

In the know



PARIS JFL HOSTING JAMBOREE

The Paris JFL teams will be hosting the Wabash Valley Youth Football Jamboree Saturday, Aug. 5, at Allen Field. Paris team is getting ready. **SPORTS, 9A**

Fair food easy to make at home

If you want fair food once the annual event is gone, it's easy to make some of your favorites. **C'EST LA VIE, 1B**

Family is en route to Africa

Jason and Lynda Landes and their three children are on en route to Africa for to support a Kenya school for the next year. **GRACE, 5B**



Dalbey Designs open for business

Marc and Bethany Dalbey are the new owners of Dalbey Designs, formerly Teri's Threads on the east side of the square in Paris. **COMMERCE, 7B**

Small schools joined together

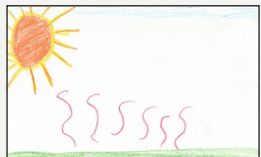
The old Unit 2 school district combined children from Redmon, Brocton, Hume and Metcalf that later became Shiloh. The old Brocton High School was demolished this month. **HISTORY, 3B**

Railroad work delayed in Paris

The railroad work on the Main Street and Central Ave. crossings has been delayed a week because a CSX machine is being repaired. **NEWS, 3A**

TODAY'S WEATHER

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Sunny and pleasant. **2A**



Drawing by **Kya, Wenz School**

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PHS still without a principal

One finalist withdraws, a second declines top administrative job at Paris High School

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Paris High School is without a principal/director after one finalist declined the position and another withdrew, the Paris Cooperative High School board announced following a special meeting Monday.

The statement issued by the board following a 55-minute executive session said:

"In the past month the Paris High School Board has done an extensive search for a new high school principal. The search committee narrowed the candidates down to two finalists. One finalist declined the position and the other withdrew. It is the goal of the Paris High School Board to continue with the search process so that the best candidate can be found

“A SEARCH LIKE THIS TYPICALLY TAKES 3-4 MONTHS”

JEREMY LARSON
PARIS 95 SUPERINTENDENT

for Paris High School. With school starting in the next three weeks the superintendents will be exploring all options to ensure administration is placed at the high school during the next school year."

Paris 95 Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Larson and Crestwood Superintendent of Schools Danette Young

are working together for the current day-to-day operation of the school. Larson said the position will be posted again on the Illinois job site.

Paris Cooperative Board President Steve Eitel said the board "will not settle" for a principal but rather find the best person for the PHS position.

Another special meeting has been set for 5 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1, by the high school board to consider the options.

Larson said a typical search for a director/principal that the cooperative school board is seeking usually lasts three to four months.

"We tried to do it in 20 days," Larson noted. "We're not discouraged. We're going to reopen the search. We gave it our best effort and it just didn't work out."

Eitel said the cooperative board will repost the PHS position. "We will continue to look for the person who appropriately fits the school," he said.

Larson acknowledged the search wasn't at the ideal time of year because most administrators have already signed a contract for the 2017-2018 year. "We will continue looking and promise to do our best," he said.

Larson said while the goal to fill the position by Aug. 1 was ambitious the two districts "are exploring all the options to have leadership at the school."

Young and Larson each emphasized one of the best things to come out of the two superintendents working together was "the good sense of communication and our strong relationship."

END IN SIGHT FOR ALL-ABILITIES PLAYGROUND



Special to The Prairie Press

The completion of a dream is in sight for the members of the Twin Lakes All-Abilities Playground committee as the special surface for the playground was laid Thursday and Friday. All that remains is erecting the fence around the playground which provides equipment for abled and disabled children. Funds for the park were raised by the Paris community.

Only fence left to be installed

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The end is in sight for the massive Twin Lakes All-Abilities Playground with the installation of the special rubberized surface Thursday and Friday.

The surface must "cure" before it can be used and the fence surrounding the playground must be installed. If the weather cooperates — and the forecast looks like it will — the playground could be open for disabled and abled children just before classes begin in the Paris schools.

The playground was the dream of a committee of Paris residents who diligently worked to raise more than \$250,000 in money and in-kind gifts to build the playground.

The playground is located in Twin Lakes Park next to the Tiger Falls Splash Pad and near the Spicer Pavilion.



Special to The Prairie Press

The underlayment and the final coat for the special surface of the Twin Lakes All-Abilities Playground is visible Friday as workman carefully lay the rubberized material.

Once it opens, the playground will provide — for the first time for some children — the ability to swing, slide and play with other children.

The work to raise the money for the playground caught the imagination

of the entire Paris community.

In addition to monetary gifts, fundraisers were held throughout the campaign including a Country Rhoads Fish Fry, a car show, bake sales and a variety of other dinners to benefit the cause.

Relay for Life set next Saturday

Cancer fundraiser will include entertainment, food for a good cause

BY GARY HENRY
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Life, victories and the importance of scientific research are celebrated during the Edgar County Relay for Life noon to 9:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5 at Twin Lakes Park.

The annual event has a main purpose to raise money supporting cancer research, with a local goal this year of \$35,000. The other purpose is celebrating local residents who are cancer survivors and honoring the memory of those who succumbed to the disease in its various forms.

Sue Bennett, Edgar County Relay for Life Chairman, said the opening ceremony at noon includes a speech by Peg Dixon stressing the impor-

tance of medical research to all families touched by cancer.

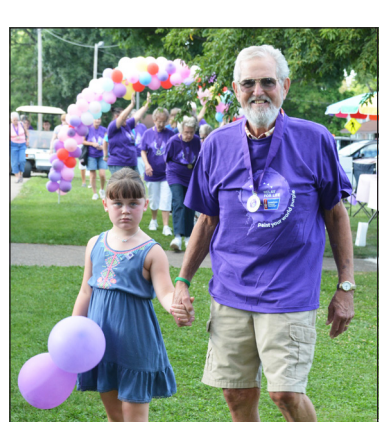
"She has a family history," Bennett said about Dixon. "She and at least one of her daughters have had the surgery to prevent breast cancer."

Following Dixon's speech, the Relay for Life teams take the first lap around the track before the regular laps begin.

Live musical performances start at 1 p.m. and continue until 4:30 p.m.

The survivor ceremony is 5 p.m. "That is when Patrese will tell her story," said Bennett.

She was referring to honorary event chairman Patrese Henson, who is in remission from breast cancer. Henson will relate her story from receiving the terrifying diagnosis through her treatment and relate the importance of support from family, friends and community for coping with the ordeal.



file photo/The Prairie Press

Dan Winans walks the survivor lap during the 2016 Relay for Life with his granddaughter Lily Winans.

The survivor ceremony also includes Paul Lynch singing the survivor song while all of the cancer survivors take a victory lap. A survivor picnic is also on the schedule.

"The survivors take a lap, and then we feed them," said Bennett.

Live entertainment returns at 5:30 p.m. and continues until the emotional closing ceremony at 9 p.m. During that phase of the program, candlelit luminarias honoring the deceased line the track and everyone walks a memory lap as bagpiper Paul Hinson plays.

Bennett said some extra activities are added this year.

"There is a silent auction all afternoon," she said. "There is also going to be a kids corner. We haven't had that for a while."

RELAY FOR LIFE SCHEDULE

The Relay for Life Schedule includes these events

Noon, opening ceremonies with Ali Brandenburg singing the "National Anthem," the introduction of

FRIENDSHIP AT THE FAIR



Special to The Prairie Press

These three young men wished each other luck before Tuesday's annual Barnyard Scramble at the Edgar County Fair. The three friends are, from left, Hudson Gilbert, Leo Higginbotham and Carter Gore. Each caught a rabbit in the contest in front of the grandstands.

TALK BACK

ACCURACY CHECKS

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LOCAL FORECAST

NORMAL: High: 85 Low: 65

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Table with weather icons and temperatures for Today (78/55), Sunday (81/59), Monday (83/62), Tuesday (85/64), Wednesday (85/65), Thursday (84/60), and Friday (82/59).

TODAY - A welcomed break from the heat and humidity with sunny skies and highs in the upper 70s.
SUNDAY - Another gorgeous day with highs in the lower 80s under sunny skies.
MONDAY - Sunny with more seasonal temperatures in the lower 80s.

ALMANAC
Paris through noon Tuesday.
Temperature High/Low .85°/65°
Record High .105° in 1896
Record Low .49° in 1928
Precipitation Month to date .3.52"
Normal month to date .4.16"
Year to date .27.05"
Normal year to date .24.80"

SUN AND MOON
Sun Rise Set 5:48 a.m. 8:06 p.m.
Moon Rise Set 12:25 a.m. 12:00 a.m.



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PLAN YOUR WEEK

ONGOING

RURAL SCHOOL REUNION RESERVATION

The annual Edgar County rural school reunion is 12:30 p.m. Aug. 13 in the Fellowship Hall, First Christian Church, 201 S. Main, Paris. The cost is \$13 to cover the meal cost. Reservations must be made by Aug. 4 by calling Marge Houghland at 463-7610 or mailing her at 221 Clark, Paris, 61944.

ANTIQUe POWER CLUB

The Clark County Antique Power Club is looking for vendors to attend our three day antique power club show being held at the Martinsville Farm Grounds on August 18-20. Crafts of all kinds, vegetable stands, Flea Markets... you name it; we could use your participation on those days. There is no vendor or participation fee of any kind. To be guaranteed a place, please contact Deloris Maurer at 217-889-3716 for full details. If you are a food vendor, please contact Joe McManus at 217-264-6052. If you have questions about displaying your farm equipment and tractors (especially this year's featured FARMALL), please contact John Buckner at 217-251-0972. On Sunday, Aug. 20, there will be a Car-Truck Cruise-In from 1-3 p.m., with registration beginning at noon with dash plaques to the first 50. To display your favorite quilt in a secured location please contact Jane Thompson at 217-826-1396.

DON'T MISS

"MAMMA MIA" OPENS WEDNESDAY IN SULLIVAN

SULLIVAN - The smash hit "Mamma Mia!" is set to open at The Little Theatre On The Square on Wednesday, August 2. Billed as the Central Illinois premiere of this long running Broadway hit, "Mamma Mia!" is scheduled to run for 3 weeks through Sunday, August 20. Set on a small Greek island, "Mamma Mia!" is the story of Sophie who dreams of a perfect wedding - one which includes her father giving her away. The problem? Sophie doesn't know who he is! Her mother Donna, the former lead singer of the 1970s pop group Donna and the Dynamos, refuses to talk about the past, so Sophie decides to take matters into her own hands. Sneaking a peek in her mother's old diaries, she discovers three possible fathers: Sam, Bill and Harry. She secretly invites all three to the wedding, convinced that she'll know her father when she sees him. Told through the legendary music of ABBA, Mamma Mia! has become a worldwide sensation that has audiences everywhere dancing in the aisles. A complete schedule of show times and ticket prices can be found at www.thelittletheatre.org. Tickets for all Summer Season shows may be purchased by calling 217-728-7375 or ordered online at www.thelittletheatre.org.

SHARE YOUR EVENT

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

SATURDAY

PARIS FARMERS MARKET

The Paris Farmers Market, sponsored by the Edgar County Farm Bureau, returns today on the north side of the courthouse. The hours are from 8 a.m. to noon.

SUNDAY

GARDEN RIBBON CUTTING

A ribbon cutting and reception celebrating the creation of a Garden of Hope is 4-6 p.m. July 30 at Paris Community Hospital. Dignitaries attending the event include Oliver Smith, PCH/FMC

president & CEO; Reid Sutton, chief of the medical staff; and Craig Smith, mayor of Paris.

MONDAY

SUMMER BAND FOR WENZ

Christina Farley, the new band instructor for Mayo and Wenz schools, has announced a summer band schedule for Wenz students. Summer band lessons are July 31-Aug. 4 and Aug. 7-Aug. 11 in the Mayo band room. The schedule remains the same each day: 8-8:40 a.m., flute; 8:45-9:25 a.m., clarinet 1; 9:30-10:10 a.m., clarinet 2; 10:15-10:55 a.m., alto

saxophone; 11-11:40 a.m., horn; 11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m., lunch; 12:30-1:10 p.m., trumpet; 1:15-1:55 p.m., trombone; 2-2:40 p.m., baritone; and 2:45-3:30 p.m., percussion.

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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

TUESDAY

SHILOH PRE-SCHOOL SCREENING

Shiloh School District is offering a free screening for children who have not already been screened and are interested in attending the pre-kindergarten class for the 2017-2018 school year. The time is 9 a.m.-noon Aug. 1 in Room 1 at Shiloh School. Screening is required of every child to participate in the program, and a signed parent/guardian slip is required. Appointments may be made by calling Teresa Hawkins, 217-887-2364, ext. 1.

THURSDAY

CHRISMAN REGISTRATION

Registration for the Chrisman 2017-2018 school year is noon to 4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. in the junior high/high school cafeteria. Registration forms can be downloaded and completed in advance to save time during registration by going to the school website at www.chrisman.k12.il.us. The six through 12 form is under the high school tab and kindergarten through grade five is under the elementary tab. Residents without a computer can printout the forms, for a fee, at the Chrisman Public Library. Registration packets are also available in the district office.

VFW AUXILIARY DINNER

The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. The menu is meat loaf, mashed potatoes, baked beans or broccolli with cheese and white or wheat roll. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1. Proceeds support the work of the VFW.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

The Music in the Park program, presented by the City of Paris and the Paris Park Board will feature "Ambush," from 6:30-9 p.m. at the Spicer Pavilion. Please bring lawn chairs if you don't want to sit at picnic tables.

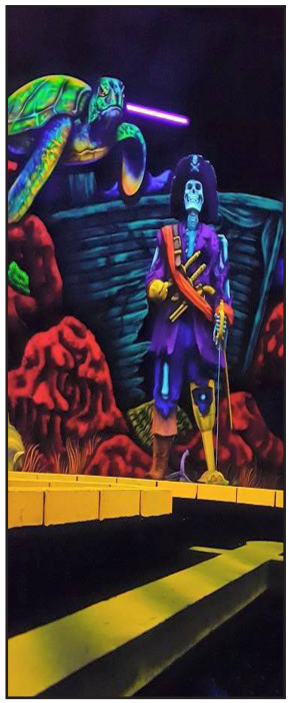
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SIREN REPORT

PARIS POLICE DEPARTMENT

■ July 21, at 12:50 p.m., Nathan T. Murray, 45, 114 1/2 Rd., was arrested at Wood and Sheriff and charged with driving while license revoked and city ordinance violation-possession of cannabis. Murray was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond and also given a city court date.

■ July 21, at 3:02 p.m., Billie L. Cusick, 3, 13137 E 1200th Rd., was stopped at Laurel Lane and U.S. Route 150 and charged with speeding (68 in a 55 mph zone). Cusick was released on a notice to appear in court.

■ July 21, at 10:14 p.m., Jared A. Temples, 34, Oakland, was arrested at 139 E. Court Street and charged with disorderly conduct and assault in a public place. Temples was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 21, at 11 p.m., Chelsea L. Brockett, 23, Marshall, was arrested at 301 Chestnut Street and charged with driving while license suspended. Brockett was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 22, at 11:37 a.m., Abbey M. Parrish, 41, 318 N. Jefferson, was arrested at her residence and charged with simple battery, disorderly conduct and resisting a peace officer. Parrish was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 22, at 5:57 p.m., Dustin L. Bryan, 23, 316 N. Central, Apt. 3W, was arrested at his residence and charged with burglary, criminal damage to property, possession of ammunition by a felon and possession of stolen property. Bryan was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending a court appearance.

■ July 22, at 10:47 p.m., Robert E. Davis, 44, Oxford, Wis., was stopped at Court and Monterey and charged with no valid drivers license and operating uninsured motor vehicle. Davis was released on a notice to appear in court. Davis was additionally issued city ordinance violation

132.5-possession of cannabis and possession of cannabis paraphernalia. Davis was given a city court date in the cannabis matter.

■ July 22, at 10:47 p.m., Raquel L. Evard, no age provided, Paris, was issued a city ordinance violation 132.5-possession of cannabis and possession of cannabis paraphernalia. Evard was given a city court date.

■ July 22, at 10:54 p.m., a two-vehicle, non-injury accident occurred at 528 E. Jasper. The first vehicle involved was a 2000 Buick owned by Charles Dick of Marshall and driven by Tristan D. McDaniell, 20, Marshall. The second vehicle was a 2000 Buick owned by Charles Cash of Paris and driven by Jennifer L. Cash, 29, Paris. McDaniell was charged at the scene with driving while license suspended and released on a notice to appear in court.

■ July 23, at 12:06 a.m., a two-vehicle accident occurred at 324 E. Madison. The first vehicle involved was a 2001 Hyundai driven by Heather L. Board, 44, 610 Maple Avenue. The second vehicle was a parked 2006 Kenworth owned by Roger W. Austin of 324 E. Madison. Both vehicles were damaged. Board was transported to Paris Community Hospital by ambulance for treatment and was later arrested and charged with two counts of driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage. Board was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 23, at 12:21 p.m. Shirley I. Walker, 63, 407 LaSalle, was stopped at Grandview and Madison and charged with disobeying a traffic control device. Walker was released on a notice to appear in court.

■ July 24, at 9:19 p.m. Richard D. Budd, 46, Casey, was stopped at E. Court and charged with Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol, Driving While License Revoked, Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle, Disobeying Stop Sign and Defective

Windshield. Budd was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending a court appearance.

■ July 25, 12:34 a.m. Ashton L. Percy, no age provided, was issued a City Ordinance Violation, Possession of Cannabis. Percy was given a city court date.

■ July 25, 1:44 a.m. Jordan S. Hall, 31, 510 W. Van Buren was stopped at W. Madison and charged with Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Hall released on a notice to appear.

■ July 25, 3:27 a.m. Rhanda B. Thomas, 28, 119 W. Elliot was stopped at Central and Jasper and charged with Speeding Over Statutory Limit and Improper Lane Usage. Thomas was released on a notice to appear in court.

■ July 25, 1:11 p.m. Michelle L. Sanders, 45, 219 E. Court was arrested on an In State FTA Warrant (Edgar). Sanders was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 25, 7:35 p.m. Michelle I. Welcher, 45, Martinsville, was arrested at 432 W. Washinton Apt. B and charged with a Failure to Appear Warrant from Clark County. Welcher was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 25, 10:30 p.m. Christopher L. Reedy, 43, 702 W. Court Apt 1 was stopped at Court and Alexander and charged with Operating Uninsured Motor Vehicle. Reedy was released on a notice to appear.

■ July 25, 8:10 a.m. a two vehicle hit and run accident occurred in the 700 block of S. Central. Involved was a 2000 Ford Windstar owned by Matthew Sellers, driven by Erin E. Sellers, 29, 307 W Elizabeth. The Sellers vehicle was struck by an unknown Ford pickup that fled the scene. Damage to the Sellers vehicle was to the passenger side. No citations were issue at the time of the accident.

■ July 27, 4:05 a.m. Chad E. Mullenix, 39, 203 Zimmermanly, was arrested at 411 N. Main Apt. 3 and charged with

Resisting/Obstructing Peace Officer, Disorderly Conduct and Out of State Warrant from Vigo County Ind. Mullenix was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 27, 3:46 p.m. Niam Idrizoski, 22, 327 Chesnut, was issued City Ordinance Violation-Possession of Cannabis. Idrizoski was given a City Court Date.

■ July 27, 1:02 a.m. Nathan S. Ingram, 32, Brazil Ind. Was arrested at Court and Eads Ave. and charged with Obstructing Peace Officer. Ingram was transported to the Edgar County Jail pending posting of bond.

■ July 28, 2:24 a.m. a male juvenile was issued a City Ordinance Violation for Park Curfew. The juvenile was released to his mother pending a city court date.

PARIS FIRE DEPARTMENT

■ July 18, at 1:11 a.m., the department was dispatched to provide medical assistance.

■ July 18, at 1:32 a.m., the department was dispatched to Twin Lakes Rehab for a smell of burning wires. A problem was found with a refrigerator.

■ July 18, at 8:58 p.m., the department was dispatched to 1209 S. Marshall for an illegal burn. The resident was advised of the city burn ordinance.

■ July 20, at 3:52 p.m., the department was dispatched to Main and Jasper for a two-car accident. Firefighters were released from the scene by the police department.

■ July 21, at 10:47 a.m., the department was dispatched to 301 S. Eads for an activated alarm. On scene, it was discovered the security company was working on the system and no problems existed.

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Rail crossing work delayed

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

PARIS – Plans to upgrade the CSX crossings on Main and Central Street have been delayed a week, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Signs at the Central Ave. crossing warned motorists that crossing would be closed beginning Monday and the Main Street crossing the following week.

However, those plans changed because of a problem with the CSX equip-

ment to be used to make the upgrade to the crossings. The work has been delayed a week.

Central Ave. crossing work is set to begin Aug. 7 and the Main Street crossing on Aug. 14.

The closures are necessary for maintenance work. Posted detours for each closure will utilize Andrew and Union Streets to reconnect traffic with U.S. 150/Illinois 1.

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North Korea claims second ICBM test puts U.S. in range

PYONGYANG, North Korea (AP) — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un said Saturday the second flight test of an intercontinental ballistic missile demonstrated his country can hit the U.S. mainland, hours after the launch left analysts concluding that a wide swath of the United States, including Los Angeles and Chicago, is now in range of North Korean weapons.

The Korean Central News Agency said that Kim expressed "great satisfaction" after the Hwasong-14 missile reached a maximum height of 3,725 kilometers (2,314 miles) and traveled 998 kilometers (620 miles) before accurately landing in waters off Japan.

of delivering a "large-sized, heavy nuclear warhead."

Analysts had estimated that the North's first ICBM on July 4 could have reached Alaska, and said that the latest missile appeared to extend that range significantly.

Immediately after the launch, U.S. and South Korean forces conducted live-fire exercises. South Korean Defense Minister Song Young-

moo called for the deployment of strategic U.S. military assets — which usually means stealth bombers and aircraft carriers — as well as additional launchers of an advanced U.S. anti-missile system.

Japanese government spokesman Yoshihide Suga said the missile, launched late Friday night, flew for about 45 minutes — about five minutes longer than the first.

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Judge denies Paris man in DOC time in county jail

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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A Paris man who is already serving a prison sentence will not be allowed to serve time in the Edgar County Jail while he is awaiting his trial for several additional felony charges.

Jonathon R. Board, 28, Paris, appeared in Edgar County Circuit Court in the custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections.

An oral motion on his behalf to be moved to custody to the Edgar County Sheriff's Department until his pending cases are resolved was denied. His pending unresolved charges are a Class 4 felony for aggravated driving while license is revoked, a Class 4 felony for domestic battery with prior convictions and a Class A misdemeanor for battery. The matters were continued for a pretrial conference and Board was remanded to custody of the IDOC.

Other individuals appearing before the bench during the traffic and felony court calls on July 20 and July 24 included:

IN CUSTODY

■Jacob A. Comstock, 33, Columbia, Tenn., appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. He was charged with a Class X felony for contributing to the criminal delinquency of a juvenile and a Class 1 felony for residential burglary. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first time appearance with counsel.

In two other separate matters, Comstock's unresolved charge of a Class 3 felony for

habitually violating the sex offender registration charge was continued for a pretrial conference. In addition, Comstock's unresolved 2015 case where he is charged with a Class 3 felony for failure to register a new address as a sex offender, a Class 4 felony for being a sex offender within in 500 feet of a playground, a Class 4 felony for possession of a controlled substance and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia were continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Natalie L. Foltz, 52, Paris, appeared in custody. The preliminary hearing was held and probable cause was founded to formally charge Foltz with a Class X felony for aggravated arson, a Class 2 felony for arson and a Class 4 felony for criminal damage to property. She pled not guilty with a jury trial demand and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

Her unresolved charges of a Class 2 felony for aggravated battery of a police officer, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting a police officer and a Class C misdemeanor for disorderly conduct were continued for pretrial conferences.

In a separate matter, Foltz learned the state will not prosecute her for a Class 4 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class A misdemeanor for resisting a police officer charges. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Michael D. Miller, 51, Paris, appeared in custody. Over objection by the de-

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fense, the preliminary hearing was continued for his charges of a Class 2 felony for possession of methamphetamine materials, a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing to a residence. A new preliminary hearing was scheduled and Miller was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Eric D. Paige, 26, Paris, appeared in custody. He entered a negotiated guilty plea agreement and pled guilty to a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery. In exchange for the plea, the state will not prosecute him for a Class 3 felony for aggravated battery of a victim over 60 years old. He was sentenced to 72 days in jail with credit for 72 days served, two years conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to attend anger management and obtain counseling per an evaluation. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Candace L. Petticrew, 35, Paris, appeared in custody. She was appointed a new public defender for her unresolved charges of a Class X felony for contributing to the criminal delinquency of a juvenile child and a Class 1 felony for residential burglary. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Petticrew was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Joshua Phillips, 37, Marshall, appeared in custody on a warrant for his arrest for missing a previous court appearance for a status review for his Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery conviction. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and a new review hearing was scheduled.

■Aaron W. Umberger, 30, Paris, appeared in custody. He waived the preliminary hearing and openly pled guilty to a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine charge. A status hearing was scheduled.

In another matter, Umberger was presented with a petition to revoke his first-time offender probation for a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine conviction. Umberger admitted to

the petition and a status hearing was scheduled. He was released from custody on a personal recognizance bond. Umberger was remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Jimmy L. Woodyard, 54, Paris, appeared in custody and entered a negotiated guilty plea agreement. Woodyard pled guilty to a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine. In exchange for the plea, the state will not prosecute him for a Class A misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail with credit for 45 days previously served with the remaining 30 days subject to stayed jail time with good conduct credit to apply, two years first time offender probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. His bond conditions include he is subject to warrantless search and seizures, random drug testing and ordered to undergo counseling per an evaluation. He was remanded to custody pending release processing.

CHARGES

■Joselynn L. Corbett, 22, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony for criminal trespassing to a residence and a Class A misdemeanor for battery. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Douglas A. Cordell, 38, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class A misdemeanor for aggravated assault. He was appointed the public defender and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Ernest D. Wombles, 52, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for driving on a suspended license. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■Duston L. Bryan, 23, Terre Haute, Ind., pled guilty to a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine charge. He was sentenced to two years first time offender probation, 120 days in jail with credit for 24 days previously served in the county jail and 110 days previous-

ly served at the Club Soda Drug Rehabilitation Facility in Terre Haute, Ind., a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees.

In another matter, Bryan pled guilty to a Class 2 felony for possession of a stolen vehicle charge. He was sentenced to 150 days in jail with credit for 3 days previously served the remaining 144 days are subject to stayed jail time with good conduct credit to apply to run consecutive with his previous sentence, two years probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. His bond conditions include he is subject to warrantless search and seizures and random drug testing, no consumption of alcohol or to enter a bar or tavern and to complete any recommended counseling.

■Cyera D. Ingram, 17, Clinton, Ind., pled guilty to a Class B misdemeanor for driving while never issued a driver's license. She was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Holly A. Sexton, 29, Paris, pled not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony for failure register as a sex offender charge following the preliminary hearing. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■Angela M. Comstock, 54, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke her conditional discharge for a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a hypodermic syringe conviction. The public defender was appointed and first time appearance with counsel was scheduled.

■Jesse R. Corbin, 33, Paris, learned a motion to quash his warrant for his arrest was granted and a mittimus for stayed jail time was issued for his Class A misdemeanor for driving on a suspended license conviction. The matter was continued for a status review hearing.

■Marvin L. Eacret Jr., 25, Terre Haute, Ind., failed to appear in court for a status review for his Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine conviction. A mittimus was issued for Eacret to serve 72 days in the county jail with good conduct credit to apply. A warrant for his arrest was issued and no bond

was set. ■John Cody Hollingsworth, 25, Paris, was sentenced for a petition to revoke his probation for a Class 3 felony for possession of methamphetamine conviction. He was resented to two years probation and ordered to pay all previous financial obligations.

In another matter, Hollingsworth was sentenced for his Class 4 felony for possession of a controlled substance conviction. He was sentenced to two years probation to run concurrent with his previous conviction sentence, court costs and various state fees. His bond conditions for both cases include he is subject to random drug testing and ordered not to associate with certain people set by the probation department.

■Deven M. Lee, 21, Ruston, La., learned on the state's motion, the petition to revoke his conditional discharge was dismissed for a Class A misdemeanor for driving on a suspended license conviction. His conditional discharge was terminated and the case was closed.

■Jacqueline Renee Svitek, 25, Paris, learned a warrant for her arrest was quashed and a mittimus for stayed jail time was vacated for her Class A misdemeanor for retail theft conviction. The matter was continued for completion of her conditional discharge sentence.

■Eric R. Thomas, 41, Paris, learned a warrant for his arrest for missing a previous court appearance was vacated. A pretrial conference was scheduled for his unresolved charge of driving on a suspended license.

WARRANTS

Warrants were issued when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Samantha D. Archer, 26, Paris; Lloyd A. Blaudow, 28, Paris; Scott J. Burton, 52, Terre Haute, Ind.; Steven Lacy Marie Butler, 25, Paris; Marvin L. Eacret, Jr., 25, Terre Haute, Ind.; Justin K. Erwin, 29, Paris; Dustin C. Evitt, 18, Paris; Lupe M. Foley, 37, Paris; Dustin M. Garner, 27, Paris; Cory W. Hampsten, 39, Paris; Jacob S. Lynch, 23, Paris; Michael A. Messina, 26, Marshall; Donny C. Newman, 28, Paris; Justin M. Pennington, 29, Paris and Bradley S. Wagner, 34, Westfield.

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Social Security trustees urge discussion

The Social Security Board of Trustees has released its annual report on the long-term financial status of the Social Security Trust Funds.

The combined asset reserves of the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance, and Disability Insurance (OASDI) Trust Funds are projected to become depleted in 2034, the same as projected last year, with 77 percent of benefits payable at that time.

The DI Trust Fund will become depleted in 2028, extended from last year's estimate of 2023, with 93 percent of benefits still

payable. In the 2017 Annual Report to Congress, the Trustees announced:

■The asset reserves of the combined OASDI Trust Funds increased by \$35 billion in 2016 to a total of \$2.85 trillion.

■The combined trust fund reserves are still growing and will continue to do so through 2021. Beginning in 2022, the total annual cost of the program is projected to exceed income.

■The year when the combined trust fund reserves are projected to become deplet-

ed, if Congress does not act before then, is 2034 – the same as projected last year. At that time, there will be sufficient income coming in to pay 77 percent of scheduled benefits.

"It is time for the public to engage in the important national conversation about how to keep Social Security strong," said Nancy A. Berryhill, Acting Commissioner of Social Security. "People understand the value of their earned Social Security benefits and the importance of keeping the program secure for the future."

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SHIRLEY HOVIS
Shirley Ann Hovis, 83, of Paris, passed away at 8:42 a.m. EDT Sunday, July 16, 2017, at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind. She was a devoted homemaker.
HOVIS
A service celebrating her life was 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 19, at Heritage Family Church, with Pastor Greg Townsley officiating. Burial followed in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Templeton Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hovis was born Nov. 5, 1933, at Tuscola, the daughter of the late Elzie and Ollie Jones Davis. She married Lewis Allen "Luke" Hovis Dec. 8, 1951, at Paris. He preceded her in death Sept. 16, 2012.

Survivors include two sons, Lewis Hovis Jr. and Paul Hovis, both of Paris; five daughters, Patricia (Bob) Peebles, Terri (Richard) Crain, Mitzi (Rick) Daniels, Linda Hovis and Rachael Hovis, all of Paris; a sister, Norma Clapp of Paris; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Pamela Kraemer; a brother, Truman Davis; and a sister, Wanda Rich.

Mrs. Hovis was a faithful member of Heritage Family Church of Paris. She enjoyed worshiping God through playing the piano, singing and listening to God's Word. She will be long remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

Memorial donations may be made to Heritage Family Church.

Online condolences may be left at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

DICK HENSON
Richard "Dick" Pennington Henson, 86, of Paris, passed away at 12:20 a.m. Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Paris Community Hospital. He was the owner/operator of a Marathon service station and Henson Wrecker Service.

A funeral service was 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 25, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home, with the Rev. Ronald Hilt officiating. Burial followed in St. Mary's Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, July 24, at the funeral home.

Mr. Henson was born Sept. 21, 1930, at Paris, the son of the late Nathaniel "Nate" and Mary Annetta "Nettie" Pennington Henson. He married Minnie Smith Henson Oct. 5, 1974, at Valdosta, Ga., and she passed away March 31, 2012.

Survivors include three stepchildren, Adonna Bennett of Paris, Leonard (Susie) Magers of Naples, Fla., and Will (Mary Ann) Magers of

Paris; 12 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, Stan Henson; a brother, John Henson; and a stepson, Russell C. Magers.

Mr. Henson was an active Paris businessman whose other ventures included the Kurly Q Restaurant from 1975 until he eventually sold the business to a family member. In the 1950s and 1960s, he ran the Hangar and also the Dance Hall, arcade, concession stand and swimming area at Twin Lakes in Paris. The local kids all loved him.

He admired and respected Ernie Eveland, his high school basketball coach, and was proud to be a member of the 1947 Illinois State Championship Basketball team. He enjoyed reminiscing about his years as a Paris Tiger and talking to anyone about Paris High School Basketball. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be left at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

BARBARA A. TODD
DANVILLE — Barbara Ann Todd, 79, of Danville passed away peacefully with her best friend Karen Appleby by her side July 25, 2017 at 3:10 a.m.

A Celebration of Life memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 29, 2017, at Sunset Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 3940 N. Vermilion Street Danville. The Rev. Paula Wallace will officiate. Internment will be in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 10-11 a.m.

at the funeral home.

Ms. Todd was born on October 5, 1937 in Paris, the daughter of Fred and Mary Harris Todd Black. She graduated from Buckeye School near Paris and from Paris High School in 1955. She graduated from Eastern Illinois University with a degree in education in 1959 and later earned her master's degree from the University of Illinois in 1969.

Surviving are her niece, Kathy (Hughie) Fyfe of Paris; special friends, Karen and Doug Appleby and Damon LaMar, all of Danville; Judy Laker of Oakwood and Jackie Prunkard of Fairmount. She is also survived by "Rosie" the pug and her beloved kitties "Dudley" and "Missy."

An educator for more than 50 years, Ms. Todd taught physical education in Danville District 118 at all grade levels. She began teaching at Danville Junior College — now Danville Area Community College — part-time in 1965 and became full time in 1967. She taught P.E. and health until her retirement in 1994. She was the department chair of Health, Physical Education and Recreation at DACC during her tenure. After retirement, she worked part-time in the DACC Fitness Center from 1994-2015 and was co-director of the Fitness Center from 2001-2015.

Ms. Todd founded the Women's Athletic Program, with the help of founding DJC President Mary Miller, and coached volleyball, basketball, softball and field hockey for many years.

Ms. Todd was inducted into the DACC Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009 and was Faculty of the Year at DACC in 1994.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the DACC Foundation for the Barbara A. Todd Scholarship.

Please join Barbara's family in sharing memories, photos, and videos on her tribute wall at www.sunsetfuneralhome.com.

ELENORA SMITTKAMP
Elenora Catherine "Grammy" Smittkamp, 91, of Paris, passed away at 4:25 a.m. Monday, July 24, 2017, at Paris Healthcare Center. She was a homemaker.

A service celebrating her life was 11 a.m. Monday, July 31, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, July 30, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Smittkamp was born Sept. 4, 1925, in Edgar County, the daughter of the late Cash and Catherine Wright Sr. She married Lester Smittkamp July 14, 1946, at Paris, and he preceded her in death Feb. 14, 2013.

She is survived by a son, Keith (Joyce) Smittkamp of Decatur; a brother, Cash (Virginia) Wright Jr. of Paris; four grandchildren, Catrina (Mo) Gomez, Angie (John) Withey, Mario (Shauna) Mangiardi and Corey (Brian)

Crafton; four great-grandchildren, Marco Gomez, Winter and Siena Withey and Coby Crafton; as well as several nieces and nephews, including Linda Schneider and Carolee Hicks.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Becky Mangiardi; two brothers, Floyd Wright and Robert Wright; and a sister, Marie Johns.

Mrs. Smittkamp was a member of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Paris and the American Legion Post 211 Auxiliary. She volunteered for many years with the Paris Community Nurse Association, the Compassionate Food Pantry and Meals on Wheels.

Memorial donations may be made to the Compassionate Food Pantry or to the Paris Community Nurse Association.

Online condolences may be left at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

WANNETA KERRICK
Wanneta Fern White Kerrick, 94, of Ann Arbor, MI, formerly of Paris, Ill., passed away July 27, in Ann Arbor.

A memorial service is 11 a.m. August 5, at Templeton Funeral Home in Paris. Burial will follow in New Providence Cemetery. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home.

Mrs. Kerrick was born March 21, 1923, near Elbridge, to the late Cary C. and Lenna Staley White. She married Frank A. Kerrick in 1946, also of Elbridge. He preceded her in death in 2002.

She is survived by two children: Sandra Kerrick of Crystal Lake, Ill., and Mary Smith of Ann Arbor, MI.; two grandchildren, Douglas (Natalie) Smith and Carolyn (Patrick) Keller; and two great-grandchildren, Elise and Vivian Keller; a sister, Ida White (Owen) Candler.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Dewey and Howard White.

Mrs. Kerrick loved the woods, the hills and Sugar Creek on her family's Centennial Farm. She enjoyed cooking and gardening. She was also a 4-H leader for many years.

Mrs. Kerrick was active in the New Providence Church for much of her life where she led Bible study and taught Sunday school.

Online condolences may be left at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

FLORAINE TODD
Floraine B. Todd, 97, of Paris, and formerly of Terre Haute, Ind., passed away at 9 p.m. Sunday, July 23, at Twin Lakes Rehab & Healthcare. She was retired after many years with the former Schultz Clothiers of Terre Haute.

A service celebrating her life was 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial followed in Little Grove Cemetery. Visitation was from 11 a.m. until the service time Wednesday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Todd was born Feb. 19, 1920, in Edgar County, the daughter of the late Voorhees and Bertha Alice Barkley Judy. She married Howard

Todd, and he preceded her in death.

Survivors include a grandson; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, including Larry (Helen) Carrell and family of Paris; and her dear friend and companion, Ray Black of Seelyville, Ind. She was preceded in death by a son, Daniel Todd; and a sister, Mildred Carrell.

Mrs. Todd enjoyed flower gardening, cooking and baking.

Memorial donations may be made to Twin Lakes Rehab & Healthcare of Paris.

Online condolences may be left at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

DON FAIN
CASEY — Jessie Donald "Don" Fain, 89, of Casey, passed away at 1:05 p.m. Friday, July 21, 2017, at Casey Health Care Center. He was a lifelong farmer and also worked in the oil fields.

A funeral service was 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 26, at Markwell Funeral Home, with the Rev. Tom Toner officiating. Burial followed in the Washington Street Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 25, at the funeral home.

Mr. Fain was born Aug. 23, 1927, at Casey, the son of the late John W. Fain and Almira "Marie" Biggs Fain. He married Norma Lee Paul Dec. 10, 1949,

at Toledo, and she survives.

He is also survived by his children, Ronnie (Nila) Fain, Stanley (Terri Hock) Fain, Larry Fain and Brenda (Brian) Hammond, all of Casey; sister, Wanda (Howard) Winters of Casey; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Fain; sisters, Elsie Grissom and Wilma Howard; daughter, Donna Lee Hippler; son, Jon Michael Fain; and infant grandson, Jacob Eugene Fain.

Mr. Fain's favorite pastimes were gardening, mowing and fishing with his grandchildren. He was a faithful member of the White Oak Church of God.

Online condolences may be left at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

Voice actress June Foray dies

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
Actress June Foray, who gave voice to Rocky the Flying Squirrel and hundreds of other cartoon characters and was sometimes known as the "female Mel Blanc," has died in a Los Angeles hospital. She was 99.

Foray died Wednesday at West Hills Hospital in Los

Angeles of cardiac arrest, but she had been in fragile health since a car accident two years ago, niece Robin Thaler said Thursday.

Foray was the best-known woman among the voice performers who contributed so much to the classic cartoons of Warner Bros., Disney, Hanna-Barbera and other studios.

Florence B. Sutton Turner
passed away July 14, 2017

The Sutton family wish to extend our sincere thanks for many kindnesses, and for the condolences and support we have received. We also send our gratitude and appreciation to:

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GOP is spineless on ACA

OK, Republicans of the Senate, we get it. You've proved again how collectively spineless you are on your efforts to repeal and replace Obamacare.



MICHAEL REAGAN
MAKING SENSE

You've proved yet again that when it comes time to put your incumbent rear-ends where your over-promising big political mouths are, many of you choose to chicken out at the last minute. After seven months you 52 Senate Republicans and your 241 teammates in the House haven't been able to get it together to repeal, replace or even repair Obamacare.

Now it's time to pay the price for your seven years of fake politics. Next week Senate leader Mitch McConnell is planning an up-or-down vote on the motion to proceed on the bill to repeal Obamacare.

If that vote happens, voters and the media will see exactly which of you Republican senators have been faking it, and which ones haven't.

There's going to be lots of "splainin'" for you to do to constituents back home, as Ricky Ricardo used to say.

The GOP's epic failure to repeal and replace Obamacare is a perfect example of what's been wrong with the party in Washington for decades.

For too many Republicans in Congress, it's not about putting conservative ideals into practice, improving the country's economy or trying to reverse, or slow, America's long decline into Euro-style socialism.

It's all about getting themselves elected — and then re-elected, and then re-elected, until they die or decide it'd be more lucrative to become a six-figure K Street lobbyist.

For seven years and four election cycles many of you 52 Senators talked tough about what you'd do to the socialist neck of Obamacare if you had the chance.

As I wrote last week, many of you figured — and probably secretly hoped — that you'd never have a Republican president in the White House who was ready to call your

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A true American hero

Sen. John McCain urges U.S. Senate to return to doing people's business

"The highest responsibility of every member of Congress is to do what they think is right for the nation."

— Sen. John McCain

U.S. Senator John McCain (R-Ariz.) returned to the U.S. Senate this week — fresh from a diagnosis of brain cancer — to urge his fellow senators to work for the good of the country and "return to regular order."

McCain — who has served in the Senate for 30 years — cast a vote Wednesday to continue debate on the bill to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA). And while McCain voted to continue debate, he frankly told his fellow senators he could not support what he called "a shell of a bill" which he said was written behind closed doors.

True to his word, McCain voted no early Friday morning, effectively killing the watered down version of the ACA repeal.

OUR VIEW

This editorial reflects the views of The Prairie Press' editorial board. Other opinions on this page may not reflect this view.

McCain said the Obama administration and Democrats shouldn't have forced the Affordable Care Act through Congress without opposition support and then made it clear the Republican Party should not do the same. And he is absolutely right.

Whether or not you support the ACA or its repeal — and we've heard from Edgar County residents on both sides of the fence — compromise is key. It is not a dirty word.

Our country was built on compromise. When did it become a sign of weakness to compromise?

Working together may bring an imperfect result but very well may provide workable solutions to

problems our country's citizens are struggling with today.

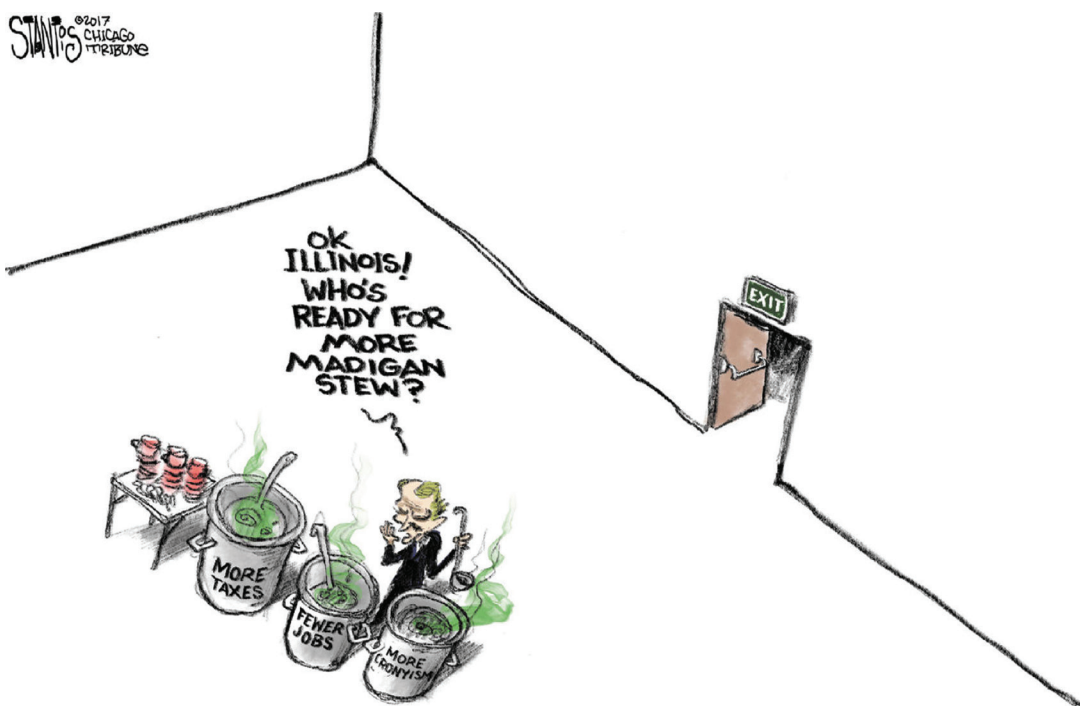
Just look around our home state of Illinois to see what the lack of bipartisanship and compromise hath wrought — Citizens leaving the state, a massive increase in the state income tax and a continuing fight over school funding.

McCain has never been afraid to speak up for what's right. It would have been easy for him to stay in Arizona and out of the drama of the Washington beltway. But McCain did not and instead berated his fellow senators for not working together.

Thank you, Sen. McCain for saying what has needed to be said for months. It is time Americans begin working together for the betterment of our country.

It is only through compromise and working together that problems will be solved.

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AG Sessions now one of 'the poor'

WASHINGTON — Eventually, everyone in this town seems to wind up with the word poor in front of his or her name.



KATHLEEN PARKER
POLITICS AND CULTURE

Such a fate is especially likely if one has associated with Donald Trump. As in, Poor Attorney General Jeff Sessions. He is latest to the firing line that has included such formerlys as FBI Director James Comey, national security adviser Michael Flynn and acting-Attorney General Sally Yates, as well as the voluntarily resigned — press secretary Sean Spicer, and Communications Director Michael Dubke.

Trump has begun making inquiries about firing Sessions, barring a resignation prompted by the president's tweeted attempts at shaming him into resigning. His crime? A perceived lack of loyalty. Having recused himself from involvement in the FBI's Trump-Russia investigation — and, therefore, from defending the president, as Trump sees it — Sessions is no longer useful. (For the record, Sessions did reportedly offer to resign at one point.)

Speaking of loyalty, Trump offers little of what he expects from others. Way back in early 2016, when few were willing to sidle up to the Republican front-runner, Sessions bet the farm on this reality-show celebrity. He

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YOUR VIEW

Paris Lions Club still collecting eyeglasses

Editor, The Prairie Press: The other day a friend mine asked if the Lions Club still takes old used eyeglasses. Yes, the Lions do collect old used eyeglasses; however, we collect a lot more than eyeglasses. The Lions will collect the following:

Used eyeglasses — If the frames and lenses are in good shape, the Lions will check the prescription, clean the lenses and frames, but, due to governmental restrictions, glasses are sent to third world countries to assist the needy. More than 150,000 eyeglasses were sent to Mexico and other countries in the past few years.

Used hearing aids — if they still work, the Lions of Illinois Foundation will refurbish them in our Lions of Illinois Used Hearing Aid Bank.

Over 700 used hearing aids were dispensed in Illinois last year.

Old house keys — Old keys that you have no use or perhaps people can't remember what a

key was for can be collected by your Local Lions Club. Money recovered is used toward the 15 programs provided by the Lions of Illinois Foundation.

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Brad Cash
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Odor of presidential abuse surrounds Trump

Editor, The Prairie Press: The odor of Presidential abuse of power is all around him, and not wanting Mueller to investigate his nefarious finances with Russia is tantamount to saying he thinks himself above the law. He is not.

The fate of the Trump family enterprise appears to rest with Donald Jr.'s phenomenally stupid willingness to collide with Moscow, to tilt the election, and our ability to find out exactly how they did it. And we will.

Follow the money. Follow Kushner and the Trumps all the way to Russia and back again into their bank account, and you will see the real reason they love red Russia.

Anita L. Griffith
Vermilion

Edgar County Fair brings fond memories

With the Edgar County Fair concluding today, it brings back memories of the excitement I used to feel when mom announced we were going to the fair. To a child of six or seven, the excitement of the lights of the midway and the carnies doing their best to get someone to one of the many games and food concessions was intoxicating.



GARY BUTLER
A SIMPLER TIME

My family would head out right after dad got home from work and

park in the large front yard out at the Paris American Legion. There were Edgar County deputies stationed at the crosswalk. In those days, we paid our admission price to enter the gates of what seemed to be the wildest place in the world.

Mom would tell us to hold their hands tightly so we wouldn't get lost in the crowd. We would first go take a look at the crafts in the Art Hall. Mom loved to look at the various objects being judged — pies, cakes, cookies, dresses, shirts, pants, pickled vegetables, fruit — so much crammed into that first barn. She always claimed her cooking and sewing were

better than the stuff on display. I certainly was in no position to argue. She fed me and clothed me, so who was I to argue?

We would then head over to the various pieces of farm equipment on display from the International implement dealer and the J I Case implement dealer. We would climb on the tractors and the combines with other kids and marvel on how big the tractor tires really were.

Next it was off to visit the booths located under the old wooden grandstand. The local Republicans and Democrats were represented along with various

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Rauner's top aide had no choice

In the end, Mike "Z" Zolnierowicz had only one choice.



RICH MILLER
CAPITOL FAX

Gov. Bruce Rauner's top political lieutenant, the man everyone calls "Z" who was most responsible for win-

ning the 2014 Republican primary and the governor's former state chief of staff, simply had to resign late in the afternoon on Friday, July 14th.

The week began with the early Monday morning firing of Richard Goldberg, Z's hand-picked successor as Rauner's chief of staff and his close friend. Rumors had circulated for months that First Lady Diana Rauner had turned on Goldberg and wanted him out, and in the previous few weeks it was known among a select few that the governor had been calling around looking for a possible replacement, including calling a couple of people in Indiana who declined the offer.

But Z and others were totally caught off guard when Goldberg was abruptly fired and was not offered a position in the vast campaign apparatus that Z had constructed. Rauner had not only made a major decision without consulting Z, his supposedly number one guy, he had also needlessly kicked Goldberg to the curb.

Goldberg's secretary was told in short order to pack up her stuff and then summarily escorted out of the building without being offered another position somewhere else. Before working for Goldberg, she had also been Z's cherished secretary. She didn't ask for an extended maternity leave when she had her second child. Instead, she was so committed to her duties that she'd often bring her infant with her to the office. Her callous treatment was widely seen as an unnecessary

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abomination as well as a direct affront to Zolnierowicz. The governor's top staff was mainly put together by two people: Z and Goldberg. And the loudest critics in Rauner's personal inner circle of those staffers included people at the top of the Illinois Policy Institute. When Rauner's staffers were replaced by Illinois Policy Institute executives, it was seen as yet another jab at Z.

Rauner and Z reportedly met a couple of days after Goldberg and others were fired and the governor asked Z to stay on. But by Friday, when several more staffers were given the boot or turned in their resignations, it was abundantly clear to everyone that Rauner was going in a totally new direction.

Rauner's campaign side and his governing side should be on the same page, Z reportedly told the governor, so he tendered his resignation. In reality, I think Z probably moved out anyway by the coup plotters.

If Goldberg had been eased out in the traditional way, perhaps being sent to the campaign or to some other group after consultation with people like Zolnierowicz; if the rest of the staff hadn't been so shabbily treated; if the governor's office hadn't been so obviously outsourced to the Illinois Policy Institute, then Z likely wouldn't have felt the need to leave. But if the sky was green, grass might be blue.

So, what happens next? Z reportedly told the governor he was still willing to offer advice and help from the outside. He wouldn't talk at all about it to me either on or off the record except to say that he believes Rauner still has a real chance at reelection.

But Z's departure is a potential disaster for this governor. It shows great weakness, and weakness is the deadliest virus in politics. If someone as loyal as Z felt he had to leave, then what kind of person would ever work with Rauner now? Zolnierowicz is a lovable man with amazing skills, but who also has the ability to turn on and off the inner soul of a political killer

— and that combination has served Rauner well. Z is the guy who built up the governmental and political apparatus to support Rauner. Without him, Rauner is just a limitless checkbook with a big mouth.

For the last year and a half, top Rauner administration insiders have muttered their belief that John Tillman, who runs the Illinois Policy Institute, wanted to gain control of the governor's state office, while conservative political activist Dan Proft wanted to control the governor's campaign operation.

To their minds, Tillman succeeded with Rauner's staff purge because several of Tillman's own staffers were brought on board.

And the Monday after Z quit, one of Proft's people, Matthew Besler, was given the helm of the governor's political operation.

It's a whole new world, campers.

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REAGAN

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bluff. It was a perfect deal, while it lasted. You could pretend to be a conservative and a public enemy of Obamacare for another eight years without ever paying a dime of the political cost. Well, guess what? Disaster struck. Trump beat Hillary. Now many Republicans are terrified that if they vote to end or even reduce the free goodies and government subsidies that Obamacare doled out to millions of Americans, they'll lose their cushy seats in 2018 or 2020. Maybe so, but too bad. All you Republicans are doing now by ducking

repeal and replace is hurting the country and making it more likely Democrats will be running the Senate and maybe even the House by 2020. If that national disaster occurs, the only health bill we'll see go to the president's desk is single-payer. Because the Democrats may be a bunch of idiots and have no ideas, but they know how to work together to pass the horrible laws they desire. The only option Republicans have now is to begin dismantling and repairing Obamacare piece by piece. I don't know what President Trump will do, but I know what my father would have done. He'd have called the congressional leaders of both parties into the Oval Office months ago and asked them

to find the areas where they agree. Then he'd have told them to write a bill, send it him for his signature and start looking for other important areas of bipartisan agreement, like tort reform or allowing insurance companies to sell their policies across state lines the way Toyota sells their SUVs. Whether Republicans have the brains and backbones to rid America of the curse of Obamacare remains to be seen, but they need to quit bitching and start fixing before it's too late. *(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.)*

PARKER

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was the first sitting senator to endorse Trump, trading his legacy for the near-certain promise of a top position in the new administration. Sessions' recusal wasn't only correct but probably unavoidable. It was revealed the day before his announcement that he had twice met with then-Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak, in July and September of 2016, despite having said during his confirmation hearing that he hadn't. Like so many others who joined the Trump White House, Sessions seemed to have forgotten the meetings. Testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee of which he previously was a member, Sessions has said that his meetings with Kislyak, come to think of it, were routine and part of his activities as senator, not as campaign operative.

Except for the fact that Sessions was part of the campaign at the time of those meetings, there's no reason to doubt him. Trump seems less bothered that Sessions, Donald Trump Jr. and Jared Kushner all have contradicted his claims that none of his campaign people had ever met with any Russians associated with the government than by the realization that Sessions isn't protecting his backside. To the nation's chief executive, the latter spells kaputzkah. Sure, Trump must know that Sessions vowed during his confirmation hearing that, if confirmed, he would recuse himself from any matters concerning Hillary Clinton. After all, the hearing was televised. But why mention Clinton in this episode of Trump's reality presidency? Because when the heat is on, Trump always sprinkles a little Clinton in the mix. In the latest in his series of off-the-cuff true confessions, Trump last week told The New

York Times that he never would have nominated Sessions as attorney general had he known he'd recuse himself. Recall that he also said he fired Comey because of the Russia investigation. Nobody ever accused the president of subtlety. The question now is, who's next? We'll know soon enough, but Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price might want to keep his medical license current. As the Senate was preparing to vote again on the Obamacare repeal bill, Trump gave a rousing speech, saying he knew Price, who formerly sat on the Senate Health Committee, would get out there and get those votes. If not, Trump quipped, "You're fired!" Poor Price. *(Kathleen Parker is a politically conservative-leaning columnist for The Washington Post. Email her at kparker@washpost.com.)*

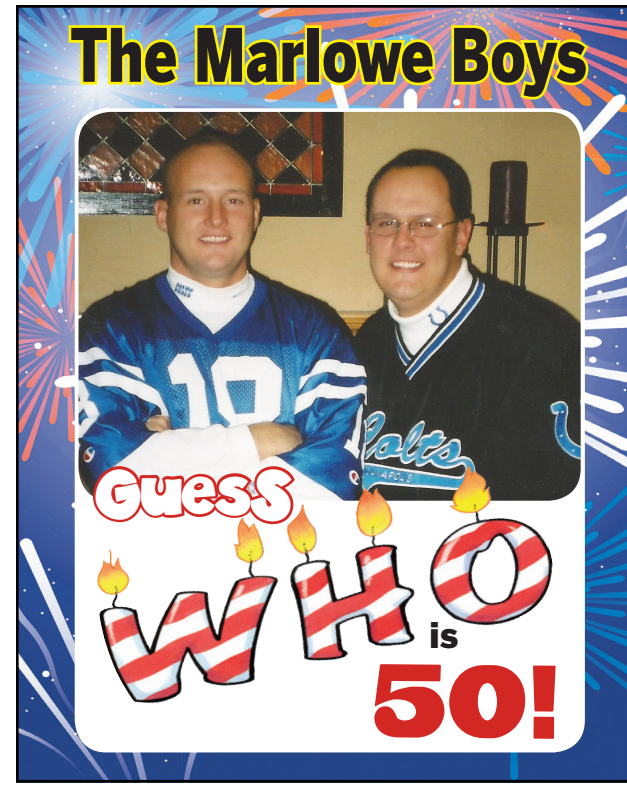
BUTLER

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other businesses around the count. Mom always picked up a new yardstick at one of them. We would spend time wandering along the various displays. Suddenly our stomachs would start to growl because you could smell the fried foods and other treats wafting from the midway. We would drag Mom and Dad over to the food vendors, There we enjoyed corndogs, cotton candy and pop. Once we had eaten, we would walk the midway looking at rides and games. I realize the midway is not all that big, but to a little boy, it felt like I took an eternity to walk from one end to the other. The flashing lights of the rides, the games, the people — so much to see and experience. It was truly sensory overload. We would get to ride the merry-go-round. There was a Tilt-A-Whirl where we could all fit and ride. Mom sat on one end and Dad on the other. We would go around and around until we were so dizzy — laughing all the while. There were a

couple of other kiddie rides we could also enjoy on the midway. After enjoying the rides, then it was off to the Malone's Taffy stand so Mom could get a big bag of walnut taffy. We each got one piece of the taffy to munch on the way home. I can remember just holding it in my mouth and savoring the taste.

Every time we come back to Paris and drive by the fairgrounds, I think back on the days when we were young and our biggest worry was whether or not Mom would give us a second piece of taffy. *(Gary Butler is a native of Paris, a former Paris Policeman and a retired chief of police. He also served in Iraq.)*



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Photo courtesy WMMC Radio

The midway of Swyear Amusements shines brightly on the Edgar County Fairgrounds with this view from the top of the ferris wheel, thanks to Joey O'Rourke from WMMC. The fair closes its run with the popular Route 1 Rumble Demolition Derby set to get underway at 6 p.m.

Veteran Paris policeman Jeff Goodwin has retired

City Council honors 29-year career of Paris detective

BY NED JENISON
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Paris lost the services of a veteran city police officer this week. Sgt. Jeff Goodwin submitted his resignation at Monday's meeting of the Paris city council to wind up a 29-year career with the department.

Accepting the resignation "with regret," Paris Mayor Craig Smith presented Goodwin an engraved plaque on behalf of the council and the city for his services, together with a commemorative watch. Most recently Goodwin served as a lead detective for the department.

During the regular business meeting, two new appointments were made to the management board for the Paris Center of Fine Arts, the new theater located adjoining Paris Cooperative High School. Joining the board for three-year terms are George Griffin from the Edgar County Bank & Trust, and Mrs. Lisa Tucker

from rural Edgar county. The management board is appointed by the city under terms of an intergovernmental agreement between the city and the schools. It oversees general operation of the theatre and programming of both public and school events. Attending the council meeting was Kristin Chittick, newly-appointed theater manager. She succeeded Dan Lynch, former high school drama director. Lynch recently began new duties as principal for the Crestwood Unit Four school.

The city took another move to increase educational opportunities for local residents. At the mayor's recommendation, the council approved a \$15,509 upgrade of electrical services for the vocational ag building on Crawford street, at the former high school complex. It is now managed by the city.

This will permit installation and use of advanced manufacturing equipment for new training classes to be taught through an agreement with Lake Land College. These classes will prepare enrollees for new or advanced positions with local in-

dustry, such as North American Lighting.

The council also renewed an annual Law Enforcement Training contract with East Central Illinois Mobile Law, for \$3,500.

Preparations for two upcoming celebrations in downtown Paris were cleared by council approval. The north and south sides of the square will be closed to traffic from Wednesday evening, Sept 20 through Monday morning, Sept. 25 for the annual Honeybee Fall Festival.

The south side of the square on Court street will be closed on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12-13, for the Chamber of Commerce-sponsored End of Summer Block Party.

In other business, the council approved replacement of a traffic signal damaged by a vehicle accident at a cost of \$3,454, which will be reimbursed by insurance; and authorized a new street light in the 200 block of Grandview street at a cost of \$8 monthly.

The next city council meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 14. An agenda meeting, also open to the public, will be 4 p.m. Aug. 9 at city hall.

AIRPORT

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... favors waiting for IDOT money to fix the beacon.

"It would be a more serious matter if we had a lot of IFR (instrument flight rules) flights," said Lorenzen, adding automation at the airport is such pilots can remotely activate the landing strip lights. "I still feel comfortable waiting."

The beacon is more than a safety issue claimed board member John Chittick.

"It is a very visible signal to the public the airport is still there and working," said Chittick.

The brief meeting touched on several other topics.

August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk and Recorder, reported meeting with a representative of Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass from Champaign about needed repairs to basement doors at the courthouse. He said the company quoted a price for making the doors at the north ground level entrance handicapped accessible,

plus changing hinges and replacing rotted door sweeps and the threshold to the east doors for approximately half of a previous quote. Griffin added the company indicated it is possible to start the work within the next two weeks.

According to Griffin, July 28 was the last day for the public to submit bids for purchasing used furniture and other office equipment stored in the Kreckman Building.

"One person has looked, but we don't have any bids," said Griffin.

He added if no bids are received, the next step is for the county board to declare the stored items of no value and dispose of them through a licensed trash hauler.

Board member Andy Patrick said the air conditioning improvements to the upstairs of the courthouse are complete and the next project is removing a leaking radiator to fix the floor under it.

Board president Jeff Voigt raised two issues. He said the vehicle and body cameras used by sheriff department em-

ployees requires the county to expand data storage capability from two to seven terabytes. The project will reconfigure a server room at the jail with more hard drives and the elimination of some old and outdated equipment.

Voigt said the work is part of the current budget.

He asked the other board members to consider the need to create regulations for solar farms that may eventually locate in the county, especially regarding what happens in the future if the collector arrays are decommissioned.

"We don't have to do anything, but there are constituents out there being approached by solar companies," said Voigt, adding some of the locals have asked representatives of the energy companies what happens to the ground at the time of decommissioning. "They (energy company representatives) say they don't have to do anything because the county doesn't have regulations. If we want to do something, it may help them in their negotiations."

Trump talks tough on immigration, crime

BRENTWOOD, N.Y. (AP) — Talking tough on illegal immigration and violent crime, President Donald Trump appeared Friday to advocate rougher treatment of people in police custody, speaking dismissively of the police practice of shielding the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are being placed in patrol cars.

"Don't be too nice," Trump told law enforcement officers in Suffolk County, New York, during a visit to highlight his administration's efforts to crack down on the street gang known as MS-13. The violent international group has terrorized communities on Long Island and in other parts of the country.

The president urged Congress to find money to pay for 10,000 Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers "so that we can eliminate MS-13."

Trump said his administration is removing these gang members from the United States but said, "We'd like to get them out a lot faster and when you see ... these thugs being thrown into the back of the paddy wagon, you just see them thrown in, rough, I said, 'Please don't be too nice.'"

Trump then spoke dismissively of the practice by which arresting officers shield the heads of handcuffed suspects as they are placed in police cars.

"I said, 'You could take the hand away, OK,'" he said, drawing applause from many in the audience, which included federal and law enforcement personnel from the New York-New Jersey area.

The Suffolk County Police Department said in a statement after Trump's speech that it has strict rules and procedures about how prisoners should be handled. "Violations of those rules and procedures are treated extremely seriously. As a department, we do not and will not tolerate roughing up of prisoners."

The former chief of the Suffolk County Police Department, James Burke, was sentenced to nearly four years in prison last November for beating a handcuffed man in an interrogation room.

Trump talks regularly about cracking down on MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha. The gang is believed to have originated in immigrant communities in Los Angeles in the 1980s and then entrenched itself in Central America when its leaders were deported.

It is known for violent tactics that include torturing victims and hacking them with machetes. Authorities estimate the group has tens of thousands of members across Central America and in many U.S. states.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions has instructed the Justice Department's law enforcement agencies and fed-

eral prosecutors to prioritize the prosecution of MS-13 members, as directed by an executive order Trump signed in February.

Since the beginning of 2017, the Department of Homeland Security's investigative unit has arrested 3,311 gang members nationwide during targeted operations, said Tom Homan, acting director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. The agency could not provide similar numbers for 2016.

Trump's visit to his home state of New York came as Sessions was in El Salvador to increase international cooperation against the gang. But the president did not mention Sessions in his remarks — his latest slight against the man he's been publicly fuming at for recusing himself from all matters related to Russian election meddling.

Trump's comments about the treatment of people in police custody resurrected memories of Freddie Gray, a 25-year-old Baltimore man who was shackled but alive when he was put into a Baltimore police van in April 2015. Gray left the vehicle with severe neck injuries, and his subsequent death spawned rioting.

Six officers were charged initially, but prosecutors in July 2016 dropped all remaining charges after acquittals and a hung jury.

Gray's family agreed in September 2015 to a \$6.4 million settlement with Baltimore.

Massive power outage forces evacuation of N.C. islands

BY TOM FOREMAN JR. AND JONATHAN DREW
Associated Press

A man-made power outage — not an approaching hurricane — forced 10,000 tourists to flee two North Carolina islands and turned summer vacation into a messy nightmare for many.

Cars lined up Friday to get on ferries, the only way off Ocracoke Island, after a mandatory evacuation order was announced. Gas stations ran perilously low on fuel and ice, and business owners complained about losing a chunk of their most lucrative time of year due to a construction crew accidentally severing a main transmission line.

Without power, air conditioners went silent and ceiling fans stopped humming as extremely humid temperatures reached 80 degrees (26 Celsius).

"We were really disappointed. You're used to things like this happening from Mother Nature on Ocracoke, but not from human error," said Kivi Leroux Miller, who awoke in a hot rental house Thursday morning.

The Lexington, North Carolina, resident had to cut short her yearly vacation with her husband and two children, and they were among the last cars on a packed ferry Friday morning.

"There was definitely

this sort of sadness with everyone having to leave," she said.

Ocracoke and Hatteras Islands went dark on Thursday when a construction company building a new bridge between islands drove a steel casing into an underground transmission line. The company, PCL Construction, was digging at the site Friday to determine the extent of the damage. Officials said it could be days or weeks before it's fixed. A better forecast wasn't expected for another day or so.

North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper declared a state of emergency as generators were sent to the islands for the residents who stayed behind. Officials urged people to use power only for fans and refrigerators.

"The situation is stabilizing today thanks to the use of additional portable generators," Cooper said. "Public safety services have power as do water and sewer. I ask residents and visitors to be patient as everyone works towards restoring the power and getting conditions back to normal."

The islands, which have about 5,000 permanent residents, rely heavily on the summer tourist season for their local economies.

But emergency officials were forced to issue a mandatory evacuation of visitors to Ocracoke Island on Thursday afternoon, with exemptions for some including those who could prove residency. A sim-

ilar order was forcing visitors to Hatteras Island, south of Oregon Inlet, to be out as of 6 a.m. Saturday. In announcing the Hatteras evacuation, authorities cited safety issues and growing concern about how long repairs to the transmission line would take.

"In a seasonal community like Ocracoke, there's three to five months out of the year when most businesses are closed," said Jason Wells, owner of Jason's Restaurant on Ocracoke Island. "So when you take this hit in July and factor in that you're only open eight months out of the year, it's big. It's a lot more than people even realize."

Wells said his restaurant, closed by the outage, is missing out on between \$5,000 and \$6,000 a day in sales. His 25 workers typically make between \$75 and \$250 a day.

While Howard's Pub nearby was serving a full menu on generator power, owner Ann Warner said business had plummeted as tourists streamed off the island. Her restaurant would usually be packed for Friday lunch.

"This is a man-made disaster, and, yes, people are very upset," she said.

Tourist Stacy Huggins awoke Thursday in a hot hotel room with no air conditioning, noticed his phone wasn't charging and realized the power was out. On Friday, he sat at a dock awaiting the next ferry off Ocracoke Island to help him make his way back to his home in Virginia.

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the committee, Peg Dixon's opening speech, introduction of the teams and the team lap.

1 p.m., Givers of Song from the Human Resources Center in concert

1:30 p.m., Noteable Evenings perform

2:30 p.m. Olivia Thierl

and Maelynn Redman perform

3 p.m., Jennifer Alexander performs

3:30 p.m., Loraine Horsley and Monica Dunn perform

4 p.m., Kim Henness performs

4:30 p.m., Avoree Gore performs

5 p.m., Survivor Ceremony with a speech by Patrease Henson, Paul Lynch singing

the survivor song during the survivor lap and the survivor picnic

5:30 p.m., Paul Lynch performs

7 p.m., Jordan Arrasmith performs

8 p.m., Adrienne Haupt performs

9 p.m., closing ceremony with luminarias lining the track and bagpipe playing by Paul Hinson.

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It's time for camp

NFL training camps league wide get in motion this week, and the com-



DAN DUNDAS

ABOUT SPORTS

mon doldrums and repetition that you may have seen on HBO's "NFL Hard Knocks" are set for another year. The excitement is palatable because the NFL landscape changes so much year to year. Teams spend maybe a half decade if everything is done just right, just to have a three to maybe a five year window of hopefully having enough players in their respective primes to make a difference to eventually beat the Patriots.

With last place teams getting rewarded with a portion of their schedule filled with other last place teams, not including their mandatory six division games and four versus the other conference, which leaves six opportunities to swing their place in the standings. Even with a third place finish some non-playoff teams that may be able to take advantage of it and crash the playoffs. Some candidates for this could be the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in the NFC, and the Buffalo Bills in the AFC.

The last time we saw NFC heavyweights, the Dallas Cowboys and Atlanta Falcons, they were suffering a brutal "come from ahead losses". The Cowboys suffered from the magic that is the Packers' Aaron Rodgers in a home playoff game, and the Falcons of course were on full display for the country to see in the Super Bowl against the Patriots. Both are contenders for the conference once again, and we will see if they can wipe the slate clean mentally in 2017.

In the AFC, rumor has it that the Patriots are really good. No one anticipated Brady playing at this level approaching 40 years old. It's almost like Michael Jordan still able to muster enough turn around 17 foot jump shots to snag his 6th title at age 35, when his legs should have been toast. The remainder of the AFC has some competition, especially in the form of the offensive show known as the Pittsburgh Steelers. Some of the best defense in the NFL also resides in the AFC with Houston and Denver, but those teams also offer next to nothing at the quarterback position, which may be their Achilles heel.

While the Broncos and Texans' playoff windows look to be wide open for the next year or two at the least, two other teams look to have their finally cracked open because of their ability to pick and develop a franchise quarterback. The Raiders and Titans boast some recent strong drafting after a few years in the NFL basement. Both of their young quarterbacks in Derek

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Brewers edge Cubs 2-1

Brent Suter's strong outing slows down the surging Northsiders to pull within 1/2 game

BY RICH ROVITO
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Brewers called on Brent Suter to slow down the surging Chicago Cubs in the opener of a pivotal three-game series Friday night.

Suter responded by tossing seven scoreless innings in a career-long outing as the Brewers slipped past the Cubs 2-1 to move within one-half game of first place in the National League Central.

"It was probably one of the biggest starts of my life and to come through and get the team a win, it feels good," Suter said, a broad smile flashing across his face.

Suter (2-1), who moved into the rotation earlier this month as a replacement for



Special to The Prairie Press

Milwaukee Brewers' Hernan Perez is safe at first as Chicago Cubs' Jose Quintana takes a late throw during the fourth inning of a baseball game Friday in Milwaukee.

the injured Chase Anderson, limited the Cubs to four hits.

"He's done what Chase was doing, if not even more," Milwaukee manager Craig Counsell said. "He's been outstanding. He's really picked us up. We've found a player."

Suter struck out five and walked one.

"We could not get anything going against Suter," Cubs manager Joe Maddon said. "He was outstanding, mixing speeds. He really knows what he's doing out there."

Milwaukee pushed across a run in the second on Manny Pina's run-scoring groundout.

In the fourth, Hernan Perez led off with a sharp grounder to the right side that Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo fielded cleanly. Rizzo was slow to get to his feet, however, and his feed to Jose Quintana covering the base was late. Initially called out, Perez was awarded first after a brief review.

Perez later scored on a fielder's choice.

The Brewers didn't have a

base runner after the fourth inning.

Javier Baez's solo homer with one out in the eighth off newly acquired reliever Anthony Swarzak cut the lead to 2-1.

Corey Knebel notched his 18th save in 23 attempts, striking out pinch-hitter Kyle Schwarber with the tying run on third.

The Brewers appeared poised to extend the lead in the third off Quintana (2-1). Domingo Santana led off with a liner to center that Albert Almora dropped for a two-base error. Ryan Braun followed with a deep drive to right. Jason Heyward reached above the fence to rob Braun of a homer. Braun stared toward Heyward, shaking his head. See CUBS, Page 10A

PARIS JFL GETTING READY FOR THE SEASON



Michelle Jacobs/The Prairie Press

Paris JFL Head Football Coach Chip Keys and PHS Football coach Jeremy Clodfelder watch a play unfold during Monday's practice. Clodfelder has been actively involved in the development of the youth program and provides encouragement to the young athletes.

Paris JFL ready for season

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The players and coaches of the Paris Youth Football team took over John P. Allen Field Monday to officially begin preparing for the upcoming season.

There are 20 fourth graders, 30 fifth and sixth graders and 30 seventh and eighth graders donning their pads and helmets for the first time this season.

The Paris Youth Football program is a part of the larger Wabash Valley Youth Football League. The league is comprised of eight teams including Paris, Marshall, Casey, Cumberland, Tri-County, Oblong, Martinsville and Palestine-Hutsonville.

All eight teams will meet for the first time at the Wabash Valley Youth Football Jamboree on Sunday, Aug. 6, at John P. Allen field. Following the official weigh-in of all league players at 11 a.m., scrimmages between the teams will mark the first competition of the season.

The scrimmages are timed at 20 minutes with a running clock and will feature 10 minutes of offense and 10 minutes of defense for each team.

Coaching the young Paris Tigers this year are fourth grade coach Dustin



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Paris Youth Football Coaches Chip Keys and Erik Trogdon encourage the seventh and eighth graders in the huddle following the Monday, July 24 practice.

Reed, fifth/sixth grade coaches Steve Branch, Terry Rogers, Jordon Keys and Bobby Sinclair and seventh/eighth grade coaches Chip Keys, Erik Trogdon, Matt Wright, Judd Rhoads,

Jeff Arp, and Greg Stuck.

Keys, also in his fourth year as director of Paris Youth Football, is optimistic for the upcoming season.

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Cards get big win 1-0

BY WARREN MAYES
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — It's been a week of firsts for St. Louis reliever Trevor Rosenthal.

On Tuesday, he earned his first two-inning win in a 3-2 victory over Colorado.

Against Arizona on Friday night, Rosenthal pitched the final two innings for his first two-inning major league save as St. Louis defeated the Diamondbacks 1-0.

"I think I'll probably start next week," Rosenthal said laughing.

Arizona starter Robbie Ray left the game in the second inning after getting hit in the head by a line drive off the bat of rookie Luke Voit.

Against Brett Cecil in the eighth, the Diamondbacks put runners on second and third with a single and double.

Enter Rosenthal.

"Obviously, it's the heart of the lineup and it's a tough spot," Rosenthal said. "Anything can happen, good or bad. I needed to keep focused and make good pitches and then it might work out for us."

It did.

He struck out A.J. Pollock. With the infield in, David Peralta grounded to second and Kolten Wong, who entered in the seventh as a pinch runner, cut down Ketel Marte at home. Arizona challenged and lost the replay.

"Once it goes to review, they examine the whole play, whether it's blocking the plate or whether there was a tag," Arizona manager Torey Lovullo said. "It was close enough for us but obviously it didn't go our way."

Marte was going on contact on the play.

"It was a close play but he (Wong) threw the perfect throw," Marte said. "I think he got me at the last second."

He did believe catcher Yadier Molina blocked his path. See CARDS, Page 10A

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CARDS

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path to the plate.

"Yeah, he blocked me but he can do it because the infielders, they played in and when they play in, he can block me and I was trying to do my best but he got me at the last second," Marte said.

Rosenthal ended the inning by striking out Paul Goldschmidt. That was his fifth strikeout in nine career at-bats versus Rosenthal.

Rosenthal had a 1-2-3 ninth to close it out for his fifth save.

"It was a lot fun," Rosenthal said.

St. Louis starter Michael Wacha was impressed.

"That was a big-time save right there," Wacha said. "He came in and didn't allow a single run. He really beared down and competed out there."

Manager Mike Matheny agreed.

"Trevor was amazing," Matheny said. "Michael set the tone. He was fantastic."

Wacha pitched six innings and Jedd Gyorko drove in the lone run with one of his three hits.

Wacha (8-4) allowed three hits. He has won five of his last six starts and improved to 7-1 in 12 starts at Busch Stadium this season.

Wacha finished strong. He pitched out of a jam in the sixth. He gave up a single and double with two outs before striking out Peralta to end his night.



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St. Louis Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina, left, congratulates relief pitcher Trevor Rosenthal after Rosenthal struck out Arizona Diamondbacks' Paul Goldschmidt in the eighth inning of a baseball game Friday in St. Louis. The Cardinals won the game 1-0.

When the ball hit Ray it caromed in the air into foul territory where third baseman Daniel Descalso caught it for the out.

Ray lay prone on the mound for several minutes before sitting up with his teammates surrounding him. He was driven off the field on a cart and was taken for an examination.

The only St. Louis run came in the sixth. Tommy Pham reached on an error by Descalso.

After stealing second, Pham moved to third on a ground ball to second by rookie Paul DeJong. Gyorko followed and

lined an RBI single up the middle.

The run snapped a 15-inning scoreless streak for the Cardinals. T.J. McFarland (4-3), who replaced Ray, took the loss.

Arizona had a chance to score against Seung Hwan Oh in the seventh.

With two on and two outs, Oh got Chris Herrman to ground to first.

St. Louis loaded the bases with one out in the seventh but Andrew

Chafin got Pham to hit into an inning-ending double play.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Chris Owings hit a double in the fifth inning, the first of three in the game. Arizona has hit 31 doubles in its last 11 games. The Diamondbacks have 209 doubles this season to rank fourth in the majors.

LOU BROCK HEALTH UPDATE

The St. Louis Cardinals announced during the game that Hall of Famer Lou Brock earlier disclosed he is cancer free.

The team had revealed back in April that Brock had been diagnosed with a type of blood cancer.

Brock retired in 1979 with 3,023 hits and a .293 average.

JFL

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"We are ready!" Keys added that adjustments have been made on both sides of the ball from last year to fit this year's roster as younger players have stepped in to fill vacancies left by players graduating from the program.

For Paris' coaches and players, the preparation for this year's season did not begin

just this week. The off-season program, led by the youth football coaching staff, provides the athletes with the use of the facilities at Allen field to physically prepare for the season ahead.

Paris High School head football coach Jeremy Clodfelder is a regular and welcome presence at Allen field during both the pre-season workouts and practices. Clodfelder, who has yet to

miss a Paris Youth Football home game, has been instrumental in developing the youth program. "It's great having a guy with his football IQ around to lean on for advice," Keys said. Keys has even molded his practices, techniques and schemes to match those of the high school program which helps the players as they transition to the Paris High School football program.

The public is invited to the August 6 Jamboree. The cost of admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

The seventh/eighth team will face Marshall at 1:00 p.m. and Tri-County at 3:00 p.m. on the north field. The fifth/sixth team will scrimmage on the south field against Marshall at 1:30 pm and Tri-County at 3:30 p.m.

The regular season begins for the young Tigers on Saturday, August 12 as they host Casey at John P. Allen field. The fifth/sixth grade game begins at 5:30 p.m. and will be followed by the seventh/eighth grade contest. Admission to the games is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.00 for students.

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DUNDAS

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Derek Carr and Marcus Mariotta could be yearly Pro Bowl candidates.

Who is going to be awful this year?

Well, the first hint is that the city starts with a C and ends with a B. Of course, the Cleveland Browns — and the Chicago Bears too.

Oddly enough, the Browns actually have drafted some high profile college talent recently, but it seemingly evaporates when they don the orange helmet.

The Bears, New York Jets, and San Francisco 49ers have somehow shipped away much of their blue chip talent for different inept reasons, and will be competing for the top pick in 2018.

Other fun questions still persist.

While their own stadium is being built in their new home of Los Angeles over the next two years, how will the Chargers enjoy playing in a stadium that was designed for soccer and is half the size of an NFL stadium?

Will New York Giants receivers coach Adam Henry

hide in the break room every morning to avoid sitting in the meeting room with very talented and emotionally unpredictable Brandon Marshall and Odell Beckham?

For that matter, how many "Manning Faces" will Eli Manning make?

Adrian Peterson pretty much had his card stamped for the Hall of Fame before he was forced to sit out the 2014 season. How weird will it look for him to be adorned in the gold and black of the New Orleans Saints?

Running backs over 30 usually aren't worth their salt, and his time in the bayou at the back end of his career might be eerily reminiscent of LaDainian Tomlinson's uneventful time on the Jets. For comparisons sake in other sports, Patrick Ewing on the Sonics, or Ken Griffey, Jr. on the White Sox.

Every year new stars emerge and old ones fade away.

The cycle of the sports calendar continues.

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CUBS

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head in disbelief.

"I think he's probably the best defensive right fielder in baseball," Braun said. "I don't think anybody else catches that ball."

Quintana, making his third start with the Cubs after being acquired in a trade with the White Sox on July 13, gave up four hits and two runs in six innings. He struck out six and walked three.

"Today was really hard for me in the first few innings," Quintana said. "You try to keep the game close and wait for a comeback."

FIRST HIT

Quintana slashed a pitch from Suter to right field in the third for his first career hit. He had been hitless in 29 career at-bats.

"I'm not a hitter," Quintana said.

FLASHING LEATHER

Milwaukee 3B Travis Shaw stretched far into the Cubs dugout to snag a foul ball by pinch-hitter Ben Zobrist in the eighth. "I didn't realize I had caught it," Shaw said. "That was as far as I could reach. If I'm not getting any hits, they aren't getting any hits."

N.J GOVERNOR ON HAND

Chris Christie, governor of New Jersey, took in the game. His son, Andrew, works in the Brewers baseball operations department.

ROSTER MOVES

The Brewers recalled RHP Paolo Espino from Triple-A Colorado Springs and optioned RHP Michael Blazek, who surrendered six home runs, including five in the third inning, in Thursday's loss. RHP Rob Schahill accepted an outright assignment to Colorado Springs.

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Raines, Bagwell, Pudge, Selig going into HOF

BY JOHN KEKIS
AP Sports Writer

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) — Tim Raines played in the major leagues for more than two decades, and yet one at-bat still sticks in his mind.

Nervous about making the Montreal Expos' roster after two brief call-ups that didn't work out so well (one hit in .20 at-bats), his performance on Opening Day 1981 in Pittsburgh erased any doubt. Raines led off the game with a walk, stole second on the first pitch to the next batter and scored after the errant throw to second eluded the outfielders.

A star was born.

"I think that was the beginning of the type of player Tim Raines could be," Raines recalled. "It kind of got me going. I think if I would have struck out and not do anything offensively that game, I'm not sure what would have happened to my career. I hadn't really proven to anyone what type of player I was. It kind of just took off from there."

His baseball journey ends Sunday in Cooperstown, when the 57-year-old Raines will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Joining him are Jeff Bagwell and Ivan Rodriguez, along with former Commissioner Bud Selig and retired Kansas City and Atlanta executive John Schuerholz, both elected by a veterans committee.

Raines received 86 percent of the vote by the Baseball Writers' Association of America to easily top the 75 percent threshold needed. That tally came on his final year on the ballot, an oversight that's difficult to fathom in retrospect.

The switch-hitting Raines batted .294 and had a .385 on-base percentage in his 23-year



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Three major league players will be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame Sunday in Cooperstown, N.Y. From left, Pudge Rodriguez, Jeff Bagwell and Tim Raines were voted into the HOF earlier this year. The three along with Bud Selig and John Schuerholz each carved his own niche in major league baseball, and on Sunday they will receive the game's ultimate reward — induction into the Hall of Fame.

career, finishing with 2,605 hits, 1,571 runs and 808 stolen bases. The stolen bases is the fifth-highest total in major league history and includes 70 or more steals in each season from 1981-86, a streak that stands alone in baseball history. Take a closer look at his accomplishments on the basepaths, and they are quite remarkable — his 84.7 percent success rate tops the list among players with at least 400 steal attempts.

Raines credits his fortune to the increasing popularity of sabermetrics, advanced statistics that give greater insight into a player's worth.

"I think they kind of looked at the numbers on the baseball cards," said Raines, who overcame a recreational drug addiction that hampered his production early in his career. "There's more to the game than just those numbers. Guys can be just as important to a team and an organization in a lot of different ways."

Rodriguez, who holds the major league records for games caught (2,427) and putouts by a catcher (12,376), hit 311 homers and batted .296 in his career. No surprise that he's only the second catcher elected on the first ballot, following in the footsteps of his childhood idol, former Cincinnati Reds star Johnny Bench.

In 21 seasons spent mostly with the Texas Rangers, Rodriguez was a 14-time All-Star, won a record 13 Gold Gloves and took home seven Silver Slugger awards.

"I think I just prepared myself," said the 45-year-old Rodriguez, affectionately known as "Pudge." "I'm talking about blocking thousands of balls, making thousands of throws to second base, trying to throw the ball to the right side

of the base.

"You can have ability, but if you don't have discipline, if you don't work on things you have to do, it's going to be hard for you to do it in your career."

The 48-year-old Bagwell, who played his entire 15-year career with the Houston Astros, was elected in his seventh year on the ballot. He's the only first baseman in history with 400 career home runs and 200 stolen bases.

"This is all overwhelming to me," Bagwell said. "Parts of me wonder, 'Why am I in here?'"

Bagwell ended his career with 449 home runs, was 1991 NL Rookie of the Year and in the strike-shortened 1994 season hit .368 with 39 homers and 116 RBIs in just 110 games to unanimously capture MVP honors.

Just as impressive: From 1996-2001, Bagwell had at least 30 home runs, 100 runs scored and 100 RBIs per sea-

son, only the sixth player in major league history to reach those marks in at least six straight years.

Schuerholz, who played second base at Towson University and became a junior high school teacher in the Baltimore suburbs in the mid-1960s, always wanted to be a major leaguer and couldn't get baseball off his mind. So he sent a letter to Jerry Hoffberger, owner of the hometown Orioles.

The team gave him a spot in its minor league system. In 1969, Schuerholz joined the expansion Kansas City Royals and became general manager 12 years later. After the Royals won the 1985 World Series, he moved on to even greater success with the Braves. With Schuerholz calling the front-office shots, Atlanta won a remarkable 14 straight division championships.

In 26 years as a GM, Schuerholz's teams won 16

division titles, six pennants and two World Series. He was the first general manager in history to win a World Series in each league.

"I feel awed," said Schuerholz, whose only regret is that the Braves turned those division titles into only one World Series championship (1995). "I feel as thankful and appreciative of all the people who have helped me in my career and in my life to get to this point where a group decided that this guy qualifies for the Hall of Fame, this guy ought to be in the Hall of Fame."

Selig never realized his childhood dream of replacing Joe DiMaggio in center field for the New York Yankees — he couldn't hit a curve ball — but he left a large imprint during more than 22 years as the leader of the game. He was instrumental in the approval of interleague play, the expansion of the playoffs, splitting each league into three divisions with wild cards, instituting video review and revenue-sharing in an era that saw the construction of 20 new ballparks.

Fans haven't forgotten that his tenure also included the Steroids Era and the cancellation of the 1994 World Series amid a players' strike.

Still, Selig left baseball in excellent shape economically — without labor strife and with a strict drug-testing policy that has helped clean up the game.

"In the end, I know what I set out to do and we pretty much accomplished it," said Selig, who led the group that purchased the Seattle Pilots in bankruptcy court in 1970 and moved the team to Milwaukee. "Yeah, there are things that happened that I think we reacted well to and got done what you had to get done."

"When I think of where we were in 1992 when I started and where we were when I left and where we are today, it's remarkable."

Bears sign top draft pick Mitchell Trubisky

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — The Chicago Bears on Wednesday signed quarterback Mitchell Trubisky, their first-round draft pick and the No. 2 overall selection in April.

Trubisky gets a four-year contract worth under \$30 million, with approximately \$19 million to sign.

While Trubisky is considered the franchise's quarterback of the future, despite the price the Bears paid to draft him he's not expected to start this season.

Veteran Mike Glennon was signed in the offseason to take over for the departed Jay Cutler, and he gives the Bears time to develop Trubisky.

Chicago moved up one spot in April's draft in a trade with San Francisco, and gave up the No. 3 selection overall, plus a third- and fourth-rounder and a 2018 third-rounder. An also-ran in the NFC North, the Bears made a massive move that surprised even Glennon.

During minicamps, Trubisky acknowledged the quarterbacking situation in Chicago.

"I'm going to come out here and compete," Trubisky said. "But we know Mike is the starter, so it's my job to support him and make sure everything I do

I can help him as well. I'm just here to be a great teammate, continue to get better and

make sure the Chicago Bears are winning."

Trubisky started all 13

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Meghan Ingram crowned fair queen



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Crowned 2017 Little Miss Edgar County Fair Sunday was Isabella Duzan, the daughter of Clint and Kirstie Duzan of Paris. She was crowned by retiring Little Miss Ashlyn Hansel.



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2017 Miss Edgar County Fair Meghan Ingram, seated, will compete in the Miss Illinois County Fair Queen Pageant in Springfield in January. She was crowned retiring queen Maddie Flesner.

If The Press didn't tell you ... who would?

U of I classes starting much later

URBANA, Ill. (AP) — University of Illinois students and professors will have extra vacation time next month as classes will start almost a week later than usual. The Aug. 28 start will push final exams closer to Christmas, The News-Gazette reported. The university's governing calendar requires that the semester last 14 weeks and that it not start before Aug. 22. The stipulation is because academic employees don't start getting paid until Aug. 16.

The policy aims to give new graduate students and instructors about a week to go through orientation and prep for their teaching responsibilities before classes start. The policy pushes the start of classes closer to the end of August every five or six years. In 2012, classes began Aug. 27. "Nobody's ever going to grumble about a late start. They'll grumble about the late end," said professor Bettina Francis, chair of the Senate Executive Committee.

The university's final exams will extend through Dec. 21. The university will also schedule finals on a Saturday, which the campus usually avoids. Student Dy'Min Davis said she's happy to have the extra time to enjoy her "last summer as an undergraduate student." The campus Academic Senate updated the policy regulating the academic calendar in 2005. The changes took effect in 2008.

Former DCFS director improperly bid

CHICAGO (AP) — The former head of the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services improperly awarded a no-bid contract to someone with whom he owns a rental property and hired a person with a suspended driver's license to a job that involved driving state vehicles, a state watchdog said in a report made public Friday.

The Office of the Executive Inspector General report also states George Sheldon approved a timesheet showing the employee he hired as his confidential assistant was working on days when they were on a non-business trip.

Sheldon, who resigned in May amid the ethics probe, called the findings fair and said that despite some missteps he has "no reservations about the work we did in Illinois." The Office of the Executive Inspector General opened its investigation after receiving an anonymous complaint.

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East Indies during WWII, specifically in New Guinea where quite a few Dutch colonials resided, the U.S. Army used his skills as an interpreter.

No Allied soldier who served in New Guinea has fond memories of the place. It was in the tropics, very hot, humid, rainy, and mountainous. In a word, jungle. Diseases like foot rot and malaria were rampant. There was also the elusive enemy, the Japanese, who were stealthy killers.

Dutch was not an infantryman who hiked on patrols, waded swamps or engaged in battles. Instead, he was a clerk involved in office work. However, this didn't free him from combat duty. There were many nights when he was assigned sentry watch.

Sentries guarded the camp's outer perimeter, located only a few feet from thick jungle vegetation. Each sentry occupied a cramped foxhole, barely big enough to accommodate a sitting soldier. Orders were to shoot anything that moved.

One miserable overcast night, black as pitch, Dutch sat cramped with an M-1 rifle between his knees, so dark you couldn't see a hand in front of your face. The business end, with attached bayonet, was pointed upward. If Japanese came sneaking or charging, you could rise stabbing or firing. Not for any reason was a soldier to leave his foxhole.

It so happened that Dutch sat wretchedly with dire need to exit his foxhole. A dubious situation was demanding immediate solution. The distressed soldier had a rumbling abdomen — diarrhea. Movement from the foxhole meant getting shot. Sentries were 20 feet apart. Somehow, as quick as possible, Dutch had to execute a bowel movement. He preferred not to fill his pants in a foxhole for obvious reasons.

Best option, he decided, was to fill his helmet. Dropping his trousers and underwear was not an easy task because of crowded confines. Plus, his belt carried a canteen and ammo clips. Removal was a laborious chore requiring much time, effort and strain. But he succeeded. Then the bulky helmet needed to be lowered along his body and positioned perfectly. Very cumbersome. Not the sort of thing one ever rehearsed.

Much to his satisfaction, Dutch's nimble fingers performed flawlessly. Helmet in place, relief was so enjoyable. When he thought he was finished, a second surge struck. Then a third. Finally, following what seemed like eternity, complete relief was accomplished. The container was full and sloshy.

Requiring diligent effort, the helmet was eased deftly upward and placed on the edge of the foxhole. Dutch was careful to avoid any spillage. Once again, he contortedly repositioned his underwear, pants, and heavy belt back into place. No ordinary feat. Only one challenge remained. The odor was prohibitively offensive, worse than a tuna boat. So, with continued precision in absolute darkness, he balanced the helmet in his upstretched hand, reached backward, then heaved it mightily through the air, sorta like a track athlete heaving

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The Edgar County Fair — which concludes its seven-day run today — not only provides entertainment and amusement rides but a perhaps not-so-healthy dose of fair food. Many Edgar County residents visit the fair for lunch or dinner to get their fill of Malone's taffy, lemon shake-ups, tacos in a bag and other delicacies.

Fair food can be made at home

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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My friend Gary Butler, who has joined The Prairie Press as a regular columnist, wrote in today's edition of his memories of attending the Edgar County Fair as a child.

Gary and I are about the same age so we grew up enjoying the fair of the 1960s with the Drew Amusements, the old wooden grandstand, the Paris City Band playing before the horse shows and the Joey Chitwood Auto Thrill Show.

My grandmother, Kathryn Roberts, loved attending fairs and the harness races. She purchased a box seat for the week for our family and we all enjoyed attending the fair and all its entertainment.

We didn't purchase a great deal of fair food as I recall, although I do remember the Pronto Pups — now called Corn Dogs — from a couple who operated a food stand selling cold soda and pronto pups.

I was mesmerized watching them carefully slide the sticks into the hot dogs then dip them in the batter. Then the Pronto Pups were dropped into the hot grease and cooked the brown perfection.

When we went to the food stand, my Dad would always ask the owner — whose name I cannot recall although I can see his face in my mind — what the score of the Cardinal game was that night. He always knew.

I've never tasted a Pronto Pup or corn dog that tastes the same as those from that food stand. I know some people buy them already made from the freezer section in the grocery store or the big box store, but they aren't just the same.

I'm sharing a recipe Don and I used to make corn dogs for his son's Timmy's children and our neighbor kids who knocked on our door in Columbia, Mo. It's the closest thing to my memory of the pronto pups I so enjoyed.

The recipe is a buttermilk batter. We always dropped the corn dogs into peanut oil but I'm told the new air fryers also do a great job.

We served the homemade corn dogs with a slather of mustard or ketchup — what

ever our guests' choice.

I'm sure many of you remember the lines at the Vermilion United Methodist Church booth to purchase one of their refreshing lemon shake-ups. The church members even constructed a permanent stand. The location never changed and Edgar County residents made a beeline for the booth as soon as they arrived on the fairgrounds.

I remember watching the women cut the boxes of lemons for the day and fill the tall glasses with ice and sugar then lemon juice and water. The serving cup was placed on top of the glass and the shaking began.

The result was pure heaven.

The recipe I'm sharing today calls for preparing a lemon simple syrup to use to make your homemade shake-up. I love this recipe. It's convenient to keep the lemon simple syrup in the fridge and make a shake-up whenever you want.

Not far from the Vermilion booth was a trailer serving hot french fries served in a cone. We always sprinkled them with vinegar while they were hot. Boy were they good.

Try my recipe for vinegar french fries. Don and I usually cut our own fries but this recipe calls for frozen french fries from the grocery store. It doesn't get much easier than that.

The Edgar County Shrine Club and their clowns for several years served Edgar County corn on the cob with butter. It was great but I love the recipe I'm sharing today. It's a spicy corn on the cob that's not tough to make but so satisfying. I enjoyed it for the first time one afternoon at the Chatham County Fair in Savannah, Ga. We found the recipe shortly after and regularly prepared it on the grill.

My last recipe is really something relatively new that I experienced for the first time at a school carnival — not the fair.

I had never heard of taco in as bag until I purchased one at a school event in Pooler, Ga. It wasn't messy and I could walk back to the grandstand and watch the football game without making a mess everywhere.

If you haven't enjoyed din-



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Homemade corn dogs are easy to prepare. The key to a good corn dog is not only the batter but that the oil — preferably peanut oil — is hot enough.

A PLUS FAIR CORN DOGS

- 1 quart oil for deep frying
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup yellow cornmeal
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons bacon drippings
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 1/4 cups buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 pounds hot dogs
- wooden sticks

Heat oil in a deep fryer to 365 degrees F (185 degrees C). In a large bowl, stir together

the flour, cornmeal, sugar, baking powder and salt. Stir in melted bacon drippings. Make a well in the center, and pour in the egg, buttermilk, and baking soda. Mix until everything is smooth and well blended.

Pat the hot dogs dry with paper towels so that the batter will stick. Insert wooden sticks

into the ends. Dip the hot dogs in the batter one at a time, shaking off the excess. Deep fry a few at a time in the hot oil until they are as brown as you like them. Drain on paper towels or serve on paper plates.

VINEGAR FRENCH FRIES

- 4 russet potatoes, cut into 1/4-inch strips (about 2 1/2 pounds)
- 4 tablespoons distilled white vinegar
- Vegetable oil, for frying.
- Peanut oil is best.

Soak the potatoes in enough cold water to cover, stir in 2 tablespoons vinegar and place in the fridge for at least 1 hour and up to 4 hours. When you refrigerate the potatoes, the starch will turn to sugar which is a good contrast to the vinegar in this recipe.

Heat a large Dutch oven with 3 inches of oil to 325

degrees F.

Strain the potatoes from the water and pat them completely dry. Cooking in batches, fry the potatoes in the hot oil, moving the fries with a spider or slotted spoon to keep them from sticking to each other, until the potatoes are softened and very light golden brown, about 4 minutes.

Remove the fries onto a cooking rack and raise the oil temperature to 375 degrees F. Fry a second time until the fries are golden brown all over, 2 to 3 more minutes. Toss with the remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar, season with salt and serve.

LEMON SHAKE-UP

- 2 cups water
- 2 cups sugar
- 3/4 cup fresh-squeezed lemon juice (6 to 8 lemons)

In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, bring water and sugar to a boil. Continue cooking 5 minutes, or until sugar is completely dissolved, stirring occasionally.

Remove from heat and stir in lemon juice. Place in refrigerator to chill until ready to serve.

When ready to serve, place 1/2 cup lemon syrup in a plastic drink shaker or 1-quart jar. Add equal amounts of cold water and ice as well as a lemon wedge, cover tightly, and shake vigorously 1 to 2 minutes. Pour into tall glasses over additional ice, garnish with lemon slices, and enjoy!

SPICY CORN ON THE COB

- 6 ear corn
- 1/4 c. mayonnaise
- 2 limes
- Ground chipotle
- 3/4 c. grated Manchego cheese

Heat grill to medium. Grill corn, turning occasionally until all sides are charred and kernels are tender, 20 to 25 minutes.

Meanwhile, in a small bowl, stir together mayonnaise and juice of half a lime. Remove corn from grill and spread with thin layer of mayonnaise mixture. Sprinkle each cob with a pinch of chipotle and 1/8 cup cheese.

ner at the fair this week, take advantage of the last day today and enjoy lunch or dinner on the midway. After all, unless you try my recipes, it will be while before those

delicacies will return. (Nancy Zeman is the editor and part-owner of The Prairie Press. Email her at nzeman@prairiepress.net.)

Upcoming eclipse offers opportunities for all of us to learn

Last week we discussed the makeup and characteristics of the moon. This week I want to explore the sun at the center of our solar system.

The solar system formed 4.5 billion years ago from the atoms left in a huge nova or cloud from a super nova explosion. Most of the matter was pulled by gravity into the center forming the sun. The sun comprises 99.9 percent of the mass of the solar system. It is 75 percent hydrogen gas or rather



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hydrogen plasma. When a gas reaches several thousand degrees the electrons are ejected off the atoms forming charged plasma.

The sun is the brightest object in the sky and provides the energy to drive life on earth. Even though we have observed and studied it since our earliest ancestors there is

still much we don't fully understand. Early civilizations knew how important the sun is to life. 5000 years ago eclipses were feared. In Chinese the term for eclipse was "chih" which means to-eat. The celestial dragon would attack and begin eating the sun. They would make noise to drive the dragon away. From the Greek the word "eclipse" means abandonment. By understanding we replace fear with knowledge we can use to improve our lives.

On this day in 1958 Presi-

dent Eisenhower signed the National Aeronautics and Space Administration law, founding NASA less than one year after Sputnik. A decade later they landed and returned men safely from the moon; demonstrating what can be done when a nation is focused on a science goal. Public interest in the coming solar eclipse continues to grow hopefully sparking the natural curiosity we all have. Those who maintain their childhood sense of wonder are called scientists. Schools and society too often crush

this sense of wonder by adolescence.

A total solar eclipse is a lab setup we still cannot reproduce with our satellites and probes. The science community has spent years preparing for the coming eclipse. The visible part of the sun surface we normally see is called the photosphere. It is the boundary where sunlight is emitted. The sun is a small star with a nuclear fusion. The sun rotates but not evenly. The solar equator rotates in 25 days, while the

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The 1972 Paris High School Class 45th reunion featured golfing, a tour of the new high school and dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Front row, left to right, Glenda Pinnell Reed, Keith Smittkamp, Leonard Waller, Richard Meese, Charlie Curl, Claudia Francis Blumthal, Vickie Sterling Conti, Pam Patrick Fantus, Karen Wagoner Fields, Nila Carnahan Nugent and Cindy Mink Mathis. Second row, left to right, Doug Wolf, Sharon Lewis Eaker, Vickie Faulk, Robin McFall McClarey Allen, Sherry Henson Mitchell, Jane Thomey, Jane Buntain Weddle, Karen Tatar Butler, Lerhea Bishop Seeley, Bertha "Bea" Perisho Brennan and Debbie Sunkel Kirsch. Third row, left to right, Ginny Gibson, Laurel Moyer Walker, Teresa Ashley Edwards, Rich Schwendy, Tom Davis, Jim Lewis, Jay McCoskey, Cindy Smock Myers, Christie Colvin Mueller, Kay Barrett McCulloch and Janet Swackhamer Hoekenga. Fourth row, left to right, Gary DeLashmit, John Kirby, J.B. Quinn, Tom Dagley, Dan Dayton, Jim Cooper, Gary Hayes, Everette Johnson, Butch Graham, Bob Goins, Jimmy Crook, Hank Johnson, Dave Curl, John Hutchings, Stew Lange, Bruce Baber and Brad Bowyer. Missing from the photo are Christie McCrocklin Austin, Larry Furnish, Terry Collier and Bruce Lankster. The class gathers again in 2022 for the 50th anniversary.

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Paris Community Hospital/Family Medical Center's annual "Back to School Bang" continues to grow with the addition of free eye exams for all school-age children.

Now in its third year, the free interactive health and wellness expo will take place Saturday, August 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Paris Family Medical Center.

Another new addition this year is free car seat checks provided by the Paris Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. The safety checks are important to ensure that children are properly secured in vehicles.

Robert Blumthal, D.O., optometrist, will provide free eye exams meeting the requirement for children entering kindergarten.

The exams also are available to children who are new to the community or need a routine eye exam. Blumthal will have the appropriate forms available for children who live in Illinois. Indiana children will need to bring their school forms with them.

Dr. Blumthal has been practicing for 35 years, providing care for patients of all ages. He returned to Paris last February as a visiting physician in the Acklin-Shackelford Clinic.

Other attractions at this year's Back to School Bang will include the following: Paris Family Dental and the Edgar County Dental Clinic will provide free dental exams that fulfill the requirement for registering children for school.

Optional school/sports physicals and immunizations will be available from 9 a.m. to noon.

Normal copays for services provided will apply. Participants should bring their insurance card, immunization records and appropriate school forms. Patients will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

The PCH Rehabilitation Services Department will offer free baseline concussion screenings for all athletes and an obstacle course.

The event will include games, giveaways, a free photo booth and face painting. Attendees will be eligible to receive free school supplies.

Other participating organizations will include the Paris Fire Department, Bee Well of Edgar County, Edgar County Lions Club, Edgar County Health Department and more.

The Air Evac helicopter is scheduled to attend as well.

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In honor of being named a 2017 P.E.O. Star Scholar, the P.E.O. Chapter KP awards a \$500 gift to Breeze Keppy. Left to right, chapter president Beth Ruff, Keppy and Chapter KP past president Connie Michaels.

Keppy named P.E.O. star scholar

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Breeze Keppy, a 2017 Paris High School graduate, was recently named P.E.O. STAR Scholarship recipient for the 2017-2018 academic year.

The \$2,500 scholarship is based on excellence in leader-

ship, extracurricular activities, community service, academics and potential for future success. The program is open to young women who are citizens, or legal permanent residents of the United States or Canada, and are graduating high school seniors at the time of application. The

local Chapter KP provided the required recommendation for Keppy to accompany the scholarship application.

Only 520 STAR scholarships are awarded in the two countries. In recognition of Keppy's achievement in the international competition, Chapter KP awarded the young woman an additional \$500 gift at a recent chapter meeting. Chapter KP membership is composed of more than 40 women from Paris, Marshall, West Union and Chrisman.

Keppy is the daughter of Jo-ellen Henson and will attend Indiana State University this fall to study nursing.

The P.E.O. Sisterhood was founded Jan. 21, 1869, at Iowa Wesleyan College, Mount Pleasant, Iowa.



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The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of July 23-29, 1917, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1967, reflecting the interests and events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

OBJECTS TO SUNDAY SPORTS

In a little talk in which he introduced Rev. Edwin Lord to the union service audience at the court house lawn Sunday evening, Rev. L. S. Shumaker, president of the Paris Ministerial Association, declared the open desecration of the Sabbath in Paris was getting on his nerves. He referred especially to Sunday baseball games and auto races. He said the time had come when the church people should protest and declared if they refused to patronize the sports, their action would prove effective to discourage such projects.

4 KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

One man, his two sons and a woman relative were killed and his wife and daughter were injured when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by an interurban freight car on the Martinsville division of the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction line, six miles north of Martinsville.

TALENT BEST EVER ENGAGED

Thousands of programs for the 1917 Chautauqua were mailed out Thursday and the list of talent is the strongest ever engaged. There are two of the most prominent headliners in the country in William Jennings Bryan and the Kilties band, but none of the other numbers of the program have been eliminated or cheapened to make these expensive attractions possible. Taken as a whole, the ten days, Aug. 10-19, will prove the best balanced and strongest all-around season of education and entertainment ever offered to people of Edgar County.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

JUNIOR WINNER
Champion of the Future Homemakers (Junior Department) of the Edgar County Fair is Miss Mary Jane Beck, who received the Pansy Adams memorial Trophy from show superintendent Mrs. Harry McIntosh and Mrs. Joyce Parsley.

COUNCIL REVIVES CITY ZONING

The city council revived a study for the possible zoning of Paris, discussed fluoridation of the city water supply and the possibility of sanitary sewers north of the city lakes at its meeting Monday evening. It was agreed to notify Paris funeral home directors state law prohibits the spending of city funds to operate an ambulance service. Commissioners Beryl Bristow, Phillip Foley and Art Roberts were named by Mayor Quinn to study the possibility of zoning for Paris.

AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTINUES

Ambulance service in the Paris area will continue beyond July 31, Paris funeral home directors agreed following a request by officials of both the county board of supervisors and the Paris city council. Funeral directors had previously announced they would end ambulance service due to new federal regulations concerning the staffing of ambulances when carrying Medicare patients.

JAN DAY FAIR QUEEN

Miss Jan Day of Vermilion, a senior at Paris High School, reigns as the new Miss Edgar County Fair. Accompanying her in the year's reign will be a new Little Miss Edgar County Fair, five-year-old Lynn Marie Dewey of Paris.

Could duels be revived?

Texas congressman: 'Aaron Burr-style' confrontation should settle disagreements

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The game of politics in America has long been a heated one, with partisan, divisive actions on both sides. In fact, there's not much on Capitol Hill that hasn't been said or done between politicians with opposing stances. However, one U.S. Representative recently suggested settling political problems in a manner that was thought to have disappeared nearly two centuries ago: dueling.

During an interview with local Corpus Christi radio host Bob Jones, Texas Congressman Blake Farenthold surprised many with his comments on a group of fel-

low Republicans (all women) who didn't support efforts to repeal the Affordable Care Act.

"If it was a guy from south Texas, I might ask them to step outside and settle this Aaron Burr-style," said Farenthold. Although he quickly issued a statement that his remarks were "clearly tongue in cheek," it raised more than a few eyebrows, especially since the duel he was referencing was anything but a lighthearted affair.

The most famous duel in American history was the result of decades of long-simmering tensions between two Founding Fathers, Aaron Burr and Alexander Hamil-

ton. Although the two shared similar upbringings (both orphaned at a young age, both talented, precocious students), their political views and personalities diverged early and often.

Despite their mutual successes (Hamilton was the nation's first treasury secretary and Burr was its third vice president), by the early 19th century their mutual animosity had spilled over. Burr successfully ran against Hamilton's father-in-law in a race for a U.S. Senate seat. Hamilton had (begrudgingly) backed Thomas Jefferson in the 1800 presidential election, a move that showed just how little Hamilton thought of Burr, given his hatred of all things T.J. Hamilton also op-

posed Burr's later New York gubernatorial campaign. And both men were quick to cut the other down, in both private and public conversations, which put them on a seemingly inevitable collision course.

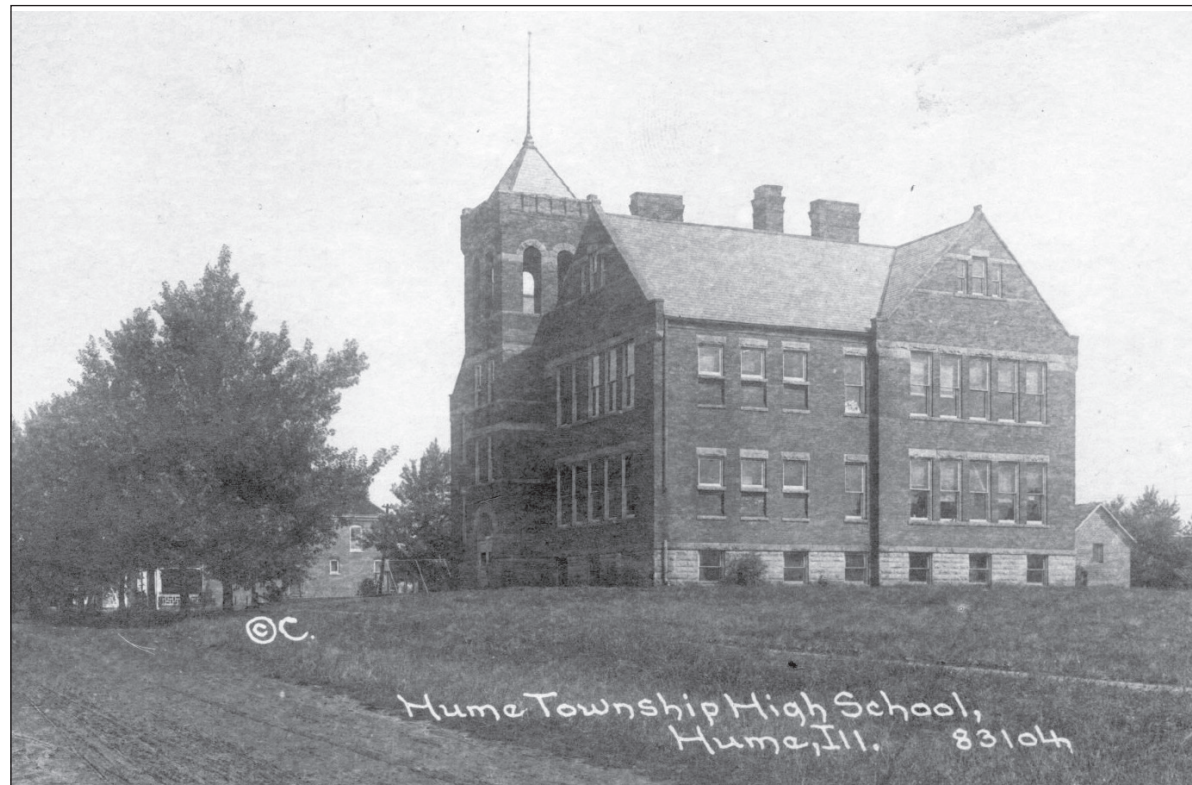
In fairness, the brilliant (and arrogant) Hamilton was an easy person to hate, and his cocky self-assuredness earned him as many enemies as it did fans. By the time Burr fatally shot him on July 11, 1804, Hamilton had been involved in nearly a dozen other affairs of honor, although none of them had resulted in an actual duel (even when tempers flared, cooler heads usually prevailed for most early, would-be duelists). In

fact, defending Hamilton's honor was a family affair. Just a year before Hamilton and Burr met in Weehawken, New Jersey, 19-year-old Philip Hamilton was killed in another duel, after challenging yet another of his father's critics.

And while Burr and Hamilton are America's favorite dueling duo, they're far from the only ones who've taken things to the extreme. In fact, the first recorded duel in the nation took place nearly two centuries earlier, when a pair of squabbling colonists in Massachusetts faced off in 1621—just a year after the Mayflower deposited them at Plymouth Colony.

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SMALL COMMUNITIES SUPPORTED HIGH SCHOOLS



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Hume Township High School — a forerunner of Edgar County Community Unit 2 and Shiloh Community District 1, is pictured around the turn of the 20th century. Brocton, Hume, Metcalf and Redmon high school students all attended high school in their communities until the state began forcing consolidation of small one-room schools in the 1940s.

Four became one district

Brocton, Hume, Redmon, Metcalf communities made up old Unit 2 district

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During the late 1940s, the way schools were organized became the target of state leaders who sought to improve and reorganize the hundreds of little school districts in Illinois.

The changes were made in an attempt to get a handle on just how well schools were serving the public as well as make an attempt to have better accounting of the state schools. The state officials were seeking more influence over Illinois school systems. They also were hoping to make some educational equity among the districts.

What the changes did was to take much of the control of those little one-room schools from the three small school trustees. The changes also created larger districts with boards that were larger, but covered a much larger area.

The 142 school districts in Edgar County in 1909 eventually were reduced to predominately five large districts. This meant instead of 426 community members serving on local school boards, the number was reduced to 35.

The changes did not come about smoothly. Each new school district — including those in Edgar County — struggled to establish boundaries, the number of schools needed to properly educate the children as well



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The old Brocton High School building — one of the last remnants of a school in the community — was recently razed after years of neglect. The school closed in 1968 when students began attending Shiloh School.

as determining just how the students were to be transported to school in an orderly manner. Some of the first school busing routes were pure torture to get established. Edgar County School District No. 2 was part of the struggle in the time of Illinois school consolidation.

The formation and development of Community School District No. 2 began after the School Survey Law was passed by the state legislature in 1945. The County Superintendent of Schools set up a survey board including members Clyde Weddle and O.

Cliff Winans from the Unit 2 area. An election was held and the Unit 2 District was formed with a majority vote.

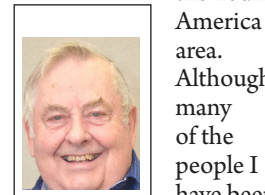
A seven-member board was selected with John Stone as the first president and William Overton as school district secretary.

The school year of 1948-49 began under this new system with 501 students enrolled in the district with 34 teachers along with supporting staff. During the year, the State Superintendent of Public Education Vernon L. Nickell visited the northern Edgar County district and

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School memories revived in research

I have been doing research and I have been interviewing people in



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the Young America area. Although many of the people I have been talking to are about the same age as I am the expression "Young America" comes to mind.

When I was a young American, I remember getting my first peek at Metcalf and the school they called Young America High School. I wasn't sure what the name was all about, but a competition for young American boys was taking place at the baseball field and track adjoining the school.

Paul Keehner who was a teacher and coach for Unit 4 got a rag-tag bunch of seventh and eighth graders together in some semblance of a track and baseball team. At that time our teams were called the Unit 4 Orphans because we had no gym, track or ballfield.

Those one-room schools furnished most of the participants who came from Buckeye, Ft. Sumpter and Sugar Creek. Keehner also had a small crew from Vermilion. When it came to competing against the other teams of the county, we were always the travel team.

When I played basketball for Unit 4 all our games were away and even our practice gym was the National Guard Armory with the floor usually at least ¾ covered by Army trucks. I guess I got a preview of the stories I am now writing about because I got to play in the gyms at Kansas, Brocton, Hume, Chrisman and Scotland. All those buildings still stand, but they are used much differently today or are standing empty.

In the case at Metcalf, I

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Couple identifies historic photo

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The July 22 issue of The Prairie Press included a history of roller skating in Paris and one of the photos accompanying the story featured an unidentified skating couple.

The duo didn't remain unidentified for long. Rose Ashley was 15 and Rondal Leeman was 18 when the photo was made in 1956 just a few days before the grand opening of Twin Lakes Roller Rink.

"We used to dance on skates and Bill always let us go on the floor first," said Rose, who is now Rose Leeman. "We met skating at the old Roxie."

The Roxie was the skating rink that preceded the Twin Lakes facility, and the Bill she mentioned was Bill Sutton, who built and operated Twin Lakes Roller Rink.

In addition to identifying themselves in the photo, the couple provided another photo taken at the rink sometime in the early 1960s.

The group shot shows people participating in a 50-mile skate.

"We started around 8 p.m. and finished around 8 a.m.," said Rondal Leeman.

He did not remember spe-



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Rose and Rondal Leeman provided this photo taken at the Twin Lakes Roller Rink in the early 1960s for an overnight skate with the goal for everybody to skate 50-miles during a 12-hour period. Left to right, unknown (perhaps a local minister at the time), Calvin Toms, rink owner Bill Sutton with his ever present whistle around his neck, Alice Leeman, unknown woman in back, Rose Leeman, Rondal Leeman, Randal Leeman, unknown woman in front, Vern Kispert and the rest are unknown.

cifically why the 50-mile skate was organized but said at the time there was a fad to do a variety of events involving a 50-mile distance.

He said 50-mile walks and 50-mile bike rides were examples of other types of activities.

It took all night to complete the 50-mile skate. Participants got a five-minute break on the hour to visit the re-

stream, and the Leeman's remembered being tired when it was over.

The couple continued skating at Twin Lakes well into adulthood and taught their children to skate in the building.

"It was a different time," Rondal Leeman said about their teenage years. He explained despite today's popular conception of the period

as a time of cruising and hot rods, most youths in Paris walked to get around. That included walking from their homes on the east, west and south sides out to the rink to skate, and then walking back home.

Rose Leeman enjoys looking at the old photographs.

"It reminds you of a time you could do something," she said.

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deemed it accredited and recognized as Edgar County School Community District No. 2. The locals called the district Hume-Metcalf-Brocton Unit 2.

Changes continued. In 1952, the towns of Brocton and Redmon combined their high schools forming the sub-unit Brocton-Redmon School District.

Through those years there were different grades moving from one school to another as space and busing became available.

The Redmon High School students actually attended the Kansas School

from 1948-1952. After the 1952 school year, they became students attending Brocton until that school closed in 1968 when Shiloh School was formed. The middle school kids from Redmon-Brocton attended school in Redmon.

Before 1948, Hume and Metcalf each had their own grade school and high school. With the influx of country children coming into the system and trying to organize convenient bus routes, the Metcalf High School was tabbed the 9-12th grade attendance center — Young America High School.

At that time Hume grade school students remained in

school in Hume. During a portion of that time period, grades one through six students remained in Metcalf and grades seven and eight transferred to Hume.

Brocton and Young America High Schools represented the Unit 2 district for about 20 years.

There was even a joint yearbook published for those years called "The Prairian."

There was a further refinement of the School District No. 2 when the three communities approved a tax referendum and constructed a new combined high school, middle school and grade school. The district eventually became Shiloh

Community School District No. 1 in Edgar and Douglas Counties — once the Newman and Murdock area students joined the Edgar County school district in 1994.

Shiloh School was constructed just south of Hume and U.S. Route 36 on what has become known as the Shiloh Road. The school opened in 1968.

The Newman Grade School continued to serve the Shiloh district until 2015 when it was closed.

All the students in this district now come to just one school instead of the many many schools of the past, that is true consolidation.

STANLEY

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got to participate in a track meet and a ball game. During the track meet, I got to cheer on Archie Eslinger who won the 35-yard dash. Archie could run like a scared rabbit with a terrible terrier on his tale.

Then in disbelief, I watched Dyke Davis with some new-fangled way of diving over the pole in the high jump. I am not sure they kept any records for that meet, but I think he jumped high enough to go right over my head.

On to the ball game, evidently our bus driver coach didn't know my tremendous talent for playing baseball because I got to sit on the bench the whole game. Maybe it was because my ball glove looked very small and meager, just

like I was. I am not even sure I did a good job guarding the water bucket.

The problem was there were so many bench sitters that they kept drinking all the water and I just had to keep filling and dragging that jug around. I was disappointed because I just loved to play ball, but maybe I fulfilled my purpose by cheering on my team and trying to keep everyone from drinking too much water.

Even Phil Bush got to play and he was smaller than me. I was happy for him because he was from Buckeye School like Eslinger and I were. I don't even know who won the game, I really don't recall exactly, but I kind of think it was those pesky kids from Hume who used this field for their home one.

This was a good lesson for

me because I got to know some of the kids I would be with in high school at Paris. I really didn't have to finish up in last place if I was in the track part. My best running was the very long races which they didn't have at that meet. I really would have like to have competed, but in those days, you probably had to sit out at least two years before you got to play a spec.

Maybe that was the best way to learn the game and figure out ways of improving one's self. Maybe you can play better if you know better. The biggest and most important lesson learned was patience, something kids of today need to learn as well.

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DUELS

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Officially, however, the practice of solving your issues 10 paces at a time was frowned upon, and as the number of duels increased in the 1700s, so did legislation aimed at forbidding it. George Washington himself spoke out against it (clearly Hamilton, a Washington protégée, wasn't listening to his boss).

Just two years after the Hamilton-Burr duel, another legendary American political figure risked his life to restore honor. But in Andrew Jackson's case, it was his wife's, not his. The future president challenged Kentucky lawyer Charles Dickinson to a duel in 1806, after Dickinson attacked Rachel Jackson as a

bigamist (Rachel's divorce from her first husband may or may not have been finalized before she and Jackson wed). Although Dickinson was known for his prowess with a firearm, Jackson had his share of dueling scuffles in the past as well, and when the pair met on May 30, Dickinson shot first. But Jackson shot better, and "Old Hickory" lethally wounded his foe.

But when it comes to dueling members of Congress, two incidents stand out. By the mid-19th century, much like today, the rhetoric among elected officials could get brutal. To diffuse tensions, the U.S. Senate had adopted an informal rule that legislators could speak freely (and fiercely) about each other, with the understanding that it was all a

matter of political discourse. Almost the senatorial version of "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas."

So, in 1826, when Virginia Senator John Randolph attacked Henry Clay (a long-serving congressman, senator and then-secretary of state), most assumed it was political, not personal. But Randolph seemingly waived his rights to protection, and the duel was on. Randolph may have had second thoughts, however, and conspired with yet another senator to make sure his first shot missed Clay, hoping that would put an end to the duel. Randolph's gun misfired, and Clay asked for a reset. Both men then aimed, fired and missed, finally letting the odd affair come to an end.

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New program brings diversity

Boy Scouts attracted to visiting 'Duty to God and Country' exhibits at jamboree by collecting wooden coins

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GLEN JEAN, West Virginia — The tentative young Boy Scout glances nervously at the tables covered with laser-etched wooden trinkets of all shapes and sizes — coins, medallions, sheriff's badges, pocketknives, bolo ties, bear claws, Scout emblems ... all made of wood.

The boy musters up enough courage and asks if he can buy something.

"Buy it?" blurts out a surprised Matt Swan from behind a table. "Son, this is Scouting."

Among Scouts young and old, most things are traded — or given at no cost with a commitment or a challenge.

In a prominent corner of the Duty to God and Country exhibit tent, Matt and Brenda Swan from Las Vegas and Gail and Linda Roper from Orem,

Utah and a dozen of their good friends manned a booth proving to be a popular draw at the 10-day 2017 National Scout Jamboree in southern West Virginia.

Actually, their intent is not to draw the Scouts to the wood items, but rather to use the wood items to help draw more Scouts to visit the adjacent 30 religious, service and fraternity groups sponsoring exhibit areas in the Duty to God and Country pavilion.

Scouts can earn a coin when they visit one of the booths sponsored by the likes of the Baptists or the Presbyterians, the Elks or the Rotarians, the Salvation Army or the American Legion. Once there, the Scouts are treated to displays, materials, discussions, demonstrations and even their own trinkets by those staffing the various exhibits.



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Linda Roper, right, of Orem, Utah, glues wood coins on a display plaque. Scouts can earn and redeem wood coins they receive when visiting exhibits sponsored by religious and service groups in the Duty to God and Country pavilion at the 2017 National Scout Jamboree at the Summit Betchel Reserve in southern West Virginia, July 22.

For example, participants can string plastic beads into their own rosaries at the Catholic exhibit or snap a photo in front of the inflatable mosque and minaret. Those staffing the American Sikh Council

booth are wrapping Scouts' heads in turbans. And the Latter-day Saints are handing out a spinning metallic compass-like object when Scouts complete the requirements to earn this year's Compass

Award.

Collecting coins for each exhibit visit, Scouts can mount their wooden tokens on boards that display four, six, eight or more coins. They can redeem certain quantities of coins for larger, more elaborate wooden items at the booth.

Gail Roper estimates that his group produced more than 150,000 wood tokens and trinkets for the jamboree, the result of a laser printer running 24/7 nonstop since the first of the year to etch and cut the wood items.

National Scout and jamboree leaders invited the group last year to brainstorm ways to increase Scout visitation and participation at the religious and service exhibits. At the last jamboree in 2013, the area — then called "Faith & Beliefs" — got very little traffic from the Scouts, other than

the exhibit by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, with its displays and awards.

"It was a two-edged sword," said Roper. "There were a lot of exhibits and a lot of effort going into them, but only a few kids were coming. And usually they were only coming to their own religion, so they missed out on that diversity of faiths."

So the group decided on creating and distributing the wood coins, supplementing that with all the other wood items as well. The idea emerged from a similar effort at the World Scout Jamboree in 2015 in Japan, when Roper and Smart and friends took over 14,000 wood items — less than a tenth of what they've brought to West Virginia.

And it's working.

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Churches must work for social justice

I went to the PC(USA) conference recently on the exceptionally attractive



LAURIE WILLIAMS
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Washington University campus, St. Louis. I really enjoy going to the big events of our denomination, of which Paris Presbyterian is a part,

with my husband, Rodger, because we see people there we only get to see at the big events with hundreds to thousands of people gathered for the good of the church and to learn.

We had a wide variety of racial/ethnic persons gathered there with us white folks. It was wonderful to behold 600 of us worshipping, learning, eating and talking together. We need more of that togetherness.

This year's theme was "Race, Reconciliation and Reformation." Racial tensions, sometimes leading to violence, are very much in the forefront of our news and the PC(USA) wants to be part of the solution. I would think many denominations and churches would want to be. We of many racial/ethnic groups gathered to try to further understand one another and the issues we face as citizens of the United States, to raise awareness.

The big question for any denomination or independent church is: What does it mean to be the church now? And, we asked that question. It is important to realize our incredible God is working among us in spite of the risks in dealing with racial/ethnic issues. We are Christians living in the context of racial strife and poverty in the year 2017.

We heard a panel with Americans of African, Asian and Hispanic ancestry speak of their difficult, in some cases to say the least, experiences because of their skin color or different looking eyes. Of course, I've been hearing some of these discussions for some time now, but it became even more poignant listening to these good people speak.

There was a white woman on the panel who is a pastor of a small multiracial PC(USA) congregation in St. Louis and she had some helpful insights as well. She raised the questions for us, as church members and ministers, of where do you see God moving and leading you in your work through

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PARIS NATIVES SERVING AFRICAN SCHOOL



Special to The Prairie Press

Rift Valley Academy's Campus, where Jason Landes will be serving as the Band Teacher.

Family called to mission

Jason Landes family en route today to Kenya for a year of teaching

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In Kijabe Africa, a little town about an hour and a half away from Nairobi, Kenya, Rift Valley Academy resides as home to over 500 missionary kids. It is to this boarding school for missionary families God has called the Jason and Lynda Landes family for service.

Jason Landes, a Paris native who grew up in Bell Ridge Church, has been a band teacher in the U.S. for many years — most recently at University High in Normal.

Landes and his wife, Lynda, grew up in the Bell Ridge church together, so being involved in the church is nothing new for them.

"We've always observed and appreciated missions at church from a distance," said Lynda. The Landes family has always supported missionaries, and been involved in local mission service, but they never expected to be missionaries themselves.

God had other ideas.

A retired couple who served with Rift Valley Academy (RVA) attended the same church as the Landes family in the last few months and brought the topic of serving up with the family.

After speaking with the couple and hearing some of the needs for the school, the couple and their children felt God calling them to get involved.

Within a few hours of learning about RVA, the couple knew it was something they were interested in pursuing.

"This was not on our radar at all," said Jason. "But we felt like this was God's plan for us."

Many missionaries have children, but several locations missionaries serve in are not safe for Christians. RVA offers a safe environment for their children to live in while their parents are serving, since Kenya is primarily a Christian nation.

The school is also a way for missionary children not to have their ed-



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RVA campus will be the home of Jason and Linda Landes and their three children for the next year. The family is en route to Nairobi, Kenya today to begin a year of mission work.



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The Landes family are en route to Kenya for a mission to serve a school. Pictured, from left, are Faith, Jason, Lynda, Levi and Ellie Landes.

ucation neglected.

At the school, the couple will serve as missionaries to missionaries. The school is like an extra branch of support

to allow people to freely do the work God has called them to do. Jason will serve as RVA's band teacher.

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Church plans annual social

The congregation of the Paris Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual ice cream social from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 13, at the church located at 241 W. Court St.

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Refugees not that religious

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LESBOS, Greece — When Muslim refugees arrive on this Greek island, it is more common for them to take selfies than to drop to their knees and pray, say refugee camp volunteers.

And recently, at Lesbos Solidarity-Pikpa, one of the three main camps on the island, a few talked about the suspicions they've encountered about their religious motivations — suspicions they say are unfounded.

A Syrian man, who gave his name as Murad, said: "Everybody says refugees are terrorists. Believe me, the terrorists stayed in their countries. They are fighting now, they are making business, they are living. But we are dying every day. If every refugee was a terrorist, would (the refugee camp) still be in one piece?"

Lesbos is just a few miles from Turkey and has been major gateway for Syrians, Iraqis and Afghans headed to the European Union. Although the flow has slowed to a trickle since a deal between Brussels and Ankara cut off the route last year, more than 3,000 people languish in the camps, waiting to be processed.

What to know about religious freedom ambassador

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WASHINGTON — Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, President Trump's nominee for international religious freedom ambassador, describes religious freedom as "the choice of what you do with your own soul."

If confirmed, the 60-year-old, two-term Republican governor, former U.S. senator and onetime presidential candidate would be the first politician confirmed as the ambassador-at-large for international religious freedom. Previous ambassadors were religious or nonprof-

it leaders, and Brownback would follow a rabbi and a Protestant minister.

"Religious Freedom is the first freedom," he said in a tweet responding to Trump's announcement. "I am honored to serve such an important cause."

Here are five faith facts about this Methodist-turned-Catholic politician:

1. He was a key sponsor of the legislation that created the office he may lead.

As senator, he supported the 1998 International Religious Freedom Act, which also created the ambassadorial post.

During his two terms as governor, "his actions on international religious freedom would be minimal," said Rabbi David Saperstein, the most recent international religious freedom ambassador. But Brownback's support of the State Department office while he was senator, and his efforts to end the South Sudan civil war, were noteworthy, Saperstein said.

"Issues of religious freedom were very much at stake in his lead work on the Sudan Peace Act," he said, adding he thinks Brownback will be

"an effective ambassador-at large."

2. He is a Catholic convert who has attended evangelical churches with his family.

Brownback has been a bit of a Christian church hopper. He grew up a Methodist but converted to Catholicism in 2002. Today he attends Topeka Bible Church, said Teresa Jenkins, a spokeswoman for the nondenominational evangelical church with an average weekly attendance of 1,400.

Sometimes, he rises early for Mass before joining his family at the church, calling the routine, according to author Jeff Sharlet, a "great mixture of the feeding."

Sharlet's book, "The Family," about a secretive Christian group to which Brownback belonged, said the governor was "baptized not in a church but in the 'Catholic Information Center,'" a Washington chapel run by Opus Dei, another secretive group.

3. He has supported religious liberty issues and rallies with conservative Christians.

In 2016, he joined a "Rally for Religious Freedom" alongside Catholic bishops, the lead pastor of Topeka

Bible Church and Barronelle Stutzman, a Washington state florist who was sued after she cited her religious beliefs in refusing to create an arrangement for a gay wedding.

"I have never seen a bigger rally at this statehouse than this one," Brownback told the demonstrators, according to a Catholic diocese website. "It is fantastic."

When then-Texas Gov. Rick Perry, now U.S. energy secretary, invited 49 other governors to attend "The Response: A Call to Prayer for a Nation in Crisis" in Houston in 2011, Brownback was the only other governor who showed up in person. (One other sent a video.)

In 2012, he was criticized by church-state separationists for promoting a Reign-DownUSA.com prayer event for which he said, "We've been favored like no nation in history and yet too often we've forgotten God."

4. His nomination has been hailed by a range of evangelicals.

The National Association of Evangelicals called Brownback a strong candidate. Faith and Freedom Coalition declared help is on the way after

dozens of reports of Christian persecution abroad in the last month alone. Southern Baptist ethicist Russell Moore noted Brownback's "dealing with AIDS in Africa and advocating on behalf of persecuted religious minorities." Focus on the Family founder James Dobson called him "a man of deep personal faith."

5. He signed legislation allowing religious campus groups to restrict membership.

The 2016 bill "allows religious organizations to establish religious belief as qualification for membership," he said at that time.

The ACLU, reacting to his nomination, said, "In Gov. Brownback's view, 'religious freedom' has meant issuing a license to discriminate against others, especially against LGBT Kansans."

University of Vermont political science professor Peter Henne said a Brownback appointment could change emphasis on LGBTQ issues abroad: "If there are countries repressing LGBTQ people for reasons they claim are related to religion, we might not push back on that as much as we would otherwise," he said.

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A religious or faith booth that saw only a couple of hundred visitors total at the 2013 jamboree are now seeing that many in a single day. "It's very humbling that we've been able to accomplish much more than we ever dreamed of," Roper said.
So popular, in fact, that they had to adjust the distribution of the top prizes — five-foot-long engraved walking sticks, that originally were to be earned by

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Lynda's role is not certain yet, but she has been assured there is never any shortage of work, and will be given tasks when the family arrives. The Landes children will also travel with them and attend RVA.
Teachers who serve at RVA are more than just educators to the students. The goal is not only to educate students, but to disciple and care for

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your congregation and, how will you take the issues we discuss during this three-day conference back to your congregations and out into your communities? Those are excellent questions and ones I would challenge all our churches to thoughtfully,

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any Scout collecting a total of 26 coins from 26 exhibit visits. The group quickly realized they would have more Scouts able to redeem the prizes than they had walking sticks, so they created a lottery — Scouts with 26 coins could enter a daily drawing for one of eight walking sticks.
Matt Swan says the increased visits by Scouts to more faiths helps foster a sense of religious freedom and understanding. "They're now here learning about other religions and learning

them, especially since they must be apart from their parents so often. "We're not going to save the day or get anything for ourselves," says Lynda. The family, and everyone who serves at RVA, hopes to offer friendship and godly counsel to students whose parents are stationed in other countries. They will be living on the campus and doing everything with the students.
This is a daunting step for the Landes, but they are

consistently being amazed by how God is providing for them over this journey. "Every time I find myself crying and telling myself this is impossible he shows himself," says Lynda. "God can work in ways we never could have made happen."
The Landes leave for Africa today, and will be there until July 2018. Those who wish to follow their journey can look up their Facebook page, Landes' in Africa.

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Remote work from home is the new norm

NEW YORK (AP) — At more small businesses, any watercooler chat takes place in a messaging app. Staff meetings are held via Skype. There might not even be an office.

Having a remote staff can be a good fit for many companies. Among the upsides: It expands the pool of job candidates, and lowers a company's overhead since there's no need for a big office. But there can be downsides, including the risk of personal and professional isolation. And sometimes interaction isn't quite as effective as it is in person.

"There is only so much that you can communicate through text," says Max Sheppard, CEO of TrustedPros, an online service that helps people find home-improvement workers. "This makes it difficult to gauge employee emotions, morale and well-being."

Sheppard, like many other owners, uses messaging programs like Google Hangout and Slack that let remote staffers hold group or individual chats. He has six employees, all in the Toronto area. Video services like Skype and Zoom are also popular.

Many owners have at least one meeting a year that brings far-flung staffers together. Some, Sheppard among them, gather with employees for periodic dinners or other social activities. Employees overall are doing more telecommuting, though it's hard to quantify how many work remotely and how many of those are at small companies. In a report from Gallup released earlier this year, nearly a third said they work remotely 80 percent or more of the time, up from nearly a quarter who said that in 2013.

CULTURE CLASH?

Having some staffers work remotely while others are in one office can create separate cultures, and some remote employees may feel left out.

At Todd Horton's software company, KangoGift, four staffers work together in Boston and six are remote, scattered in Europe and India. Communication can get problematic — some employees feel so distant they forget to keep everyone in the loop with them.

"Information can get trapped in silos," says Horton, whose business helps companies send performance awards to employees. "If the European team gains an insight and doesn't share it quickly, the others will never know something happened."

Another wrinkle: Horton will sometimes take the Boston crew out for a business lunch, and the overseas employees do learn of it.

"They know they're missing out," Horton says.

At H2O Media, an advertising agency based in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, where seven of 12 staffers work remotely, "We all try to look at the separation as a positive, and we make an effort to stay connected via team emails, calls and annual meetings," says Allison Baker, social media and marketing coordinator.

But Baker notes that the remote workers include salespeople — a job that had employees working away from an office long before computers or telecommuting.

Timing may be key to the success or failure of a remote work situation, says James Celentano, managing director of EnterGain, a human resources consulting firm. If

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Wisconsin hits jackpot

State grabs Foxconn from other rivals, bringing high-skill jobs to Rust Belt area

IPhones, Apple manufacturer gives state a boost

MILWAUKEE (AP) — A Rust Belt state that built a manufacturing legacy through assembly-line jobs will have to quickly transition to a more highly skilled workforce now that Foxconn has selected Wisconsin as the site of its coveted U.S. electronics plant.

"This will not be your grandfather's factory," said Tom Still, president of the Wisconsin Technology Council. "This will be a high-tech facility that will attract workers of various skill levels to produce products that will really define where the economy is going to go for years to come."

Foxconn is best known for making iPhones and other Apple products in China. It entered into a memorandum of understanding Thursday to build its first U.S. manufacturing plant in Wisconsin — a decision cheered for its potential to transform the state's economy. But many questions remain, including the type of jobs the Taiwan-based electronics giant will offer and whether it will follow through on its plans.

The deal calls for finalizing terms of the agreement — which will require a special legislative session to approve a \$3 billion incentive package — no later than Sept. 30. Gov. Scott Walker and Foxconn CEO Terry Gou signed the memorandum inside Milwaukee's art museum, a white, winged-shaped structure by Santiago Calatrava that sits on Lake Michigan. The project to bring Foxconn to Wisconsin was called "Flying Eagle," they said.

Foxconn said its \$10 billion factory — at a yet-to-be-determined site in southeastern Wisconsin — will initially bring 3,000 jobs and eventually employ 13,000 workers. It would be a substantial gain for a state that currently has 472,000 manufacturing jobs and is still recovering from factory layoffs — including the closure of a General Motors plant after the 2008 financial crisis.

Foxconn has not said what type of jobs it will offer in order to produce liquid-crystal display panels that are used in televisions and computer screens. But the average salary for the jobs will be nearly

\$54,000, suggesting some of the higher-end positions will be engineers, software developers and people proficient in computer-assisted design, Still said.

Economists elsewhere note highly skilled postings aren't always easy to fill. "For an indicator I would look at Michigan. There's lots of workers in Michigan and there's lots of advanced manufacturing jobs in Michigan, and most of them are difficult to fill," said Stefanie Lenway, dean of the Opus College of Business at the University of St. Thomas in Minneapolis.

Lenway also said that making LCD screens doesn't involve people "because people create defects on the glass and that's expensive," so it's unclear how many of the jobs will be for assembly workers.

Still said worker shortages for higher-skilled jobs are common around the country and it's a challenge that Foxconn could've faced with any of the other states it was considering — Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Texas.

But Wisconsin officials say the state's higher education system is capable of producing enough employees by the time the plant opens in 2020. However, it's a process that needs to start now.

Walker said part of wooing Foxconn to Wisconsin included meetings with chancellors from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UW-Milwaukee and the president of Gateway Technical College to talk about training opportunities so

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PARIS COUPLE TAKE OVER PARIS BUSINESS



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

Paris couple Marc and Bethany Dalbey are the new owners of Dalbey Designs, formerly Teri's Threads. An expansion is planned in the embroidery department with on-time service, according to Marc Dalbey. "We're here to help our customers and provide them what they need," he said.

New look, name on the square

Paris couple already have plans for the business including expansion

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Marc and Bethany Dalbey are new the owners of Dalbey Designs, formerly Teri's Threads.

The couple purchased the business — located on the east side of the square in Paris — and took over June 15 from Teri Dennis who operated the business for many years.

"I personally always liked taking of ordering the softball shirts and deciding what they would look like," Marc Dalbey said. "I loved this stuff."

The couple took over the business June 15 from longtime owner Teri Dennis, who remains at this time as an employee. "She knows the embroidery machine and does a great job," Bethany Dalbey emphasized.

The store will continue to feature area school fan favorites including everything for the well-dressed fan including shirts, sweatshirts and hats. Schools include Paris, Mayo, Crestwood, St. Mary's, Tri-County, Shiloh, Chrisman and Marshall.

"We've already got bags that are perfect for athletes and cheerleaders to carry to and from games," Bethany Dalbey said. The bags are prominently



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Susan Livvix of Marshall looks over her shirt order at Dalbey Designs. "They saved me and it is perfect," she said.

displayed in the store, she noted. Marc Dalbey said they hope to add collegiate gear, especially for the smaller universities and colleges where several local athletes are playing or cheering.

A new embroidery machine will be added to the shop to better handle the special requests. "We're here to provide our customers with what they want," Marc Dalbey said, noting Jacob Scott and Josh Eslinger as well as Terry Lye continue

in the business helping design shirts and other items for customers. Crystal Marquis works the retail floor.

"We've already filled orders for businesses who wanted polos," Marc Dalbey said. In addition to the fan paraphernalia, Bethany Dalbey said the business can personalize banners and make stickers and decals. "We can print directly on a cell phone case," she explained. The couple will continue to work at

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There's a new chip leader in town

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — Intel's more than two decade reign as king of the silicon-based semiconductor ended Thursday when Samsung Electronics surpassed the U.S. manufacturer to become the leading maker of the computer chips that are a 21st century staple much as oil was in the past.

Samsung reported record-high profit and sales in its earnings report for the April-June quarter, and while Intel's reported earnings beat forecasts, the U.S. company's entire revenue was smaller than sales from Samsung's chip division.

Samsung said its semiconductor business recorded 8 trillion (\$7.2 billion) in operating income on revenue of 17.6 trillion won (\$15.8 billion) in the quarter.

Intel said it earned \$2.8 billion on sales of \$14.8 billion. Analysts had expected the U.S. chipmaker to report \$14.4 billion in quarterly revenue.

"Given Samsung's strength today in flash memory, I am not surprised Samsung surpassed Intel in semiconductor revenue," said Patrick Moorhead, principal analyst with Moor Insights & Strategy, adding that Intel may be able to catch up Samsung when Intel's memory output is at full production capacity in about six months. "I think we will see a lot of back and forth between the two companies."

On an annual basis, Samsung's semiconductor division is widely expected to overtake Intel's sales this year, analysts at brokerages and market research firms say.

Mobile devices and data are the keys to understanding Samsung's ascent as the new industry leader, even as its de facto chief is jailed, battling corruption

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FDA targets addictive levels of nicotine in cigarettes

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON
AP Medical Writer

For the first time, the federal government is proposing cutting the nicotine level in cigarettes so they aren't so addictive.

U.S. Food and Drug Administration chief Scott Gottlieb on Friday directed the agency's staff to develop new regulations on nicotine. The FDA has had the power since 2009 to regulate nicotine levels but hasn't done so. Stocks of cigarette makers plunged

after the announcement.

As part of the new strategy, the FDA is giving e-cigarette makers four more years to comply with a review of products already on the market, Gottlieb said. The agency intends to write rules that balance safety with e-cigarettes' role in helping smokers quit, he said.

"A renewed focus on nicotine can help us to achieve a world where cigarettes no longer addict future generations of our kids," Gottlieb

said in a speech to staff in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Tar and other substances inhaled through smoking make cigarettes deadly, but the nicotine in tobacco is what makes them addictive.

Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable heart disease, cancer and death in the United States, causing more than 480,000 deaths annually. Smoking rates, though, have been falling for decades and are at about 15 percent.

Gottlieb said he has asked the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products to explore whether lowering nicotine could create a black market for higher nicotine products and what role e-cigarettes and other products play in reducing harm from smoking. Battery-powered e-cigarettes turn liquid nicotine into an inhalable vapor. He also wants new rules to address flavored tobacco products and kids.

The FDA announcement

is great news, said Eric Donny, a University of Pittsburgh researcher who has studied what happens when smokers puff on cigarettes with lower levels of nicotine. Donny and other researchers found that reducing nicotine substantially — by around 90 percent — leads to smokers being less dependent on cigarettes and smoking fewer of them.

There have been concerns that smokers might react

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WISCONSIN

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graduates would be prepared to work at the plant. "For something of this magnitude we're going to have to quite literally start training people now for jobs that will be open over the next couple of years," Walker said Thursday during an interview on WTMJ-AM. "We're going to start doing programs specifically targeted towards getting the workforce they're going to need."

To close the Foxconn deal, state lawmakers still have to approve a \$3 billion worth of tax credits for the company. The incentive package, which lawmakers could take up in a special session next month, will be pro-rated on how many jobs the company creates and how much it spends. Walker and other state officials have said the trade-off for the incentives will pay off in the long run, noting that Foxconn's presence will create thousands of other jobs through the hundreds of suppliers it will rely on for materials.

Walker said Democrats who were skeptical of the deal were "cynics." But the full impact of Foxconn's planned factory may still be too early to measure, according to an economics expert at the UW-Milwaukee. "It's difficult to assess how this factory, if in fact it comes to be, will affect the labor market without knowing what the jobs are," said Marc Levine, senior fellow and founding director of UWM's Center for Economic Development. Critics have also cautioned that Foxconn has made promises before to invest in the U.S. and not followed through. Foxconn promised in 2013, for example, to invest \$30 million and hire 500 workers for a new, high-tech factory in Pennsylvania that was never built. "So I think there's some question about the modus operandi of Foxconn on these sorts of things," Levine said.



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press
Jacob Scott looks over a design for a Paris shirt at Dalbey Design in Paris. Scott is one of two graphic designers employed by the business.

DALBEY

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Ingrum Waste Disposal for the time being but are already planning a remodel of the store, which many Paris residents will remember as the Woolworth Store. "We want everyone to know if they have an idea, they can come in and sit with our graphic designers and together come up with a design you want," Marc Dalbey said. Dalbey was a three-sport athlete at Paris High School while Bethany was a cheerleader. They are the parents of a son, Miles, who is seven. Hours for Dalbey Designs are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

FDA

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to lower nicotine levels by smoking more. But the research shows that's not what happens — not if enough nicotine is taken out, Donny said. "Most of the harm associated with smoking is related not to the nicotine but everything else in the smoke. Reducing nicotine doesn't make a cigarette safe, it just makes it less addictive," said Donny, director of Pitt's Center for the Evaluation of Nicotine in Cigarettes. There's additional research underway to see how often people who smoke lower-nicotine cigarettes switch to e-cigarettes or other, less harmful tobacco products, he said. Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids president Matthew Myers praised the overall approach.

ROSENBERG

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a company transitions from in-office to remote staffing, it can be a difficult adjustment. Startups, especially those with tech-savvy staffers, may find it easier. "Those that do it well or have fewer issues are companies that embrace it from the get-go," Celentano says.

MORALE PROBLEMS

Owners need to be aware if working remotely is getting staffers down. Kean Graham, who recalls getting cabin fever when he worked at home the first few years after starting his company, is mindful of the need for his staffers to sometimes see different scenery during the workday. "You have to be proactive and change your environment — go to a coffee shop or shared workspace or even go take a walk," says Graham, CEO of MonetizeMore, an advertising technology firm. He's based in Victoria, British Columbia, and has 80 remote staffers on five continents. Managers need to watch for signs that workers are discontented, even depressed, Graham says. For example: anger, or withdrawal that becomes apparent from the tone of a staffer's voice, email or text, or a lack of communication. A remote employee's morale needs to be an important consideration when a boss makes any kind of commu-

nication, but especially a critique. "If you don't word it correctly, people can take offense at something very simple. You have to be very pointed in how you ask questions or give feedback," says Michael Fry, president of Deepwater Subsea, a Houston-based company that inspects oil rigs and has 11 staffers in Texas, Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee. His solution: Pick up the phone. A conversation, which can also be done with video to see the other person, is not only more personal but can lower the risk of misunderstandings.

A GOOD FIT?

A remote job can be a dream for some employees, but a disaster for others. They can miss working with colleagues or find it hard to stay productive. "Working from home sounds alluring and sexy, but what we've found is there are just some people that shouldn't work from home," says Bryan Miles, CEO of staffing company BELAY, whose 70 employees at its base of Atlanta all telecommute. "We've hired people and they've found, 'Gosh I should really be in an office.'" Usually it's clear within three to six months whether working remotely is a good fit, Miles says. (Joyce Rosenberg covers business for the Associated Press. Follow her on Twitter at www.twitter.com/JoyceMRosenberg.)

SAMSUNG

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charges, and it recovers from the fiasco last year over the fire-prone Galaxy Note 7 smartphones. Manufacturers are packing more and more memory storage capacity into ever smaller mobile gadgets, as increased use of mobile applications, connected devices and cloud computing services drive up demand and consequently prices for memory chips, an area dominated by Samsung. Just as Saudi Arabia dominates in oil output, Samsung leads in manufacturing the high-tech commodity of memory chips, which enable the world to store the data that fuels the digital economy. "Data is the new crude oil," said Marcello Ahn, a Seoul, South Korea-based fund manager at Quad Investment Management. For over a decade, Samsung and Intel each ruled the market in its own category of semiconductor. Intel, the dominant supplier of the processors that serve as brains for personal computers, has been the world's largest semiconductor company by revenue since 1992 when it overtook Japan's NEC. Samsung is reaping the rewards of dominating in the memory chip market that is growing much faster than the market for computers that rely on processing units dominated by Intel, said Chung Chang Won, a senior analyst at Nomura Securities.

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— Associated Press

Why you still can't ditch cable

NEW YORK (AP) — Not that long ago, the clunky cable box looked like it was on its way out. The federal government was pressuring cable companies to open up their near-monopoly on boxes to more competition, and industry leader Comcast promised apps that could render some boxes obsolete.

That was then. Today, the vast majority of customers still need to rent a box to get full service from cable providers, and those box-replacing apps remain elusive. Here's what happened.

DITCHING THE BOX

In 2015, tech companies and consumer advocates were pushing the Federal Communications Commission to open up the cable-box market. The goal was to let you buy a cable box the way you'd pick up a new smartphone, sparing you the expense of leasing them from cable companies for about \$6 and up a month.

The cable industry and Hollywood hated the FCC's February 2016 plan to "unlock the box." They pointed out that TV-watching apps were already available — more on that below — and laid out an industry proposal for new apps that could replace cable boxes.

Amid industry pushback, the FCC's proposed rules languished ahead of the 2016 election. Afterward, President Donald Trump's new FCC chairman, Ajit Pai, shelved them permanently.

The industry is no longer pushing its app proposal with the FCC, said Brian Dietz, a spokesman for the cable lobby group NCTA. And he noted that some cable and satellite companies have launched apps that let customers watch video without a cable box.

WHERE ARE THOSE APPS?

But most cable TV customers still need a box. The industry has little motivation to get rid of rented cable

boxes or to keep its promises without pressure from regulators, said John Bergmayer, senior counsel of the public advocacy group Public Knowledge, in a filing to the FCC.

Comcast said in April 2016 it was working with Roku and Samsung to develop apps that, later that year, could replace cable boxes. And it did start testing a Roku app in January, although customers still need a cable box while the service is in beta. One more drawback: Using the Roku app won't be free if customers want it to work with more than one TV.

The Samsung app remains under development.

In 2015, Charter and Time Warner Cable started offering apps that could replace cable boxes in some markets. Nearly two years later, Charter says it's now testing such an app, Spectrum Stream, in nearly all markets. (Charter bought Time Warner Cable in 2016.) When the app was

requested in New York City, a customer service rep pushed a more expensive traditional triple play TV, internet and phone package instead.

AT&T, the owner of DirecTV, and Verizon have no apps that can replace boxes entirely for traditional cable and satellite TV service.

Separately, in 2015, Comcast launched a box-free cable service in Boston called Stream, designed for phones, tablets and computers and aimed at younger users. At the time, the company said it would roll out to all users by early 2016. Stream remains limited to Boston and Chicago, although Comcast said Wednesday it's going to roll out a revamp, "Instant TV," aimed at digital users, in the second half of the year.

The company says net neutrality rules and regulators under the Obama administration hindered Stream's rollout. It wants the FCC to spike these rules, which bar internet providers from fa-

voring their own content.

CABLE-BOX FREE TV GALORE

The cable lobby is right to point out that there are plenty of box-free TV apps available. Like Comcast's Stream, they're just not really aimed at the 94 million traditional cable and satellite customers stuck with box fees. They're for "cord cutters."

Online-cable services from Dish, Sony, Hulu and YouTube let you watch live TV and record it for later. (AT&T's DirecTV Now's DVR hasn't launched yet.)

These services don't fully replace traditional cable service. Major channels aren't always available, there have been some service quality glitches, and they've only attracted an estimated few million subscribers.

To watch internet-based TV on a TV, you probably need a gadget like a Roku, a Chromecast stick or Apple TV. These don't have monthly fees like cable boxes do.

Mail rail a popular London visit

LONDON (AP) — London's newest tourist attraction is perfect for underground explorers. It's not ideal for the claustrophobic.

A visit to Mail Rail, a subterranean train network that once carried millions of letters a day across the city, involves a cramped journey on a very small train through dark tunnels 70 feet (21 meters) below ground. It's atmospheric, but confined.

"If you're really tall, you may want to think twice before you buy a ticket," Harry Huskisson, head of communications for Mail Rail and the related Postal Museum, said during a press preview this week.

For 75 years, Mail Rail was the subterranean circulatory system of Britain's postal system. Trains transported letters, telegrams and packages between rail stations and sorting depots at speeds impossible on London's traffic-clogged streets.

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A passenger train rides through the Mail Rail tunnels that is included in the Postal Museum in London, Wednesday, July 26, 2017. London's newest tourist attraction is perfect for underground explorers. It's not ideal for the claustrophobic. A visit to Mail Rail, a subterranean train network that once carried millions of letters a day across the city, involves a cramped journey through dark tunnels 70 feet (21 meters) below the surface, on a very small train. It's atmospheric, but not roomy.

— cutting-edge when the system opened in 1927 — whisked mail across a 6.5-mile (10 kilometer) stretch of the city, from Paddington in the west to Whitechapel in the east, at up to 35 miles an hour (56 kph).

After decades when it was seen only by the engineers and letter sorters who worked on it, Mail Rail closed in 2003 as the rise of email sent the volume of paper letters — dismissively branded "snail mail" —

plummeting.

Postal chiefs considered using the tunnels for parcel deliveries or to grow mushrooms. In the end, it was decided to preserve a section as a companion to the renovated Postal Museum. Mail Rail is scheduled to reopen Sept. 4 as a tourist attraction aimed at train buffs, postal fans and people who simply like to nose around formerly secret underground spaces.

Visits involve a 20-minute journey in a compact, glass-roofed train that passes through grime-encrusted tunnels and offers glimpses of disused platforms and a graveyard of dusty old wagons.

The ambience is lively, rather than eerie. There's informative audio narration, and several stops for films to be projected on the walls.

Sightseers who prefer to skip the close quarters on the trains can stay on the platform and watch a film of the journey.

Prince William ends final pilot flight

LONDON (AP) — Prince William will complete his final shift in his job as an air ambulance pilot Thursday as he gets ready to take on more extensive royal duties.

The heir to the British throne is working the night shift at the East Anglian Air Ambulance, where he has been flying medical crews to emergencies such as traffic accidents for about two years.

"As I hang up my flight suit, I am proud to have served with such an incredible team of people, who save lives across the region every day," he wrote in an exclusive story in the Eastern Daily Press, a newspaper that serves the community near the ambulance service's base.

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1. Relating to the foundation
6. Home, informally
10. Corn holder
13. "Home ____"
14. Broadcasting (hyphenated)
16. ____-Wan Kenobi
17. Quality of enduring
19. "____ any drop to drink": Coleridge
20. They're tapped
21. "____ bitten, twice shy"
22. Adjust
24. "____ alive!" (contraction)
26. Common law action to recover value
28. One of three divisions of psyche
32. Overhaul
35. Biscotti flavoring
36. Kuwaiti, e.g.
38. ____ Appia
39. Well
41. Futile
44. Decay
45. Biology lab supply
47. Will notes
48. Arctic jacket
51. No visual aid
53. Multiply 10 and 9
55. "____ we having fun yet?"
56. Trash hauler
58. Allergic reaction
60. Level
64. "Wheel of Fortune" buy
65. State containing on nationality
68. "My boy"
69. Bum
70. Loses color
71. Decline
72. "Trick" joint
73. Bouquet

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4. The most anxious
5. "Fantasy Island" prop
6. It may be proper
7. One who put a law into effect
8. More rational
9. ____-tac-toe
10. To oppose
11. "O" in old radio lingo
12. Monetary unit of Ethiopia
15. Tear away
18. Barely beat, with "out"
23. "My Name Is Asher ____" (Chaim Potok novel)
25. Certain surgeon's "patient"
27. Eyes, poetically
28. Pelvic bones
29. Kind of jack
30. Seal between piston and cylinder wall
31. Jets or Sharks, e.g.
33. Humid and foggy
34. Past one's prime
37. Halo, e.g.
40. Autumn tool
42. The America's Cup trophy, e.g.
43. Guide
46. Whenever
49. Fix, in a way
50. About
52. American architect
54. Hyperion, for one
56. Low in pitch
57. Small buffalo
59. Endure
61. ____ brace (device used to immobilize the head and neck)
62. Any thing
63. ____ Verde National Park
66. "Raiders of the Lost ____"
67. Marienbad, for one

Sudoku

ANSWERS ON PAGE 10B

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In the matter of the Estate of JOSEPH G. HICKS, deceased.
No. 2017-P-35

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JOSEPH G. HICKS of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on July 18, 2017, to CAROLEE HICKS, as Independent Administrator, 23047 E. Terre Haute Road, Paris, Illinois 61944, whose attorney is LARRY B. JONES, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

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Notice is given of the death of KENNETH J. WHITKANACK of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued

on July 18, 2017, to GREGG A. WHITKANACK, as Independent Executor, 5849 N. 1760th St., Paris, Illinois 61944, whose attorney is LARRY B. JONES, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 29, 2018, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
DATED this 27th day of July, 2017.
GREGG A. WHITKANACK, Independent Executor of the Estate of KENNETH J. WHITKANACK, deceased

Larry B. Jones
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

In the Matter of the Estate of SHIRLEY A. HOVIS, Deceased.

No. 2017-P-36

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Shirley A. Hovis. Letters of Office were issued on July 25, 2017, to Karen L. Burkybile, 15175 US HWY 150, Paris, IL 61944 as Independent Executor whose attorney is Karen L. Burkybile, 15175 US HWY 150, Paris, IL 61944. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both on or before February 5, 2018, (at least 6 months from the date of the 1st publication), and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative/attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 25th day of July, 2017.
Karen L. Burkybile, Representative

Karen L. Burkybile
Attorney At Law
15175 US HWY 150
Paris, IL 61944 (217) 465-5525

**ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 17, 2017 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Edgar County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons

owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

JOSEPH L. BUDD d/b/a JB CONSTRUCTION
Located at: 105 7th St., Redmon, IL 61949
Owner(s): Joseph L. Budd
Dated: July 17, 2017

Seal August H. Griffin
Edgar County Clerk

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
PARIS, EDGAR COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

In re: UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 BY USERS OF THE TOWNS OF KANSAS AND ASHMORE, COUNTIES OF EDGAR AND COLES, STATE OF ILLINOIS (Polecat Drain).

No. 16-MC-15

DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE

IN RE: UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 BY USERS OF THE TOWNS OF KANSAS AND ASHMORE, COUNTIES OF EDGAR AND COLES, STATE OF ILLINOIS (Polecat Drain).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on September 5, 2017, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at 4271 N. 125th Street, Kansas, Illinois, at the Yellow Shed, which is within the boundaries of

said Drainage District for a term of three (3) years.

Every adult owner of land in said District, whether residing within or without the District is entitled to vote, and if a resident of the State of Illinois, is eligible to the office of Drainage Commissioner. Dated this 26th day of July, 2017.

Angela R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk of Edgar County,
Illinois, Ex Officio Clerk of said
Drainage District

James R. Ping, II
Attorney Office of J.R. Ping, P.C.
117 E. Washington
Paris, IL 61944
Telephone: 217-465-7666

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT
PARIS, EDGAR COUNTY,
ILLINOIS**

In re: DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 11 OF THE TOWN OF EMBARRASS, COUNTY OF EDGAR, STATE OF ILLINOIS

No. 16-MC-55

DRAINAGE ELECTION NOTICE

IN RE: Drainage District No. 11 of the Town of Embarrass, County of Edgar, State of Illinois

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an

election will be held on September 5, 2017, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at William Coolley Farm, 4220 East 1700th Road, Brocton, IL, which is within the boundaries of said Drainage District for a term of three (3) years.

Every adult owner of land in said District, whether residing within or without the District is entitled to vote, and if a resident of the State of Illinois, is eligible to the office of Drainage Commissioner. Dated this 26th day of July, 2017.

Angela R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk of Edgar County,
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NOTICE OF BIDS TO BE TAKEN

Sale of two police cars owned by village of Brocton:
2000 Chev. Impala, 119,825 miles
2003 Chev. Impala 125703
Sealed bids to be opened August 9, 2017 at the village of Brocton board meeting, 7pm, Community Center, Brocton
Mail to: Village of Brocton
PO Box 152
Brocton, IL 61917
Mark Envelope: "Car Bid"

**COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017
AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018**

AN ORDINANCE TERMED THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE, IN AND BY WHICH THE GOVERNING BODY DOES APPROPRIATE SUCH SUM OR SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DEFRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF PARIS COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT IN THE COUNTY OF EDGAR AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2017 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2018, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Trustees of the PARIS COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in Edgar County, Illinois, that:

SECTION 1

The following sums of money, or so much thereof as may be authorized by law, be and the same are hereby appointed for the objects and purposes herein specified to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the PARIS COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT in Edgar County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2017, and ending April 30, 2018, both inclusive:

1.	Salaries	25,000.00
2.	Payroll Taxes	6,000.00
3.	Maintenance- Building	26,000.00
4.	Maintenance-Vehicles	40,000.00
5.	Maintenance- Equipment	25,000.00
6.	Maintenance- Grounds	5,000.00
7.	Workman's Compensation Insurance	16,000.00
8.	Liability Insurance	17,000.00
9.	General Insurance	15,000.00
10.	Telephone	4,000.00
11.	Utilities	12,000.00
12.	Travel	1,500.00
13.	Training	1,700.00
14.	Postage	150.00
15.	Trash Removal	400.00
16.	Printing	1,500.00
17.	Accounting	10,000.00
18.	Legal	2,500.00
19.	Other Professional Services	1,000.00
20.	Dues	1,500.00
21.	Communications	15,000.00
22.	Contracts	60,000.00
23.	Office Supplies	2,000.00
24.	Gasoline/Diesel	15,000.00
25.	Operating Supplies	50,000.00
26.	Publications	500.00
27.	Miscellaneous and Contingent	50,000.00
28.	Equipment	50,000.00
29.	Vehicles & Vehicle Leases	105,372.74
Total Appropriations:		559,122.74

SECTION II

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage, approval and publication, as provided by law.

SECTION III

1.	Balance on hand as of May 1, 2017	
	MMA	192,712.22
	NOW	410.52
2.	Anticipated Revenue for the fiscal year	
	Real Estate Taxes	340,000.00
	Foreign Fire Insurance	4,000.00
	Personal Property Replacement Tax (PPRT)	16,000.00
	Interest	1,000.00
	Miscellaneous	5,000.00
3.	Total Funds Available	\$ 559,122.74
4.	Estimate of the expenditures contemplated in the fiscal year: 2017-2018	\$ 559,122.74
5.	Estimate of cash expected to be on hand at End of fiscal year April 30, 2018	0

PASSED by the Board of Trustees of the PARIS COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, approved by the President and filed with the Secretary of the Trustees of said Fire Protection District this 11th day of July, 2017.

APPROVED: M. Scott Ingrum, President
ATTEST: Ben G. Lueken, Secretary

CERTIFICATE

I, Ben G. Lueken, do hereby certify that I am duly appointed and acting Secretary of the Paris Community Fire Protection District, Edgar County, Illinois, and that the above and foregoing is true and correct copy of the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance duly passed by the Board of Trustees of the Paris Community Fire Protection District for the year ending April 30, 2018.

Dated this 11th Day of July, 2017

Ben G. Lueken,
Secretary of the Board
Of Trustees of the Paris Community Fire
Protection District

**STRATTON TOWNSHIP (EDGAR COUNTY)
EARLY NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROJECT
TO BE LOCATED IN WETLANDS**

Saturday, July 29, 2017

Stratton Township (Edgar County)
9763 N 1900th Street
Paris, IL 61944

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS, AND PERSONS:

As required by Executive Order 11990 this is an early public notice to promote public understanding and provide opportunities for public involvement.

Stratton Township proposes to use funds allocated through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for the following proposed project: Stratton Township CDBG Grant #16-242035 for targeted water main extensions improvements. The proposed project consists of construction of approximately 11 miles of 3", 4" and 6" water mains, LMI direct benefit service lines (hook-up) and tap on fees, hydrants, meters, seeding, erosion control, and all related costs in the Township. The total estimated construction project costs of \$382,756 will be funded as follows: \$313,317 CDBG grant and \$69,439 Clark Edgar Rural Water District funds via US Rural Development funds and the target area is generally bound by 1150th Road (north), Illinois/Indiana State Line (east), 650th Road (south) and 1950th Street (west) and also includes 21258 800th Road. The construction is planned to start in the Fall of 2017 and planned to be completed by Spring/Summer 2018.

The wetlands affected includes (but is not limited to) the Riverine System and the Palustrine System channels, creeks, ponds and other wetland areas that are generally located in Eastern Stratton Township.

Stratton Township has determined that this proposed project would occur in wetland areas and Stratton Township must therefore complete an eight step review. This public notice is step 2.

Stratton Township has additional information on this proposed project that can be reviewed weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Clark Edgar Rural Water District, 475 Illinois Highway 1, Marshall, IL 62441 or by calling (217) 463-5888. Interested persons may also call Stratton Township Supervisor, Joyce Ann Parsley at (812) 239-9205 for additional information about this proposed project. Stratton Township is now evaluating potential alternatives, the potential impact of the proposed project, and potential mitigation to minimize wetlands impact.

Written comments on this proposed project are invited and must be received by Stratton Township Supervisor Joyce Ann Parsley at Stratton Township Hall, 9763 N 1900th Street, Paris, IL 61944 by August 16, 2017. All such comments will be taken into consideration by Stratton Township prior to its decision on the proposed project.

Joyce Ann Parsely, Stratton Township Supervisor

BRIEFLY

State Fair's statue of Lincoln get its arm repaired

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The 30-foot-tall statue of Abraham Lincoln that stands at the front gate of the Illinois State Fairgrounds is back in one piece after temporarily losing an arm.

The Springfield State Journal-Register reports an auto body repairman reattached Lincoln's arm to the fiberglass statue. Ernie Ball of Ernie Ball Auto Body in Springfield says it appears the 50-year-old statue's metal frame rusted, causing the arm to detach. The statue depicts a young Lincoln holding an ax with both hands.

Illinois Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Rebecca Clark says the statue got a fresh coat of paint while repairs were underway so he can welcome visitors to the fair, which opens Aug. 10.

Officials say department store display director John Rinnus built the statue at his home near Athens in 1967.

Boy, 6, dies from injuries from crash that killed mother

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — A 6-year-old boy has become the latest member of a northern Illinois family to die as a result of a traffic crash that killed his pregnant mother and two brothers.

Will County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Kathy Hoffmeyer says Owen Schmidt was pronounced dead at 2:39 a.m. Thursday. He and his brother were put into medical induced comas after Tuesday's accident in the community of Beecher, about 40 miles (65 kilometers) south of Chicago. On Wednesday, that brother, 4-year-old Weston Schmidt, died.

The boys' mother, Lindsey Schmidt, and their younger brother, Caleb, were pronounced dead at the scene.

Hoffmeyer says the driver of the pickup truck that slammed into the Schmidt's vehicle was issued a traffic citation but that investigators are trying to determine if criminal charges should be filed.

Illinois suspends use of 12 rides after deadly Ohio mishap

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The state of Illinois says it's suspending the operation of all amusement rides similar to the one involved in a deadly accident at the Ohio State Fair.

Amusement rides remained closed at the Ohio fair Thursday, a day after a man was killed and seven other people were injured when a ride broke apart and flung people into the air.

The Illinois Department of Labor said Thursday that it was suspending all similar rides until further notice. State officials say that includes three Fire Ball rides, eight Freak Out rides and one Extreme ride in Illinois. The suspension affects one Freak Out ride at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield, which starts Aug. 10.

The department made the move as many festivals and county fairs are scheduled across Illinois.

IDNR has information for controlled hunters of pheasant ready

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The state of Illinois Department of Natural Resources is providing information to controlled pheasant hunters for the 2017-18 hunting season.

In a news release, the department says hunters can now go online for information about the pheasant hunting season at 20 sites. The online permit reservation system for the IDNR sites opens on August 7.

The daily fee for permits purchased online for controlled hunting pheasant hunting is \$30 for Illinois residents and \$35 for nonresidents. Hunters are required to buy the permits online over a secure Internet system.

— Associated Press

Will state schools open?

Latest fight at Illinois Capitol threatens money, opening of Illinois school districts

BY SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

CHICAGO (AP) — Schools in Illinois could start classes in a few weeks without receiving any state money to help pay teachers, buy supplies or keep lights on, as a new front in the yearslong fight between the Republican governor and majority Democrats threatens funding for roughly 850 districts statewide.

Democrats for nearly two months have held off on sending a funding bill to GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner because he's pledged to strip money for Chicago Public Schools that he's declared a bailout. If the two sides can't reach an agreement, some poorer districts worry they won't be able to keep the school doors open into fall.

It's just the latest man-made crisis to hit Springfield, where lawmakers earlier this month voted to override Rauner's veto to end a state budget impasse that stretched into a third year, creating billions in debt and forcing some domestic violence shelters and other so-

cial service programs to shut down.

School administrators, who faced a similar worry last year due to the budget standoff, say there's a feeling of *deja vu* — and dread.

"This year the stalemate is longer and you can tell it's a lot more intense," said Todd Covault, chief operations officer and treasurer for Decatur Public Schools. "Right now there's no assurance any money is going to be coming."

Covault estimates the district in central Illinois — one of the state's largest — will run out of money in mid-November if lawmakers can't work something out. By then, "there's going to be a lot of other districts ready to go under."

Funding remains an issue because the budget deal lawmakers approved stated that any money for K-12 education must be distributed through a new formula intended to reduce large disparities between districts.

Democrats who control the Legislature adopted the plan in May but Senate Pres-

ident John Cullerton of Chicago decided to hold on to the bill rather than send it to Rauner.

Cullerton said this week he's concerned about Rauner's mental state after a massive defeat on the budget, followed by the firing or resignation of many top staffers, and didn't want the governor to act out of anger. He said he hoped Rauner would sit down with Democrats to work out a compromise, but either way he'll send him the bill on Monday.

Rauner, a businessman-turned-governor who's seeking his second term in 2018, said he'll use his amendatory veto powers to remove millions allocated to the nation's third-largest school district.

He's objected to \$215 million to help cover the cost of teacher pensions, as the state does for other districts but not Chicago, and another \$250 million block grant. Rauner called lawmakers to Springfield this week for three days of a special session to deal with the issue, but with no bill to act on and no

negotiations occurring, he's spent time blasting Cullerton and Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan of Chicago for holding up the process.

"Turn in your homework," Rauner implored the two leaders on Thursday, after lawmakers adjourned for the day after just a few minutes. "We're all here. There is no excuse for us not to be working on that bill."

Railing against Chicago, its financially troubled schools and its politicians has been a tried and true political strategy for Rauner, who used it to win his first public office in 2014 and has maintained the theme as his poll numbers have sunk, making him one of the nation's most vulnerable GOP governors.

He's called Madigan "cold-blooded" and a "tyrant" who's taking money from schools outside Chicago. The comments have stoked hard feelings toward the Democratic stronghold among many voters in more conservative areas outside the city — people Rauner

must motivate to support him if he hopes to be re-elected.

If Rauner uses his veto power to amend the legislation, it would return to the Legislature. There, three-fifths of lawmakers in both chambers must vote either to override Rauner or accept his changes and have the bill take effect immediately so money may be distributed. Neither scenario appears likely, according to the bill's Democratic sponsor, Sen. Andy Manar.

That would mean no money for any district, and lawmakers would have to start all over to change a funding formula they've been talking about fixing for years. Meanwhile, the first state payments are supposed to be sent to school districts in early August.

Cullerton warned Rauner on Thursday that he's setting up another showdown with lawmakers on an override, and urged him to join Democrats for rational discussions about the changes he wants.

"We've done our homework... All the governor has to do is sign his name to get credit," he said.

VETERAN VISIT STIRS VIET NAM MEMORIES



Special to The Prairie Press

In this July 6, 2017 photo, retired Army Vietnam War pilot Dayne Smith leans next to a Cobra AH-1F fighter helicopter, a bird with more than 3,000 combat hours under its blades, at Veterans Memorial Park in Dixon, Ill. It was the first time the 70-year-old from Monroeville, Ala., had been in the cockpit of a Cobra since March 1972 at the tail end of his service in the U.S. Army, which began in May 1971 as a first lieutenant. It was his first visit to the city, he came up with his wife, Dee, following the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association reunion in Indianapolis.

Blackhawk, Cobra reunite

BY RACHEL RODGERS
Sauk Valley Media

DIXON, Ill. (AP) — A blackhawk reunited with his cobra after more than 45 years.

Vietnam War pilot Dayne Smith climbed into the back seat of the Cobra AH-1F fighter helicopter, a bird with more than 3,000 combat hours under its blades, at Veterans Memorial Park in Dixon, Illinois.

His helmet from the 7th Squadron in the 1st Air Cavalry - the Blackhawks they were called - sat just a couple feet away.

It was the first time the 70-year-old from Monroeville, Alabama, had been in the cockpit of a Cobra since March 1972 at the tail end of his service in the U.S. Army, which began in May 1971 as a first lieutenant.

"It's beautiful," he said of the helicopter, which the park commission has maintained for the past dozen years.

It was his first visit to the city - he came up with his wife, Dee, following the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association reunion in Indianapolis - but he and a handful of others with ties to the Cobra have provided the commission with photos and accounts of its history.

"He's given us more pictures and more history on this helicopter that we never would have known," commission member Al Wikoff said.

Smith also gave them a diary he kept during his service detailing his 824 combat hours in the air.

"Probably 820 of them were in a



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In this July 6, 2017 photo, retired Army Vietnam War pilot Dayne Smith poses in front of the plaque that accompanies the Cobra AH-1F fighter helicopter, a bird with more than 3,000 combat hours under its blades, at Veterans Memorial Park in Dixon.

Cobra," he said. "Most of that is boredom broken up by moments of stark terror."

The Cobra was equipped with a combination of artillery, including a machine gun and 40mm grenade launcher.

"They were some of the first helicopters to arrive in Vietnam," Wykoff said. "Everyone wanted snake protection."

The chopper has 27 purple hearts painted onto its side, a tally of the number of bullet holes patched up by Crew Chief Mike Peterson, of Eugene, Oregon.

"We really felt invisible and invin-

cible; you never think about getting shot," he said.

Smith said he never took a hit while in the Cobra, but he had had his fair share of close calls while piloting other choppers.

Not long after his arrival in Vietnam, he had a shot go through his boot, just missing his foot.

"It's really loud when the cockpit is hit, like a firecracker in your ears," he said.

In September 1971, he received a rotor chain bracelet, given to helicopter pilots shot down in combat. He still wears it today.

Ruling bars pension boost to sub teachers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — A former lobbyist for an Illinois teachers union has lost his battle to retain an enhanced pension benefit obtained through a 2007 law that allowed him to count past years as a union employee toward a teacher pension.

Sangamon County Judge Ryan Cadagin this week determined the provision in the law that benefited retired Illinois Federation of Teachers lobbyist David Piccioli represented unconstitutional special legislation.

The legislation allowed union officials to get into the teacher pension fund and count previous years as union workers if they obtained teaching certificates. They had to do classroom work before the legislation was signed into law. Piccioli substitute taught for one day.

Cadagin noted the law contained a cutoff date that only allowed the benefit window to union employees who had become certified and done teaching service before the 2007 law took effect.

"I joined the system legally," said Piccioli, 67, who retired at the end of 2012. "I obeyed all the laws. I had no hand in passing any of these laws. ... I paid all the contributions."

Piccioli said he paid into the teacher pension system to buy credit for his past IFT years, spending about \$190,000 to cover costs for roughly a decade of time with the union. He said the money was refunded, along with earned interest after the General Assembly passed a law in 2012 eliminating the provision allowing the pension maneuver.

Piccioli sued to reverse the 2012 law.

Had his effort to get a teacher's pension been successful, Piccioli could have boosted his annual pension from the Illinois Teachers' Retirement System from more than \$31,000 to an estimated \$67,000, Piccioli said. He added he may appeal the decision.

Attorney Carl Draper, who represents Piccioli, said his client deserves the bigger teacher pension because the state high court has ruled a public worker's pension cannot be diminished or impaired.

HAVE YOUR SAY

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