts in Chrisman and many of the hires are less than reputable looking and acting. Krabel said residents call him when unsavory looking people show up at the door trying to sell stuff.

"We get on them pretty quick when we get a call," said Krabel. "There's been some drug activity linked to these characters."

He added residents tell him they don't want solicitors in town and he asked permission to look into changing the solicitation ordinance to make it more onerous for door-to-door selling.

"As a blanket thing, I don't think I can deny everybody," said Krabel.

City clerk Sierra Dicken told council members the current ordinance has a daily fee of \$10 per solicitor, and it fails to say when solicitations can occur.

"We encourage them to do it between eight and five," said Dicken.

Commissioner Rodney Wolfe asked Dicken to include changing the solicitation ordinance on the agenda for the next city council meeting. He suggested specifying a time limit of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the ordinance and amending the fee from \$10 to \$100.

"That might put an end to it," said Wolfe.

As water commissioner, Wolfe discussed raising the tap fee for installing new water meters.

"When I do a hook-up, I have to buy all new equipment so we get the required low-lead parts," said Wolfe, explaining the city's existing inventory of parts for installing water meters is no longer compliant with the regulations.

He recommended raising the fee to \$600 to cover the city expense, See CHRISMAN, Page 8A

## In the know



### A GOOD DAY TO BE A TIGER

It was a good day to be a Tiger or Lady Tiger Thursday as the varsity baseball, varsity softball and JV baseball took victories over Marshall and West Vigo. **SPORTS, 9A**

### Healthy snacks to fuel the kids

Many kids go from school to games or practice. Check out how to fuel their activities. **C'EST LA VIE, 1B**

### PCH volunteers are honored

The Paris Community Hospital Volunteers were honored for their service to the hospital, its staff and patients during a luncheon Tuesday. **HEALTH, 7B**



### Henry Clay is part of Edgar County

Henry Clay was a land speculator in Edgar County and left his mark here as an area in Hunter township was named Clay's Prairie. **HISTORY, 3B**

### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Most cloudy and mild. **2A**



Drawing by Jackie, Carolyn Wenz School.

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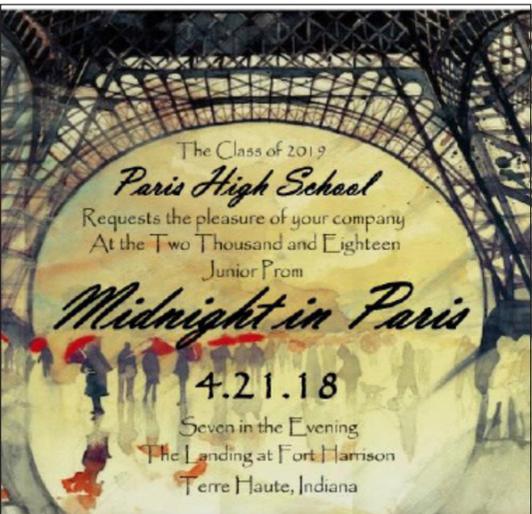
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# PHS PROM TONIGHT



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The 2018 Paris High School Prom is at The Landing at Fort Harrison in Terre Haute. Doors open at 7 p.m. Illinois time. Dinner starts at 7:30 p.m. There will be dancing and bowling available until 11 p.m. The traditional Grand March is 5:30 p.m. at the PHS gym. Photographer Cathy Drake is taking prom pictures starting at 4:30 p.m. outside of the library at the school. There is a small admission charge to attend the Grand March. The king and queen of the prom are crowned at the conclusion of the Grand March. A post-prom is planned beginning at midnight at PHS.

## TALK BACK

### ACCURACY CHECKS

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**LOCAL FORECAST** NORMAL: High: 65 Low: 44 More weather: go to [www.prairiepress.net](http://www.prairiepress.net) and click on weather.

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
61 43 Prec: 0%	64 45 Prec: 0%	65 47 Prec: 0%	63 46 Prec: 0%	60 42 Prec: 30%	64 45 Prec: 0%	66 46 Prec: 20%

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

**TODAY** — Highs top out in the lower 60s under mostly cloudy skies.  
**SUNDAY** — Partly sunny and seasonal with highs in the mid 60s.  
**SATURDAY** — Seasonal highs in the mid 60s once again with mostly cloudy skies.

**ALMANAC**  
 Paris through noon Tuesday.  
**Temperature**  
 High/Low ..... 65°/44°  
 Record High ..... 87° in 1987  
 Record Low ..... 24° in 1897  
**Precipitation**  
 Month to date ..... 5.50"  
 Normal month to date ..... 2.79"  
 Year to date ..... 16.54"  
 Normal year to date ..... 10.42"

**SUN AND MOON**

	Sun Rise	Set	Moon Rise	Set
TODAY	6:05 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	10:46 a.m.	-- a.m.
SUNDAY	6:03 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	11:49 a.m.	1:40 a.m.
MONDAY	6:02 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	12:55 p.m.	2:30 a.m.
TUESDAY	6:01 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	2:03 p.m.	3:13 a.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:59 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	3:10 p.m.	3:52 a.m.
THURSDAY	5:58 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	4:16 p.m.	4:27 a.m.
FRIDAY	5:57 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	5:21 p.m.	4:59 a.m.



## PLAN YOUR WEEK

### TODAY

**BETHEL MISSION SUPPER**  
 The Bethel Mission Church is hosting a chili supper from 4-7 p.m. today at the Paris VFW, 601 W. Court Street. The cost is \$8 and includes chili, sides, salad, dessert and drink. Children under five are free.

**PHS GRAND MARCH**  
 The traditional Grand March for the Paris High School prom is at 5:30 p.m. at the school gymnasium. There is a small admission fee.

**MIDNIGHT IN PARIS PHS PROM**  
 The Paris High School Prom begins at 7 p.m. today at The Landing at Ft. Harrison in Terre Haute. Dinner is served at 7:30 p.m. and dancing and bowling until 11 p.m.

### SUNDAY

**ECUMENICAL YOUTH EVENT**  
 An ecumenical youth event is planned from 3:30-6 p.m. Sunday at the Paris First Assembly of God Church, 213 W. Blackburn. Youth grades six through 12 are welcome. Featured is an afternoon of painting with Tiffany Gale. You will go home with your own finished painting. Those attending are asked to enter through the door at the rear of the church. A light meal will be provided. Please bring \$2 to help cover costs.

**NAZARENE SPAGHETTI DINNER**  
 The Paris First Church of the Nazarene is hosting a spaghetti dinner

### DON'T MISS

**EXTENSION OFFERS JAPANESE BEETLES PROGRAM**  
 The Four Seasons Gardening program from University of Illinois Extension continues with a session titled, "Living with Japanese Beetles."

Japanese beetles are one of the most destructive ornamental pests found in Illinois, and unfortunately they are here to stay. Join Extension Horticulture Educator Ken Johnson as he discusses Japanese beetles and ways to manage them in the home landscape. This program is offered 1:30 p.m. May 1 and is presented via computer at the Edgar County Extension Office in Paris. This webinar may also be viewed from home by pre-registering at [go.illinois.edu/4seasons\\_webinars](http://go.illinois.edu/4seasons_webinars). Recorded videos of these sessions can be viewed following the program at [go.illinois.edu/fourseasonsrecordings](http://go.illinois.edu/fourseasonsrecordings).

This is the second session of the Spring series. The next program titled Preserving Flowers is set for 1:30 p.m. May 15. This program is free to the public. For more information call the Edgar County Extension office at 217-465-8585.

### SHARE YOUR EVENT

Community events are published for free as space allows. For inclusion in the community calendar, submit the name of the event, a brief description of it, location, cost to attend (if any), a contact name and phone number/email for the public. To submit:  
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**Mail:** Community Calendar, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944  
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and show 4-8 p.m. in the 4-H Building on the 4-H Fairgrounds, 102 E. Elliott. Entertainment is by Note-Able Evenings. Tickets are \$9 for adults and \$6 for children six and under. Drive-through and carryouts are available.

### 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.

**QUILTERS GUILD**  
 The Paris Bee Quilters Guild meets 6:30 p.m. in the basement of the Otterbein United Method-

ist Church, 406 W. Washington Street, Paris. Those interested in sewing and quilt making are welcome. More information is available by calling 217-251-1394.

### TUESDAY

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

**EVENING TOPS MEETING**  
 TOPS Illinois #2318 meets every

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

**SHILOH JUNIOR HIGH AWARDS**  
 Shiloh Junior High School's winter sports award night is 6:30 p.m. in the school multi-purpose room. Teams honored are: girls basketball, girls volleyball, boys basketball and fifth/sixth grade boys basketball.

**ESPN PERSONALITY TO SPEAK**  
 Chris Herren of ESPN's Uncovered is coming to Tuscola High School 7 p.m. to discuss substance abuse prevention. There is no cost to attend.

### THURSDAY

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

**SHIMKUS AIDE IN CHRISMAN**  
 A member of Congressman John Shimkus' staff will be at the Chrisman Administrative Building 9-10:30 a.m., to meet with constituents needing assistance with a federal issue. Other options for contacting staff are calling the Danville Office at (217) 446-0664, or through [shimkus.house.gov](http://shimkus.house.gov).

**VFW AUXILIARY DINNER**  
 The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is beef and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans or corn and white or wheat roll. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1. Proceeds support the work of the VFW Auxiliary as well as community projects.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**YARD & BAKE SALE**  
 The Marshall St. Mary's Helping Hands Committee yard and bake sale is 8 a.m.-noon April 28 in St. Mary's Parish Hall, Fifth and Maple Streets, Marshall.

**VFW SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST**  
 The monthly VFW Men's Scholarship breakfast is from 8-11 a.m. at the VFW post on West Court Street.

### SUNDAY, APRIL 29

**PARIS AS IT ONCE WAS**  
 If you have enjoyed seeing Don Wiseman's postcards of early Paris and look forward to reading The Prairie Press articles by Ned Jenison, Roger Stanley and Daniel Briseno plan on attending a discussion of what Paris was like many years ago. The program is 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at the Edgar County Historical Society Annex on North Main Street. Audience participation is encouraged. If you have questions about Paris' past, this is the time to ask.

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# Fake crash makes for a sober effect

BY GARY HENRY  
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Those who have not been involved in a fatal car crash or worked at the scene cannot fully appreciate the trauma and devastation involved.

Emergency responders attempted to bring some of that reality to Paris High School students with a mock crash scenario Wednesday, April 18. The goal was get students thinking about the dangers of drinking and driving in advance of the prom. Students gathered near the football field to see a scene of two cars after a head-on crash.

One victim, all played by students, was partially ejected through the windshield and face down on the hood of the car. The other fatality was on the ground beside the other car. Two remained trapped in the wreckage and others were in various states of distress.

A public address system played sounds of crash, 911 emergency calls and communication between the dispatchers and emergency responders.

"All the information you can give 911 is helpful," Fire Chief Brian Gates told the students on the PA system. "We start planning our response as we roll depending on what we are told."

As firefighters stabilized the vehicles, they ignored the dead to concentrate on the survivors.

"With an accident investigation, it may be six or seven hours before we can remove the bodies," said Gates.

The ambulances arrived almost immediately after the fire trucks and the paramedics started treating the trapped victims inside the cars, while firefighters worked to cut the roof from one vehicle.

The arrival of the coroner confirmed the fatalities and after the injured were transported, firefighters assisted placing the dead into black body bags. Then the hearses from Stewart and Carroll and Templeton funeral homes rolled up to transfer the bodies.

"This is our life," said Sergeant Rich Wilson of the Paris Police Department as he narrat-

ed what was happening during various stages of the response.

He quickly added none of those involved want to respond to an accident involving high school students and encouraged them to take seriously the responsibility of remaining sober behind the wheel.

A driving under the influence conviction, he said, controls a person's life for at least five years through the automatic revocation of driving privileges and the refusal of insurance companies to cover those with such convictions on their records.

"As a child, your parents are the disciplinarians," said Wilson. "As an adult, the court is your disciplinarian."

Driving violations are treated as adult offenses in Illinois so no juvenile protections exist in such cases.

Wilson added the situation gets much worse if a DUI results in a fatality. Police Chief Mike Henness placed handcuffs on the driver and put him in a police vehicle.

"That person just went from

one of you sitting there to a person that is going to prison," said Wilson.

People convicted in Illinois of causing a fatality while driv-

ing under the influence face a mandatory prison sentence. The court does not have an option to use probation or a lesser sentence.

Wilson begged the students to stay sober when they know they will be driving.

"If you partake, please don't get behind the wheel of a car,"



Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood, left, and Paris Police Chief Mike Henness check for vital signs on one of two fatalities in a head-on crash caused by a drunk driver. The crash re-enactment scene Wednesday, April 18, illustrated to Paris High School students what happens at a fatal accident when law enforcement, fire personnel, the ambulances, the coroner and funeral home workers arrive at the scene.



Paris firefighters and Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett prepare to place one of the fatalities of a simulated drunk driving accident into a black body bag waiting on the ground. In the background, Paris Police Chief Mike Henness keeps the driver responsible for the crash under control in advance of field sobriety tests. The simulation was performed for Paris High School students in advance of prom.



Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett, kneeling, and Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood examine one of two fatalities in a crash re-enactment scene Wednesday, April 18, in advance of prom. The scenario had a student attending prom driving home under the influence causing a head-on crash with another car.

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# Defendant rethinks guilty plea

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS

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 After pleading guilty to a forgery charge and receiving a prison sentence earlier this month, Paris resident Christine A. Collins, 43, is apparently having second thoughts. A motion to withdraw Collins' guilty plea and seek a reduced sentence was entered during the April 16 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court.

She originally pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony forgery charge June 12, 2017, and she was sentenced to 27 months in the Illinois Department of Corrections April 9. Service of the prison time was delayed until May 11. Other cases appearing for the April 16 court call were

**IN CUSTODY**

■Ronnie L. Butts, 42, Paris, appeared in custody, waived

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preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice and a Class 3 felony retail theft charges. By agreement, bond was reduced to \$7,000 from the original bond of \$9,000 with credit of \$30 for every day he is incarcerated. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Raquel L. Evard, 29, Paris, appeared in custody, pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge and was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for two days previously served and 56 days to be served as home confinement with work release, two years of first-offender probation, a \$500 fine, 10 hours of community service work, court costs and various state fees. She was ordered to forfeit all items seized at the time of her arrest and undergo counseling per an evaluation.

In a separate case, Evard pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor aggravated assault and a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charges. She was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 35 days previously served and the remaining 50 days subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine for each count, court costs and various state fees. A no-contact order with the apparent victim was made a condition of bond.

Evard's unresolved charges of a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol were continued for pretrial conferences. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Michael P. Griffin, 30, Paris, appeared in custody, pleaded guilty to an amended charge of a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving and was sentenced to two years conditional discharge, a \$750 fine, a \$750 DUI equipment fee, court costs and various state

fees. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound charge. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Quinton A. Inman, 24, Paris, appeared in custody. He waived the preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe. By agreement, his bond was reduced to \$2,500 from the original bond of \$5,000. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

In another matter, Inman was granted a personal recognizance bond from his arrest for missing a previous court appearance. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond in the methamphetamine case.

■Daniel Wayne Johnson, 26, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. A pretrial conference was scheduled for his unresolved Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Joshua Phillips, 37, Marshall, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. He was presented with a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Phillips was released on a personal recognizance bond.

■Ceira N. Prouse, 27, Paris, appeared in custody, waived the preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony theft, a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection, a Class A misdemeanor theft and a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Zachary R. Welch, 23, Paris, appeared in custody with his attorney. His motion was granted to set a status hearing for his two counts of a Class X felony for predatory criminal

sexual assault of a child. Welch is being held without bond and was remanded to custody.

**CHARGES**

■Derrick L. McCormick, 24, Champaign, was charged and plead guilty to a Class A misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$200 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Whitney S. Pitts, 21, Hume, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The public defender was assigned and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Jacob M. Richards, 19, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor retail theft conviction. The public defender was appointed and a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Alisha L. Shields, 25, Paris, was charged with two counts of a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic needle and a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer. The public defender was assigned and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

**GUILTY PLEAS**

■Labou D. Turner, 23, Charleston, admitted the petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony

possession of cannabis conviction. He was resentenced to 80 days in jail with good conduct credit to apply, six months conditional discharge and ordered to pay all previous financial obligations.

**NOT GUILTY PLEAS**

■Devin M. Farris, 18, Hume, waived the preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony burglary and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Michael S. Gallion, 34, Kansas, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

**OTHER MATTERS**

■Aaron D. Mullenix, 43, Paris, was found in violation of his probation sentence for a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. A presentence investigation was ordered by the court. The matter was continued for a sentencing hearing.

**WARRANTS**

Warrants were prepared and issued when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Lloyd A. Blaudow, 28, Paris; Craig G. Shields, 23, Paris; and Matthew A. White, 32, Georgetown.

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**EALY PROMOTED**



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 New sergeant for the Paris Police Department Jim Ealy is congratulated and presented his commission certificate by Mayor Craig Smith at the Monday, April 9, meeting of the Paris City Council. Ealy was accompanied by his wife and children for the ceremony, together with several officers of the department.

**CARE DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press  
 Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood, left, Paris Police Chief Mike Hennes, center, and Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett, right discuss the working of a drug incinerator during the CARE sponsored drug take back day Friday, April 20. CARE provided the money for the sheriff to purchase the incinerator to safely dispose of drugs for the department, the police department and local pharmacies. Wood said the device helps reduce costs because he no longer sends a deputy to authorized sites and pays for disposal.

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**CHARLES WARNER**

Charles E. Warner, known as "Chuck" to most or "Elvis" to many, 77, of Paris, passed away at 8:10 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2018, at his residence. He retired as a gas station attendant from Exxon Mobile in Texas after 18 years of service. He returned to Paris and worked another nine years for the City of Paris, prior to his illness.

A funeral service was 6 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Burial was in Baker Community Cemetery, Hardy, Ark. Visitation was from 4 p.m. until the service time Thursday at the funeral home.

Mr. Warner was born Aug. 5, 1940, at Paris, the son of the late Charles and Ada Reese Warner. He married Wilma Goings Jan. 3, 1997, at Mt. Vernon, and she survives.

He is also survived by four children, Loretta (Tom) Keen of Paris, Becky (Paul) Miller of Terre Haute, Ind., Mike Warner of Paris and Melinda (Matt) Landsaw of Paris; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; four step-

children, Steve Booth of Alton, Mo., Sandie White of Dallas, Texas, Scott Booth of Davidsonville, Md., and Sherrie (Leon) McIntyre of Martinsville; eight step-grandchildren; and siblings, Diana (Richard) Brower of Pearland, Texas, and Betty Snyder.

He was preceded in death by his one brother, William "Bill" Warner.

Mr. Warner was blessed with many things, including his gift for gab and never meeting a stranger. He truly loved life, enjoying fishing, all sports, the Bears and living to see the Cubs win a championship.

At the top of his list, he loved taking his wife dancing, going on road trip adventures and listening to Elvis songs. He truly loved his Elvis music.

Mr. Warner was a hard worker. He made mistakes and had regrets from the past, as do we all, but with God's forgiveness, he strived to become a better man over the years. He lived his life as a good man with a very kind and loving heart.

Memorial contributions may be made to ECCF/D.O. It Fund.

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

**IRVIN THOMPSON**

ARCOLA - Irvin Eugene Thompson, 98, of Arcola, went home to be with his Lord and Savior surrounded by his loving family at 11:20 p.m. Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at the Arthur Home. He farmed in the Arcola area his entire life.

A funeral service is 10 a.m. today, April 21, at the Edwards Funeral Home, with Pastor Paul Orrick officiating. Burial follows in the Arcola Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, April 20, at the funeral home.

Mr. Thompson was born Aug. 28, 1919, in Easton, Minn., the son of the late A.H. and Bessie Mae Shane Thompson. He married Freda Frantz Jan. 1, 1948, at Oakland. She survives, and they recently celebrated 70 years together.

He is also survived by five children, Kay Hughes of Tulsa, Okla., Karen (Gary) Cain of Edwardsville, Ruth (Paul) Cheatham of Kansas, Jane (Steven) Ellsworth of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Bruce (Lori) Thompson of Arcola; 12 grandchildren, Trevor (Mallissa) Hughes, Justin (Emily) Hughes, Stacy (Doug) Moody, Stephanie (Todd) Smith, Joel (Sarah) Cheatham, Jason (Kristin) Cheatham, Sarah (Adam)

Vazquez, Hannah Cheatham, Allison (Paul) Pinckley, Lindsey (Garrett) Stephens, Kaitlyn Ellsworth and Jennifer Thompson; and 13 great-grandchildren, Ellis, August and Laney Hughes, Hattie Hughes, Emily, Elliana and Caroline Moody, Savannah Pearl Smith, Samuel and Sophia Cheatham, Grace Cheatham and Tripp and Cooper Pinckley.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Jonathan Cheatham; one brother, Frank Thompson; and one sister, Grace Hood.

Mr. Thompson graduated from Humboldt High School in 1938. His passion was farming, and he always went to great lengths to be a good steward of the land. He was always looking for innovative ways to improve the family farm.

He was a pioneer in the start of the grain bin industry. His entrepreneurial spirit led him to become a national sales leader for the Chicago Eastern Grain Bin Company for several years.

Mr. Thompson always kept up with area farm sales and auctions, most recently attending one in February of this year.

He enjoyed reminiscing and telling stories with family and friends.

Memorial donations may be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church in Oakland, or Choices (formerly the Crisis Pregnancy Center).

Online condolences may be left at [www.edwardsfh.net](http://www.edwardsfh.net).

**DEAN RHODES**

CASEY - Dean C. Rhodes, 72, of Casey, passed away at 8:50 p.m. Wednesday, April 18, 2018, at Heartland Nursing Center.

A funeral service is 11 a.m. today, April 21, at Markwell Funeral Home, with Marvin Leighty officiating.

**ELIZABETH STITES**

ILION, N.Y. - Elizabeth "Anne" Stites, 69, a resident of Prindle Apartments, Iliion, N.Y., passed away peacefully, in her sleep, Tuesday, April 17, 2018.

A celebration of life service was 3 p.m. Friday, April 20, at Enea & Ciaccia Family Funeral Home, 4309 Acme Road, Town of Frankfort, Iliion, N.Y. Visitation was from 2 p.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home. A memorial service is at a later date in the Pleasant Hill Christian Church, rural Kansas. Inurnment follows the memorial in the Pleasant Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Stites was born April 14, 1949, at Paris, the daughter of the late Fenton Huston and Betty Rose Kuykendall Bottom. She married Wayne Arthur Stites, and they shared a blessed and devoted marriage until his passing in 1993.

She is survived by her son, Michael (Sabrina) Bottom of Iliion; her daughters, Angela Burkhart of Shawnee, Okla., and Mary Ann (Darin) White of Norman, Okla.; 12 grandchildren, Cannan, Courtney, William, Jacob, Cierra, Michael, Andrew, Corey, Meagan,

Burial follows in Casey Cumberland Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until the service time at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Five Points Christian Church, P.O. Box 292, Westfield, IL 62474 or Oblong Christian Children's Home, 4094 E. 1050th Ave., Oblong, IL 62449.

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

Dennis Jr., Jackson and Kaelin; 15 great-grandchildren, Ryder, Brecken, Emmy, Ryder, Rylan, Gracie, Tiffany, Logan, Richie, Mikey, Jackson, Cole, Skylar, Mason and Callan; her brothers, David Bottom and William "Tom" (Joyce Bishop) Bottom, all of Illinois; her sisters, Karen (Terry) McCall of Florida, Mary (John) Emberton of Tennessee, Debbie (Jay) Trott of Illinois, and Ruth (John Hutchings) Bottom of Illinois; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents.

Mrs. Stites was raised in Kansas and received her education there. She was a doting mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, who loved her family dearly and very much enjoyed spending time with them. She was very active within the retirement communities that she lived in, doing crafts and activities, attending dinners and functions and playing shuffleboard. She was outgoing, fun and a one-of-a-kind soul who will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing her.

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

The Family of *Pennie K. Duzan* would like to thank Templeton Funeral Home, Lincolnland Home Care, Lincolnland Hospice, Do-it Cancer support group, all the community churches, Sarah Bush Hospital, Dr. Gregory Deters, Dr. Abdur Shakir, Jessica Callaway (go fund me), Terry Hiatt, Jim Frisz, Tim Kirby, Jacob Jewel (hog raffle), the community for prayers and financial support, Local #115-G for all their support, Cargill, caregivers and everyone who provided food and flowers.

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**RITA ENGLISH**

MARSHALL - Rita A. English, 64, of Paris, passed away Thursday, April 19, 2018, at her home.

A graveside service is 12:30 p.m. today, April 21, at New Providence Cemetery,

rural Edgar County. Visitation is from 10 a.m. to noon today at Pearce Funeral Home.

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

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

**JOHN GLENDENNING**

MARTINSVILLE - John Roy Glendenning, 55, of Terre Haute, Ind., and formerly of Martinsville, passed away at 8 p.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018, at his home.

A funeral service is noon today, April 21, at Greenwell Funeral Home, with Pastor David Wilson officiating. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time today at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to Bears Care, 1920 Football Drive, Lake Forest, IL 60045 and Cubs Charity, 1060 West Addison Street, Chicago, IL 60613.

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**BARBARA SHEEHAN**

MAHOMET - Barbara Sheehan, 91, of Mahomet, and formerly of Paris, died Thursday, April 19, 2018, at The Villas of Holly Brook, Monticello. Arrangements are pending at Blair-Owens Funeral Home, Mahomet.

**TAMMY JOHNSON**

Tammy Renee Johnson, 52, of Paris, passed away at 12:09 a.m. Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Carle Hospital, Urbana.

Private interment is at a later date. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Templeton Funeral Home in Paris.

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

**BRUCE HAMILL**

Bruce W. Hamill, 69, of Paris, passed away at 3:45 p.m. Sunday, April 15, 2018, at OSF Sacred Heart Hospital, Danville.

A service celebrating his life was 1 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Edgar Cemetery, with military rites by American Legion Post #211 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the service time Thursday at the funeral home.

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

**TERRY BROWN**

Terry E. Brown, 74, of Avon Park, Fla., and formerly of Paris, passed away at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 14, 2018, at his home.

A graveside memorial service with military rites is 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28, at Sunset Memorial Cemetery, Danville, and a celebratory gathering follows at the Grotto. Templeton Funeral Home assisted with local arrangements.

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## The sad case of a school

Nestled against the Ohio River in the Appalachian Mountains in extreme northeastern Kentucky is scenic Greenup County. Throw a rock across the river; it lands in Ohio, the Buckeye State. A short drive east crosses into West Virginia. It was here in timber and tobacco country that characterize the hills and valleys of Greenup County that Jesse Stuart, a famous author, was born in 1907, and though much traveled, continued to reside until his death in 1984.

Today there's a Jesse Stuart Bridge that spans the Ohio River, a bust of Jesse on the courthouse lawn in the county seat, a Jesse Stuart Lodge in Greenbo State Park in the same county and Jesse Stuart High School farther west in suburban Louisville. The hard-working schoolteacher, farmer, author and lecturer rests in eternal peace near his birthplace.

Close to Greenup County's center, there was for decades a one-room rural school named Lonesome Valley. In most respects it looked like any other one-roomer, but the school became famous when in 1949 Jesse Stuart wrote about his teaching experiences there (1925) when he was 17-years-old. Of the 49 Stuart books wrote, this one was his best seller. It helped catapult him to nationwide fame — and it's still in print today.

Unfortunately Lonesome Valley School is gone. That's a tragic, but humorous story.

Around the time of Jesse's death, an author named H. Edward Richardson wrote a fine biography of the distinguished man's life. Mr. Richardson was also instrumental in founding the Jesse Stuart Foundation. One of the foundation's brilliant ideas was to purchase Lonesome Valley School and transport it to nearby Greenbo State Park, there to display the building next to the Jesse Stuart Lodge. At this time, even though the school had been abandoned, it was in outstanding structural condition, including chalkboards, desks and other interior features. A local farmer had bought the property, but left the old school

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## You don't want to live on the coast

You don't want to live in my state. Sure, it's beautiful. The weather is great. And most people who live here are nice, good, successful, talented, smart — except when it comes to politics and voting.

That's when a majority of Californians fall somewhere between crazy and suicidal.

For several decades the liberal Democrats that my fellow Californians keep electing to state and local offices have done their best to turn our paradise into hell for conservatives.

Everyone knows about our criminally high taxes, idiotic environmental regulations, fiscal irresponsibility, unsolvable homeless problem and our Welcome Wagon policy toward illegal immigrants.

Lately we've created sanctuary cities and become a sanctuary state.

You'd think it couldn't get worse out here on the Left Coast.

But the stupidity of our liberal politicians is infinite, as the supervisors of Los Angeles County proved earlier this month when they approved a \$550,000 pilot program to deal with the local homeless crisis.

Proposing a solution that could only have been dreamed up in La-La Land, the county wants to pay homeowners like me to let homeless people live in our backyards.

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# A hero for all citizens

Pilot Tammie Jo Shults — one of first female Navy fighter pilots — showed the USAF

The pilot who successfully landed the Southwest Airlines flight that suffered a catastrophic engine failure this week certainly demonstrated why women definitely belong in U.S. fighter jets.

Just how masterfully Tammie Jo Shults, the pilot of the badly crippled Southwest Airlines Flight 1380, handled the problem of an engine exploding at 30,000 feet is winning admiration from thousands of her fellow pilots — and all Americans.

For any pilot in this situation the most difficult and urgent thing is to judge is how responsive the airplane is to their commands. An airplane as crippled as this one becomes difficult to handle. With only one engine working and damage to the other causing unusual air drag, the pilot must correct for asymmetrical power and

### OUR VIEW

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drag—the airplane naturally tends to swing away from its direct course.

This is where Captain Shults' background came into play. She is an ex-Navy pilot and one of the first women to fly the "Top Gun" F-18 Hornet. Landing supersonic jets on the decks of aircraft carriers is one of the most demanding skills in military aviation. Now, flying on the one engine called for her to use all of her seat of the pants instincts to nurse the jet to the runway.

Normally a 737 on final approach deploys its wing flaps to their full extent, to reduce landing speed to around 140 mph. But Captain Shults'

skills and experience forewarned her an airplane flying that slowly with its flaps fully extended and with asymmetrical power could become fatally unstable in the final stage of the landing, so she used a minimal flap setting to maintain a higher speed and stability — taking the risk that the landing gear and particularly the tires could survive a higher speed impact.

The landing was perfect and, once slowed, the jet came to rest on a taxiway.

When Stults announced as a high school senior she wanted to be a pilot, a retired colonel told her, "there are no professional women pilots." When she applied to train to be a pilot in the Air Force, she was rejected. The Navy gave her the break. It was a very smart move — particularly for everyone aboard Flight 1380.



### YOUR VIEW

## Benefit of taxes depends on perspective

Editor, The Prairie Press:

The rallying cry for the birth of this nation was, "No taxation without representation."

I say, "No taxation with lousy representation." Are you fed up paying taxes for things that don't benefit you? Me, too!

Take schools ... please. Why pay taxes to schools when you no longer have kids in them? My boys, Biff and Hap, did us all a favor by dropping out before they graduated.

What about roads: I don't drive. They took my license away. Potholes and crumbling streets don't bother me.

What about taxes for police and firemen? My experience with cops has been unwelcome and unpleasant. Many of us would feel safer without them. I'll support the local volunteer fire department by eating their pork chop dinners but not with my taxes.

I've no use for this environmental stuff. I breathe just fine through my oxygen tank.

A huge chunk of my taxes go to the military. \$700 billion a year! We haven't been invaded in 206 years, and that was our pals, the Brits. What are we so afraid of? We've got soldiers in countries I've never heard of.

Is this what that kid Ike warned us about — the "millinery industrial complex?" A publically financed jobs program for arms manufacturers.

A big idea years ago was to scrap all social service government programs and let charities meet those needs. Why not apply that to the military — let charities meet their needs and save us \$700 billion a year? You could hang your hat on that!

Where should my taxes go? Libraries. My cataracts blur even large print, so I don't

read (like our president). But libraries are wonderful — windows to the world; what's left of our once cherished commons — a place where everyone's welcome and their opinions respected.

Prisons. I must admit a bias here. Both Biff and Hap have done some time there. They came out worse that they went in. Why not try rehabilitation in addition to punishment?

Planned Parenthood. Without them, I'd be supporting a dozen of my kids in the penal system, rather than just the two.

Public Broadcasting. Even when my eyes were good, I didn't watch TV — all advertising! (Isn't there an FCC rule preventing 20 minutes of ads in a 30-minute show?) So I listen to PBS and write them a check, since just a tiny bit of my taxes go to them.

Americans with Disabilities Act. My taxes should enforce this act. You'd be surprised and shocked to know how many bars and adult entertainment venues in Terre Haute and West Terre Haute that are not wheelchair accessible.

Social Security. It's shamefully underfunded and is pegged to the cost of living index. Whose cost of living? Not mine! Health care and drugs go up 10 percent annually, and my SSI goes up .05 percent. What's up with that?

My taxes should subsidize things old people need. Do you know what a box of Depends costs? Some of us go through them like merde through a goose — pardon my French and the imagery. Hearing aid batteries are outrageously expensive, as is denture glue, orthopedic shoes, wigs and stool softeners. Forget Viagra — no bang for the

buck, anymore.

There's an election this year. Let the candidates know you're concerned about these issues and demand better representation.

Michael Bennett  
 Vermilion

### The president is not above the law of the land

Editor, The Prairie Press: Our local paper is the one place in our society — I don't use the Internet — where with pen in hand we can write about everything in every possible way and the spirit we bring to a discussion is all important and telling.

In our era, political language and discourse is designed to make lies sound truthful and plausible and to give an appearance of solidity to pure wind.

Trump's transgressions, past and present, are legendary; and in order to be forgiven for a sin, you must first confess the sin, which Trump clearly has not and will not. You cannot forgive someone who denied the deed.

Again I say, if you truly love your values, make sure they're the right ones. Have nothing to do with a man who blows hot and cold with the same tainted breath, for any excuse will serve a tyrant.

The Cohen hush money to McDougal and Daniels, \$150,000 and \$130,000 respectively, and the \$1.6 million payment for the RNC finance official to a pregnant Playboy model is one problem; but the greatest danger is the cover-up and the lies this president has continued to tell until the present day.

The president is not above the law, nor is he the law. He

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## Fate of a new state budget is unknown

I've read, watched and heard a whole lot of commentary about the



**RICH MILLER**  
 CAPITOL FAX

upcoming state budget negotiations during the past few weeks, and it pretty much all ignores recent history and focuses instead on one-sided claims of pending controversy.

For instance, this is from an April 7 (Springfield) State Journal-Register editorial: "Some Republicans have voiced in recent weeks the thought that Democrats, who control the House and Senate, might not want to have a state budget again, in hopes it will impede GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner's re-election chances in November."

But that prediction — along with other predictions some Republican legislators are making about stuff like the possibility the Democrats will try to jam through a half-year budget — ignores one of the most significant legislative events of the past several years: The 2017 bipartisan overrides of Gov. Rauner's vetoes of the income tax hike and the budget bills.

That was not some isolated moment in history. Another bipartisan budget-related veto override could very well happen again this year. It would also be easier this time around because there's no immediate need for another hugely controversial tax hike. All they gotta do this spring is pass a budget with existing revenues.

"The retiring Republicans have great leverage and will use it," predicted a House Republican who voted to override the governor last year and is now serving out the remainder of his final term.

He's right. We probably can't count on all 10 of the HGOP members who voted to override Rauner's vetoes last year. Some are retiring and may want

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**MILLER**  
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jobs. Some are running for re-election and may want Rauner's campaign money. The House Democrats have 67 members and a veto override requires 71, so if half of those 10 Republicans vote as a block, they can drive the discussion throughout the rest of the spring session. House Speaker Michael Madigan's rank-and-file members absolutely do not want another budget crisis, so they will be pushing him to find a way to compromise, either with the governor and the Republican leaders or with that rump group of 2017 tax hike Republicans. It's also highly doubtful that Democratic gubernatorial nominee J.B. Pritzker wants a half-year budget. Who wants to take office and then

immediately face a daunting fiscal crisis? Madigan, after all, messes with every governor, Republican and Democrat, over the budget. It's a situation to avoid at all costs. Besides, those rebel Republicans undoubtedly wouldn't go along with such a scheme anyway. Not to mention that a lot of other Republicans who voted with the governor last year would much rather have a deal than yet another fight that they likely cannot win. From the beginning of Rauner's term, Speaker Madigan did not want to make a move on a tax hike without the governor's cooperation and/or without Republican votes to override him. He simply didn't want the entire blame, and after losing seats in the 2016 election, Madigan didn't have enough votes to override a veto on his own anyway. The same will undoubtedly

hold true this year. Why make any unilateral, partisan budgetary moves when Madigan can once again claim to be cooperating in a bipartisan manner? It's not as if he cares about state budgets beyond whatever political advantages he can squeeze out of them. And another successful bipartisan defeat of Rauner would definitely be a win. In fact, that's likely Madigan's best-case scenario. The budget is the final major test of Gov. Rauner's first term. Whatever happens will set the tone for the rest of the year's campaign. He can yet again claim impotence ("I'm not in charge") by ceding control to the other side or he can finally become truly engaged in the task at hand. (Rich Miller is the editor of the Capitol Fax blog and newsletter. His email is capitolfax@gmail.com.)

**CODGER**  
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standing intact. Two of the foundation's board members, a married couple from Indiana, approached the farmer, inquiring about purchase. They were prepared to spend thousands of dollars, although they didn't mention financial figures. The farmer hemmed and hawed for a minute, then gave his answer. "I'll sell it, but I doubt if you want to meet my price. I'll

take \$125 for it - no less." The buyers were flabbergasted and readily agreed to buy, a word-of-mouth accord. But when they returned a week later with a check, the schoolhouse was a pile of ashes. "When I heard you were gonna move it to a park I just burnt it to the ground," he said bitterly. That was an inglorious end for Lonesome Valley School. Nowadays it's a patch of grass and weeds bordered by a few trees. I enjoy mentioning my young grandson named Jesse Allen Englebright. His

mother was pondering his name before birth, considering various choices from a baby book. I suggested Jesse Stuart Englebright. She liked the name Jesse, but inserted my name instead of Stuart as a family honor. That's how little Jesse received his name. Unlike me, though, if he ever travels to Greenup County, sadly he can't say he visited Lonesome Valley School. (Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired schoolteacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

**LETTERS**  
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He claims executive privilege, so what does he have to hide? Is he trying to protect his

family and from what? Because former FBI Director James Comey had the courage to tell the truth, he was slandered on the RNC's website. This, coupled with the

threat of firing Rosenstein and/or Mueller will only produce a domino effect, and bring the country to Hades' front door. Rick and Anita Griffith Vermillion

**REAGAN**  
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Not in colorful tents and sleeping bags. In cozy new tiny houses or refurbished garden sheds and converted garages. But I'm sure all of my goodhearted, Hillary-loving, BMW-driving neighbors will be signing up to make the county's pilot program a big success. Keeping a homeless person in your backyard like a pet is the kind of solution you get from government when you live in a one-party state run by Democrats. Unfortunately, because of a dumb constitutional amendment approved by 53.7 percent of our voters in 2010, the future of Republicans and conservatives out here looks grim. Most people east of the Hollywood sign have never heard of California Proposition 14, a.k.a. the Top-Two Primaries Amendment, and have no idea how much damage it did to our state's political system. Prop 14 was an amendment that established a type of

primary election in which all of the candidates for a specific statewide office like governor or the U.S. Senate — whether they are Democrats, Republicans, Libertarians, Communists, etc. — are listed together on the same primary ballot. The top two vote-getters — even if both are Democrats or Communists — are the only candidates that advance to the general election in the fall. Though Prop 14 sounds like it was imported from Venezuela or Cuba, it was supported by the likes of Arnold Schwarzenegger and big liberal newspapers like the LA Times. But the major political parties, the ACLU and anyone with half a political brain saw the phony reform for the disaster it has become. Opponents charged that Prop 14 was designed to limit voter choice, which it was. They knew it would often result in two candidates from the same party facing off in general elections, which it has. Given the Democrat Party's

large plurality in California, in the fall we usually have two Democrats running for U.S. senator, two Democrats running for governor and two Democrats running for many U.S. House seats or state legislative offices. The politics of my beautiful state today are rigged and Republicans have become an endangered species. And a conservative candidate for dog catcher has to be a billionaire because she'll get no money from the Republican National Committee or anyone else. California's only hope for a better future is that things will get so bad there's a huge backlash that produces a political miracle in 2020 like the one that put Donald Trump in the White House. It's a long shot, but crazy things can happen in California. (Michael Reagan is the son of President Ronald Reagan, a political consultant and the author of "The New Reagan Revolution." Email him at reagan@caglecartoons.com.)

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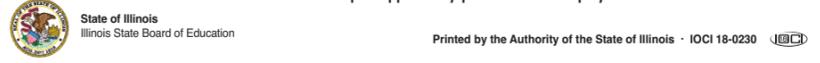


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# Generators a possibility

911 board considers emergency needs

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A question about batteries led into a discussion if the Edgar County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) should invest in generators during the Monday, April 10 meeting.

Board member Duane Fidler wanted to know the life expectancy of backup batteries installed for 911 repeaters on towers near Chrisman and Brocton. The batteries keep the radio communication devices in service during a power outage.

911 director Nanette Crippes said the batteries have a useful life of about four-years before needing replaced but have a power reserve of less than a day if being used without recharging.

"That gives us time to get a generator on site, if we need

to," said board member Dave McCrocklin, adding the possible occasional use of a generator at tower sites is insufficient to install permanent backup generators.

Fidler agree that is the case in most situations but something like an ice storm can disrupt service for many days, requiring the extended use of a generator to keep the 911 devices on the towers operating.

It was noted the ETSB does not own any portable generators and the consensus was purchasing and storing generators at the jail may not be the best approach, given that generators require regular exercising and maintenance and staff does not exist to handle those tasks.

Paris Fire Chief Brian Gates said the department has access to multiple generators to press into service during an emergency situation.

Fidler said another option

is to have 911 purchase generators and place the devices with the Chrisman and Brocton Fire departments. He said the two fire services could use the generators as needed with the understanding priority goes to keeping the towers in service during an outage.

Board president Troy Eads suggested the board establish a strategic planning committee to look at issues confronting the emergency service now and those coming in the future.

"It is important to get something in writing about where we are going to go and how we are going to get there," said Eads.

He offered the backup generator at the jail as an example of something a strategic plan should address. He said the 20-year-old generator is well maintained and it powers the jail and 911 dispatch center when the electricity goes out, but there is the issue of planning for obsolescence.

Eads regards it as a smart move to already have a plan in place for when to replace the generator with a newer model and if the replacement should be diesel, gas or propane powered.

Merle Clark supported the idea, saying a committee meeting can zero in on issues in ways that cannot always be accomplished in board meetings because of other regular business.

"I think we can get more done," said Clark.

He suggested the board serve as a committee of whole, but Gates questioned the effectiveness of having everyone meet one month to discuss an issue just to make a recommendation to themselves as a board at the next meeting.

The tentative plan is for Clark, Fidler, Gates and Cindy Belt to serve on the strategic planning committee. Official creation of the committee and the appointments will occur at the next 911 meeting.

According to Eads, Edgar County is leading the way compared to what he sees in many other county 911 operations.

"I want us to stay out front," said Eads.

# Kansas approves roof project

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KANSAS - In a quick business meeting Wednesday, April 18, the Kansas Board of Education approved a \$39,025 contract with Geissler Roofing of Bellville for a section of roof on the TLC building.

Interim superintendent John Hasten said four bids were received and Geissler was low bidder. The highest bid was \$78,000.

While the work qualifies for using Edgar County Facilities Tax money, Hasten said the project was originally included as part of a 10-year life safety plan and money exists in that fund to cover the expense.

The project addresses a section of the roof that is leaking while the rest of the roof appears to remain watertight. Hasten reported teacher Michael Lowery is leading a committee reviewing school safety procedures. The work involves all safety procedures with an emphasis on school shooter response.

According to the superintendent, the committee is pulling information and ideas from a variety of sources.

"Hopefully, we can implement it starting next year," said Hasten.

After an executive session, the board took the following action:

- granted early graduation for a student;
- accepted the resignation of aide Suzanne Tomshack;
- accepted the resignation of Kristen Courtney as special education teacher;
- employed Lindsay Shawver as sixth grade teacher for 2018-2019 year;
- employed Skyler Harford as kindergarten teacher for 2018-2019;
- employed Genia Bunch-Epperson as art/business teacher for 2018-2019;
- employed Christy Pinkston as high school English teacher for 2018-2019; and
- employed Cindy Spencer as a principal for 2018-2019.

## MEALS

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expanding and Farm 2 Crock was born," she said.

Each woman successfully obtained their food preparation certification through the Edgar County Health Department. One of the sheds on the Phipps' farm already had a kitchen area, which was expanded with an additional refrigerator, two freezers, a stove, additional counterspace and food preparation area.

The small business accepts orders by phone and through a private Facebook page which Spesard maintains. "I post the month's meals and we both take orders," she said. Once the orders are received, the women order from Sam's Club in Terre Haute, GFS, Kroger, "and really anywhere we can get a good price," Phipps said. "We're really good about price comparisons."

The women have gotten better about figuring out the quantities needed to prepare that month's meals, Spesard noted. "That was a learning curve for us, but we're getting there," she said.

The Kroger store in Paris provided the sweet baked sandwich rolls used in January, she said. Ken Brooks of Pa Pa's Produce Patch also provided potatoes grown on his land for the meals. "He went out and dug them for us," Phipps said.

The Farm 2 Crock food preparation room is filled with spices, canned tomatoes and other items needed to prepare the meals.

"We try to have a theme every month," Phipps said, noting the meals to be delivered Thursday (April 26) in Paris and Saturday (April 28) in Chrisman are "Spring into New Meals." Among those made available to those who have already ordered are Chinese beef and broccoli, Kielbasa soup, cowboy crockpot casserole, whole chicken and vegetables, gumbo and oven bake Frito chili.



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What began as a way to fix meals for their families has blossomed into a small business for lifelong friends Casey Spesard, left, and Shelby Phipps.

The meals serve five to eight persons, Spesard said. "There's almost always leftovers for lunch or another day," she said.

The prices for the meals have not been a deterrent to their popularity, both agreed. The meals ranged in price this past month from \$15-\$18.

Farm 2 Crock is not a full-time job, the women said. "We provide meals about every six weeks," Spesard said. Everything is prepared, labeled with directions and frozen in one day. Delivery is later in Paris at Paris Feed and Chrisman Farm 2 Crock.

Both Spesard and Phipps emphasized they have the full support of their husbands, Jim Spesard and Chris Phipps. The beef used by the business is raised on the Phipps' farm.

Each woman has two young children. Phipps' children are Hudson, 6, and Sawyer, 2 while Spesard's children are Hayden, 10, and Harper, 6.

"Our six-year-olds were born two days apart," they laughed.

The goal of Farm 2 Crock is to make a mother's life easier. "We both agreed when we're sitting at work in a quiet moment, who doesn't think 'what

am I going to fix for dinner tonight?" Spesard said. "It's definitely a big stresser."

Although their business is still in the toddler stage and growing every month, there are already favorites being requested by regular clients.

"For sure one of the most popular is our baked spaghetti," Phipps said. Another favorite from January's soup and oven sandwiches menu is the cheddar bacon ranch chicken sandwich.

"We have been surprised that it has taken off so quickly," Phipps noted.

What does the future hold for Farm 2 Table?

"Right now it's enjoyable," Spesard said. "We enjoy the girl time. It gives us flexibility and some money to put away for something special — we just don't know what yet."

The two women said they are not entertaining what if thoughts concerning the growth of the business and making it a fulltime job.

Anyone who is interested in ordering meals can request to be a member of the Farm 2 Crock page on Facebook or contact Spesard and 217-822-2539 or Phipps at 217-377-7731.

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## CHRISMAN

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noting it has been several years since the fee was raised. Mayor Dan Owen advocated a fee of \$750 as more practical to cover the city expense. The matter will be on the May 7 city meeting agenda.

In another matter, Wolfe questioned the wisdom of the city holding onto an unused John Deere tractor. He suggested a more useful piece of equipment is a side-by-side ATV for summer help to load

with tools for work assignments and reading water meters.

Owen asked Wolfe to further explore the idea and determine if it makes more sense to trade the tractor or to sell it.

Commissioner Rick Jenness reported the need to spend another \$1,097 on the sewer department's new truck. He said the money is for installing a trailer hitch and the LED strobe lights required on municipal vehicles for safety reasons.

The mayor is ready to start demolishing derelict buildings.

Owen reported money deposited into a special demolition fund from the state gaming tax and the issuance of city liquor licenses has built up to more than \$10,000.

Owen told the commissioners time will be devoted at the next city meeting to creating a prioritized list of buildings to raze.

"We are going to do this and get this town cleaned up," said Owen.

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## Draft is anyone's guess

Last week, we talked about how despite offensive coaches and tactics, or even the changing style of play over the past few decades, picking a quarterback high in the draft

is nearly a 50/50 proposition. NFL front offices spend so much time researching a prospect on and off the field, that it's a wonder the player doesn't think he's interviewing for the FBI or CIA, not the NFL. Teams have so much access to every snap and possible interviews it almost becomes a paralysis by analysis, where teams end up picking more negatives on a player than need be. Executives are fully ready to make current NFL player comparisons of a soon to be rookie's floor or ceiling, something unheard of in the NBA, where it's usually positive projections.

Whether the above is simply a case of teams being safe and logical with their analysis, too much doomsday can hinder their assessment sometimes. That's why some high profile college quarterbacks come out with a year of eligibility left, so they aren't knocked down a peg by evaluators.

Some of this pre-draft chatter from scouts has gone on record. The infamous 1998 draft with Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf going first and second overall has scouts on record saying great things about Leaf like, "With a flick of the wrist, he can get the ball anywhere he wants," and, "He can be one of the future stars of the league." Leaf's well-known immaturity and lack of work ethic put him out of the league three years later.

Scouts can make these assessments, and if they're wrong, what becomes of them? Do they do the same thing again next year? A lot of times, the whole front office staff from management to coaching gets thrown out in the trash. That creates continuity issues as teams break in new coaches and coordinators, and given the incredible amount of information quarterbacks have to digest, makes it one of the biggest hurdles a young QB has to overcome.

This scenario of frequent turnover happens more often than not with teams picking in the top 10 of the draft. It could be a case of misidentifying talent, or not evaluating it properly regardless of position, or even lack of direction from the front office. A quarterback's success a lot of times hinges on what's around him, as well as the culture of the team created by the head

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# Tigers dominate Marshall

Paris hands Robinson first LIC defeat and takes wins over the Lions and North Central

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Fresh off a huge Little Illini Conference victory at Robinson, the Paris Tiger baseball team returned home for another LIC game with the Marshall Lions.

Riding a nine-run second inning, the Tigers prevailed by the score of 13-3 in five-innings Thursday, April 20. The win improves the Tiger record to 14-1, and 4-0 in the LIC. Marshall falls to 3-8 overall, and 0-4 in the conference.

While the possibility of a letdown was in the back of head coach Creighton Tarr's mind, he was happy with the way his team responded. "Going into the game, the boys were excited to be hosting Marshall," said Tarr. "Coming off of a big win the night before, I didn't know what to expect. The boys got things



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Paris pitcher Brock Minor delivers a pitch in the third inning of the Tigers 13-3 win over LIC foe Marshall Thursday at Tiger Field.

going in the second inning and never looked back."

To say the Tigers got things going was an understatement. Paris reeled off six consecutive

hits with one out, then strung together four more hits with two outs just for good measure. In all, the Tigers sent 12 batters to the plate, with nine

of them scoring to give Paris a 9-1 lead.

Paris added four more runs in the third as Austin Littleton singled, Zach Burger walked

and TJ Potter brought the 10<sup>th</sup> run home with an RBI groundout. Reese Sutton then cleared the bases with a triple to right-center field.

Brock Minor started on the mound for the Tigers, and he went three innings. He allowed three unearned runs on three hits, hit a batter and struck out three.

Dylan Creech finished things off by going two innings of hitless ball. He walked one and struck out two.

For the second straight game, the Tigers pounded out 12 hits, but this time they drew just one walk.

Brody Spencer drove in three runs with a double and a single.

Littleton had a double and a single and one RBI.

Zach Burger added a pair. See **DOMINATE**, Page 10A

## LADY TIGERS FIND THEIR BATS



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Paris Lady Tiger sophomore Kit Strow gets ready to unload on a pitch during one of her at bats Thursday in a Little Illini Conference game against the Marshall Lady Lions. Paris rolled to a 20-2 win over Marshall.

# Lady Tigers improving

Lady Tigers smack 21 hits rolling to easy victory

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The Paris Lady Tigers hosted the Marshall Lady Lions Thursday (April 19) and rudely sent them home by defeating them 20-2 in five innings.

With the victory, the Lady Tigers improve to 7-6 overall, and 1-2 in the Little Illini Conference. Marshall falls to 5-10 (0-4 in the LIC).

Things started out with a bang in the bottom of the first inning, as the Tigers score eight runs.

Kaitlyn Mathews and Kelsey Dosch led things off with a single apiece. Whitney Todd got the Tigers on the scoreboard with a single of her own. Sydney Fox beat out an infield single, and Carlei Sapp singled to load the bases.

Aubrey Sanders walked, forcing in Todd, and Katrina Strow walked to force in Sapp. Brooklyn Westerfield doubled to bring home a pair. Mathews cleared the bases with a triple to right, and she scored on a double by Dosch.

Paris added 10 runs in the second inning on 10 hits, with the big blow being a three-run shot by Aubrey Sanders.

The Tigers racked up 21 hits on the afternoon.

Sanders led the way with a home run, a double and a single. She also had



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Paris Lady Tiger pitcher Sara Burger delivers a strike during the team's 20-2 victory over the Marshall Lady Lions Thursday in Paris.

four RBIs on the day.

Mathews drove in two with a triple and a single, and Dosch drove in three runs with a pair of doubles and a single.

Westerfield had a double, single and three RBIs.

Fox and Fancher each had a double and a pair of singles, with Fancher driving in two and Fox bringing home one.

Todd had a single and an RBI, as did Larisa Hoffman. Strow drove in two with a triple.

Sara Burger threw three innings of shutout ball, allowing just one hit, three walks and two strikeouts.

Sami Potter tossed the final two in-

nings, allowing two runs on four hits. She walked two and struck out two.

### PARIS 20, WEST VIGO 3

The Lady Tigers picked up another win Wednesday (April 18) dominating the West Vigo Lady Vikings 20-8 at West Vigo.

Paris put up 8 runs in the first inning and held that lead until the third when West Vigo scored two runs.

The Lady Tigers exploded for 11 runs in the fourth inning and held the host school to one run in the bottom of the fourth to coast to the win.

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## Tiger tennis handles Trojans

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### CHARLESTON

The Paris Tiger tennis left no doubt who was taking home the win Wednesday as the Tigers downed the Trojans 7-2.

It was the fourth consecutive dual meet win over Charleston. According to Coach Stefan Aydt, "It was the first time we've had the meet out of reach against them after singles in a lot of years. Almost every-one trailed at some point during their match, but they did a good job of adjusting and coming back."

At number one singles, Jacob Randolph played some very good points against Keegan Gowin, a state qualifier from last year. Unfortunately, he never got quite enough momentum going, falling 6-2, 6-4.

Both players had some huge first serves, which made it a fun match to watch.

Maxwell Holloway played well at the number two spot but had a rough patch, dropping three games in a row in the first set. He managed to recover to win 6-4, 6-0.

Ethan Graham had the longest singles match of the night, as he and his opponent both hit a lot of well-placed slice shots to run each other across the court. After dropping a competitive second set, Ethan came back to win three in a row at the end of the third set to take a 6-3, 4-6, 6-3 win.

At number four, Nathan Minnis fought off a lot of lobs from his opponent and also won 3 games in a row to finish off his match in two sets, 6-3, 7-5. Caleb Lawson played our quickest match of the day, winning 6-2, 6-3 at number five singles.

Noah Holzer picked up a singles win at number six

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of doubles. Sutton brought two home with his triple, and Minor had a pair of RBIs on one hit.

Austin O'Neal had a double and a single. Gates added a single, and Raven Thompson drove in two with a double.

Tarr was pleased with the performance on the mound.

"Brock (Minor) and Dylan (Creech) combined to throw a great game," Tarr said. "Anytime we get pitching like that, we will be in a position to win."

**PARIS 9, ROBINSON 6**

**ROBINSON-** The Paris Tiger baseball team withstood a comeback bid by the Robinson Maroons Wednesday, April 18, to gain a 9-6 victory in the Little Illini Conference.

With the victory, the Tigers' overall record improves to 13-1, and the team sits atop the LIC standings with a 3-0 mark. They are currently tied with Newton for the best mark in the conference.

With a steady 25-30 mile-per-hour wind blowing in from right field, conditions were anything but normal, but it was nothing the Tigers have not faced this spring. The playing field was equal for both teams, and the Tigers' ability to handle the wind played a huge role in determining the outcome of this game.

The Tigers repeated a pattern from earlier gifts and did a lot of their damage with two outs in an inning.

In the top of the first inning, with two outs, Zach Burger drew a walk, Reese Sutton legged out an infield single and Brock Minor walked to load the bases. Starting pitcher Austin O'Neal came to bat and doubled to center field to give the Tigers the early 2-0

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Paris knocked out 20 hits in the game, led by Kaitlyn Mathews and Kit Strow who each went 3 for 4. Mathews collected a triple, a homer and a single and three RBIs

lead.

Caleb Gates led things off in the second inning with a line-drive home run that cleared the left field fence for Tigers' 3-0 lead. Neither team scored in the third, but the Tigers scratched out a run in the top of the fourth - again with two outs.

Gates singled and advanced to second on a fielder's choice. Austin Littleton singled to left, but not deep enough to score Gates. Burger came up clutch with a smash to left field to give Paris a 4-0 lead.

The Tigers tacked on three huge runs in their half of the sixth inning as Gates and Raven Thompson led off with singles. Littleton walked to load the bases with two outs. TJ Potter smacked the first pitch he saw into right field to bring home a pair of runs, and Sutton singled to left to give the Tigers a commanding 7-0 lead.

Robinson played a version of Tiger baseball by pushing three runs across in the bottom of the sixth - all with two outs.

With a seven-run lead now reduced to four, the Tigers benefitted from the Maroons' two weaknesses of inability to throw strikes and a struggle with catching pop-flys.

O'Neal singled to start things in the seventh, and three consecutive walks brought home the eighth run of the game.

Burger singled, scoring Thompson with the ninth and final run of the day for the Tigers.

Robinson mounted a comeback in the bottom of the seventh, scoring three runs, but a base running gaffe and a strikeout ended the threat.

Head coach Creighton Tarr praised his team's perseverance in the road victory.

"Even though both teams

while Strow hit a double and a single and three RBIs. Kelsie Dosch was 2 for 3 with a double and a single and three RBIs.

Sydney Fox, Sami Potter and Brooklyn Westerfield each doubled and Whitney Todd tripled for the Lady Tigers.

Kaitlyn Mathews started in the circle for Paris and threw 4 2/3 inning allowing 3 runs while scattering 8 hits while walking 4 and striking out 2. Sara Burger finished the game and picked up the final 2 outs.

had over 12 hits apiece, I felt like our defense was the story of the game," said Tarr. "Our guys made several crucial plays to get us out of jams. Whether it was JB (Eslinger) in right field, Littleton and Potter on the left side of the infield, or Sutton tracking down foul balls, our guys made plays."

The Tigers were out-hit in the game, 14-12, but seven walks by Robinson pitching, and the Maroon's inability to catch foul balls created extended at-bats by Paris hitters.

Gates led the way for the Tigers, as he was three-for-three with a home run and a pair of singles. Burger, Sutton and O'Neal had two hits each, with Burger driving in three, O'Neal two and Sutton one.

Potter had two RBIs on one hit. Littleton drove in one with his lone hit, and Thompson added a single and scored three times.

O'Neal started on the mound for the Tigers and went 6.1 innings. While the numbers do not say so, this was one of the better performances of his career.

"Austin (O'Neal) pitched his heart out" said Tarr. "He wanted this game because he knew how good Robinson was, and what it would mean to get a win like this."

He allowed six earned runs on 13 hits, walked two and struck out four. It was his ability to wiggle into and out of trouble all afternoon that really punctuated the outing.

Thompson came on and recorded the final two outs, allowing one hit, one walk and he struck out the final batter of the game with two runners on.

**PARIS 9, NORTH CENTRAL 6**

The Paris Tigers baseball team won a non-conference matchup against visiting North Central from Farmers-

**ALAH 8, PARIS 7**

**ARTHUR** — It came down to the last play, but Paris Lady Tigers was on the wrong end of an 8-7 defeat to Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond on Tuesday (April 17).

The game was tied at seven with Arthur-Lovington/Atwood-Hammond batting in the bottom of the eighth when A Tinkle singled on a 3-2 count, scoring one run.

The Lady Tigers collected 10 hits and ALAH 17 in the high scoring game. Whitney Todd and Kaitlyn Mathews

burg, Ind., Friday, April 13, by the score of 9-6. The two teams also played a five-inning, B game in which the Tigers prevailed 4-2.

North Central jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first, but the Tigers roared back with three runs in their half to grab the 3-2 lead. In the top of the third, five consecutive hits led to three more runs for the visitors, and the Tigers trailed 5-3.

It was a short-lived lead, because Paris scored five runs in their half of the third to retake the lead, 8-5.

TJ Potter and Zach Burger led the way for the Tigers as each player knocked a double and a single. Potter had three RBIs and Burger had two.

Raven Thompson added a pair of singles, and Austin O'Neal drove in three runs with a double. Austin Littleton, Brody Spencer, Caleb Gates and Dylan Creech each added a single.

Gates started on the hill for the Tigers and went five innings. He allowed six runs on 10 hits, walked one and struck out five. Burger came on to finish things up and allowed just one hit in two innings of work.

In the second game, the Tigers scored in the bottom of the second inning as Blayne Roberts led off with a double, and came in to score on a single by Sid Boyars.

Paris added two more in the third on just one hit.

Roberts had a double to lead the way for the Tigers. Eric Speicher, Boyars, Brody Spencer and Jude Sullivan all singled for Paris.

Speicher picked up the win on the mound going four innings. He allowed two runs on six hits, walked one and struck out four.

Sullivan pitched the fifth allowing just one hit, one walk, and he struck out two.

each homered for Paris.

Mathews, Terra Fancher and Kelsie Dosch each collected multiple hits for the Lady Tigers. Mathews led Paris going 3 for 4 including a homer.

The Lady Tigers were sure-handed in the field and didn't commit a single error.

Sara Burger was charged with the loss, going 5 2/3 inning in the circle and allowing 7 runs on 10 hits while walking 3 and striking out 2.

Sami Potter finished the game and allowed 1 run on 7 hits.

**F/S track teams hit the road**

BY DAN DUNDAS  
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The Paris Tigers track teams participated in the Newton Invitational Tuesday (April 1) with four others Little Illini Conference teams.

The boys placed second with 145.5 points behind Newton's 184.5 while the girls placed fourth with 100 points.

Jeffrey Bennett placed for the boys in the 1,600 and 3,200 with times of 5:33.15 and 12:02.54, good for third and fourth respectively. In a slightly different relay format, Paris placed third in 8x50 with a 47.40 time, second in the 8x100 at 1:40.40 and second

as well in the 8x400 at 9:39.62.

The boys had more success in the field events, thanks to Colby Kindred gaining first in the triple jump at 36-5 and second in the pole vault at 10-0. Coy Landrum had an 18-10 long jump, and Alex Brock had a 5-10 high jump. Nick Craig rounded out the day with a 90-3 discuss hurl, placing him third.

Field events for the girls were filled with first place finishes. Emma Pinkston tallied first with a 107-8 discus throw. Chloe Noel placed third in discus at 75-10. Kaelyn Ball had a 29-1 shot put, with Noel right behind her with a 28-10 throw. Hailey Underwood won the

high jump at 4-10. Payton Block and Sarah Wells finished first and second as the only pole vault participants, tying with heights of 8-6.

In individual events, Maggie York got third place in the 100-meter dash at 13.97. Sarah Isaf turned in a third place 800-meter run at 2:40.00. Hailey Underwood clocked a 6:54.00 for second place in the mile. Grace Joseph was third in both hurdle events with times of 18.26 and 52.26.

In the relays, Paris got a first place spot in the 8x400 at 11:48.09, second in the 8x200 at 4:42.89 and second as well in the 8x100 at 2:08.52.

**Arrieta is lights out for Phillies in win**

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Jake Arrieta threw like an old-school ace wearing a retro powder blue Phillies uniform fit for a throwback outing.

Arrieta flashed the All-Star form that made Philadelphia covet him in free agency, striking out 10 and tossing one-hit ball over seven innings to lead the Phillies to a 7-0 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Thursday night.

Rhys Hoskins homered and Cesar Hernandez had a three-run single to pace the Phillies in their first game back from a 4-2 trip.

The Phillies got vintage Arrieta (2-0) in his best outing since he left the Chicago Cubs for a \$75 million, three-year contract that made him the immediate ace of the rotation.

He had his 14th career double-digit strikeout game and walked two, combining with two relievers on a two-hitter.

"It was about as good as I've been," Arrieta said.

and a World Series championship with the Cubs, struck out seven through the first four innings — he had struck out only six over 10 2/3 innings in his first two starts.

Arrieta wore short sleeves on a night when temperatures dipped into the 30s, and the postseason flags whipping in the wind were about the only objects with more movement than Arrieta's fastball.

"That's the best movement and action I've seen on his fastball since 2015," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said.

The Pirates, who lead the Central, are one of the surprise teams in the National League. Against their long-time nemesis, forget it. The 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner improved to 11-6 in 21 career starts against Pittsburgh. He struck out 11 and tossed a four-hit shutout against the Pirates in the 2015 NL Wild Card game that included a bench-clearing melee.

"Nights like tonight where

I do have pretty much command at will, it just makes my job that much easier," Arrieta said.

The Phillies wore the powder blue 1970s and '80s uniforms that were a hit with fans and fashionistas. Arrieta had changed into a sleeveless shirt and red shorts for the postgame celebration in the dugout.

The Phillies haven't had a winning season since 2011, when they won their fifth straight NL East title.

The addition of Arrieta signaled a long, arduous rebuilding process could turn into contention this season. They've already had a six-game winning streak — the last three on a sweep at Tampa Bay.

The 32-year-old right-hander was on from the start, striking out Adam Frazier and Gregory Polanco to open the game on a pair of 94 mph sinkers.

He allowed only an infield single in the second inning.

# TCT baseball takes down Arcola

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ARCOLA — The Tri-County Titans baseball played an away game Thursday (April 19) against the Arcola Purple Riders.

With the sun out and conditions being near perfect, the bats for the Titans finally heated up to the tune of 10 runs taking a 10-5 win.

The Titans got the scoring going in the top of the second with four runs. Jacob Knoksky hit a single scoring Dalton Conner to take a 1-0 lead. Mitch Pollock followed

with single scoring Blake Lee to put TCT up 2-0.

Jackson Barry joined in the train with a single to bring home Trenton Pinnell and the Titans were up 3-0.

Jacob Neill continued the trend hitting a single scoring Knofsky putting TCT up 4-0.

The Purple Riders managed to get one run in the bottom of the second, and Knofsky overcame that with single scoring Conner to make the score 5-1.

TCT kept the pressure up scoring two runs in the top of the fourth inning as Cody

Richardson hit a double that scored Neill, and Lee doubled later that scored Dillon Tweedy. The Titans had a commanding 7-1 lead at that point.

It got interesting in the bottom of the seventh when a Purple Riders' rally cut into the TCT lead with a 10-5 score, but it wasn't enough to take the game away from Tri-County.

The Titans managed 12 hits on the day with the duo of Jackson Barry and Jacob Neill both going three for five each, with Barry scoring two

runs and an RBI. Neill scored one run with an RBI. Blake Lee was one for four with a double, a run scored and an RBI. Jacob Knofsky was three for four with a run scored and two RBIs.

Cody Richardson went six innings giving up five hits and three runs - none of them earned - while walking three and striking out six. Richardson was one for four with a double, a run scored and an RBI at the plate.

Trenton Pinnell went one inning in relief giving up two hits and two runs - none of

# Errors doom Lady Titans against Arcola

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HUME — The softball season so far has been one of struggles for the Tri-County Lady Titans, and it didn't improve any Thursday, (April 19) when the girls played the Arcola Purple Riders.

Play was tight early in the game with Arcola leading by just one point at 3-2 after the first inning.

It went downhill from there as the Purple Riders capitalized on errors by the Titans. Arcola outscored TCT by 6-1 in the final six innings for a 9-3 win.

Alexis Hunter was two for

three with two runs scored. Taylor Bennett was two for four with an RBI. Halie Lewis went one for three. Cailynne Phillips was one for one at the plate with a run scored and an RBI.

Cailynne Phillips pitched one-third of an inning giving up two hits and three runs

— all earned — walking one and striking out one. She was charged with the loss. Grace Kile worked six and two-thirds innings in relief on the mound. She gave up three hits and six runs — two earned — while walking two and striking out eight.

# Summer baseball opens with a split

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The calendar may say April, but the baseball cleats and gloves came out for the Shiloh Little League Majors 11-12-year-old summer baseball 2018 season, with two games.

An 11-man roster features nine players that are fifth graders, but some of them with returning experience

from a year ago. As the week ended, Shiloh ended up going 1-1 still trying to fit into playing back on the field.

## SHILOH 5, SIDNEY 2

The official opener for Shiloh was Tuesday, April 17, with an away game against Sidney 1. It was a close game with the hosts having a 2-1 lead going into the top of the

sixth inning. Shiloh roared back with four runs in the frame and held on for a 5-2 win. Daviek Donithan and Jack Houlihan both had a hit and two RBI as part of that four-run sixth inning.

## PHILO 13, SHILOH 0

After the opening night win, Shiloh returned home to Brocton Field Thursday,

April 20, for the home opener against Philo. The visitors scored in every inning, except the third, and held Shiloh to just one hit. Play ended at 13-0 via the run rule in five innings. Braxton Buckler had the lone hit for Shiloh with a triple.

Shiloh (1-1) hosts Tuscola 2 Tuesday, April 24, at Brocton. First pitch is set for 7:45 p.m.

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six doing a good job of being patient and keeping points going to win 6-4, 7-5.

"We knew the meet was decided after singles, but did a good job of coming out strong in doubles and winning all 3 first sets," Aydt said.

## TEUTOPOLIS 7, PARIS 2

Paris boys tennis ran into a tough opponent halting the Tigers' winning streak Thursday, April 19, in a 7-2 loss to Teutopolis.

Teutopolis was strong at the top, with two returning state qualifiers in Kyle Mossman and Alex Probst, and Paris' top two singles players Jacob Randolph and Maxwell Holloway were swept 6-0 and 6-1 in each of their matches.

Ethan Graham and Caleb Lawson played close matches at third and fifth singles but both of them struggled with the consistency and strong net play of their opponents.

They lost 6-2, 6-4 and 6-4, 6-1. Noah Holzer was also swept 6-1 in two sets at the sixth singles spot.

For head coach Stefan Aydt, the highlight of the night was Nathan Minnis

sweeping Jacob Pals of Teutopolis 6-4 at fourth singles.

"Both sets were close throughout, but Nathan pulled out the win at the end of each," said Aydt. "I was especially impressed with his comeback in the final game of the second set where he won 4 points in a row to come back from down love-40 to win the game and the set."

Aydt continued, "Even though the meet was out of reach after singles, I was impressed at how strong we came out in doubles. T-town always has good doubles teams, but we made them work for almost every set."

At number one, Jacob Randolph/Nathan Minnis played tons of close games in the first set, but had trouble closing them out, falling 6-1 in the first set. In the second set, they did a better job of moving and forcing errors to keep things close, but couldn't close it out before falling 11-9 in the second set tiebreaker.

Noah Holzer and Caleb Lawson had a similar issue at third doubles, dropping both sets in close tiebreakers. Maxwell Holloway and Ethan Graham grabbed the lone doubles win at the number two spot, taking three sets to

win 6-3, 5-7, 6-3.

"Overall, I was happy with the progress we're showing as we played a lot of competitive matches against one of the best teams in the area and the defending sectional champions," said Aydt. "We won more games than

last year against T-town and also picked up 2 match victories against them, which is the most in the last 10 or so years."

Paris plays again 4 p.m. today (April 21) in a tri-meet against Flora and Newton at home.

# DUNDAS

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coach, whereas plugging in say a linebacker or interior lineman might not be as noticeable in a vacuum.

Pro Bowl quarterbacks tend to flourish in a stable coaching environment. Players like Peyton Manning, Drew Brees and Aaron Rodgers have had the same head coaches or play callers most of their careers, certainly to their benefit. Having that continuity, or at the very least a more offensively competent coaching staff, makes a world of difference.

Two teams that are examples of creating a specific culture to make their highly selected quarterbacks flourish are the Philadelphia Eagles and the Chicago Bears. The Eagles surrounded recent number two pick overall Carson Wentz with two former longtime NFL QBs as his head coach and offensive coordinator, in Doug Pederson and Frank Reich, as well as a bevy of skill players. This cocoon of knowledge helped Wentz put together a near MVP season in 2017 before a knee injury occurred.

The Bears are trying to copy the Eagles in a good way by dumping old-school

John Fox and overmatched offensive play caller Dowell Loggains for an up and comer in head coach Matt Nagy, whose work with QBs is highly regarded. The change is an attempt to assure their investment in last year's number two choice Mitchell Trubisky is successful.

The St. Louis Rams took a similar position as the Bears when old-school, defensive-minded head coach Jeff Fisher was jettisoned for offensive thinking tailored to former number one pick Jared Goff's needs. That move led to a 2017 playoff berth.

As much as it's like throwing darts sometimes, there are track records showing good coaching with talent maximizes potential. It doesn't take much for a pick selected high on the potential scale not to reach it. It really comes down to environment, not to mention the mental toughness and intelligence of rookie.

Think about that next week as teams gobble up signal callers in the opening stanzas of the Thursday, April 26, draft.

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St. Louis Cardinals' Harrison Bader, right, steals second sliding past Cincinnati Reds' Scooter Gennett, left, in the third inning of a baseball game, Friday, April 20, 2018, at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

## Cards handle Reds 4-2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Michael Wacha kept up his strong pitching against Cincinnati, Yadier Molina hit two-run double in the first inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals won 4-2 Friday night to spoil Jim Riggleman's debut as Reds interim manager.

Riggleman replaced Bryan Price, who was fired Thursday after Cincinnati lost 15 of its first 18 games.

Wacha (3-1) gave up one run and six hits in 6 2/3 innings, his longest outing of the year, to improve to 10-1 in his career against the Reds.

Jose Martinez had three hits and an RBI, raising his batting average to .358 this season. He has eight RBIs over his last seven games. Tommy Pham scored twice.

Bud Norris picked up his fifth save in five chances despite allowing a two-out RBI single to Alex Blandino, helping the Cardinals won for the sixth time in seven games.

Brandon Finnegan (0-2) lost for the second time in two starts against the Cardinals this year. Finnegan came off the disabled list (left biceps strain) April 14th. He allowed five hits and four runs

while walking four over three innings.

The Reds have lost 11 of their last 12.

Pham, who scored on Molina's bases-loaded double in the first, walked in the second and scored on Martinez's double to make it 4-0.

Tommy Pham scored for the second time in two innings. Following a walk, he scored on a two-out double by Jose Martinez to pad the Cardinals early lead to 4-0.

The Reds' only damage against Wacha came in the third as Billy Hamilton scored on Jose Peraza's sacrifice fly. It was Cincinnati's first run since the eighth inning against Milwaukee on Monday, ending a 21-inning scoreless streak. Last season the Reds season-high scoreless streak was 20 innings.

### FOURTH TIME'S A CHARM

The Reds appointment of Riggleman as interim manager marks the fourth time in his career that he has held this position. He previously was named interim manager in San Diego, Seattle and Washington. He was promoted to manager everywhere

but Seattle. Riggleman also managed the Chicago Cubs (1995-1998) and managed in the Cardinals' minor league system (1982-'88).

### TRAINER'S ROOM

Reds: OF Scott Schebler was activated from the 10-day disabled list and LHP Cody Reed (0-0, four appearances) was optioned to Triple-A Louisville. Schebler was on the DL with a right ulnar nerve contusion.

Cardinals: RHP Sam Tuivailala threw a bullpen session Friday and St. Louis president of baseball operations John Mozeliak said Tuivailala will begin an official rehabilitation assignment the middle of next week. Tuivailala was placed on the DL with a left knee strain.

### UP NEXT:

Reds RHP Homer Bailey (0-3, 3.42) will face Cardinals RHP Carlos Martinez (2-1, 1.75) in the second of a three-game series on Saturday. Martinez is 7-3 in his career against Cincinnati and the Cardinals have won seven of his last nine starts against the Reds.

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## Earth Day is annual wake-up

This weekend we celebrate Earth Day 2018. The first Earth Day was April 22, 1970.



TERRY SULLIVAN  
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

At the time it was not a celebration but a protest movement and due to environmental concerns, 20 million Americans participated. The major issue was the smog in the urban areas. It was April and by July Congress was enacting new legislation. Richard Nixon was president when the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was founded.

Many of us have mixed reactions to the EPA. It sometimes over reacts and other times does not take a strong enough position, but it has made a difference. We no longer have cities with brown toxic air in the summer. The EPA was formed to create consistent rules for the entire U.S. instead of each state creating their own rules.

This is the 48th annual Earth Day. Each year has a specific theme with this year being to end plastic pollution. Plastics are a class of man-made materials based on hydrocarbons. Leo Baekeland developed the first commercial plastic in 1907. He was trying to make synthetic shellac to replace the expensive natural product still made from collecting lac beetles. Using a coal tar waste product and formaldehyde he ended up with Bakelite. It was a hard, durable material, which could be molded. It found use as a manufacturing material in phones, clocks and furniture.

Contemporary plastics are long-chain molecules based on hydrocarbons and usually made from petroleum. Plastic comes from the Greek word *plastomeros* meaning having many parts. In modern chemistry, plastics are referred to as polymers. A polymer is a repeating chain of a base unit called the monomer.

The most common plastic is polyethylene built from a chain of ethylene molecules. It is used in packaging, bags and bottles. The chain is (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>)<sub>n</sub> where the base unit repeats making super long rope or chain molecules. They are built on a carbon backbone, since carbon can bond in four directions making a perfect base for linking molecules.

Living organisms are also built on carbon chains, but have nitrogen, phosphorous and oxygen connectors scattered through the molecule. Organic molecules are easier to break apart and are a source of nutrients for other organisms.

When a plant or animal dies, the remains immediately begin decomposing. There are bacteria, fungi and insects that feast on the remains. In a few days to maybe years, a tree trunk or deceased deer carcass will be reduced to its base elements and molecules. Decay is so consistent that in the last year forensic scientists have learned to use human oral bacterial growth to determine time of death even for bodies found long after demise.

A synthetic plastic is not a source of nutrients for

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## A healthy fuel up for kids

I can't imagine how you mothers do it.

Pick the kids up after school, get them to the ball game or track meet or practice and then home again for a late dinner — unless there's another practice — think travel basketball, volleyball or conditioning.

NANCY ZEMAN

COOKING IN EDGAR COUNTY

There's no reason the before activity or practice snacks can't be nourishing, tasty choices for the hungry kids.

Many kids have early lunch periods during school, so they might start the game or meet hungry. A good after-school snack provides quality carbohydrates and protein for quick energy and a satisfied tummy.

Mix up your kids' Gatorade regimen with fun and creative homemade snacks.

Instead of feeding them orange slices or hard-as-rock granola bars, give them something that tastes good and is good for them to enjoy during after-school-sports.

Just as kids need their shin guards and cleats for the game, they also need to fuel their bodies with nutrients to be successful at sports.

Before, during, and after their games, it's important to feed the little athletes things that will give them the protein, carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals they need in their everyday diet — and it goes without saying that it should taste good, too.

These recipes have everything your kids and their bodies crave — whether it's protein-packed soy clusters for them to snack on during a break in the game or cheesy mini pizza rolls to treat them with after a win.

It's time to start feeding our kids food that is both tasty and healthy, and these recipes will ensure they can't wait until it's your week to bring the snacks for the game.

The caramel maple yogurt dip makes it easier than every to get kids to eat their fruits, using sweet and well-liked combination of caramel and maple syrup to spike the yogurt.

The Gone Fishin' Snack Mix is another easy snack to prepare. Once you see the gummy worms, you'll understand the name.

It's a fun way to treat your kids to a candy while serving them an otherwise healthy snack mix.

The recipe makes 26 servings that can be packaged up in plastic sandwich bags.

Not everyone has time to make homemade snacks of course. Here are some ideas for packing the cooler for game days.

Consider these nourishing



Special to The Prairie Press

Many children go from school to athletic practice, ball games or other activities and need a snack to boost energy. There's no reason the snacks can't be nourishing and tasty.

### CARAMEL MAPLE YOGURT

- 1 Cup plain low-fat Greek yogurt
- 3 Tablespoons caramel dip
- 1 Tablespoon maple syrup
- 1 apple, cored, sliced
- 1 banana, peeled, sliced at an angle

Mix together the yogurt, caramel dip, and



maple syrup together in a mixing bowl. Place the sliced apples, bananas and crackers on a platter with the caramel maple yogurt dip.

### GONE FISHIN' SNACK MIX

- 4 Cups Goldfish
- 2 Cups pretzel sticks
- 3 Cups toasted oat cereal
- 2 Cups gummy worms
- 2 Cups almonds

Mix the ingredients together in a big bowl. Store in plastic sandwich bags.



options:

- 6-ounce cartons of a variety of fruited yogurt or yogurt in a tube
- Peanut butter or almond butter sandwiches with natural fruit jam
- Turkey and/or cheese wraps cut into 1-inch slices for easy finger food
- Low-fat string cheese and mini pretzels
- Bottles of cold water or pitchers of cold water with lemon. Cold water helps lower body temperature in active athletes.
- Weekend morning games can be a challenge as well. Muscle fuel is often low after an overnight fast. Therefore, if you are rushing out the door to make it to a morning game, consider serving breakfast foods that kids love:
  - A mini cinnamon-raisin bagel with flavored cream cheese

- English muffin sandwich with a slice of lean ham and/or reduced-fat cheese
- Greek yogurt with a variety of toppings such as homemade granola, chopped almonds or walnuts and dried fruit
- Fruit and yogurt smoothies
- Cartons of low-fat milk with baggies full of cereal
- 100-percent fruit juice boxes
- Post-game snacks should help to replace muscle fuel lost in exercise and replenish fluids without ruining kids' appetite for the next meal. Consider:
  - Air-popped popcorn sprinkled with Parmesan cheese
  - Low-fat chocolate milk
  - Banana, orange slices or apple slices dipped in orange juice to prevent browning
  - Whole-grain granola bars

## PARIS NATIVE PROMOTED IN MARINE CORPS



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Cole Hodge was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in a ceremony by Lt. General Mark Brilakis. Pictured, from left, are Navy Commander Tara Hodge, Cole Hodge, sons Ethan and Bryce and Lt. General Brilakis.

## Spending bill hurts waitresses

Our well-fed, well-paid, well-pensioned members of Congress are connoisseurs of the best on the menu, possessing hearty appetites for junkets, goodies from lobbyists, loads of off-work time and a great health care plan.



HARRY REYNOLDS  
ANOTHER LOOK

Not to mention, the president fawning over them. Lawmakers — statesmen are rare — live high on the hog. They toss an occasional scrap to the people who actually work for a living — like waitresses.

The \$1.3 trillion spending bill, signed by President Donald Trump (who expressed what most of us think about such monumental spending — displeasure) is staggering and a slap in the face for the people who serve us coffee, make sure our food is hot and who sometimes have to deal with jerks and an occasional obnoxious politician.

My apologies to those of you who think your congressman walks on water or parts the seas. This assessment is aimed at only 435 members in the House and 100 members in the Senate. We elect these people to compromise, come up with measures acceptable to both sides of the aisle.

Unfortunately for democracy, the my way or the highway roadblock prevails, but that is a subject for another day though it grips the mind of Americans who linger for the end of the great divide we find ourselves in. "One nation, indivisible..." If you do not agree with another person, heaven forbid it be debated rationally and free of malice. Rage is the mantra of the day.

The avalanche of paper in the budget conjures storms of disbelief from this quarter, and musing regarding the sacrifice of scores of trees to fit the feeding frenzy of lawmakers more intent on serving the interests of the greedy than the needy. Big bucks for big shots — that is what government is all about. They feed at the trough.

Buried deep within the bowels of the mind-boggling spending bill a to-be-hoped-for overlooked transgression lurked. Given the over 2,300 pages of this monster, slept a beast, which would inflict a great injustice.

In any case, my blood is boiling. Here is why: The sacrifice of waitresses on the altar of pooling their tips with the cooks, the dishwasher, other back-of-the-house employees and the stray scrounging for a free meal. I do not like it.

The cook, the dishwasher and the others, they do not serve me my ham and eggs in the morning and the roast beef in the evening. Nor do they refill my cup and make sure everything on my plate is fine.

Most of them are women. Many raise their children alone, or have to work two jobs to make ends meet.

The greatest chef in the world is only as good to me as the waitress who dispenses his food. The silverware may shine like the sun, and the other back-room-employees may do what the best back-room-employees do.

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# Shrout named to state all-academic team



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Left to right, Danville Community College students Tiffany Shrout, Chrisman; McKenzie Zarn, Danville; Michaela Gomez, Danville and April Maruna, Danville, were recently named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team. DACC was the only community college in Illinois to have four eligible students for the honor.

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DANVILLE – For the first time in the history of the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society in Illinois, four students from the same community college were named to the Phi Theta Kappa All-Illinois Academic Team, and that honor goes to Danville Area Community College.

Previously, only students in transfer programs were eligible for induction. This year, the society opened eligibility to students in career programs, thereby expanding

the number of potential inductees from two to four.

DACC is the only college among the state's 46 community colleges with four students earning a spot on the All-Academic Team.

Michaela Gomez and McKenzie Zarn, both from Danville, are graduating as transfer students. The career-and-tech inductees are April Maruna, Danville, and Tiffany Shrout, Chrisman, who are both business-management students in applied sciences.

# CHRISMAN PROM ROYALTY



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The Chrisman High School prom was April 14 at Harlan Hall, Marshall. Students chose Kristen Hoult as prom queen and Kirkland Hoult as prom king.

# Library earns grant

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

MARSHALL – The Marshall Public Library recently received \$1,000 from an unusual source.

Sisters in Crime mystery author's group of 3,600 world-wide has a We Love Our Library grant program

that awards \$1,000 each month.

In addition, Sisters in Crime offers networking, advice and support to mystery authors.

Librarian Jamie Poorman said the \$1,000 will be used to update the library's state book collection in the children's area.

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# TOPS group members hear programs

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**TOPS #1563**

TOPS #IL 1563 met March 29 with 17 members weighing in and 17 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Connie Porter and Marcella Coy, TOPS weekly best losers; Barbara Dick, KOPS weekly best loser; Coralie Smittkamp; Gretchen Dyl, winner of the walking drawing; Lynn Moody, winner of the food chart drawing.

Tammy Hess presented "The Importance of Balance Training" which explained different exercise, yoga, and other body movements that can help with maintaining body balance.

TOPS #IL1563 met Thursday morning April 5 with 21 members weighing in and 20 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Brenda Porter, TOPS weekly best loser; Brenda Lilley, KOPS weekly best loser and winner of both the walking and food chart drawings; and Coralie Smittkamp, best walker.

Faith Carr, TOPS Area Captain, presented the program "Sharing Your Story," which explained how to plan a weight loss journey and the importance of support from the TOPS group.

TOPS #IL 1563 meets every Thursday at the Highland Manor Community Room

with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome and more information is available by calling 251-5190.

**TOPS #2318**

TOPS #IL 2318 met April 10 with 16 members weighing in and 15 members attending the meeting.

Members recognized were: Nancy Norman and Claudia Milam, TOPS weekly loser; Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Janice Stevens, three-week loser; Marcy Heminger, top walker and top biker; and Janice Stevens, top exerciser.

Verna Smith delivered a program titled "Just Let It Go."

TOPS #IL 2318 met April 17 with 18 members weighing in and 18 attending the meeting.

Members recognized were Pam Waller and Judy Ferris, TOPS weekly losers; Marion Pate and Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly losers, and Pate was also the KOPS drawing winner and top exerciser; and Marcy Heninger, top walker.

Myndy Wooten delivered a program on TOPS Bingo.

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

## SULLIVAN

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organisms. Once it is produced and discarded it does not biodegrade. It will last for hundreds or even thousands of years.

The production of plastic requires petroleum and uses dangerous chemicals including carcinogens such as formaldehyde, benzene and vinyl hydrochloride. If destroyed by incineration it pollutes the

air, land and water by releasing toxic materials.

Currently about 300 million tons of plastic are produced each year to make bags, bottles, packages and other commodities for people all over the world. The worldwide production is increasing at 4 percent per year.

Unfortunately, only about 10 percent of this plastic is properly recycled and reused. The rest ends up as waste

in landfills or as litter in our natural environment, where it leeches dangerous chemicals into the nearby soil and water. Plastic pollution is the accumulation of plastic products in the environment adversely affecting wildlife, habitat or humans.

Plastic is versatile, lightweight, flexible, strong and relatively inexpensive. Those are the attractive qualities that promote our over-use of plastic goods. Plastic materials are used in so many products that become waste that does not go away.

In the February 2015 Journal of Science, it was noted 8 million tons of plastic ends up in our oceans every year. This is equivalent to five grocery bags filled with plastic for every foot of coastline in the world. Since it does not go away, by 2025, the estimated cumulative input will be 160 million tons or 100 bags of plastic per foot of coastline in the world.

Plastic materials tend to float on water. Sunlight breaks them into smaller pieces, but they do not biodegrade. Swirled by currents, plastic litter accumulates over time at the center of major ocean vortices forming garbage patches.

These are large masses of ever-accumulating floating debris fields across the seas. The best known is the Great Ocean Garbage Patch but there are many patches with tons of plastic waste bunched together on the surface and extending for more than 1,000 miles. It is damaging the coral reefs. Plastic debris kills an estimated 100,000 marine mammals annually, as well as millions of birds and fishes.

Unlike aluminum, only about 10 percent of plastic is

recycled. The best way to reduce environmental impact is to reduce our use of plastics.

After public pressure back in 1990, McDonald's made a corporate decision to quit packing Big Macs in foam clamshell boxes. Instead they turned to wax paper and cardboard boxes. Other fast-food vendors soon followed greatly reducing the Styrofoam in our waste stream. If you follow environmental news, you will have seen the Oakbrook head office announced that by 2020, McDonald's will eliminate all foam materials and will no longer offer foam cups or any polystyrene.

Some plastics can be recycled. There are numbers printed inside the triangle emblem on them designating the plastic class for a material. Classes 1 and 2 are the easiest and most accepted by recyclers, if you are lucky enough to have any in your area.

For Earth Day think about this quote by Francois Hollande, former President of France, "We have a single mission: to protect and hand on the planet to the next generation."

This year try to use one less drinking straw, avoid a foam tray, refill a water bottle and maybe plan ahead taking your own shopping bag to the grocery. We will continue to depend on cheap, convenient plastics but we can all try to reduce, reuse and recycle.

Remember, a green planet is hard to find.

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

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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of April 15-21, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the interests and events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

### NAIL INDIANA MAN

Five barrels of beer were confiscated and Ora McKay of Stop 6, Paris-Terre Haute interurban line, was placed under arrest by Chief of Police J. E. Bacon following the discovery of the liquor at the local depot.

McKay is charged with shipping liquor in anti-saloon territory and also with shipping liquor under a false label. The beer was shipped from the Feeker Brewing Company at Danville, and was consigned to Paris.

### ADD 50,000 MEN TO DRAFT

WASHINGTON - With announcement that 50,000 additional selective draft men will be called to the colors on May 1, it became known that America is rushing to the aid of the allies with unprecedented speed.

All previous records for the dispatch of troops to France have been smashed in the last month.

### BIG AUTO PARADE

Every automobile owner in Paris Township is urged to be at the Chamber of Commerce building Thursday afternoon with decorated car, to take part in an automobile parade in behalf of the Liberty Loan Drive meeting in the evening. Placards advertising the loan will be furnished.

The Paris branch of the Wadley Poultry Company has subscribed to \$1,250 worth of Liberty Loan Bonds through the First National Bank of this city.

### 50 YEARS AGO

#### YMCA PROGRAMS START

First activities of the Paris Community YMCA start Monday with registration for volleyball and the national "Run For Your Life" program geared for all age levels. The Y program here is open to all residents of the area, and individual programs are offered to anyone interested. Registration is at the YMCA office, 109 East Madison Street.

#### WRITE-IN VOTE SURPRISES

A surprise "write-in" campaign against two incumbent members of the Unit Four board of education resulted in a two-to-one victory for two new board members.

Elected were James Givens and Charles Littleton, defeating incumbents George Dunn and Howard Boland.

A \$450,000 bond issue for an addition to Kansas High School in Unit Three carried by a 36-vote margin, 246 to 210.

#### EDGAR BANK PURCHASED

A group of Mt. Vernon businessmen, headed by E. E. Curtis, announced the purchase of controlling stock in the Edgar County National Bank of Paris. The bank is the oldest financial institution in the county, founded in 1873.

No changes in personnel are contemplated for the present. Current directors are William W. Lucas, president; Leo A. Frey, John Trapp, Harold Adams, William F. Link, Beecher Foley, Pierce Lippman, Herbert E. Lucas, and William A. Parrish.

#### CD LEADERS IN PARIS

Four hundred four persons from 65 area communities have been invited to a "BIG" Seminar in Civil Defense on May 10 at the Moose Lodge, Paris. The initials BIG stand for business, industry and government.

Mayor William R. Quinn of Paris and Bert Hale, chairman of the Edgar County Board of Supervisors, will welcome the conference participants.

# Conspiring to steal Lincoln

## Criminals wanted to ransom Lincoln's body for jailed man

*(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 TARA MCCLELLAN MCANDREW

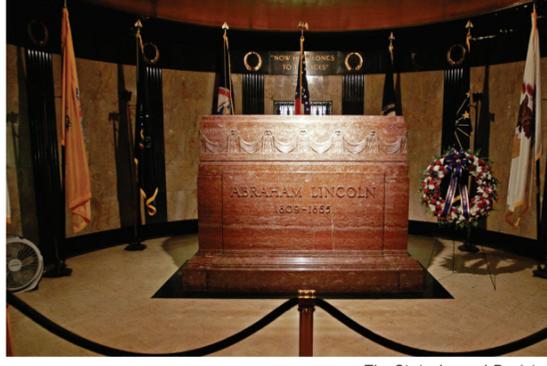
The State Journal-Register  
It was July 3, 1876 — the eve of our country's first centennial. Everyone in Springfield would be celebrating downtown. No one would be near Oak Ridge Cemetery.

It was the perfect time to steal Abraham Lincoln's body. The incredulous plot was hatched by Midwestern counterfeiters who had been shut down when their expert bill

engraver was jailed. Benjamin Boyd's bills were the best in the Midwest — possibly the country. In 1875, he was captured in Fulton, found guilty and sent to the Joliet penitentiary for 10 years. Without his plates, the criminals who made and passed the counterfeit bills were out of business. They had to spring their money man.

"Big Jim" Kennally, a St. Louis Irishman who led Midwestern counterfeiters, according to Thomas J. Craughwell's book, "Stealing Lincoln's Body," brainstormed a solution. They would snatch Lincoln's body, bury it in the Indiana Dunes, then ransom it for \$200,000 and Boyd's pardon and freedom.

His minions in Lincoln moved to Springfield to implement the plan. As a front, they opened a saloon and dance hall — just a block west of the current Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum. When the criminals weren't running the saloon,



The State Journal-Register

**Lincoln's Tomb in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Springfield. Oak Ridge Cemetery is the nation's second-most-visited cemetery behind only Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Va.**

they posed as tourists to case Lincoln's tomb.

With their preparations finished around the middle of June, the Logan County boys relaxed. They spent the night at a Springfield brothel and toasted their upcoming riches. In his well-oiled state, the gang's leader boasted to one of the ladies they were going to steal "old Lincoln's bones" and ransom them — he even told

her when.

She told the chief of police, who warned John Carroll Power, the tomb's custodian. He told the Lincoln Monument Association, local friends and peers of Lincoln's who were in charge of the tomb. They did nothing. In a book he wrote about the crime ("History of an Attempt ..."), Power explains: "It seemed to them so incredible that no attention

# Clay speculated in county

## Famous senator, orator lent his name to Hunter township's Clay's Prairie

BY ROGER STANLEY

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Henry Clay was born in 1777 in Virginia and during his school years he studied law under George Wythe.

Wythe's previous students included Thomas Jefferson and John Marshall. All three men — Clay, Jefferson and Marshall — played important parts in American history as respected political figures.

When Clay was 20-years-old he moved to Lexington, Kentucky, and established a farm where he raised fine horses and was the first importer of Hereford cattle to the United States. He was known to be a gambler, a drinker and was popular with the people of his neighborhood. He became a lawyer and was considered a conservative member of the Jefferson Republicans and was later a national leader of the Whig party.

By 1800 he was married, started a family and a wealthy landlord of what is now known as Ashland. He was elected to the Kentucky legislature in 1803 and by 1806 was serving an unexpired term as senator in Washington, D. C.

He served multiple terms representing Kentucky in both houses of Congress and was Speaker of the House longer than anyone else during the 19th century. He ran for president several times and at one time was Secretary of State under President John Quincy Adams.

He was considered to be a war hawk in 1812, but he did speak for the rights of the Indians and was a spokesman for the western frontier. He was known as the great compromiser and was instrumental in forming the Missouri Compromise.

Clay was more than a politician. His interests as a planter and livestock producer led him to purchase a 1,600-acre tract of Edgar County land in the 1830s. Clay's Prairie remains a well-known locale in Hunter Township.

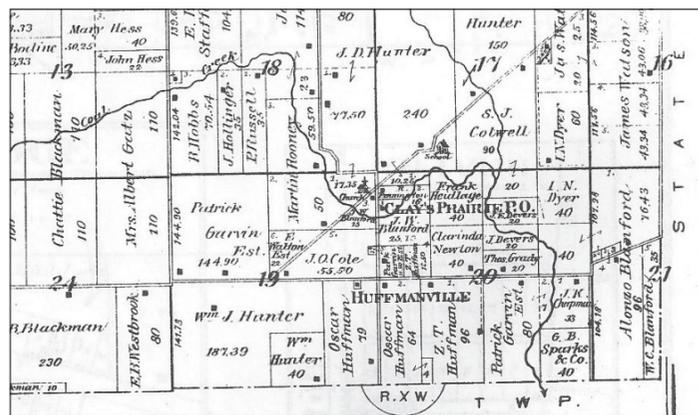
As the farm holdings improved and were stocked with fine Kentucky livestock, which included excellent horses and cattle he sent to Edgar County, a two-story log home and stables for horses and cattle, Clay needed a good farm manager. His son Thomas, born in 1803 and one of Clay's 11 children, was chosen for that job partly because the elder Clay wanted to break and wean the younger man from dissolute companions at Lexington.

Tom Clay soon fell in with the free



Roger Stanley/The Prairie Press

**The Clay's Prairie Methodist Church had services until last year and is located on what was the north end of Clay's Prairie.**



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**This 1894 map shows a Clay's Prairie Post Office near the south end of Clay's Prairie — a 1,600-acre tract in Edgar County owned at one time by Henry Clay.**



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**Henry Clay named his home at Lexington, Ky., Ashland.**

and easy life of frontier Illinois. He did set up a track for training Thoroughbred horses, but he was known to concentrate on other pursuits. There are still copies of letters Henry Clay sent to his son about his expectations in caring for the land, but they seem to have carried little weight.

The 1905 History of Edgar County includes this passage about Thomas Clay: "He was fond of whisky and poker, hospitable as a prince and prodigal in his dispensation of it. This outfit was luxurious for that time in Edgar County and his methods soon brought the

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was given to it."

When the Logan County leader sobered and realized what he'd done, he and his gang fled.

"Whisky alone is entitled to the credit of having thwarted this well laid scheme," wrote Power.

A few months later, Kennally headed for Chicago to find new partners for his plot. He was part owner of a bar there called "The Hub," which had little to offer except booze and bootleg (counterfeit) carriers. Here, Kennally proposed his idea to co-proprietor, Terrence Mullen and Jack Hughes. They liked what they heard.

The duo needed more men for the job, so they approached Lewis Swegles, a horse thief who had become a frequent customer. Unbeknownst to them, he also was a spy. The assistant chief of the Secret Service in Chicago, Patrick Tyrrell, hired Swegles to hang around The

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## "Mary Poppins" songs apply everyday

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ROGER STANLEY

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of "Mary Poppins." When I was sitting and watching the great acting and singing numbers I thought how so many of the words

resonated with my life.

"Chim Chim Cheree" was a little bit hard for me to recognize as something from my life until I thought about the old stoves we had in our house and how we put them up when winter arrived. Many times when I helped with assembling of the stovepipes I accidentally banged the pipe and sometimes I got soot all over my face and hands. I suppose that gave me a Bert appearance.

My family lived down a maple tree lane instead of "Cherry Tree Lane," but remember I am trying to use my imagination.

"The Perfect Nanny" in my way of thinking was my perfect granny who allowed me to visit in her room when she stayed with us. She was perfect in every way because she taught me a lot about reading books, listening to good stuff on the radio and she helped me to understand a little better some of the good things in life.

"All Me Own Work" is not exactly like Bert saw it, but I rarely got my brother to help me when cleaning the chicken house 'cause he said that wasn't his work, so it was all mine.

"Jolly Holiday" with Mary and the kids meant that my kids and Merry our cat were headed out in our camper to see new adventures.

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**LINCOLN**

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Hub and inform him of the habitue's criminal activities.

As the would-be kidnapers honed their plan, Swegles told Tyrrell every detail. Tyrrell then told Lincoln's oldest and only surviving son, Robert, a Chicago attorney. The detective asked Robert to let the plot proceed so he could catch the kidnapers in the act and increase their chance of conviction. Robert agreed.

Mullen and his boys selected Nov. 7 — election night — as the date. The presidential contest between Democrat Samuel Tilden and Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was heated — and once again — Springfield residents would be downtown celebrating and waiting for the results. No one would be near Oak Ridge Cemetery.

On Nov. 6, the counterfeiters caught a train to Springfield. In the back car, Tyrrell, other detectives and a Chicago Daily Tribune reporter were tailing them.

Once in Springfield, some of the gang procured tools, while the others visited the tomb, acting as tourists, to determine how to break in. They only had to break a door's padlock to reach Lincoln's white marble sarcophagus. Swegles later said — as reported in the Nov. 20, 1876, Illinois State Journal — while his cohorts were able counterfeiters, they had few skills for burglary — especially when it came to picking the right tools.

That night, Tyrrell and his detectives got to the tomb first. They hid inside and waited. Mullen and his gang snuck up to the monument and began sawing the metal padlock on the door to the catacomb. They'd brought a flimsy metal saw for the job, and it broke. So they used a three-sided metal file, which took half an hour, according to Craughwell.

Once inside, the kidnapers opened the sarcophagus lid with a crowbar and sawed through the container's front to reach Lincoln's coffin. They pulled it out about a foot, but it was too heavy. Mullen told Swegles to get help. Instead, the informant signaled the detectives that it was time to raid the operation.

The agents dashed from their hideout toward the catacomb at the other end of the tomb. In the excitement, one accidentally shot his gun. Frightened, the kidnapers fled. When the agents got to the sarcophagus, all that was left were the criminals' misfit tools.

The agents spread out to catch the would-be thieves. Tyrrell ran to the tomb's roof where he spied a couple of men and shot at them. They returned fire. When Tyrrell called for backup, one figure called out: "Tyrrell, is that you?!" One of the Secret Service's best detectives had been shooting at his own men.

Stupidly, the kidnapers ran right back to The Hub. Tyrrell arrested Mullen and Hughes there on Nov. 17. They were tried the following May. Since grave robbing wasn't a crime, the worst the two could be charged with was petty theft, for trying to steal Lincoln's \$75 coffin. They were convicted and sent to Joliet, the same penitentiary from which they had tried to spring their engraver, Benjamin Boyd.

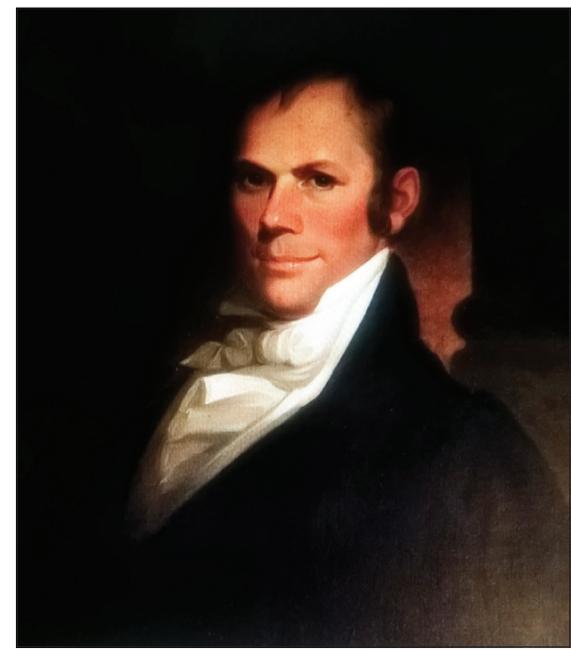
After their arrest, Charles Conant, the acting secretary of the U.S. Treasury, asked Robert Lincoln to pay for an attorney to prosecute charges against the counterfeiters, and to pay Swegles and another witness a per diem to make sure they stayed in the capital city until the trial.

Lincoln agreed, but it appears he was stiffed. According to an article by Lincoln historian James Hickey in the Feb. 11-17, 1982, Illinois Times, despite Robert's many attempts to get his money back, there are no records that the feds ever paid it.

When initial reports of the attempted kidnapping were printed, many people — even detectives and other newspaper editors — thought it was a hoax. The crime was too sacrilegious to be believed.

Once verified, it was blamed on lots of people other than the real culprits. Some thought Democrats did it, others blamed it on vengeful former Confederates. In Illinois, Chicagoans thought it was a ruse planned by one of the detectives to help him win election for chief of police.

A few days after the attempted theft, Power and some of Lincoln's friends moved the president's coffin to the tomb's earthen-floored basement, for its safety. It was moved several more times until 1901. Then — per Robert's request — it was buried 10 feet beneath the catacomb in an enclosure of concrete and steel.



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**An 1818 portrait of Henry Clay, who lost several presidential elections and is noted for saying, "I would rather be right than be president."**

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the rollicking life, while it lasted, but Mr. Henry Clay found it would cost less to keep Tom in Kentucky."

Clay sold the land to John and S.K. Hunter and a still existing letter from Henry Clay to the Hunters indicates the purchase of the land and an acknowledgement of the sale in 1849-1850.

Even though the Hunters bought land in Illinois as early as 1828 they did not settle in Edgar County until 1832. John and Spencer K. Hunter added to their holdings with the Clay's Prairie purchase. John Hunter was a sheriff of Edgar County at one time and both Hunters lived in Hunter Township or Paris for more than 50 years. The name Hunter derives from these men.

Clay's Prairie basically lies from the Clinton Road north to 1450th Road along 2175th Street. There was a Henry Clay school along the street and Clay's Prairie Methodist Church on 1450th Road,

which would be on the north end of Henry Clay's original holdings. The church building still stands, but is no longer in use and there is a sign along the road telling where the school was located.

According to Methodist Pastor Melanie Hoth, thieves broke into the building and stole many valuable artifacts. The church has only been closed for a year. That is all that is left identifying the Clay's Prairie area. The Hunter land holdings can be found in the Edgar County Atlas of 1870 under S.K. Hunter and John Hunter, but those names are not on current maps.

Today, the name Clay's Prairie is one old-timers remember when Hunter Township is mentioned, along with Baldwinville and Huffmanville.

Some of the farms in the area today are mining companies, Ellsberry, Hale, Egan and Hiddle.

Thanks to Nancy Hollis and the Genealogical Library of Paris for information used to prepare this story.

**STANLEY**

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"Winds Do Change" and they sure do out on the farm especially when you are hauling manure or starting a brush fire.

No matter how you say it, cod liver oil always tasted like cod liver oil because my mom didn't know the words to "A Spoonful of Sugar."

"Precision and Order" was not exactly told to me by some old stuffy banker and if he did, I would have put my feet to a movin' and cleared outta that bank building.

"A Man Has Dreams," hey, I can attest to that but not the way that Mr. Banks did. I could dream about playin' ball or winnin' a trophy with a prize Shorthorn heifer.

Almost every morning I got to "Feed The Birds" because when I was a kid I filled the chicken feeders with ground feed and oats. I still fill the bird feeders, but it takes more than tuppance a bag to get the job done and besides the squirrels get 'bout half the feed.

"Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" sounds like a significant word to make everybody happy and jump around while doing that, but I am not sure I was ever precocious.

"Playing The Game," of course, I'll play the game as long as its baseball or softball or maybe I just went along with what my brother wanted to do so he didn't pester me so much.

Now there's "Brimstone And Treacle," now wait a minute I've heard of brimstone and I don't want to be near that, but maybe a dose of treacle would cure me up if I got hit by the brimstone.

"Let's Go Fly A Kite" maybe up to the highest height, but I have always been taught to look out for tree limbs, high lines and maybe even lightning. I don't think I would be as lucky as Ben Franklin.

A "Step In Time" is mighty nice as long as you aren't out in the cow pasture, then its watch your step all the time.

I hope you readers realize that when I try to write something that "Anything Can Happen," and it just did.

I hope that all of those who were a part of the "Mary Poppins" production had as much fun as I did writing this ditty, and I hope those in the audience appreciated it, too.

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

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# 9 reasons people aren't singing

Congregation members don't always know new Christian songs selected by leaders

**SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS**

Worship leaders around the world are sadly changing their church's worship (often unintentionally) into a spectator event.

Before discussing our present situation, let's look back into history. Prior to the Reformation, worship was largely done for the people. The music was performed by professional musicians and sung in an unfamiliar language (Latin). The Reformation gave worship back to the people, including congregational singing employing simple, attainable tunes with solid, scriptural lyrics in the language of the people. Worship once again became participatory.

The evolution of the printed hymnal brought with it an explosion of congregational singing and the church's love for singing increased. With the advent of new video tech-

nologies, churches began to project the lyrics of their songs on a screen, and the number of songs at a church's disposal increased exponentially.

At first, this advance in technology led to more powerful congregational singing, but soon, a shift in worship leadership began to move the congregation back to pre-Reformation pew potatoes. What has occurred could be summed up as the re-professionalization of church music and the loss of a key goal of worship leading — enabling the people to sing their praises to God. Simply put, we are breeding a culture of spectators in our churches, changing what should be a participative worship environment to a concert event. Worship is moving to its pre-Reformation mess.

There are nine reasons congregations aren't singing anymore:

■ They don't know the songs.

With the release of new songs weekly and the increased birthing of locally-written songs, worship leaders are providing a steady diet of the latest, greatest worship songs. Indeed, we should be singing new songs, but too high a rate of new song inclusion in worship can kill our participation rate and turn the congregation into spectators. We see this all the time. Sing no more than one new song in a worship service, and then repeating the song on and off for several weeks until it becomes known by the congregation. People worship best with songs they know, so we need to teach and reinforce the new expressions of worship.

■ We are singing songs not suitable for congregational singing.

There are lots of great, new worship songs today, but in the vast pool of new songs, many are not suitable for congregational singing by virtue

of their rhythms (too difficult for the average singer) or too wide of a range (consider the average singer — not the vocal superstar on stage).

■ We are singing in keys too high for the average singer.

The people we are leading in worship generally have a limited range and do not have a high range. When we pitch songs in keys that are too high, the congregation will stop singing, tire out, and eventually quit, becoming spectators.

Remember that our responsibility is to enable the congregation to sing their praises, not to showcase our great platform voices by pitching songs in our power ranges.

The basic range of the average singer is an octave and a fourth from A to D.

■ The congregation can't hear people around them singing.

If our music is too loud for people to hear each other singing, it is too loud.

Conversely, if the music is too quiet, generally, the congregation will fail to sing out with power. Find the right balance — strong, but not over-bearing.

■ We have created worship services that are spectator events, building a performance environment.

It is important to set a great environment for worship including lighting, visuals, inclusion of the arts and much more. However, when our environments take things to a level that calls undue attention to those on stage or distracts from our worship of God, we have gone too far. Excellence — yes. Highly professional performance — no.

■ The congregation feels they are not expected to sing.

As worship leaders, we often get so involved in our professional production of worship that we fail to be authentic, invite the congregation into the journey of worship, and then do all we can to facilitate that experience

in singing familiar songs, new songs introduced properly, and all sung in the proper congregational range.

■ We fail to have a common body of hymnody.

With the availability of so many new songs, we often become haphazard in our worship planning, pulling songs from so many sources without reinforcing the songs and helping the congregation to take them on as a regular expression of their worship. In the old days, the hymnal was that repository. Today, we need to create song lists to use in planning our times of worship.

■ Worship leaders ad lib too much.

Keep the melody clear and strong. The congregation is made up of sheep with limited ranges and limited musical ability. When we stray from the melody to ad lib, the sheep try to follow us and end up frustrated and quit singing. Some ad lib is nice and can enhance worship, but

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## Music is God's gift

*"Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." ... "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."*  
—Ephesians 5: 19  
—Colossians 3:16

Don't overlook the duty and privilege of encouraging yourself and others with



**JACK HOFFMAN**  
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

music and songs, for we are urged to keep a song in our hearts, and to sing to others also, with psalms,

hymns and spiritual songs. Psalms are those songs based on Old Testament passages found in the book of Psalms (i.e. speaking of God's sovereignty, love, comfort, strength, confidence and so on). Songs such as "Bless the Lord O My Soul" and hundreds of others come from source material found in over 150 psalms that have provided a vast source of reflective worship music.

Hymns are songs based upon psalms and other narratives that reinforce the bulwark of the faith of our fathers. Hymns speak with confidence about the unchanging character of God, the validity of the faith once delivered and the rightness of Yahweh's cause. They are the rousing notes that wake the slumbering church of the Living God, moving it into action as a mighty militant force doing battle against the evil that threatens darkness and despair.

Spiritual songs literally refer to those melodies and lyrics that come bubbling from the inner being of a true believer in Christ Jesus as songs that are breathed from the Holy Spirit of God. The Christian doesn't just rely upon the relics of a forgotten time or culture, for as long as the Spirit of God is at work, the Spirit will be sourcing fresh, life changing, soul-stirring anthems. When the Spirit of God speaks, and the heart is listening, God is glorified and the church body is refreshed and encouraged.

Along with saturating your mind with scripture, listen as well to godly music. Music with lyrical depth and includes eternal value. Music that lifts, promotes righteousness, brags on God and his son Jesus. Music that encourages us to worship

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## DISCIPLE MEN HOST INSPIRING SPEAKER



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**Eric "Hoovey" Elliott was the guest speaker for the Disciple Men of the First Christian Church Tuesday, April 17. Approximately 40 men and women attended the presentation by Elliott, with a dinner following. Pictured, from left, are the Rev. Mike Dixon, David Dick, Disciple Men president J.C. Foley, Elliott, Jim Blue and Mark Gladding. Elliott is employed as a commercial underwriter for Country Financial. Dick said he became acquainted with Elliott's story thanks to local Country Company's agent Blue and Gladding.**

## A story of faith, strength

In spite of obstacles, 'Hoovey' never gave up on his basketball dream

*"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."*  
—Philippians 4:13

**BY NANCY ZEMAN**  
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Eric "Hoovey" Elliott shared his story of faith and healing for the members of the First Christian Church's Disciple Men and their guests Tuesday, April 17.

A gifted athlete with a dream of playing college basketball, Elliott's world came crashing in on him on Jan. 3, 1999, when his double vision, terrible headaches and other symptoms resulted in a trip to the ER in Bloomington — about 10 miles from the family farm.

The problem — besides Elliott's worsening pain and condition — was the blizzard that had already dumped 14-16 inches of snow and forced the family to dig out to reach the road so Jeff Elliott could take his son to the hospital. The truck slid into a ditch and nothing either Elliott did could budge it from the snow bank.

Elliott said Jeff Elliott called his wife, Ruth, and together they prayed. "My mother had a vision of angels pushing the truck," he said. When Jeff Elliott tried to get out of the snow bank again, "It felt like we were being pushed by a Mack truck," Elliott recalled.

At the Bloomington hospital, Elliott immediately was taken for an MRI. "A world-renowned brain surgeon walked by the MRI area and came in to look at my scan," Elliott said. His father also saw the scan "and immediately broke down crying. He had to tell me I had a brain tumor the size of an orange and that I was going to have surgery the next morning."

Elliott said doctors weren't even sure the 14-year-old would make it through the night.

"In those moments, when you hear



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**Eric "Hoovey" Elliott, left, answers questions following his presentation for the Disciple Men of the First Christian Church Tuesday, April 17. David Dick, right, introduced Elliott.**

news like that, nothing else matters," Elliott said. "What matters is where your heart is with the Lord."

The surgery was successful but Elliott said he still had double vision and had to relearn to walk. "The doctors told me I'd never play sports again," he said.

Imagine, he challenged those present, someone is telling you to quit on your dream. "But we serve an awesome God and we have Philippians 4:13 that says I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me," he proclaimed.

So what did Hoovey do? "I grabbed a basketball and went to the barn every night and shot baskets," he said. Elliott made the high school team as a freshman and didn't see much playing time.

"I spent the offseason building my body and strength and working on my game," he said. As a sophomore, he started every game.

Eventually, Elliott bought a pickup truck so he could get back and forth

to practice. To pay for it, he delivered newspapers in the country from 1:30-4:30 a.m. seven days a week, returning home to sleep a couple more hours, go to practice and school.

"How did I do that? How did I get through that? Philippians 4:13," he said.

By his junior year of high school, Elliott had attracted the attention of several colleges who were considering him for a basketball scholarship. As a senior, he took an elbow to the face in a game against Prairie Central, ending his high school career.

But Hoovey did not give up. Elliott put together a highlight tape of his play and sent it to colleges for consideration. Sure enough, he received an offer from Carl Sandburg Community College in Galesburg — which he accepted.

It was always Elliott's dream to make the winning shot in a game and that happened. Down by 1 point with 1.7 seconds remaining, Hoovey put

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## CCC is grateful to community for success

*"Do not abandon yourself to despair. We are an Easter people and Hallelujah is our song."*

—Pope John Paul II

A new season is leisurely making its presence known. Although a dusting of snow endeavors to obscure spring's arrival, I intuitively sense the release of winter's grasp. I have heard it said that deep roots never doubt spring will come. Outside my kitchen window, a grand old magnolia stretches forth with an abundance of soon-to-be blossoms. Even a budding oak on the front walk of our home hints of the promise of renewed life.

Like the trees that adorn my yard, my life is filled with individuals whose essence is deeply rooted. Their presence has provided me with the hope and the promise of spring in seasons marked by darkness, uncertainty, loss and suffering.

Within our homes, community and world, the cry of Gethsemane still reverberates, "Can you not watch one hour with me?" It is presence, our presence, within the framework of another's life, that allows for the promise of springtime and new life to find fruition.

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## Spaghetti dinner set

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and serve more willingly and give more generously. Just about every day I wake with a spiritual song going through my mind and this morning it was the harmonious lyrics of a newer song by Cory Asbury titled "Restless" about how God pursues us for our good. The song in part, "Before I sang a word, You were singing over me/ You have been so, so good to me/ Before I took a breath You breathed your life in me/ You have been so, so kind to me/ O, the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God/ O, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the ninety-nine/ I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still you give yourself away/ O, the overwhelming never-ending reckless love of God."

Rising with the uplifting thought of the overwhelming love of God started my day with confidence against the unseen pitfalls, enemies and dangers that might come my way.

God blessed us in that not only did he give us his eternal written word, he also fills his children with song.

This is one of the reasons we promote singer/songwriters such as Mark Bishop who is coming to Paris May 3 for the National Day of Prayer. Bishop is constantly writing and sharing spiritual songs that are so encouraging.

You should avail yourself of hearing him either at the NDP breakfast or the concert that evening at Cornerstone Baptist Church. His new material is a cut above, and you want to hear "The Refrigerator Door." Regardless if it is a nationally known artist or the person sharing the pew next to you, the same Holy Spirit is still giving songs in the night and day. Rejoice, lift up your voice and sing and let's encourage one another.

(Email Jack Hoffman at jackandjill@cell1net.net. Pastor's Perspective is provided by the Paris Ministerial Association.)

# May 3 is Day of Prayer breakfast

## SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Edgar County Christian community gathers once again 7 a.m. May 3 for a breakfast to start the National Day of Prayer.

Advanced reservations are requested to attend the no-charge breakfast at Tuscan Restaurant that starts the day. Reservations may be made by emailing jillandjack1971@gmail.com.

The special guest is gospel

singer/songwriter Mark Bishop from Kentucky. His compositions center on prayer with works such as "Can I Pray for You" and "Pray on the Little Days." His other well-known works are "My Name is Jesus" and "I Got Here as Fast as I Could."

In addition to performing at the breakfast, Bishop is in concert 7 p.m. that day at Cornerstone Baptist Church. There is no admission for the performance but a free-will

offering helps his ministry, as does the sale of his CDs available for purchase that evening.

Unity is the theme for the 2018 National Day of Prayer, and it is reflected in the different denominations and backgrounds attending the breakfast.

The breakfast prays for America and Jesus, along with nurses and caregivers since National Nurses Week starts May 6.

# First Christian cantata is Sunday

## SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

A special cantata service at 10 a.m., Sunday, April 22, is planned for the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Paris.

The program features the Cantata Choir, the Joyful Ringers handbell choir and God's Gang children accom-

panied by pianist Kathy Peel, drummer Jonathon Boren, graphics JC Foley and on sound, Joe Gill.

"The cantata, 'All For The Glory of God,' offers a time to glorify God as we are reminded of who God is, what he has done, and now what we are to do with his light and love," said Peg Dixon, who arranged and

is directing the cantata.

The morning message by the Rev. Michael C. Dixon is "All For The Glory of God."

"This will coordinate with our theme for the year, 'Living As Children of The Light,'" said Rev. Dixon.

All worship for the morning is combined into the one service and the public is invited.

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## FAITH

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up a 12-foot shot that hit the rim, the backboard, the rim — and went in to lift his team to victory.

"It dawned on me that I was given so many opportunities to quit and give up on

my dreams," he said.

Everything that Elliott faced was a complete blessing, he said.

"My life — what I went through — was and is a complete blessing," he said. "It changed my life. Everything happens for a reason. Don't question what you are facing.

Faith can move mountains.

It will all make sense in the end," he said.

Elliott said he realizes not everyone, "is as fortunate as me. Pray about hard times."

"There's a reason my story has been shared (in a movie and a book) to inspire others in difficult times," he said.

## SINGING

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## SHEERAN

FROM PAGE 5B

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# Bus driver removed for prayer

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A Minneapolis-area church pastor who also drives a school bus says his rights to free speech and to practice his religion were violated when he was taken off his route for leading students in prayer.

It is not the first time George Nathaniel, 54, has faced consequences for leading prayers.

Nathaniel was fired from driving children to school in the town of Burnsville, Minnesota, four years ago for the same reason.

Quality Care Transportation removed Nathaniel from his route last week, the Star Tribune reported.

He began working for the company in January 2017 and drove children to Nasha Shkola, a charter school in Brooklyn Park focused on Russian language and culture.

He started incorporating prayer into the bus ride this winter.

Nathaniel said children need more pray in their lives and he's determined to bring prayer back to public schools.

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# Sexual assault is prevalent

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The Humans Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties Lunch and Learn series about trauma continued Wednesday (April 18) with a program to raise community awareness about sexual assault. HRC mental health therapists Nicole Parker and Karyssa Haase were facilitators for the program. They said reducing the incidents of sexual assault, including rape, and harassment requires a change in society's attitudes, especially those that tend to protect the perpetrator to the detriment of the victim. "We have to stop shifting the responsibility from the assailant to the victim," said Haase. She said people wrongly assume sexual assault cannot occur if the victim vigorously resists. That attitude implies

without bruises the sex must have been consensual. Haase added people tend to discount sexual assault if drinking or drugs were involved because the victim placed herself or himself in a dangerous situation. That is as much a fallacy as saying a woman deserved an assault because the way she dressed enticed the perpetrator. For Parker, it all goes back to how children are reared. She said it is important children are taught their bodies belong to them, which means they should never be forced to hug or kiss somebody they don't want to. Another behavior modification they suggest relates to the automatic use of hugs in saying hello or goodbye, especially among new or casual acquaintances. They said different people

have different boundaries of how close they want to be with others and huggers must learn and accept not everyone wants, needs or enjoys being embraced. It is more appropriate to ask if somebody will accept a hug before doing it because unwanted or unexpected contact can act as a trigger for victims. Respecting another's privacy also extends to the use of social media. Before posting a picture, it is proper and respectful to get permission from who ever else may be in the photo. They also tackled the myth that strangers are the greatest threat for sexual assault. It is usually family members, family friends and acquaintances that commit acts of sexual assault. One of the saddest facts presented during the program is most sexual assaults are not re-

ported. Victims often assume they won't be believed, or they fear retaliation if they tell. Some are overcome by shame and don't want to be pressured into reporting it by others. Sometimes victims simply don't trust law enforcement. According to the therapists, it takes a great deal of courage for a victim to confide in a person they trust. The appropriate response is to be supportive of the decisions the person has made or will make, remain nonjudgmental and have patience. "There is no timetable for recovery," said Parker. What everybody can do is become more aware of the language they use when discussing sexual assault. Any inference there is a gray area or an excuse for what happened further victimizes the victims and may make others reluc-

tant to report. Also objecting to jokes about sexual harassment or humor regarding sexual harassment is another forceful way to make others think about their behavior. Both women encouraged those in the audience to stand up for survivors and let it be known they believe it when someone says they have been hurt. Haase stressed there is no ambiguity in consent. No is not a coy way of saying yes and failing to say no is not the same as consenting to sex. She said people forced or manipulated into sex are not agreeing, they simply may not see an alternative. "Sex without consent is not sex - it's assault," said Haase, adding even if there is initial agreement and one of the participants has sec-

ond thoughts, then consent is withdrawn and must be respected. She emphasized consent is not possible when alcohol and drugs are involved. Haase discussed the importance of getting into a healthy lifestyle with a good diet, exercise and engagement in positive, enjoyable activities for victims to feel better about themselves. She reviewed the mental health treatment options for coping with the sexual assault and noted many of the techniques are similar to those used for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The National Sexual Assault Hotline is 800-656-HOPE is available for victims of sexual assault who need to talk about what happened to them but don't know where to go for help.

## Electronic cigarettes are not approved

The electronic cigarette, or e-cigarette, has been touted - without proof - as a healthier alternative to traditional tobacco products and perhaps even a method of breaking the tobacco habit altogether. Now a new, related product with the brand name JUUL has entered the market and is especially appealing to teens.

An e-cigarette, which looks much like a traditional cigarette, heats a liquid to create an aerosol, called vapor, that can be inhaled. It is true that many of the toxic chemicals found in tobacco smoke are not present in the vapor. However, most e-cigarettes still contain nicotine in addition to some chemicals not necessarily found in tobacco. A Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health study published in Environmental Health Perspectives says some chemicals in e-cigarettes are linked to a severe respiratory disorder and that nicotine is still addictive even if it's delivered in a vapor.

Furthermore, the Food and Drug Administration has not approved electronic cigarettes as a safe or effective method to quit smoking. The bottom line is, no study has yet identified the long-term effects of vaping, and the belief that it is somehow safer than regular cigarettes may lead users to indulge more than they might otherwise. That includes young people. Keeping cigarettes out of the hands of those below the legal age has always been a problem, and e-cigarettes are no different. However, with the introduction of JUUL, the problem has become significantly more difficult.

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## Horizon honors volunteers

Peg Raley named volunteer of the year for hospital

BY GARY HENRY  
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Horizon Health honored its volunteers with a special program Tuesday, April 17. CEO Ollie Smith described the event as an afternoon of celebration and joy. He noted the National Volunteer Week, April 15-21, theme is Volunteers are the Heart of our Team.

"You have your own talents and skills to share with our patients, and we truly appreciate that," said Smith. Before naming the volunteer of the year, Smith outlined the role volunteers play at the hospital.

Some volunteers, he said, have a specific purpose and others help in several categories. The hospital board members are volunteers.

"They help us chart the ever changing health care waters," Smith said.

A chaplain group exists for patients and staff that may find comfort with such a service when challenged to cope with a wide variety of emotional issues.

Smith described the helpers in the swing bed unit as a special group.

"They help with our private care patients by adding to their quality of life," said Smith. "I hear that from the patients' families."

Other volunteers work with Meals on Wheels by taking food to area residents who may be shut-ins or otherwise physically incapable of preparing meals.

"Quite frankly, I don't think they would get their nourishment without the volunteers," Smith said.

During the past year, hospital volunteers contributed 6,130 hours of work, which is the equivalent of almost three staff members.

Activities include decorating the hospital for holidays, sorting and delivering mail, staffing the surgery waiting room, operating the gift shop, filling bird feeders and bird baths, watering plants, assisting at the eye clinic and helping with special functions. are some of the work the volunteers do.

Fundraising by the volunteers provides a \$1,000 scholarship annually for a high school senior pursuing health studies and two \$500 scholarships to assist hospital employees with continuing education.

The volunteers also saw a need and started a new service near the admissions desk where they greet patients, answer questions and will escort patients to the departments they need for service.

Peg Raley was named volunteer of the year. Smith said Raley started as a volunteer in 2010 and continues to fulfill several volunteer roles, both at the hospital and for other organiza-



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**Peg Raley, left, is the 2018 volunteer of the year at Horizon Health. Ollie Smith, CEO, at the hospital made the presentation during a program honoring volunteers Tuesday, April 17.**



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**A special program Tuesday, April 17, at Horizon Health honored all that volunteers do for the hospital, but the volunteers also took time to thank hospital employee Kim Macke for her support of their efforts. Macke, left, accepts a gift from volunteer officer Peg Raley.**



Gary Henry/The prairie Press  
**Horizon Health CEO Ollie Smith addresses volunteers during a special program Tuesday, April 17, and expresses his gratitude for all they do to help the local hospital.**

tions. The hospital's volunteer of the year is selected by other volunteers and paid staff. "The nomination says she spends many hours at the hospital and she deserves this award," said Smith, presenting Raley with a plaque.

According to Raley, volunteering is a

two-way street. It helps the hospital, but it also benefits her.

"We moved here in 2010, and I needed something to do," she said. "I'm not one to sit at home."

Raley and her husband lived in Paris for 20 years previously but moved to Louisiana for 21 years when his employer, Unarco, relocated the plant.

They returned to Paris after retirement because their children and grandchildren live here.

While a Louisiana resident, Raley was a member of a philanthropic organization that raised money for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

She explained volunteering at the local hospital was a great way for her to reconnect with the Paris community after being gone for so long.

Hospital volunteers, Raley said, do not need any special skills but it helps to have a compassionate heart.

"You will meet all kinds of people coming through that door," said Raley.

## One month sugar detox outlined

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

If you've read about the latest wellness trends, you may have entertained the idea of a diet detox.

But whether you've considered juicing, fasting or cleansing in an effort to lose weight or improve your well-being, you're probably aware that drastically cutting out foods is not effective as a long-term lifestyle approach to healthy eating.

In fact, strict detoxing can cause issues including fatigue, dizziness and low blood sugar.

But there is one kind of sustainable detox that is worthwhile, according to some experts. Reducing sugar in your diet can help you drop pounds, improve your health and even give you more radiant skin.

"Sugar makes you fat, ugly and old," said Brooke Alpert, a registered dietitian and co-author of "The Sugar Detox: Lose the Sugar, Lose the Weight — Look and Feel Great." "What we've discovered in the last couple of years is that sugar is keeping us overweight. It's also a leading cause of heart disease; it negatively affects skin, and it leads to premature aging."

Here's more bad news: We can't stop consuming sugar.

"People have a real dependency — a real addiction to sugar," Alpert said. "We have sugar, we feel good from it, we get (the feeling of) an upper, and then we crash and need to reach for more."

About 10 percent of the U.S. population is true sugar addicts, according to Robert Lustig, professor of pediatrics and member of the Institute for Health Policy Studies at the University of California, San Francisco. What's more, research suggests sugar induces rewards and cravings that are similar in magnitude to those induced by addictive drugs.

One of the biggest concerns is the amount of added sugars in our diets,

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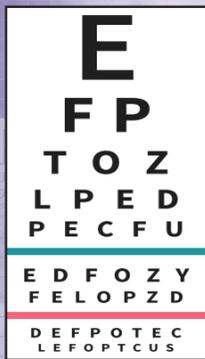
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## HOPKINS

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Most e-cigarettes don't look like anything but an e-cigarette. A JUUL device, on the other hand, looks like an ordinary flash drive, or USB drive, the exact sort of devices students now carry around with schoolwork stored on them. In fact, a JUUL is rechargeable and comes with a USB charger that you can plug into your laptop or charging station.

A single JUUL cartridge or pod — the part of the JUUL that contains the nicotine liquid — has about the same amount of nicotine as a pack of cigarettes: roughly about 200 puffs.

JUUL is actually a brand name, but JUULing quickly entered the teen lexicon. Teens like JUUL because is easier to hide than a pack of cigarettes and produces considerably less telltale smell than tobacco smoke. Additionally, JUUL comes in various non-tobacco flavors such as cool mint, cherry, mango and crème brûlée. All this, plus the widespread belief that e-cigarettes are safe, makes JUUL extremely appealing to teens.

JUUL, the company, insists that its product is not marketed to teens, responding to one Tweet from a concerned user on March 28: "We don't want minors using our product, either. Our mission is eliminating cigarettes by offering existing adult smokers a true alternative."

To date, the government regulates all forms of e-cigarettes far less than it does traditional tobacco products. The best thing parents and school administrators can do to protect young people is to educate them and keep an eye on their habits and behavior.

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## HOSPITAL WOMEN MEET WITH HOLBROOK



Special to The Prairie Press

State Representative Brad Halbrook (R-Shelbyville), left, meets with Darcie Mathews, center, and Amy Arnett, right, from Paris Community Hospital, now known as Horizon Health, April 12 at the Statehouse. The women were in Springfield for Illinois Hospital Advocacy Day and discussed legislative issues with local lawmakers and some of the good things their hospital is doing in the community and for healthcare.

## SUGAR

FROM PAGE 7B

which are often hidden in foods. Although ice cream cake is an obvious source of sugar, other foods that may not even taste sweet — such as salad dressings, tomato sauces and breads — can be loaded with the white stuff.

The good news is that even if you're not a true sugar addict, by eliminating sugar from your diet, you can quickly lose unwanted pounds, feel better and have a more radiant appearance.

"There is no one person who wouldn't benefit by eliminating added sugars from their diets," Lustig said.

Children can benefit, too. Lustig's research revealed when obese children eliminated added sugars from their diets for just nine days, every aspect of their metabolic health improved — despite no changes in body weight or total calories consumed.

Going cold turkey is what works best — at least in the beginning.

"What was so successful in getting my clients to kick their sugar habit was to go cold turkey," Albert said. "When they would go cold turkey, I wasn't their favorite person — but the number one positive effect was that it recalibrated their palate," she said. "They could now taste natural sugars in fruits, vegetables and dairy that they used to be so dulled to."

For the first three days on a sugar detox, Alpert recommends no added sugars — but also no fruits, no starchy vegetables (such as corn, peas, sweet potatoes and butternut squash), no dairy, no grains and no alcohol.

For example, breakfast can include three eggs, any style; lunch can include up to 6 ounces of poultry, fish or tofu and a green salad and dinner is basically a larger version of lunch, though steamed vegetables such as broccoli, kale

and spinach can be eaten in place of salad. Snacks include an ounce of nuts and sliced peppers with hummus. Beverages include water, unsweetened tea and black coffee.

Though they don't contribute calories, artificial sweeteners are not allowed on the plan, either. "These little pretty colored packets pack such a punch of sweetness, and that's how our palates get dulled and immune and less reactive to what sweetness really is," Alpert said.

Once the first three days of the sugar detox are completed, you can add an apple.

"By the fourth day, an apple tastes like candy," Alpert said. "The onions are sweet. Almonds are sweet. Once you take sugar away from your diet cold turkey, your palate recalibrates, and you start tasting natural sugars again."

Starting with day four, you can add one apple and one dairy food each day. Dairy, such as yogurt or cheese, should be full-fat and unsweetened. You can also add some higher-sugar vegetables such as carrots and snow peas, as well as a daily serving of high-fiber crackers. Three glasses of red wine in that first week can be added, too.

During week two, you can add a serving of antioxidant-rich berries and an extra serving of dairy. You can also add back starchy vegetables such as yams and winter squash.

For week three, you can add grains such as barley, quinoa and oatmeal — and even some more fruit including grapes and Clementines. You can also have another glass of red wine during the week and an ounce of dark chocolate each day.

"Week three should be quite livable," Alpert said.

Week four is the home stretch, when you can enjoy two starches per day, including bread and rice, in addition to high-fiber crackers. Wine

goes up to five glasses per week.

"You can have a sandwich in week four, which just makes things easier," Alpert said.

Week four defines the maintenance part of the plan — though intentional indulgences are allowed, such as ice cream or a piece of cake at a birthday party. "Because the addictive behavior is gone, having ice cream once or twice will not send you back to square one," Alpert said. Additionally, no fruit is off-limits once you've completed the 31 days.

Detoxing from sugar can help you lose weight quickly. "We had over 80 testers from all over the country, and they lost anywhere between 5 to 20 pounds during the 31 days, depending on their weight or sugar addiction," Alpert said. "Many also noticed that a lot of the weight was lost from their midsection. Belts got looser!"

Participants also reported brighter eyes, clearer skin and fewer dark circles. They also had more energy and fewer mood swings.

"Depending on how intense your addiction is, you can experience withdrawal symptoms, such as brain fog, crankiness and fatigue," Alpert said. Lustig found the children in his study experienced anxiety and irritability during the first five days of eliminating sugar and caffeine, though it eventually subsided.

"If you feel bad, stop and have a piece of fruit. But if you can push through and stay well-hydrated, you can really break your cycle of sugar addiction," Alpert said.

Finally, before starting a sugar detox, enlist the help of friends and/or family members for support.

"You need people around you to help you be successful," Lustig said. "The whole family has to do it together."

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST, f/k/a STATE BANK OF CHRISMAN, Plaintiff, vs ELIZABETH A. SABLONNY, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, Defendants. Case No. 2018-CH-11

**PUBLICATION NOTICE**  
The requisite affidavit for

publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Illinois, by Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded on the premises described as follows, to-wit:

A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 2ND P.M., EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A PIN IN THE HIGHWAY INTERSECTION MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 2ND P.M., EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, MEASURE WESTWARDLY ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, FOR A DISTANCE OF 503 FEET TO POINT A FOR A PLACE OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING WESTWARDLY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SAID SECTION 31 FOR A DISTANCE OF 158 FEET TO POINT B; THENCE AT AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES MEASURE NORTHWARDLY 317.30 FEET TO POINT C; THENCE AT AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 90 DEGREES 22 MINUTES MEASURE EASTWARDLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 158 FEET TO POINT D; THENCE AT AN ANGLE TO THE RIGHT OF 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES MEASURE SOUTHWARDLY FOR A DISTANCE OF 317.30 FEET TO POINT A TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, WITH SAID TRACT CONTAINING 1.151 ACRES MORE OR LESS, AS SHOWN BY SURVEY PERFORMED BY O. W. STARBUCK, ILLINOIS LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1996 DATED JULY 2, 1970, AND RE-RECORDED AUGUST 14, 1970, COMMENCING AT PAGE 107 OF BOOK 4 OF PLATS IN THE OFFICE OF THE EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS RECORDER, ALSO, PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 12 WEST OF THE 2ND P.M., EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING ON THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 31 AT A POINT 374 FEET WEST OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER THEREOF; THENCE WEST ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 31 FOR 129 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT 89 DEGREES 38 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT, NORTHERLY FOR 317.30 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES 22 MINUTES TO THE RIGHT, EASTERLY FOR 133.12 FEET; THENCE DEFLECT 90 DEGREES 22 MINUTES 30 SECONDS TO THE RIGHT, SOUTHERLY FOR 317.30 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 0.955 OF AN ACRE, MORE OR LESS, ACCORDING TO PLAT OF SURVEY MADE ON APRIL 3, 1989, BY CHARLES J. BECHER, ILLINOIS REGISTERED LAND SURVEYOR NO. 1957 AND RECORDED JULY 20, 1989, IN PLAT BOOK 9, PAGE 36 OF THE RECORDS OF EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PREIN: 06-18-31-300-005

Common Address: 9157 E 400th Rd, Paris, IL 61944

and which mortgage was recorded on property with the Edgar County Recorder of Deeds, on March 8, 2011, as Document No. 2011-0000596.

And for such other relief prayed, that the summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Edgar County against you as provided by law, and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the above Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in this suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court

of Edgar County located in the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, IL 61944, on or before the 10th day of May, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer contained in the Complaint.

DATED: April 2, 2018, at Paris, Illinois

Angela R. Barrett  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Richard L. James  
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Paris, IL 61944  
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**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 4, 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: ELEGANT AMBIENCE Located at: 719 N Main St, Paris, IL Owner(s): Kellie Hall Dated: April 4, 2018

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Edgar County Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONNIE G. NEAL, Deceased  
No. 2018 P 25

**CLAIM NOTICE**

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Timothy P. Brown, Independent Executor

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TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 140028

TO: Jay Lee Wright, Spouse of Jay Lee Wright, Occupant, Dwayne E. Cochran, Brenda Lee Ellledge Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of EDGAR County, Ill. as Case No. 15TX1(8) The Property is located at: 910 Browning St., Paris, IL Permanent Index Number: 09-13-35-452-010

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2015 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2014.

The period of redemption will expire on 8/3/2018. On 08/16/18 at 01:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 140055

TO: Rachael M. Smith, Spouse of Rachael M. Smith, Occupant Jessie Smith, Abbey Smith Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of EDGAR County, Ill. as Case No. 15TX1(9) The Property is located at: 309 Douglas St., Paris, IL Permanent Index Number:

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2015 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2014.

The period of redemption will expire on 8/3/2018. On 08/16/18 at 01:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

09-18-01-306-012 Said Property was sold on 10/29/2015 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 8/3/2018. On 08/16/18 at 01:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 140074

TO: Jeff Martin, Spouse of Jeff Martin, Occupant, Jeff Martin Auto Repair, OneMain Financial Illinois Department of Revenue Illinois Attorney General Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of EDGAR County, Ill. as Case No. 15TX1(10) The Property is located at: 109 Rozelle St., Paris, IL Permanent Index Number: 09-18-02-401-016

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2015 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 8/3/2018. On 08/16/18 at 01:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

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TO: Estate of Imogene Marcrum Occupant, IL Dept. of Healthcare & Family Services, Illinois Attorney General, Nicole Marcrum James Marcrum, Jeff Marcrum Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of EDGAR County, Ill. as Case No. 15TX1(11) The Property is located at: 196 Western Ave., Hume, IL Permanent Index Number: 15-02-31-301-009

Said Property was sold on 10/29/2015 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2014. The period of redemption will expire on 8/3/2018. On 08/16/18 at 01:30 pm the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed. Realtax Developers, Ltd, Petitioner

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

FIRST BANK & TRUST, IL, f/k/a FIRST BANK & TRUST, SB, Paris, Illinois, its successors and/or assigns, Plaintiff, v. HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF SHIRLEY W. POWELL, Deceased, ZARA AMANDA BRANSON also known as ZARA AMANDA FANSLER, JENNIFER W. WHITEMAN, SCOTT POWELL, STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 17-CH-28

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

A. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Angie Mattingly, FIRST BANK AND TRUST, IL, PO Box 880, Paris, IL 61944, Tele: 217/ 465-6381. B. The common address or other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 421 Chestnut St, Paris, IL 61944.

C. The legal description of the real estate is: The West 55 feet of even width of Lot No. 54 in William B. Vance's Third Addition to the Town, now City, of Paris. PIN #: 09-18-01-151-001

D. A description of the improvement on the real estate is: single family residence. E. The real estate will not be available for inspection prior to the sale. F. The time and place of the sale are: at 11:00 A.M. on the 1st day of May, 2018, in Courtroom 1 of the Edgar County Courthouse, at 115 W. Court Street, Paris, Illinois.

G. The terms of the sale are: public auction with open, verbal bids; the successful bidder must deposit 100% of the highest bid by certified funds in hand at the time of the sale made payable to the Edgar County Sheriff; Buyer shall pay the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds within five (5) business days. If the sale is set aside for any reason the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against mortgagor, mortgagee or mortgagee's attorney.

H. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, all general real estate taxes which have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of records, and existing leases, and applicable zoning laws; property is sold "As-is, where is, with no warranties", and without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. Buyer shall pay all transfer tax. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

I. Pursuant to Section 15-1507(c) (7) of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure, information other than the information contained in this Notice will not be provided. J. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

Dated this 7th day of April, 2018. FIRST BANK & TRUST, IL Mortgage-Plaintiff JOSEPH P. CHAMLEY EVANS, FROELICH, BETH & CHAMLEY Attorney for Plaintiff 44 Main Street, Suite 310 Champaign, IL 61820 Tele: 217/359-6494

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 Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 2, 2018, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its electric customers under the Company's Electric Environmental Adjustment (Rider EEA), with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with its manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Rider EEA is applicable to Rate Zones I and III only (formerly the AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP services territories, respectively). This reconciliation may result in changes to the Company's rates and charges with respect to electric delivery services throughout the Company's territories in Illinois.

The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order. A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706. AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a Ameren Illinois By: Richard J. Mark, President

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 2 To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois: Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 2, 2017, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its gas customers under the Company's Rider TAR and Gas Environmental Adjustment (Rider GEA), with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with its manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Rider TAR is applicable to Rate Zone II (formerly the AmerenCILCO service territory) and Rider GEA is applicable to Rate Zones I and III (formerly the AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP services territories, respectively). This reconciliation may result in changes to the Company's rates and charges with respect to gas delivery service charges throughout the Company's territories in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order.

A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

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AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a Ameren Illinois By: Richard J. Mark, President

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

LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST, f/k/a STATE BANK OF CHRISMAN, Plaintiff, vs FREDERICK A. MOODY a/k/a FREDERICK A. TINGLEY, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, Defendants. Case No. 2018-CH-13

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Illinois, by Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a mortgage recorded on the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT NO. 18 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT NO. 17, BLOCK NO. 5, IN THE RAILROAD ADDITION TO THE TOWN, NOW CITY OF CHRISMAN. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PREIN: 11-03-35-252-011 Common Address: 122 S Indiana, Chrisman, IL 61924 and which mortgage was recorded on property with the Edgar County Recorder of Deeds, on June 26, 2012, as Document No. 2012-00001432.

And for such other relief prayed, that the summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Edgar County against you as provided by law, and that said suit is now pending.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the above Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in this suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Edgar County located in the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, IL 61944, on or before the 10th day of May, 2018, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer contained in the Complaint. Dated: April 5, 2018 at Paris, Illinois Angela R. Barrett Clerk of the Circuit Court Richard L. James 328 N. Central, PO Box 820 Paris, IL 61944 Phone: (217) 465-2529 Fax: (217) 463-1982 rij@rjameslaw.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY

CASEY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TRAVIS W. JOHNSON, SR., KATHERINE M. JOHNSON, KIM P. SNYDER, MARGARET SNYDER, AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2018CH5

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE (LIS PENDENS)

Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants that the above-entitled foreclosure action was filed February 1, 2018, and is now pending against you and other Defendants wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

I. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. II. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. III. The names of the titleholders are: Travis W. Johnson, Sr. and Katherine M. Johnson. IV. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: TRACT 1: THE WEST 56 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OF LOT NO. 72 IN TEN BROECK AND OTHERS' ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF PARIS. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944 V. Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944 VI. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: A. Name of mortgagors: Katherine M. Johnson and Travis W. Johnson, Sr. B. Name of mortgagee: Casey State Bank. C. Date of mortgage: August 2, 2013 D. Date of recording: August 2, 2013 E. County where recorded: Edgar County, Illinois. F. Recording document information: Document No. 201300001700

The Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants are to be served by this publication. You are further notified that unless you, on or before May 7, 2018, appear in defense of said suit, a Default Judgment may be entered against you. Ariana E. Calderaro, Attorney for Casey State Bank

Ariana E. Calderaro Attorney for Casey State Bank Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law

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STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY

CASEY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TRAVIS W. JOHNSON, SR., KATHERINE M. JOHNSON, KIM P. SNYDER, MARGARET SNYDER, AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2018CH5

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Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants that the above-entitled foreclosure action was filed February 1, 2018, and is now pending against you and other Defendants wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

I. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. II. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. III. The names of the titleholders are: Katherine M. Johnson. IV. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: TRACT 2: LOTS NOS. 320 AND 321 IN THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARIS IN EDGAR COUNTY, IL Common address: 403 W. MONROE STREET, AND 1011 DOUGLAS STREET, PARIS, IL 61944 V. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: A. Name of mortgagors: Katherine M. Johnson. B. Name of mortgagee: Casey State Bank. C. Date of mortgage: August 2, 2013 D. Date of recording: August 2, 2013 E. County where recorded: Edgar County, Illinois. F. Recording document information: Document No. 201300001699

The Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants are to be served by this publication. You are further notified that unless you, on or before May 7, 2018, appear in defense of said suit, a Default Judgment may be entered against you. Ariana E. Calderaro, Attorney for Casey State Bank Ariana E. Calderaro Attorney for Casey State Bank Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law Group, Ltd. 307 N. 3rd Street, P.O. Box 1108 Effingham, IL 62401 PH: 618-283-3034 FAX: 618-283-2871 File # 9829.61079

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY

CASEY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TRAVIS W. JOHNSON, SR., KATHERINE M. JOHNSON, KIM P. SNYDER, MARGARET SNYDER, AND INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No. 2018CH5

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE (LIS PENDENS)

Notice is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants that the above-entitled foreclosure action was filed February 1, 2018, and is now pending against you and other Defendants wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage on real estate.

I. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. II. The court in which said action was brought is identified above. III. The names of the titleholders are: Travis W. Johnson, Sr. and Katherine M. Johnson. IV. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: TRACT 1: THE WEST 56 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH OF LOT NO. 72 IN TEN BROECK AND OTHERS' ADDITION TO THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF PARIS. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944 V. Common address: 307 W. Elizabeth Street, Paris, IL 61944 VI. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: A. Name of mortgagors: Katherine M. Johnson and Travis W. Johnson, Sr. B. Name of mortgagee: Casey State Bank. C. Date of mortgage: August 2, 2013 D. Date of recording: August 2, 2013 E. County where recorded: Edgar County, Illinois. F. Recording document information: Document No. 201300001700

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Ariana E. Calderaro Attorney for Casey State Bank Oldfield Myers Apke & Payne Law

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT SHILOH TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2018

TOWNSHIP--REVENUE SUMMARY:

Property Taxes- 62,948.05; Replacement Tax- 1574.59; Interest -128.06; Dividend -793.80; Refund- 4.46; Misc. - 40.00

TOTAL REVENUES: \$65,488.96

TOWNSHIP--COMPENSATION SUMMARY:

Range: Under \$25,000.00: Fred Barrett; Randy Grafton; Doris Stone; Kevin Julian; Dave Smith; Ollie Smith; Bill Sullivan; Hugh Jones; John Sadoris; Kendra Sadoris; Michael Christenberry

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$38,106.82

TOWNSHIP-- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:

TOIRMA-2714.00; Mike Steeples-7200.00; Dimond Financial -4075.00 All other disbursements less than (\$2500)- 8649.66

TOTAL VENDORS: \$22,638.66

ROAD DISTRICT -REVENUE SUMMARY

Property Taxes - 73,858.39; Replacement Tax- 4579.26; Interest Income -1441.81; Dividend-1686.20; Misc. - 398.60

TOTAL REVENUES: \$81,964.26

ROAD DISTRICT-- COMPENSATION SUMMARY

Range: Under \$25,000.00: Mike Steeples;

TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$13,666.95

ROAD DISTRICT-- EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

TOIRMA-5766.00; Illini FS Inc.-5681.78; Contech -7149.00; C & M Pressure Pump Supply - 4250.00; Ben Rogers -7102.15; All other disbursements less than (\$2500) \$12,132.06

TOTAL VENDORS: \$42,080.99

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION (Excerpt from Comptroller Report)

Table with 5 columns: GENERAL, SPECIAL REVENUE, CAPITAL PROJECT, DEBT SERVICE, and various financial metrics like Revenues, Expenditures, Fund Balance, etc.

TOTAL DEBT OUTSTANDING BEGINNING OF YEAR 0 (\*Line 405) ISSUED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 0 (\*Line 411) RETIRED CURRENT FISCAL YEAR 0 (\*Line 417) OUTSTANDING END OF YEAR 0 (\*Line 423)

Subscribed and sworn to this 10th day of April, 2018 Randy Grafton - Treasurer

I, Kendra Sadoris, Clerk of Shiloh Township, Edgar County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2018. Kendra Sadoris - Clerk

time and location, the bids will be opened and read aloud. Bids shall be stated in U.S. currency and must be in a sealed envelope and marked with surplus property.

The City of Paris is offering the surplus property on an "as is" basis and does not infer, express or imply any warranty or statement of condition. Furthermore, the City of Paris reserves the right to waive any technicalities and the right to refuse or reject any and all bids.

One (1) lot of numerous scrap bicycles

**Notice  
18th Annual Spring Fling – City Wide Beautification**

The City of Paris and Ingrum's Waste Disposal are pleased to announce their joint participation in this effort to assist local residents with the disposal of excess and unwanted items that have accumulated on their properties and around their homes. Residents will be required to haul their disposable items to the City's facilities located on South Shore Drive, just off of North High Street where dumpsters will be provided for residents to place their acceptable items. The City of Paris reserves the right to refuse any items considered unacceptable.

THE CITY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMPOSE A TWO (2) LOAD LIMIT. NO COMMERCIAL HAULERS WILL BE PERMITTED TO DISPOSE OF UNWANTED ITEMS.

Date: Friday, May 4th and Saturday, May 5th

Hours: 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Location: Paris Street and Water/Sewer Maintenance Departments at High St. and South Shore Dr.

Program: Drop-off site only, no items to be placed on city boulevards for pick up.

PROOF OF RESIDENCY WILL BE REQUIRED!

1. Metals & Appliances: Items such as stoves, dishwashers, clothes dryers, tire rims, and other large metal items will be accepted. Appliances containing Fluorocarbons (refrigerant gases

i.e. Freon) such as refrigerators, freezers or air-conditioners must have evidence that the fluorocarbons have been removed and recaptured before they can be accepted.

2. Household Items: Items such as furniture, carpet, small appliances, clothing, and unused lumber less than 2 feet in length will be accepted. Items such as household garbage, concrete, bricks, demolition materials, roofing materials, railroad ties, 4 x 4 boards or hazardous wastes such as cleaning fluids, chemicals, paints and pesticides will not be accepted.

3. Batteries: Automotive type batteries will be accepted. "Dry Cell" batteries will not be accepted.

4. No Tires will be accepted this year.

5. No Electronics will be accepted this year.

Disposal site for other items:

1. Tree limbs, brush, and yard waste: may be hauled to the City's landscape waste facility located on Potts Lane, provided that the material being disposed of was generated on residential property located within the City of Paris, Illinois. Commercial haulers will be charged according to the size of the load delivered.

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

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

**CLAIM NOTICE**

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

Claims against the Estate may

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

Dated this 16th day of April, 2018. CATHY S. WILKEY and MAX WESLEY FITZJARRALD, Independent Co-Executors Representative Craig Smith Asher & Smith 1119 N. Main Street P. O. Box 340 Paris, IL 61944 Telephone: 217/465-6444

**STATE OF ILLINOIS CIRCUIT COURT EDGAR COUNTY**

NOTICE OF FILING A REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE (ADULT) 2018-MR-33

There will be a court hearing on my request to change my name from Bailey Alyssa Caroline Rose to the new name of: Bailey Alyssa Caroline Gilbert. The court hearing will be held on June 5th at 10:00 am at 115 W Court St., Paris, IL, Edgar County in Courtroom #1.

**Notice is given** that application has been made on April 20, 2018 to the Comptroller of the Currency (One Financial Plaza, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605) for consent to merge First Bank & Trust, IL, an Illinois, state-chartered bank with its main office located at 101 South Central Avenue, Paris, Illinois 61944, with First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., a national bank with its main office located at 1515 Charleston Avenue, Mattoon, Illinois 61938. As a result of the merger, it is expected that one branch of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A., located at 2229

South Neil Street, Champaign, Illinois 61820, will be closed due to its close proximity to existing branches of First Bank & Trust, IL that, along with all other former bank premises of First Bank & Trust, IL, will operate as branches of First Mid-Illinois Bank & Trust, N.A. after completion of the merger.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 USC 1828(c) and 12 CFR 5. Anyone may submit written comments on this publication by May 21, 2018 to: Director of District Licensing, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605. The public file is available for inspection in the district office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director of District Licensing.

**Bid Requests: Food Contract for Summer Food Service Program in Edgar County, Illinois**

Summer Food Service Program Dates: Edgar County 6/4/2018-7/27/2018

Sponsor Accepting Bids: Douglas County Health Department 1250 E US Hwy 36 Tuscola, IL 61953 Fax: 217-253-3421 Phone: 217-253-4137 https://www.dchealthdept.org

The Douglas County Health Department is currently accepting food contract bids from certified food vendors licensed by the State of Illinois for lunches for our Summer Food Service Programs in Edgar County, IL.

\*Please view menu requirements https://www.isbe.net/Documents/meal\_pattern.pdf Complete an 11 day sample menu https://www.isbe.net/Documents/67-04A\_blank\_lunch\_menu.pdf

Submit bid on the Food Service Contract Form https://www.isbe.net/Documents/snps2s-process-approval-renewals.pdf#search=Summer%20Food%20

Service%20Contract Bids must be submitted on or before May 4th, 2018. Amanda Minor, Administrator \*This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer\*

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

ESTATE OF ROBERT CYRUS LANCE, SR. Deceased. No. 2017-P-51

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT CYRUS LANCE, SR. Letters of Office were issued on September 13, 2017 to RHONDA K. LANCE, 18330 North 200th Street, Brocton, Illinois 61917, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Bruce Baber.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of Angie Barrett, Clerk of the Court, Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 31, 2018 (at least 6 months from the date of the 1st publication), and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2018. RHONDA K. LANCE, Independent Executor Bruce Baber Attorney for the Estate 216 East Wood Street Post Office Box 6 Paris, Illinois 61944 (217) 463-3225 IL Bar # 03126793 baber@midwestfirst.com

**PARIS UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT #95 NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that sealed

bids for GROCERY PRODUCTS for the 2018-2019 school year will be received at the Office of the Superintendent, Paris Union School District No. 95, 300 E Wood St, Paris, Illinois, on or before Monday, May 7, 2018 when bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 3:00 P.M. Bids offered after this time will not be considered. The successful bidder will be accepted and approved at the Board of Education's Regular Meeting in the Superintendent's Office on Monday, May 14, 2018. Bidders must specify in their bids that, should their proposal be accepted, they bind themselves to furnish same. The Board of Education reserves to itself the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for the above as they may deem best for the interests of the school district. Kevin Knoepfel, President Board of Education

**PARIS COOPERATIVE HIGH SCHOOL NOTICE**

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for GROCERY PRODUCTS for the 2018-2019 school year will be received at the Office of the Director, Paris High School, 14040 E 1200th Rd, Paris, Illinois, on or before Monday, May 7, 2018 when bids will be opened and publicly read aloud at 4:00 P.M. Bids offered after this time will not be considered. The successful bidder will be accepted and approved at the Board of Education's Regular Meeting on Monday, May 14, 2018. Bidders must specify in their bids that, should their proposal be accepted, they bind themselves to furnish same. The Board of Education reserves to itself the right to accept or reject any or all proposals for the above as they may deem best for the interests of the school district. Steve Eitel, President Board of Education

**Clark-Edgar Rural Water District Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) 2017**

The Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) for the Clark-Edgar Rural Water District has been completed for the monitoring period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. This publication will serve as your notification of the CCR. You will not be receiving an individual copy in the mail. If you would like a copy of the CCR, please contact our office at 475 IL Hwy 1, P.O. Box 297, Marshall, IL 62441 or call us at 217-463-5888.

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017. (IL0230010)

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the CLARK-EDGAR RWD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by CLARK-EDGAR RWD is Ground Water provided by 3 active wells and Purchase Water from City of Paris and City of Marshall. If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact our office staff at 217-463-5888. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled board meetings. Meetings are held the 3rd Monday of the month at our Oliver, Illinois office at 475 IL Hwy 1, Marshall IL 62441 beginning at 7:30 pm during daylight savings time and at 7:00 pm after daylight savings time ends. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water, Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

In addition to the informational section of the Water Quality Report, we have included for your review the Water Quality Data Table. The table will give you a better picture of the contaminants that are detected in your water.

**Source of Drinking Water**

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
  - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
  - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultures, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
  - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
  - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presences of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.
- In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.
- Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

**Source Water Assessment**

To determine Marshall's susceptibility to contamination, the following document was reviewed: A Well Site Survey, published in 1990 by the Illinois EPA. Based on the information obtained in this document there is one potential source of groundwater contamination that could pose a hazard to groundwater utilized by Marshall's community water supply wells. This potential source is an above ground fuel storage tank. The facility has indicated that the tank is empty and has no hoses or attachments in place. They are attempting to contact the owner to establish whether there will be future use of the tank. In addition, information provided by the Leaking Underground Storage Tank and Remedial Project Management Sections of the Illinois EPA indicated additional sites with on-going remediation which may be of concern. Based upon this information, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Marshall Community Water Supply's source water is susceptible to contamination. The land use within the recharge areas of the wells was analyzed as part of this susceptibility determination. This land use includes agricultural properties.

**Violation Report Summary**

Clark-Edgar Rural Water District received no violations for 2017.

**Source Water Information**

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
Well 1 (01637)	GW	active	NNW Of Darwin – 1 Mile
Well 2 (01638)	GW	active	1200ft N of Well 1
Well 3 (01780)	GW	active	Sec 22 T.10N, R.11W
Master Meter Paris IL0450300	GW	active	IL Route 150 & 1900th St. Stratton Township
CC 02-Master Meter South Short FF IL0230100 TP 01	GW	active	S. Short Meter at Marshall's WTP

**Lead and Copper**

Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level(AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites OverAL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	07/13/2016	1.3	1.3	0.574	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

**Water Quality Test Results**

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCL's are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Level 1 Assessment: A level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. Level 2 Assessment: A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

**Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:**

The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum residual disinfectant Level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant Level or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

na: not applicable  
 mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)  
 ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one once in 7,350,000 gallons of water.  
 ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million – or one once in 7,350 gallons of water  
 Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants	CollectionDate	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	12/31/2017	0.5	0.3 – 0.6	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	2	2.1 – 2.1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	41	40.5 – 40.5	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Barium	04/26/2016	0.124	0.124 – 0.124	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	04/26/2016	0.623	0.623 – 0.623	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Manganese	04/26/2016	16.1	16.1 – 16.1	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of Natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2017	0	0	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	04/26/2016	18.1	18.1 – 18.1			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Combined Radium 226/228	2017	1.45	1.45 – 1.45	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2017	1.6	1.6 – 1.6	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

**MARSHALL IL0230100**  
 Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017.

Source Water Information	Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
	Well 2 (45154)	GW		
	Well 3 (45155)	GW		
	Well 5 (01745)	GW		ALONG BIG CREEK, ½ MI E OF MARSHALL & OR US 40
	Well 6 (01746)	GW		ALONG BIG CREEK, ½ MI E OF MARSHALL & N OF US 40

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level(AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites OverAL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper	08/27/2015	1.3	1.3	0.129	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Regulated Contaminants	CollectionDate	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	12/31/2017	0.8	0.6 – 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2017	1	1 – 1	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	12	12.3 – 12.3	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Arsenic	07/07/2015	0.621	0.621 – 0.621	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	07/07/2015	0.0449	0.0449 – 0.0449	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	07/07/2015	0.728	0.728 – 0.728	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	07/07/2015	0.121	0.121 – 0.121		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	07/07/2015	33.1	33.1 – 33.1	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2017	1	1.34 - 3.56	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	07/07/2015	13.7	13.7 – 13.7			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Combined Radium 226/228	06/07/2016	.5	0.5 - 0.5	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

**Violation Table**

**Consumer Confidence Rule**  
 The Consumer Confidence Rule requires community water systems to prepare and provide to their customer's annual consumer confidence reports on the quality of the water delivered by the systems.

Violation Type	Violation Began	Violation End	Violation Explanation
CCR	07/01/2017	07/21/2017	We failed to provide to you, our drinking water customers, an annual report that informs you about the quality of our drinking water and characterizes the risks from exposure to contaminants detected in our drinking water.

**PARIS IL0450300**  
 Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2017.

**Source Water Information**

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
Well 1 (01640)	GW	active	in Indiana
Well 2 (01641)	GW	active	in Indiana
Well 3 (01930)	GW	active	in Indiana
Well 4 (01931)	GW	active	in Indiana

**Lead and Copper**

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level(AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites OverAL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Lead and Copper	2017	1.3	1.3	0.12	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	2017	0	15	1.8	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Regulated Contaminants	CollectionDate	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products</b>								
Chlorine	12/31/2017	0.8	0.7 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Halo acetic Acids (HAA5) *	2017	2	2.35 – 2.35	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2017	19	18.91 – 18.91	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Arsenic	01/13/2015	1.2	1.2 – 1.2	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.
Barium	01/13/2015	0.069	0.069 – 0.069	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	01/13/2015	0.995	0.995 – 0.995	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2017	2	1.5 – 1.5	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Sodium	01/13/2015	46	46 – 46			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
<b>Radioactive Contaminants</b>	<b>Collection Date</b>	<b>Highest Level Detected</b>	<b>Range of Levels Detected</b>	<b>MCLG</b>	<b>MCL</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Violation</b>	<b>Likely Source of Contamination</b>
Combined Radium 226/228	2017	.508	0.508 – 0.508	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	07/20/2011	0.264	0.264 – 0.264	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.