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Road connection begins

\$1.9 million improvement starts in county, new road projected to open at end of year

BY GARY HENRY
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Work started Thursday morning on a road improvement project to Prairie's Edge connecting Springfield Road with the Cherry Point Road.

Edgar County Highway officials stress the road is closed to through traffic for the duration of the project and that closing includes the Maple Avenue intersection. Local residents will have access to their various properties but all other motorists should stay off the road while the heavy construction equipment is milling the current surface, widening, straightening the road, laying down concrete stabilization, installing drainage features, rebuilding all intersections and putting down a hot mix asphalt surface for the purpose of accommodating large semi-tractor and trailer rigs.

"The contractor is keenly aware Herrington Trucking may still need traffic to get in," said Aaron Lawson, Edgar County Highway engineer. "Herrington is also aware they will need to tell their customers how to come in as the work progresses."

The Herrington Truck and Trailer Repair facility located at 10427 N 13050th Street, was a major driver behind this project. It was apparent to engineers and planners the expanding business required an improved road to encourage future growth.

"Herrington filled out the paper work to qualify the project for economic development," said Josh Knight, an engineering technician at the highway department. He added Herrington has already met the employment quotas and other qualifi-



cations promised in the 2013 application.

The \$1.9 million project is 40 percent funded by federal money and 60

percent through the Illinois Highway Department of Transportation.

"It is primarily through the state's economic development program, TARP (Truck Access Route Program) and state match," said Lawson.

Work started at the Springfield Road intersection and is moving north. Knight said the contractor, Howell Paving of Mattoon, indicates the project will be completed by the end of the year. That estimate is dependent on no weather related delays.

Prairie's Edge is an example of how far out the highway department has to think about, prioritize and find funding. Seeking approval and funding for the project started in 2013, then doing the design engineering, working with utilities for moving

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ECCF DONATES TOWARDS IMPROVEMENTS



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

A gift from the Edgar County Community Foundation helped the REC complete redoing the building's gymnasium by stripping, sanding, applying new stripes and a new finish to the hardwood floor. Left to right, Warren Sperry, Jill Coombes, Brian Blair, Karen Todd, Aaron Phipps, Brad Tucker, Rob Anderson, Ben Leuken, Erin Hutchison, Whitney Haase, Scott Ingrum, Traci Watson, Christian Colvin, Drew Griffin and Ned Jenison. A previous gift from NAL paid to improve the lighting and paint the walls.

New floor for REC

BY GARY HENRY
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Improvements to the REC keep coming.

The most recent project was redoing the heavily used gymnasium in the building.

"Our floor was looking really shabby," said Erin Hutchison, REC executive director. "The old oil-base sealer was rough."

It is believed the hardwood maple floor was installed during the 1980s when the building still operated as a YMCA, but it is not known when the last serious maintenance was done to the floor.

The most recent project funded by a \$50,000 grant from the Edgar County Community Foundation (ECCF) stripped all of the old sealers, sanded the floor to fresh wood, removed the old Y logo as legally required, painted new stripes and included a REC logo in the paint scheme. Allred's Floor Service of Effingham did the work for a bit over \$18,000.

Hutchison said redoing the gym floor concludes planned improvements to that part of the building. A previous donation by North Amer-

ican Lighting took care of installing new lighting and painting the gym walls. Another project was updating the heating and air conditioning for the space and installing a new goal keeping system.

The floor project took the gym out of service for a month to give the Allred employees time to strip, sand, apply new sealer and allow the finish to properly cure. It is now available for open gym use, with men, youth and women league basketball play to start in October.

As a multipurpose space, the gym is also used for volleyball and dodge ball games.

Hutchison acknowledged keeping the floor well maintained will require strict enforcement of rules such as always changing into a pair of clean shoes to walk on the surface and the prohibition of food and beverages in the gym space.

"People have to learn how to treat this right," said Hutchison. "We aren't going to have it if they don't. Once they read and sign the rules, it is ready to rock and roll."

Scott Ingrum of the ECCF board described supporting the efforts of the REC as a no brainer

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Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Stripping years of floor sealer and sanding to bare wood has made a great difference in the gym floor at the REC. A \$50,000 grant from the Edgar County Community Foundation made rejuvenating the floor a possibility for a little more than \$18,000, and REC Executive Director Erin Hutchison said the remainder of the ECCF gift makes it possible to give the building's dated entry way and member check-in area a modern and contemporary look.

"Joseph" rock 'n rolls into Paris Center of Fine Arts

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Final rehearsals are underway for "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat," scheduled next weekend at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

The Andrew Lloyd Webber musical is the first production of the recently formed Paris Community Theater Company. The production will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday (July 13) and Saturday (July 14) and 2 p.m. Sunday (July 15).

The theater company was officially organized this summer by Tanner Laughlin and Paris native Stuart Metcalf. The two men had hoped to present a production in 2017 but "couldn't quite put everything together," Metcalf said.

The lead sponsor for the production

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Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

The cast of the first production of the Paris Community Theater Company "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" are in final rehearsals at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. The cast includes a children's choir as well as middle school, high school and adult cast members from Edgar, Coles and Vermilion Counties. The musical tells the familiar Bible story of Joseph, his brothers and the coat of many colors.



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Paris Area Weather

TODAY — A welcomed break from the heat and humidity with sunny skies and highs in the lower 80s.
SUNDAY — Sunny and seasonal with humidity beginning to increase once again.
MONDAY — Highs climb into the upper 80s under mostly sunny skies. Thunderstorm chances return in the afternoon.

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Paris through noon Tuesday.
Temperature
 High/Low 86°/66°
 Record High 106° in 1936
 Record Low 49° in 1894
Precipitation
 Month to date 0.00"
 Normal month to date 1.00"
 Year to date 26.67"
 Normal year to date 21.64"

SUN AND MOON

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	Rise	Set
TODAY	5:30 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
SUNDAY	5:31 a.m.	8:21 p.m.
MONDAY	5:32 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
TUESDAY	5:32 a.m.	8:20 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:33 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
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PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY

BLUEGRASS CONCERT
The Bluegrass band Mackville performs a free concert 7 p.m. July 7 at Linn, Martinsville. Food concessions by Miss Barlow's and Sadie's begin serving at 6 p.m. Audience members are encouraged to bring their own seating.

DON'T MISS

MONEY CLASS JULY 11 AND 18
CLINTON, Ind. — When payday rolls around, many consumers will be trying to figure out which bills they will pay and which ones will wait until another paycheck comes in. With costs increasing for necessary expenses such as gasoline, utilities and healthcare, consumers are finding it harder to make ends meet. If you, like many others, are wondering how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further, you will want to attend the program "Where Does Your Money Go?" The presentation will be presented by Lori Bouslog, a Purdue Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator, and will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. (EDT) at the Clinton Public Library, 313 S 4th St. in Clinton, on July 11 and 18. Participants must attend and participate in both sessions to receive the certificate of completion. Advance registration is requested by 4 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday (July 10) to ensure available materials. Registration may be submitted to either the Purdue Extension — Vermillion County office or the Clinton Public Library. There is no fee to attend this program. If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation, please contact Lori Bouslog at the Purdue Extension — Vermillion County at 703 W Park Street, Suite #1, Cayuga, IN 47928; call 765-492-5332 or email lbouslog@purdue.edu.

Seniors of Edgar County has scheduled: Dine with a Doc @ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday July 11 at the Chester P. Sutton Community Center for Seniors of Edgar County, 256 W. Court St. Paris. Spencer Deig, D.O., is the speaker Deig is a second year resident at Union Hospital Family Medicine Residency. The meal and program are free but reservations are required by calling (217) 465-8143 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Guests needing transportation must call the Sutton Center at least two days in advance.

PARIS FIREWORKS
The City of Paris Celebrates Independence Day today, July 7, in Twin Lakes Park. The City Band is in concert from 2-4 p.m. at Spicer Pavilion with several patriotic compositions. The 71 band rocks the celebration with well-known tunes from 7 p.m. until just shortly before the fireworks extravaganza. Food vendors, bounce houses are planned along with the park's other amenities.

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

SILLY SAFARI AT MARSHALL
Come to Marshall Public Library for our The last summer reading program at the Marshall Public Library is an interactive live animal event for all ages 2 p.m. Thursday, July 11, in the library's Dale McConchie Meeting Room. Participants will see a variety of reptiles, mammals, birds and bugs. Prizes for the summer reading program will be awarded during the 10:30 a.m. July 13 wrap-up party. More information is available by calling 217-826-2535 or email marshallpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

TRUCK SHOW
The Eastern Illinois Truck Show is 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Saturday, July 7, at the Edgar County Fairgrounds. Classes are show & shine, lifted, lowered, 72 & older, Jeep, ladies choice and best of show. Special events include dirt drags and a burnout box. No coolers permitted. Vendors are on site. Call Eddie 217-264-3054 or Mike 217-799-7363 for more information

free event is for ages five and up. Participants should bring their own bikes and helmets. To register call 217-465-8585 or go to go.illinois.edu/bikesafety.

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

THURSDAY

MUSIC IN PARK
Jim Easter & The Radio Kings play a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. July 12 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park as part of the 2018 Music in the Park concert series. Those attending are encouraged to bring lawn chairs for seating.

SUNDAY

BICYCLE SAFETY WORKSHOP
The Illinois Department of Transportation and Edgar County 4-H are sponsoring a bicycle safety program 2 p.m. July 8 at the Edgar County 4-H Fairgrounds. This

MONDAY

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FRIDAY

LIBRARY QUARTER AUCTION
The Chrisman Public Library's Annual Quarter Auction is 6 p.m. July 13, at the Chrisman American Legion Post. A variety of donated items, including gift cards, are available for purchase and bids are made in 25 cent increments. Hot dogs and other refreshments are available for purchase. Attendees must be 18 or older to bid, and all proceeds go to support the library.

HEALTH SCREENINGS
Leighsa Cornwell, RN, BS, community health and disease management coordinator at Horizon Health, will provide blood pressure, blood sugar, and lipid panel (HDL, LDL, and triglycerides) screenings. The screenings will take place Friday, July 13, from 7 to 9 am. For blood sugar tests, patients are asked to fast eight hours prior to the screening. The cost for all three screenings is \$25. To schedule an appointment, call 217-466-4228.

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Tornado danger

Residents urged not to wait for sirens before taking shelter

BY EVERETT LAU
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It's been a relatively quiet severe weather season here in Edgar County, but just to our northwest, three tornadoes touched down in Champaign County in the past month.

Outdoor warning sirens remained silent for each tornado, and unfortunately, residents were caught off guard by the approaching thunderstorms. There were no deaths or injuries due to the twisters, but some of the comments made by those residents are alarming to meteorologists and broadcasters alike.

Many residents were upset at the silence of the outdoor warning sirens. Some say they wait until they hear those sirens to take shelter from the storm; if they don't hear them, they don't give the storm much attention.

While we've already seen a tornado warning for Edgar County this year, it has been since 2014 that a tornado impacted the county, and residents should be prepared for the unpredictable weather and not rely on only one source - like the sirens - for their information.

Here in Edgar County, there are no outdoor warning sirens owned by the county or the City of Paris. The Edgar County Emergency Services and Dis-

aster Agency (ESDA) highly encourages all residents to sign up to receive free alerts from the Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS). This system will call or text registered numbers during a tornado warning based on your location. WENS is activated by the National Weather Service in Lincoln, and it will only alert those in the affected area. However, if you change numbers or move, you must update that information in order to continue receiving alerts. You can register for these alerts by visiting ESDA's webpage on edgarcountyllinois.com.

Down in Clark County, the 911 Dispatch Center oversees the sirens in Marshall and Martinsville. They will activate the sirens for tornado warnings, but if a funnel cloud or tornado is spotted approaching the area, the sirens will sound continuously until the threat passes. Casey's siren is operated by the City of Casey EMA, and it is activated based on storm reports from communities already impacted by the storm as well as information from the National Weather Service. If there is a threat to the city, the siren will sound.

Whether or not your community has a siren, they should not be your sole source of information. Furthermore, outdoor warning sirens were designed like the name suggests - to be heard outdoors. Many modern homes will block the

noise of the sirens, which are a Cold War-era technology. They are meant to alert people to get inside and seek further information, which can be found through a variety of methods.

Critical weather alerts, like tornado warnings, are now instantly sent to many cell phones, thanks to a government program launched in 2012. If the cell phone tower you are using goes under the warning, a message is instantly sent to all phones within that tower's range. If you have a smartphone, there are also numerous apps available that will push notifications for your current location or home county.

One of the best ways to stay informed is to purchase a NOAA Weather Radio. You can program these radios to your home county, and the newer versions allow you to choose which watches and warnings you want to receive. NOAA Weather Radios are also designed with a tone to wake you up at night in the event of overnight storms. Signal strength for weather radios is great around Edgar County as the National Weather Service maintains a transmitter site in Paris.

Local media outlets are also a valuable source during severe weather. Broadcast radio and television stations are required to broadcast severe weather information to their coverage areas. Here at The Prairie Press, watches and warnings for Edgar County

are instantly posted to our Facebook and Twitter pages as they are issued.

Find out which methods work best for you, and pick a few. Malfunctions can always occur, and when it comes to critical weather information, those malfunctions could pose a risk to the safety of you and your family.

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Paris man injured in crash

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EFFINGHAM - Kyle Matthews, 24, Paris, was seriously injured during an early morning crash July 1 when he was ejected from his vehicle.

Illinois State Police District 12 at Effingham reports Matthews was driving

a 2014 Chevrolet Camaro east on Interstate 70 approximately three miles east of Greenup when the vehicle ran off the road to the right and struck a concrete culvert. The car overturned multiple times and came to a rest on its top.

Matthews was ejected from the vehicle at some

point during the turnovers. He was transported from the accident scene by helicopter to Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.

Matthews was alone and no other vehicles were involved in the crash.

Police said charges are pending the outcome of the investigation.

Paris man found dead in his home

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Edgar County Coroner Scott Barrett has released information about an early morning suicide.

Barrett said Ryan Lewis Plew, 30, was discovered dead at his residence Tuesday, July 3.

"All evidence currently

available is consistent with a suicidal death," said Barrett.

According to Barrett, 911 dispatchers were alerted at 7:39 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, a male subject was found unresponsive at his home on West Edgar Street. He added the Paris Police department and Edgar County Special

Service Area Ambulance were on the scene within minutes of the call.

Barrett was summoned to the scene after the first responders arrived and pronounced Plew dead.

The incident remains under investigation by the Edgar County Coroner and the Paris Police Department.



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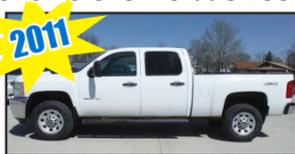
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Home confinement ordered

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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Possession of illegal drugs and a weapons conviction is causing a Paris man to serve an electronic-home-monitoring jail sentence.

Ernest L. Tessman, 22, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class 4 felony possession of a con-

trolled substance and a Class A misdemeanor illegal possession of a firearm charges during the June 28 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court.

For the felony charge, he was sentenced to 120 days in jail with the first 30 days to be served as electronic home

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monitoring. The remaining 90 days in jail are subject to a motion to vacate. Other terms of the felony sentence include two years of first-offender probation, 10 hours of community service work, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees.

In the second case, Tessman received an identical jail sentence and 18 months of conditional discharge, both to be served concurrently with the felony conviction. He was also assessed a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

Tessman was ordered to forfeit all items seized at the time of his arrest and to complete counseling per an evaluation.

Other individuals appearing before the bench June 25 and 28 included:

IN CUSTODY

■Randy J. Bramlett, 51, no address provided, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence. He told the court he will reside with his sister in Paris. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Bramlett was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Michael Cravens, no age provided, Kansas, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender and a Class 4 felony being a sex offender within 500 feet of a public park. He told the court he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Jeffrey P. Eskew, 28, Paris, appeared in custody. His unresolved Class 4 felony theft and a Class A misdemeanor retail theft charges were continued for a negotiated plea agreement. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Quinton A. Inman, 25, Paris, appeared in custody. His unresolved Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge was continued for a first appearance with counsel. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Saundra D. Johnson, 28, Greenup, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was assigned to the case, and Johnson was granted a personal recognizance bond with an order to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's Paris residence. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel, and she was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Joshua D. Phillips, 37, Marshall, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions. Bond was set at \$5,000 with a condition he is to have no contact with the apparent victim or the residence. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Sherry L. Ricketts, 47, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 2 felony burglary and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$5,000. She was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victims or the residence. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Ashley D. Vest, 25, Chrisman, appeared in custody and was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 2 felony burglary conviction. The public defender was appointed and a hearing was scheduled. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

CHARGES

■Austin D.J. Adams, 21, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor contributing

to the delinquency of a minor. The public defender was appointed and a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Ronnie L. Butts, 42, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Leslie K. Dunagan, 35, Kansas, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property. The public defender was appointed and a first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Evan S. Holt, 21, Mattoon, was charged with two counts of a Class A misdemeanor battery. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Megan A. Idrizoski, 27, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. She has hired an attorney and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Jacob S. Lynch, 24, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. The public defender was appointed. A first appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Justin L. McCarty, 28, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Amea L. Morecraft, 37, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Jacob L. Neibarger, 22, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor battery conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Dustin Wayne Sallee, 36, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor aggravated assault. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■Robert W. Crowder, 37, Paris, admitted a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license is revoked conviction. A presentencing investigation was ordered and a sentencing status hearing was scheduled.

■Brandon M. McDaniels, 20, Downer's Grove, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor speeding charge. He was sentenced to a \$400 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Donny C. Newman, 29, Paris, admitted a petition to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound conviction. The court supervision sentence was revoked and the case shows record of the conviction. He was found in default of payments and the case was referred to the collection agency.

■Dustin M. Sly, 19, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor retail theft charge. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. Sly was also banned from Circle K for the duration of the sentence.

■Adam Todd Stephens, 23, Kansas, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, 100 hours of community service work, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Jesse C.A. Wyrick, 26, Paris, admitted a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license conviction. He was resented to 60 days in jail with good conduct credit to apply and subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months

of conditional discharge and ordered to pay all previous financial obligations.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Shawna B. Behiter, 43, Brocton, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license charge. She told the court she is still hiring an attorney. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Thomas M. Devers, 42, Paris, pleaded not guilty to a Class 4 felony false 9-1-1 call and a Class 4 felony false request for an ambulance 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 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. He told the court he is still trying to hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■James W. Kindred, 23, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony burglary charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Kyle A. Matthews, 28, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony burglary, two counts of a Class 4 felony aggravated fleeing from a police officer, a Class 4 felony criminal trespass to a residence, a Class 4 felony domestic battery with prior convictions, a Class A misdemeanor speeding and a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charges. The matter was continued for a bond modification hearing.

■Susumu Ogami, 56, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charge and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Patricia L. Ross, 47, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony failure to register as a sex offender charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Christopher M. Strand, 35, Bozeman, Mont., pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 1 felony aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol charge. The state dismissed a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license is revoked charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Tyra J. Wallace, 32, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

OTHER MATTERS

■Charlie E. Brown, 28, Terre Haute, Ind., failed to appear in court. It was noted Brown has paid in full the financial obligations attached to his sentence for a Class 4 felony solicitation to meet a child conviction. The state withdrew a petition to revoke Brown's conditional discharge sentence, and the state withdrew the admission to the petition. The matter was continued for completion of the conditional discharge sentence.

■Kassady C. Neibarger, 29, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in court and surrendered on a failure to appear warrant. She posted \$250 bond and was released.

■Travis A. Reed, 45, Sullivan, failed to appear and the court denied a defense motion to continue the motion to vacate jail time attached to Reed's Class 3 felony aggravated driving under the influence of alcohol conviction. A 50-day sentence was imposed and an arrest warrant issued. Reed was also found in default of payments and that matter was referred to a collection agency.

WARRANTS

Warrants were ordered when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Christina D. Bell, 42, Hume; Kylee K. Bowman, 18, Paris; Shawn M. Custer, 23, Paris; Amea L. Morecraft, 37, Paris; Johnny G. Oaks, 38, West Terre Haute, Ind.; Nathaniel E. Schumacher, 21, Paris; Christopher J. Stewart, 42, Thomasboro; and Jeramie A. Vicars-Goings, 35, Terre Haute, Ind.

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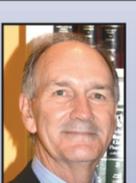
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RYAN PLEW
 Ryan Lewis Plew, 30, of Paris, passed away at 7:39 a.m. Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at this residence. He was a construction worker for Chuck Connelly Construction.
 Per his wishes, cremation is planned and his remains will be taken to Colorado. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.
 Mr. Plew was born Aug. 16, 1987, at Paris, the son of Richard Lee Plew and Jackie DuCharme. He was married

to Karen Hagen Plew, and she survives.
 He is also survived by his mother, Jackie DuCharme of Vermilion; two sons, Syllus and Odin Plew, both at home; a stepson, Jagger Craig, at home; four brothers, Tyson DuCharme of Paris, Aaron Plew of Taylorville, Vance Plew of Paris and Jessie Plew of Mattoon; several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.
 He was preceded in death by his father.
 Mr. Plew was a member of

Dennison Baptist Church.
 He was the most lovable human being and anyone he ever met was not a stranger. He will always be his wife's best friend and anamcara (soul mate). He will be forever in his family's hearts.
 Memorial contributions in his name may be made to an education fund for his children or the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.
 Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

CAROL SPITTLER
 MARTINSVILLE – Carol Elizabeth Spittler, 78, of Martinsville, passed away at 5:22 p.m. Sunday, July 1, 2018, at her home.
 A graveside service and burial was 2 p.m. Thursday, July 5, at Ridgelawn Cemetery, with the Rev. Rick Emrich officiating. Visitation was from noon until the service time Thursday at Greenwell Funeral Home.
 More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

IOLA BRAVE
 CASEY – Bertha Iola Dillier Brave, 85, of Plymouth, Mich., and formerly of Casey, Robinson, LaPlace, La., and Kingwood, Texas, passed away at 3:13 a.m. Monday, July 2, 2018, at Independence Village of Plymouth.
 A funeral service is 11 a.m. today, July 7, at Markwell Funeral Home, with Brother Mike Davis officiating. Burial follows in Washington Street Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time today at the funeral home.
 Memorial donations may be made to Parkinson's Foundation, 1359 Broadway, Suite 1509, New York, NY 10018.
 More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

MARSHA RAY
 CASEY – Marsha Lee Ray, 62, of Kansas, and formerly of Tuscola, passed away at 10:35 p.m. Wednesday, July 4, 2018, at her home.
 A funeral service is 11 a.m. Tuesday, July 10, at Markwell Funeral Home. Burial follows in Richwoods Cemetery, rural Westfield. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home.
 Memorial donations may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 6505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 902, New York, NY 10018.
 More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

JOSHUA HAMMOND
 MARSHALL – Joshua A. Hammond, 37, of Marshall, passed away Friday, June 29, 2018, following a battle with cancer.
 A service honoring his life was 10 a.m. Friday, July 6, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Bro. Paul Cooper officiating. Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Martinsville. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, July 5, and prior to services Friday at the funeral home. A Masonic service was 8 p.m. Thursday following the regular visitation.
 Memorial donations may be made for the benefit of his children in care of the Josh Hammond Benefit Account.
 More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

GENE DENNEY
 CASEY – Kenneth Eugene "Gene" Denney, 87, of Casey, passed away at 12:30 a.m. Sunday, July 1, 2018, at Casey Health Care Center.
 Per his request, a graveside service for family was Friday, July 6, at Casey Cumberland Cemetery. There was no visitation. Markwell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.
 Memorial donations may be made to Lincolnland Hospice, 1004 Health Center Dr., Mattoon, IL 61938.
 More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

Relief at the EPA

New acting chief promises to reach out to workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Taking over from an ambitious predecessor known for seeking out the rich, powerful and conservative, the Environmental Protection Agency's newly named acting chief has promised to reach out to anxious staffers throughout the demoralized agency and to lawmakers of both political parties.
 By late afternoon Friday, there had been no public comment from either Scott Pruitt, whose resignation President Donald Trump announced Thursday after months of Pruitt's ethics scandals, or Andrew Wheeler, the Washington veteran and former coal lobbyist who Trump announced as the agency's acting head.
 In an email sent out to EPA staffers Thursday night and obtained by the Associated Press, Wheeler said he was honored to take temporary leadership of the agency where he started his Washington career in the early 1990s, as an EPA employee dealing with toxic substances and other matters. "I look forward to working hard alongside all of you," Wheeler wrote agency employees.
 Pruitt, Oklahoma's attorney general at the time of his EPA appointment, had embraced the perks of office in Washington. He instituted unusual and costly round-the-clock protection for himself, flew premium class to Europe and North Africa, and directed agency staffers to help seek housing for his family, high-dollar employment for his wife, and pleasures such as luxury lotion and tickets to top sporting events.
 Trump had praised Pruitt for his regulation-trimming ways at EPA. On Thursday, however, Trump said Pruitt himself had concluded the EPA chief's ethics scandals were too much of a distraction and was stepping down.
 Some EPA staffers linked to Pruitt's tumultuous 17-month tenure feared for their jobs Friday, former top staffers under Pruitt said. That included the roughly 20 members of a security detail Pruitt's EPA had created to guard him around the clock.
 The guards were originally trained for investigating environmental crimes. The agency's security officials are expected to decide what level of protection Wheeler needs.
 "There's definitely that fear" of a shake-up among Pruitt's remaining political appointees, said Kevin Chmielewski, the former deputy chief of staff who fell out of favor with Pruitt after questioning spending. "This is the follow-up stories, the people's lives he's affected, going down to the agents and everyone else."

Help protect family from scammers

If you have older family members whose cognitive functions or decision-making abilities have declined, or who are lonely or recently widowed, you might need to help protect them against financial scams.

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What steps should you take?

First of all, try to gain a good sense of their overall financial activity. Look for red flags, such as a reluctance to discuss money matters, consistently unpaid bills, unexplained withdrawals, mysterious wire transfers or a sudden need to purchase large quantities of gift cards.

And watch out for new best friends or caretakers who show an unusual interest in your loved one's finances. Whether or not you've observed any of these activities, you can help your elderly

family members by making these moves:

- Have checks (such as Social Security payments) directly deposited. You can help your family members avoid a lot of potential trouble by having their checks deposited directly into their bank accounts.
- Seek permission to become a joint account owner. By becoming a joint account owner on your elderly family members' checking and savings accounts, you can review statements for suspicious activity. Of course, your loved ones may be initially reluctant to add your name, but if you have a good relationship with them, you should be able to explain the benefits.
- Shred bank statements, credit card offers and notices of lottery or sweepstakes winnings. One of the most useful gifts you can give to your elderly family members may be a shredder. Encourage them to use it to shred old bank statements, credit card offers and other financial documents.

- Get on a "do not call" list. Telephone scammers are persistent and devious. By registering your family members' house and cell phones at www.donotcall.gov, you may be able to reduce their exposure to unwanted calls.
- Obtain power of attorney. By creating a power of attorney, your loved ones can designate you or another trusted relative or friend to assist with their finances now — for day-to-day assistance and protection from scammers — and later, should they become incapacitated. Again, you will need to employ some sensitivity when discussing this issue.
- Check references of caretakers. As mentioned above, some caretakers are, unfortunately, dishonest. Before you hire one, check out this person's references. And even when you do, be careful — scam artists have been known to use accomplices as references, so you will need to be thorough in your research and questions.

- Get to know your family members' financial advisers. If possible, become acquainted with your older family members' financial advisers. Any reputable advisor will welcome a connection with their clients' loved ones. And if you are involved in any estate plans, this multi-generational relationship will prove beneficial for everyone.
- Ask to meet any new friends they have met online. When someone is lonely, they become vulnerable to online friendships. Sometimes, these new friends make promises of meeting, but never show — and then they suddenly need money for one reason or another.

It can be challenging to guard against all threats posed by the scammers of the world. But by staying alert and taking the appropriate preventive actions, you may be able to help safeguard your loved ones' financial security.

(Gregg Whittkanack is a certified financial adviser with Edward Jones in Paris.)



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"The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched - they must be felt with the heart!"

-Helen Keller



Hurricane Beryl forms in Atlantic; heading east

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — The Atlantic season's first hurricane, Beryl, formed Friday and headed for a weekend push into the eastern Caribbean, threatening islands still struggling to recover from last year's storms.
 A hurricane watch was issued for Dominica as the Category 1 storm reached maximum sustained winds of 80 mph (130 kph), according to

the U.S. National Hurricane Center.
 The island's meteorological service warned of six to 12 inches of rain and said weather conditions would start deteriorating Saturday night on Dominica, which is rebuilding from Hurricane Maria, which hit as a Category 5 storm last year.
 A tropical storm watch was issued for the French

Caribbean territories of Martinique, Guadeloupe, St. Martin and St. Barts.
 The hurricane center said Beryl could strengthen a bit more in the next few days but predicted it would begin weakening after entering the Caribbean late Sunday or early Monday. It is forecast to pass about 70 miles (113 kilometers) south of Puerto Rico on Monday, but forecasters

said the storm-wracked U.S. territory could experience winds of more than 40 mph (64 kph) and flooding and mudslides from up to four inches (10 centimeters) of rain.



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Time to remember manners

"Among the values children should be taught are respect for others, beginning with the child's own parents and family; respect for the symbols of faith and the patriotic beliefs of others; respect for law and order; respect for the property of others; respect for authority....Without discipline, children will not respect either the rules of the home or of society."

—James E. Faust
"A Thousand Threads of Love"

I've been considering writing this column for more than a month. I've talked myself out of it a couple of times, but in a 4 a.m. epiphany on the Fourth of July, I decided I should get this off my chest.

What the heck has happened to good manners and appropriate behavior at the Paris High School graduation ceremony?

I have attended at least a hundred commencements over my years at The Prairie Press, the Paris Beacon-News and with my nieces and

nephews as well as friends. I've attended ceremonies in Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, Indiana and Iowa as well as every school in Edgar County and Oakland High School. I've spoken at both the Crestwood and Mayo ceremonies. I'm not claiming to be an expert, but lordy folks, the most recent PHS graduation was an embarrassment — and it's not the fault of the school or either school district — it's those in attendance and the atmosphere they are allowed to create.

I'm not talking about the cheering for a senior, either. I'm talking about those who can't sit down, nacho eating, Pepsi drinking people in attendance who then have to make untold number of visits to the bathroom.

Yes, I know the doors opened at 6 p.m. before the ceremony. I know not everyone had dinner before showing up to save seats for the family. But you couldn't go a without snacks?

I realize the band is trying to raise money for trips and activities, but do you honestly think having a concession stand open during commencement is OK?

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Divisions have given us hypocrisy

I'm not sure I ever wore a dunce cap. But I remember them. They came to a point, like a Conehead, and teachers made you wear them if you did something stupid.

I also remember "Go stand in the corner," another form of student punishment. You could sense the eyes of your classmates on your back as you wiggled with the hot flush of embarrassment. Sometimes you stood there for an hour. At least it felt like an hour.

These were ways, even for kids, to be publicly humiliated.

If you trace the idea back, you'll find a time when we put people in stocks in the public square. The idea was if you shame someone in front of their peers, they'll think twice about repeating the offending behavior.

Today, we are much more enlightened. We have no stocks. We would never make kids wear a dunce cap. Even standing in the corner is frowned upon. We are more sensitive to others. Bullying is a preeminent issue. Making people feel bad about who they are is taboo.

So it intrigued me to watch the recent public shaming of Sarah Huckabee Sanders, the White House Press Secretary, who went to a restaurant called the Red Hen in Virginia and was asked to leave by the owner, who was offended by Sanders' politics.

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Remember Gettysburg

Civil War battle fought July 1-3, 1863, was the second founding of America

Paris will officially celebrate Independence Day today with fireworks, a band concert and other activities to mark the founding of America.

But there is a second founding we should also remember and celebrate as we listen to the Paris Municipal Band play at 2 p.m. at Twin Lakes Park.

Each Fourth of July, Americans are reminded the freedom enjoyed today began with visionary hard-scramble colonists tossing off the yoke of the British Crown. This year, remember not only those patriots of July 4, 1776, but also those of a consequential battle that occurred in early July almost a century later — and the nation-changing words that grew out of it.

The Battle of Gettysburg was fought in 1863 on the three days prior to July 4. President Abraham

OUR VIEW

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Lincoln dedicated a cemetery at Gettysburg with a short address — but one both poetic and momentous — that culminated in what scholars describe as the second founding of America.

The Battle of Gettysburg marked the turning point in the Civil War, a conflict that threatened to shred the fragile Union. Lincoln's words five months later were even more consequential as he talked of a nation fractured by slavery and backsliding from its founding principles.

In the seven years following the speech — which Lincoln wrongly predicted no one would remember — the nation passed the 13th,

14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution. These three changes abolished slavery, defined citizenship, guaranteed due process and equal protection and affirmed the right to vote regardless of race, color or servitude.

Those amendments fulfilled Lincoln's Gettysburg promise of "a new birth of freedom" — a second founding. It's difficult to fathom what our nation would look like today without these life-changing laws.

Though freedom has been under stress many times and in many ways since then, our nation has emerged each time on a path toward a better nation.

Let us remember today those who sacrificed at Gettysburg to ensure the great experiment that is America would continue. We must continue to work towards Lincoln's vision.



YOUR VIEW

The Second Amendment must be protected

Editors, The Prairie Press:

Saturday's letter to the editor by Michael Bennett begs for an answer, for it is clear that Mr. Bennett is ignorant of law and history in regards to the Second Amendment.

But let us clear away the dross first. His third paragraph posits several possible actions taken that would bring the "Tyranny . . . just around the corner", such tyranny brought on by the President. Every one of those scenarios is so "beyond the pale" that the entire bunch needs to be thrown out like dirty dishwater, like so much dross that is discarded after the fire.

Such words might be catnip to the far left, but virtually all of the readers of this missive realize that this is not a serious argument. This drivelt does not ever approach any measure of linkage to Mr. Bennett's main point about the Second Amendment. It calls to mind Jesus' words about insincere prayer in Matthew 6 — "they think they will be heard for their many words".

Back to the central theme of the letter, the right of the people to "keep and bear arms." Perhaps the idea for this came from the June 26 demonstration at the Supreme Court Building, when hundreds of ordinary Americans assembled to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the most important decision concerning the Second Amendment.

To refresh Mr. Bennett's memory (or to give him a basic history lesson), on that date in 2008, the decision in District of Columbia v. Heller affirmed two lower court decisions that the right to keep and bear arms was a right of the individual to do so. Although, as with other rights, this is not an absolute, for the state has a regulatory role to play, within limits.

For instance, in Illinois, a concealed carry holder cannot bring his weapon into any government building, including but not limited to schools, hospitals, nursing homes or other such institutions.

Historically, for anyone who claims the right to bear arms is only for a state militia, this right was in place before the establishment of the national government. Several of the states had already guaranteed the individual right of bearing arms, and it was from that milieu that the writers of the Second Amendment drew their words.

Mr. Bennett's argument that individual ownership of weapons such as handguns, rifles and shotguns would be of no practical use against a tyrannical government also denotes an ignorance of history.

At the beginning of our American Revolution, the British were the strongest military in the world. Who won that conflict? In more modern times, Vietnam shows the ability of an outgunned citizenry to keep a heavily militarized nation from defeating them — the United States. And in Afghanistan, a nation that has been characterized as a Fourth World nation and a "failed state", a poorly armed and ragtag bunch of Afghans have kept us mired in a 17 year old war, with no defined "victory" in sight.

In World War 2, the Resistance (not to be confused with the crazies of our day in the U. S.), with virtually no weapons, managed to blow up bridges, cause major disruptions in military transport, and provided valuable information to the Allies. They were credited with being a large part of the success of the D-Day invasion in 1944 by giving intelligence to the Allies — all while under the

occupation of the most powerful and merciless force in Europe.

Individual Americans are now armed as never before. April and May have each seen record numbers of background checks for the purchase of weapons and concealed carry permits, with no letup in sight.

More "light" arms are in the hands of private citizens than are in the possession of the military. Your humble correspondent is now one of them, for the loonies on the left, with their rhetoric and desire to disarm us, inspired me to become a member of the NRA, and to take and pass a concealed carry class.

Thanks to another major court case, McDonald v. City of Chicago (2010), all Illinoisans are part of the militia the Second Amendment referred to.

Given the incitement to harassment and even violence on the part of the far Left in America today, the Second Amendment, as written and adjudicated, is more relevant today than ever before.

Jane Witmer
 Paris

President Reagan supported immigrants

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 In a 1984 presidential debate, a candidate said, "I believe in the idea of amnesty for those who have put down roots and who have lived here even though sometime back they may have entered illegally."

Today a candidate who said that would be pilloried by the right wing press and those who've learned to exploit divisions for their own electoral success.

Those words were spoken by the patron saint of conservatism, Ronald Reagan.

Michael Bennett
 Vermilion.

Elk hunter hires guide

"This guy named Jorks was the best arrow shooter I ever saw. Had a fancy

bow — the expensive kind — and could fire an arrow a hundred feet right straight into the open end of a beer car. I mean

shot after shot. He was that good." So said Augie, now a retired professional guide.

Augie grew up in Riggins, Idaho. Still lives there. Said he attended a government-funded guide school in the Shawnee Hills of southern Illinois back in the sixties. Said he's been a guide ever since, mostly in Idaho, but also in the Pacific states, including Alaska. Boat guide, travel guide, hunting guide — you name it.

"Sometimes fellas came to the Rocky Mountains in small groups," he said. "Maybe four, five or six. Often a group of policemen, teachers or firemen. Jorks was part of a firefighting group from Oklahoma City. Came to the Copper Creek area to hunt with bows."

Augie took Jorks deep into tall mountain country. He knew where an elk herd had been grazing in a scrubby valley for the past six weeks. Together they worked their way down a boulder-strewn forested cliff toward the flats, ever so quiet and well camouflaged. Eventually, they rested in concealment fairly close to the herd, but completely out of view.

Augie blew his cow call a few times. A big bull bugled in return from a thicket. For several minutes he traded trumpeting calls with the bull, but the big fella stayed hidden. The goal was to lure him into the open toward their position.

Since their ploy failed to work, Augie tried a different strategy. He edged back up the mountain 50 yards, instructing Jorks to stay in place.

This time he blew a bull call, hoping to anger the prey. Bulls will seek combat with other bulls. It

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ALBOM

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We also recently saw a Congresswoman, Maxine Waters, exhorting her supporters at a rally in Los Angeles, telling them, "If you see anybody from that (Trump) Cabinet in a restaurant, in a department store, at a gasoline station, you get out and create a crowd... And you tell them they're not welcome anymore, anywhere."

Public shaming. All that's missing is the dunce cap. Except this time, the dumb behavior is from the people who think they're being smart.

Deep down, even Donald Trump haters know that telling a customer you disagree with to get out of your restaurant — on principle — won't win you any points. Our prickly history of telling those we don't like that they can't eat or drink in certain places should be enough to prohibit anyone from using similar behavior in 2018, no matter how righteous you think your cause may be.

The owner of the Red Hen, Stephanie Wilkinson, was actually at home when Sanders and her party came into the restaurant. Wilkinson told the Washington Post that she drove down after her employees informed her, and she asked what they wanted her to do. She said that some of her staff is gay, and they didn't like President Trump's stance on transgender people in the military, which Sanders, in her job as press secretary, had defended.

"I can ask her to leave," Wilkinson said she offered her employees. "They said, 'yes.'"

At that point, the Post reported, she went over to Sanders and asked for a private word.

"I explained that the restaurant has certain standards that I feel it has to uphold, such as honesty and compassion and cooperation. I said, 'I'd like you to leave.'"

Sanders did not argue. She quickly departed. Her party followed, and reportedly offered to pay for the appetizers. The owner told them,

"It's on the house."

How gracious. No charge for throwing you out.

The fact that Wilkinson is being celebrated in certain corners as some kind of hero only shows you how deep into hypocrisy our angry divisions have thrown us. To use words like "honesty, compassion and cooperation" as reasons to evict someone shows a total lack of, well, honesty, compassion and cooperation.

If we're being honest, was Sanders the first person to sit in that restaurant who may have had anti-transgender feelings? Yet those people were served. And since it is in Virginia, was Sanders even the first member of the Trump administration to eat there? Maybe others less recognizable had already come and gone.

As for compassion, what compassion are you showing for someone who, for all you know, may struggle with certain elements of her job herself? What compassion are you showing in a country where the Supreme Court just ruled on gay customers being denied services in a cake shop, yet your gay staff members want you to refuse service to someone they don't like?

Nor is this about cooperation. It's the opposite of cooperation. It's about your feelings trumping everything else, including decorum, manners or common decency. Sanders didn't murder anyone. She never physically harmed a member of the restaurant staff. She was simply on the other side of a political ideology. If that's cause for eviction, our forefathers might never have sat in the same room together.

Meanwhile, instead of criticizing the restaurant's behavior, instead of invoking the Michelle Obama suggestion, "When they go low, we go high," Waters, who as a congresswoman has an even greater responsibility to that principle, actually upped the ante. She called for public humiliation of every member of Trump's cabinet.

Think about the words she told her supporters to

use: "You're not welcome anymore, anywhere." At a time when her biggest issues include immigration, racial injustice, and LGBTQ rights, is that really a sentence she wants to invoke?

It's tough but simple. You can't play dirty and complain about the other side playing dirty. You can't show disrespect and claim you're being disrespected. Waters, on Friday, bemoaned having to cancel two events out of threats to her safety. Such threats, if made, are wrong and illegal. But can she be surprised? Did she think encouraging her supporters to harass public officials wouldn't spread like a fire to the other side?

We are now in a time when the head of Homeland Security is jeered publicly in a restaurant, and an intern for a Democratic Senator, working at the Capitol, can yell "Mr. President, F--- you!" after Trump passes by, yet receive no worse than a one-week suspension.

A one week suspension? Yes. And her boss, Senator Maggie Hassan of New Hampshire, told the media the intern, a young woman, "took full responsibility (for her actions)" while Trump has not.

This is a common defense. Donald Trump is crude, a bully, uncivil, mean. It's not us. He started it!

We used to say the same thing in grade school.

Teaching young people that it's not so bad to curse out the president, teaching restaurant owners that it's OK to toss customers for being on the other side of your politics, telling supporters that you should get ugly with any member of an administration you don't like, isn't going to get us away from an uncivil leader.

It's only going to make us more like him.

That may not warrant a dunce cap, but you can't really call it smart behavior, either.

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ZEMAN

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It is not OK. If you want to do something, have cold water in ice chests at the door as people attending arrive. \$1 each. No need for all the other stuff.

I've never considered myself better than anyone else. I was raised in the west end, attended Tanner School and the daughter of a railroader and a stay-at-home mom.

We knew when it was OK to have popcorn and when it was time to be respectful.

I attended my godson and great-nephew Austin's graduation at West Dubuque High School in Iowa the same weekend as the PHS ceremony where another great-nephew, Hunter graduated. The Dubuque and Paris graduations were as different as

night and day.

West Dubuque sent a letter home to all the graduates' families explaining how they should dress and what was acceptable behavior. No seats were saved by anyone. If you wanted seats, you had to be there when the doors opened at 12:30 p.m. for the 2 p.m. Sunday ceremony. Everyone was able to get by without any food or drink except an occasional drink at the water fountain.

When the graduates approached the gym, they were led by the school's teachers who marched in ahead of them and sat in chairs right behind them on the floor. This would solve the problem of people sitting in the areas reserved for PHS teachers, many of whom were there to support the seniors and had no seats when they came to the gym.

Gary Henry reminded me when discussing this subject Chrisman High School officials remind those in

attendance to be respectful.

Chrisman graduates carry candles to represent the light of knowledge. Shiloh and Oakland seniors present family members with roses in an emotional part of the ceremony.

The point of all of this is folks, let's get a grip on what is acceptable and what is not. There was one guy who I counted got up and walked the gym 7 times during the PHS graduation. I'm not sure if it was a signal or he just wanted to make sure everyone saw him.

Let us make a commitment to do better with these type of events — graduation, concerts, plays and musicals Veterans Day and Memorial Day. How can we expect our children — who take their cues from us — to show respect when we don't?

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CODGER

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It worked to perfection. The big bull with a majestic antler rack came stomping and stalking upward toward the sound, the huge animal bouncing directly past at a mere 10-foot distance.

Jorks was in a seated position, leaning on a boulder beneath a Ponderosa pine. He was pumped sky high with adrenaline, heart racing. What an incredible opportunity. Most hunters use high-powered rifles and shoot from a distance of four or five hundred feet. Here he sat hidden almost within touching distance. In a frenzied state of excitement, he fired. The bow twanged as the arrow sprang. Problem was, the bow was pointed upward. His excitement had overruled clear thinking. Jorks forgot to aim.

The arrow thudded into the big pine trunk with a loud thwack about

15 feet above the ground. The bull elk, suddenly startled, snorted in panic and crashed through the brush and trees, quickly disappearing.

When Augie approached Jorks, the hunter was still excited, claiming he'd shot plumb through the elk's torso.

"I know I shot him. I couldn't miss. He can't survive. We need to track him."

Augie explained what happened, pointing to the arrow protruding from the tree. Jorks swore it had to be some other hunter's arrow. The broad point was embedded forever, but Augie lifted Jorks high enough to unscrew the feather-tipped end. Only after careful measurement and examination did the

shooter eventually become convinced.

Jorks pleaded for Augie to keep the embarrassing stunt secret, not wanting his comrades to heckle him when they returned to the lodge that evening.

"You tell them what you want," Augie replied. "I'm just a guide. I won't say a word."

Next day Jorks shot a young bull from a hundred feet. Right behind the head. Dropped him instantly dead in his tracks. So the proud man possessed a trophy to take home. But it wasn't the big one that got away.

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Dive team to inspect Kansas water tower

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KANSAS – The Kansas Village Board directed Utilities Supervisor Andrew Henn to have the village's water tower inspected and repaired by a dive team, if the estimate is less than \$5,000.

Susan Saxton made the motion that was unanimously approved by the members of the board at the regular meeting held Thursday, July 5.

Henn explained the Midco Diving Potable Water Services dive team will inspect the nearly 100-year-old tower, clean up

debris and make repairs.

The 2017 quote to complete the work was \$4,198, and Henn has requested an updated price quote. He noted quotes for remotely operated underwater vehicles are substantially cheaper but the service only provides inspection and does not include cleaning or repairs.

"Make arrangements to have the work completed if the bid comes in under \$5,000," Saxton said.

In other utility business, the board authorized Henn to purchase materials needed

to replace two water hydrants, one at Third and Buena Vista streets and the other located at Fourth and Buena Vista streets. Henn estimated the finished total cost between \$2,500 and \$2,800.

"We need to maintain the quality of our water after investing in the repairs to the water treatment facility," Saxton added.

Henn reported he has purchased and received 12 new updated water meters. Employees will begin installing them in the near future.

Village police chief Jeff

Goodwin suggested the village update the peddler ordinance. He provided a copy of Chrisman's updated ordinance, which increased the daily and monthly fees for peddlers wanting to solicit in the village. The board voted to have the peddler ordinance updated and amended by the village attorney. The proposed changes restrict door-to-door sales between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday at a rate of \$100 per day per solicitor.

Goodwin reported the police department officers issued 11 citations, 12 written warn-

ings and 12 verbal warnings. They responded to one criminal complaint and two civil complaints. Currently officers are testing 800 MHz radios from Clear Talk as a possible solution to radio communication issues with the Edgar County Sheriff's Department.

"They work extremely good in this area," said Goodwin, adding if the radios are purchased there may be a small monthly user fee for each radio. The radios cost approximately \$700 each he explained and added, "They really are working well for us."

During the public health and safety report, Henn noted employees fogged for mosquito Tuesday, July 3. The village needs more of the chemical that targets adult mosquitoes and is the most visible form of mosquito control. The board approved the purchase of a 55-gallon barrel at a price of \$2,483.

"We use about five gallons each application," Henn said.

The village employees also apply larvicide in strategic areas to combat the mosquito pest population in the small town.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Work started July 5 on a long-awaited improvement to Prairie's Edge between the Springfield and Cherry Point roads. The project to widen, straighten and strengthen the road for semi-truck traffic is expected to take the rest of year, barring any weather delays. Prairie's Edge is closed to through traffic for the duration of the work and this includes the intersection with Maple Avenue. Local motorists must find alternative routes.

ROAD

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lines and acquiring right of way from property owners all takes time.

"It's been five years. That's pretty normal for a big project," said Knight.

Locals will be inconvenienced for the next few months as the work progresses, but Lawson is confident the investment in the county's infrastructure is a positive move and something people will appreciate when the work is

completed.

"It will look like Cherry Point and Springfield Road," said Lawson, noting the wider road will have a durable hot-mix asphalt surface and striping marking lane dividers and denoting the road edge.

Lawson again emphasized the need for the public to find alternative routes for the duration of build.

"It's a construction project. People should not try to get through," said Lawson.

REC

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for the board.

"They've got so many people using it. It seemed natural for the foundation to get involved," said Ingram.

Another ECCF board member Christian Colvin agreed with Ingram. Colvin said the REC is a great facility and a positive asset for the community that deserves support to keep it operational.

"It would be sad to see it gone," said Ingram. "So many places can't do the upkeep needed and have to close."

Hutchison is pleased with the results in the gym and said more work is coming in the near future. Money left from the ECCF gift will go to modernizing the dated main entryway to the building where members

check in to use the facility.

She is hoping the money will stretch far enough to include improvements to the locker rooms with working showers and bringing the toilets up to code.

"We've got a great facility," she said. "People come here to work out, and we would like for the membership to have a place to shower afterward."

Also coming in the near future, although funding is still to be worked out, is improving the space for the popular spin cycling class.

"Today (July 3) is the first anniversary of the spin classes," said Hutchison. "The committee is ready to change the lighting and other features and bring a whole new experience to the class."

She anticipates the planned changes will attract additional



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Graci Watson checks out the newly refinished gym floor at the REC. The space is again ready for open gym sessions and league play is scheduled to start in October. REC executive director Erin Hutchison said the REC staff will be sticklers for enforcing rules such as all users must change into a clean pair of sneakers and no beverages or food on the floor.

people into the spin class offering.

Hutchison also wants to update the flooring in the old dance studio where yoga and other fitness classes meet, and

she is confident the money will be found to do that project.

"Everything we've done so far – it's all thanks to our community's generosity," said Hutchison.

THEATER

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is Dimond Bros., Laughlin noted.

Other sponsors include Pearman and the Paris Clinic Pharmacy, Craig and Hellie Smith, Milk Specialties, Prospect Bank, City of Paris, John and Kristin Chittick, Chittick Family Vision, Templeton Funeral Home, Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home and The

Prairie Press.

"We are so appreciative of the local businesses and industries who stepped up and made this production a reality," Laughlin said.

There are 17 children and 30 middle school, high school and adults who make up the cast of "Joseph," said Metcalf, who is directing the production. "It's a fun musical with lots of different types of music," the Tulane University graduate said. "It will have something for every-

one." Laughlin, who also plays the lead role of Joseph, is producing the play. Peg Dixon is the musical director and rehearsal pianist while Judy Carroll is directing the children's chorus. Janie Smitkamp is the choreographer while Lisa McColough, Jane Blair, Brian Blair and Jessica Blair are sharing stage manager duties.

The musical is the familiar tale of Joseph and his many-colored coat, recorded in the Bible in Genesis 37. The story is told by the narrator, played by Wenz Elementary School principal and longtime elementary teacher Megan Carroll. She was active in Paris High School drama and is a frequent vocalist in local churches and the community.

"The story is the same as told in Genesis but is fun,"

Metcalf noted. Musical styles include country, rock and roll, Apache (associated with popular French street culture at the beginning of the 20th Century), 1960s rock and Jamaican.

Featured cast members besides Laughlin and Carroll include Dave Kirsch as Jacob; Warren Sperry as Potiphar; Aaron Rhoads as Pharoah; Eric Marlowe as Rueben; Christian Landes as Simeon and Sean Blair as Judah.

Other brothers include Michelle Jacobs, Michae Proffitt, Stanley Coombs, Ethan Vice, Daegan Hood, Seth Worthington, Treston Jones and Will Templeton.

Metcalf noted the company members put the production together in five weeks — a challenge due to family vacations, church camps and other activities.

"They have worked very hard to make the show a reality and we know everyone who attends will have a good time," he said.

Paris has a rich tradition of musical and drama performance, Metcalf noted, and just not in the school system. In the 1800s and the 20th century there were local groups who regularly presented productions at the Paris High School Auditorium before it was converted into a study hall. Others

performed at the Shoaff Opera House on East Court Street.

Metcalf works as a production manager for Broadway and Equity productions including "Million Dollar Quartet" which is just beginning a national tour. He and his wife, Lied, and their children Ari and Calhoun have spent the past couple of years as Paris residents while he has renovated the Col. Blackburn home — also known as the location of the Mary Sue Tot Shop. Lied is a registered nurse and has been working part-time at Horizon Health.

Laughlin is the current drama director at Paris High School and most recently directed "Mary Poppins" and "White Christmas." He provided seed money for the theater company thanks to his widely popular "Home for the Holidays" production each holiday season.

Those who attend the production next weekend will also be voting on what the company will produce next summer, Laughlin noted. Six musicals — three from Metcalf and three from Laughlin — will be offered for those attending to select from, he said.

Tickets for "Joseph" are \$15 for everyone and are available at Prospect Bank or online at pcfa.ticketleap.com.

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Jacob (Dave Kirsch) listens to his oldest son Rueben (Eric Marlowe) tell the story of how his favorite son, Joseph fell victim to a killer goat during the first act of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" to be presented July 13-15 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

CHRISMAN

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work and those that don't

Discussion also involved possibly purchasing water from Paris or Ridge Farm and other problems of Chrisman's aging water distribution system.

According to Wolfe, buying from another community is a last resort option that will be neither quick nor cheap to implement. His preferred choice is to get the Chrisman water into compliance with EPA guidelines and keep the local well in operation.

"I don't want to tie us to another place if we can get our

water to work," said Wolfe.

He acknowledged the distribution system needs updated by replacing the water meters that have remained in service since the 1970s and 1980s. He also suspects new water mains, replacing the old iron pipes, would help. However, Wolfe does not see those improvements happening soon as a single massive project since the city is confronting the need to go into debt in order bring the sewage treatment plant up to standards.

Owen pledged city employees will find time to flush hydrants more frequently in the effort to keeper cleaner

water in the mains.

Police chief Toby Krabel gave a verbal resignation during the discussion portion of the meeting.

"I got a call this morning and was offered another position," said Krabel, who has served as Chrisman's police chief since 2011.

He declined to state where he is going saying it is up to that community to make the announcement. His last day on duty at Chrisman is Aug. 22, and he will start the new job Aug. 23.

Krabel thanked the Chrisman council for the opportunity and expressed mixed emotions about leaving.

Belgium defeats Brazil

KAZAN, Russia (AP) — Neymar used Brazil's famed yellow jersey to shield his anguish. The Belgians, clad in red and dancing in a celebratory circle nearby, couldn't hide their relief.

Belgium reached the World Cup semifinals for the first time in 32 years, holding off five-time champion Brazil 2-1 Friday in one of the country's greatest soccer feats.

"We've achieved something that is really beautiful," said Kevin De Bruyne, who scored Belgium's second goal, "and it's not easy."

Belgium eliminated Brazil by successfully fusing the attacking potency of De Bruyne and Romelu Lukaku with the creativity of Eden Hazard and the goalkeeping exploits of Thibaut Courtois. Plus an own-goal from Brazil.

It all adds up to a semifinal match against France on Tuesday in St. Petersburg.

"Just treasure it and pass it down in the generations," Belgium coach Roberto Martinez said, still seemingly in awe of what his team achieved at the Kazan Arena.

Belgium took the lead after a slice of good fortune involving a pair of Manchester City teammates who were on opposing sides. Brazil midfielder Fernandinho's trailing right arm inadvertently helped Belgium captain Vincent Kompany's header land in his own net in the 13th minute.

De Bruyne then completed a counterattack launched by Lukaku to double the lead in the 31st minute.

As Belgium lost cohesiveness in the second half and Brazil's changes stirred the team, substitute Renato Augusto reduced the deficit in the 76th with a header. But it was too late for Brazil to muster an equalizer as Courtois thwarted several efforts to force the game into extra time.

While Belgium's golden generation is finally flourishing, Neymar is leading Brazil home after failing to live up to the expectations that come with being soccer's most expensive player. Crouching on the field, he pulled his shirt over his face while Belgium exalted in victory.

Humiliated 7-1 by Germany in the semifinals four years ago on home soil with Neymar out injured, Brazil didn't even get that far this time. Just like defending champion Germany and Argentina before them, the Kazan Arena is where Brazil's World Cup challenge ended.

"Randomness happened and it was cruel to us," Brazil coach Tite said. "It was hard to swallow."

Especially after Brazil conceded only one goal in the previous four games in Russia. But the defense was breached after 13 minutes in Tatarstan. Fernandinho's own-goal ensured for the first time since March 2017 that Brazil was trailing.

Reds have Cubs number

Cellar-dwelling Cincinnati takes a 3-2 victory for the fifth straight win over Chicago

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds have climbed back to respectability in the NL Central, thanks largely to suddenly solid pitching.

Tyler Mahle kept it up Friday by tossing one-run ball into the seventh inning and the Reds edged the Cubs 3-2 for their fifth straight victory over Chicago.

Adam Duvall and Scooter Gennett drove in runs as the Reds won for the 14th time in 18 games and ended the Cubs' six-game winning streak. Billy Hamilton, Cincinnati's No. 9 hitter, had three hits and lead-off man Jose Peraza had two.

Mahle (7-6) allowed five hits and struck out four over 6 2/3 innings to win his fourth



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Cincinnati Reds' Jose Peraza, right, steals second base as Chicago Cubs shortstop Addison Russell tries to catch the ball during the first inning of a baseball game Friday, in Chicago.

straight decision. In his last seven starts, the 23-year-old right-hander has a 2.06 ERA.

"He's just a great competitor, a very composed young man," manager Jim Riggle-

man said. "He just challenged hitters and really gave us another good ballgame."

With a stiff wind blowing in from the north at Wrigley Field, Mahle could afford to be aggressive on a 70-degree day. Deep flies by both teams that might have carried into the bleachers in warmer conditions stayed in the ballpark.

"We had some guys who really got into some balls, and they didn't go anywhere," Mahle said. "I knew being kind of a flyball pitcher that I was going to be OK."

The Reds are 36-34 since Rigglesman took over for Bryan Price on April 19 when they were 3-15.

"All of us realize that we're

a lot better than we what we were at the start," Mahle said. "We just go out and kind of expect to win at this point."

Raisel Iglesias, Cincinnati's third reliever, got the final five outs for his 17th save in 20 chances.

Albert Almora Jr. and Ben Zobrist drove in the Cubs' runs.

Cubs starter Mike Montgomery (3-3) allowed three runs on six hits in five innings while walking two and hitting two batters. He scuffled in the fourth and fifth as the Reds built a 3-0 lead.

The Reds swept the Cubs, the reigning NL Central champions, in a four-game series in

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BASEBALL FOR ALL ON THE FOURTH OF JULY



Photo courtesy Darin Kohlmeier

This drone view shows the field and dugouts filled with Challenger League players for the Fifth Annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday (July 4). The league continues to flourish with 17 new players this season and big plans for a field of their own in the future.

Soon: A field of their own

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The Little League Challengers of East Central Illinois celebrated the conclusion of the league's fifth season Wednesday (July 4) with the traditional all-star game.

And while the league has continued to grow from the first year when eight players signed up, for league president Matt Colvin, the best is yet to come.

"We had 46 players this season including 17 new players," Colvin said as he saw in his golf cart under a tree just outside of the centerfield fence Wednesday. "My dream is to have 100 players. It could happen."

The Challenger League allows special needs children ages three to 21 to play a modified baseball game with their peers. "It's something many of their parents never thought could happen," he noted.

And while its likely the league will add at least one team next year, "We should've done that this year but it all worked out," he said, Colvin is beyond excited because there is a field of their own in the future, thanks to the Paris American Legion.

Colvin explained the league has been playing on the Paris Little League fields on Fridays when one of the fields is available. And while Rural King field is immaculately groomed, the dugouts aren't Challenger friendly.

"There's just not enough room in the dugouts for wheelchairs and other things these kids need besides the base-

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Photo courtesy Christian Colvin

Challenger League player Leo outruns his Buddy, Logan Bartley, and crosses home during the Fifth Annual Challenger All-Star Game Wednesday at Rural King Field at the Paris American Legion.

An Ode to Evel

Pastrana hopes to clear fountain at Caesars Palace

BY BERNIE WILSON
AP Sports Writer

Fifty years after Evel Knievel so famously wiped out trying to jump the fountain at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas, action sports wild man Travis Pastrana will try to nail the stunt Sunday night in the finale of a triple-header tribute to the late daredevil.

It's a daunting proposition even for Pastrana, who is winding down a career in which he's done some pretty crazy things.

If he sticks it, what a way to go out.

"For me, this is going to be really awesome," Pastrana said in a phone interview. "All my family is coming out and so many of my friends are coming out. I literally get to live a day in Evel Knievel's boots, if you will. I'm pretty nervous. It's keeping me up a little bit at night."

That's a heck of an admission from Pastrana. But when the History Channel came to Nitro Circus, which Pastrana co-founded, looking for a live event that crossed a couple of generations, "it was pretty much a no-brainer. I thought, I definitely have to do something about the man who started action sports. He was the first one who showed that you could jump a motorcycle."

Pastrana's attempt to jump the fountain will cap "Evel Live," a three-hour telecast on the History Channel.

Before he tries to become the first person to successfully clear the Caesars Palace fountain, the 34-year-old Pastrana will try to exceed two other famous jumps by Knievel. He'll try to surpass Knievel's jump over 50 crushed cars, done at the Los Angeles Coliseum in 1973, and then beat by two the stuntman's jump over 14 Greyhound buses, accomplished in 1975 at Ohio's Kings Island amusement park.

The first two jumps will be behind Planet Hollywood Resort & Casino,

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CUBS

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in Cincinnati two weeks ago.

"They always could hit," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "The difference is they're keeping the other side down now."

"It's not just us. Their pitching is really, I think, the lynchpin of their success right now."

The Reds jumped ahead 2-0 in the fourth after loading the bases with no outs.

Duvall lined a single up the middle to score Gennett, then Joey Votto came home on Scott Schebler's double-play grounder.

Cincinnati tacked on a run in the fifth when Hamilton scored from third on Gennett's sacrifice fly.

The Cubs cut it to 3-1 in the bottom half of the inning when Almora grounded into a forceout and closed to 3-2 in the eighth on Zobrist's sac fly.

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baseball equipment," he said. The dugouts at the new field will be wide enough that all types of wheelchairs will be accessible. There will also be plenty of room for the Challenger Buddies — the volunteers who help the players bat and circumvent the bases.

The new field will be located behind the Paris American Legion where the soccer field is now located. "It wasn't being used and this is an opportunity to provide this league a home," Colvin explained.

Francis and Associates will be laying out the field which will also be available to the Paris Little League when not in use by the Challengers, Colvin said.

Creating a field from scratch is no easy feat, Colvin admitted. "It's expensive," he said. It's likely the project will be completed in stages, he said, with the first stage being the field, dugouts and fences.

The long range plans are for the field to have an accessible bathroom as well as its own concession stand.

"We're thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to grow this league and give it

a permanent home," Colvin said.

It's expected the entire project will total \$175,000 with \$75,000 for the first phase alone.

"We're going to do it right," he said.

Colvin said when the idea of the Challenger League was brought to him by Amanda Minor, "I never dreamed it would grow into what we have today," he said.

There are currently four teams — NAL, Terry Elston State Farm, Elks and the newest team, Ingram Waste.

There is already a need for a fifth team, he said, which costs \$750. "We provide everything for the players," he said, including uniform, glove, bat and bag. The players keep everything and also receive a special all-star shirt, a trophy and a poster picture of themselves. Those pictures lined the driveway of the Paris American Legion Wednesday.

The all-star game includes concessions with Dave Morris doing all the cooking, Colvin said. A hog was donated for a raffle and 1,800 tickets were sold. "They went so fast we couldn't keep up," Colvin said. "That's the kind of community we live in."

Players are not only from Paris and Edgar County but come from Marshall, Casey, Charleston and Mattoon.

Volunteers are what makes the league successful — including the celebrity buddies who help out at least one game a year.

The Paris High School baseball team serve as buddies along with the Okaw Valley baseball team, Colvin noted. "Last year we went to their place to play and this year they were here," he said. "They are committed to volunteering and bringing baseball to the kids."

Other "celebrity" buddies include local banks, the Paris High School football team and boys and girls basketball team. "The coaches realize it's a learning experience for their players, too," Colvin said.

Colvin said work on the Challenger Field has been in the process for the past six months.

"It's a dream come true," he said. The league is preparing grant applications.

The officers for the league include Colvin, president; Amanda Minor, vice-president; Lindsey Wilson, secretary; and Renee Blumthal, treasurer.

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Paris Las Vegas and Bally's Las Vegas. Pastrana will then get a police escort to Caesars Palace.

Pastrana will attempt the jumps on an Indian Scout FTR750, a modern-day evolution of the flat track bikes of the past. He said it's double the weight of the dirt bikes he normally uses in jumps, with three times the power and about one-third of the suspension travel.

"I got on the Indian and it was like, 'Holy cow, it's like jumping a tank.' Now I understand why Evel crashed so much."

Pastrana will jump the fountain in the opposite direction that Knievel did. Because the area is more built out than it was 50 years ago, he'll have less space for the run-in and will have to accelerate as hard as he can.

"I literally have to hit 68 mph in under 200 feet," he said. "With his high-heel dress boots, if I miss a shift, I'm in the fountain for sure."

That's right, Pastrana will even be dressed like Knievel, in a white jumpsuit with the blue V and white stars.

"Even down as far as the boots," he said. "I went to a tailor and they're probably the most expensive shoes I have. They're made for going out, not for jumping."

Knievel came up short on his attempt at jumping the fountain, hitting the knuckle just before the landing ramp and losing control. He flew head first over the handlebars and tumbled like a rag doll along the pavement. He crushed his pelvis and fractured several other bones.

"We're saving the most infamous for last," Pastrana said. "It's probably the most infamous stunt location in the world not because of success but because of failure."

Pastrana was the first to do a double backflip on a motorcycle. On New Year's Eve 2009, he shattered the world record for the longest jump in a rally car when he traveled 269 feet from the Pine Street Pier in Long Beach onto a barge anchored in the harbor. He celebrated by doing a backflip off the landing ramp into the chilly water.

As part of the Nitro Circus TV show, he rode dirt bikes off a ramp into the Grand Canyon and parachuted the rest of the way down; and

jumped out of a plane without a parachute, confident that a skydiver who jumped out at the same time would catch up to him and guide him to earth.

Pastrana announced himself to the action sports world when at age 15 he celebrated an X Games gold medal by jumping his motorcycle into San Francisco Bay in 1999. That stunt got him into a fair bit of trouble, and he lost his prize money and medal.

Pastrana said he met Knievel when he was 16.

"I've always been not necessarily a huge fan but I was inspired by him. My dad always kind of lived by Evel's theory that you're not a failure until you fail to get back up."

Knievel died in 2007 at age 69.

"Evel was known for his showmanship. It's really about the spectacle, to bring back some of that flash," Pastrana said.

"This is going to be a huge challenge for me," he added. "This whole night is kind of an ode to the stuntman. It's not really about me, even though it's going to be one, hopefully, if it works out the way I hope, an awesome caper to a career."

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competitive match. Unlike then — an eventual 4-1 victory over Uruguay — there was no comeback.

Not when Courtois was

proving to be an impenetrable barrier in the Belgium goal, denying Marcelo's strike before the lead was extended by De Bruyne.

"They were more effective," Tite said, struggling to hold back tears. "Not a superiority

in terms of performance, but in terms of effectiveness on the pitch."

Belgium held on even after Philippe Coutinho's cross was headed in by Augusto, who managed to evade Kompany and Jan Vertonghen three minutes after replacing Paulinho.

"Sometimes you have to accept that Brazil has got this finesse, that quality, and that they're going to break you down, and (Belgium) just refused to accept that," Martinez said. "This is something special."

Belgium, which finished fourth at the 1986 tournament and has never won the European Championship, is now on a 24-match unbeaten streak.

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Gender stereotypes ruin girls sports

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Gender stereotypes can discourage girls from sports and other healthy activities, but a new fitness program for preschoolers hopes to even the playing field.

When Leah Robinson was a child, she remembers having a great love of being active. But she felt discouraged from some forms of recreation due to a factor that was out of her control.

"I used to always love rough and tumble activities as a young kid, but [I would] always get pushed to the side because I was a girl," Robinson recounted in a recent interview.

Robinson's experience is no fluke.

Overall, girls receive less encouragement from family members and teachers to be physically active and participate in sports. As a result, girls ages 8 to 12 are 19 percent less active than boys, according to a 2016 study.

Researchers also found that girls take almost 2,000 fewer steps a day on average than their male counterparts, and this disparity does have health consequences.

The study showed that girls have 18 percent lower cardio-respiratory fitness, 44 percent lower eye-hand coordination, a 9 percent lower perceived aptitude in physical activity, and 5 percent more body fat.

These findings led researchers to conclude the physical education of girls was detrimentally impacted, "by socioecological factors at the individual, family, school and environmental levels."

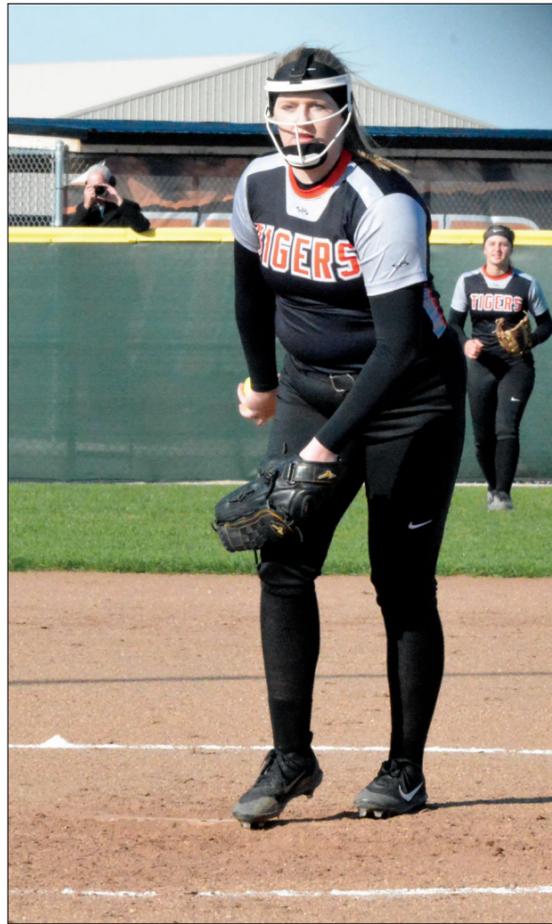
However, they also offered a ray of hope, proposing, "These factors are potentially modifiable, suggesting the gap in [physical activity] between boys and girls can be reduced." Robinson, an associate professor of movement science at the University of Michigan School of Kinesiology, is seeking to reduce this potentially modifiable gap.

As a researcher, she and her colleagues have developed a curriculum called CHAMP — Children's Health Activity Motor Program — in order to jumpstart motor skills and physical activity in preschoolers ages 3 to 5.

The goal of the curriculum is to engender a lifetime of healthy living for both genders.

A recent study that tracked the success of the program is promising.

It followed preschoolers as they engaged in half-hour movement sessions twice a week over the course of nine weeks. Unlike traditional



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Paris girls sports are flourishing, thanks to the rich feeder programs in the community, middle schools and high schools.

programs, CHAMP allows children to choose the skills they'd like to focus on (throwing, kicking, etc.) as well as the level of difficulty (low, medium or hard) and the length of participation.

Overall, CHAMP kids spent two more minutes engaged in moderate to vigorous physical activity than those in traditional programs, which recorded two more minutes of standing around.

Yet, the study found there was still a gender gap. CHAMP boys participated in two more minutes of physical activity than girls and two less minutes of standing around.

"We do see that girls are engaged in the program," said Robinson. "Unfortunately, we... have not been able to eliminate that sex difference between boys and girls. But they are... seeing better increases compared to girls who are not receiving the intervention."

By teaching girls these skills early in life, Robinson hopes to help even the playing field between boys and girls as they grow older.

Additionally, physical education isn't a requirement in many preschool programs, even though the recommended amount of exercise for this age group is three hours per day. At present, only half of this group gets this amount — and most of them are boys.

It may take a lot more than

like a girl," dissuade young people from being physically active and tapping into their bodies' full potential.

Robinson acknowledged the challenges. "There are various social [and] cultural factors that influence girls' participation in sports," she noted, adding the key is to be conscious of these factors.

Robinson recommended that adults, parents and teachers "be very cautious of and try to be aware of what we say to individuals." They must also be willing to, "try to correct those behaviors and those actions [that might discourage girls from pursuing fitness]" — or any other pursuits, for that matter.

And when it comes to dismantling stereotypes, both conversation and education are key.

"I think the best way is communicating and talking about [societal challenges] and bringing them to light," Robinson said, adding, "these are issues that we still face today... [not just] 10, 20, 30 years ago or more... Hopefully, one day people will say, OK, it's time to really move forward and move past it."

Implementing programs like CHAMP, which foster motor skills and a pro-fitness social environment from an early age, is an important step toward bridging the gender gap.

At present, Robinson and her colleagues are seeking funding in order to train others to help bring the curriculum to more schools.

Robinson's ultimate goal is to persuade policy makers to institute CHAMP in pre-K to third grade classrooms across the country. She hopes to accomplish this "so I can say that every child hopefully is getting a solid foundation for movement that can get them on a healthy trajectory for activity across their lifespan."

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Good game, Challenger League!

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Challenger Jarcho laughs with his brothers as he advances to first base during the annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday, July 4. The Challenger League offers special needs children ages 3 through 21 the opportunity to play an adapted game of baseball.



Alison Baldwin sang the National Anthem to open the fifth annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday, July 4 at Rural King Field at the Paris American Legion. As is tradition, the Legion provided the color guard.



There were 17 new players in the Challenger League this past season including Paul, seen here batting in Wednesday's, July 4, annual all-star game. Participants in the Challenger League are provided a uniform, bat and glove at no cost so each can play a modified baseball game.



Challenger player Chris was eager to get to first base after his hit Wednesday, July 4, in the annual Challenger League All-Star game at Rural King Field, outrunning his Buddy, Brody Spencer.



Buddies — volunteers who assist Challenger players — are an important part of the league. Player Leaton advances to first base with the help of her buddies, Morgan Gann, left, and Penny Ogle.



Designated pitcher Matthew Colvin delivers a pitch to Challenger League batter Jayden during the fifth annual Challenger League All-Star game on the Fourth of July. The game is the traditional end to the Challenger season, which began in mid-May for the special needs participants.



Challenger Devin and his brother make the trip to first base during the annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday, July 4.



Umpire J.W. Colvin, left, encourages Challenger batter Abbey who waits for a pitch from volunteer Matthew Colvin during the fifth annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday, July 4. The game is a Fourth of July tradition and marks the official end of the Challenger season.



There were plenty of smiles and excitement during the annual Challenger League All-Star game Wednesday, July 4, at Rural King Field at the Paris American Legion. Tristyn crosses home plate to score, followed by his Buddy Bryan Kohlmeier.



The Challenger League depends not only on buddies to assist players like Mychaela but coaches as well including Amber Cowger who watches as the player runs to first base.

Life at the Highrise

Good morning, and hello again from the residents and staff here at the Highland Manor.



MIKE HAASE
HIGHRISE HAPPENINGS

I haven't talked to you for a while, the reason being that my old friend, Mr. Cancer, has paid me another visit. I'm not concerned though because my Lord is with me through the whole ordeal.

Wow, what a difference a few weeks make. Welcome to summer everyone. Hope you're ready because it's here.

Just a few short weeks ago, I was writing to you about the early signs of spring with all the beautiful flowering trees and at that time I mentioned I had not seen much Dogwood yet. That changed real quickly.

The end of April some of my family took me to Louisville, Ky, to an aviation event for my birthday. Southern Indiana and Northern Kentucky were just full of Dogwood all along the way.

I'm sure it's run its course by now since everything is a pretty green, including the crops around here. The old saying "knee high by the Fourth of July" has already come and gone.

Since it has been a while, I will get right to some news from here at the manor.

Last week we took our annual trip on the bus over to Casey to see some of the world's biggest items. As usual, the people there were friendly, courteous and really made us feel welcome.

If you are looking for a place to go on a Sunday afternoon, or even a day, take the short drive down to Casey to see these things.

They are all confirmed by the Guinness Book of World Records and are beautifully landscaped. Be sure to take your camera or phone with you when you go.

Before I forget, I want to thank the Rides MTD for helping us plan these monthly bus trips.

At our most recent bunco games, Mary Booher, the granddaughter of a resident, showed us older folks how to play the game.

She rolled the high score, the most five pointers, the most buncos and the highest first round with Mary Davis. Way to go Mary.

Tony Kennedy had the low score for the evening with Minnie Biggs and Barb Wheeler having the high single games.

The Bible studies we offer every other week are well attended, with anywhere from 20-25 souls coming, and we have had 30 a couple of times.

In our recent studies, we covered Jesus' appearances following the Resurrection, and in our last study, we covered the Ascension. We will be discussing "The Great Banquet" next time.

Following our monthly salad dinner, my long time friends Roger and Rosie Stanley gave us a program about some of the historical markers around our area.

Our residents took quite an interest in this presentation, with some discussion following.

I can still recall my dear old granddad, who went to see the Lord in 1959, referring to Route 1 as the Chicago to Vincennes Road. Isn't it strange how some of our

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Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Phil Wright's bread making business can make several types of bread but the best sellers are the sourdough and white loaves cooling on the counter in front of him.

A farm family tradition

Phil Wright draws on lessons learned from his grandmother, mother

BY GARY HENRY

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Baking bread is something Phil Wright naturally gravitated toward. "I like to cook," said Wright, who also home cans produce from his garden.

He learned the intricacies of working with dough from his mother and grandmother who specialized in dinner rolls. His wife and daughters also inspire a level of competitiveness that keeps him motivated.

Wright said the women in his life are great cooks and that keeps him inspired. He also works with daughter Agnes Wright in a vendor booth they operate at local events like the Shrine Barbecue, Edgar County Fair and Honeybee Festival.

"We'll be at Chrisman Days this year, and we will do some weekends at Southfork Homestead," said Wright.

The food stand was his daughter's idea after she worked at a concession stand and enjoyed the experience. They make chicken and pork kebabs and fresh smoothies.

Grand Oak Farm Artisan Breads was an outgrowth after Wright started making bread for use at the food stand.

Bread is an ancient food and an ancient craft. Wright values the heritage in what he does by using cast iron vessels for baking the bread.

"I haven't tried it outside," said Wright, noting bread can be baked in a cast iron dutch oven with hot wood coals for a heat source.

That method introduces considerable extra work into what is already a tight production schedule of baking up to 25 loaves weekly for each Paris Farmers Market.

Wright uses the electric oven of his home's kitchen range that can accommodate up to three loaves at a time.

"It gets pretty hectic in this little kitchen on Thursday and Friday," he said regarding preparation for the farmers market sales.

Another option he has thought about but not acted on is building



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The popular sourdough bread Phil Wright bakes uses a starter, shown here, that has ties to the starter used by pioneers on the Oregon Trail. He explained the starter can be put to rest and later woken up as needed. During the waking up, it is important to feed the starter and he said that is akin to caring for livestock, which is something he has done all of his life.



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Phil Wright pulls another loaf of bread from the oven. He prefers to bake his bread in cast iron vessels.

an earthen, wood-fired oven capable of handling multiple loaves for baking.

His appreciation for heritage is also apparent in his sourdough bread.

"Agnes is a big fan of the Oregon Trail and about 10 years ago she found a website that claimed to have original starter from the Oregon Trail," said Wright.

He is still using that starter which can be put back to sleep and returned to life.

"When you wake it up, you have to feed it. It is like taking care of livestock which is something I've done all of my life," said Wright. "Yeast is an amazing thing to me."

His favorite recipe source for bread is the monthly publication "Mother Earth News" although he tinkers with the recipes.

There is always a period of experimentation with the ingredients until achieving the flavor he finds most satisfying.

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Driving lesson tempers

Dad kicked my foot. "Quit, riding the clutch."

Being 16, with a budding temper, naturally led to an altercation. In close quarters, in the front seat of an automobile, the option of throwing punches was limited.

Even a short, hard jab to the face would have required a separation of at least eight inches.

Stepping out of the car in order to exchange blows worthy of the inclination was really not an option. In the intervening seconds, tempers cooled, and this is fortunate for the reader of this fine newspaper, given the impossibility of this column being written from the grave.

A fight might have come out otherwise, and I would be writing from prison, having been sentenced to life without parole. Dad fought as an amateur once, but, having arms longer than most people, I possessed the advantage.

Assuming most of you are cynics and being completely unbiased as to which cable news channel you watch, verification of my claim of having really long arms will be provided by email. My reach will be clearly evident - my knuckles dragging the ground (from a standing position of over six feet).

High school driving classes were not offered then. Most farm boys drove tractors and other farm equipment. And, there were the options of borrowing a parent's keys surreptitiously, stealing a car (not recommended for obvious reasons) or hot-wiring it.

Dad ranked at the bottom as a driving instructor, due to his temper and impatience. My riding the clutch was more than he could bear given his love of cars. At the time he was trying to teach me to drive he owned four cars.

In particular, I remember the big, black, four-door, Capone-era Chevy. My older sister attempted to learn to drive the behemoth, culminating in a trip down a ditch and into a farmer's fence, which neither made my dad happy, nor the farmer.

Dad went a lot easier on my sister, she being his first child - and a girl. She was defiant, stubborn as a mule and explosive in temper. Of course, Dad loved that, and

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HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

Big Data and Big Brother are working together

I attended the 2018 International Education Tech Conference (ISTE) in Chicago with 24,000 other educators. I was able to share and learn from some of the best teachers in every region of the U.S. and countries around the world.

A couple of big picture observations came out of the conference. First, teachers in other countries are passionate about improving student learning, and second, we have turned the corner on artificial intelligence. AI is now a core service in our society. Some recent news stories

illustrate how AI is useful to law enforcement.

The Golden State Killer was caught in April after a 40-year search. Police identified him after finding a DNA match a distant relative submitted to a public genetic

testing database. By running thousands of DNA samples to compare with old crime scene

evidence they hit a close match and from there traced his family tree.

Just last week, the Capital Gazette newspaper at Annapolis, Maryland, was targeted by a mass shooter. The suspect was captured but had no ID. He refused to talk, but law enforcement identified him in a short time despite the lack of cooperation. Like something out of science fiction they ran his image through facial recognition software against the millions of photographs and got a name. When you get your driver's license renewed

they snap a picture of you and store it with your name in a government database.

AI had its computer foundations at a Dartmouth conference in 1956 with MIT and several power players. It did not take off until the last 20 years with advances in computing tools. Artificial Intelligence is basically machine learning. The term Big-Data is used in connection with AI. Databases can collect terabytes of data per hour. IBM estimates we collect about 2.5 billion gigabytes of data every day, and it's growing.

The next step is to sort and

organize that data and then start looking for patterns.

It can be weather data, financial markets, virus epidemic data or what people post on social media. Computer storage is now cheap and virtually limitless. Computer processing is also cheap and fast.

Researchers and others let computers organize data looking for connections. Machines do not yet make the esoteric leaps and aha insights of the human brain, but they are far faster and never forget facts.

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By Aaron Rhoads, O.D.

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HIGHRISE

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memories just stay with us. As I have stated before, King Bingo is still our biggest attendee and it follows our monthly potluck. A lot of folks here like this game, but I must honestly say it is not one of my favorite activities. By the way, Micci Cox won the overall and Pauline Reiber took the door prize.

In our recent games Charlotte Jones and Bob Davis tied to win the overall.

Paris Health Care also brings bingo in to us monthly. It is hosted by Carol and Terri Shirar and is well appreciated by all of us here.

The Autumn Ministries Class from the Paris Church of God stopped by with their monthly supper, message and song.

Kim and Kevin Trine brought us the program and the evening was applauded by all who came. May God bless this church for all they do.

I have really enjoyed the various baseball stories some of the writers have written about. They sure do bring back memories of my childhood and growing up years. I myself, like Roger, never played on an organized team until high school.

There wasn't any Little League, Senior League or any kind of youth league when we were growing up. Although, we still played a lot of baseball, sandlot style with girls and boys both playing.

I want to make it pretty clear that nothing happened until the chores got done. (There's a word you don't hear much any more.) Well, anyway, most of the kids during my generation had morning and evening chores to do and sometimes we got a quarter for a movie with a little left for some candy. Boy, what a treat.

We played our organized games at the softball diamond out behind the American Legion, which at that time was the only ball diamond out there.

Without any adult supervision, us kids organized our own league of four teams, one each from north, south, east and west ends of Paris. Oh, what times they were.

Want to know how we got the money to buy our 49-cent baseballs? We went all over town gathering up soda pop bottles and cashed them in at one of the Haase Markets.

Eventually we all grew older, and it was time to grow a little more and find a real job and then high school with the Paris Tigers; then to the job market, college or military.

It is very sad for me to drive past our city parks and schools and see virtually no kids playing games of any kind where we always saw them before, just a few years ago.

While I am on a kind of a baseball kick here, we want to congratulate our own Paris Tigers, who had an absolutely great baseball season this spring, winning the most games ever

by a Tiger team. And remember this, the best team doesn't always win, but the team that plays the best usually does. It's all about teamwork.

I'm going to begin to close this session with you, but before I do, I want to mention some of our other benefits we offer here at this facility.

To begin with, the mail boxes are all inside along with a laundry, library, sitting room with TGV (you watch what you want), a very nice out door deck and, of course, our big, large, community room, which also includes our movie area and kitchen.

Before I do wrap this up, I sincerely want to thank all of you who mention this article when you see me out and about and also for the cards you send me.

I also want to thank The Prairie Press for putting them in the paper every five or six weeks.

I am not a pro at this by any means but I learned to write sports a long time ago from my good friend, the late Bud Wittick.

Bud taught me a lot about wording, grammar, spacing and things like that. I miss his articles very much, especially his annual letter to Santa, in which he always asked for something for his Cubs. Miss you Bud.

(Mike Haase is a lifelong resident of Paris, who now makes his home at the Highland Manor. He is a lifelong Pittsburg Pirates fan and former baseball coach. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)

REYNOLDS

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bragged about it. One of his fondest memories was born of an incident outside the grade school across the street from our house.

She was four years old at the time, and one day, she climbed the fire escape — which extended to the third floor of the building. Dad yelled at her to come down. She refused. True to the long and hallowed tradition of Reynolds males, he feared heights.

My sister, finally, descended. Being his favorite daughter and all, he reprimanded her. When she started crying, he hugged her.

That day when we came near to blows, I was attempting the impossible — parallel parking between two of Dad's cars. The bumpers were so close; a drop of water would not have passed between them. After a couple of dents, orchestrated by profanity, Dad moved the cars further apart.

That was the last of my dad's driving lessons.

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SULLIVAN

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experience, upload a large set of digital pictures online into Google Photo. As soon as you load the pictures, the system begins sorting and organizing every detail of the images.

When you tag, or identify, an individual it will learn who they are. It maps facial features and quickly matches every other picture containing that person. It even finds small background half hidden instances in a group picture.

Type a command such as "Show me Aunt Ruth," and it will instantly display every picture containing Aunt Ruth, even a childhood picture of Aunt Ruth you snapped from an old photograph then uploaded. The accuracy is uncanny.

It is better than that. Ask for "Aunt Ruth Sports," and the software will pull out pictures of Aunt Ruth playing golf, sitting in Busch Stadium or running track back in high school. The program even learns and identifies pets.

In the last year we turned the corner on AI. I don't like being questioned by a machine but how often do you call a company and have to use voice commands to navigate? You will be asked to say inquire about my bill, start a claim, check an existing claim or something else. The computer listens, breaks down your voice and figures out what you said. I don't like it, but they are highly accurate.

At the conference, I spoke with the head of education at Microsoft and here are some interesting facts. In 2016, machines reached human equivalent with object recognition. In 2017, machines matched humans in speech recognition, then in January 2018, they achieved equivalence in reading comprehension, and in March, machine translation reached human parity.

I follow a Finnish teacher on social media and while she speaks English, her posts are in Finnish about which I am clueless, but I have no trouble following her by just hitting the translate button.

There is now a free add-on for Microsoft PowerPoint called Presentation Translator. Use it with a microphone to give your presentation. As you present live, the program adds subtitles on the slides in any of 60 languages. It gets better. If your audience members put on headphones, they can hear your presentation live in their own native language just like the UN.

AI is changing medicine. When you visit your doctor, she will look at your physical appearance, collect some base data like weight/heartbeat and ask a series of questions with each question prompted by the previous answer. With this data, computers are able to work through the art of diagnosis nearly as accurately as your doctor.

How does all of this connect back to education? Obviously, there are new tools for English language learners. If AI is used well it can let us individualize education with adaptations for each child.

Like most schools, Shiloh uses benchmark-testing services. Each student is tested with an adaptive online test

at regular intervals. The test adapts giving harder questions as the student correctly answers or easier questions after wrong responses until it zeros in on an individual student's current level of understanding.

Each student works with online instructional services that are targeted specifically to their level, and it adapts lessons to move them forward at their own pace. We are early in this process and most educators are still learning how to use the systems, but the potential is there.

Those who think through the good and the bad will quickly see potential for manipulation and abuse. Facebook is struggling to repair its reputation after political groups mined the data and used AI to promote a specific political agenda.

Look at advertising and marketing.

I am sure everyone has had the experience of searching for a Nikon camera online and then suddenly ads and sale specials for Nikon cameras are all over your computer. Knowing the purchasing interest of every individual is the holy grail of marketing where Amazon is the king.

The software not only stores every purchase you ever made but also all of your searches. The analysis lets marketers target you with efficiency.

Retail interests have even managed to place a spy in your home. Don't think Amazon Echo or Google Home are innocent. They record and analyze every question you ask, and the devices are sometimes recording even when you don't know they are active. Everything gets stored and analyzed. Give me your shopping list they say.

That Smart phone in your pocket is listening, too. Siri and Google Assistant feed the corporate world much information as they help you find a new rib place. The Latin phrase "Caveat Emptor" will always ring true. Ask to have it translated.

(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 sullivant@shiloh1.us)

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Paris Beacon-News

The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of July 1-7 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the news of the Paris area 100 and 50 years ago this week.

HARRIS ARRESTED

Jack Harris was arrested by the police on a warrant sworn out by Charles Brown, the restaurant keeper, charging him with beating a board bill. The man was taken before Justice T. J. Davis where he was endeavoring to make a settlement.

AUTO RIDERS CAUSE SCARE

That the excitement on North Main street was merely the shooting of fireworks by young boys is the belief of Chief of Police E. E. Bacon, following an investigation of reports that pistol shots were fired.

A small boy, son of a Paris business man, came running in with a story to the effect that two automobiles had been racing north, the occupants of the rear machine firing a revolver at the men in the front car.

About 30 minutes later Chief Bacon discovered two cars answering the description coming in from the Chicago road. He hailed the drivers and both stopped. They were young boys, who had been bathing at the lake, and were equipped with a supply of fireworks.

GREAT PATRIOTIC RALLY

Hon. Allen D. Albert will deliver the address at the great Union Open Air Service on the lawn between the library and the First Christian Church Sunday at 7:30 p.m.

It is said that Mr. Allen delivered at the Chamber of Commerce supper at Chrisman the first patriotic address that has been heard in Edgar County since the war began.

Special music, including the Presbyterian Sunday School Orchestra, has been arranged for. Everybody who has a flag is requested to bring it.

50 YEARS AGO

HOLD YOUTHS FOR FIREWORKS

City police and the sheriff's department made three arrests on illegal fireworks possession charges over the weekend, and indicated investigation is continuing including possible charges against adults selling the illegal explosives in Paris.

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DOW MORRIS DIES

L. Dow Morris, 38, vice president of the Stewart Hog Ring Co., and a popular sports figure here during his high school and adult life, died at his home on R. R. 4 following a five-month illness.

An outstanding athlete and member of the state championship basketball team for Paris High School in 1947, Mr. Morris continued his interest in sports as coach for the St. Mary's basketball team.

PARIS TO CELEBRATE

Flags will fly, band music sound out and fireworks burst as the community and area celebrate another Glorious Fourth.

The Independence Day celebration in Paris will center at Twin Lakes Park, which a capacity crowd is anticipated for family picnics and fun in the water or on shoreside amusements. An afternoon band concert is planned by the Paris Municipal Band from the shelter stage followed by an evening program of country and western music. The fireworks display is set for 9:30 p.m., fired from the bank of the West Lake.

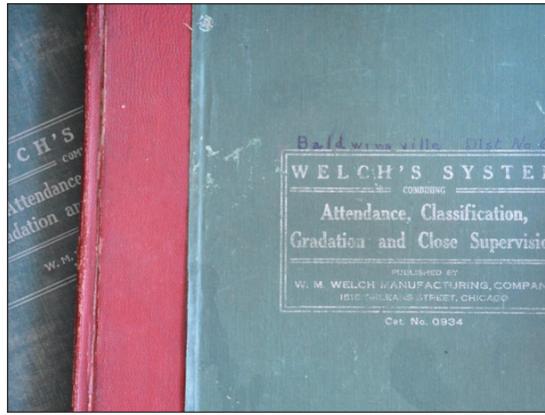
Baldwinsville lives on

Newspaper story
revives memories

BY GARY HENRY

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The June 23 article about Baldwinsville and Cambridge by Roger Stanley prompted a response from the sole occupant of Baldwinsville.

Denise Grimes is a descendant of Otis McCulloch who settled the area in 1820 and the town of Cambridge was platted on some of his land to serve as the county seat for Edgar County, which was still three years into the future at that point. Cambridge never got beyond paper but a crossroads village known as Baldwinsville a little west of St. Aloysius Church did develop.



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These school registers for the defunct Baldwinsville School are from the early 20th century. One covers a period from 1912-1916 and the other is for 1926.

Grimes said only one house remains in what was Baldwinsville.

"That's where I grew up," she said.

After returning to the area, she moved into her childhood home and discovered numerous documents related

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This is the original plat map for Cambridge dated Aug. 2, 1820. A public square was part of the plan since promoters hoped to make Cambridge the county seat of the yet to be created Edgar County. Paris became the county seat and Cambridge failed to thrive.

Saving county history

BY ROGER STANLEY

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Back in the early 1920s some people were realizing no one was making an effort to tell the stories of the local past in a meaningful way and a historical society was formed.

At the time, a wealth of historical lore from early settlers remained and those interested thought something should be done to record that knowledge before the older generation died off.

An announcement appeared in the Paris newspapers about an organizational meeting 1:30 p.m. Wednesday March 8 at the Paris Library to form an Edgar County Historical Society. The announcement stated the reason for the meeting was to collect historical facts and records in a manner to make them more available to the general public.

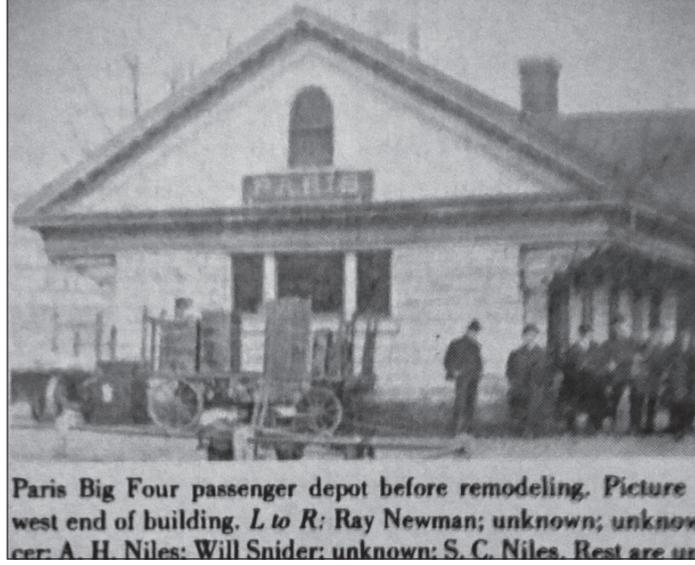
Edgar County was important even before Illinois became a state with the agreement of a peace treaty at Palermo in the 1760s for example. It was important for people to know how the prairie was tamed, and it was intended for the local group to work with the Illinois Historical Society to the advantage of both groups.

Organizers encouraged the many descendants of the early settlers to take an interest and support the group.

Subsequent news accounts reported the success of the meeting and details about its organization and the people who became a part of its structure. Initially, there were 41 charter members, but within a month there were 76 listed as founding members. Mrs. E.O. Laughlin was elected president and Mrs. Charles S. Levings became secretary and treasurer. Richard K. Shelledy, Frank Vanseller and Miss Katherine Bishop were chosen to set up a constitution and suggest by-laws.

Another meeting followed in April and the by-laws and constitution for the group were accepted and passed. Vice presidents were chosen for each township in order to have representation throughout the county. They were Kansas, Mrs. O.E. Wilhoit; Edgar, Mrs. Courtney Harris; Paris, W.C. Slemmons; Ross, Dr. Charles Kerrick; Buck, Dr. W.S. Jones; Symmes, Mrs. J. Ogden O'Hair; Elbridge, Mrs. W. M. Ferguson; Stratton, Mrs. Harry Lycan; Grandview, Mrs. John Schneider; Hunter, Mrs. Herbert Dickenson; Young America, George Hughs; Shiloh, Harry Brock Jones Sr.; Brouillets Creek, Mrs. Ann Randall; Embarrass, Mrs. William Pike; and Prairie, Mrs. Mae Adams.

Mrs. Frank Foley was elected as permanent secretary, and Mrs. H.B. Rowe as permanent treasurer. Committees were assigned to obtain museum artifacts, create programs and make



Paris Big Four passenger depot before remodeling. Picture west end of building. L to R: Ray Newman; unknown; unknown; A. H. Niles; Will Snider; unknown; S. C. Niles. Rest are unknown.

Special to The Prairie Press

Helping to promote the formation of the Edgar County Historical Society in the 1920s one of the Paris newspapers published this early photograph of the Big Four passenger station as the type of artifacts and documents the members of the nascent group wanted to collect for posterity. The current historical society continues that work of looking for original documents and artifacts.

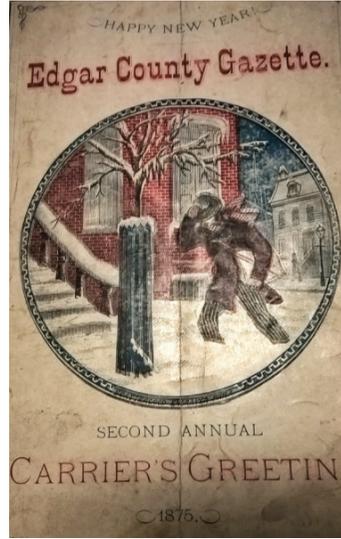
purchase decisions. Dues were \$1 per year.

The mission statement for the society was proposed. It started by trying to collect historical papers, books, photographs or engravings of buildings of historic places, to find and display pictures of early settlers and prominent people, to look for any written records and information about the early days of Edgar County. The members were encouraged to loan or donate articles of historic significance and relics.

In a few months, the historical society mounted a display consisting of a miniature steam engine, a silk banner used in William Henry Harrison's 1840 presidential campaign, "A History of the World" published in 1731 and a letter written by Henry Clay in 1851. Also obtained were photographs of many of the public buildings in Paris such as the courthouse, jail, water works and the Big Four station. There was a leaf from a book published in 1869 certifying that Col. William J. Rives had contributed 50 cents to the Lincoln Monument. Another interesting publication was a picture of the front of the Edgar County Gazette of 1875.

Meetings generally consisted of solos being presented, a short business meeting, poems read and a special presentation about the history of the county.

An example was a dissertation by J. J. Stevenson about the Edgar Union Guards - the first company to leave Paris for the Civil War in 1861. The public was invited and many times new relics were brought to those



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One of the artifacts collected by an Edgar County Historical Society started in the early 1920s was this 1875 Edgar County Gazette Carrier's Greeting.

meetings.

The purpose of the meetings was the sharing of information and artifacts by special speakers and a little entertainment with music. The gatherings were much different than what we have today.

It was perfect for the time, but the historical faded away during the World War II period. A new Edgar County Historical Society formed in 1970.

There are still some of the articles in the museum collection that are the result of the work by the dedicated pioneers of the first historical society.

If our flag spoke

If our flag could only speak, it might say: I will try to speak to you of the human race about my ancestry as a descendant of a colorful and respected member of the flag family of the United States.

I believe almighty God chose to create our family with possibly a little help from Betsy Ross and George Washington. My forefathers were brought to life during a great upheaval of human rights known as the American Revolution in the 1770s. I am not sure what those early flags were made of or how big they were, but the most important feature was what lay in the heart of our material being.

Many of those old flags could tell us youngsters of today about where they were placed and the reasons they were made proud. It may have been in the field of battle where many of us did not survive except in the hearts of the men and women that pledged allegiance to us even when we were dirty, worn and raggedy.

Some of our past generations were held high and honored as the first in parades that showed us proud as people honored us with their patriotic duty. There were many of our past generations draped on the coffins of those who had given their very lives to protect and honor what we valiantly stood for.

Down through the last 240 years many of our nation's people have only seen us in the dreams and bits of knowledge that hint of why we really wave our colors in the breeze. That motion and that movement surely encourages those that are weary and

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Violence against journalists in 19th century

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Before the Civil War, running a newspaper could be pretty dangerous if an editor ran pieces against slavery. Basically, you had to accept that violence was part of the job. There were more than 100 mob attacks against abolitionist newspapers, including one 1837 riot that killed editor Elijah Lovejoy.

This was not Lovejoy's first brush with mob violence. In 1833, he was the editor of the St. Louis Observer in his home state of Missouri and started publishing anti-slavery editorials. Missouri was a slave state, and these editorials quickly made him a target. Threats of mob violence forced him to flee to the city of Alton in the free state of Illinois, just across the Mississippi River. There, he began publishing the Alton Observer and resumed his support of abolition in his editorials.

However, the fact Illinois was free didn't mean white citizens were necessarily against slavery's existence; and it certainly didn't mean they were in favor of emancipated black people living freely throughout the U.S. On November 7, 1837, armed rioters stormed Lovejoy's warehouse and de-

stroyed his printing press. This was actually Lovejoy's fourth printing press because mobs had destroyed his previous three. It was also his last — he died in a shootout.

"This was the most violent of these actions to date" says John Nerone, a communications professor at the University of Illinois and author of Violence Against the Press.

It was also a calculated political move. One of the mob organizers was Usher F. Linder, the anti-abolitionist attorney general of Illinois. Before the rise of corporate advertising and the professionalization of journalism, newspapers aligned themselves with political parties or groups to cover issues in a way that was mutually beneficial. For anti-abolitionist papers aligned with political parties, this involved framing abolitionists in a negative way and even staging events.

"The party editors wanted to represent [abolitionists] as a bunch of lunatics who were not only in favor of abolishing slavery, but were also in favor of women's rights and women wearing pants, free love and vegetarianism," Nerone says.

In contrast, "when crowd actions happened against abolitionists...the party newspapers would generally represent

them as respectable orderly meetings," he says. "And just like any other political meeting, they elected a chair, passed resolutions and then they'd go take the printing press and dump it in the river."

All this created an atmosphere of violence for people who wrote in favor of abolition, especially if you were a black writer like David Walker.

After Walker published a pamphlet urging enslaved people to fight for their freedom in 1829, there was a price on his head: \$1,000 to kill him, \$10,000 to capture him alive.

Other editors and writers who supported abolition, or even wrote something about a politician that he didn't like, were egged, robbed or shot at. In 1852, General James W. Denver challenged Edward Gilbert, the editor of Alta California, to a duel for accusing the general of corruption. The general won, and the editor died.

Because editors were the face of the newspapers they printed, and since the majority of their readers lived in their area, editors were somewhat easy to locate and target. Regular threats of violence against white editors lasted until the 1870s and '80s. Yet for black journalists like Frederick Douglass and Ida B. Wells, threats

of violence continued to be part of the job.

Nerone says he can't authoritatively speak to whether attacks on journalists in the U.S.—the most violent being the fatal shootings at The Capital Gazette in Annapolis—have increased in the past few years. But he does see parallels between the chaotic media environment of the pre-Civil War era and today. These parallels include partisan alignment in media, a revolving door between people who work in politics and media, high levels of public distrust in journalists, and technology that quickly circulates attention-grabbing stories. (Before, it was the telegraph; now, it's the Internet.)

That isn't to say that conditions are exactly the same now, or that we're heading toward a civil war.

"Slavery was a fundamental issue that needed to be resolved — I don't see anything quite as compelling as slavery in today's political environment," Nerone says. "Nevertheless, when you have this kind of volatile political environment, you anticipate that there'll be a certain amount of violence. And you hope that it'll be resolved through discussion, which is what the press is supposed to be about."

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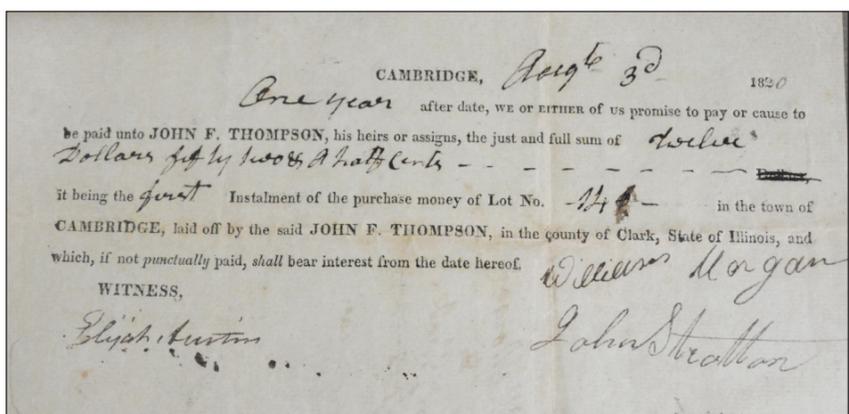
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to Baldwinville and Cambridge that were accumulated by generations of her family.

She noted her ancestor Otis McCulloch had extensive land holdings in the North Arm area but over the years property coming down through inheritance was sold off when descendants had other interests to pursue.

"There is only 22 acres that has never sold since it was settled," said Grimes.

She brought several documents to The Prairie Press office knowing some readers of the paper will enjoy seeing them.



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This promissory note dated 1820 is a pledge from William Morgan and John Stratton to buy lot 14 in the proposed city of Cambridge for the price of \$12.52½. Cambridge was envisioned as the county seat of territory to be taken from Clark County in the future. Edgar County was organized in 1823 with Paris as the county seat and development plans for Cambridge dissolved.



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heavy laden. It is a beckoning to come into our waving arms for comfort and assurance.

Surely they would also be welcomed into the arms

of those who have already learned the secret of us flags and respect the ideals that make us bright. Maybe we are here to be a testament to an idea about all men and women being created equal even though their circumstances

are different.

I believe the stars on me shine a brightness of hope for all the people of the country I love. Maybe that brightness even rubs off a little bit and encourages the people who fly the flags of the other countries of our whirling sphere.

Those of my family of American flags have been honored at times and hated and tortured at times by our own citizens. No matter the number of stars or how many stripes we bear, we stand and wave for an idea conceived in liberty and raised by true American virtue and obedience. As we are retired may the airs of our burning souls rising into the heavens be followed by those who truly believe in what we are — a beacon to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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Finding God in the wilderness

A growing movement of Christians seeks revival and renewal in outdoor services and plain air churches

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OJAI, Calif. — In last year's inferno, this tiny city was ringed with fire: 100 mph winds drove blazes across every ridge around a valley so lovely it doubled as Shangri-La in the 1937 classic "Lost Horizon." Trees exploded and countless wild creatures died in the California wildfire.

Victoria Loorz feared for the fate of her church — a grove of shrubs under a generous oak by a river bend in the Ventura River where she regularly invited dozens of people to open their souls to heaven and earth.

Yet by Easter, Loorz and her fellow Christians and spiritual seekers in the Ojai Church of the Wild were once more clambering rock-to-rock across the river, along new paths the fire had cleared to that special place.

On one recent Sunday, 12 people walked silently among resilient, reborn wildflowers and the still-ashen branches of the Manzanita shrubs and then shared their thoughts, sang and prayed in a circle of blankets under the oak.

"I call this church 'The Conversation.' Conversation is God. It is love — not a noun but a verb. It's the interaction of all things in relation to each other," says Loorz, drawing on a verse from the first epistle of John. She uses a Facebook page to introduce her services and an email list of 85 people she notifies of times and places.

Fourteen such informal churches — Episcopal, Catholic, Lutheran and nondenominational — appear on the Wild Church Network web page:

- In Dripping Springs, Texas, there's New Life Lutheran, where Carmen Retzlaff, an ordained pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, is holding services under live oaks with a livestock water trough for an altar.

- In Wheeling, W. Va., a chapter of the Catholic Committee of Appalachia is, "re-wilding our faith," with monthly liturgies outside church walls intended to, "nurture a deeper encounter with self and one another across religious traditions."
- In the District of Columbia metro area, the Center for



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The Three Rivers Forest Church in Richmond Hill, Ontario, is one of 14 informal churches meeting in Canada and the United States.

Spirituality in Nature, led by Beth Norcross, organizes Spirituality in Nature groups, including a Church of the Wild led by United Church of Christ pastor Sarah Anders that gathers monthly in local parks, "to honor the mutual indwelling

of the Divine with the Earth and all of its beings ... through multi-traditional spiritual practices, music and solo or group wanderings."

Pastors and lay leaders are beginning to organize services in 16 states, says Loorz,

a graduate of the evangelical nondenominational Fuller Theological Seminary and an environmental activist. She is writing a book about, "the transformational experiences of people have when they connect their own wild soul with God."

The Wild Church Network began in 2016, after Stephen Blackmer, an Episcopal priest who founded his independent Church of the Woods in Canterbury, N.H., nearly four years ago, heard about Loorz and others. Loorz now works with him in the nonprofit Kairos Earth Foundation connecting conservationists and environmentalists with spiritual leaders.

"We began to realize there were a bunch of us doing similar things all across the U.S. and Canada, finding people who long to reconnect their religious practice with the natural world when traditional practice — inside a building, cut off from the world — no longer works for them," Blackmer says.

Their shared goal? To, "reacquaint, recover and re-member

our congregations as loving participants of a larger community."

Blackmer writes: "In this age of mass extinctions, we feel burdened by the love of Christ to invite people into direct relationship with some of the most vulnerable victims of our destructive culture: our land, our waters, the creatures with whom we share our homes."

Offering Communion outside, he says, "helps us remember that the physical and spiritual worlds are completely bound up together. It becomes easy to see how everything grows, lives, dies and is returned into the earth where it takes on a new form. Its spark of life is transformed."

Blackmer was transformed himself when, after a career as a professional environmentalist who never went to church, he discovered the spiritual dimensions of his work, began a journey to the priesthood and founded a nonprofit environmental group, Kairos Earth.

Blackmer now holds two services on Sundays out in the woods. In extreme weather he

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Declaration is a spiritual document

July 8 marks the anniversary of the first public reading of the Declaration



JACK HOFFMAN
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

of Independence by Col. John Nixon; in 1776 before the Pennsylvania Assembly at what became Independence

Hall. Summoned by the ringing of the Liberty Bell that first crowd of curious listeners heard personally what became the clarion call for freedom from the oppression of a despot named King George III and the empire that had birthed our nation. The next day George Washington ordered the Declaration to be read to his bivouacked troops in New York City. No longer would the people of America bow in subjection to an oppressive regime or ruthless tyrant.

Our nation's founding was nourished by the depth of our early father's spirituality; yet present generations are too easily misled when revisionists redact facts that reveal fervent faith was at the core of the struggle for self-sovereignty. Reading the Declaration illuminates us from ignorance since the founders drafted the document to acknowledge God in the very first sentence as "mankind's Creator" and then begin the second paragraph with: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness." They proceeded to petition their case before he whom they also called "Supreme Judge of the world." At the end they pledged themselves to aid one another "with a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence." Attempting to deny that prevailing spiritual depth of the founders as illustrated in the Declaration is poor scholarship at best and outright falsehood at worst. In fact, to illustrate that this isn't just the opinion of this Baptist minister alone, let's refer back to actual comments made by

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LOCAL CARPENTER HELPS RUSSIAN CHURCH



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J.C. Foley, second from the right, didn't have much time for sight seeing during a mission trip to Vladimir/Rostov, Russia to help work on a Protestant chapel that is under construction. He and other volunteers did get a day to visit Moscow.

It's more than preaching

BY AL ENGLEBRIGHT
The Prairie Press

Paris resident J.C. Foley recently exemplified a witty slogan, "Be decisive. Roads are paved with flat squirrels who couldn't make a decision."

Foley decided to travel to Russia and apply his carpentry skills to assist in construction of Calvary Chapel, a Protestant church located approximately four-and-a-half-hours northwest of Moscow.

Specifically located at Vladimir/Rostov, the facility consists largely of homemade concrete blocks. The project slowly developed one step at a time for about 10 years as materials became available. The native congregation consists of an estimated 80 members who struggle with making their own contributions. They gladly and thankfully accept assistance from overseas Christians.

The opportunity to help came when two ministers from the United States invited Foley to join them on a mission to the church.

"I'm not an evangelist, but considerable mission work involves roles besides preaching and teaching," said Foley.

The First Christian Church in Paris purchased \$1,000 worth of new carpentry tools, which were shipped to Russia for Foley's use. He left them behind for future projects at the church.

"During my brief stay in Rostov, I helped install windows on the second floor," he said. "I also helped build sub-flooring and install floor tile. On my last day, I contributed to constructing faux stone on their foundation."

The Rostov Church is approaching completion, with mostly interior work remaining.

Foley flew from Chicago to Helsinki, Finland, via Finnair, then by the same airline to Moscow. He didn't have much time for sightseeing, although one day was arranged to tour Moscow.

"Christ's love is everywhere — even



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J.C. Foley installs a window in Calvary Chapel, a Protestant church under construction at Rostov, Russia. Foley put his construction skills to use during a mission trip to help the church.



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Residents of the Russian village Vladimir/Rostov are slowly building a Protestant church in their community. The main construction is with homemade concrete blocks. Paris resident J.C. Foley went there in late April to share his construction skills as part of a mission trip.

where few people speak our language. I felt it," said Foley. "I'd really like to return later and hopefully visit the

church after its completion. The trip, which lasted from April 26 to May 5, was one I will always remember."

Celebrity religion

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More Americans know the ingredients of a McDonald's "Big Mac" than the Ten Commandments. That gap becomes larger when talking about celebrities. We know when they marry, when they break up, the names of their children, where they vacation, what they eat, what their hobbies are and all of their drunken mistakes.

But do we know as much about religion? Americans have a difficult time answering questions about their own faith, let alone the religious doctrine of others. But we seem to remember that Daniel Radcliffe is an atheist, or that Mark Wahlberg goes to church every day.

You can find a plethora of information about which celebrities have seen God, lost God, are looking for God, gave up on God, love God, hate God, don't believe in God but are spiritual; the list goes on.

When John Lennon said of The Beatles, "we're more popular than Jesus," he was referencing a cultural shift that continues at a breathtaking pace. With digital technology, we can track everything about a celebrity and feel a connection, even if the celebrity doesn't know we exist. This has led to similarities between celebrities and deities becoming more pronounced. We call our celebrities idols.

More people visit TMZ than church on a daily basis. We create shrines from celebrities when they die. People talk with a fevered pitch about how Chris Pratt has created meaning in their life. People pick apart Ariana Grande's Instagram posts looking for hidden meaning.

Social psychologists believe humans fill our lives with meaning and value to avoid thinking of the inevitability of death. This is called Terror Management Theory. Religion is one way individuals give sense to their life. Celebrity worship is a different tactic for the same urge. This could be seen as comparable for several reasons. Celebrity worship is contemporary. I can interact with my object of worship on a daily basis, making it more tangible. Celebrity worship also has more freedom than religion. There are no established rules, beyond

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on the 150th anniversary of the Declaration.

"It is little wonder that people at home and abroad consider Independence Hall as hallowed ground and revere the Liberty Bell as a sacred relic... they have become consecrated... identified with a great cause. They are the framework of a spiritual event. The world looks upon them, because of their associations of one hundred and fifty years ago, as it looks upon the Holy Land because of what took place there nineteen hundred years ago. Through use for a righteous purpose they have become sanctified... The American Revolution represented the informed and mature convictions of a great mass of independent, liberty loving, God-fearing people who knew their rights, and possessed the courage to dare to maintain them... No one can examine this record and escape the conclusion that in the great outline of its principles the Declaration was the result of the religious teachings of the preceding period... They are found in the texts, the sermons, and the writings of the early colonial clergy who were earnestly undertaking to instruct their congregations in the great mystery of how to live. They preached equality because they believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. They justified freedom by the text that we are all created in the divine image, all partakers of the divine spirit... In its main features the Declaration of Independence is a great spiritual document. It is a declaration... of spiritual conceptions. Equality, liberty, popular sovereignty, the rights of man... They are ideals. They have their source and their roots in the religious convictions. They belong to the unseen world. Unless the faith of the American people in these religious convictions is to endure, the principles of our Declaration will perish... there was a wide acquaintance with the Scriptures. They were a people who came under the influence of a great spiritual development and acquired a great moral power.

No other theory is adequate to explain or comprehend the Declaration of Independence. It is the product of the spiritual insight of the people. If we are to maintain the great heritage which has been bequeathed to us, we must be like-minded as the fathers who created it. We must not sink into a pagan materialism. We must cultivate the reverence which they had for the things that are holy. We must follow the spiritual and moral leadership which they showed. We must keep replenished, that they may glow with a more compelling flame, the altar fires before which they worshiped."

Citation: Calvin Coolidge: "Address at the Celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania," July 5, 1926... by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project.

As mature people of faith our forefathers uniformly agreed, after listing the many grievances of King George, that, "a Prince, whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant, is unfit to be the ruler of a free people."

Enjoy your life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness - it came at great price to our founders and was a gift to all of us from a generation of people with deep spiritual convictions.

(Pastor Jack Hoffman is the pastor at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Paris. Email him at jillandjack1971@gmail.com.)

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Martinsville hosts Summer Rockfest Tour July 14

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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MARTINSVILLE - The Summer Rockfest Tour 2018 is at the Martinsville Fairgrounds Saturday, July 14.

Starting at 10 a.m. this event features food and local vendors. The music starts at noon and all the proceeds benefit the Shop with a Biker charity helping families in need at Christmas.

A free will donation will be accepted.

Seventh Day Slumber is the headline act. Also performing are: Spoken, Random Hero, AZahna, Amongst the Giants and Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

Other events for the day include redneck preacher games, a motorcycle rodeo, a tattoo contest and children's activities. The daylong event is sponsored by the Just Plain Christians organization.

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wood stove because, he notes, "it's hard to be reverential if you are shaking with cold."

The worshippers consider the moose, bears, deer and foxes as part of their small congregation. The human head count is typically a dozen people who gather to pray and, "look to the Psalms where the land and trees are singing God's praises," Blackmer says.

Wild Church leaders are careful to distinguish what they do from paganism.

"My tradition is Christian but my objective is not that people become Christians but that they find a way to connect with holiness that is authentic for them — an expanded way

of living and an expanded sense of Christ," says Loorz. At one service, a dozen people tiptoed across the river to join Loorz. Neil Barnsdale, who grew up Presbyterian but drifted away from church, says Church of the Wild offered him, "recognition of nature with a Christian underpinning."

Jennifer Howard, who brought her six-year-old daughter, Poeme, added, "The wild has been my church since childhood."

The service began with a reading, then a moment of silence, "to listen to the wind, your breath, the water, the birds," Loorz says.

"You walked across a river to reach this place. You are feeling the same wind in the trees in your lungs. They are all connected. We are all connected. We come from the same dust and will return to the same dust."

Loorz invites everyone to wander and wonder separately

for 45 minutes to, "read the text of the landscape and give it your attentiveness."

In a moment everyone is out of sight. When they gather again, they share their thoughts.

Joanna Yabrof gathers a wildflower bouquet, "now that a season of blackness has burst into bloom."

Poeme attempts to build a nest of leaves and sticks.

Barnsdale muses about a broken rock: "Why do things break apart when they do? Is it random or part of a bigger plan?"

Laurie Walters, whose husband died last summer, looks from the bees to the rocks and quietly says, "Life and death are making conversation all the time."

The Conversation service concludes with a song, written by Walters' late husband. It begins:

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laws on stalking. Someone can interchange their icons with no repercussions. I can't switch from worshipping God to Zeus without being told that it will damn my eternal soul. Moving from Jaden Smith to Migos? Easy.

Whether celebrity worship has caused a decrease in religious membership is a more complicated question.

There could be numerous factors that have effected shrinking membership: scientific discovery, generational change, religious scandal, the liberalism of governments and societies, etc. It is unclear if people who were previously

religious decided to reject official doctrine and begin to follow what Katy Perry is doing. What is more likely to happen is that families and people who have already moved away from religion have filled the gap in meaning and values by paying attention to celebrities.

The power of the celebrity continues to grow. New types of stars have been created with social media channels like YouTube, and there are an increasing number of people who are famous strictly for being famous.

The pantheon is becoming crowded. It remains to be seen if people will abandon celebrities and return to religion.

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New moms seeking answers

Concerns over opioid prescriptions are changing how women and doctors respond to postpartum pain

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The opioid crisis is changing how new moms approach pain relief.

From picking a hospital to choosing a birth position, pregnant women have a lot to consider when planning for the arrival of a baby.

But here's one more thing they're adding to their list of concerns: opioids.

Many doctors prescribe opioids to women to help with postpartum pain, especially if they deliver via cesarean section.

But most new moms — about 9 out of 10 women — have concerns about taking these drugs during and after childbirth, according to a

recent survey of 1,452 moms and moms-to-be, conducted by Moms Meet.

They have reason to be concerned, said Dr. Alyssa Dweck, OB-GYN in Scarsdale, New York. Opioids can cause side effects that could impact a mom's ability to care for her newborn.

"A lot of women become really groggy on opioids and experience constipation, which puts increased strain on an area of the body that's already strained after childbirth," said Dweck. "Women want to be mobile and able to care for their babies independently. They don't want to be in a disoriented state."

Additionally, opioids are highly addictive and for many

pregnant women, the time during and after childbirth may be the first time they're exposed to these drugs.

Whether or not a woman needs opioids or other pain relievers depends on her experience during and after childbirth.

And the amount of pain that women experience after childbirth varies, depending on whether they gave birth vaginally or by cesarean section, and whether or not there were complications.

But narcotics aren't the only way to cope with the pain.

A combination of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, such as ibuprofen, and acetaminophen can often be

enough to ease the pain after a vaginal delivery, said Dweck.

When Dell Medical School at the University of Texas at Austin and all Seton Healthcare Family hospitals used a combination of acetaminophen and ibuprofen as standard pain relief for women who recently gave birth, their use of opioids in the hospital reportedly dropped 40 percent.

Moms can also rely on alternative techniques to help manage the discomfort of childbirth, said Dweck.

A study out of Brazil showed that warm showers and perineal exercises could decrease pain and anxiety for women in labor.

"Many women are using relaxation techniques, Lamaze, and the Bradley method.

Getting into a mindfulness zone — using breathing and muscle relaxation techniques — has been successful for many women. We also use massage therapy with essential oils at my hospital," she said.

While vaginal deliveries without complications lend themselves well to non-opioid pain management solutions, women undergoing cesarean deliveries should expect to receive narcotics during and after the procedure.

One study found that 91 percent of women who had a cesarean delivery needed opioids to cope with the pain.

In its recent opinion on postpartum pain management, the American College of

Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends when moms do need opioids, doctors should educate patients and their families on the health risks of those drugs to women and babies.

"No one expects you to go through a major surgical procedure without pain medication — that's inhumane," Dweck said. "But it's reasonable to use other medication in combination with or instead of opioids."

She routinely uses an injectable anesthetic, called bupivacaine, at the site of the cesarean incision to give patients postoperative pain relief for days. The drug results in a 78 percent reduction in opioid

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Cheers to a healthy summer

Summer is here — a time for cookouts, family get-togethers and holiday celebrations.

For many adults, this is also a time where alcoholic beverages are consumed.

We have all heard the commercials to drink responsibly, or to drink in moderation, but do you really understand what that means?

The amount of alcohol a person can drink safely depends on the type of alcohol. Generally, a serving size is considered to be 1.5 ounces of hard liquor, 4 ounces of wine, 10 ounces for a wine cooler or 12 ounce of beer. According to the Center for Disease Control, moderation is one to two drinks per day for women and two to three drinks per day for men. This pertains to adults over the age of 21.

Keep in mind that not consuming alcohol Sunday through Thursday does not mean the drink limit goes up on the weekend. Alcoholic intake of five drinks per day is considered binge drinking. It takes about two hours for the adult body to completely break down a single serving of alcohol. For those fun summer events, where you may decide to indulge, pace yourself. Sip the alcoholic beverage slowly, and make every other drink a non-alcoholic drink, using water, tea or juice. Drinking water between alcoholic beverages helps dilute blood alcohol levels and prevents quick intoxication. It also prevents dehydration.

As always, those indulging in alcohol consumption should not only have a designated driver, but never operate machinery or a boat.

Here are some other things to consider:

Alcohol consumption is not recommended with some diseases. Individuals

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Pull tops from beverage cans may not seem like a big deal but these little devices, collected in sufficient numbers and recycled, help keep the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children open. Rita Goodman and Julie Garver spearhead the annual effort to collect the pull tops in Paris and Edgar County. They hope to reverse a drop in donations from recent years since the Maschino family of Paris needs to make use of the facility as baby Lily Maschino will require multiple stays in the hospital. Call Goodman, 822-1440, or Garver, 822-6112, for more information.

Picking up a hospital's tab

Paris sisters collecting can pull tabs to support Paris infant's medical challenges

BY GARY HENRY

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The Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children is special for Paris sisters Rita Goodman and Julie Garver. It is also becoming important in the lives of the Maschino family.

Lily Maschino was born March 2 with spina bifida and has already spent time in Riley Hospital and will be there often for treatments and checkups as she grows. Each time little Lily is in the hospital the Ronald McDonald House provides not only a place to stay, but also a respite, for her mother Chelsea Maschino and her grandmother, Heather Maschino.

"Her spine didn't close all the way in development," said Heather Maschino. "When she was born, her spine was outside her body."

In addition, the way the spine formed actually pulled a portion of the baby's brain down into the spine.

The spina bifida was discovered by an ultrasound during the 30th week of fetal development. Plans were put in place for Chelsea Maschino to have a cesarean birth at the appropriate time with another medical team standing by to treat the baby.

"Chelsea had a c-section at Methodist, and they immediately took her (Lily) to Riley," said Heather Maschino.

Twelve hours after birth, the baby was on the operating table to repair her back. A scant two weeks later the infant returned to surgery after developing hydrocephalus. A shunt was put in place to drain the building fluid around her brain.



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Pull tops from beverage cans are important to the Maschino family of Paris, and others who use the Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children. Lily Maschino was born March 2 with spina bifida and other health issues. During her three-week stay in the Riley NICU grandmother Heather Maschino, left, and mother Chelsea Maschino, right, stayed in the Ronald McDonald House that provides much more than a place to sleep. Recycling pull tops is a major funding stream for keeping the Ronald McDonald House open.

It is not clear at this time if the hydrocephalus caused any permanent brain or developmental damage, but there are other known issues the family confronts on a daily basis.

The baby cannot void her bladder or evacuate her bowels and every three to four hours must have a catheter inserted to clear her body of waste. Heather Maschino said that will never change and the child is dependent on catheters for the rest of her life.

"The doctors expect her to need braces for walking," said Chelsea Maschino. "They suspect she doesn't

have any feeling in her left leg from the knee down."

A heart defect exists but there is a chance that will heal on its own.

All of the women praised what the Ronald McDonald House does for families of patients at Riley Hospital.

"I stayed there three weeks while Lily was in NICU," said Heather Maschino. "Emotionally, it was nice. I was right there to help both of my girls."

People staying in the Ronald McDonald House are given the ability of concentrating on their child without

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What if Medicare is broke?

That scary thought raced through the media a few weeks ago when the program's trustees issued their annual report to Congress.

The media reported the news in its predictable fashion;

painting a bleak picture of the program some \$9 million older and disabled Americans depend on for their health care. Every year the media fail to give the full or nuanced picture of what's happening, instead opting for dramatic headlines announcing the program is broke. This year is no different.

"Medicare is not going broke," says Tricia Neuman, senior vice president at the Kaiser Family Foundation. "It does face a financing challenge." By 2026 the program will be able to pay only 91 percent of covered benefits for hospital services. "But it's not true to say the program is going broke."

First, it's important to understand that policymakers are talking only about shortfalls in the Part A trust fund, which pays for inpatient hospital care. That care is financed by payroll taxes paid by employers and their employees. Part B, which pays for outpatient care, lab tests and physician services, is financed by beneficiary premiums and general tax revenues, and those sources can be adjusted as needed.

Why this year's gloomy predictions?

A lot of those financial challenges identified this year by the program's trustees have been caused by recent changes in the law, Neuman told me. Some changes reduce the revenue that supports Medicare, and others increase the costs of preserving health care for all Americans.

Changes in the tax law passed late last year result in lower than expected revenues. Trustees noted that lower payroll tax revenue, which results from lower

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The drug results in a 78 percent reduction in opioid consumption, according

to manufacturer Pacira Pharmaceuticals. Managing patients' and doctors' expectations regarding pain after childbirth can go a long way toward reducing

reliance on opioids, said Dweck. "Back in the day, we were trained to keep people pain-free. The goal was zero pain. But now, we counsel patients to expect a healthy amount of pain. People going to med school today will have a different take on this than I did 20 years ago," she said.

There's no one-size-fits-all formula to ease women's pain after childbirth. It's a personal decision that women need to make in partnership with their doctors. Despite moms' heightened concern about narcotics, only 11 percent of survey respondents said they discussed non-opioid pain management solutions with their doctors.

"It can be a taboo subject. Women might be afraid to ask about pain management. And both women and doctors have limited time, which could push this to the bottom of the concerns," said Dweck. A simple conversation can help decrease the amount of opioids given to people, which can save lives. Opioid overdoses kill more than 115 U.S. people every day, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. Curbing the use of opioids among moms may be a step in the right direction in the fight against this crisis, said Dweck.

Data available from some states, such as Virginia and Maryland, show that drug use and overdose is a major contributor to the deaths of women while pregnant, or within a year of being pregnant. "[Childbirth] is, in some cases, a woman's very first exposure to pain medication, since most young, healthy women haven't been in and out of the operating room too many times," she said. One study found that about 1 in 300 women who hadn't previously used narcotics could become persistent opioid users following a cesarean delivery.

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wages and lower economic growth projections for the future, also played a role in their assessment.

The new tax law also repeals the individual mandate that called for almost all Americans to have health insurance or pay a financial penalty. The mandate was never popular with the public, but eliminating it has consequences for Medicare. Neuman said the repeal of the mandate is expected to lead to higher spending out of the Part A trust fund to cover uninsured Americans when they need hospital treatment. Medicare helps cover those costs.

Higher than expected payments to Medicare Advantage plans also figure into the trust fund shortfall. This is due to the relatively aggressive way in which those plans document or code the health conditions of members of their plans. This results in higher payments from Medicare.

The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 also adversely affected the Medicare trust fund by repealing the Independent Payment Advisory Board (IPAB) designed to lower program spending. The board had been expected to make recommendations about spending that

could trigger automatic spending cuts. Because of opposition from the health care community, the IPAB never got off the ground. Last summer a group of sellers, including drug and device companies, hospitals and insurers waged a campaign to convince Congress to wipe the IPAB off the books. Lawmakers did that in February, eliminating a potential path for Medicare to control its costs.

Neuman says it's important to remember that Congress, "has faced even worse shortfalls and in the past has taken action to strengthen the trust fund. That used to be standard to keep the program stronger."

So to sum up, Congress itself has worsened the state of the Medicare trust fund and made the program less stable, a point rarely discussed in the gloom and doom news accounts about the trust fund going broke. That's not to say that the Part A trust fund can't use an infusion of money as more Americans turn 65 while the cost of medical services continues to rise without serious cost control.

Marilyn Moon, a former Medicare trustee, told me it wouldn't take much to put the program on a sound financial footing. But it would require an increase in the payroll tax, which is never discussed as a solution. Instead the answer seems to be

to encourage more Americans to join Medicare Advantage plans, a private market alternative to Medicare that requires beneficiaries to shoulder more of their medical costs.

But as someone who just went through a serious illness, spent four months in the hospital, and racked up bills totaling more than more than \$4 million, I can attest to the value of traditional Medicare.

It's worth recalling what President Lyndon Johnson said when he signed Medicare into law in 1965. "No longer will illness crush and destroy the savings that they (Americans) have so carefully put away over a lifetime." Nor would young families see their own incomes and hopes eaten away as they carry out moral obligations to their parents.

That's reason enough to make sure the Part A trust fund is well funded.

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TABS
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worrying about getting meals, dealing with the hassle of parking in Indianapolis and avoiding the daily expense of a hotel room depleting finances.

Volunteers prepare three meals a day for those using the facility plus there is a well-stocked pantry where the family can obtain toiletries, snacks or prepare a late meal, if needed.

Heather and Chelsea Maschino added beyond having their need for safe shelter and food met, the Ronald McDonald House provides another important service. All of the parents staying there quickly become a support group for each other. Having others going through medical crises creates a level of understanding that others cannot comprehend.

"No matter how bad you think your case is, there is someone worse off," said Heather Maschino, adding one couple they knew lost their child while staying at the Ronald McDonald House.

The suggested cost to stay is a \$15 daily donation but it is not demanded of those who cannot pay. Still, there are costs to operating the facility and that's where Goodman and Garver come into action.

They used the Ronald McDonald's house when Garver's son was a Riley patient in 1998 and ever since they have collected pull top tabs from beverage cans.

Goodman explained the tabs are almost pure aluminum and are more efficient for recycling than cans. Every year they participate in a special event in July when the Indianapolis Mon-

ument Circle is closed to all traffic except vehicles bringing boxes of pull tabs for drop off at a collection point.

The two women have only a couple of boxes for this year. Goodman said since retiring she has lost contact with people who brought containers full of tabs and left them at her office with Dimond Bros insurance.

People who saved the pull tabs but are unsure where to dispose of them may call Goodman, 822-1440, or Garver, 822-6112, for more information. Another option is leaving them at the Grace Lutheran Child Development Center in Paris where Chelsea Maschino is employed.

Heather Maschino added she and her husband are placing collection containers at their places of employment and encourage others to do likewise.

July 2018

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

Special Events & Groups

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

*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.

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Dr. Davison: 217-383-3100	Dr. Patel: 217-465-2606 x4690
Dr. Deranian: 217-233-3101	Dr. Shatagopam: 812-242-3175
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Dr. Huh: 812-232-1418	Dr. Vishwas: 812-242-3125
Dr. Hussain, Dr. Ash, Katie Wilson, FNP-C: 217-366-2670	Dr. Wiarda: 217-258-5900
Dr. Jeevan & Dr. R. Kumar: 812-232-8716	Dr. Weisbaum: 217-383-3140
Dr. Kohli: 217-465-2606 x4579 or 4690	Dr. Yang: 217-466-4661
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Anne Frank's family tried to escape to U.S.

Family hit roadblocks with restrictive U.S. immigration policy

BY KIRSTEN GRIESHABER
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — Research suggests the family of Anne Frank, the world famous Jewish diarist who died in the Holocaust, attempted to immigrate to the United States and later also to Cuba, but their efforts were thwarted by America's restrictive immigration policy and the outbreak of World War II.

The Anne Frank House in Amsterdam and the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum said Friday that documents indicate Anne's father Otto tried twice to collect the papers needed to obtain visas for the United States. He later also appears to have applied for a visa to Cuba.

However, the Frank family's escape efforts were all in vain. Eventually they went into hiding from the Nazis in Amsterdam on July 6, 1942 — exactly 76 years ago. "I am forced to look out for emigration and as far as I can

see USA is the only country we could go to," Otto Frank wrote in English to a friend in the United States in 1941.

His efforts to get the family out of the Netherlands to the U.S. likely started as early as 1938 — a turbulent year in which Nazi Germany annexed Austria and part of Czechoslovakia into the Third Reich.

On Nov. 9 that year, Nazis terrorized Jews throughout the country in the violent Kristallnacht pogroms, also known as the "Night of Broken Glass."

Otto Frank wrote in his 1941 letter to his friend Nathan Straus that he had filed an application at the American consulate in the Dutch port city of Rotterdam in 1938.

However, he also mentioned that, "all the papers have been destroyed there," because on May 14, 1940, while the Frank family was still on a waiting list for possible visas, the American consulate was devastated during German bombardment and all papers were lost.

Even without the loss of

their visa application, it would have been difficult for the Franks to immigrate to the United States. With hundreds of thousands of people seeking refuge in the U.S. each year by the time war broke out in 1939, Washington was issuing fewer than 30,000 annual visas.

The processing of a visa application also lasted several years and included a huge amount of paper work, affidavits from relatives or friends in the U.S. Even with all these demands fulfilled, applicants could still be turned down.

The new research focused on the paper trail, looking at documents like the affidavits of support, testimonies on character and other such items provided to the U.S. authorities in the screening process, in addition to items like birth certificates, wedding certificates, tax clearances and more.

The war further complicated any immigration efforts. A renewed attempt in 1941 to get the family to the U.S. failed because all American consulates in Germany-occupied Europe, including the Netherlands, were closed by the Nazis. A visa application

to Cuba that same year also never came through.

While the Franks were not explicitly denied visas by the American consulate, "their efforts were thwarted by American bureaucracy, war and time," the historians wrote.

"All their attempts failed, so going into hiding was their last attempt trying to get out of the hands of the Nazis," said Annemarie Bekker from the Anne Frank House.

The family hid for more than two years during the war and it was then that Anne wrote her famous diary. On Aug. 4, 1944, they were discovered and ultimately deported to Auschwitz.

Only Anne's father Otto survived the war. Anne and her sister died in Bergen-Belsen camp. Anne was 15.

After the war, Otto Frank had his daughter's diary published, and it went on to become a symbol of hope and resilience that has been translated into dozens of languages.

The house where the Franks hid was turned into a museum that is one of Amsterdam's most popular tourist attractions.

Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

SUDOKU

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	8			3	1		4	
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	1	3						
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4	7	2	5	3	9	8	1	6
9	5	3	7	5	6	8	2	9
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3	1	8	2	5	9	4	7	6
1	8	6	4	9	2	5	3	7
5	4	6	4	5	9	8	2	7
7	2	7	3	1	6	4	5	9
2	7	3	2	7	9	3	2	7

ANSWER:

Money class set at Clinton Library

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CLINTON, Ind. — When payday rolls around, many consumers will be trying to figure out which bills they will pay and which ones will wait until another paycheck comes in.

With costs increasing for necessary expenses such as gasoline, utilities and health-care, consumers are finding it harder to make ends meet. If you, like many others, are wondering how you can stretch your paycheck and make your money go further, you will want to attend the program "Where Does Your Money Go?"

"A fresh look at your financial situation can give you new insight into ways to change spending behaviors in order to have more money," said Lori Bouslog, Purdue Extension Educator for Health and Human Sciences. "There may be enough money coming into the household to pay for expenses that are needed if some unnecessary items are eliminated or postponed. This program gives participants an opportunity to re-

think how they are currently spending money and make a plan for future spending."

"Where Does Your Money Go?" will be presented by Bouslog, a Purdue Health and Human Sciences Extension Educator. The program will be held from 6-7:30 p.m. (EDT) at the Clinton Public Library, 313 S 4th St. in Clinton, on July 11 and 18. Participants must attend and participate in both sessions to receive the certificate of completion.

Advance registration is requested by 4 p.m. (EDT) Tuesday (July 10) to ensure available materials. Registration may be submitted to either the Purdue Extension — Vermillion County office or the Clinton Public Library. There is no fee to attend this program.

If you have a disability that requires special assistance for your participation, please contact Lori Bouslog at the Purdue Extension — Vermillion County at 703 W Park Street, Suite #1, Cayuga, IN 47928; call 765-492-5332 or email lbouslog@purdue.edu.

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- River herrings
 - Body art (slang)
 - Taxis
 - Covered with asphalt
 - Mineral found in granite
 - Assist
 - Handled
 - Not drunk
 - Home to a famous tower
 - Songs
 - A way to designate
 - More infrequent
 - Medical man
 - Tellurium
 - Cycles/second
 - Neither
 - Home to a famous tower
 - Former Ravens tight end Todd
 - One who helps
 - Tries to persuade
 - Israeli city — Aviv
 - Political distance (abbr.)
 - Emergency first aid worker
 - Canadian law enforcers
 - Fathers
 - Drain of resources
 - An awkward stupid person
 - Home of the Wolverines
 - Chinese
 - Gives a hoot
 - Emaciation
 - "Sam Malone"
 - Horses do this
 - Hillsides
 - River in Florence
 - Republic of Ireland
 - Lapse
 - Blemished
 - Backside

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66					67					68			

- Threaten persistently
- Not fresh
- Presides over
- Astronomical period
- Harding's self-proclaimed mistress Britton
- Nocturnal primate
- Patriotic American women
- Vietnamese river
- Suspect
- Heroic tales
- Fences of wooden stakes
- Venzetti's partner
- Outermost parts of an area
- Type of student
- Noncoding RNA gene
- Frocks
- Sunscreen rating
- Opposite of women
- Needed to play games
- A partner to carrots
- Absolute
- Disgraced French aristocrat Antoinette
- End
- Food eaten between meals
- Soluble ribonucleic acid
- Singles
- Intersecting point
- Beats per minute
- Gold

Clues Down

- The Bird of Paradise
- Emit coherent radiation
- Above
- Passover feast and ceremony
- Commercial
- Rome is on its banks
- Kershaw and King Felix are two
- Seaman
- Stores an electronic charge
- Teething babies need
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No.2018- P -37

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KATHLEEN C. CASH. Letters of Office were issued on June 15, 2018 to Rex A. Brimmer, 3959 Clarksville St., Paris, IL 61944 as executor whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice) and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Rex A. Brimmer
Independent Executor

FRUIN & KASH
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)
129 N. Central Ave. Paris, IL 61944
Phone: 217/ 465-4196
FAX: 217/ 466-1213

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

In the matter of the Estate of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ, deceased
No. 2018-P-36

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2018, to DENNIS W. THOMAS, II, as Independent Administrator, 109 W. Harrison, Clinton, Indiana 47842, whose attorney is DREW P. GRIFFIN, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 26, 2018, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED this 23rd day of June, 2018.

DENNIS W. THOMAS, II,
Independent Administrator
of the Estate of CAROLYN R. SITKIEWICZ, deceased

Drew P. Griffin
JONES & GRIFFIN
LAW OFFICES, P.C.
110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8
Paris, IL 61944
Tele: (217) 465-7525
Fax: (217) 466-2230

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on June 18, 2018 a certificate was filed int he 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:

J.C.B. HOME INSPECTION SERVICE

Located at: 11 Janice Ave., Paris, IL 61944

Owner(s): Joe Biemick
Dated: June 18, 2018

August H. Griffin
Edgar County Clerk

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

FIRST BANK & TRUST, S.B., Paris, Illinois, Plaintiff,

vs.

MARY JANE WASHBURN, and MARTHA J. RHOADS, n/k/a MARTHA J. GOSNELL, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

2016-CH-2

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause, the Edgar County Sheriff, at 9:00 a.m. on July 17, 2018 at the assigned courtroom at the Courthouse of Edgar County, 115 West Court Street, Paris, Illinois 61944, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, the following described real estate:

Lot No. 76 in Levings, Jones and Hunt's West End Addition to the City of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.
PIN: 09-18-02-234-008

The common address of which is 223 N. Austin Street, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Sale Terms: 25% of the highest bid shall be paid by certified funds at the close of the sale, to the Plaintiff. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance of the sale price will be due and payable within seven (7) days following the date of sale. The property is subject to all outstanding and unpaid general real taxes, special assessments, or special assessments levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to the quality or quantity of title, and without recourse to Plaintiff. The property is being offered for sale in "AS IS" condition. The sale is subject to confirmation by the Court.

The property is improved with a single family residence. Further information regarding the property may be obtained by contacting the Plaintiff's attorney identified hereinafter. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, Janet S. Winter-Black of the Law Offices of Winter Black & Baker, 201 N. Logan, P.O. Box 835, Mattoon, Illinois 61938, (217) 235-3400, (217) 235-3402 (fax) email: jswblaw1@consolidated.net

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Attorney for Plaintiff
Law Offices of
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN H. SAYRE, Deceased

No. 2018-P-32

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of JOHN H. SAYRE of Chrisman, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 18, 2018, to LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST, 202 West Madison Street, Chrisman, IL 61924, whose attorney is RICHARD L. JAMES, 328 N. Central, P O Box 820, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 31, 2018, (six (6) months from the date of the first publication), and any claims not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED: June 21, 2018

LONGVIEW BANK & TRUST
Representative

#1323156
RICHARD L. JAMES
Attorney at Law
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rlj@rjameslaw.com

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 5 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Chery Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Justin Erwin shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc.
By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 12 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Chery Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Tina Boyer shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc.
By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 72 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Chery Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Kim Stewart shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc.
By: Debbie Lowe

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in space # 91 of Craig's Warehouse Inc. located at 1103 Chery Pt. St. Paris, IL, 61944 rented to Josh Hoover shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Facility Act on July 7, 2018 at 9:00 a.m., IL time, at the above location.

Craig's Warehouse Inc.
By: Debbie Lowe

BREAD
FROM PAGE 1B

The basic stock for Grand Oak Farm Artisan Bread is sourdough, which is consistently the best seller, and a white bread. He also makes a whole wheat, dill bread and breadsticks. The whole wheat and dill are usually special orders since there are customers who like them but they are not popular enough to sell week-in and week-out. Wright's sweet Christmas stollen is a special order December bread. Bread making is something Wright appreciates on many levels. He enjoys the challenge of working with yeast and finds the process of mixing dough relaxing. The challenge of creating an efficient production schedule is also appealing. Each loaf requires about 55 minutes from start to finish and with an oven that bakes only three loaves at a time Wright must plan production precisely, allowing for rising, so three loaves are ready to go in when three are coming out. He said a commercial kitchen set up might be more efficient but the level of his operation does not justify that expense nor

does he want to scale up to work at baking bread five or six days each week. "I want to have the best bread I can make without losing the quality," said Wright. "I get to know personally each loaf that comes out of this kitchen." Wright said bread making may not be exactly a dying art but it is not common either. He encourages anyone with an interest to make bread at home and not to let initial failures, which will happen, discourage them from continuing. "My first loaves were not pretty, but they tasted good," said Wright, adding things can still go wrong even with years of experience. "When you think you've got it mastered, it comes back to bite you." Wright has another great reason for home baking bread beyond the relaxation of it, the challenge, the connection to history and the income it provides. "What's better than the smell of fresh baked bread when you walk into the house?" asked Wright.

Students receive Doc Acklin Scholarships

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

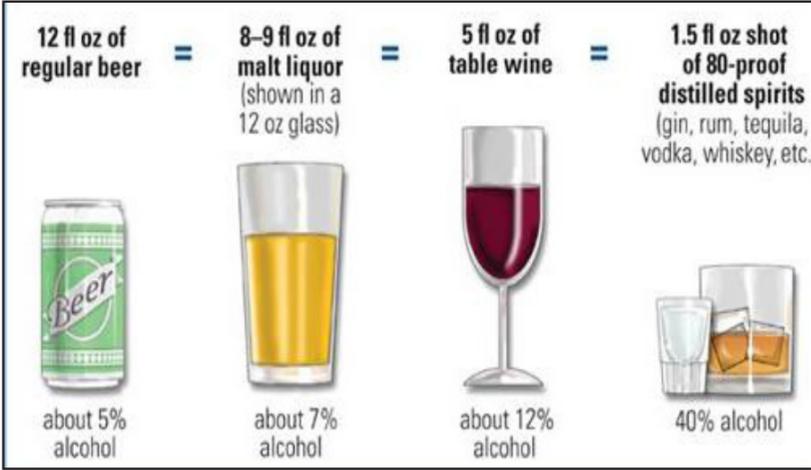
Horizon Health recently awarded two \$1,000 Doc Acklin Healthcare Scholarships to Brody Spencer and McKayla Watson, outstanding seniors who embody the character traits of the late Dr. James Acklin. Funds will be used to further their education in the medical field. Spencer will attend Indiana State University where he will pursue a nursing degree. Watson will attend Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis where she will pursue a degree in pre-medical imaging technology. The scholarships are funded through proceeds from the annual Doc Acklin Race. Horizon Health and Paris High School began the program in 2016 in memory of Acklin, who passed away August 23, 2015. He retired in 1994 after 34 years as a family physician at Paris Community Hospital.

Acklin was a respected member of the Paris High School cross-country team that captured an unprecedented four consecutive state championships from 1946-49. Registration is now open for the third annual Doc Acklin Race on Saturday, Aug. 25, at 7:30 a.m., at Paris High School, 14040 E. 1200th Road, Paris. A three-mile race open to the public starts at 7:30 a.m. at the school's Cross-Country Team Race Course. Anyone is welcome to participate by running and/or walking. Following the open race, an invitational for local cross-country teams begins. Registration must be received by Aug. 10 to guarantee a shirt. Otherwise, participants can sign up for the race up to, and including, the day of the event. Registration/donation forms are available at registration areas at the Paris Clinic, Paris Community Hospital and at MyHorizon-



Special to The Prairie Press
The 2018 Doc Acklin Healthcare Scholarships were recently awarded. Funds for the scholarships were raised through the annual Doc Acklin Race. Registration is now open for this year's race. Visit MyHorizonHealth.org/DocAcklinRace to sign up. Pictured are Sally Acklin, wife of the late Dr. James Acklin; McKayla Watson and Brody Spencer, scholarship winners; and Jim Acklin, son of Doc Acklin.

Health.org/DocAcklinRace. Both mail-in and online registration options are available. The cost of the open race is \$10 per person; or participants can register and receive a race T-shirt for \$20. If you are unable to participate, or would prefer to donate, you can do so by filling out a registration/donation form. All proceeds will benefit the Horizon Health Doc Acklin Scholarship.



BEEWELL
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with diabetes must be careful about alcohol intake as it can cause blood sugar levels to drop to unsafe levels. If diabetics choose to drink alcohol, they should practice moderation and have it with a meal. Individuals with triglyceride levels of 150 mg/dL and above should avoid alcohol consumption, as should those with kidney and/or liver disease/failure and pancreatitis. Excessive alcohol can also cause high blood pressure. Alcohol and some medications do not work well together. Patients should always check with their healthcare provider or a pharmacist about the potential for adverse reactions. Excessive drinking can lead to kidney and liver diseases and chronic pancreatitis. Alcohol adds extra calories and sugar into the diet leading to weight gain. This comes from drinking excessive amounts of any alcoholic beverages and consuming high-sugar drinks that pack a lot of calories. Those drinks include wine coolers, cordials/liquers, sweet vermouth, Manhattan cocktails, martinis, old-fashioned's,

daiquiris, pina colodas, whiskey sours and sweet dessert wines. Keeping it simple is the best way to control calories and added sugar while drinking alcohol, such as going for light versions of drinks, using club soda/diet soda/mineral water as a base for a drink rather than regular soda, and not asking for multiple shots of distilled spirits in drinks. Still love the sweet drinks? Go for the smallest size available. Don't drink on an empty stomach. This leads to quicker intoxication and decreased inhibitions, which effects decision-making and coordination. It is best to consume alcohol with a meal or snack. As an alternative to alcoholic beverages, there are several great recipes for mocktails like the strawberry margarita mocktail, which is perfect for that summer get-together. **Ingredients:** 1 pound strawberries 1/2 cup orange juice 1/2 cup sparkling water 1/4 cup lime juice Ice Colored coarse sugar (for the rim of the glasses) Lime for garnish **Instructions:** Place the strawberries, or-

ange juice, sparkling water, lime juice and ice into a blender. Blend on medium-high until it reaches a slushy consistency, add ice as necessary. Take a lime wheel and cut a small slit. Wipe it around the rim of the glasses, creating moisture on the inside and outside of four glasses. Pour the coarse sugar onto a plate and roll the glasses in it, collecting the sugar onto the lime juice on the rim. Pour the strawberry margarita mocktail into four glasses, garnish with a lime wheel, and serve. Voilà, you have a cool, fun, refreshing beverage without alcohol. Cheers to a fun and healthy summer (Leighsa Cornwell is a nurse at Horizon Health Paris Community Hospital where she serves as the community health and disease and management coordinator and is a certified diabetes educator. Email her at lcornwell@pchfmc.com. This column is provided by members of the Bee Well of Edgar County Coalition dedicated to making Edgar County a healthier place to live.)

City Band plays patriotic concert

BY JANE BLAIR
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The Paris City Band performs its traditional patriotic concert 2-4 p.m. today, July 7, as part of the city's commemoration of Independence Day. Two veteran directors take turns conducting, joined by a relatively new face to the Paris band program. In addition, the recently retired City Band conductor has a featured role in the concert. Warren Sperry conducted the Paris High School band from 1968-1999, beginning immediately after his graduation from Eastern Illinois University. He began directing the City Band the following summer, and continued in that position for 30 years, until his retirement from both bands in 1999. Under his leadership, the PHS band performed at a number of prestigious events, including appearances in front

of four U.S. presidents. Jim Bellerud served as band director for the Mayo Middle School Band for 32 years, from 1975-2007. While there, he started the Redbird Marching Band and led both the band and jazz band to numerous first place awards in district contests and festivals. He also composed an original piece for the Mayo Jazz Band titled "A Shade of Mellow." He currently plays in the City Band and the Paris Brass Quintet, arranging much of the quintet's music. Joining these two veteran directors is Christina Farley, who is entering her second year as the fifth through eighth grade band director for the District 95 school district. A 2017 graduate of Eastern Illinois University, Farley also serves as a camp counselor for summer band camps at EIU. While she won't be on the

podium for the concert, recently retired conductor Susan Hiddle also has a long and varied history of service to the City Band, as well as to the District 95 music program in both band and chorus. She plays flute and piccolo for the City Band and served as the band manager before becoming conductor in 2000, a position she held for 18 years. She is featured in this concert with the traditional piccolo solo of "Stars and Stripes Forever." Vocal soloists Kim Henness and Nancy Hasler Gregg are also performing, in addition to speaker Randy Turner. The weather forecast promises a pleasant afternoon for the concert, and families are encouraged to come out and enjoy the free activities offered by the city and be inspired by the patriotic music played by the outstanding Paris City Band.

"Damn Yankees" delights theatre-goers

BY JANE BLAIR
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The home run Broadway hit "Damn Yankees" just opened onstage at The Little Theatre on the Square in Sullivan, and you don't have to be a baseball fan to love this show. Based on the novel, "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant" by Douglass Wallop, "Damn Yankees" won seven Tony Awards, including best musical. The show features such memorable songs as "Whatever Lola Wants," "You've Gotta Have Heart" and "Shoeless Joe from Hannibal, MO." The story revolves around middle-aged baseball fanatic Joe Boyd, who trades his soul to the devil, aka Mr. Applegate, for a chance to lead his favorite team to victory

in the pennant race against the New York Yankees. As young baseball sensation Joe Hardy, he transforms the hapless Washington Senators into a winning team, only to realize the true worth of the life he left behind. Joe ultimately outsmarts Applegate, returns to his former self and shepherds the Senators to the World Series. This production provides a lively and entertaining summer diversion and audience members may find themselves leaving the theatre humming "You've Gotta Have Heart." The cast of The Little Theatre's "Damn Yankees" features many familiar faces. Luke Rose, who is in his second season on The Little Theatre stage, portrays the young baseball sensation Joe Hardy

with charm. Drew Stark plays the wily Applegate with deceptive allure. Stark last appeared at The Little Theatre as Bernardo in 2008's "West Side Story." Rachel Hafell, seen this past holiday season in "White Christmas," is outstanding as the temptress Lola. Direction and choreography for "Damn Yankees" is by Jordan Cyphert, who most recently appeared as Cornelius in "Hello, Dolly!" He is also a Little Theatre veteran of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" and played Bert in 2015's "Mary Poppins." "Damn Yankees" runs through July 15. A complete schedule of show times and ticket prices can be found at thelittletheatre.org.

Public Notice
NOTICE is hereby given that the Supervisor and Board of Trustees of Buck Township has made a determination of its prevailing rates of wages to be paid pursuant to "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workmen employed in any public works by the State, County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" approved June 26, 1941, as amended, and found at 820 ILCS 130/0.01-12. Prevailing wage schedule published at https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/2017-Rates.aspx Copies of this determination may be obtained upon request from Buck Township, 601 Oak Street, Redmon, IL 61949

County, City or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" approved June 26, 1941, as amended, and found at 820 ILCS 130/0.01-12. Prevailing wage schedule published at https://www2.illinois.gov/idol/Laws-Rules/CONMED/Pages/2017-Rates.aspx Copies of this determination may be obtained upon request from Buck Township, 601 Oak Street, Redmon, IL 61949

HUNTER TOWNSHIP (EDGAR COUNTY) EARLY NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN WETLANDS

Saturday, July 7, 2018

Hunter Township (Edgar County) 21565 E 1350th Road Paris, IL 61944

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

As required by Executive Order 11990 this is an early public notice to promote public understanding and provide opportunities for

public involvement.

Hunter Township proposes to use funds allocated through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the following proposed project: Hunter Township CDBG Grant #17-242016 for targeted water main extensions improvements. The proposed project consists of construction of approximately: 23,000 lineal feet of 3" water main, 32,000 lineal feet of 4" water main and 27,000 lineal feet of 6" water main (approximately 15 miles), LMI direct benefit service lines (hook-up) and tap on fees, hydrants, meters, seeding, erosion control, and all related costs in the Township. The total estimated construction costs of \$608,475 will be funded as follows: \$185,000 CDBG grant and \$423,475 Clark Edgar Rural Water District funds via US Rural Development funds and the target area is generally bound by 1600th Road (north), Illinois/Indiana State Line (east), 1100th Road (south) and 1900th Street (west) and also includes 21805 Clinton Road (39.651 / -87.561). The construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2018 and planned to be

completed by Fall 2019.

The wetlands affected includes (but is not limited to) the Riverine System and the Freshwater Forested / Shrub Wetland System channels, creeks, ponds and other wetland areas that are generally located in Eastern Hunter Township.

Hunter Township has determined that this proposed project would occur in wetland areas and Hunter Township must therefore complete an eight step review. This public notice is step 2.

Hunter Township has additional information on this proposed project that can be reviewed weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Clark Edgar Rural Water District, 475 Illinois Highway 1, Marshall, IL 62441 or by calling (217) 463-5888. Interested persons may also call Hunter Township Supervisor, Joel Hollis at (217) 808-2332 for additional information about this proposed project. Hunter Township is now evaluating potential alternatives, the potential impact of the proposed project, and potential mitigation

to minimize wetlands impact.

Written comments on this proposed project are invited and must be received by Hunter Township Supervisor Joel Hollis at Hunter Township Hall, 21565 E 1350th Road, Paris, IL 61944 by July 25, 2018. All such comments will be taken into consideration by Hunter Township prior to its decision on the proposed project.

Joel Hollis, Hunter Township Supervisor

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

In the matter of the Estate of MARY ELLEN EASTHAM, deceased.
No. 2018-P-39

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARY ELLEN EASTHAM of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 25, 2018, to BRADLEY T. EASTHAM, as Independent Administrator, 16148

Indian Boundary St., Chrisman, Illinois 61924, whose attorney is DREW P. GRIFFIN, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 7, 2019, 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 7th day of July, 2018.

BRADLEY T. EASTHAM, Independent Administrator of the Estate of MARY ELLEN EASTHAM, deceased

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BRIEFLY

Urban farm grows opportunities for former inmates, veterans

CHICAGO (AP) — An agricultural program in Chicago is providing transitional job training to former inmates and veterans at a new urban farm.

Windy City Harvest Corps is a 14-week Chicago Botanic Garden program. The program helps previously incarcerated individuals and veterans find full-time employment in the agriculture industry.

The Chicago Sun-Times reports the Harvest Corps is managing Farm on Ogden, which promotes healthy food habits in the North Lawndale neighborhood.

The new 20,000-square-foot (1,858-square-meter) facility will provide training to more than 100 people in its first year. It's also expected to aggregate more than 177,000 pounds (80,287 kilograms) of produce annually.

Harvest Corps Coordinator Joan Hopkins says program participants work full-time and are paid bi-weekly. They are taught skills, including planting, harvesting, post-harvest handling, record keeping, landscaping and overall workplace safety.

Illinois to get \$16M in federal money for community service

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Sixteen community service programs in Illinois will receive more than \$16 million dollars in federal funding.

The federal Corporation for National and Community Service is distributing \$11.6 million to help more than 900 AmeriCorps members conduct community projects and pay college costs and student loans after completing their service.

Democratic U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth of Illinois said in a statement that another \$4.8 million in federal money will go to Serve Illinois. That's the commission that administers AmeriCorps in the state.

The money will go to 10 sites in Chicago and for projects in Belleville, Dixon, East St. Louis, Evanston, Ina and Peoria.

Duckworth says helping rebuild homes after a disaster or aiding education programs is just as critical an American service as military service.

Rauner names 3 to Illinois Prisoner Review Board

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. Bruce Rauner has appointed three new members of the Illinois Prisoner Review Board.

Rauner on Thursday called the new members "smart, qualified people." He says they're aware of his goal to reduce the number of former prisoners who re-offend.

Lisa Daniels of Lansing is a former Cook County corrections employee and founder of a behavioral health organization in Chicago whose 25-year-old son died as a result of street violence.

Joseph Ruggiero of Wheaton is a first assistant to the DuPage County State's Attorney. He's served on several law enforcement task forces.

Patricia Wilson of DuQuoin is a former Department of Corrections employee with experience in substance abuse and sex offender treatment.

The 15-member board conducts parole hearings and makes clemency recommendations, among other duties. Members earn about \$86,000 annually.

Supreme Court suspense

Guessing game continues: Trump weighs 2 or 3 candidates, plans to meet with Pence

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Donald Trump is closing in on his choice to fill a Supreme Court vacancy created by Justice Anthony Kennedy's retirement, telling reporters that he's focused on two or three people ahead of his Monday announcement.

"I think I have it down to four people. And I think of the four people I have it down to three or two," Trump told reporters aboard Air Force One Thursday, as he traveled to a campaign rally in Montana.

Trump was at his private golf club in New Jersey Friday and planned to spend the weekend there, consulting with advisers as he picks his court nominee amid intense jockeying from various factions seeking to influence the choice. The president planned to have dinner Friday night with Vice President Mike Pence, who has also been meeting with candidates as part of the vetting process.

The president's top contenders include federal appeals

court judges Amy Coney Barrett, Brett Kavanaugh and Raymond Kethledge, with federal appeals court judge Thomas Hardiman still considered in the mix. As part of the roll-out process, the White House has been preparing information packages on all four, said two people familiar with the process who were not authorized to speak publicly.

Starting from a list of 25 names vetted by conservative groups, Trump has also given serious consideration to federal appeals court judges Amul Thapar and Joan Larsen, and it's possible the White House will prepare materials for more people.

The president enjoyed the suspenseful process leading up to his announcement last year that he would nominate Justice Neil Gorsuch and is hoping to keep the guessing game going until he announces his pick Monday night.

Trump's social media director Dan Scavino tweeted Friday the announcement would

be at 9 p.m. from the East Room in the White House.

Pence met in person with Kethledge and Barrett while he was vacationing in Indiana earlier this week and met with Kavanaugh at the Naval Observatory on July 4, said a person familiar with the process who was not authorized to speak publicly. Pence has also spoken to Republican senators, including Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, Sen. Ted Cruz and Sen. Rand Paul about the process.

As the president builds suspense for his second court pick in two years — a nominee who could tip the balance toward conservatives and revisit landmark rulings on abortion access, gay marriage and other issues — momentum is also growing among GOP supporters and detractors of the top contenders.

Conservatives and some libertarian-leaning Republicans, including Paul of Kentucky, have raised concerns about Kavanaugh, warning he could

disappoint Republicans if his past decisions are a guide.

Paul and another Republican, Cruz of Texas, are supporting fellow Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, who is not said to be under serious consideration by the White House but is the only lawmaker Trump has considered for the position.

To counter that, Kavanaugh's allies have begun pushing back, reaching out to influential Republicans to ward off potential criticisms, according to one conservative who was the recipient of such outreach and spoke on condition of anonymity Thursday to discuss the situation.

The senior administration official, though, said the administration is feeling less heat than earlier in this week over the choices, particularly Kavanaugh, and believes the jockeying in general has calmed somewhat.

With the Senate narrowly divided, 51-49, in favor of Republicans, Trump's announcement will launch a conten-

tious confirmation process as Republicans seek to shift the court to the right and Democrats strive to block the effort. Any GOP defections could begin to doom a nominee.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., told the president this week that nominating someone hostile to abortion access, or the 2010 health care law, would tarnish his legacy.

Schumer told Trump that such a choice would be cataclysmic and create more division than the country has seen in years, according to a person familiar with the conversation who said Trump called Schumer on Tuesday.

McConnell said Thursday at an event in Louisville he believes, "the president will make a very high-quality appointment." He acknowledged that his fellow Kentuckian, Judge Amul Thapar, is a finalist, but noted, "The competition at this level is pretty intense."

Trump conducted interviews Monday and Tuesday.

MONEY WELL SPENT AGAINST ADDICTION



Jake Shane / The Quincy Herald-Whig

In this Nov. 27, 2017 photo, Dr. Michael Connolly poses at the Southern Illinois University Center for Family Medicine Quincy, where he is chief medical officer. When Connolly moved from Wisconsin to Quincy in January 2017 to teach, he was shocked at the number of opioid prescriptions and substance use disorders. SIU recently had received a federal grant to certify physicians like Connolly in administering Suboxone, a brand name partial narcotic to treat opioid dependence. Connolly applied to do so and completed the certification in April 2017.

Grant sees good use

SIU adding doctors to treat opioid dependency

BY ASHLEY SZATALA
The Herald-Whig

QUINCY, Ill. (AP) — When Dr. Michael Connolly moved from Wisconsin to Quincy in January 2017 to teach at Southern Illinois University's Center for Family Medicine, he was shocked at the number of opioid prescriptions and substance use disorders.

"It was mind-boggling to me," Connolly said.

SIU recently had received a federal grant to certify physicians like Connolly in administering Suboxone, a brand name partial narcotic to treat opioid dependence, and Connolly sought certification in administering it. He applied to do so and completed the certification in April 2017. He began seeing patients the next month.

At the time, Connolly was the only doctor in the Quincy area to treat opioid substance abuse disorders with medications. As part of the certification, he could only see 30 patients his first year, a requirement to prevent pill mills and ensure that doctors make patients use the medication to stay in recovery. Within six months, Connolly quickly neared that number. Now, he can treat up to 100 patients.

"There's a lack of doctors in the area who will prescribe medically assisted treatment with medications like Suboxone, so that's why I went

ahead and did the certification," Connolly said.

Commonly cited reasons nationwide for a lack of doctors becoming certified are the federal prescribing restrictions, cumbersome requirements for certification and a concern over abuse of the medication.

Data from the American Journal of Public Health in 2016 say that although there are more than 900,000 U.S. physicians, only about 50,000 doctors are certified to administer Suboxone. The journal also showed that in Illinois, only about 40 percent of people with an opioid dependency can receive medically assisted treatment because so few doctors can prescribe the medicine. In Missouri, that percentage is about 35.

To receive medically assisted treatment, Connolly does an initial interview with the patient, and has them go through lab work and a urine test. When that is all completed, patients return for induction.

"The person abstains from any opiates for 12 to 14 hours before seeing me," Connolly said. "They come in withdrawal, and we administer the medicine on an hourly basis until they're no longer in withdrawal. You see people looking really bad, and by the time they leave, they're just fine — not high or in withdrawal."

The Suboxone, given in the form of a pill or dissolving strip, works by moving into receptors in the brain as the opioids leave the receptors while the person is in withdrawal.

The Suboxone holds withdrawal symptoms in check when it does this. Because Suboxone also satisfies a person's need for opioids, it suppresses cravings, as well.

Suboxone treatment can continue at home, with follow-up visits to a health care provider. Patients who no longer experience withdrawal symptoms and do not have uncontrollable cravings enter a maintenance phase. In the maintenance phase, the patient takes medication as prescribed, stays free from illicit drug use and seeks counseling support.

The decision to discontinue Suboxone is made after consulting a doctor.

"It's another tool in our box," Connolly said. "We still recommend counseling, formal treatment centers and Narcotics Anonymous."

Patients come to Connolly through a variety of avenues. Some recently have moved to the area and see Connolly to continue receiving the medically assisted treatment they started in the last community. Other times patients are recommended by Preferred Family Healthcare in Quincy or the legal system, or they come on their own because they are sober but are still suffering from cravings or suffering from withdrawal.

Active users are, "challenging, but it's gratifying work," Connolly said.

Most of his patients are from Quincy, a couple are from Missouri, and one comes from another Adams County community, he said.

Joint airplane venture launches

BY DAVID KOENIG
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Boeing and Brazilian jet maker Embraer have agreed to form a joint venture that would push the U.S. aerospace giant into the market for smaller passenger planes.

The new company is being valued at \$4.75 billion. Boeing Co. said Thursday it will own 80 percent while Embraer SA takes the remaining 20 percent.

The venture will be controlled by Boeing — managers in Brazil will report to Boeing CEO Dennis Muilenburg.

The preliminary agreement follows long negotiations that have been scrutinized closely in Brazil, where lawmakers fear losing control of a major

industrial and defense asset. President Michel Temer rejected the sale of a controlling stake in Embraer to Boeing.

The government has veto power over any change in Embraer's controlling interest, an indication of how highly the company is prized in Brazil.

In a statement, Boeing and Embraer said financial and operational details still need to be worked out and they expect negotiations over transaction terms to continue in the coming months. Any partnership would need the approval of shareholders and Brazil's government. The whole process could take until the end of 2019, they said.

The Chicago plane maker said the venture would add to its earnings per share beginning in 2020.

Retired principal paints hundreds of maps

BY MARILYN HALSTEAD
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BENTON, Ill. (AP) — Gene Alexander, known to most as "Mr. A," may be busier today than he was before retiring in 1990 from his job as principal of Logan Elementary School in Benton.

He also volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and serves on its board. "My friends and I have raised about \$30,000 for Habitat by recycling cans," Alexander said.

To date, he has recycled 1,389,000 cans for Habitat.

However, he spends more time working at his hobby of painting, specifically painting maps of the United States on playgrounds. That's what keeps him busy the most.

Alexander recently finished his 381st map on the playground at The Night's Shield, a nonprofit children's shelter that provides emergency housing for abused, neglected or abandoned children from around the state.

The project started when he met the shelter's executive director, Lindsey Bullman, at a meeting.

Bullman told Alexander the map he painted when the center first opened was fading, and asked him to redo it.

"I thought maybe I really needed to go out there and paint a new map," Alexan-

der said.

He painted a new map on a larger playground at the shelter.

While he was working on the map, he learned more about the shelter and its focused mission, as well as its funding issues since losing a contract with the State of Illinois.

Alexander also painted rooms until last year. He said he just cannot climb ladders anymore, so he gave that up.

"I did a lot of volunteer painting at The Night's Shield," Alexander said. "I painted a lot of classrooms, 704. The last seven rooms were at a Habitat house last fall on Grayson Street in Benton. We are still in the process of rehabbing it for the next family."

Mr. A decided some of the spaces inside the shelter also needed a little sprucing up, so he donated the money to accomplish that.

Alexander might not have started painting maps if not for Allen Patton, superintendent at the time of Alexander's retirement.

Alexander was talking to Patton and told him he was a little bored in retirement. Patton replied, "Mr. A, I have this map kit."

Alexander gave it a try, and nearly 400 maps later, he is known as "the map guy."

"Mr. Patton opened new doors for me. He thought I'd make a few maps around here and get tired of it," Alexander said.

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