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The Paris High School Lady Tigers fell to top-seeded Chatham Glenwood in the regional softball title game — but now with a fight. **SPORTS, 9A**

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Stone Soup Shakespeare group returned to Paris and took "The Taming of the Shrew" to the Old West, sponsored by the Paris Public Library and Paris Park Board. **NEWS, 3A**

Memorial Day celebrated

Edgar County paused to pay tribute to those who have given the ultimate sacrifice or served in the armed forces Monday. **A TIME TO REMEMBER, 11A**

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Park improvements

Roofing discussed, new trees approved, vandalism addressed at Park Board Meeting

BY GARY HENRY
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Spicer Pavilion and other buildings in West Lake Park are getting spruced up with badly needed maintenance projects and work may start this week.

The Paris Park Board previously approved a contract with Wilson Roofing to install metal roofs on the restrooms and shower house serving the campground as well as other buildings in the park.

Chris Redman, superintendent of streets, alleys and parks, reported during the Thursday, May 31, board meeting, a representative of Wilson Roofing called that day to confirm the roofing material was ordered and work was to start sometime this week.

At the meeting Thursday, the park board also approved a bid of \$16,927 from a Terre Haute, Ind., contractor to paint Spicer Pavilion, inside and out. The work includes sandblasting metal poles and trusses supporting the roof. As part of the project, the contractor will hang plastic sheeting to keep

sandblasting debris inside the shelter and prevent overspray from getting outside during the painting.

Redman said the contractor is aware the pavilion is used for Thursday evening Music in the Park performances and Sunday City Band concerts and is prepared to work around those events.

Plans for the city's Independence Day celebration are coming together. It is Saturday, July 7, to accommodate the schedule of the vendor hired to provide the fireworks show.

Redman said another contractor has confirmed coming to the event with inflatable attractions for children, and the local Boy Scout Troop will have a tent for selling lemon shakeups.

Others seeking a vending opportunity may contact Redman for more information by calling city hall, 217-465-7601, and leaving a message for him.

All parks are ready for summer use. Chains for swings are repaired or replaced, the batting cages are open and the concession stand at the west lake has started serving.

"The Splash Park is running fine," said Redman. "It is full everyday."

He added city workers have cleaned and repaired the miniature golf course, and it is ready for use. The main lights illuminating the course for evening play are working but some decorative lamps are out of service, and Redman is investigating the costs for making repairs.

The board authorized Redman to purchase either hardwood or flowering trees for planting at the west lake. Money donated in memory of two people is covering the purchase cost.

With all of the positive news, Redman also reported some vandalism. He said during the long Memorial Day weekend a soft drink vending machine was knocked over twice at the east lake beach. A third assault did significant damage in what appeared to be an attempt to beat the machine open.

"We have a new machine coming that can be chained to the wall," said Redman.

Board member Jodi Thierl added

she was informed of vandalism to the All-Abilities Park over the same weekend when letters were scratched into some of the playground equipment.

The board approved a revised plan for creating a lighted tunnel as part of the Holiday in the Park illuminated display during Christmas. A previous decision authorized the creation of high arches for use on the park road creating a drive-through tunnel effect, but the arches had to accommodate vehicles the size of a trash truck or a UPS delivery van.

Redman suggested making the arches smaller with an approximate height of 10 feet and lining part of the park exit road to Steidl Road alongside St. Mary's Cemetery. He explained making the arches smaller means the \$1,000 investment gets the park more arches. For December, he will reroute traffic in the park so the trash trucks or delivery vehicles must enter and exit at the state Route 1 entrance.

"We'll get more bang for our buck," Redman told park board members.

SALUTING AMERICA'S HEROES



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The honor guard from the Hume American Legion Post fires a three-volley salute in Young America Cemetery as part of the concluding ceremony for the Memorial Day observation at Hume.

Edgar County remembers

BY THE PRAIRIE PRESS STAFF

Many people see Memorial Day as time off work, the start of summer, big sales and a reason for a cook-out. There are a few who still honor the somber purpose of the day by remembering Americans who gave their lives defending freedom and liberty.

Here is a roundup of Memorial Day programs in Edgar County.

PARIS

"We gather here openly to celebrate freedom," said the Rev. Jack Hoffman opening the Memorial Day service in Paris.

He reminded the crowd the freedoms Americans enjoy was attained through sacrifice.

"God instilled in and created us with attributes that drove men of all color and creeds to stand for liberty," Hoffman said. "May God bless this

generation with awareness and gratitude of heart."

Hoffman turned the service over to Paris American Legion Commander Jim Robison. "It's a blessing for me and a blessing for you to have these individuals," Robison said of the town's veterans before thanking and honoring them for their service.

Robison spoke about all of the men and women who sacrificed their lives in pursuit of freedom in battles fought throughout the nation's history.

"We are together across the nation to remember our fallen," Robison said. "Each grave speaks to us. We are their legacy."

After the Paris High School Band played the national anthem, Robison drew the audience's attention to the lyrics, noting the anthem opens and ends with a question. The first is if we can see the flag and the closing

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Jim Robison addresses the crowd during a Memorial Day service in Paris. Robison said every American is legacy to the sacrifice of others.

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Shrine BBQ means fun, food for families

Traditional summer event raises funds for St. Louis Children's Hospital

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Edgar County residents know what the second weekend of June brings — the Edgar County Shrine Barbecue.

The annual auction, barbecue, parade, tractor and truck pull and dirt drags and powerwheel races are set next Friday and Saturday (June 8-9) at the Edgar County Fairgrounds.

"It's definitely something people from throughout the area look forward to," said Edgar County Shrine Club president Shannon Quinn. "It's a lot of work but we know what we're doing makes a difference for the children served by the hospital."

Because of the hard work and continued expansion of the weekend, the Edgar County club continues to be the biggest single donor to the St. Louis Children's Hospital in the nine-state area. It's a badge of honor Quinn said the club members are particularly proud of — but one that may be in jeopardy.

"The Charleston-Mattoon club is really pushing this year to be number one," Quinn noted. "Right now, we're still number one."

The Edgar County club holds an important title at the hospital. The club has donated more than \$1 million to the hospital. "We're proud of that," Quinn said. "As we say, it's all for the kids."

The weekend of activities begins at noon Friday when the Shrine hosts a Forget Me Not Antique Alley in the south end of the fairgrounds.

Quinn said the Vintique Market was popular last year, "and we just wanted to expand it."

The Shriners and their wives have been visiting various Hob Nob markets, the Red Barn Market in Brocton and festivals in the area to entice the crafters and vendors to visit Edgar County. "We've got a good start and a good response," he said.

The antique alley is set to run from noon to 6 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday.

Quinn said there is no admission to shop the antique alley, which should increase foot traffic.

The Paris American Legion is hosting a fish fry from 4-7 p.m. at the Legion home across Route 1 from the fairgrounds. The annual auction is set to kick off at 5:30 p.m. in the pavillion behind the Legion, he said.

"There's always a good crowd and

we raise several thousand dollars," Quinn said. This year's chairman of the auction is Cole Vietor.

Among the items to be auctioned is a custom, limited-edition Henry rifle manufactured for the Shrine club. Quinn said there are Shrine engravings, describing the rifle as "highly detailed."

Other items include a three-wheeler donated by the Zorah Shrine Temple in Terre Haute and used in parades. There will also be REO Speedwagon concert tickets and items from county businesses.

The dirt drags and powerwheels races will the evening at the fairgrounds beginning at 7 p.m. The powerwheel races will be different this year, he said, with a side-by-side obstacle race. All tickets are \$5 for the grandstand and infield.

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2018

Music In The Park

6:30-9:00PM

May 24th

May 31st

June 7th

June 14th

June 21st

June 28th

July 5th

July 12th

July 19th

July 26th

Aug 2nd

Aug 9th

Aug 16th

Aug 23rd

Aug 31st

Sawyer Brothers

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TODAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

86 64
Prec: 50%

78 57
Prec: 0%

79 58
Prec: 0%

80 57
Prec: 0%

83 62
Prec: 0%

86 66
Prec: 30%

88 68
Prec: 0%

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

TODAY

ALMANAC

TODAY — Mostly sunny and warm with highs topping out in the mid 80s. Shower and thunderstorm chances arrive overnight.

SUNDAY — Morning rain gives way to mostly sunny skies and highs in the upper 70s.

MONDAY — Seasonal highs in the upper 70s once again under mostly sunny skies.

ALMANAC

Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature

High/Low79°/59°

Record High101° in 1931

Record Low40° in 1956

Precipitation

Month to date0.00"

Normal month to date0.28"

Year to date21.66"

Normal year to date16.57"

SUN AND MOON

Sun

Moon

TODAY

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Rise

Set

Rise

Set

5:25 a.m.

8:13 p.m.

11:33 a.m.

8:47 a.m.

5:24 a.m.

8:14 p.m.

12:11 a.m.

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PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY

BROCTON SPRINGFEST
It is a full day in Brocton with festival activities. The parade, with an Illinois Bicentennial theme, is 10 a.m. At 10:30 a.m. there is a magic show, and a market in the Red Barn from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. The Christian Church serves food in the festival tent 11 a.m-1 p.m. and bingo takes over in the tent until 4 p.m. A kiddie pedal pull begins at 11 a.m. with adult tractor games starting at noon. A mini-horse show starts at 1:30 p.m. in the arena. Other activities include a 10 a.m. cruise-in, hit-and-miss engines and inflatable attractions. The Brocton Fire Department Jonah Fish Fry is 4-7 p.m. and a talent show is planned for 5:30 p.m. Battle Creek Band plays in the tent from 7:30-9:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

BROCTON SPRINGFEST
Gospel singing starts the day at Brocton. The Christian Church is sponsoring the Open Heart Quartet at 10 a.m. in the festival tent. Beginning at 12:30 p.m. a fun horse show fills the arena. The event features standard competition like halter, showmanship, country pleasure and pleasure classes, along with a variety of games.

MONDAY

ERBA REGISTRATION STARTS
The Embarrass River Basin Agency (ERBA) is doing a School Supply Program

DON'T MISS

EZ CARE PREPARES TO MOVE INTO NEW BUILDING
EZ Care moves into the new building this weekend, according to Erin Frank, public relations and marketing manager for Horizon Health. Frank said EZ Care will continue to see patients in the portable building through closing Sunday. "The service will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday morning in the new building," she said.. Frank said patient parking will be at the south end of the building until the portable is moved offsite and the parking lot is re-paved. EZ Care hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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providing required school supplies to eligible students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Those interested should call now to schedule an appointment. June 4 is the start of the application process. All applications are on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicants must provide proof of all family income for the past 90 days, a photo ID and Social Security card for each member of the family. ERBA serves Edgar, Clark, Coles, Crawford, Cumberland and Douglas counties. Call 1217-465-4911 or 800-252-1152 for more information.

GENEALOGY SOCIETY MEETS
The Edgar County Genealogical Society annual meeting is 7 p.m. in the Edgar County Museum Annex, 408 N. Main St. The Edythe Stephens Family History Award will be presented. Anyone interested in genealogy is welcome to attend.

TUESDAY

SHILOH OPEN GYMS
The Shiloh Junior High School boys basketball open gyms are 10 a.m-noon June 5, June 7, June 12, June 14, June 19 and June 21.

THURSDAY

VFW AUXILIARY DINNER
The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is swiss steak, mashed potatoes and brown gravy, peas or carrots. The cost is \$5. Drinks

are 50 cents and dessert is \$1. Proceeds support the work of the VFW Auxiliary as well as community projects.

MUSIC IN PARK
The musical group Hays Faust & Rhoads plays a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. June 7 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, JUNE 10

FARM EXHIBIT OPENS
The Vermilion County Museum Society is celebrating a new yearlong farming exhibit, "Down on the Farm," with a special opening 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, June 10. The exhibit highlights the agricultural history of Vermilion County and honors the 100th Anniversary of the Vermilion County Farm Bureau. Artifacts, photographs, and documents tell the various aspects of the rich farming history of the area as well as information on related agricultural businesses and enterprises. The open house is free of charge and includes both the Museum Center and the Fithian House. Parking is available in the museum parking lot, 116 N. Gilbert, Danville, or at the nearby First Midwest Bank lot and the north end of Big Lots parking lot.

UPCOMING

MUSIC IN PARK
The Dave Frisse Band plays a free concert 6:30-9 p.m. June 14 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.



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City band revamps concert programs

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The 2018 season of the Paris City Band commences 7 p.m. Sunday, June 3, in the Spicer Pavilion at the West Lake Park. A couple of changes are added to the format this season to keep things fresh for the musicians and the audience. New music is getting worked into the repertoire, and the City Band Board has invited different local conductors to helm each concert. The first concert is under the baton of Jessica Hendrickson, choral and assistant band director at Paris High School. After playing the “Star Spangled Banner,” the musicians open the season with the traditional “Strike Up the Band” from the 1927 musical of the same name by George and Ira Gershwin. Up next is the John Philip Sousa march “Gallant 7th,” often considered one of Sousa’s best. It was written in 1922 to honor the 7th Regiment of the New York National Guard.

Another song from the 1920s is “English Folk Song Suite,” one of Vaughn Williams’ most famous works for the military band. The “Blue Ridge Saga” by eminent composer James Swearingen creates the folk feeling of that famous North Carolina mountain range. The audience will recognize the famous “March Grandioso” by Roland Seitz, as it incorporates a theme from number 14 of Franz Liszt’s “Hungarian Rhapsodies” series. The second half opens with the familiar strains of “Danny Boy” in “Kirkpatrick Fanfare,” written in 1999 by Andrew Boysen Jr. “Hennepin County Dawn,” from “Three Minnesota Portraits” by contemporary composer Samuel Hazo, showcases beautiful and delicate woodwind scoring and poignant melodies. Harold Walters’ ever-popular “Instant concert” features 30 separate, well-known melodies in the space of three minutes

and 10 seconds. The medley includes symphonic and opera themes, folk songs, spirituals, marches and even one loud grunt. In the patriotic “Amber Waves of Grain,” composer James Curnow has intertwined his own thematic material with fragments of “America, The Beautiful,” concluding with a grandiose finale that blends both themes. Closing the concert is Henry Fillmore’s fast and energetic “Circus Bee March,” which is named after an imaginary circus newspaper and reflects Fillmore’s lifelong interest in circuses and his varied experiences while touring with five different big top shows. The community of Paris has been blessed for many years with a talented City Band, and this year is no exception. Sunday evening in the park is a family affair with adults listening to the concert and children playing in the adjacent Tiger Falls Splash Park and the All-Abilities Playground.

Shakespeare in the Park delights

BY BETHANNY LAWSON
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Presenting the seventh show in Paris, Stone Soup Shakespeare performed “The Taming of The Shrew” at Twin Lakes Park, May 26. Putting a western twist on the comedy, Stone Soup donned cowboy hats and boots when bringing this show to life. “The Taming of The Shrew” is a story of two sisters, Bianca and Katerina, with opposite personalities. Where Bianca is sweet and desired by all the men in Padua, Katerina, or Kate the Cursed, as some call her, is loud-mouthed and often cruel to her younger sister. Unfortunately for the men of Padua, the sister’s father will not allow Bianca to get married until someone marries Kate. When Petruchio, a man short on cash, comes to town, he determines to marry and tame Kate in order to get her dowry. What ensues is a hilarity of disguises, arguments, and wooing in both the usual ways and the not-so-typical methods. Stone Soup keeps audiences returning to the park each summer with a charming charisma and knack for engaging the audience as part of the show. Teresa Pennington of Paris Public Library first found out about Stone Soup through another library. Thinking it sounded like something positive for Paris, Pennington contacted

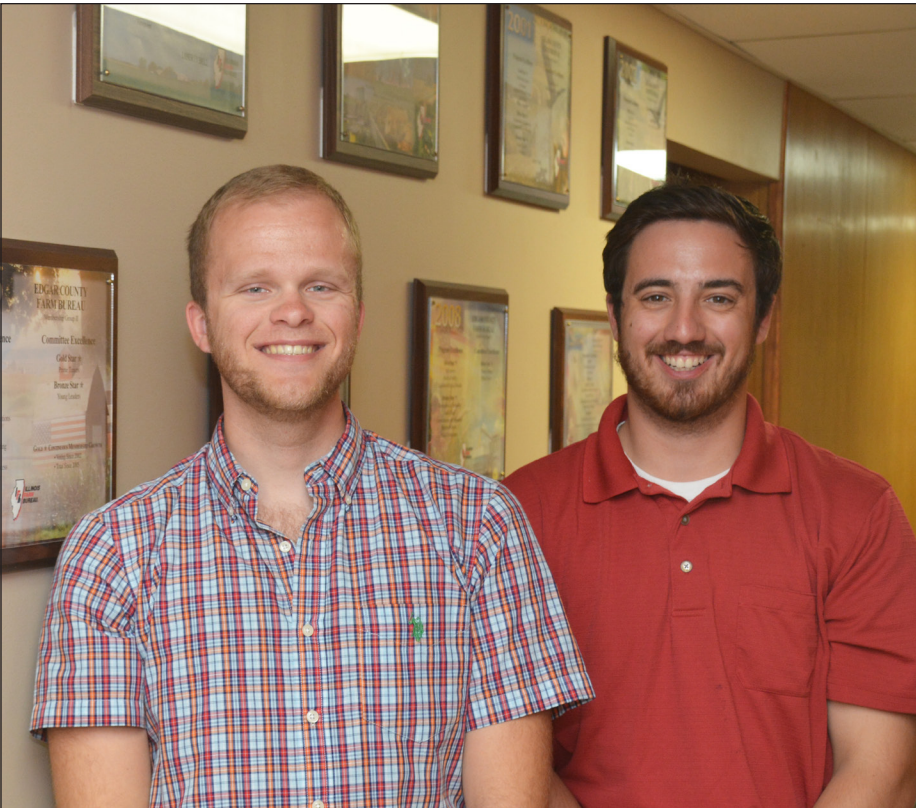
the park board and talked to the library staff about it, and Stone Soup Shakespeare was brought to Paris in the group’s second performance season. “The response has been phenomenal,” Pennington says. “I don’t think we’ve ever had Shakespeare in Paris before.” The group’s performances appeal to people of all backgrounds and age. Even young children enjoy participating in the show. Julia Stemper, one of the founders of Stone Soup Shakespeare, who performed as Kate, loves the diversity of ages she interacts with during shows. “You have dancers who are barely old enough to say Shakespeare to adults,” she says. “It’s beautiful.” Stone Soup has an allure for everyone, even those who typically might not enjoy Shakespeare’s work. “They have a unique way of interpreting Shakespeare so everyone understands it,” says Pennington. This year’s performance group consisted of six actors, who took on two or three roles each to fill all the parts needed for this show. While Stemper has always thought it would be fun to put a western twist on a Shakespeare play, the group never actually put the idea into action until they were doing a workshop with a group of high school seniors who were studying “The

Taming of The Shrew.” Stone Soup had not yet decided that was the play for the 2018 performance season. When they asked the class how to adapt the play, the conclusion was as a western. It was such a fun idea, Stone Soup decided to bring it to life. The western twist has created many fun opportunities to add to Shakespeare’s work, to the delight of audience members everywhere. The traveling Shakespeare troupe is performing the show in towns throughout the Midwest through July 7. Paris is the halfway point in the annual tour. “We think it’s important that these stories be told,” says Stemper. “They are so very fun.”



Bethanny Lawson/Prairie Press
Samie Johnson, as Lucentio, left and Nicole Goeden as Bianca flirt in a rowboat as Lucentio tries to win Bianca’s love.

NEW FARM BUREAU MANAGER



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press
There is a management change coming to the Edgar County Farm Bureau. Wyatt Williamson, left, is starting as the new manager, and former manager Joe Melissi, right, is departing to pursue other opportunities in Tucson, Arizona.

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Court imposes prison sentence

BY GARY HENRY
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What's a little more time when one is already in prison? Shane D. Hughes, 26, appeared in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections for the May 24 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court and was presented with a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony aggravated fleeing a police officer conviction.

Hughes admitted the pe-

tion and was sentenced to one year in prison to be served concurrently with his Clark County sentence of five years for a Class 2 felony burglary conviction.

He was remanded back into DOC custody for completion of the sentence.

According to the DOC website, Hughes is housed at the Graham Correctional Center and has a projected parole date of Sept. 16, 2019.

Other individuals appearing

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before the bench for the May 21 and 24 court calls included:

IN CUSTODY

■Cody A. Arrasmith, 26, Paris, appeared in custody after missing a previous court date. He was granted a personal recognizance bond and the matter was referred to collections.

■Oliver L. Buford Jr., no age provided, Danville, appeared in custody on multiple unresolved charges including a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault with a victim unable to provide consent, a Class 2 felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse of a victim with him being more than five years older than the victim, a Class 4 felony criminal sexual abuse of a victim unable to consent and a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection charge. He was remanded to custody for a first appearance with counsel.

■Anthony M. Conklin, 34, Harrison, Mich., appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing. Conklin was remanded to custody on \$15,000 bond.

■Austin T. Coombes, 33, Paris, appeared in custody and a sentencing hearing was set regarding the petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction.

■Raymond Flannelly, 33,

Vincennes, Ind., appeared in custody for multiple unresolved charges, including two Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class 3 felony threatening a public official, two Class 4 felony violating an order of protection charges and a Class 4 felony criminal trespass to a residence while people present. A bond reduction motion was filed and all matters were continued for a bond reduction hearing.

■James R. Lopez, 19, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody for a Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault, a Class 2 felony aggravated criminal sexual abuse and he being at least five years older than the victim and a Class 4 criminal sexual abuse. A bond reduction motion was filed and the matter was continued for a bond hearing.

■Heather D. Mason, 38, Martinsville, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing. Mason was remanded to custody on a \$10,000 bond.

■Christopher L. Reedy, 43, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice.

The public defender was appointed to the case and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing.

CHARGES

■Seth Lee Daniels, 23, Suffolk, Va., was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Christian Jamar Givens, 33, Indianapolis, Ind., was charged with a Class A misdemeanor speeding offense. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Kristin D. Jewell, 37, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. A not guilty plea with a bench trial demand was entered. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Thomas D. Martin, 54, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony delivery of methamphetamine. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing.

■Stuart G. Overton, 44, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for preliminary hearing.

■Nathan W. Pardi, 19, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand was entered. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Cameron R. Prouse, 27, Paris, was charged with a Class 2 felony methamphetamine delivery and Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. Prouse stated he will hire an attorney and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing.

■Maranda A. Sohaski, 19, Paris, was charged with a Class C misdemeanor registration violation. The public defender was assigned to the case, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Thomas M. Devers, 42, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony making a false report to 911 and a Class 4 felony false alarm for an ambulance. The public defender was assigned and the matter was continued for a preliminary hearing.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Dan C. White, 74, Dalton City, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class B misdemeanor speeding charge.

■Dereck E. Worthington, 34, Redmon, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony methamphetamine and Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

ARREST WARRANTS

Arrest warrants were ordered prepared when the following people failed to respond: Joseph B. Griggs, 45, Paris; Scott David LaBaume, 36, Paris; James H. McCollum, 61, Paris; and Kyle E. Vrzina, 21, Sullivan, Ind.



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Shiloh honors

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HUME – Shiloh Community Unit School District #1 has released the fourth quarter elementary honor roll and other academic awards.

Third grade: high honors, Wyatt Ash, Ella Bennett, Alison Cash, Ahlyssa Garwood, Eyan Keys, Taylor Williams, Addison Wright and Judd Wolfe; honors, Elizabeth Brown, Grady Hillyer, Fallyn McCasland, Vlyden Nichols, Emily Powell, Nathan Queen, Tayler Rardin, Garyson Raynor and Payton Scott; accelerated reader awards, Wyatt Ash, Ella Bennett, Elizabeth Brown, Keisha Budd, Alison Cash, Ahlyssa Garwood, Grady Hillyer, Eyan Keys, Fallyn McCasland, Kyrstin Michael, Emily Powell, Nathan Queen, Tayler Rardin, Payton Scott, Taylor Williams, Judd Wolfe and Addison Wright; citizenship award, Alison Cash, Taylor Williams and Judd Wolfe; perfect attendance award, Eyan Keys.

Fourth grade: high honors, Kennedy Brown, Wes Cox and Easton Wilson; honors, Gracie Baugh, Adysen Colvin, Will Dudley, Nevaeh Helton, Dane Hutchcraft, Clay Kibler, Rylee Lamar, Maggie Milburn, Allowyn Nichols, Lucas Reynolds, Peyton Riley, Brooklyn Tharp and Hennessey White; accelerated reader awards, Adysen Colvin, Nevaeh Helton, Maggie Milburn, Kendra Morfey, Peyton Riley, Brook-

lyn Tharp, Kennedy Brown and Easton Wilson; top of class AR award, Easton Wilson; citizenship award, Maggie Milburn and Easton Wilson.

Fifth grade: no high honors; honors, Makayla Adams, Kaylee Adams, Taran Borntrager, Shaylun Christenberry, Jack Houlihan, Wyatt Huffstutler, Adam Michael, Chance Mullenix, Charlie North, Garrett Pollock, Carson Rardin, Dylan Skinner, Lily Brown, Andrew Houlihan, Grant North, Lily North and Lydia Richardson; accelerated reader awards, Kaylee Adams, Taran Borntrager, Shaylun Christenberry, Jack Houlihan, Chance Mullenix, Lily North and Lydia Richardson; top of the class AR award, Chance Mullenix and Lydia Richardson.

Shiloh Elementary top AR students: Addison Wright, first place; and Lydia Richardson, second place.



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The Edgar County Master Gardeners, an outreach of University of Illinois Extension, recently completed the I Think Green Butterfly Program with Crestwood School fourth grade students. The four-week educational program ended with the release of butterflies students observed in the pupa stage. Left to right are Kate Morecraft, Liz Gough, Ron George, Mike Sekerak, Willma Cook and Nancy Hansel.

May Blood Drive Receives 57 Units

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The May 21 Red Cross blood drive collected 57 units of blood.

The next blood drive at the Knights of Columbus Hall is 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. June 25. All blood types are needed. To make an appointment, call Nancy Englebright at 217-465-6494. Walk-ins are always welcome.

May volunteers were Linda Brown, Kay Haddix, Bruce and Sharon Wilken, Bob McHenry, Mary Lou Wilson, Rosemary Ogle and Nancy Englebright. Lion Club members helping were Ron Stickler, Brad and Sharon Cash and Dan and Velda Vice.

Annette Runnion completed a one-gallon donation.

The First Christian Church of Paris served the food canteen with Donna Moody, Sue Elliott, Coralie Smittkamp and Max Moody helping.

The food canteen for the June 25 drive is served by the Otterbein United Methodist Church.

Thanks to Monical's, McDonald's and Larsson Woodyard & Henson LLP for their donations to the food canteen.

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WILLIAM RHOADS SR.
MARSHALL – William E. Rhoads Sr., 81, of Marshall, passed away at 4:58 p.m., Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Springhill Village, Terre Haute, Ind. A service honoring his life was 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Brother Kurt Speece officiating. Military graveside rites accompanied burial in Clarksville Cemetery. Visitation was 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, and a Masonic service was 8 p.m. after the visitation. Memorial donations may be made to Marshall Lodge #133 A.F.&A.M. Online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.



RHOADS



JACK COON
OAKLAND – A memorial service for Jack Coon is 11 a.m. Saturday, June 9, 2018, at the Oakland Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Peace Meals or the Oakland Food Pantry.



COON

NATHAN REYNOLDS
MARTINSVILLE – Nathan Lee Reynolds, 34, of Martinsville, passed away at 4:35 p.m. Tuesday, May 29, 2018, in rural Martinsville. A funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 5, at Greenwell Funeral Home, with Brother Randy Black officiating. Burial follows in Ridgeland Cemetery. Visitation is from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, June 4, at the funeral home. More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneral-home.com.



REYNOLDS

JULIA ALIER
CASEY – Julia Opal Alier, 76, of Martinsville, and formerly of Casey, passed away peacefully at 2:25 p.m. Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Kindred Hospital, St. Louis, Mo. A memorial service is 1 p.m. today, June 2, at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, with the Rev. Augustine Koomson officiating. Burial is at a later date in the Washington Street Cemetery. Visitation is from noon until the 1 p.m. service today at the church. Markwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, 414 S. 6th St., Marshall, IL 62441. More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneral-home.com.



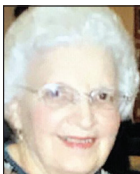
ALIER

MICHAEL WILLIAMSON
MARSHALL – Michael G. Williamson, 70, passed away at 2:31 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind. A celebration of life service is from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at Harlan Hall. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to the Marshall Public Library, Indiana State University or the Marshall Cemetery Association. More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.



WILLIAMSON

JUNE COOK
CHRISMAN – June Cook, 94, of Chrisman, passed away at 1:38 p.m. Monday, May 28, 2018. Interment is 11 a.m., Saturday, June 9, at Woodland Cemetery, with family and friends welcome to attend. There is no visitation. The Krabel Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Mrs. Cook was born June 1, 1923, at Akron, Ind., the daughter of the late Daniel and Faith Slaybaugh. She married Ben Cook April 6, 1943, at Akron, and he preceded her in death. Surviving is one son, Ramsey (Penelope) Cook of Chrisman; one daughter, Marcia Yontz of Chrisman; four grandsons, Tyler and Patrick Cook of St. Petersburg, Fla., Robby Yontz of St. Louis, Mo., and David (Karla) Yontz of Columbia, Mo. three great-grandchildren, Isaac, Leo and Zay Yontz of Columbia, Mo.; and one niece, Suellen (William) Gagnon of Silver Lake, Ind. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Ruth and Mary Helen. Mrs. Cook was a graduate of Akron High School and attended Anderson College, Anderson, Ind. After marriage, the couple lived in various places before moving to Danville in 1952 and Chrisman in 1955. In 1964, she opened and operated the Villager Dress Shop. She and her husband retired in 1989 and enjoyed their home and traveling. Her greatest joy in life was her family. She was a very loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. The family thanks the caregivers at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living for all they did for Mrs. Cook the last three years and nine months of her life, and Lincolnland Hospice for their care since the end of April. Online condolences at www.krabelfuneralhome.com.



COOK

KATHLEEN CASH
Kathleen C. Brimmer Cash, 96, of Paris, passed away at 9:26 a.m. Sunday, May 27, 2018, at Paris Community Hospital. A service celebrating her life was noon Thursday, May 31, at Templeton Funeral Home, with Minister Kevin Brimmer officiating. Burial followed in Green Moss Cemetery, Clark County. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service time Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Bell Ridge Christian Church. More information and online condolences at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.



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NAL receives excellence award

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DEARBORN, Mich. – North American Lighting, Inc. (NAL) was recognized as a top-performing global supplier for Ford Motor Company at the 20th annual Ford World Excellence Awards. Only 88 companies were selected as finalists from thousands of Ford suppliers globally. “We are honored and grateful to receive such recognition from Ford Motor Company,” said Kirk Gadberry, NAL President & COO. “Ford is a very important customer to NAL and we highly value our strong and growing relationship. Being a supplier to Ford is a privilege that we take seriously. NAL is committed to building on this achievement for further success.” Ford’s vice president of product development and purchasing Hau Thai-Tang explained the Excellence Awards are determined after evaluating suppliers for global excellence in categories such as quality, green, safe, smart, delivery, value and innovation. “Suppliers like North American Lighting are key to Ford’s continued success as we work toward our goal of becoming the world’s most trusted mobility company,” said Thai-Tang. North American Lighting, Inc., a member of the Koito Group of Companies, is the largest automotive lighting manufacturer in North America and has manufactured automotive lighting systems for vehicle manufacturers since 1983. NAL is a pioneer in automotive lighting from LEDs to adaptive driving beams, and is now pursuing the latest technology in autonomous driving. The company is headquartered in Paris.

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Ford Motor Company awards North American Lighting with a gold award recognizing the company as a top global supplier. Left to right, Joe Hinrichs, Ford Executive Vice President and President Global Operations; Ron Wheat, NAL Director, Sales and Marketing; and Hau Thai-Tang, Ford Executive Vice President Product Development and Purchasing



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Marshall woman is student body president



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Mackenzie Rogers, of Marshall, is the new student body president at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

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EDWARDSVILLE – Mackenzie Rogers, a 2016 Marshall High School graduate, was recently sworn in as Student Body President of Southern Illinois University Edwardsville for the 2018-2019 school year. Her responsibilities include serving as a liaison between the student body and faculty, administration and government officials. She will act as an advocate for the 14,000 students at SIUE and manage student govern-

ment personnel comprised of seven paid officers and 22 appointed senators. In her role as student body president, Rogers serves as an ambassador for the institution and higher education as a whole. She was senator at large during the prior academic year and hosted the mental health awareness event for student government. Rogers is also active with Alpha Phi sorority where she planned bid day, was involved in the Red Dress Gala which is Alpha Phi’s philanthropy for heart disease, was

on the executive board for a dance marathon raising money for Children’s Hospital Miracle Network and attended a leadership conference in Washington, D.C., for National Dance Marathon. The sorority also chose her to attend LeaderShape Institute. Rogers is a double major in biology and psychology with a minor in chemistry.



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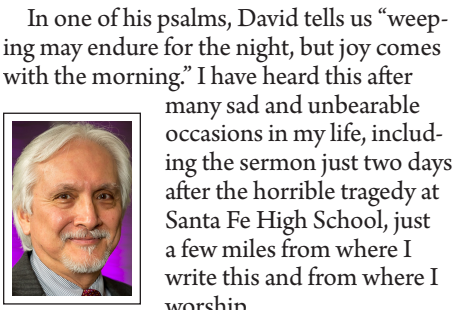
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Scott Barrett

Joy does
come in
mourning



JOHN D. POWELL
GUEST COLUMN

In one of his psalms, David tells us “weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning.” I have heard this after many sad and unbearable occasions in my life, including the sermon just two days after the horrible tragedy at Santa Fe High School, just a few miles from where I write this and from where I worship.

My brain, such as it is, hears it a different way, though: Joy comes with the mourning. That is not so strange when placed in theological context. Incongruities, tenets that seem to contradict each other, are the foundations of the world’s great religions. To know is not to know; not to know is to know. To conquer death you only have to die. So, why should there not be joy in the mourning?

I did not consider the school shooting would be part of the morning’s liturgy, even though Father Serge warned me the murders may have affected some people in our Galveston parish. Then we all learned the confessed killer was a Greek boy, making the possibility even greater. But, no, I was not prepared when the memorial service popped up in the middle of Liturgy. And even though I do not know any of the victims, my surprised, silent weeping prevented me from taking part in each congregational response of “Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.”

Then, I started picking apart my reaction. Best I can tell, I have two degrees of separation from the shooter and his victims. I finally settled on old Ben Kenobi and sensing a disturbance in the Force. I truly believe we can detect disturbances in the Force, or whatever you call it. The closer we are, whether by geography or relationship, the more we will feel it. Tens of thousands of lives affected almost in an instant by this crime would create such a disturbance.

Forgiveness is hard when such an atrocity cries out for justice, but that is what we need now. Justice is in the hands of courts.

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YOUR VIEW

Letter writer: It was slavery that made U.S. great

Editor, The Prairie Press,
To understand how to Make America Great Again, we should explore what originally made America great. That was, of course, slavery – the backbone of our economy for 250 years.

Unlike Mr. Trump’s plan to make America great again — the banning of whole classes of people and the deportation of as many as we can catch.

We originally welcomed immigrants, encouraged them to come to our shores. Twelve million came from what Mr. Trump characterized as s... hole countries.

We gave them food, clothing, shelter, medical care and encouraged them to have large families. All this at taxpayers’ expense? No, at the slaves’ employers’ expense.

And we gave them jobs. Arguably these jobs could have been done by former immigrants (whites), but I doubt they’d take ’em. These workers in cotton, tobacco and sugarcane provided raw materials for factories in the north and were our primary exports. This made America great.

Since NAFTA, our primary export has been jobs, and now people.

Well, we can’t bring back slavery, and the Chamber of Commerce wouldn’t want to... not out of compassion, but practicality. What employer would trade wages for food, clothing, shelter, healthcare for its employees? None.

I can’t see how Mr. Trump’s policies will

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Are you kidding me?

Illinois General Assembly does its job and passes a fiscal year 2019 budget

Glory be and saints be praised, we have a state budget.

Ok, that might be a little over the top, but who among the disenchant-ed Illinois residents really paid any attention to what was going on in Springfield the past couple of weeks? Let’s face it. None of us thought the General Assembly would approve the budget by the May 31 deadline. We all thought the process would drag on and on — like it has the past 2 1/2 years.

Boy were we wrong. Lawmakers whisked through a smoothly negotiated, \$38.5 billion spending plan in the final days of their spring legislative session.

Somehow the budgeteers — including our own Sen. Chapin Rose — were able to knock out a budget without any of the dramatics and

OUR VIEW

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hysteria we’ve seen since Bruce Rauner became our state’s governor.

Rauner has — from the time he took the oath of office — insisted his turnaround agenda with its business-friendly structural changes was the only way to revive a pitiful state economy and slow or stop the exodus of industry and residents from the state.

The difference in the budget negotiations this year was that the governor, “started with a couple of really common-sense goals in mind — a full-year balanced budget and no new taxes,” a spokesman for his office said.

Up for re-election and facing a well-funded opponent, Rauner has already shown signs that he plans to campaign for re-election by opposing the tax increase foisted on him by the Legislature — even though the revenue generated by that increase helped lawmakers produce the blueprint he is expected to sign.

Rauner’s Democratic opponent, billionaire businessman J.B. Pritzker, can be counted on to pummel Rauner on the, “historic 736 days without a budget,” the reminder he added to his statement on the General Assembly’s budget deal.

But for now, let’s all join hands — even with state residents north of Interstate 80 — and breathe a sigh of relief.

We have a state budget.



Burned out on the Trump TV, Twitter

I’m burned out on Trump TV. I don’t need to hear any more of his speeches or read one of his tweets.

I don’t want to watch every little thing President Trump does or says deciphered, misconstrued, attacked, defended, debated or analyzed on my TV every night by his many enemies and few friends.

To try to get some actual news Thursday morning I turned over to the Fox Business Network to watch Stuart Varney and the gang.

FBN covers real stuff and talks to real reporters about the ups and downs of stocks, the impact of President Trump’s trade deals on the economy and stories about the accelerating death spiral of the once-mighty Sears — the Walmart/Amazon of the 1900s.

But even on FBN I couldn’t escape Hurricane Trump, that permanent Category 5 media storm that blows away or crowds out the important national and global news of every day.

The big Trump-related story of the morning was the continuing fallout over Roseanne Barr’s racist tweet about former Barack Obama adviser Valerie Jarrett’s looks.

The tweet caused ABC to instantly cancel her highly rated “Roseanne” sitcom and led Robert Iger, the boss of parent company Disney, to call Jarrett right away to apologize.

FBN’s focus on Roseanne was a perfect example of how low the mainstream media have fallen when it comes to practicing real and important journalism.

She topped the news on virtually every channel, but the big story of the day should have

“ FOCUS ON ROSEANNE IS A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF HOW FAR THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA HAVE FALLEN.”

been President Trump signing the “Right to Try” bill, which finally gives terminally ill patients the federal OK to use experimental medications that have not yet been fully approved by the FDA.

Barr’s tweet was also the latest example of the double standard that permeates the liberal mainstream media’s news coverage of President Trump.

Barr, who made herself a juicy target for liberals by proudly calling herself a Trump supporter, was immediately canned and shamed by the left-wing media industrial complex.

Keith Olbermann, Joy Reid, Alec Baldwin, Bill Maher, Don Lemon and “Full Frontal” host Samantha Bee — all card-carrying Trump haters — have said vile, crude and crazy things about Trump and his family.

They did so with little or no harm to their careers.

It’s safe for a liberal celebrity to call Trump a racist or a Nazi, as Olbermann did, or to call Ivanka Trump “a feckless c—t,” as Bee did in her monologue Wednesday. They’ll usually get applauded, defended or given every benefit of the doubt when they pull a Roseanne. They almost never have to apologize.

For example, Joy Reid’s homophobic blogs from 10 years ago have been glossed over or excused, and this week she and former riot-starter Al Sharpton were cohosting a town meeting on racism at MSNBC.

Christians, Sarah Palin and conservatives are fair game for nasty name-calling and low blows

in the liberal media.

But if you say anything about a Democrat or a progressive, especially if it has any racial connotations, you’ll be a goner overnight like Roseanne.

Her biggest mistake was openly supporting Trump. That made her a marked celebrity.

She had a history of dumb and politically incorrect tweets, and she didn’t disappoint the liberals.

What she tweeted about Jarrett was wrong, not funny — and plain stupid. But if she deserved to be sacked for what she said, then so do Olbermann, Reid and a bunch of other liberals.

But Olbermann, a sportscaster whose nasty Twitter tantrums about Trump would embarrass a three-year-old, was recently rehired for about the 12th time by Disney’s failing ESPN sports network.

Bee apologized Thursday for crossing a line. TBS also apologized.

That’s all they’ll have to do to amend for their sins.

Bee gets a few points for saying she was sorry, but the liberal comedian was never in danger of losing her late-night job.

She knows the new rules of political trash talk — it’s not what you say, it’s who you say it against.

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

What will
campaign
look like?

For weeks now, some Democrats have been wondering if their party



RICH MILLER
CAPITOL FAX

intends to run a co-ordinated campaign this year and have asked what it might look like. A co-ordinated campaign means all

the party’s candidates are working together under one umbrella group.

The party’s standard-bearer J.B. Pritzker has kicked off “Blue Wave Illinois” and will soon make a \$5 million contribution. Democratic sources say much more cash is expected to follow.

The new group won’t be a separate, stand-alone entity, but will instead be an internal branch of Pritzker’s campaign apparatus.

The House and Senate Democrats will each receive a million dollars. Sen. Kwame Raoul’s attorney general campaign will get about \$50,000 and the other statewide nominees will eventually receive money as well.

To stay within campaign finance contribution limit laws, a million bucks will be transferred to the Rock Island County Democratic Party, which is run by Illinois Democratic County Chairs’ Association Chairman Doug House. Chairman House appears to be playing a key role in this new Blue Wave organization. House personally endorsed Pritzker ahead of his statewide group’s endorsement session.

Pritzker refused to take any campaign contributions during the primary except from himself, but that will also change. I’m hearing \$30 million may be the target number.

Pritzker will retain responsibility for funding his own race, I’m told. His initial \$5 million contribution can be seen as seed money to get the group going. And since contributions to Pritzker’s

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big-spending campaign will have no legal caps on them, Pritzker will be able to vacuum up every possible dime that contributors can afford to give. He has told others that he doesn't want to compete with other Illinois candidates' fundraising, so he will travel to other states to raise cash.

Any Statehouse-connected dollars will bring the sort of criticism the self-funder was able to avoid until now, so we'll see how this works out. And, of course, giving money to Madigan's operation has already prompted Gov. Bruce Rauner's campaign to claim the two men are in cahoots.

But this move also means Democrats will have a centralized funding source with no direct ties to Speaker Madigan. The benefit can work both ways.

Some liberal big-money folks just don't like Madigan, and even more candidates are skittish (to say the least) about taking money from the House Speaker. It also seems clear that Pritzker wants his

own, independent organization outside of Madigan's Democratic Party of Illinois – which has been accused in the past of redirecting coordinated campaign money toward Madigan's favored House candidates.

The Pritzker cash will be used to fund campaigns up and down the ticket, from statewide campaigns, to legislative races to county races. The money will also be used for training in messaging and the use of digital technology. The Pritzker campaign wants to concentrate on the most winnable races, but they also say they don't want to leave any stone unturned.

Local political organizations, including township and ward organizations in Chicago and county party organizations throughout the state, will also likely receive contributions in the future. Chairman House will apparently play the lead role in working with those organizations in an effort to build up a party that is sorely lacking at the local level outside Cook County.

Pritzker won kudos during the primary for opening 18

campaign offices and hiring about 100 field staffers, although there was some internal party criticism for the way at least some of those offices were run.

It reminded some influential folks of the DCCC — helicoptered-in staffers who didn't know the lay of the land.

Whatever the case, the Pritzker campaign plans to continue building out those local field offices and will use them to help Pritzker and other regional and statewide candidates.

A true coordinated campaign also involves congressional candidates. At this point, I'm told, Pritzker's Blue Wave group figures it's field work will benefit all candidates at all levels.

One of Pritzker's slogans has been think big, and this definitely has the potential to be the biggest effort of its kind that this state has ever seen.

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LETTERS
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make America great again (sans slavery), but perhaps there's method to his madness.

Michael Bennett
Vermilion

So much for Trump diplomacy

Editor, The Prairie Press,

So now the summit is off. Kim Jong Un disarmed a nuclear base and releases three prisoners in good faith, while Vice President Pence warns him he could end up like Khadafi.

Already upset over the joint military exercise between South Korea and the U.S. on the border, Kim Jong Un fires back at Pence. Then Trump sends his letter calling the whole thing off.

So the world watches as the back and forth dialogue hopefully does not descend into the firing of nuclear weapons.

So much for Trump diplomacy.

Anita Griffith



2018 Paris City Band

Concert Schedule

Concerts are held in the Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes

Sunday, June 3	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 10	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 17	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 24	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, July 1	7:00 p.m.
Saturday, July 7	7: p.m.
Sunday, July 15	7:00 p.m.

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POWELL

we have no influence on the outcome. Forgiveness, however, is in our hands, and is the first and essential step toward personal or communal healing. Jesus asked God to forgive those who condemned him and crucified him.

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Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, begins by asking God for forgiveness, because we cannot ask forgiveness from others until we ask forgiveness from God. Before we pray, whenever that may be, we must ask for God's mercy and forgiveness and for cleansing from our sins. Only with a clean heart can we ask for forgiveness from those we have wronged, and then seek God's forgiveness for those who have wronged us.

Forgiveness is free, it costs us nothing while providing unmeasurable rewards to our

mind and body. It removes our burden. It adds light to our soul. It takes away the darkness, the sadness, the mourning and allows us to feel happiness and joy once again.

Indeed, joy comes with the mourning, but not easily, and only for those who seek it.

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EDGAR
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question seeks to know if the flag still waves.

Robison reminded everyone, the answer to the questions posed in The Star-Spangled Banner is yes, thanks to those honored on Memorial Day.

Hoffman led a concluding prayer, releasing the crowd with the words, “may freedom be shouted out from every home and every courthouse in America.”

A short service, prayer and moment of silence followed in Edgar Cemetery after the program on the square.

BROCTON

The Brocton American Legion along with the Oakland Veterans of Foreign Wars held a joint Memorial Day service 11 a.m., Monday, May 28, at the Brocton American Legion.

At least 50 people attended the outdoor ceremony where speaker Danny Briseno shared thoughts on Memorial Day and what it should mean to all Americans.

Briseno, president of the Edgar County Historical Society, said Americans should not forget the ultimate sacrifice of Edgar County residents who gave their lives in service for our freedoms. These include George Francis Clark, killed at Pearl Harbor on the Arizona; Shawna Morrissey in the Iraq War; and Robert Willoughby, for whom the Brocton Legion Post is named, killed during World War II. Brocton also had four young men killed in the Korean War.

Memorial Day, Briseno said, is not a day to be taken lightly and every day should be a memorial for those who gave the ultimate sacrifice. Briseno mentioned his own parents, Opal and Peter, who encountered their own sacrifices while his father was in the service for 11 years and during the Vietnam

War.

This is the 150th anniversary of Memorial Day. It was started on the recommendation of General John A. Logan, Decatur, who, as the first commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR), called for a day of devotion honoring the dead of the Civil War. The GAR was an organization for Union veterans.

Taps were played ending the service at Brocton and a wreath was laid at the Legion memorial flagpole.

CHRISMAN

A small group gathered at 11 a.m. Monday, May 28, in the Chrisman city park to remember and honor sacrifices made to preserve the country.

The simple and brief program featured a prayer by Bill Brinkley, Deborah Hale singing the national anthem, remarks by Rick Jenness and the playing of taps.

Jenness recounted examples of Americans who lost their lives in different places and different times in an ongoing struggle to protect liberty.

“Regardless of the place or the war fought, the purity of their sacrifice is without question,” said Jenness. “Young men and women lost their lives in order to make the freedom of others possible.”

He added more than one million Americans have died in war since the American Revolution.

“The heroes that we remember today are not exclusive to any gender, race or religion,” Jenness said. “They are a diverse group wedded to the common principle that America is a nation worth dying for.”

Jenness noted while Memorial Day programs laud the bravery and willingness to sacrifice of those who have served and are serving in the Armed Forces, the loss is never abstract.

“We also extend our gratitude and support for a group that nobody wants

to join, but has already given their country so much, the Gold Star Families,” said Jenness. “We observe Memorial Day every year. These families remember their fallen loved one every day. Children without parents, Gold Star mothers and fathers, spouses and siblings can still hear the voices of those that they lost.”

HUME

Memorial Day in Hume is a major event. Before the 11 a.m. program starts, the Hometown Band plays a concert of patriotic music and the band also performs a couple of interludes between speakers.

Hume American Legion Post member Bob Denbo served as master of ceremonies introducing those who had speaking parts in the program, and he conducted the Post Everlasting ceremony reading the names of those who died in the preceding year. Denbo noted the Hume Legion Post has only two World War II veterans left. Both men are in their 90s, have frail health and reside in nursing homes.

Ray Coombes provided the opening and closing prayers. Post Commander Sean Gerberding welcomed the crowd, and auxiliary members Paula Smith and Linda Witt discussed what the auxiliary does.

Special guest vocalist Dawn Stone sang the national anthem for the flag raising and also performed “America the Beautiful” and “God Bless America” during the program.

Guest speaker Natt Flicisky remarked it is impressive to see the large number of people in a small community like Hume turning out for a Memorial Day program.

Flicisky’s speech focused on the importance of service and commitment to a cause greater than self.

His grandfather lied about his age to enlist during World War I and later three of the man’s sons

served during World War II, with one shot down and killed.

Flicisky joined the Navy when he came of age.

“I thought that would be a good way to get out of Vietnam,” he said. “As a result, I spent 18 months there.”

The Navy experience opened his eyes to a bigger world. He explained the ideals of America have a broad appeal and he served in the Navy with Filipinos who, despite not being from the U.S., were helping defend the country.

Flicisky sadly noted during the century between World War I and the present, the U.S. has been almost constantly engaged in war. He said it is appropriate to remember veterans who served, but with the changing times there are others who also deserve honoring.

“We should honor not only veterans, living and dead, but also the first responders who keep us safe and teachers who are now a line of defense for our children,” he said.

Flicisky worked for the Department of Veterans of Affairs for 40 years and learned much through oral history from veterans stretching back to the Spanish-American War. He said there was one constant in their stories.

“They didn’t consider themselves as heroes, but they believed they served in the company of heroes,” said Flicisky.

Following the program in Grafton Park, the group moved to Young America Cemetery for a concluding ceremony involving the playing of taps and a three-volley salute for the veterans buried at that location.

(Gary Henry, Bethanny Lawson and Ruth Patchett contributed to this story.)

QUEEN ENTRIES OPEN



Cathy Drake/Cathy Drake Photography

The reigning Miss Edgar County Fair Meghan Ingram of Chrisman holds the crown she will turn over to the 2018 Miss Edgar County Fair Sunday, July 22. An informational tea hosted by Ingram and her mother, Jamie, is scheduled Sunday, June 10, at Cafe France, 118 East Court Street.

Fair queen plans

Contestants sought for July 22 Edgar County Fair Pageant

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Preparations are underway for the annual Miss Edgar County Fair Queen Pageant, according to pageant director Tracy Quinn-Porter.

An informational tea is planned at 1 p.m. Sunday, June 10 at the Café France, 118 E. Court St., for any young woman interested in becoming a contestant in the 2018 Miss Edgar County Fair Queen pageant. Mothers/guardians are welcome to attend.

Information about the pageant will be presented as well as what to expect as a contestant.

Reigning Miss Edgar County Fair Meghan Ingram along with her mother Jamie Ingram will be on hand as well as other former queens and pageant family members. Attendance at the tea is not required to be a contestant in the pageant.

The 2018 queen will reign over the 157th anniversary of the Edgar Co. Fair.

To be eligible for the pageant, contestants must be at least 16 years old and they can not reach their 22nd birthday by Jan. 1, 2019. They must also be a resident of Edgar County for six months prior to the pageant, never have been convicted of a felony or pregnant.

The contest is extended to any female student that has graduated from an Edgar

County high school including those outside of Edgar County but graduated from Shiloh. Entries for Miss Edgar County Fair must be returned to the director by June 16.

Contestants for the Little Miss Edgar County Fair are four and five-year-old girls who must have reached their fourth birthday by July 1, 2018, and not have reached their sixth birthday by July 1, 2018.

No child who has been a contestant in the pageant previously is eligible. Little Miss contestants must also be a resident of Edgar County.

A \$10 entry fee per contestant is required to participate in this year’s pageant.

A drawing will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the Spicer Pavillion in Twin Lakes Park pavilion for contestants for the Little Miss Edgar County Fair pageant. At that time the entries will be turned in. Only entries on printed form will be accepted.

A parent or guardian must be present at the time of the drawing but the child need not be present. The \$10 fee must be paid upon the completion of the child being drawn as a contestant, cash only. The fee will help to offset expenses with the pageant.

The pageant is scheduled for 7 p.m. Sunday, July 22, at the fairgrounds, kicking off the annual Edgar County Fair.

Entry forms can also be picked up at the Prairie Press, Soleil Body Salon, Hair Teazers, Scissor Shack and Ole Hairitage. Questions regarding the pageant may be directed to Tracy Porter by calling 217-822-4309.

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SHRINE
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Saturday is the big day with the Paris Lions Club Walk for Sight scheduled at 9 a.m. Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Kiddy tractor pulls — always a popular event — are set to begin at 11 a.m. on the concrete pad on the west side of the fairgrounds. There will also be bounce houses on the fairgrounds for the kids, Quinn noted.

Serving of the beef barbecue is set from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. The tickets are \$8 per person and the traditional menu is served in the barn on the south end.

Drive-through pickup is

available again this year, Quinn said. “We started out doing it as a convenience and now it’s more popular than eating on the fairgrounds, especially if it’s hot.”

Drive-through customers may also choose to buy the bulk beef barbecue, which freezes well.

“There’s nothing like heating up some of that barbecue in January,” Quinn said.

For those with a lighter appetite, barbecue sandwiches are also available for purchase.

The Edgar County Shrine Parade steps off at 2 p.m., following the familiar route from the Paris American Legion, south to Blackburn and then north on Main Street and back to the legion.

The truck and tractor pulls begin at 5 p.m. in front of the grandstand. Quinn said admission for this event is \$10 a person in the infield and \$5 a person for the grandstand.

The club is also offering box seats with eight seats in the grandstand for \$100 for both nights.

ROAD
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Gym; \$2,888 to Kirby Risk to replace a control board at the well field following lightning damage; \$3,000 for concrete after water main repairs at Tonya Court; and \$4,500 to B. & B. Construction for water main repairs at the same location.

Earlier, the council approved a grant of \$10,000 and a loan of \$40,000 at 1 percent interest to improve the law office property at 104-110 East Washington Street. Money for the grant and loan is from the Downtown Tax Increment Finance fund. The city previously designated the property as a historic building.



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This hawk was hunting Twin Lakes Park May 7 and rested momentarily on one of the car barrier posts lining the drive. It appears to have a turtle or other small animal in its talons.

Football
camp set

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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The Paris Youth Football Camp kicks off this week at Paris High School's Tiger Stadium.

The camp — under the direction of Paris High School Head Football Coach Jeremy Clodfelder — is set from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, June 6, through Friday, June 8.

Clodfelder, who has been an instrumental part in turning the PHS football program around, is excited about the opportunity at hand.

"One of the biggest things that we are looking to do is establish the skills that are necessary to perform at a high level," Clodfelder said. "We want to get a solid program rooted in this community and allow that to reach all the way from high school seniors to the youth."

The three-day event is open to young athletes between first and eighth grades and will range widely in the skills that are touched on.

The installation of fundamentals of positions on offense, defense and special teams is the primary focus of those mentoring the young players.

Fundamentals emphasized in the camp include speed and footwork drills to other various focal points of the game that are crucial to player development.

Participants will learn to practice like the high school Paris Tigers and the coaches will introduce football terminology to the youth.

These are the same words and phrases used throughout the youth football association.

Clodfelder, along with other members of the Paris Tigers football staff and players, are working with Chip Keys in hosting the camp.

A former Eastern Illinois University running back, Keys runs the Paris Youth Sports Association and has an essential role in the camp as well.

The group will work together to provide hands-on experience for the youth attending the camp and help educate them on how to play the game of football better and safer.

"To be able to have this partnership for the duration of the camp, it really is incredible," Clodfelder said. "I am excited to work with him (Chip Keys) and all of the kids that take the time to come out and have fun."

The main focus of the camp is to improve the skills of all the children that attend.

It also allows residents of Paris and surrounding communities an opportunity to do something fun. The cost is \$40 per child.

"We don't want to be a program that is one and done every year," the Tiger coach explained. "We want to win and to thrive in this region and I think that this will be a great opportunity to lay the foundation of a tradition of excellence in the Paris community."

Paris falls in title game

Lady Tigers put up a fight against top-seeded Chatham Glenwood before losing 7-2

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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Despite a ferocious comeback attempt in the top of the sixth inning Saturday (May 26), the Paris Lady Tigers were unable to close the gap before falling 10-7 to top-seeded Chatham Glenwood in the Class 3A regional championship game.

The loss marked the end of the season for Paris, a team that has fought fiercely through nearly every game all season, finishing just above .500 on the year.

After a scoreless first three innings for the Lady Tigers, they managed to drive in three runs in the top of the fourth inning.

This put them a run ahead

of the Titans briefly before the Chatham-Glenwood bats woke up, scoring six runs in the bottom of the fourth.

After a slow fifth inning, the Tigers again roared back to life, scoring four runs in the top of the sixth. This left the team trailing 8-7 with less than two innings of play to go. However, several fruitless at-bats and a pair of Titan runs kept them at bay, with Paris ending the contest down 10-7.

"This Paris team is one of the most passionate groups of individuals I have seen," said Paris Head Coach Jeremy Clodfelder. "To see the looks on their faces, in their eyes, I know exactly how much that this meant to them. It's unfortunate that it ended today."

The Lady Tigers faced an up and down season as they battled through tough game after tough game, the majority of them being just within reach. Of 14 losses this season, five of them were within one run while seven more were within two.

Players also fought through multiple injuries in the season, one of the most notable to Kelsie Dorsch with a thumb injury.

Despite all of this, the team found its groove at the right time, winning 10-7 on the road at Casey in early May. This spurred a four game win-streak that saw the Lady Tigers decimate opponents and charge them through postseason play.

"This group is so unselfish. They play anywhere that we need them to for the good of the team," said Clodfelder. "Whitney Todd and Carlei Sapp were always willing to mix it up and as a head coach that helps a lot."

Much of the team consisted of freshmen and sophomores. Along with that youth can come inexperience. Senior Terra Fancher stepped up for the Lady Tigers and was a consistent leader.

"She has been incredible all year long and has been a big part of who we are as a team," said Clodfelder.

Though over now, the 2018 season for Paris was one to remember and for the seniors, it will be just that. However, the

youth that made up this team will be back and much more experienced come the following spring.

Among those returning are several individuals who etched their names in the 2018 Little Illini Softball All-Conference team. Kaitlyn Mathews secured a first-team selection for Paris. Sydney Fox and Carlei Sapp were both selected to second-team all-conference, and Kelsie Dosch was an honorable mention for all-conference.

"I couldn't be more proud of every single girl on this team. The passion and the fight that they showed all season and into the playoffs, that is what made this group special," Clodfelder said.

TIGER BASEBALL TEAM SETS RECORD FOR MOST WINS



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

Honors for the Paris Tiger baseball team were presented at Thursday (May 31) annual banquet at Step Station. Pictured front row, from left, are Sami Potter accepted the award on behalf of her brother TJ Potter, Brody Spencer, Brock Minor, Dylan Creech and Caleb Gates. Second row, from left, are Coach Jeff Chambers, Zach Burger, Austin Littleton, Raven Thompson, Austin O'Neal, and Head Coach Creighton Tarr.

Historic Tiger team honored

Paris celebrates LIC title; 7 players earn all-conference

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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The Paris Tiger baseball team put the bow on yet another record-breaking season with an awards banquet Thursday (May 30) at Step Station.

The season officially ended with a 2-1 loss to Mattoon in the IHSA Class 3A Regionals May 24. The Green Wave handed the Tigers two of the three season losses. Teutopolis provided the other loss.

Overall, the Tigers finished with a 28-3 record, and swept the Little Illini Conference for the second consecutive season with a perfect 9-0 record. The 28 regular season victories set the school record.

Last year's squad set the all-time win mark with 29 victories, but four of those came in the post-season.

Graduation this year is taking its toll on the Tiger roster, as 10 seniors played their last game wearing the orange and black just over a week ago.

All, or part, of this group of seniors was part of 108 varsity wins over the past four seasons. That win total also set the mark for most wins over a four-year stretch.

Overall, the Tigers have gone 108-28 since the 2015 season when these seniors were freshmen.

The varsity team was not the only squad getting accolades during the ceremony.

Junior varsity head coach Pete Dayton also recognized members of his 17-3 baseball team during the program.

Dayton praised the hard work and determination of his team and challenged them to stay the course as they move to the next level.

Winning awards at the JV level were freshman Garrett King-Pitch-



Cindy Spencer/The Prairie Press

Earning top awards for the JV Tiger baseball team were, from left, Sam Mays, Garrett King, JT Johnson, Blayne Roberts and Coach Pete Dayton.

ing Award; Blayne Roberts-Defense Award; JT Johnson-Offensive Award; Justyn Allen-Most Improved and Sam Mays-Tiger Award.

Tiger Head Coach Creighton Tarr handed out awards for the varsity team.

Taking home the Pitching Award was sophomore Brock Minor, who was 4-1 record on the season in 46 innings pitched. Minor struck out 25 batters, while walking just 10. Overall, he had a 1.21 ERA to lead the Paris team.

Co-winners for the Defensive Award were Austin Littleton and Brody Spencer.

Littleton finished his stellar career as a four-year starter at the shortstop position. Opposing coaches routinely commented on the plays Littleton made and most were amazed at what they saw from the Olney Central College commit.

Spencer was behind the plate for 85 percent of the innings played this season — all while not committing an error. The senior picked off six would-be base stealers on the season while leading the Tiger pitching staff.

The Offensive Player of the year also went to Littleton.

The senior was moved to the leadoff spot this season, and responded with outstanding numbers. He finished with a .440 batting average, a .515 on-base percentage, 13 doubles and drove in 28 runs from the top of the order. He also led the team with 16 steals and scored 46 runs.

The final award of the evening was the Tiger Award. This honor was presented to senior Austin O'Neal.

O'Neal played five different positions throughout the season and finished with a 7-1 mark on the mound. He was a perfect 4-0 in LIC games during the 2018 campaign. He also scored 28 runs and finished with a .430 on-base percentage.

Seven members of this year's team were tabbed for Little Illini All-LIC team honors.

Earning first-team honors were Austin Littleton, TJ Potter, Brock Minor and Zach Burger. Earning second-team honors were O'Neal and Jacob Gates. Raven Thompson made the honorable mention list.

Graduating seniors include Dylan Creech, TJ Potter, Austin Littleton, Austin O'Neal, Reese Sutton, Zach Burger, Raven Thompson, JB Eslinger, Matt Stetler and Brody Spencer.

Paris LL
schedule
begins

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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After five weeks of play the three teams have emerged as division leaders.

In the Feeder League, IWD leads play with a 7-2 record. State Farm is close behind at 5-3 while KC and the Elks are bringing up the pack at 3-6 and 3-7, respectively.

In the Litton League, State Farm leads with a 7-2 record. Legion and the Elks are tied for second at 6-2. KC is 5-4, Chrisman is 2-6, and Dirt Poor is 0-9.

Dimond Bros sits firmly ahead in Little League play with an 8-1 record. Prospect Bank a half game ahead of First Farmers with records of 4-5 and 4-6. Legion is 2-6 on the year.

FIRST FARMERS VS. LEGION

Legion managed to squeak by the First Farmers Tuesday 2-1 after a vastly defensive game. Daugherty led Legion in hitting with a single and a triple in the contest. Strong pitching from Underwood also helped Legion. Hefner led the First Farmers in hitting with two singles.

FEEDER ELKS VS. KC

KC beat the Feeder Elks in a contest that ended 15-6. For KC, Will and Marcus shined as they each rattled off four hits and four runs, batting a perfect .1000 for the day. The offensive leaders for the Elks were Easton and Drew, both of whom managed to score two runs from three hits.

FEEDER ELKS VS. IWD

IWD beat the Feeder Elks decisively 12-4. After 5 ½ innings of play, IWD had 17 hits. The team was led by Myles, Briar and Trey, each with three hits and two runs. The Feeder Elks were led by Gage, scoring three runs off four hits.

FEEDER ELKS VS. DIRT POOR

The Elks beat Dirt Poor in a close matchup, taking 10A



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Schwarber, Cubs tally to win 7-4

BY SCOTT ORGERA
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Kyle Schwarber began the game on the bench, entering in the sixth inning as part of a double switch. It didn't take long for him to make a meaningful impact.

Schwarber homered and drove in four runs as the Chicago Cubs rallied against a beleaguered Mets bullpen to defeat New York 7-4 Friday night.

The Cubs trailed 2-0 in the seventh before posting their fifth win in six games.

"How about the guys off the bench tonight?" Chicago manager Joe Maddon said. "Schwarber popped that one really nice. That was outstanding."

The Mets, who started out 11-1 under new manager Mickey Callaway, dropped below .500 for the first time this season at 27-28. They have lost seven of nine, including four straight at home.

"We are not snake-bitten," Callaway said. "We are not playing the game the right way and we have to do better at it."

Playing in front of a large crowd on a comfortable night, Mets relievers once again failed to hold a lead and spoiled a solid outing from starter Zack Wheeler.

Addison Russell led off the Cubs seventh with a single. With a hit-and-run on, Tommy La Stella singled through the shift on the left side for his major league-leading 12th pinch hit, advancing Russell to third and chasing Wheeler.

Schwarber cut the Mets' lead in half with a sacrifice fly off reliever Paul Sewald. Ben Zobrist followed with a tying double as a dejected Wheeler hung his head in the dugout.

Zobrist reached base four times.

After Jason Heyward grounded out, Kris Bryant singled home Zobrist for a 3-2 lead.

Schwarber broke it open in the eighth against Sewald (0-4), hitting a three-run homer over the left-center field wall for his 11th of the season. Ian Happ added an RBI single in the ninth.

"Tommy's pinch-hit, Happ drove in a run coming off the bench also," Maddon said. "Pretty impressive."

New York's bullpen is 1-7 with an 8.42 ERA over its last nine games.

"Nobody wants to blow games down there," Sewald said. "It's frustrating when we have to tell the starting pitcher 'sorry' over and over again."

Randy Rosario (2-0) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings. Brandon Morrow worked the ninth for his 14th save in 15 opportunities.

Seeing regular playing time with star slugger Yoenis Cespedes on the disabled list, Brandon Nimmo broke a scoreless tie in the third inning with his seventh homer, a two-run shot off starter Tyler Chatwood.

The always-smiling, excitable outfielder sped around the bases so quickly that he almost caught up to lead runner Amed Rosario coming down the third base line. Nimmo has driven in a run in a career-best five straight games.

Throwing harder than he has so far this season, Wheeler's fastball topped out at 99 mph. He allowed two runs on seven hits in six-plus innings, walking two and striking out four.

"I guess it was just coming out a little easier today," Wheeler said.

LEAGUE

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the game 12-11. Sean Dunn had a single. Grant Hoover also added a single in the contest. The pitching for the Elks came from Luke Stuck, Sykes Crippen and Sean Dunn.

three batters he faced. Dunn also had a single in the game, which drove in two RBIs. Luke Stuck had a double and an RBI as well. Keegan Gosnell and Mason Barrett each also had hits in the contest.

KC VS. DIRT POOR

KC squeaked by Dirt Poor with a final score of 17-16. Gavin Reed led the game for KC with 32 pitches in the circle. He was followed up by Kipton Bradford, Storm Miller and Brenton Starr. Briley Stiff, Ayden Means, Brody Quinn and Braylen Mills were all a significant part of the pitching rotation for Dirt Poor.

ELKS VS. STATE FARM

The Feeder Elks beat State Farm 9-5 after an impressive offensive showing for the Elks. Four players, Drew, Easton, Chase and Carter, all managed to go 2-3 at the plate and score two runs apiece.

For State Farm, three players managed to go 2-3 at the plate. This included Eli, Brian and Max, with each scoring once in the game as well.

KC VS. FEEDER ELKS

KC just managed to come out with a 9-8 win against the Feeder Elks. Parker Sander, Mason Barrett, Luke Stuck, Gage Wright and Keegan Gosnell all managed to hit a single in the game. Sean Dunn and Sykes Crippen each had a double as well. The Elks pitching came from Dunn, Sander, Stuck and Crippen.

FEEDER ELKS VS. STATE FARM

The Feeder Elks outhit State Farm to take the win 5-2. Gage Wright led off for the Elks and went an impressive 2-3 at the plate, scoring twice in the contest. State Farm got on base six times throughout the game but was only able to take advantage of that twice as Eli and Max each scored once for the team.

PROSPECT BANK VS. LEGION

Prospect Bank won a tight game 4-3 over Legion. The team was led in hitting with a double from Rigdon. Other contributors included Rogers, Reeley, Robertson and Shepherd who all had a single. In the circle for Prospect Bank was Peterson and Rogers. Legion had four singles from King, Underwood, Crampton and Kollman. Underwood also pitched the entirety of the game for Legion.

FEEDER ELKS VS. KC

Sean Dunn led the way on the mound for the Feeder Elks beating KC 16-6. Hitting throughout the game came from Parker Sanders, Luke Stuck, Mason Barrett and Grant Hoover, all getting a single in the game.

FEEDER ELKS VS. IWD

IWD won an 11-6 contest with the Feeder Elks. Hot bats from Bryson and Trey paved the path for IWD as both went 3-3 at the plate along with three and two runs scored respectively. The Feeder Elks were able to get runners on base but were not able to capitalize from it.

LEGION VS. PROSPECT BANK

Legion and Prospect Bank ended the game in a 5-5 draw as the time limit expired. Legion was led in hitting from Ty King and Parker Underwood, each with two singles on the day. Marcus Mitchell led Prospect Bank with two singles. Pitching for Legion came from Nathan Trapp and Underwood while Prospect pitching came from Jay Peterson and Justin Robertson.

LEGION VS. DIMOND BROS.

Legion lost a close matchup against the Dimond Bros 9-8. Parker Underwood had three singles in the contest while Carson Kollman rattled off a homerun. Sanders led the Dimond Bros. with two doubles.

STATE FARM VS. FEEDER ELKS

State Farm beat the Feeder Elks 7-4. Wyatt Quick had a triple and a double for State Farm, while Hayden Smothers also had four singles. The duo propelled the State Farm offense past the Elks, who were led by Wyatt McClain with two singles and a double.

FEEDER ELKS VS. LEGION

The Feeder Elks held off Legion in a tight 14-13 matchup. Parker Sanders had a single and a double in the game, while Luke Stuck had two singles.

DIMOND BROS. VS. PROSPECT BANK

The Dimond Bros. won 6-2 over Prospect Bank. Conner Edwards got the win for the team in the circle, recording 11 strikeouts. Drake Bartos had a single, double and triple for the Dimond Bros. and led the team in hitting. Jackson Tingley led Prospect Bank in pitching, striking out six of the batters he faced.

DIMOND BROS. VS. FIRST FARMERS

The Dimond Bros. beat the First Farmers 15-3 thanks to superb pitching. Sanders, Bartos and Edwards gave up a total of three runs, while striking out a combined 14 batters and only two hits. Brody Sanders had a double and a homerun for the team. Tingley and Morgan each pitched two innings for the First Farmers and recorded six strikeouts each.

DIMOND BROS. VS. PROSPECT BANK

Prospect Bank managed to beat the Dimond Bros. 9-7 after an impressive pitching show from Jackson Rigdon and Drew Rogers. Rigdon managed seven strikeouts and Rogers was close behind with six. Conner Edwards pitched two innings for the Dimond Bros. and struck out six batters.

FEEDER ELKS VS. STATE FARM

The Feeder Elks beat State Farm 5-3. Parkers Sanders had two singles in the game and Sean Dunn recorded a triple. Sanders and Dunn also pitched the game for the Elks.

FIRST FARMERS VS. LEGION

Legion came out of the contest with the First Farmers with a 8-3 win. Legion was led by King and Daugherty, who each had a single and a triple in the game. The First Farmers were led in hitting by Hefner by rattling off a triple and a homerun. Crampton and King pitched the game for Legion.

DIMOND BROS. VS. LEGION

The Dimond Bros. beat Legion 7-3, thanks in large part to the pitching of Bartos, Sanders and Edwards. The group pitched two innings apiece and recorded a combined 17 strikeouts. The team was led in hitting by Brody Sanders with two singles.

DIMOND BROS. VS. PROSPECT BANK

Bartos and Sanders won the game in the circle as the Dimond Bros. beat Prospect Bank 3-1. The two gave up one run in four innings while striking out a combined 15 batters. Bartos also managed to unleash a homerun in the game, further propelling the team to victory.

DIMOND BROS VS. LEGION

The Dimond Bros. won a tight contest with Legion 9-8. Christian Miller led the team in pitching with six strikeouts. For Legion, Ty King had seven strikeouts. Brody Sanders led the Dimond Bros. offensively with two singles and two walks.

Memorial Day in Edgar County



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The Chrisman American Legion Post Honor Guard stands at attention for the playing of taps to conclude the Memorial Day program in the city park.



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Audience members stand for the national anthem at the Chrisman Memorial Day service, including a veteran wearing his old uniform. The shoulder patch indicates service with the Army Materiel Command.



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Jared Bowers plays taps on the courthouse lawn during the Paris Memorial Day service.



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Members of the Paris American Legion hold the flags during Memorial Day services at Edgar Cemetery.



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Twins Logan and Landon Gerberding place a wreath in Grafton Park as part of the Memorial Day program at Hume.



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A three-volley salute is fired on the courthouse lawn during Paris' Memorial Day service.



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The flag reflects back from the new veterans memorial in the Chrisman City Park.



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Rick Jenness of Chrisman American Legion Post 477 delivers the main address for the Memorial Day observation in the city.



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The Paris High School Marching Tigers performed the national anthem for the Memorial Day service in front of the Edgar County Courthouse.



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Jeff Brown echoes taps ending the Memorial Day program at Hume.



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The Chrisman American Legion Post Honor Guard retires from the city park following the Memorial Day program.



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Audience members at the Hume Memorial Day program stand for the flag raising.



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Members of the Paris American Legion get into place for a Memorial Day service at Edgar Cemetery.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The Hometown Band plays in concert for the Memorial Day program at Hume.



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Bob Denbo of the Hume American Legion Post served as master of ceremonies for the annual Memorial Day program May 28.



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Danny Briseno, president of the Edgar County Historical Society, speaks at the Memorial Day service, Monday, May 28, at the Brocton American Legion Post.



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Secret Service ends shoot

Schoolteaching was Ledge's profession. Photography was his hobby. A sunny four-day weekend placed him in Chicago with three good friends, all teachers from southern Illinois. They attended an educational convention



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OLD CODGER

held at a downtown hotel in the Loop. Educators from across the state gathered for the event. Ledge not only held interest in the convention, but this presented him an opportunity to bring along two cameras, plus multiple lenses, and shoot a variety of big city photographs.

First item of business for the four peckerwoods was to register at the desk, lug their suitcases via elevator to the 14th floor, and unpack. Ledge's buddies carried one suitcase each, but in addition to a suitcase, Ledge toted a photo case, tripod, and a camera strapped around his neck.

The guys were hungry. As they emptied luggage and hung clothes in the closets, they discussed selection of a place to eat lunch. A famed tavern was only a half-block distant, noted for foot-long cooney dogs. That, the foursome agreed, need be the second order of business. It would've been except Ledge was suddenly enthralled by unusual construction activity as he gazed outside the window. "C'mere fellas," he said. "Look at this. Something strange is happening."

Down below, surrounded by skyscrapers, a couple of portable cranes were engaged, 40 or so workers were unloading trucks, and another 40 were erecting bleachers. Not far across the street, a stage was taking shape.

"Wonder what that's all about?" queried one.

The answer suddenly struck Ledge like a lightning bolt. "President Nixon is going to deliver a big speech today. Right there, I predict."

The others wanted to depart for lunch. Ledge refused to budge. They poked fun at him, pointing out that he could observe later. He told them to get lost and leave him alone.

Ledge fitted a long telephoto lens to a camera and mounted it onto the tripod, then proceeded to zoom in onto the platform below and across the street.

"Wow!" he exclaimed aloud to himself in glee. "I'm perfectly positioned to snap some beautiful close-up photos of the president of the United States. How lucky can a guy be?"

A few minutes elapsed as he continued to tinker with the camera.

Soon there followed loud knocks on the door. Assuming it was his buddies in a pestering mood, he ignored them. More loud knocks followed.

"Get outa here and leave me alone!" he shouted. "Go to Hades!"

The knocks didn't occur a third time, nor did anyone ask him to open the door, pretty please. Many things happened in a flash. The door flew open

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GET EVEN WITH DANDELIONS, EAT THEM



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Dandelions are the bane of those people adamant about keeping a pristine yard. Far from a noxious weed, the nutritious little plant has a variety of health benefits, according to folk belief and popular lore.

They're more than weeds

Let's get a disclaimer out of the way. I'm not a cook.

The height of my culinary skill is pretty much a peanut butter and honey sandwich. Readers must keep that caveat in mind as they follow this adventure about consuming dandelions. A more talented and knowledgeable cook can likely get different and better results.



GARY HENRY
COOKING IN EDGAR COUNTY

Dandelions are edible, and early European settlers brought the plants to North America as a salad green.

Here is a major word of caution. Only gather dandelions where it is certain no herbicides were used, and the backyard may not be a good source if that's where the family dog is let out to relieve itself.

I do not spray my yard, and my farming neighbors are considerate and only spray on calm days to minimize the risk of drift onto my property. I'm certain the abundant dandelions growing in the yard are free of noxious poisons, but I can't say what happens at night when coyotes, raccoons, opossums and other varmints are roaming. Perhaps some things are best left unknown.

As noted, my yard is full of dandelions, and I don't care. In the early spring when they start blooming, dandelion flowers provide an important, and sometimes only, food source for honeybees foraging after a winter of living on stored honey and pollen. That alone makes them valuable and worth leaving undisturbed and thriving.

My curiosity was piqued after coming across several sources touting the nutritional and health benefits of dandelions. Unlike others who write for this space, I'm not including recipes since there are ample online and printed sources for that. This is more about the experience and what was learned.

After gathering leaves and flowers, put them in a cold-water soak to



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Approximately 20 shredded dandelion flowers sit atop mixed-green salad prior to tossing.

wash off any dust and debris. This also encourages bugs accidentally collected to abandon their hiding places.

One source recommended a vinegar-water solution to eliminate tiny ants between the flower petals. That is probably good advice. I only used water and found miniscule ants roaming the drying paper when I returned several hours later to finish processing the blooms. Individual tolerances for fastidiousness may be a factor here.

Dandelions are considered an herb, and they are classified as a bitter. Several sources recommended eating only the fresh, young leaves from early spring growth. The older and larger leaves found at this time of year have a much stronger taste.

A whole salad of large dandelion leaves may be too overpowering for some. Our pioneer ancestors mollified some of the bitterness by wilting the leaves with a drizzling of hot bacon grease. The same thing can be accomplished by sautéing them in butter.

Cutting the leaves into smaller pieces and tossing into a salad adds another level of taste without overwhelming the other greens.

Dandelion leaves are a source of vitamins K, A and C and also contribute calcium, iron and manganese to the diet. A cup of dandelion leaves is only 25 calories while still

providing quality dietary fiber.

The flowers have numerous uses. Harvest without the stem and when processing look under the flower head for a ring of curled down leaves. Those must be pulled away to avoid an unpleasant taste. What appear to be vertical green leaves are OK because that is the underside of the outermost petals and are fine to consume.

Hint: the flowers are difficult to handle after they are wet. The blooms are slick and tend to clump together so it is best to remove the curled leaves before washing.

One option for consuming the flowers is to eat them whole. The taste is not repugnant, but it is unfamiliar. Shredding the blooms adds some color to a salad and there is no discernible taste after mixing in with the greens.

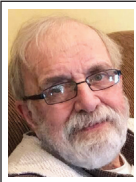
Another option is dipping them in batter and frying in oil. The consistency is similar to batter-fried mushrooms, but the only taste is from the batter, which creates options for experimenting from sweet to spicy. Some people make infused oils and vinegars with the blooms or turn them into jelly.

Dandelion tea is possible from the flowers, the leaves, dried roots or a combination of all three. If using fresh blooms, bring the water to a full boil but let it cool for three to

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Memories remain vibrant of father

My father died at the age of 45. He was a railroad freight conductor, who stepped off his caboose at the wrong time. A passenger train, an engineer at the helm who had been restricted to the yards at one point, took Father out of this world.



HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

In those days, when a railroad man was killed in an accident on the job, the railroad – in our case, the New York Central – immediately sent an agent, who expressed his condolences and promised to pay for the funeral. Something a little extra, perhaps, like flowers? Just sign a release.

The generosity of the agent was so overwhelming that my older sister threw him out of the house. I never held it against the agent. He wanted to keep his job, but that is the way of the world. Still, I wondered how he slept at night.

The issue was never about money. Mom went to work outside the home (married women with children stayed at home those days). She did her best, and I am eternally grateful. We survived.

My father and I had an interesting relationship, though rocky at times. He was a hard man in some ways. Living with him was competitive. We both being creatures of temper and stubborn. We engaged in fisticuffs several time; injuries were minimal

Fifty-five years, he has been dead now. Time gives one perspective, and looking back makes me long for the what-might have been. Before his death, he began to mellow, as did I.

There are many good things I remember about my father. My earliest memory, I still recall with clarity, was him carrying me down from my bedroom when I was sick, and the fever was high. There was gentleness in those calloused hands in the way he held me as I fell asleep in his lap.

At the age of nine, he took me with him on his red caboose, which was not an uncommon thing in that age. It had a little coal-burning stove with a flat surface on which sat the ever-present coffee pot and a pair of bunks lined the walls.

Father took up golfing with a vengeance in 1959. We traveled in an endless quest

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The Great Extinction should provide a lesson for us

Earlier settlers arrived in the 1700s and when Illinois became a state in 1818 there were nearly 500 species of native birds. May 5 marked the 47th year that birders went out across Illinois to document and they found about 400 species.

Fossils provide a historical record. The first birds developed from small dinosaurs about 150 million years ago. Sixty-seven million years ago the Earth was inhabited by thousands of species mostly living in trees, but 66 million years ago birds almost completely disappeared.



TERRY SULLIVAN
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

died off, so did almost every bird species. Only a couple of ground dwelling partridge like species survived. All birds that lived in trees became extinct. Birds almost suffered the same fate as the dinosaurs.

The dinosaurs went extinct

A new study just published in "Current Biology" looks at the record of bird fossils. At the same time the dinosaurs

66 million years ago during the great extinction event when three-fourths of all animals and plants died within a couple years. Birds barely survived. The fossil record is clear. It shows an immediate loss of species and charcoal remains of trees all over the world 66 million years ago.

It is also a lesson in what we may be doing to our climate.

Two geophysicists searching the Gulf Coast in 1970 for oil deposits found a massive impact crater near the Yucatan Peninsula. It was named the Chicxulub Impact, and because it was underwater it was

mostly eroded and filled in. The crater theory as the cause of the great extinction was debated until the 1990s when soil profiles showed a thin layer of iridium covered the entire Earth 66 million years ago. Iridium is rare on Earth but it is found in asteroids.

The Chicxulub Crater ranks in the top 10 impacts of the last 2 billion years. It was a rock from space about eight miles across and smashed into the earth traveling at supersonic speeds. The impact punched a crater 20 miles deep and 150 miles across with an explosion equal to a

million hydrogen bombs.

Smashing right at the edge of the Gulf of Mexico, it filled the skies with dirt and steam. The heat generated a firestorm setting trees everywhere on fire adding soot and ash to the dark skies. Vapor, rich in sulfates, triggered acid rain. The Earth experienced a global winter for the next decade with little sunlight getting through the clogged atmosphere and the entire planet frozen.

After a frozen decade, the skies began to clear and a period of warming com-

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for new courses on which to whack at the ball, and unleash torrents of profanity. We took turns throwing clubs. We spent hours looking for lost balls.

Going golfing with my father possessed all the aspects of a holy war.

Thirty-six holes quelled by our clubs; games so long they often skirted the edge of darkness. We played in all kinds of weather. The victor gloated; the loser, like Macbeth, plotted murder.

My uncle Junior, who played with father, related a story to me, which, I believe, summed up the near-madness.

Imagine a freezing winter day; wind blasting away; light snow falling. Father calls Junior and asks him if he wanted to go golfing. Junior, being of sound mind and wary of pneumonia, said no.

Memories of my father never dull.

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HENRY
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five minutes before pouring over the flower heads. Water at a full boil immediately cooks the flowers and precludes proper steeping.

The tea finishes with a green color and has a distinctive taste that is not something I immediately enjoyed like I did with sassafras tea. One, however, could learn to drink dandelion tea as an acquired taste. Adding a sweetener might help.

The flowers have healthy antioxidant and polyphenol properties, and one study using rats indicates the flowers may help reduce inflammation. Folk medicine also claims eating dandelion plants is good for everything from preventing cancer to controlling high blood pressure and promoting kidney health, but such claims are not accompanied by citations to double-blind studies verifying the health benefits. People should always consult a physician regarding health concerns and not self-treat with a folk remedy. Dandelion consumption won't hurt, but it may not help.

It was an interesting experiment. Cleaning the flowers of the curled leaves is a time consuming process, and the overall taste does not encourage further exploration.

My efforts were basic and somebody else may have techniques that produce much better results. Is so, submit a piece for future publication.

The Annual Barbershop Vaudeville Show sponsored by the Coles County Barbershop Chorus is a fundraiser to support a variety of worthy causes in the community. Membership in the chorus comes from numerous communities in Central Illinois, including Edgar County. Left is Jim Roll of Brocton who is considered the song and dance man of the concert. Right is Les Heath, Charleston, a 20-year member of the chorus.

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with a heavy crash. Men with pointed guns charged, yelling “Hands up! Secret Service!” He was whirled about face and frisked against the wall.

Just as suddenly the violent agents turned polite. They asked several questions, learned his identity and intentions, then very courteously explained that the photography equipment was a no-no. Ledge disassembled his outfit. The men departed with thanks.

Ledge skipped lunch that day, having lost his appetite. In fact, he didn’t snap a single photo in Chicago that weekend.

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

Barbershop group sets vaudeville show

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CHARLESTON – The Coles County Barbershop Chorus presents the 49th Annual Summer Show at 4 p.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Dvorak Concert Hall on the Eastern Illinois University campus, Charleston.

The vaudeville show features the 30-man chorus now ranked third in Illinois barbershop competitions. The singers come from Champaign, Newton, St. Elmo, Sul-

Art Center’s Paint Illinois exhibit ending

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The current exhibit at the Art Center is the 22nd Annual Paint Illinois Juried Exhibition. It can be viewed through Friday, June 8.

According to Paris Bicentennial Art Center Director Susan Stafford, the purpose of this exhibit is to “present visions of the State of Illinois as seen through the eyes and creative spirit of the artists who reside within its boundaries.”

Artists are asked to interpret the landscapes, people, sights and sounds of Illinois, Stafford said. Some of the artists prepare a brief statement displayed with their entry explaining the inspiration behind their creation.

SULLIVAN
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The global fires and the vaporized limestone along the coast filled the atmosphere with carbon dioxide. The climate warmed by about 9 degrees Fahrenheit. This temperature increase lasted more

than 100,000 years until the carbon was finally removed from the atmosphere. The take away is man’s current climate meddling may warm the climate for centuries.

Forest loss through the fires wiped out every bird species dependent on trees for roosting and reproduction.

Only a few hardy ground dwellers were able to scavenge for limited food and reproduce.

The fossil record from North America to New Zealand, shows the charcoal remains of trees, fossilized pollen and fern spores. It took 100 years for a spike in ferns and about 1,000 years for forests to return.

Once forests were back, the ancestors of today’s modern tree-dwelling birds moved into the trees and began the long process of evolving new species. Today, there are nearly 11,000 living species of birds. Also, birds evolved a more efficient digestive system after the disaster.

It is interesting to speculate how different it would have been had the asteroid been seconds earlier or later. With timing differing by seconds, the Earth’s rotation means the impact could have either splashed into deeper Gulf waters or smashed into the rock of central Mexico. Either would have caused a huge explosion but not the devastation resulting from a hit right on the edge of the coast. In such scenarios, dinosaurs might still be roaming the Earth.

Today it is man’s activities that are causing changes for most other species, including bird populations.

Daniel Field, of the University of Bath’s Milner Centre for Evolution said, “Human activity is causing deforestation on a massive scale. We know that the diversity of bird communities is impacted by the availability of forests -- when forests are

won the Indiana State Championship and made semi-finalist in the 2017 International competition in Las Vegas. The “South of Normal” Quartet won the Illinois State Championship in 2017 and competes in July at the International Contest in Orlando.

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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of May 27-June 2, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

BACCALAUREATE FOR PHS

A large crowd filled the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday evening for the baccalaureate address given to Paris High School graduates by Rev. E. E. Spatz, pastor of the United Brethren Church. The announcement that Company D had landed in France, made during the evening, was greeted with great applause.

CITY EMPLOYEES GET INCREASE

The salaries of most of the city employees was increased at the meeting of the city council. Following is the new scale: Firemen, from \$60 to \$70; Fire Chief, Patrolmen, Electrician and Engineers, from \$65 to \$75; City Clerk, from \$70 to \$80. The question of paving North Main Street from Blackburn to Elliott was under discussion. A plan is being worked out whereby the owner, the street car company and the township will bear one-third of the expense.

SCHOOL ANNUAL ISSUED

"The Arena," the official annual publication of Paris High School, has just been issued by the Beacon Publishing Company and was turned over to the staff for distribution. The 1918 book exceed in many ways all former records. A total of 275 copies were issued, largest in history, and the publication contains 128 pages exclusive of the eight-page cover, which also is the biggest ever published by the school.

LARGEST PHS CLASS GRADUATES

An audience which overflowed the space in the First M.E. Church Friday evening gathered to honor the largest class in the history of Paris High School. The names of 87 young men and women of Paris were read out for diplomas at the close of the beautiful and impressive exercises.

50 YEARS AGO

HALAS QUILTS AS COACH

CHICAGO - George Halas announced his retirement as head coach of the Chicago Bears, after 49 years of pro football as both a player and coach.

216 SENIORS AWAIT DIPLOMAS

One of the largest classes in Paris High School history - a total of 216 seniors - will march down the aisle Friday evening to receive diplomas and conclude their Paris public school careers. The commencement address will be delivered by John E. Stipp, president of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago. 19 SENIORS AT CHRISMAN The 19 members of the Chrisman High School class of 1968 will receive diplomas in commencement exercises Friday evening in the high school gym. The welcome address will be given by class salutatorian Nancy Jo Taylor, and the class farewell by valedictorian LuAnne Tucker.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

Gold Star mother Mrs. Gladys Addcox, whose son Robert Eugene was a Korean war casualty, placed the traditional wreath at the Veterans Memorial on the courthouse square Thursday, assisted by American Legion Post Commander Joe Mitchell, during the annual 11 a.m. Memorial Day services.

Disaster influenced historian

David McCulloch's fascination with the Johnstown Flood led him to his vocation

(EDITOR'S NOTE: David McCullough has twice received the Pulitzer Prize, for "Truman" and "John Adams" and twice received the National Book Award, for "The Path Between the Seas" and "Mornings on Horseback." His other acclaimed books include "The Johnstown Flood," "The Great Bridge," "1776" and "The Wright Brothers." He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards, including the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian award.)

BY DAVID MCCULLOUGH
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Half a century ago this year, Simon & Schuster published "The Johnstown Flood," my first effort as an author. When I think of the circumstances by which the book came to be so

long back, I cannot help but feel more than ever a sense of genuine amazement. The year was 1961. A set of old photographs lay spread out on a large table before me in the Prints and Photographs Division of the Library of Congress and I stopped to look. They were, I was told, taken by a photographer who managed to get over the mountains of western Pennsylvania down into what remained of Johnstown within a day or so after the terrible flood of 1889 hit that city. It was a disaster that killed more than 2,200 people, destroyed more than 1,600 homes and swept debris and bodies as far away as Cincinnati. Flood lines were found as high as 89 feet above river level. And the force of the water was so powerful it dragged

along several 170,000-pound locomotives nearly 5,000 feet. I was new to doing research at the library, new to working with old photographs, but the devastation I saw on the table quite literally stopped me in my tracks. I was 27 and just getting started in a new job in Washington, D.C. At that point I knew next to nothing about what had happened at Johnstown, even though I had grown up not far away in Pittsburgh. About all I knew was that at dinner my brothers and I loved to make lakes of gravy in the mashed potatoes, then break through the potatoes with our forks, and as the gravy flowed down among the peas, call out, "The Johnstown Flood!" So evidently we were aware that a dam had broken.

But why or what the consequences were, we had no idea. In one of the old photographs a two-story house has been thrown upside down and skewered by a large, uprooted tree. In another is what appears to be a dead body — but was almost certainly someone posed for effect — amidst wreckage as far as one can see. So many questions were running through my mind at the time and for days afterward that I took a book out of the public library on the subject to learn more about what happened and why, only to be disappointed. For one thing, the author did not seem to understand the geography of western Pennsylvania and that at least I did know. I found another book, but it was even less satisfactory, a pot-boiler

written at the time of the flood and filled with a good deal of obvious nonsense. I had thought about being a writer since grade school and worked hard at writing all through high school and my college years, imagining the day when I might become a playwright or novelist. But the prospect of writing history had not entered my mind. As an English major at Yale I had been particularly taken by the plays and novels of the American master Thornton Wilder, a Yale graduate who lived near New Haven, and was a familiar figure on campus. When asked how he settled on subjects of his plays and novels, he said he would imagine a story he would love to see performed on stage or

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FOR MANY, A PLACE TO REUNITE WITH ONES YOU LOVE



Daily Herald File Photo

Catarina Pinto, right, and Geovanna Mofato, both of Rio de Janeiro, embrace on the lower level of O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 1.

O'Hare more than airport

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BY MARNI PYKE

The Daily Herald

It took just seven years for O'Hare International Airport to rise from an unassuming, former aircraft factory to the world's busiest airport in 1962. Since then, the Midwest aviation hub has witnessed history and sparked an economic boom in the region; but for many across Illinois, it's the place to reunite with the ones you love best. "Creating O'Hare was a marvelously foresighted decision by the city of Chicago," aviation expert Joseph Schwieterman said. Chicago leaders chose Orchard Field, where the Douglas Aircraft Co. was building fighter planes, as the site for a second airport to relieve busy Midway International Airport in 1945. The facility got its name in 1949 from heroic World War II pilot Edward "Butch" O'Hare and opened for commercial traffic in 1955. The main terminal building and a parking lot were completed in 1961 and in 1963 President John F. Kennedy dedicated the airport. "There is no other airport in the world which serves so many people and so many planes," Kennedy said. O'Hare can be credited with generating a commercial boom in northwest Chicago and the surrounding suburbs that includes industrial parks, hotels and restaurants, freight operations and transportation services. An estimated 450,000 jobs in the region are linked to O'Hare and its



Daily Herald File Photo

President John F. Kennedy dedicates O'Hare International Airport in 1963. He is surrounded by Illinois and Chicago politicians including the late Mayor Richard Daley, to his right.

economic impact is \$38 billion, according to the Chicago Department of Aviation. An extension of Route 390/Elgin-O'Hare Expressway to the airport and a ring road (I-490) on its western edge are projected to create up to 65,000 new direct and indirect jobs in the region. O'Hare ranks as the country's second busiest airport, with 867,635 arrivals and departures in 2016, compared to Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport with 898,356. But along with being a financial and transportation asset, O'Hare has an emotional connection with Illinoisans. Over the years, the airport has witnessed heartbreak as when American Airlines Flight 191 crashed minutes after takeoff near Des Plaines in 1979. It's seen emotional farewells as soldiers deployed to Vietnam, Afghanistan and Iraq, and joyful reunions as they returned. And in January 2017, it saw protests over a travel ban enacted by the White House on seven predomi-

nantly Muslim nations. Famous fliers have taxied on the tarmac from President Barack Obama aboard Air Force One to sports teams raising trophies such as the 1985 Chicago Bears, 2005 White Sox, 2013 Blackhawks and 2016 Chicago Cubs. Back in 1963, Kennedy hoped the government and airlines, "will continue to work as hard as they can to make sure that the noise from these jets which take us in and out do not disturb the lives of ... people whose homes are in the immediate area." His words were prescient as noise is the crux of the love-hate relationship neighborhoods around O'Hare have had with the behemoth. Neighbors appreciate the fact that the airport creates jobs, but loathe the din of jets over their homes. Since 1995, more than 10,900 homes have been soundproofed but concerns about noise continue to date. The airport was a trendsetter over the years with the iconic steel and glass of Terminal 1 designed by

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A tribute to our soldiers

Usually Memorial Day, or Decoration Day, occurs shortly after the ending of regular school classes each year. It is a time of celebration from two different aspects of our lives. The students are ready to take a deep breath along with the parents and teachers after completing another school year. In a more serious vein, we celebrate that many gave their all so our country survives. As I think about the many ways many people have served down through the years, I realize there must be a special purpose and a significant reason why they have done so. It is more than protecting our freedoms and standing up for what is right. To me it means there is a connectedness between our creator and us simple stewards of his creation. Many times when we speak we say we will give our all, but do we really mean it? So many did down through the years and, whether they meant it or not, they found a way to lay down their lives for the cause they believed in.

The words from the hymn "Are Ye Able Said the Master," now plays on my mind. "Are ye able when the shadows; Close around you with the sod; to believe that spirit triumphs; To commend your soul to God." I think we were brought up by our parents to serve others. This is taught in our schools by the sharing with other students and being a part of a team for a worthwhile goal. Learning to achieve what we are capable of at a high standard gives us the insight needed to make good decisions. But it doesn't end when we finish with our formal education and the last day of school. School should only end when we have given our all. If we are truly alive we

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‘Still Wrestling’ shares journey

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

JACKSON, Miss. — In a few weeks (July 1), Les Ferguson Jr. will move on from the pulpit at Lake Harbour Church of Christ in Ridge-land, Miss., just north of Jack-son, to a new position in Ox-ford, home to “Ole Miss,” the University of Mississippi.

The move and the univer-sity community, he said, offer the potential for more per-sonal and spiritual growth. It’s also another move toward wholeness for a man whose life was fractured by tragedy nearly seven years ago.

On the afternoon of Oct. 10, 2011 — Ferguson’s 24th wed-ding anniversary — his wife, Karen, and the couple’s son Cole, 21, were shot to death in the family’s home in Gulfport, Miss., near the church where Ferguson was then preaching.

The apparent killer, Paul El-lis Buckman, 70, had attended the church until being charged three months earlier with sex-ually assaulting Cole, who had

cerebral palsy. The same day that Karen and Cole were killed, Buckman was found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound at his apartment two miles away.

“There were mighty dark days,” Ferguson remembered.

Now, he is the author of the new book “Still Wrestling: Faith Renewed Through Bro-kenness,” which explores the doubt that consumed him af-ter the double murder.

Ferguson couldn’t imagine ever trusting in God again, much less proclaiming the gospel from a pulpit.

He was brought back in part by the people who reached out to him to return to his calling. “You took a broken, timid, uncertain man and gave him a chance to do ministry again,” he tells the Lake Harbour congregation in the opening acknowledgments to “Still Wrestling.”

It was a long time before Fer-guson could find his voice at all. In the immediate aftermath of the shooting, 700 mourners filled the church in Gulfport,

Orange Grove Church of Christ, for a memorial service. Karen Ferguson was remem-bered as a hero who helped the couple’s youngest son, Casey, then 5, escape the killer.

The 4-foot-11, 100-pound mother then turned to de-fending Cole. Another son, Conner, then 14, had gone to play miniature golf with friends that afternoon. Kyle, the eldest, lived in Kentucky, where he served as a campus minister. Les Ferguson was at a preach-ers’ meeting in nearby Biloxi.

In giving the eulogy for both victims, Les Ferguson’s younger brother, Billy, also a minister, described Cole as a hero, too, recalling his “larg-er than life” smile.

“His love for family and friends and church was vi-brant and unencumbered by his physical disability,” Billy Ferguson said.

For his part, Les Ferguson said all the right things — at first.

“God didn’t do this,” he told a reporter in the days after the

shooting. “This was just evil.”

But as weeks and months passed, he avoided church, spending his time alone. As he scrubbed his wife’s and child’s bloodstains from the walls, the minister’s despair overwhelmed him. He pushed everyone out of his life, except for his remaining immediate family and a few close friends.

“I didn’t want someone to pat me on the back and tell me it was going to be OK,” he said. “I didn’t want somebody to quote a Bible verse to me. I just wanted to be left alone.”

Ferguson knew he had to leave the Gulf Coast commu-nity to which he’d ministered for 13 years the day he moved a love seat in his living room and found bullet holes in the floor.

He moved 200 miles away to Vicksburg, on the Missis-sippi River.

He began to write as a way to heal, launching an online journal called Desperately Wanting to Believe Again that would become the basis for his 224-page book, published

by Texas-based Leafwood, a branch of Abilene Christian University Press.

“I never quit believing,” Fer-guson said. “The name proba-bly should have been Desper-ately Wanting to Trust Again because it was more about my journey of learning to trust God again. I used the blog to rant and rave and whine and fuss and praise as it came to me.”

While in Vicksburg, Fer-guson reconnected with a former sweetheart, Becki Berryman. The mother of two teenage boys, she had remained a close friend of Ferguson’s sister after she and Ferguson had dated as teenagers. They married in 2012.

“It absolutely astounds me when I think of all the chang-es we have been through,” he said. “My youngest son is less than a year away from being a teenager. My oldest son is the father to a two-year-old. We’ve experienced high school grad-uations and graduate degrees. We’ve gone through career

changes and come full circle back to ministry again.”

Casey, who witnessed the attack and is now 12, has done remarkably well, Ferguson said.

“Early on, we were told re-peatedly that the young are very resilient,” the father ad-ded. “And that has been our ex-perience.”

After the double murder, Ferguson thought he’d never preach again.

But when Lake Harbour sought a minister in the spring of 2014, the church’s six elders saw Ferguson as someone whose experience would give him insight and empathy no matter what their members had gone through.

“It’s not one of those things where he tells you the terri-ble story every Sunday,” elder Morris Houston said when Ferguson was hired in 2014. “But in his sermons, you get pieces of what he has recov-ered from ... and I think it has a big impact.”

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They don’t act like Christians

We sat in the cab of his truck and made small talk. Finally, I asked him, “Why don’t you attend the church any-more?”

“Well,” he re-sponded, “I know I’m not supposed to feel

this way but, people who go to that church call themselves Christian but don’t act like it. That’s why I don’t go anymore.”

I’m a pastor and I must confess that I sometimes don’t act like a Christian. What is a Christian sup-posed to act like, really? The short answer, from what I can see in scripture, is that we are supposed to act like Christ.

That’s a pretty tall order, wouldn’t you say? I mean, come on, the savior of the world? Really? So, if I don’t act like him, I’m not a Christian?

Let’s flesh this out a little more.

Jesus did not come just to be an example for us to live up to. He came to live the life of the Christ in and through us.

Romans 10:6-8 But the righteousness that is by faith says: “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” [b] (that is, to bring Christ down) 7 “or ‘Who will descend into the deep?’” [c] (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). 8 But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart...”

Paul is saying, Christians don’t have to try to find Christ in some external way (“ascend to heaven... descend to the deep...”). Christ is already in you. You are already in Christ. Check out what Paul says in a couple other places about this;

“Christ in me, the hope of glory...”

“My life is hid with Christ in God...”

These things didn’t happen suddenly when we said the sinner’s prayer – the very reason we are capable of saying the sinner’s prayer is because these things are already true about us.

Somehow, everyone knows what it means to act like a Christian because the life of Christ is already dormant inside every human being.

Or maybe I should say, our lives are already dormant inside Christ.

Col. 1:15-18a “The Son is the image of the invisible

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Churches ready for VBS



The Lake Ridge Christian Church hosts one of the largest Vacation Bible School programs in the area with close to 200 children attending the five-day program.

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Area churches are busy planning Vacation Bible School for the youth of Paris and youngsters of the surrounding communities.

Lake Ridge Christian church hosts VBS this week. The program begins Sunday, June 3, and continues with a closing program Friday, June 8.

This year’s program, Shipwrecked Rescued by Jesus, starts at 4 p.m. Sun-day at the church, with an open house for children ages four years old through students entering the sixth grade and their families.

Lake Ridge Pastor Nate Alexander said the open house features food and inflatables for the children.

“We plan on having a lot of fun,” said Alexander.

Bible school is daily after that from 6-8:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, through Thursday, June 7. A one-hour closing program for the participants and their families is 6 p.m. Friday, June 8.

Participants can register at the event Sunday or preregister by calling the church office at 217- 465-5614. More information is available online at lakeridgechurch.org.

Alexander said each night the church will be decorated in a different shipwreck theme. The daily opening and closing portions are in the church gym. The other daily events including a snack period, games, Bible lesson and an imagination station are on a rotation basis in the church.

The imagination station is a sci-ence-based time for arts and crafts. Participants will create gadgets to take home based on the daily lesson.

Vacation Bible School is extremely important said Alexander. “Every year the church supports the event which focuses on children,” he said. “We want them to feel like they are important to God. Our coordinators and volunteers go all out to create that atmosphere by decorating the church and hallways.”

Bell Ridge Christian Church is using the same theme. The church’s Ship-wrecked VBS is 8:30-11:30 a.m. June 4 through June 8. It is open to any youth ages four year olds through eight grade and will emphasize how Jesus rescues during hard times said Bell Ridge youth minister Don Gordon.

He said VBS teachings center around Jesus and his love.

“Whatever we are going through, Je-sus is right here with us,” added Gordon.

Following a brief daily opening wor-ship service, the VBS participants break into age groups for various 25-minute sessions including crafts, snacks, games and a daily Bible lesson based on the shipwrecked theme. The weeklong



Both Lake Ridge Christian Church and Bell Ridge Christian Church are using the theme Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus for the 2018 Vacation Bible School.

event concludes 6 p.m. Friday, June 8, with a closing ceremony recapping the week’s lessons and songs.

Also featured at the closing service are bouncy houses and food. Partic-ipants can register the morning of VBS or preregister by calling the church at 217-463-8024. Transportation is available and can be arranged during preregistration.

“This year’s lessons about scrip-tures help the children as they grow up. It is a very informative pro-gram,” said Gordon.

Several churches are joining to-gether to host VBS at the Otterbein United Methodist Church. The First United Methodist Church, Paris Presbyterian Church and Ver-milion Methodist Church are doing VBS from 5:45 to 8 p.m. July 8-10 at the Otterbein Church in Paris.

Their Rolling River Rampage theme focuses on Jesus’s presence in a person’s daily life.

“Basically, the curriculum talks about Jesus being with us always especially through the hard times,” said volunteer Sherri Staley. Staley, Debbie Sturgell and the church leaders and volunteers have planned this year’s VBS.

The program is open to youngsters prekindergarten through fifth grade. The children will be split into two age groups, pre K through second grade and third grade through fifth grade. Each session starts with an opening prayer and music followed by crafts, a Bible lesson and games.

Participants may register at the beginning of the program or they can preregister and set up transportation by

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The Feast of the Visitation

On May 31, many Christian churches cele-brate the holy day of the visitation of our most Blessed Mother, Mary, to her cousin, Eliza-beth, who was in her sixth

month of pregnancy with John the Baptist. This day is simply referred to as The Feast of the Visitation.

In Luke 1, the angel, Ga-briel declares, “And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.”

Luke then continues, “during those days Mary set out and traveled into the hill country in haste to the town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zachariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.’”

This feast day brings many things into the mind for reflection.

First of all, for Catholics and Orthodox Christians, this feast inspires us always to ask the Holy Mother of God to visit us with her prayers and love during our own struggles and difficul-ties in life. By visiting us, we believe she can bring the gifts of her intercession to draw us closer to Jesus in our times of need.

For all Christians, Mary serves as a reminder that we each have to love one another. Mary did not simply choose to stay at home to contemplate her own calling she received, nor did she center on her own needs as a new ex-pectant mother, but rather she selflessly traveled in haste to be at the aid of her cousin, Elizabeth, who needed her support and assistance as she, too, was with child.

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Their hunch has paid off. “God has seen fit to take all of my brokenness and help me be a more compassionate, grace-filled minister,” Ferguson told RNS. “And, as much as I wish we hadn’t experienced some of our pain and heartbreak ... never in my wildest dreams could I have imagined the blessed life our family now lives.”

John Dobbs, minister for the Forsythe Church of Christ in Monroe, La., said he’s grateful to see his close friend remarried and preaching again.

Dobbs suffered a tragedy of his own in 2008 when his 18-year-old son, John Robert Dobbs, was struck and killed on an interstate. Ferguson spoke at John Robert’s funeral.

“In his tenderest moments, Les remains crushed by his losses,” Dobbs said. “Grief runs like a river beneath his daily life. But in his tough moments, Les has learned to speak truthfully and forcefully for the abused and threatened.

“With God’s help, Les has taken the weapons Satan meant to destroy and turned them into tools in the hands of the Savior,” his friend added. “There’s a beauty to this beastly story that will only be realized in the resurrection morning.”

Ferguson said he wrote “Still Wrestling,” which took him three years to finish, as a way “not only of dealing with all of my own hurt and pain and loss and difficulty, but also wanting to help others who struggle, too.”

What does he hope readers take away from the book?

“That no matter how broken they are, no matter how damaged they might be, no matter how difficult life is, God is still there,” he said, “and they just need to keep wrestling with him.”

PASTOR

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God, the firstborn over all creation.

16 For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together...”

Did you see it? Our very soul is held together in Christ.

There is just enough awareness of the life of Christ in each person that we know, intuitively, what it means to act like a Christian.

To become a Christian and begin acting like one is to respond to the stirring of the life of Christ that is already in us. This stirring happens in various ways.

To genuinely respond to this stirring is to be born again, born from above. Being born again, is a matter of re-entering our origin. We get to become what we were originally intended to be.

It’s true there are some people in the church who do not act like Christians. That’s because they have not yet fully entered into their life in Christ. They may have experienced a conversion, but they are still moving toward full realization of who Christ is in them.

Even though we have been born again we still have the issue of an ego-self that we’ve spent our whole existence constructing in order to armor ourselves against rejection and pain. We fashion our false self (flesh, ego) as a result of all kinds of life experiences, many of which took place in childhood.

Here’s what I told my friend in the truck cab that day: “Going to church is a great place to start. Just because some people don’t act like Christians and because you can’t act like a Christian is no cause to avoid the church. The church is the place where Christ does his best work. You see, at church, you discover what it means to enter into who your were created to be because there, at the church, Christ is lifted in the preaching of the word, the sacraments, the songs we all sing together, and in the gathering of the congregation. Some there may be closer to their true self in Christ, and some are farther away. But we are all held in the loving hands of God, carried along in this journey called life.”

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CATHOLIC

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Whether good or bad, when we face the daily cares and activities in this life, we are called not to get lost in ourselves to the point that we forget the needs of others, but rather, like our Blessed Mother, let us courageously hasten our lives to come to the aid of others in need.

The Feast of the Visitation also defends Christian doctrine that life begins in the womb of the mother. John the Baptist leaped in his mother’s womb at the presence of our Blessed Mother who was carrying the Christ child in her womb. This miraculous event, I personally believe, has been recorded for us by the Holy Spirit for our present times.

John the Baptist’s leaping in his mother’s womb

reveals to us that all life is sacred from the womb to the tomb. In our world today, we must not forget the innocents who have no voice of their own. Whether in a womb of its mother or in a nursing home, every life is a gift from God and given a life for a purpose. We can even dare to say that every soul that God has ever created is greater than the whole universe combined.

The world and universe as we know it will one day pass away, but each soul is destined by God to live forever.

As we contemplate The Visitation, may we come to a greater love for the gospels, which is that which gives the wisdom of Christ’s love for us.

May God give you peace.
(The Rev. Ronald Hilt is the priest at St. Mary’s and St. Aloysius Catholic churches. Email him at stmarychurch-paris@gmail.com.)

VBS

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calling the Otterbein Church at 217-463-2515.

“VBS is important to reach out to the area children and teach them about Jesus and how Jesus can be a friend to us all,” said Staley.

Grace Lutheran Church is planning VBS from 9-11 a.m. July 23 through July 27 for four year olds through third grade students.

This year’s theme, “Splash Canyon. God’s promise on Life’s Wild Ride” is based on 2 Corinthians 1:20 discussing God’s promises.

Organizer Jeannie Taylor said the daily Bible lessons are based on water and wild rides such as Moses and the Israelites going into the promised land and concluding with Jesus’ baptism.

Seating is limited for the event featuring arts and crafts, music, games and a refreshments and a snack made by the participants with the help from volunteer Jana Tyler.

Seating is limited and preregistration is required by calling the Grace Lutheran Child Development Center at 217-466-1234.

“We always have a lot of energetic children during VBS week,” said Taylor, noting students at the CDC participate in the annual event.

At the end of July, the First Christian Church of Paris holds VBS. This year’s event begins July 30 and continues through Aug. 3.

It is open to all youth of Paris and surrounding communities ages three years old through fifth grade and sessions are daily from 9 to 11:45 a.m. said the Rev. Michael Dixon.

Using a Timelab theme, Dixon said children will experience an imaginary laboratory and time travel to discover Jesus from eternity past to eternity present.

“The children will imagine traveling through

time and meeting the most important man ever – a man who was not just a man, but also God. It will be interesting and fun,” said Dixon.

Directors Kim Woods and Deena Hasler along with a host of church volunteers are working on this year’s VBS event.

Each session of the Christian Church VBS begins with church members performing a skit.

“The skit is live action and is very special. It adds something to the neat mixture of the traditional VBS format,” said Dixon.

According to Dixon, VBS is important to the youth and the community.

“It is teaching the youth about God and teaching the word of God and his character,” said Dixon.

He emphasized VBS also creates healthy relationships between youth and adults.

“Those relationships are important because children need to know they can have trust and fun with positive adults in a church experience that is both fun and enjoyable,” he said, adding, “The church experienced can be enjoyable and fun especially during VBS. People can be serious at church but we can also teach the word of God in a fun, upbeat setting.”

He also sees the VBS as family outreach to educate all about God’s love.

“The entire community is invited,” said Dixon. “Members from other churches are welcome to VBS and share the brief time with us.”

The VBS closing ceremony is a picnic Friday, Aug. 3, in the churchyard for all participants, their families and the community. A traditional part of the picnic is a free will offering providing outcomes for the directors or Dixon if certain levels are met.

“I have been slimed and watered down in the past,” Dixon said. “This fun helps bring down barriers and provides encouragement to everyone. We are all human and God loves us all.”

He also said the church will share and assist other churches with VBS materials.

Preregistration begins next week. An online registration form is on the church’s webpage <http://fccparis.org/> or by calling the church at 466-3255.

Bible school at Paris First Church of the Nazarene is from 5:45 to 8:30 p.m. July 16 through July 21. The theme is “Maker Fun Factory, Created by God, Built For a Purpose” and is open to youth ages prekindergarten to sixth grade.

More information is available by calling the church office at 217-465-6030.

GRACE NOTES

JUNE 19 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Christian Women's Connection of Terre Haute monthly luncheon is 11 a.m. June 11 in the MCL meeting room at Meadows Shopping Center. The featured speaker is Anne Burchell discussing “Lessons Taught by Mom.” Sue Baer will discuss making jewelry and music is by Mary Sue Jackson and Jackie Reeves. Call Julie, 812-234-7388, or Sherri, 812-249-3084, to make reservations.

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Let's stay safe this summer

Summer should be a time of fun and relaxation.

You may be attending pool parties and outdoor cookouts. During these times of laughter and celebration,



NICKI REED
BEE WELL OF EDGAR COUNTY

it is still important to remember to stay safe.

If your child is like many others, he or she probably likes to ride their bike during the warm months. It is essential children wear helmets each time they ride bikes. It doesn't matter if it's just a quick ride around the block or a two-mile ride to grandma's house. Many accidents happen close to home. Be sure to set a good example and wear your helmet if you are riding as well.

Drownings are the leading cause of injury or death for children ages 1-4. Always supervise young children when in or around water. A responsible adult should always be present to watch young children. Teaching kids to swim by enrolling them in formal swim lessons can also offer protection. Recreational boating can be fun, but also very dangerous. Be sure to always have your child wear a well-fitting life jacket.

Some serious sun burns can lead to cancer later in life. Be sure to apply sunscreen with a SPF of at least 15 and UVA and UVB protection every time your child goes outside. Unprotected skin can get burnt by the sun in as little as 15 minutes, and it can take up to 12 hours for skin to show the full effect of sun exposure. Also, wearing a hat that shades the face, scalp, ears and neck is a great way to give added protection. Sunglasses help protect the eyes from UV rays, which can lead to cataracts later in life. Choose sunglasses that block as close to 100 percent of UVA and UVB rays as possible.

Make sure your kids are safe from bug bites with kid-safe bug repellent. According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, insect repellents containing DEET are safe for children 2 months and older. Using repellent is one way to prevent itchy bug bites, but there are several other ways to avoid bugs. Wear loose-fitting clothing with long sleeves in muted colors. Wear socks and shoes instead of sandals. Avoid using scented lotions when you are outside.

Hopefully these tips will help keep you and your family safe. Have a fun summer. Stay safe.

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Couple lobbies for support

More money needed for community mental health and addiction treatment in Illinois

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was submitted before the Illinois General Assembly approved a FY 2019 budget this week. The final budget appropriation for the community health and addiction treatment programs were not available at press time.)

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — Among the hundreds of mental health and drug treatment advocates in Springfield May 17 urging lawmakers to boost behavioral health funding in next year's state budget was an infant, born with methamphetamine in her system, her three-year-old brother, also born with methamphetamine in his system and their guardian grandparents.

Sophie Holley, four-weeks old, and brother D'Angelo accompanied grandparents, John and Angie Holley, to meet with lawmakers at the capitol urging them to support a 10 percent rate increase for the state's community mental health and addiction treatment providers.



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John Holley, right, of Paris, holding his granddaughter, Sophia, who was born addicted to methamphetamine, meets with Marvin Lindsey, Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois CEO. Holley attended a May 17 rally in Springfield urging legislators to not only reject a proposed \$18 million cut to treatment programs but to increase the funding by 10 percent from existing levels.

John Holley of Paris says Illinois is wrestling with multiple drug addiction wildfires, including opioids and crystal meth, but funding for drug treatment has been significantly reduced.

Holley noted the Rauner administration's proposed budget cuts \$18 million in the current fiscal year 2018 budget and includes a \$6.1 million reduction for next year's Fiscal Year 2019 spending plan.

"When Illinois suffered 2,278 drug overdose deaths during 2016, of which 80 percent were opioid-related fatalities, cutting drug treatment funding is as wrong-headed as politicians can get," said Holley. "Infants, like my granddaughter, Sophie and her brother, who were with me at the capitol, are among the victims of our state's addiction crisis, especially downstate, and they suffer before their lives can even begin by politicians cutting treatment services."

Holley is a certified recovery support specialist at the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties.

In addition to more funding for recovery programs, Holley and his wife support stronger punishment of the dealers who make, supply

and sell these child-harming drugs.

A coalition of behavioral health advocate groups — which includes the Community Behavioral Health Association of Illinois (CBHA) — is pushing lawmakers to reject budget cuts and, instead, approve a 10 percent rate increase for mental health and substance use disorder services.

Those proposed increases total approximately \$23 million (\$11.5 million with Medicaid match) for mental health and \$12 million (\$6 million with Medicaid match) for substance use disorders.

"Earlier this year, the state established a hotline for those with drug addiction seeking treatment, and that was a useful step," said CBHA C.E.O. Marvin Lindsey. "But a helpline must have actual help on the other end of that line, so behavioral health providers need a 10 percent rate increase in the budget to fight an opioid crisis that, with more than 2,000 deaths annually, we are currently losing."

A SMALL TOWN TREASURE



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

The Oaks Manor in Oakland is celebrating its 10th anniversary with an open house Saturday, June 23. The manor offers 13 apartments for independent senior living, according to Linda Taber, who with her husband, Jim, were among the 28 original investors creating the facility.

Seniors small town living

The Oaks Manor offers senior living apartments

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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OAKLAND — The Oaks Manor, an independent senior living facility is celebrating its 10th anniversary.

The senior living apartments, located just off Route 133 on Walnut Street, provide small town living for seniors who live in the 13 apartments, according to director Alisha Seafler.

The Oaks Manor was the brainchild of Max and Bobbie Miller, who realized 25 of the community's senior citizens were living in a facility in Charleston 10 years ago.

"Those senior citizens missed their community," said Linda Taber, one of the original 17 investors who made construction of the facility possible. She also served as the facility's first director. "So it's close to my heart," she said.

A lifelong resident of Oakland along with her husband, Jim, the couple operated Taber Funeral Home. Along with the Millers and a total of 28 investors who decided something needed



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Residents of The Oaks Manor in Oakland frequently gather in the spacious visiting area for a variety of activities, including a church service, which had just ended Thursday, May 31, at the independent living facility. Pictured seated, from left, are Joan Hartke, Donna Barnes and Linda Driver. Standing is Alisha Seafler, director of the senior living apartments.

to be done so those Oakland seniors could come back to their community. Of the original investors, only three were not living in Oakland, she noted.

Miller served as the planner for the facility, Taber said. Work began in August 2007 with site work. The foundation was started in November 2007. The open house for the completed facility was July 27, 2008.

A decade later, The Oaks Manor

EZ Care moving

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EZ Care moves into the new building this weekend, according to Erin Frank, public relations and marketing manager for Horizon Health.

Frank said EZ Care will continue to see patients in the portable building through closing Sunday.

"The service will reopen at 9 a.m. on Monday morning in the new building," she said.

Frank said patient parking will be at the south end of the building until the portable is moved offsite and the parking lot is repaved.

EZ Care hours are Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Horizon lab earns honors

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The Horizon Health Laboratory continues to receive national recognition for its quality of service and commitment to excellence.

The laboratory was once again awarded accreditation from the College of American Pathologists (CAP), considered the gold standard in laboratory accreditation.

The award followed a recent on-site inspection of the Horizon Health Laboratory.

During the visit, the CAP inspectors examined the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the previous two years. The inspection also



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included examination of the entire staff’s qualifications, the laboratory equipment, facilities, safety program and record, as well as the overall management of the department.

The CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, which began in the early 1960s, is recognized by the federal government as being equal to or more stringent than the government’s own inspection program.

Amna Qureshi, MD, pathologist and the laboratory’s medical director, was congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided. Horizon Health is one of the more than 7,700 CAP-accredited laboratories worldwide.

The Horizon Health Laboratory has been CAP-accredited since 1995.

THE OAKS

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provides a hometown residence for seniors, Seafler said.

The private pay facility offers 24-hour staff, home cooked meals three times a day, weekly apartment cleaning, laundry service, assistance with bathing, dressing, walking, personal grooming, guest meals, weekly drives and outings, church services and other activities.

The one-bedroom private apartments offer full bathrooms with walk-in showers, Seafler explained. Emergency call devices are stationed in areas of the apartment if help is needed. Residents control their own heating and cooling temperatures.

The private pay is all-inclusive, she said, including cable service and utilities. Residents have their own things in their living space. “They love having their own things around them — the couch or television and other little items that make it home,” she

Record sharing enhances care

Horizon Health now able to share records with local providers

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

To further coordinate patient care, Horizon Health is now able to electronically share patient medical records with healthcare providers who are part of a patient’s care team. This is especially beneficial to patients who receive their healthcare from multiple providers at various locations.

The electronic sharing of patient health information is possible through the Patient Record Sharing (PRS) feature in athenahealth, an electronic health record (EHR) system that Horizon Health utilizes at its hospital and clinics. The goal of PRS is to increase provider-to-provider communication, giving medical personnel a more comprehensive view of a patient’s

healthcare.

For example, if a patient has a primary care physician and a specialist physician, both participating doctors can access key pieces of their patient’s health information. Each can review the type of diagnosis, treatments and prescriptions their patient is receiving according to the record at the other’s facility.

“Patient Record Sharing is all about enhancing the patient’s continuity of care,” said Oliver Smith, Horizon Health president & CEO. “The ability for providers to share medical records further ensures that patients are receiving the best care. This is possible because providers have immediate access to additional information to make better decisions.”

For providers to share patient health information through PRS, they must first opt in to the system, as Horizon Health has done. Once they do, PRS automatically searches an extensive network

of hospitals and clinics and locates the patient’s medical records. Those records are put directly into Horizon Health’s electronic health record system called athenaNet, allowing participating providers to review and reconcile the patient’s most complete information.

“Electronic health records have attempted patient record sharing for years. But the ability to exchange information wasn’t always effective because of the various systems of record keeping that existed with different providers,” said Lacey Stults, BSN, RN, clinical informatics project manager.

Patients age 18 and older are automatically enrolled in Patient Record Sharing at Horizon Health. Note that since organizations must opt-in to participate in this service, not every hospital and clinic involved in a patient’s care may be included in the record sharing service.



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

Joan Hartke relaxes in her apartment at The Oaks Manor in Oakland. Hartke said the facility is one of the best kept secrets in the area.

said.

Taber said the emphasis for the facility is on maintaining the health and wellness of the residents while maintaining their independent lifestyle and dignity.

In addition to the apartments, The Oaks Manor offers senior daycare for up to 48 hours, Seafler said. The stay can be for just a couple of hours or overnight, she

said, and includes meals and amenities. There are two day-care rooms available. “Maybe someone needs a break or someone needs to attend a wedding,” she said.

Although the facility is private pay, Taber emphasized the Veterans Administration has a housing benefit if the senior qualifies.

The facility is located just steps away from the Oakland

Senior Citizens Center and Horizon Health’s Oakland clinic. Pearman Pharmacy in Paris also delivers medicine to the residents, Seafler said.

One of the most popular activities, the director noted, is rides on the facility’s golf cart throughout the community. The Oaks van is also filled with residents who enjoy a trip to Dairy Queen in Arcola, Walnut Point or driving around the community looking at the flowers and yards.

An open house for the facility is planned 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, June 23. The rain date is July 21. There will be a live DJ, antique car show, raffle items and free food featuring pulled pork, baked beans, chips and drink. Those attending may also register to win a duel fuel combination gas and charcoal grill with cover.

“This also provides an opportunity for those attending to see the facility, which we believe is the best kept secret in the area,” Taber concluded.

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Gastroenterology	Dr. Batey (Tues)—19
Nephrology	Dr. R. Kumar (Fri)— Dr. Jeevan (Tues/Thurs/Fri)—14, 22, 26, 28
Neurology	Dr. Tazudeen (Tues)—5, 12, 19, 26
OB/GYN Gynecology	Dr. Benson (Tues)—5, 12, 19, 26 Dr. Weisbaum (Thurs)—21
Oncology	Dr. Huh (Thurs)—7 Dr. Patel (Thurs)—7, 21, 28
Ophthalmology (Eye)	Dr. Deranian—Surgery 26; Clinic 27
Optometry (Eye)	Dr. Blumthal (Mon)—4, 11, 18
Otolaryngology (ENT)	Dr. Nguyen (Thurs)—7
Pain Management Clinic	(Fri)—1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Pulmonology, Adult	Dr. Main (Wed)—13, 27
Pulmonology, Pediatric	Dr. Davison (Fri)—1
Rheumatology	Dr. Kohli (Tues/Wed)—6, 12, 20
Urology	Dr. Yang (Tues)—5, 12, 19
Vascular Surgery	Sherri Morrison, PA-C (Mon)—18

Special Events & Groups

Andy Hogan Memorial Golf Outing	June 2 @ 12:30pm (Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Paris)
Stay Strong, Live Long	June 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 10am (Sutton Senior Center)
Free Adult AED/CPR Class	June 5 @ 8am-1pm (D)
Safe Sitter Class	June 12 @ 8:30am-3pm (D)
Monthly Health Screenings	June 15 @ 7-9am (Paris Clinic)
Caregiver Support Group	June 20 @ 3pm (B)
Cancer Support Group	June 26 @ 10am (B)
*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.	

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Dr. Jeevan & Dr. R. Kumar: 812-232-8716	Dr. Weisbaum: 217-383-3140
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Rauner abandoned turnaround agenda

BY JOHN O'CONNOR
AP Political Writer

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — For years, Gov. Bruce Rauner's pulpit for preaching fiscal order was the Illinois budget. He was even willing to see whole swathes of the state government effectively shut down to get his way.

But this budget season he virtually disappeared from the debate and lawmakers whisked through a smoothly negotiated, \$38.5 billion spending plan in the final days of their spring legislative session.

Gone was Rauner's in-

sistence on his turnaround agenda of business-friendly structural changes, demands that led to a budget stalemate for 2 ½ years, longer than any state in U.S. history since at least the Great Depression.

Republicans in the state Legislature, many of whom supported Rauner through three traumatic years of confrontation with Democrats in Springfield and face tough re-election campaigns this fall, weren't going to let Rauner dictate their fate this time. The die was cast last July when some GOP House members broke ranks to help enact a \$5.4 billion income-tax in-

crease to secure a state budget and get Illinois paying its bills again.

One of those GOP mavericks, Rep. Steve Andersson of Geneva, said the Rauner administration realized it couldn't count on loyal soldiers holding out for the turnaround agenda of restrictions on collective bargaining, reductions in benefits from workers' compensation or term limits on politicians.

"If we got stalled out, we weren't going to let the state go down," said Andersson, who lost a leadership position

after he abandoned Rauner and voted for the tax increase last year and isn't seeking re-election.

"That implicit reality helped shape the dialogue and I think the governor finally realized that if he didn't figure out a way to get on the train so to speak, we would pass him by."

Sen. Pamela Althoff, a McHenry Republican, said it wasn't so much a matter of Republicans sidelining the governor but Republicans understanding what the stalemate had cost their constituents.

"Understanding the fallout of not having a budget for two years, we were all well aware of significant consequences if we did not pass a budget and did not get one done on time," Althoff said.

She said the GOP had the turnaround agenda in mind, but she acknowledged, "Some of those components would just be impossible, after three years, to address."

Rauner spokeswoman Rachel Bold said the difference this year was that the governor started, "with a couple of really common-sense goals in mind — a full-year balanced budget and no new taxes."

Lawmakers confirmed that Rauner's budget office was involved in all the negotiations.

"Thanks to the hard work of

a lot of people, we've come as close as any General Assembly and governor in Illinois in a long time to give the people of Illinois a budget that can be balanced," Bold said.

Rauner has already shown signs that he plans to campaign for re-election by opposing the tax increase foisted on him by the Legislature, even though the revenue generated by that increase helped lawmakers produce the blueprint he is expected to sign.

His Democratic opponent, billionaire businessman J.B. Pritzker, can be counted on to continue to pummel Rauner on the, "historic 736 days without a budget," the reminder he added to his statement on the Legislature's budget deal.

Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

SUDOKU

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Here's How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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ANSWER:

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Pension buyouts may not bring fiscal savings

CHICAGO (AP) — Illinois' new state budget relies on more than \$400 million in savings from a new pension buyout plan that finance experts caution is highly speculative and may not save as much money as lawmakers say.

The budget sailed through the Legislature this week on a bipartisan vote, and Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, who's seeking re-election in November, has said he'll act quickly to sign it. It was a sharp contrast to recent years, when Rauner and majority Democrats deadlocked over a budget and the governor's pro-business priorities, leading to the nation's longest state budget impasse.

The buyout plan is aimed at addressing Illinois' roughly \$130 billion unfunded pension liability and the state's ballooning annual contributions to the funds. Protections enshrined in the state constitution have limited lawmakers' options, with the Illinois Supreme Court declaring cuts to benefits unconstitutional.

But the buyouts are voluntary, and there's no way to know for certain how many people will take the state up on the offer.

Often in deals like this, pro-

jected savings don't materialize or plans cost more than originally stated, said Steve Malanga, a fellow at the Manhattan Institute, a conservative think tank.

"So it's actually wise for taxpayers to be suspicious," he said.

Here's a look at the plan, and what it could mean for Illinois' budget:

The buyouts will be offered to people hired by the state prior to Jan. 1, 2011. Illinois plans to issue a maximum of \$1 billion in bonds over three years to fund the lump sum payments.

One plan, for people no longer employed by the state, would provide a buyout estimated at 60 percent of the present value of their vested pension. The state estimates it will get enough state employees accepting the buyout to save \$41 million in the fiscal year that starts July 1.

The second plan is estimated to save Illinois \$382 million in the coming budget year. It would give retirees an option to have their cost-of-living increases calculated at 1.5 percent rather than the current 3 percent, compounded annually, in exchange for an accelerated benefit payment.

CROSSWORD

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- Part of a can
- A form of discrimination
- Doctors' group
- Expression of joy
- Spanish "be"
- A mongrel
- Helen was from here
- With many branches
- Fussy
- Male fertilizing organ of a flower
- Trap
- Long, angry speeches
- For instance
- Sticky, waterlogged soil
- Fasten
- Card game
- Seaport (abbr.)
- Dresses worn in S. Asia
- Midway between south and southeast
- Of the mouth
- Capital of Yemen
- Branches of a bone
- Very much
- TV host Leeza
- A way to change integrity
- Plants with dark green, glossy leaves
- Seedless raisin
- Agency
- Wear this when eating ribs
- Martial artists wear this
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- Drinkers sit on these
- Pie __ mode
- Hebraic
- River in India

Clues Down

- City in Washington
- Entertained
- Nakedness
- Exclamation of surprise
- Instinct
- Making a mistake
- "Borgias" actor Jeremy
- Phrases
- Millihenry

- Long ago
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Disfigure
- Horseshoe extension
- Regions
- Philippine Island
- Appropriate for a particular time
- Small constellation in the Milky Way
- Categorizes
- Malaysian boat
- Natives of Sri Lanka

- Type of vessel
- Prescribe
- Ranking
- Knickknack
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Kansas fourth quarter honors announced

Elementary, junior high, high school students honored

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

KANSAS – Kansas Community Unit School District Number 3 has released end of year academic honors.

Elementary, junior high and high school students in the district earn academic and citizenship honors as well as recognition for perfect attendance and straight A's.

Kindergarten: perfect attendance, Xzavier Batson, Dylan Vice, Ella Staley and Denim Wheeler.

First grade: citizenship, Ariel Huang; perfect attendance, Axel Hammond; shooting star award, Maci Hutchcraft, Jameson Jones and Jaxson Jones; awesome A's, Abdisa Eskew, Axel Hammond, Ariel Huang, Maci Hutchcraft, Edith Judd, Carter Rhoads, Aubree Shannon and Gavin Standish; bug award, Maddox Adams, Maci Hutchcraft, Jameson Jones and Jaxon Jones; awesome A's all year, Abdisa Eskew, Axel Hammond, Ariel Huang, Maci Hutchcraft, Edith Judd, Carter Rhoads and Gavin Standish; shooting star all year, Maci Hutchcraft, Jameson Jones and Aubree Shannon.

Second grade: citizenship, Hugar Morrissey and Ella Sallee; perfect attendance, Izaiah Batson, Aubrey Hannah, Russell McIntyre and Hugar Morrissey; shooting star award, Izaiah Batson, Russell McIntyre, Maloree Morris, Jlynn

Westfall and Grace Wright; awesome A's, Alexis Conley, Maria Ehlers, Aubrey Hannah, Hugar Morrissey, Kaden Price and Anthony Smith; shooting star all year, Russell McIntyre, Maloree Morris, Jlynn Westfall and Grace Wright; awesome A award all year, Alexis Conley, Maria Ehlers, Aubrey Hannah, Hugar Morrissey, Kaden Price and Anthony Smith.

Third grade: citizenship, Natalie Knoll; perfect attendance, Wes Baker, Karter Brown, Shelby Johnson, Kahle Lee, Landen Paugh and Alissa Vice; awesome A's, Karter Brown, Lincoln Judd and Ben Schrock; shooting stars, Wes Baker, Brookelyn Gough, Addie Heltsley and Cara Phillips; awesome A's all year, Karter Brown, Lincoln Judd and Ben Schrock.

Fourth grade: citizenship, Laila Rankin; perfect attendance, Gage Hammond and Kiera Johnson; honor roll, Addie Bright, Lainey Ehlers, Chloe Gallion, Gage Hammond, Kiera Johnson, Hannah Jones, Dustin Lowry, Laila Rankin, Samuel Salisbury, Noah Sill and Ralynn Tate; awesome A's, Lainey Ehlers, Gage Hammond, Laila Rankin and Noah Sill; honor roll all year, Addie Bright, Lainey Ehlers, Gage Hammond, Hannah Jones, Laila Rankin and Noah Sill; and awesome A's all year, Lainey Ehlers, Laila Rankin and Noah Sill.

Fifth grade: citizenship, JT Burnside and Tajanae

Calloway; principal award, Ariana Sluder; honor roll, Ariana Sluder, Rick Brandenburg, Nate Eskew, Conner Johnson and Madilynn Rideout; awesome A's, Ariana Sluder; honor roll all year, Ariana Sluder, Nate Eskew, Rick Brandenburg, Connor Johnson and Madilynn Rideout; and awesome A's all year, Ariana Sluder.

Sixth grade: citizenship, Katey Ehlers and Scott Gavin; perfect attendance, Austin Bolton, Trevyn Cummins, Kaitlyn Brandenburg and Carson Harmon; honor roll, Katey Ehlers, Emily Drummond, Ella Noel, Wyatt Gilbert, Peyton Craig, Todd Morris and Blaine Shonk; Awesome A's, Katey Ehlers; honor roll all year, Katey Ehlers, Ella Noel, Emily Drummond, Todd Morris and Wyatt Gilbert; awesome A's all year, Katey Ehlers.

Seventh grade: high honors, Brooke Baker, JT Clore, Jackson Ehlers, Carter Phillips, Collin Rhoads and McKinsey Tate; honors, Damon Cline, Wyatt Knoll and Kindre Quick.

Eighth grade: high honors, Meredith Morrissey; honors, Jacob Caldwell, Bryce Farr, Alexis Gallion, Jakob Jones, Dalton Ludington, Olivia Noel, Caydance Sill, Electra Starr and Victoria Scott.

Freshman: high honors, Melia Eskew; honors, Grace Bartels, Shaun "Levi" Coonce, Caleb Davidson, Russell Schrock and Aydonne Sutton.

Sophomore: high honors, Ann Brown, Grace Harmon and Nick Mitchell; honors,

Dalton Eslinger, Natalee Gough, Camden Harmon, Cailynne Phillips and Catherine Shick.

Junior: high honors, Olivia Allison, Grace Burnside and Madison Fulk; honors, Samantha Carrell, Bailey Drummond, Maiya Eskew, Grace Hammond, Sean Harrison, Morgan Houia, Melaina Noel and Trenton Pinnell.

Senior: high honors, Kayla Brimmer, Ashyton Cottle, Conrad Gavin, Cameron Noel, Missy Simons and JC Walker; honors, Luke Bartels, CJ Bennett, Taylor Bennett, Alexis Hunter, Kaitlyn Rardin, Bailey Gilbert, Brady Stone and Emily Wilson.

FAMILY VISITS SPRINGFIELD



Special to The Prairie Press

State Sen. Chapin Rose (R-Mahomet) met with Jackie Joines, left, and her granddaughter, Abbie, center, April 26 at the Statehouse. Joines is a former legislative staff person for the Illinois House and currently lives just outside Paris.

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ESTATE OF PAULINE S. EGAN, Deceased
No. 2018 P 30

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Pauline S. Egan Letters of Office were issued on May 11, 2018, to Sharon Egan Bailey, 115 N. Shore Dr., Paris, IL 61944 and Jerry R. Egan, 3 Woodhall Place, Paris, IL 61944 as independent co-executors whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar

County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 20, 2018, (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice) and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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PHS Honors Program



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Linda Brown, left, scholarship chairman for the Paris Hospital Volunteers, presented two scholarships on behalf of the group. Hannah Emberton received the volunteer scholarship during the annual honors program May 20. Not present for the picture was Elizabeth Allanson, who received the Patricia Spillman Memorial Scholarship.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation awarded 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. ECCF president Brad Tucker, left, presented the William and Martha Wilkins Fancher Memorial Scholarship to Taylor Evans.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation presented 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. Harold Rigdon, right, presented the Heather Rigdon Memorial Scholarship to McKayla Watson.



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Two Paris High School seniors were honored with the Illinois Principal Association Good Student Award at the school's academic honors program May 20 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Co-principal Carol Jones, left, presented the award to Emily Hall. The other recipient, Max Holloway, was not present.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation awarded 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. The Kale Brinkley Athletic Scholarship was presented by the Brinkley family to Brody Spencer. Pictured, from left, are Dick Brinkley, Spencer, Donna Brinkley and Danielle Colvin and son Mack Robert Colvin. Spencer also received the Kiwanis Early Risers of Paris, the William D. Ingrum Memorial Scholarship and the Joseph E. and Dorothy Archer Scholarship from the ECCF.



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PHS drama director Tanner Laughlin and assistant director Agnes Wright presented drama scholarships to seniors who participated in the organization. Pictured front, from left, are Morgan Rigdon, Hannah Emberton, Emily Hall, Alivia Cline, Sarah Campbell and Caitlin Blair. Second row, from left, are Wright, Kendra Siddens, Mikayla Wilson, Madison Thomas, Abigail Minnis, Caitlyn Cox, Zane Blair and Laughlin. The presentations were made May 20 at the school's annual honors program.



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Nic Turner, left, assistant vice president of crop insurance for Farm Credit Illinois in Paris, announced Tucker Marris, right, as one of only 30 Farm Credit Agriculture Scholars for 2018. Marris received \$2,000 from FCI to attend Lake Land College and study agriculture production. The scholarship was presented during the annual PHS honors program May 20.



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PHS guidance counselor Stacie Skelton presented two scholarships from the Union Heath Foundation to Paris students planning to study health careers during the annual PHS honors program May 20. Pictured, from left, are Skelton, Savannah Mats and Zoe Orndorff.



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Two Paris High School seniors received perfect attendance awards during the school's academic honors program May 20 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. Pictured, from left, are assistant principal Mark Cox, Bailey Bradley and Jensen Bess.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation presented 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. ECCF president Brad Tucker, left, presented the Pam Cockcroft Memorial Scholarship to Emily Hall.



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Dr. Phil Holloway, representing Horizon Health, presented the annual Doc Acklin Memorial Scholarships to two PHS seniors during the annual honors program May 20. Pictured, from left, are Holloway, McKayla Watson and Brody Spencer.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation presented 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. ECCF president Brad Tucker, left, presented the Elizabeth Ackerman Memorial Scholarship to Montana Boatman.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation presented 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20. ECCF director Ned Jenison, left, presented the Ron Doris Memorial Scholarship to Allison Blystone.



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Paris Rotary Club scholarship and student of the Month chairman Kim Stewart, left, presented the club's scholarship to Devyn Brown. He will be attending Vincennes University.



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The Edgar County Community Foundation awarded 18 scholarships to PHS seniors during the school's annual honors program May 20, including the William D. Ingrum Memorial Scholarships. Pictured, from left, are ECCF director William Minnis, Alivia Cline and Brody Spencer.