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The Paris Tigers magical football season came to end in Effingham Saturday (Nov. 3) as the previously undefeated team fell to the Hearts. **SPORTS, 9A**

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Chrisman, Paris talk water

Chrisman rules piping water from Paris as the best solution to persistent EPA woes

BY GARY HENRY
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CHRISMAN – The needle pointing to a solution for Chrisman's water problems took a big swing to the south during the Nov. 5 city council meeting.

Andy Keiser of Fehr-Graham Engineering Environmental briefed the council on the results of a study trying to find a solution to the city's water issues.

"We've had some severe problems with this water plant," Keiser said about Chrisman's water service.

He added the water supply

is in violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's acceptable levels for arsenic, lead and copper and most recently nitrites.

The arsenic is a naturally occurring element in water and the concentration remains consistent. It only became a problem after the EPA reduced acceptable levels a few years ago putting the water out of compliance.

Chrisman is under an order to find a solution to the arsenic problem and the yearlong time limit to make a change is rapidly slipping away.

Keiser said the lead and

copper issue is fixable but he is concerned by the sudden appearance of nitrites.

"We should not be seeing nitrites," he said, adding several tests are planned to determine if this is an anomaly or a permanent issue.

Other options he examined are buying water from Ridge Farm or Paris. He ruled out Ridge Farm since the village does not have an adequate supply for sale.

Keiser said this is an opportune time to work with Paris, which is planning to install an 8-inch line as far as the Horace-Broton Road. He

estimated continuing that line to the U.S. Route 36 and state Route 1 intersection south of Chrisman will add approximately \$600,000 to the project.

According to Keiser, the best option is to let Paris build the line all the way north because that community can obtain an EPA loan for the project at a lower interest rate than Chrisman can.

Paris will own the entire length of the line and be responsible for maintenance. Chrisman's obligation is to repay the cost of the extension over a period of time as part of

the regular water purchase.

The \$600,000 estimate includes Chrisman laying an 8-inch line from the intersection to the city's water tower and installing the necessary equipment to pump the water into the tower and add more chlorine if necessary.

Numbers are still somewhat ballpark calculations but Chrisman will have to raise water rates to make it happen. Keiser estimated a rate of \$6.75 per thousand as sufficient, which means a home using 3,000 gallons of water a month will see the bill go up \$20.25. See **WATER, Page 8A**

THE VOTES ARE IN



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Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood, left, and Paris Police Officer Matt McConnell, right, watch the voting results getting posted election night in the Edgar County Courthouse. Wood survived the challenge from Republican Tom Dolan by an almost two-to-one margin to win another four-year term.

Wood wins re-election

BY GARY HENRY
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Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood is serving another four years following the Tuesday, Nov. 6 election.

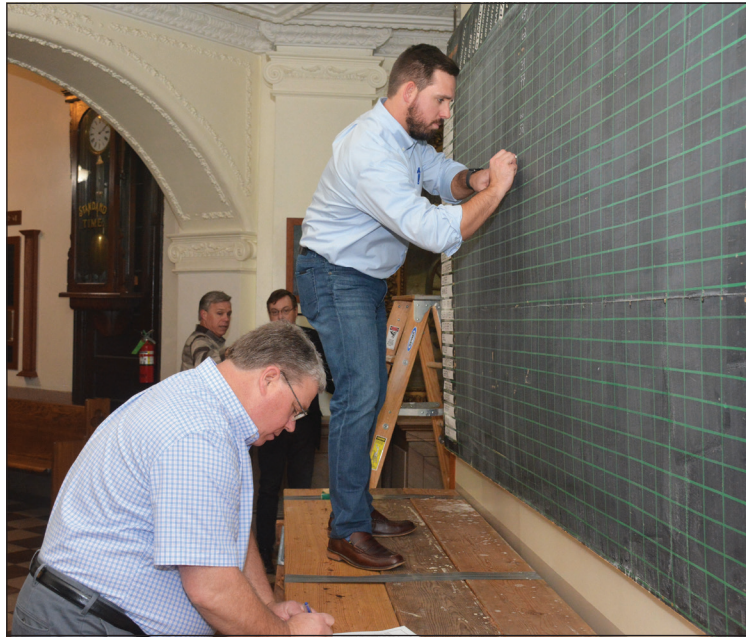
Wood, a Democrat, polled 4,001 votes to Republican challenger Tom Dolan's 2,125. These are unofficial numbers as the county clerk's office must wait two weeks for any absentee ballots still in the mail to arrive before certifying the results.

As the numbers started going up on the big board in the courthouse rotunda, it was Wood all the way — sometimes by a substantial margin. A per precinct breakdown appears on page 10B.

Wood was at the courthouse to watch the results, but Dolan was not. The challenger did call Wood around 9 p.m. to concede the election while results were still being posted on the chalkboard.

The sheriff's race was the only contested Edgar County election, and Wood was the lone Democrat securing a county office. Returning to office unopposed were Republicans August Griffin, county clerk, 5,462 votes; Donald Wiseman, county treasurer, 5,500 votes; Andrew Patrick, county board third district, 909 votes; Karl Farnham Jr., county board fourth district, 940 votes; and Daniel Bruner, county board fifth district, 575 votes.

It was a similar story with Edgar County's representatives to the Statehouse in Springfield. Republican Senator Chapin Rose (R-Mahom-



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Drew Griffin chalks in the first election numbers on the tally board in the rotunda of the Edgar County Courthouse while his father George Griffin reads the numbers from the printouts.

et) was unopposed for re-election and Edgar County gave him 4,877 votes. Representative Brad Halbrook (R-Shelbyville) was unopposed and polled 4,733 votes locally.

The state's 110th representative district includes Kansas and Grandview townships in Edgar County, and there was a race between Republican Chris Miller and Democrat Shirley Bell. Edgar County went for Miller 408 to 111. Miller also carried the district and goes to Springfield in January to replace Reggie Phelps, who

did not seek re-election.

At the federal level, Congressman John Shimkus (R-15th District) won re-election against Democratic challenger Kevin Gaither. Edgar County voted 4,224 for Shimkus and 1,708 for Gaither.

Edgar County continued giving the most votes to Republicans for the state constitutional offices but statewide the Democratic candidates swept those offices by large margins.

In the governor's race, Edgar See **SHERIFF, Page 8A**

Insurance hike may mess up county calculations

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The end of Edgar County's fiscal year is Nov. 30 so a top priority is finalizing a new budget and levy request.

Both documents were approved for a public review period during the Wednesday, Nov. 7, county board meeting. A vote and final approval is anticipated at the Nov. 28 special meeting, but the numbers may not be the same at that time.

"I just got notified of a substantial increase of our general liability insurance because of numerous lawsuits against the county," board chairman Jeff Voigt said at the Nov. 7 meeting. "The timing is bad since we are already

setting levels for the levy."

Voigt told the board members notice of the premium increase reached him less than an hour before the meeting started. He turned the matter over to the insurance committee to work with the county's insurance consultant Bushue Human Resources in looking for a way to reduce the size of the increase.

Edgar County Circuit Clerk Angie Barrett advised the board recent hires in her office are helping with the workload and allowing her more time to concentrate on some important state level projects.

Per an order from the state supreme court, all counties are required to in-

stall an e-filing system so attorneys can file documents in cases from their offices instead of making a trip to courthouse with an actual paper. The goal is to reduce the amount of paper that accompanies appeals.

Barrett's office has already installed an e-filing system and she is now working to merge the e-file with the older system so they function together.

Another priority is getting involved with the comptroller's I-DROP service.

"It's a program where the county's collection agency works with the comptroller to intercept tax refunds to pay old fines and court costs," said Barrett.

The buildings and grounds committee was authorized to seek proposals for preliminary engineering to either replace the courthouse elevator where it is or possibly relocate it elsewhere in the building.

Board member Andy Patrick has advocated taking this action as a pre-emptive measure so a feasible plan is in place regarding the elevator's fate. The elevator works and passed the most recent inspection but the mechanical apparatus is so old that replacement parts are no longer available.

Patrick noted if something breaks, regardless of what it is, the whole See **EDGAR, Page 8A**

Chickens are grandfathered in for Kansas

BY GARY HENRY
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KANSAS – The big chicken debate in Kansas found resolution through compromise at the village board meeting Wednesday, Nov. 7.

At the September board meeting, the trustees voted to no longer permit the keeping of hens within the village. What followed was a raucous Facebook battle over the issue.

Village resident Amber Slaymaker wanted to keep her birds because her autistic son is fascinated with chickens and caring for them is good therapy.

"Eating our own fresh eggs helps the chemical imbalance in his brain," Slaymaker said at the Nov. 7 meeting.

She said the eggs laid by her birds do not have the chemicals found in the eggs and meat supplied by commercial growers.

"I just want our chickens to stay," said Slaymaker.

Despite the furor — both pro and con — on Facebook, the village board meeting was cordial.

Village president Ross Carrell gave a brief history of how the chicken ordinance came about.

"Back in the day, no livestock was allowed in the village, but a resident wanted chickens," Carrell said, and the village passed an ordinance in 2014 permitting hens only and set some standards regarding coops and care of the birds.

After that resident died and his flock was relocated, chickens were not on anybody's radar until another resident came forward recently and wanted to have geese. The trustees and other residents did not want noisy geese in town and while researching the issue discovered some Kansas residents were keeping chicken but were not in compliance with the ordinance.

Those residents, except for Slaymaker, got rid of the birds rather than take the steps needed to follow the ordinance.

"The people with chickens were not in compliance so we closed the door on it to stop the geese," said Carrell.

"We took a lot of flack about not allowing geese, but the guy who wanted them found out they are mean and doesn't want

See **KANSAS, Page 8A**

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34 23 Prec: 0%	45 28 Prec: 0%	40 24 Prec: 20%	33 18 Prec: 0%	37 25 Prec: 0%	48 35 Prec: 0%	49 32 Prec: 0%

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

TODAY

Sunny and cold with highs 20 degrees below average in the mid 30s.

SUNDAY

Southwesterly winds boost highs into the mid 40s under mostly sunny skies.

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with highs near 40. A chance of light snow moves in overnight.

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Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature
High/Low 55°/36°
Record High 75° in 1999
Record Low 16° in 1973

Precipitation
Month to date 2.32"
Normal month to date 1.21"
Year to date 46.06"
Normal year to date 36.75"

SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	6:29 a.m.	4:40 p.m.	9:16 a.m.	7:10 p.m.
SUNDAY	6:31 a.m.	4:39 p.m.	10:11 a.m.	7:58 p.m.
MONDAY	6:32 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	11:00 a.m.	8:49 p.m.
TUESDAY	6:33 a.m.	4:37 p.m.	11:44 a.m.	10:44 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	6:34 a.m.	4:36 p.m.	12:22 p.m.	11:39 p.m.
THURSDAY	6:35 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	12:57 p.m.	12:36 a.m.
FRIDAY	6:36 a.m.	4:35 p.m.	1:29 p.m.	— a.m.

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PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY

VFW STEAK SUPPER

The monthly VFW Auxiliary Steak Supper will be served from 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street.

SUNDAY

PINEWOOD DERBY

The Chrisman Nazarene Church is doing a special youth oriented event today. Following the regular morning service, the congregation takes a break for a meal at 11:30 a.m. before reconvening around 1 p.m. for a Pinewood Derby. Sponsored by the Caravan Group, a Nazarene Church youth organization, the derby gives children in the church an opportunity to race small cars they built on a track. There is also a special category for fathers and grandfathers to compete.

MONDAY

COMMUNITY KITCHEN

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

TUESDAY

BROTHERHOOD TO MEET

The Edgar County Brotherhood meeting has been moved-up one week to this evening at the Brocton Christian Church. Please note the change of date.

DON'T MISS

MASTER GARDENER TRAINING SCHEDULED

University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners are adult members of the community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, vegetables and the environment. To become a master gardener you must learn about horticulture, share that research-based information with other, and volunteer at least 30 hours annually back to the community. The University of Illinois provides training and educational opportunities to assist you in meeting these goals. The annual training will begin January 22, 2019, involving 60 hours of online or classroom instruction over a period of 10 weeks. Classes will be held at the Clark County Extension Office in Marshall and are designed for citizens from Clark, Crawford and Edgar counties. To become a Master Gardener, submit an application to the local Extension Office, complete an interview and pass a background check as part of the volunteer selection process. If you are interested, contact Kim Trine, University of Illinois Extension Ag & Natural Resources Program Coordinator, at ktrine@University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate, call your local Extension Office.

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.

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING

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

EVENING TOPS MEETING

TOPS Illinois #2318 meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Weigh-in starts at 5:45 p.m. and the meeting is 7 p.m. Contact Janice Stevens at 217-808-0078 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

GARDEN CLUB MEETS

The Paris Garden Study Club meets 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at the First United Methodist Church. Andrea Switzer is in charge of the program featuring Mark Killion's presentation of "Pictures on the Prairie: A Gallery of Night Sky Images on the Illinois Prairie."

THURSDAY

VFW AUXILIARY DINNER

The weekly VFW Auxiliary dinner is 5-7 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street. This week's menu is pork roast, mashed potatoes, carrots or peas and white or wheat roll. The cost is \$5. Drinks are 50 cents and dessert is \$1.

SATURDAY, NOV. 17

VFW AUXILIARY FALL VENDOR FAIR

The annual Paris VFW Auxiliary Fall Vendor Sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the post home on West Court Street.

TATTING AT THE LIBRARY

The Paris Public Library is offering an introductory tatting class 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Nov. 17 in the Gibson Room. Michelle Griffin is teaching this class on traditional lace making that is open to teens and adults. There is a fee to cover the needed supplies. Registration closes Wednesday, Nov. 14. Call 217-463-3950 or email read@parispublishing.org for more information or to register.

RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER

The Edgar County Relay for Life kickoff for the next fundraising season is 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 17 at the American Legion Post. The event features live music and humor by Mark Allen and the Rail Brothers Band. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

MARSHALL BOOK CHAT

The Marshall Public Library's next book chat is 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21, featuring "News of the World" by Paulette Jiles. While discussing the book, patrons may enjoy a flavored coffee and light snack. Multiple copies of the book are available for checkout and the possibility to participate for those who cannot attend exists via the library's Facebook page. More information by calling 217-826-2535 or at marshallpubliclibrary@gmail.com.

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Shop with a Cop is Dec. 15

BY GARY HENRY
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Community help is needed to make the annual Shop with a Cop event a reality.

"This year my goal is \$45,000," said Melissa Garner, administrative assistant with the Paris Police Department.

Garner and Detective Eric Brown are leading the effort but all members of the department are involved.

The \$45,000 goal is sufficient to provide 360 students with a \$125 shopping trip to obtain a winter coat, hats, gloves, shoes, boots, pants and other clothing items to protect them against the cold of winter.

Neither the children, nor their families, receive the money. Instead, they shop with volunteers who track the purchases to stay within the budgeted amount.

A running total of all purchases is kept at a Wal-Mart check out and the final sum is paid to the store when the shopping is done.

None of the purchased items are returnable for a refund.

It is a sad reality that 360 children in Edgar County need assistance in securing winter clothing. The 2017 Shop with a Cop event served 350 children.

"We had more on the list but not all showed up," said Brown.

The list totaled 420, Garner said.

Selection to participate in Shop with a Cop rests with the schools.

Brown said teachers and school officials see the children on a daily basis and know which ones have needs and will benefit from the shopping trip.

"Not all kids get on Shop with a Cop," said Brown.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The Paris Police Department is getting ready for the Dec. 15 Shop with a Cop event. Donations are needed to help finance the project that provides school children with winter clothing and volunteers are also appreciated to help with the event. Left to right, Police Chief Mike Henness, Sgt. Kevin Ring, Detective Travis Vice, Detective Eric Brown, Officer Ryan Washburn and Administrative Assistant Melissa Garner.

"There are other services the schools can refer them to."

He added schools are already working at compiling a list for the police, and he emphasized Shop with a Cop is for all Edgar County children – not just those attending Paris schools.

In a departure from past years, Shop with a Cop is only one day Dec. 15 and no back-up date is scheduled for those who miss the shopping day.

"That is the date," said Brown. "It is hard to organize two shopping dates with the volunteers."

Brown noted volunteers are key to Making Shop with a Cop operate smoothly.

Volunteers usually come from the Paris Police Department, the Edgar County Sheriff's Department, the

Paris Fire Department, other volunteer fire departments, the Chrisman Police Department, the Kansas Police Department, the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance, courthouse employees, Department of Children and Family Services, Kiwanis Club, Lions Club, school employees, Mayo Redbird Leadership and Key Club.

"Having a large number of volunteers makes things go smoothly and quickly," said Brown.

Fundraising began earlier this year with proceeds from the Handcuffs and Hoses basketball game in March, a car show in September and individual donations from people and businesses already starting.

Donating to Shop with a

Cop is easy and every donation, large or small, helps. Donations may be mailed to the police department, 211 W. Washington, Paris 61944, personally delivered to the station or by calling the department, 217-465-6351, to arrange for a police officer to pick up a donation.

Individuals or organizations wanting to volunteer to help may call the same phone number and talk to Garner.

Shop with a Cop extends beyond law enforcement.

"I love to see the community come together this way," said Garner.

Brown agreed. "It's great to see the way the kids interact with the officers and the firefighters when we are not dealing with emergency situations," said Brown.

Making Thanksgiving a reality

Food pantry hopes to distribute turkeys to families in Nov.

BY GARY HENRY
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The Thanksgiving holiday is approaching and many families are planning for a traditional turkey meal.

Not everyone can do that. Food insecure families in Edgar County may look at a more meager fare, or perhaps no meal, on Thanksgiving.

Gladys Frost of the Compassionate Food Ministry wants to change that risk for

those who don't always have enough. She is raising money to purchase small turkeys of seven to eight pounds and giving them to people coming to the food pantry on Cherry Point Road.

"However much I can get, that many people can have a turkey," said Frost.

She secured a \$500 gift from Decatur Earthmover Credit Union, and one person gave her \$200 for the cause.

Frost said the plan is to distribute the turkeys throughout November as people signed up with the food pantry come on their

assigned days to receive food.

"When they are gone, they are gone," she said about the supply.

The more money she raises the more turkeys the food pantry can purchase.

Frost said checks to help buy turkeys should be made out to the Compassionate Food Ministry, but rather than mail them to the organization's regular address, send them in care of Gladys Frost, 12 Sims Drive, Paris.

"That way I know how much is for turkeys," she said.

Clark County firemen injured

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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WEST UNION – Four Clark County firefighters battling a blaze in West Union were injured and two were hospitalized after a portion of the home collapsed.

The fire broke out just before 11 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, according to fire chief Mike Bumpus.

He said the four firemen were injured when the rear portion of the home collapsed sending the metal roof to the ground. The ac-

cident sent two firefighters to the hospital. One was airlifted and is listed in serious condition while the other was transported by vehicle to a local hospital.

"Firefighting efforts ceased when the call was announced that we had guys down," said Bumpus, adding the first concern at that moment was the safety of the department's firemen.

Two additional firemen suffered minor injuries and were treated at the scene. A total of six firemen were in the home when the roof

collapsed.

Records indicate no one was at the residence, located on Route 1 south of West Union, when the fire began and the cause of the blaze has not yet been determined. The fire is still under investigation.

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On Macular Degeneration
By Aaron Rhoads, O.D.

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Macular degeneration affects the very central part of your vision. You don't go completely blind with macular degeneration but in advanced cases people can have trouble reading and even recognizing people's faces because the center of the picture is gone. Usually this change takes place over years, what we call the 'dry' form of macular degeneration. One in ten will develop the 'wet' form where new, leaky blood vessels form and can cause very quick vision loss. Although there is a hereditary component in some families the biggest risks for macular degeneration are age and smoking. Smoking makes it six to ten times more likely to develop problems, even in patients as young as forty. The good news is that healthy diets with lots of fruits and vegetables can help slow or prevent macular degeneration. In advanced cases, especially with wet macular degeneration often injections are now used to slow or stop new damage. Prevention and early detection are best so see your favorite eye care provider on a regular basis!

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Ross given two-year prison sentence

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A local woman is going to prison for repeatedly failing to comply with the sex offender registration laws.

Patricia Ross, 48, Paris, appeared for sentencing Oct. 29 in Edgar County Circuit Court after her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender conviction was revoked. She was resented to two years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with credit for 90 days previously served, and was ordered to report to the jail Nov. 13 for transportation to an Illinois Department of Corrections facility.

In another matter, Ross was sentenced for a Class 2 felony failure to register as a sex offender. The two years of probation starts after she is released from IDOC in the other case. She was additionally ordered to pay court costs and various

state fees.

According to Illinois law, a sex offender is required to register every 90 days with law enforcement.

Other individuals appearing for the Oct. 25, Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 criminal and traffic calls included:

IN CUSTODY

■Randy J. Bramlett, 51, Metcalf, appeared in custody and pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge. He was sentenced to 30 days in jail with credit for 16 days previously served, one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation and not to have contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence.

■Ronald Butts, 42, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphet-

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amine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Butts was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Gage A. Chandler, 18, Kansas, appeared in custody and pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with 90 days to be served immediately and the remaining 90 days subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months of probation, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to undergo domestic violence counseling per an evaluation and was remanded to custody to begin serving his sentence. In return for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 2 felony aggravated domestic battery charge.

■Tyler Donham, 18, West Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody for a preliminary hearing and probable cause was found to formally charge him with a two counts of a Class 2 felony burglary, two counts of a Class 3 felony theft and a Class A misdemeanor theft. He pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference. Donham was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Anita Christian Collins, 43, Paris, appeared in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. Her unresolved charge of a Class A misdemeanor endangering a child was continued for a pretrial conference. She was remanded to custody of the IDOC.

■Richard E. Durbin, 41, West Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody on a warrant related to the petition to revoke his probation sentences for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance convictions.

The public defender was given the case and an oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. The matter was continued for the petition hearing.

Subsequently, four days later Durbin appeared in custody and admitted a portion of the petition. He was released on a personal recognizance bond, and the matter was continued to Nov. 19 for status of sentencing.

■Jeffrey P. Eskew, 28, Paris, appeared in custody and admitted a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony theft conviction. He was resented to one year in the Department of Corrections with credit for 13 days previously served and ordered to pay all previous financial obligations.

In another matter, Eskew pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge. He was sentenced to 40 days in jail to merge with his IDOC sentence with credit for 20 days previously served, court costs and various state fees. He was remanded to custody.

■Amea Morecraft, 37, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. She pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor retail theft charge. Morecraft was sentenced to four days in jail with credit for two days previously served, one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs, various state fees and was banned from Circle K.

In another matter, Morecraft pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charges. She was granted a personal recognizance bond and remanded to custody pending release processing.

■Paige C. Plew, 24, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. She is serving a 30-day jail sentence with good conduct credit to apply for her Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia conviction. Plew was found in default of payments and the matter was referred to collections. Her conditional discharge was terminated and the case was closed. She was remanded to custody to serve the remainder of her jail time.

■Travis S. Posey, 36, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice and a Class A misdemeanor obstruction of identification. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

In another matter, Posey was presented with a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Craig G. Shields, 24, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class 3 felony

possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Dalton R. Smith, 21, Charleston, appeared in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. His unresolved charge of a Class 1 felony residential burglary was continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody.

■Charles G. Wells, 19, Paris, appeared in custody. His oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. Wells' unresolved charge of a Class 4 felony criminal damage to property was continued for a pretrial conference. Wells also pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor charge. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

CHARGES

■Andrea J. Flesher, 48, Hillsboro, Ind., was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with an attorney.

■Patrick F. Jarvis, 36, West Terre Haute, Ind., was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of a controlled substance with the intent to deliver and a Class A misdemeanor unlawful use of a weapon. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■Max L. Trotter, 72, Kansas, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Christina Wilson, 48, Charleston, was presented with a petition to revoke her conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license conviction. She told the court she will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Terry L. Wimmer, 58, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor for failure to notify damage to an automobile. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Raymond F. Yonker III, 52, West Union, was charged with a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs and a Class A misdemeanor violation of the conceal-and-carry firearm act. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

GUILTY PLEAS

■William Barnett, 36, Paris, admitted a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license conviction. He was resented to 60 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months of conditional discharge and 100 hours of community service work.

■Danielle N. Hinkle, 44, Dana, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Kimberly K. Ingram, 57, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and was sentenced to 120 days in jail with 30 days to be served as electronic home monitoring and the remaining 89 days subject to a motion to vacate, two years of probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. She was also ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation.

In another case, Ingram pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs charge. She was sentenced to 18 months of court supervision to run concurrently with the previous conviction, a \$750 fine, a \$750 DUI equipment fee, court costs and various state fees.

■Margaret M. Hendricks, 26, Fithian, pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding charge. She was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Terry G. Koppler, 64, Paris, entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges. He was sentenced on the Class A offense to 60 days in jail with 30 days to be served as electronic home confinement and the remaining time subject to a motion to vacate, 18 months of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was sentenced in the Class C matter to one year of conditional discharge, court costs and various state fees. The two sentences are concurrent. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 4 felony criminal damage to property charge.

■Orlando K. Perkins, 29, Danville, pleaded guilty to a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. He was sentenced to three years in the Illinois Department of Corrections with credit for six days previously served, a \$1,000 fine, court costs and various state fees. He was ordered to forfeit all items seized at the time of his arrest. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 1 felony delivery of methamphetamine charge.

■Erin S. Potsch, 41, Maple Park, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor speeding. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$400 fine, court costs and various state fees. Her arrest warrant for missing a previous court appearance was quashed.

■Patricia M. Rickman, 42, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, 24 months of conditional discharge, a \$1,000 fine, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the guilty plea, Rickman's Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charge was dismissed.

■Brandon Wayne Timmerman, 39, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail with 30 to be served as electronic home monitoring and the remaining time subject to a motion to vacate, two years of first offender probation, a \$500 fine, 10 hours of community service work, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to complete counseling per an evaluation.

■Katherine M. Walter, 44, Lizton, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding charge and was sentenced to a \$400 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Elizabeth J. Young, 49, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. She was sentenced to 180 days

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WILLIAM STRECKER

MONTAGUE, Mich. – William Louis Strecker MD, FACA, 94, of Montague, Mich., passed away Nov. 1, 2018, peacefully at home with his family around him. He was a retired anesthesiologist.



STRECKER

A funeral service is 11 a.m. today, Nov. 10, at the Montague United Methodist Church, 8555 Cook Street, Montague, Mich., with Pastor Mike Riegler officiating. Interment is in Oak Grove Cemetery next to his wife. Visitation was 4-7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service-White Lake Chapel, 413 S. Mears Avenue, Whitehall. Another visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time to day at the church.

Dr. Strecker was born Nov. 19, 1923, at Terre Haute, Ind., the son of the late Louis George and Rose Marie Myers Strecker. He married Mary E. Stewart June 27, 1946, and she preceded him in death after 71 years of marriage.

He is survived by his seven children, William Louis (Jane) Strecker Jr., Kathleen Marie Francis, Elizabeth Ann Kinder, Mary Patricia (John) Ledyard, John Robert (Audrey) Strecker, Rebecca Suzanne (Mark) Freeland and Martha Jean (Joseph) Sadony; 13 grandchildren, Christopher Grant (Kristen) Kinder, Dawn Elizabeth (Damon) Ashburn, Becka Elizabeth (Brad) Echelberger, Jonathan Michael (Marlaina) Francis, Sarah Michelle (Nate) Van Sell, Jessica Ann (Jonathan) Ledsworth, Suzanne Marie (Josh) Nielson, Matthew Arthur (Janelle) Ledyard, Joseph Alexander (Jamie) Sadony IV, Mary Elizabeth Smith, William Louis Edward Freeland, Anne Marie (Joseph) Dotson and Jacob Stewart Freeland; and 27 great-grandchildren; plus many additions.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Ellen Ray and her husband Pete; son-in-law, Ray Francis; and granddaughter, Kristin Anderson.

Dr. Strecker grew up on a farm near Vermilion and attended a one-room schoolhouse where he was the only student in his grade most years. He graduated from Paris High School in 1941. He then attended the University of Illinois at Urbana/Champaign and graduated from the University of Illinois, College of Medicine in Chicago with degrees of BS in medicine and MD.

The first two years of medical school were while serving in the U.S. Army Specialized Training Program (ASTP). After serving two years, World War II ended and he was discharged from the service. He met Mary E. Stewart of Montague, Mich., while in medical school and they married between his junior and senior years.

Following medical school,

Dr. Strecker completed a two-year family practice internship at Chicago's Cook County Hospital followed by two extra months in anesthesiology.

After completing the training, Dr. Strecker practiced medicine in Terre Haute, Ind., for the next 50 years. He did both family medicine and anesthesiology for 23 years as an active staff member of St. Anthony's and Terre Haute Regional Hospitals. Dr. Strecker was also a courtesy staff member at Union Hospital.

In 1973, he passed the American Board of Anesthesiology exam and as a result, Dr. Strecker became a Fellow of the American College of Anesthesiology, FACA. He then limited his practice to anesthesiology until 1999 when he retired at age 75.

In the practice of medicine, Dr. Strecker had a couple of firsts. He was the first to intubate a patient for a tonsillectomy in Terre Haute, and he performed the first CPR in Terre Haute, which was also successful after an hour and 40 minutes of resuscitation.

Dr. Strecker and a colleague attended respiratory therapy seminars at the Indiana University and the Cleveland Clinic. Together they opened the first Respiratory Therapy ICU at St. Anthony's Hospital. As Director of Medical Education at Terre Haute Regional Hospital, he arranged weekly continuing education programs for the medical staff and assigned freshmen and sophomore medical students from the Terre Haute Center for Medical Education, where he was on the medical Advisory board, to shadow active staff members so they could learn early on what the actual practice of medicine was about.

Dr. Strecker was a member of the lay board of St. Anthony's Hospital, past president of St. Anthony's Medical and Dental Staff and chief of the anesthesiology section of the Surgery Department at Terre Haute Regional Hospital for many years. As chairman of the constitution and bylaws committee at St. Anthony's Hospital, he re-wrote the C&BL on two occasions.

Dr. Strecker taught classes for students at St. Anthony's School of Nursing. He was always the champion of the nurses, and they knew he always had their back, as they did his. He was a lecturer at respiratory and ventilatory care seminars for physicians of both hospitals and a frequent lecturer at the annual meetings of the Mid-Winter Medical Conference at Boyne Mountain, Mich.

Dr. Strecker was a member and past president of the Vigo County Medical Society, the Indiana State Medical Association and a delegate from Vigo County Medical Society to ISMA'S House of Delegates annual convention. He belonged to the American Medical Association, Indiana and American Societies of Anesthesiology, Indiana and American Academies of Family Practice and the American Thoracic Society.

Dr. Strecker was presented

with the Excellence in Health Care award by the Terre Haute Regional Hospital Foundation and Doctor of the Year Award by Health Care Excell in 1998. He was a founding member and chairman of the board for 18 years of the Peer Review Organization, Health Care Excell that reviewed Medicare cases for the federal government in the states of Indiana and Kentucky. He also served on the board of directors of Blue Shield of Indiana.

After only two years in private practice, and having four children under four years of age, in November 1952, Dr. Strecker was called back to active duty for the U.S. Army to serve in the Korean War as payment for the two years of medical school training under the ASTP.

He was assigned to the First Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment, and 3rd Infantry Division in the front lines, serving as the battalion surgeon. During that time, he was awarded the Bronze Star for valor for administering to a critically wounded soldier in the trenches while under enemy fire. Later, after graduating to the Regimental Medical Facility, he attended to sick and injured Belgian soldiers that were attached to the 7th Infantry Regiment, and he was awarded the Croix de Militaire by the Belgian government. He also received the Korean Medal of Freedom from the Korean government.

After serving in Korea for a year, he returned to the states and was re-assigned to the U.S. Army Hospital at Fort Crowder, Mo., where he was staff anesthesiologist, assistant chief of surgery and interim hospital commander. In November 1954, he was discharged from the U.S. Army again and returned to private practice in Terre Haute.

Dr. Strecker was active as deacon, trustee and elder in the Washington Avenue Presbyterian Church at Terre Haute and was master mason of the Masonic Temple Lodge #573, later #19, at Terre Haute. He and his wife belonged to the Terre Haute Country Club, Elks Club and Wabash Valley/US Power Squads, being past commander WVSP.

They were avid tennis players, downhill skiers and boaters, cruising the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the Great Lakes and canals of Canada. They skied Michigan, Colorado and Montana resorts. Their favorites ski locations being Boyne Mountain, Mich., and Big Sky, Mont.

Dr. Strecker engaged in competitive running including HCA Relays, several marathons and the Boston Marathon at age 57. He belonged to the American Legion and the Society of the Third Infantry Division.

Memorial donations may be made to the Montague United Methodist Church or Unity Presbyterian Church at Terre Haute.

Beacon Cremation & Funeral Service-White Lake Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences at www.beaconfh.com.

MELINDA ARMENTROUT

Melinda Kay Armentrout, 62, of Paris, passed away at 8:13 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2018, at her residence.



ARMENTROUT

She retired in 2016 after 29 years in the billing office of Paris Community Hospital. A service celebrating her life is 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 13, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial follows in Embarrass Cemetery near Redmon. Visitation is from 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at the funeral home. A Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Memorial Service is 3:30 p.m. Monday prior to visitation at the funeral home.

Mrs. Armentrout was born Jan. 17, 1956, at Paris, the daughter of Leonard A. and

Eva Darlene Marrs Dickson.

Survivors include her mother, Darlene Dickson of Paris; a son, Brad (Brandi) Ford of Paris; a stepdaughter, Bethany Deifenbaugh of Roanoke, Va.; three sisters, Cindy (John) McGinness of Brocton, Amanda (Mark) Clapp of Oakland and Teresa (Joe) Blake of Brocton; a brother, Mark (Pam) Dickson of Brocton; four grandchildren, Cheyllynn Ford (Blake Tucker) of Paris, Chancey Ford (Anthony Moore) of Paris, Sefton Ford of Paris and Grant Armentrout of Paris; a great-grandson, Trevor Leeroy Tucker of Paris; two sisters-in-law, Glenda (Dodge) Rader and Elaine Miller both of Virginia; her mother-in-law, Helen Armentrout of Virginia; good friend, Ova Lindsey of Paris; as well as several step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death

by her father; two sons, Rory E. Ford and Carlton Z. Armentrout; her friend and former spouse, William C. Armentrout; a stepdaughter, Christina D. Armentrout; and her father-in-law, the Rev. Lewis C. Armentrout.

Mrs. Armentrout was a 1974 graduate of Oakland High School. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Post #3601 Auxiliary. She was a talented pool player and competed as part of an APA team for a number of years. She was also an avid mushroom hunter and enjoyed bowling, oil painting, crocheting, cards, dominoes, and any other game she played while spending time with her family.

Memorial donations may be made to VFW Post #3601 Auxiliary.

Online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

SHIRLEY NEWCOMER

Shirley Jane Newcomer, 82, of Paris, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, at Horizon Health Paris Community Hospital. She was retired after more than 20 years as a bus driver and a homemaker.

Private services were held per her request. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.

Mrs. Newcomer was born in Paris, the daughter of the late John and Anna Josephine Simons. She married David Newcomer Dec. 21, 1952, at the Newcomer farm in Redman. He survives.

She is also survived by her children, Keith (Mary) Newcomer of Montgomery, Randy (Lisa) Newcomer of Maryville, Tenn., Danny Newcomer of Aurora, Tammy Newcomer-Dye of Redmon and Kevin (Teresa) Newcomer of Paris; her grandchildren, Jenny, Josh and Adam Newcomer, Eric and Jason Newcomer, Lindsay Garcia, Amy Gomez, Leslie Stinnett, Chad Newcomer, Ryan, Tara, and Leah Newcomer, Amanda and Jacob Dye, Alicia Haley and Danielle Newcomer; and 20 great-grandchildren.

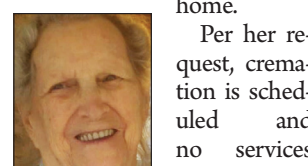
She was preceded in death by two brothers, Buddy and Ted; and two sons Rick and Toney.

Mrs. Newcomer enjoyed playing cards with her friends, doing puzzles, making homemade crafts and tending to her flower garden. She also loved spending time with her dogs and playing on the Redmon women softball team.

Online condolences, at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

ELIZABETH SCHMIDT

MARSHALL – Elizabeth Schmidt, 100, of Dennison, passed away Nov. 1, 2018 at her home.



SCHMIDT

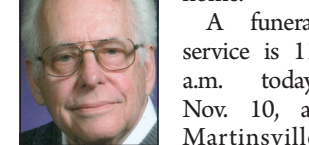
Per her request, cremation is scheduled and no services will be held.

Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralhomes.

DAVID KENDALL

MARTINSVILLE – David Neil Kendall, 89, of Martinsville, passed away Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at his home.



KENDALL

A funeral service is 11 a.m. today, Nov. 10, at Martinsville Bible Church, with Pastor David Wilson officiating. Military Rites by Martinsville American Legion and Casey Veterans of Foreign Wars

follow the service at the church. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Saturday at the church. Burial is at a later date in Eldred Memorial Cemetery. Greenwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Martinsville Public Library, 120 E. Cumberland St., Martinsville, IL 62442; Martinsville Bible Church, P.O. Box 310, Martinsville, IL 62442; Martinsville Community Food Pantry, P.O. Box 533, Martinsville, IL 62442.

More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

CHARLES CLAPP

NEWMAN – Charles Robert Clapp, 92, passed away Nov. 8, 2018, at Arbor Rose of Charleston. He farmed for 35 years, owned Robert Clapp Electric and retired as a rural mail carrier.

A service is 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the Newman United Methodist Church, with visitation from 1 p.m. until the service time at the church. The Joines Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Clapp was born March 17, 1926, the son of Roy Preston and Maude Ellen Minor Clapp at Hindsboro. He married Freida C. Baxter Oct. 19, 1946, at Hume, and to this union was born Richard Leon (Marty) Clapp of Villa Grove, Constance (Jack) Deaton of Eureka Springs, Ark., and Jacqueline Sue (Mike) Joines of Brocton, who survive.

He is also survived by

nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by his sisters, Virginia Motley and Mary Pankey; a brother, Joe Clapp; a son, Maurice B. Clapp; a son-in-law, Mike Markewitz; and granddaughter, Laura Clapp.

Mr. Clapp graduated from Hindsboro High School in 1944. He previously served on the Douglas County Farm Bureau Board, the Douglas County FS Board, the Newman Fire Department and as a trustee of the Newman United Methodist Church where he was a member. He was also a member of the Illinois Rural Letter Carriers Association.

Memorial donations may be made to the Rural Grace Food Pantry at Murdock or the Newman Fire Department.

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ELLEN NELSON

Ellen Louise Nelson, 77, of Paris, and formerly of Sherwood, Mich., passed away at 10:50 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind.

A memorial service hosted by the family is 11 a.m. Nov. 26

at Community Bible Church. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Paris Community Bible Church.

Additional information and online condolences at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

RAYMOND MCMAHON II

Raymond James McMahon II, 53, of Oklahoma, and formerly of Paris, passed away Sept. 7, 2018.

A memorial service is 2 p.m. today, Nov. 10, at First Assembly of God Church in Paris.



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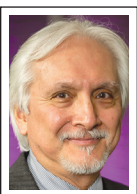
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There are no winners in Trump, Acosta war

It is finally here, that moment in history when journalism became entertainment — reality TV at its worst (as if there is such a thing as reality TV at its best).



JOHN D. POWELL

GUEST COLUMN

So as not to paint all journalism with the broad brush of blame, only broadcast and online journalism falls fully into the entertainment category. Print journalists, those who ply their trade for traditional newspapers and magazines that do not rely on ratings and click bait for revenue, get a pass.

All others, listen up: You are making fools of yourselves and of the profession. And by extension, making fools of some of us who do a pretty good job of making fools of ourselves without your help.

One could almost smell the acrid aroma from all of those heads on fire when CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta lost his hard press pass after he and President Trump engaged in the time-honored tradition of trying to prove who gets to be the toughest kid on the playground. Back in the day, the two bullies got in trouble along with those who egged them on.

There are so many points to include here, but self-discipline demands that online columns adhere to the old print constraints and not go on and on and on until the reader's lips fall off out of boredom.

Acosta is a good place to start. There was a time when first-year journalism students learned never to be the story. I know this because I taught it. It is one of journalism's oldest rules, and yet our online and broadcast brothers and sisters seem to ignore it. Acosta has been needling Trump since the campaign. With all eyes on him during Trump's ill-advised post-election news conference, Acosta could not resist the opportunity to engage in a battle of half-wits with POTUS.

"I wanted to challenge you on one of the statements that you made in the tail end of the campaign in the midterms," he said, because that is always going to go well. One almost expected Trump to respond with, "Hey, Acosta, I got yer challenge right here."

But he did not, and the Q&A turned into
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YOUR VIEW

Healthcare a mess thanks to the GOP

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Our health care is now a deeply dysfunctional non-working system, thanks to the Trump Administration's systematic weakening of the ACA.

Now states can dodge Obamacare's most important provisions, like permitting insurers to exclude people with pre-existing conditions and charging higher premiums for it, which of course they can ill afford. Also states can now permit insurers to refuse coverage for maternity care, mental health services and prescription drugs.

Don't believe Republicans when they say they'll protect your health care. What they say and what they do are two completely different things.

We need Medicare for all, because all of us need healthcare from cradle to grave, unless you are the fortunate 1 percent, in which case you can afford to pay for your own health care.

Do not support a party actively working to sabotage you and your family's physical and emotional health.

Rick Griffith
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Pause to honor Vets

Sunday's 100th anniversary of the end of World War I important observance

Sunday — Nov. 11, 2018 — Edgar County will pause and recall the end of the war to end all wars.

One hundred years ago on the 11th hour of the 11th day in the 11th month, leaders signed an end to what we now know as World War I.

When the Great War, or European War — turned World War in most accounts on both sides of the Atlantic after the United States became involved — was to end, the leaders knew its significance. More than 16 million were dead. Mechanized transportation was in its infancy and significantly impacted the bloody conflict.

The carnage — from four years of intense fighting — was unfathomable. This treaty, they believed, would mark the end of all wars.

Perhaps if our electronic age of today had been there a century ago, 11/11 might not be lost in the shuffle

OUR VIEW

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

today. It might also have gotten lost in a 24-hour news cycle.

Much has happened since the Great War. Unfortunately, it was not the last war — we've had more of them. It was hardly the end to all wars.

Like 100 years ago, it had all the latest and greatest available — single engine airplanes, tanks and submarines — all relatively new.

Sunday we will join with our friends and neighbors to pause for Veterans Day. While many in America will mostly mark it on Monday — the day of a federal holiday — here in Paris, Chrisman and Hume ceremonies will be conducted at the 11th hour on the 11th day of the 11th month. Brocton and

Kansas observances will be tonight.

As we pause, let us also remember — not only does it mark the end of that first savage war — it also recognizes all veterans — living or dead.

Veterans Day means more than a day away from regular activities and retail sales. We need to stop and pay respect for those who defend the United States and our freedom. We're not the perfect country, but our entry to that war signaled our rightful place as a world power. Though battered and bruised through the years, we are yet to be pushed from that perch.

What America says and does still matters to the rest of the world. That's not changing anytime soon.

Make no mistake — we didn't get here by chance. We certainly owe more than a thank you to our veterans.

This weekend — on Sunday — it's the least we can do.



Finding hope in small places

Something encouraging happened early this week at the Kansas Village Board meeting.



GARY HENRY

MY TURN

People actually talked in a civil manner and found a compromise solution for, of all things, chickens.

The village board wanted to eliminate the keeping of chickens within village limits especially after residents who had birds opted to get rid of them rather than bring the operations into compliance with the village ordinance.

Resident Amber Slaymaker, who was in compliance except for one area, wanted to keep the hens because taking care of the birds is valuable therapy for her autistic son.

The situation rapidly got out of hand on Facebook and social media as residents quickly took up sides. Wild accusations followed alleging the village board was trying to ramrod change in secret and some advocating conducting all village business over Facebook since that is how people communicate.

Actually, it's not how people communicate. It's how people yell, pontificate and belittle those who disagree in order to feel superior in their own opinions.

Real communication occurred at the village meeting when people exchanged information face-to-face in a civil manner around a compromise everyone found acceptable.

Admittedly the issue of keeping a few chickens is not as complex as health care, immigration, tax policies or gun rights, but wouldn't it be refreshing if legislators talked to each other, rather than at each other, and more importantly listened and tried to find common ground to start moving these issues forward? A scorched

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What's final score in the midterm elections?

So what's the final score? Who won the midterm elections on Tuesday night? The D team or the R team?



MICHAEL REAGAN

MAKING SENSE

Let's see. The Democrats and the progressive left have got Nancy Pelosi back as Speaker of the House for two years. Maxine Waters is ready to rumble too.

Whoopee. I'm sure Nancy, Maxine and their aged claque of Trump haters and progressives will quickly show America their nasty partisan nature.

They've already signaled that they are more interested in trying to impeach Donald Trump than reaching bipartisan consensus on important issues like immigration or funding our infrastructure needs.

Meanwhile, since the Republicans kept the Senate, for the next two years they get to confirm any new Supreme Court justices and dozens more federal judges.

The way I score it, the midterms add up to a monumental win for President Trump, the Republican Party and the rest of the country.

It was president's tireless campaigning and fighting spirit that made the difference — and made it a historic night.

It's normal for the House of Representatives to switch parties in a president's first midterm election.

Ask George W. Bush. Ask Barack Obama.

What's really historically abnormal in the midterms is for the president's party to gain U.S. Senate seats, as the Republicans did.

In the aftermath of Tuesday's results, it's interesting to note how differently the Republicans and Democrats have reacted to their losses.

President Trump and Mitch McConnell took it like adults.

“WHAT'S REALLY HISTORICALLY ABNORMAL IN THE MIDTERMS IS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PARTY TO GAIN U.S. SENATE SEATS.”

MICHAEL REAGAN

They didn't go on Fox News blaming the government of Saudi Arabia or some other country for messing with our election process to cause Republicans to lose the House to the Democrats.

Republicans know you win some elections and you lose some. They know it's how party politics in America works — and has since about 1800.

But on the left, the Democrats and their hit men in the deranged liberal media can never believe it when they lose an election.

This time they're trying to figure out how the Republicans robbed them of the Senate. Was it the Russians? The Chinese? Iranian hackers?

One of their deepest political thinkers, Joy Behar of "The View," blamed it on gerrymandering — until she was told by someone on the show that senators are elected statewide.

For the next two years it will be very interesting to see what bipartisan legislation the Democrats propose — and what actually ends up on the president's desk.

I'd like to talk some more about the midterms, but in Southern California 11 young people and a brave police officer were gunned down at a college country music night in the Borderline Bar & Grill in Thousand Oaks.

To say this latest mass shooting — which reportedly was done by an ex-Marine who had mental problems — hit close to home to

my family is no exaggeration.

In the early 2000s, while my daughter Ashley was in college in the Thousand Oaks area, she was a waitress in the Borderline.

She worked many Wednesday college country nights like the one that has shocked the country less than two weeks after a gunman slaughtered 11 Jews in a synagogue in Pittsburgh.

You ask when do these horrible killings stop. How do we stop future mass murderers from hurting more innocent people?

Dan Bongino, the former Secret Service man, gave the answer on Fox the other night. He said it only stops "When a good guy with a gun takes out a bad guy with a gun."

He's right. We need to start protecting ourselves from bad or crazy people with guns with good people with guns.

The president has people with guns protecting him. So do actors, rock stars, CEOs and billionaires.

Congress has lots of people with guns protecting them — even while some of them call for tougher gun control laws that would prevent the rest of us law-abiding citizens from defending ourselves.

Good people with guns should be protecting our children in schools, churches, synagogues, bars — wherever they hang.

Or aren't our children as important as movie stars and politicians?

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HENRY

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earth policy of winner take all leads to stalemate and nothing meaningful happens.

Compromise is not a dirty word but of recent years some factions want to portray it as a sign of weakness. Polls show Americans are concerned by the divisiveness that is gripping the country and perhaps some of that can be eased if people are willing to give a little in one area to gain in another and rather than rail against the agreement leaders need to emphasize it is something good for the country.

Democrats blame Republicans and Republicans blame Democrats with both sides insisting the other is wrong. Worse are the pundits on the various cable news programs claiming the other side is not just wrong but is an enemy to be vanquished so only the true Americans (those tuned in to hear the ranting) can thrive.

It's all bull designed to hold an audience to attract advertisers and generate revenue for the network. It is not information, and it is not discourse.

The political affiliation of those attending the Kansas village meeting was not important. They were Americans and neighbors looking to solve a problem.

We are all Americans and neighbors, but we are not enemies. There is no such a thing as a single true American. People may have different visions about what America is, or should be, and that is how it has always been in this country. Those who insist there is only one type of American and demonizes others who disagree are the ones who are the most un-American.

Elsewhere in the paper is a story about Shop with a Cop starting to fundraise to provide winter clothing to children whose families are not able to adequately provide. There may be some in the community who do not believe or choose to ignore the poverty that exists here.

Having covered this event for several years, I see the need of the children that come to shop with the officers and other volunteers. One little girl from a few years ago stands out in my memory. It was an especially cold day for December and she arrived wearing just a sweater and a lightweight, short-sleeve summer dress that had been washed so many times it was heartbreaking at how thread bare and thin the material was.

Please give to the best of your ability to support Shop with a Cop. It meets an important need.

The Compassionate Food Ministry is also raising money to supply small turkeys to the food insecure obtaining help through the food pantry. See that story on how to donate for that project.

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POWELL

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a juvenile display of bad boys trying to prove who has the bigger balls, with Acosta apparently tussling with a White House intern trying to take back the microphone.

Not only did Acosta refuse to be civil, he refused to remember he was a guest, with no more rights to be in the White House than any tourist with a kid and a camera. His access to the president is a privilege granted by the White House, which, as past presidents demonstrated, is revocable at any time for any reason. Obama kicked Fox News reporters from his campaign plane and replaced them with reporters from minority magazines. Obama also

violated the constitutional rights of reporters by seizing the personal and business phone records without court orders, but that is a topic for another discussion, and a reminder that this bad blood did not start with this administration.

Trump also ignored an important rule: Never get into an argument with someone who buys paper by the ton. There was a time when newspapers distributed their news on paper, and could generate as much bad or good press about someone as the publication could afford. That is not the case today. Most newspapers have an online site. And broadcast journalists, like Acosta, have multiple social media accounts along with their organization's Web pages. Who needs paper when you can blanket the earth electronically?

No one really wins in this obscene and ridiculous war of words or battle of the buzzes. Any victory is short-lived and shortsighted.

CNN's ratings will increase among those more interested in rumor, gossip and innuendo than facts, figures and intelligent discussion of the important issues facing our country and the world. And Acosta gets to talk about how Trump did a bad thing to him. But, today, the families and victims of the California bar murders are not feeling sorry for him. Ditto for the girls and boys who will suffer real abuse in many forms before the end of the day.

Trump may have increased his standing among those who do not like the media, but he did nothing to repair the country's widening political and social divisions. He strengthened part of his

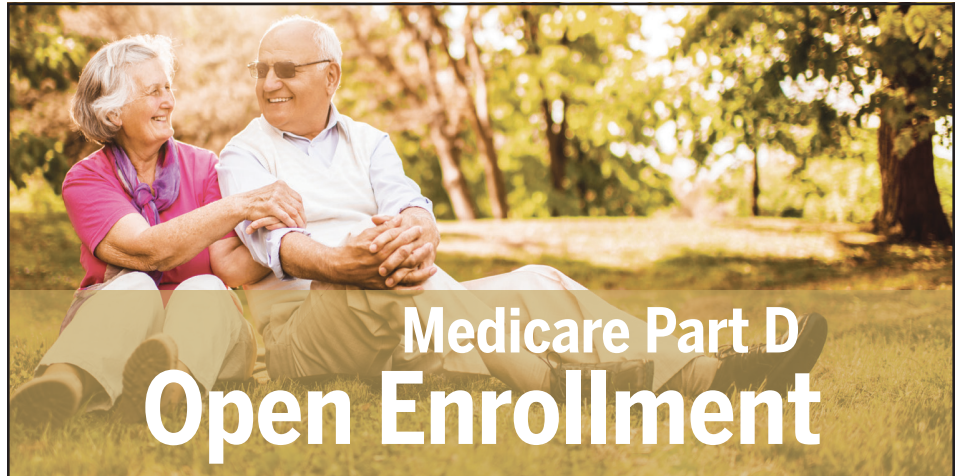
base, but he weakened a great many others who keep telling their friends to give the guy a chance. He is becoming a caricature of a caricature during a dangerous time, quickly eroding what remains of any confidence in his leadership.

Acosta needs to put on his big-boy pants and be something other than an attention grabber working to strengthen his position for the next round of contract negotiations. Trump needs to realize he is the president of everyone and is above the pettiness of petulant journalists. And both of them need to realize rolling in the mud with the pigs may be fun, but in the end, you all become sausage.

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Fundraising helps HRC install special toilet facility



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Work is ready to start on a fully accessible restroom at the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark County's building behind the Horizon Health Hospital. Left to right, Andy Switzer, Jeremy Gosnell, Paul Jansen, Sandra Liebe, Chris Sunkel, Tony Sanders, Kara Jones, Allison Williams, Cathy Smith, Shirley Fiscus, Karen Switzer, Marilyn Marks Frey and David Fiscus.

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An unusual sort of groundbreaking occurred Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Staff at the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark County ceremoniously took a sledgehammer to a wall inside the facility that houses the HRC commercial laundry op-

eration. The building is located behind the Horizon Health Hospital on Court Street.

After a few swings knocked some holes in the wall, the real work was handed over to a crew from Central States Construction. The project involves converting the space into a fully accessible restroom for HRC clients facing mobility issues

that make eliminating bodily waste impossible without help.

"We do have ADA compliant restrooms, but they aren't big enough in some cases," said Alison Williams.

Some of HRC's consumers may be quadriplegic or have other conditions that require one or more people assisting them in the restroom.

Williams said the current restrooms are too small for the client and two assistants to work well in placing the individual on the toilet. It can be done but remains a challenge.

When completed the new restroom will have adequate space for maneuvering someone from a wheelchair. It will also have a hoist for safer lifting of people.

"The new restroom will provide a little more dignity for the person," said Williams.

She cited several sources that made the improvement possible. Psychologist Marilyn Marks Frey gave a donation and 100 Women Who Care, Edgar County, also assisted.

HRC's Disco-Go Festival helped with fundraising efforts, and money from HRC's annual online auction starting this month is going to the project. Donations are still being accepted on the HRC website.

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KANSAS

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anymore," said trustee Steve Hood.

Carrell explained another reason for prohibiting chickens was to prevent people from making a leap to conclude that if chickens are allowed then keeping cows, pigs or goats must also be OK. He stressed the decision to amend the ordinance prohibiting chickens was made with the best information available at the time.

Since that time, Slaymaker approached the village and made an argument for keeping the hens. She was compliant with every aspect of the ordinance except paying the required \$25 fee, which she subsequently did.

The amended ordinance presented for a vote Nov. 7 still prohibits the keeping of chickens within the village, but it also grandfathered any existing flocks for the duration of the animals' lives.

"When they are gone, they are gone," said Carrell.

Hood supported the change noting Slaymaker

was the only chicken proponent who came to the village board.

Trustee Susan Saxton also supported grandfathering in Slaymaker's flock.

"She is the only one who has cared to come and talk to us about it," said Saxton. "She complied with the ordinance when she built her coop and was probably above what the ordinance required. When she did that chickens were allowed."

The village board voted four to two in favor of outlawing chickens, while grandfathering Slaymaker as a pre-existing condition.

Following the meeting, Slaymaker said the compromise was acceptable even though it means she cannot replace any hens that die.

"My chickens are less than a year old so they can live several years," said Slaymaker.

She also said her son has lost chickens to death and understands that can happen in the future. Letting the flock disappear through attrition is more preferable to Slaymaker than having to relocate all of the birds at

one time.

Both the trustees and Slaymaker expressed regret at how the whole issue unnecessarily blew up on Facebook.

Carrell finds it frustrating residents don't bother to educate themselves and get involved with the serious issues in the village but take to social media to snipe at trustees and each other over something easily solvable by discussing issues at a village board meeting.

Paris Police Sgt. James Ealy made a presentation seeking a donation for Shop with a Cop.

"It's a win-win for everybody," said Ealy. "These kids need winter clothing and a lot of these kids don't have a lot of positive interaction with police."

According to Ealy, 42 children from Kansas participated in the 2017 Shop with a Cop and the number for 2018 has jumped to 69.

The trustees approved a \$1,500 donation and an audience member, who wished to remain anonymous, gave Ealy a \$500 check.

EDGAR

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elevator will require replacement.

When the elevator was first installed the decision makers at that time took the path of least resistance rather than considering something more aesthetic for the building. The elevator shaft was placed within an open space from the third floor to the basement that was part of the original design to bring natural light to the interior spaces and help with ventilation.

Near the end of the meeting, Voigt followed up on a discussion from the Monday, Nov. 5, study session and said he planned to send a letter to areas of the county that are not part of the special service

ambulance district to officially determine interest for expanding ambulance service into new areas.

This move was prompted early in the year when the Northern Edgar County Ambulance Service (NECAS) raised the subject as a possible way to overcome funding and personnel problems.

NECAS serves Young America, Ross, Prairie, Shiloh, Edgar and Brouillets Creek townships. The Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance (ECSSAA) covers Hunter, Stratton, Elbridge, Paris, Symmes, Buck and Grandview townships.

Embarrass Township contracts with ECSSAA for ambulance service, and a volunteer ambulance service operates in Kansas Township.

One issue for the county board is a desire to rebid the contract for the special service area so they must know if the next contract is for the current seven townships or if the area is expanding.

"We need to hear from these other areas in the next month or two so we know what we are doing," board member Karl Farnham Jr. said at the Nov. 5 study session.

One issue is how to create a five-year contract that lets other areas come into the ambulance district for service even though it will take up to two years before the new addition are paying taxes into the system to help offset operating costs.

"We want a stable ambulance service at the most economical price," said Voigt.

SHERIFF

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County gave incumbent Republican Bruce Rauner 62 percent of the vote but Rauner only captured 39 percent in the whole election and lost to Democratic challenger JB Pritzker 2.3 million to 1.7 million votes.

The unpopular Rauner was not the lowest polling Republican by percentage. Jason Helland, Republican candidate for Secretary of State, came in just under 30 percent of the vote total against the dominating 67 percent of incumbent Democrat Jesse White.

Other Democrat state office holders winning re-election are state comptroller Susan Mendoza 2.5 million votes to Republican Darlene Senger's 1.6 million; and Democrat state

treasurer Mike Frerichs' 2.4 million votes over Republican Jim Dodge's 1.7 million.

A new person was going into the attorney general's office regardless of the outcome since incumbent Lisa Madigan did not seek re-election. Democrat Kwame Raoul won the office with 2.3 million votes. Republican candidate Erika Harold polled 1.8 million votes.

Voting turnout for this election was heavy with 51.14 percent of registered voters in Edgar County going to the polls either on election day or early voting at the courthouse.

"We knew it would be heavy," said county clerk and recorder August Griffin. "We had almost 1,500 early votes."

He added the office also saw an increase of people

registering to vote prior to the election.

"I've never seen a turnout like this," said election judge Nancy Coffey, who worked the polling place for Paris precincts 4, 5 and 15.

Coffey has volunteered as an election judge for approximately five years and said the normal response at her poll is around 200 people. A total of 459 people came in to the polling place Nov. 6 to vote.

"We even had a 48-year-old woman who had never voted before," said Coffey. "She said with the way things are going she thought it was important to vote."

Griffin was pleased with the large turnout, which is unusual for a mid-term election.

"The more that get involved the better for the county," he said.

WATER

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from \$24 to \$33.

"Our rate increase is not as great as I thought it might be," said Mayor Dan Owen.

The mayor asked Keifer's opinion regarding spending money to fix Chrisman's water source or bringing water in

from outside.

"I'd get out of the water business," said Keifer. "This crazy nitrite thing is the straw that broke the camel's back as far as I'm concerned. We would spend as much, if not more, on this plant."

Buying water from Paris is not an immediate fix for Chrisman.

"Getting an EPA loan is a long drawn out process," said Keiser, while urging the council to give this issue top priority and make a decision at the Nov. 19 council meeting so Paris can move ahead with plans

"It's hard to say no to something like this with the condition of our water," said Owen.



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C-wood eighth graders unbeaten

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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A host of local middle schools are wrapping up their girls' basketball seasons this week and finding late season success in the process.

Crestwood School honored their eighth grade girls team at the traditional eighth grade night Thursday (Nov. 8). The team has not lost a game as seventh graders or eighth graders and are currently 39-0.

This is the same team that won the IESA Class 2A state championship in 2017 at Paris High School after running through the regular season undefeated.

CRESTWOOD 7TH GRADE VS. CUMBERLAND

The seventh grade girls' basketball team dominated Cumberland Tuesday night (11/6) in large part due to an offensive showing from the team.

After jumping out to an early lead, Crestwood managed to hold onto it as they forced their will throughout, winning 39-10.

Gracie Dyer led the team in scoring, steals and rebounding with 13 points, six steals and seven rebounds. Graci Watson poured in four points, six rebounds and five steals for Crestwood.

CRESTWOOD 8TH GRADE VS. CUMBERLAND

The eighth grade Crestwood girls' basketball team showed the same dominance that they have all season as they defeated Cumberland Tuesday night (11/6) 49-9.

Gracie Adams led the team offensively with 16 points, also grabbing a team-high five rebounds. Trinity Tingley scored seven points on the night while also grabbing eight steals. Jacoba Harcar had five points with six steals.

MAYO 7TH GRADE VS. TUSCOLA

The seventh grade Mayo girls' basketball team came out hot Tuesday night (11/6) as they rolled to a 26-14 victory over Tuscola.

Maddy Ramsey scored a team-high eight points against Tuscola while also grabbing seven rebounds. Aubrey Wilson added six points to go along with five steals and six rebounds. Peighton Smith was impressive on defense, racking up eight rebounds and three steals to go along with her three points. Pip Philippi scored four points and had six steals as well.

MAYO 8TH GRADE VS. TUSCOLA

The Mayo eighth grade girls' basketball team suffered a tough loss Tuesday night (11/6) as they fell to Tuscola in a close 23-20 matchup.

Emma Kemper led the team offensively in the effort with eight points along with four steals and three rebounds. Steph Johnson scored four points and six rebounds. Aubrey Wilson scored three points, three steals and five rebounds

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Lady Tigers ready to go

Paris girls working to take the next step after bowing out of the Class 3A regionals in

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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After a season where your team posted a 23-6 record and won the Little Illini Conference tournament, a fan might think the hunger would not be as intense for the Paris Lady Tiger basketball team.

That is definitely not the case with 2018-2019 edition of the Lady Tigers.

Most of the members of this team still have the opening game of the Rantoul class 3A regional still fresh in their minds.

The Lady Tigers were defeated by Champaign Central by the score of 47-44 and walked off the court wondering what might have been.

Fast forward to this season. Paris learned to never take any team for granted after that regional loss and will no doubt use the abrupt end to

their 2017 campaign as fuel.

Coach Dave Tingley knows that his team is focused from the onset as they begin their season on Monday.

"The girls we have returning are very hungry after last year's disappointing ending," Tingley said. "Overall, the season was successful, but we wanted more. This has driven our focus and work ethic ever since."

Tingley has just two seniors on this year's team, but they are providing leadership as the season begins.

"My seniors have talked with the team about preparing for the postseason — and they drive the practices with this goal in mind," Tingley noted.

Those two seniors are Brooklyn Westerfield, who was a starter for the Tigers last season and Emilee Roush

who missed most of last year with a knee injury.

There will be plenty of experience on the floor for the Lady Tigers this year as Tingley returns four starters from last season's squad.

Juniors Sarah Isaf and Jenna Gates — who each earned first-team all-conference honors last season in the LIC — will be counted on to provide valuable minutes again this year.

Fellow junior Karrington Krabel — who earned second-team LIC all-conference honors a season ago — also returns.

Coach Tingley praises the play of Krabel. "Her defensive ability and hustle is unmatched on our team," he said.

Yet another junior is Kelsey Crampton who will start for the Lady Tigers as well and

will be a presence in the paint.

Kylie Arnett — who is also (you guessed it) a junior, will also see plenty of time in the backcourt for Tingley. Junior Chloe Noel, sophomore Emma Henderson and a trio of freshmen — Madyson Rigdon, Katelyn Littleton and Jayden McClaskey — round out the roster for the Tigers.

The girls have been busy all summer in preparation for Monday night, the Lady Tiger coach said. Tingley is ready for the ball to be thrown in the air.

"We have prepared and feel confident after having a summer full of games and practices," he explained. "The last two weeks have been an extension of the areas we looked to improve upon from last season. I am excited to see them in action on the court again this season."

Paris opens their season on Monday night as they host the Cumberland Lady Pirates at 6:15 p.m.

On Tuesday, the Third Annual North American Lighting Tournament tips-off with the Lady Tigers playing Terre Haute North at 5:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, Paris will play Decatur Eisenhower, and on Friday they face the same Champaign Central team that ended their season just eight months ago.

Tingley encourages fans to cheer his squad on.

"We have always had a great fan base come out to support our team. We thank the loyal fans who consistently do so." However, he added "For those of you who haven't seen our team in the past few seasons, I invite you to come and take a look. They are talented, driven, and fun to watch."

A MAGICAL FOOTBALL SEASON ENDS IN THE PLAYOFFS



Adonna Bennett/The Prairie Press

Led by Paris Coach Jeremy Clodfelder, the senior football players leave the field together for the final time Saturday at Effingham High School. The undefeated Tigers fell to the Flaming Hearts 30-14 in the second round of the IHSA Class 4A playoffs. It was an emotional scene for the seniors, many of whom have been playing football together since fourth grade.

Tigers give their all but fall 30-14

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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EFFINGHAM — When players, coaches, parents, and fans look back at the 2018 Paris Tiger football season, there is no doubt that a smile will appear on their faces.

The magical journey came to an end Saturday afternoon (Nov. 3) in Effingham as the Tigers fell to the Hearts in the second round of the Class 4A playoffs 30-14. Paris ends their season with a 10-1 record while Effingham (9-2) will host Kankakee (McNamara) today.

For the better part of the past three months, the talk around town has been the success of the Tigers. Though he is quick to deflect any praise directed his way, Tiger Coach Jeremy Clodfelder is smack dab in the middle of the program's about-face.

"I am just so proud of this team and all that they have accomplished this season," said the third-year coach. "I will remember them as champions. That's something that you can't take away from them."

Paris ran the table in the Little Illini Conference, finishing with a perfect 8-0 mark. They also were the first 10-win team in school history, were the first team to win a playoff game, and the first team to earn the right to host a playoff game.

Effingham wasted little time in establishing their game plan against the



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Paris senior wide-receiver Caleb Mullenix slips away from an Effingham defender in Saturday's (Nov. 3) playoff game against the Flaming Hearts.

Tigers on Saturday afternoon. Their first seven plays from scrimmage were rushes by tailback Kendall Ballman. The senior running back accounted for all 66 yards on the opening drive, capping it off with a 30-yard touchdown reception from Landon Wolfe.

Paris had the opportunity to end the Effingham drive on the previous play from scrimmage, but the pass from Wolfe bounced off the hands of the Tiger defender opening the door for the TD pass on the next play. Paris trailed

7-0 at the 8:55 mark of the first quarter.

In the few times that the Tigers have trailed this season, they have wasted little time in getting themselves right back into the game. Saturday was no exception.

Paris started their only possession of the first quarter at their own 32-yard line. Caleb Mullenix got things going with a five-yard scamper, followed by a seven-yard run by Coy Landrum.

Quarterback Caleb Gates — playing with a broken thumb on his throw-

ing hand — completed his first pass to Josh Willmoth for a nine yard gain. Landrum then converted on third-and-1 to keep the drive alive.

Facing a fourth-and-3 at the Effingham 37-yard line, Gates found his favorite target in Mullenix in the middle of the field. Mullenix dashed towards the end zone, but was tripped up at the four-yard line giving Paris a first-and-goal. Nathan Zorn plowed his way in on the next play, Garrett King split the uprights and the score was tied at 7-7 at the 4:52 mark of the first period.

Effingham received the ball at their own one yard line on the kickoff and returned it to their own 20. They then proceeded to go on an 18-play, 80-yard drive that was capped off by yet another Wolfe to Ballman connection, this time from 23-yards away to make the score 14-7 Hearts. The drive ate nearly eight minutes of game time off of the clock.

Paris began their next drive at their own 27-yard line and embarked on a long drive of their own. The Tigers marched into Effingham territory on a 10-play drive but, they failed to convert on a fourth-and-10 at the Hearts' 44-yard line and turned the ball over on downs.

The Tiger defense did their job on the next Effingham drive, and forced the first three-and-out for either team. Effingham buried the Tigers deep in

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their own territory on their next possession. Three plays into the Tiger drive, Ballman intercepted Hunter Newlin's pass, and the Hearts took over at the Tiger 17-yard line with 1:53 left in the half. Three straight runs by Brown set up a fourth-and-3 at the Tiger 10-yard line. The middle of the Tiger defensive line penetrated and stopped Brown shy of the first down marker, and the Tigers took over on downs with just 0:36 left in the half. Paris picked up 15 yards on successive plays, but a sack ended the first half with the score 14-7 Effingham.

Paris won the opening coin toss but deferred to the second half, so the Tigers hoped to cut into the Hearts' lead early. The Effingham defense pushed the Tigers back on the drive and forced Paris to punt on fourth-and-16. Kicking into a steady 15 mile-per-hour wind, Effingham took over at the Tiger 33-yard line following an 11-yard punt.

The Paris defense looked to stop the Hearts but a third straight fourth-down conversion by Effingham kept the drive alive. Three plays later, Brown plowed his way into the end zone from 12-yards away to make the score 21-7 with 6:20 left in the third period.

Many times throughout the course of a season, a special teams play can change the course of a game. When Effingham kicked off following their third touchdown, this happened.

Mullenix fielded the ball at his own 15-yard line and streaked straight up the middle of the field before being tackled at the Effingham 32-yard line. Following a pair of runs by backup quarterback Hunter Newlin, the Tigers faced a



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Tiger senior quarterback Caleb Gates looks for an open receiver in Saturday's playoff game at Effingham. Gates was playing with a broken thumb on his throwing hand.

fourth-and-5 at the 27-yard line. Newlin zipped a pass into the wind and into the arms of Mullenix for the score. King tacked on the extra point to make the score 21-14 with 4:39 left in the third quarter.

With Effingham unable to run the ball early on in the third, the Hearts took to the air on their next drive, but the Hearts were forced to punt after a three-and-out.

Paris took possession of the ball at the 20-yard line. The Tigers were able to pick up a first down on their next drive, but Newlin was stopped just short of the first-down marker and the Hearts took over on the Tiger 43-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Ballman broke loose and headed towards the right pylon. He was stopped just short of the goal line but Wolfe scored on a quarterback sneak on the next play to put the Hearts up 28-14 with 11:40 left in the contest.

Illini face Nebraska today

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Even though Illinois and Nebraska have just three Big Ten wins between them, both enter their game Saturday believing they're on the verge of breakthroughs.

The Illini (4-5, 2-4) have doubled their win total from 2017 and are coming off their best performance of the season in a 55-31 victory over Minnesota. The Cornhuskers (2-7, 1-5) went into the Horseshoe and played eighth-ranked Ohio State to within 36-31.

Illinois quarterback AJ Bush spent the first two years of his college career at Nebraska. He played a year at Iowa Western Community College and another year at Virginia Tech before landing with the Illini this season.

The Illini are going for their

fifth win, which would be the program's most since 2015, and must win two of their last three to be bowl eligible for the first time since 2014.

Illinois lost by 22 and 15 points in Coach Lovie Smith's first two games against Nebraska. This year's team is better than his first two.

"You get to a point where — boom — you can really see yourself ready to take off," Smith said. "We love being three-touchdown underdogs going into an environment like that."

The game matches the nation's two most improved rushing offenses. Illinois' Reggie Corbin is averaging 106 yards per game to rank third in the Big Ten.

GIRLS

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through the contest.

MAYO 7TH GRADE VS. CUMBERLAND

The seventh grade Mayo team managed to pull out a win in a close game with Cumberland Monday night (11/5), defeating the team 23-15.

Stephanie Johnson scored seven points for the Lady Redbirds and led the team with seven steals and three assists as well. Peighton Smith scored four points while also grabbing a team-high six rebounds and five steals. Aubrey Wilson also contributed four points, three steals and three rebounds for the team.

just 129 yards of total offense. Effingham gained 354 yards as a team, with 286 of those yards coming on the ground. Paris ran the ball 27 times and gained just 44 yards. Fifty-one of Effingham's 68 total plays were rushes.

Newlin led the Tigers with 24 yards rushing on the day, followed closely by Landrum with 23. Mullenix gained four yards on a pair of carries; Zorn had three carries for three yards and a touchdown. Mullenix hauled in four passes for 83 yards and a touchdown, Josh Willmoth caught three passes for seven yards, and Mason Hutchings caught one ball for -5 yards. Newlin completed four-of-10 passes for 45 yards, one touchdown, and a pair of interceptions. Gates was four-of-11 for 40 yards.

Following the game, a very emotional coach Clodfelder praised the effort of his team; specifically his seniors — Caleb Gates, Caleb Mullenix, Josh Willmoth, Cooper Block, Johnny Henson, Jacob Gates and Austin Ricketts played their final game for the Tigers.

"I think about how those guys went from going 0-9 as freshmen to walking off the field today as champions," Clodfelder said. "They had a 10-1 record, a conference championship, and a Sweet 16 finish in class 4A."

Clodfelder also wanted to praise the Paris fans and residents for their support.

"How about our town? We may have emptied out Paris today as there was orange and black as far as I could see on our sideline. I am just so blessed and privileged to be the coach in a community that has embraced everything that we are trying to accomplish. I'm proud, proud, proud to be a Paris Tiger."

MAYO 8TH GRADE VS. CUMBERLAND

A tight defensive game ended with Mayo pulling out a 19-8 win over host Cumberland Monday night (11/5).

Zoe Sanders led the Lady Redbirds in scoring with six points and four rebounds. Caradan Hoffman scored three points and was very effective on the defensive end as well, with three steals and four rebounds. Emma Kemper managed six steals and three rebounds on the night.

Bears get Khalil Mack back

LAKE FOREST, Ill. (AP) — Khalil Mack will save some secrets for the Detroit Lions on Sunday at Soldier Field.

Asked if he would be 100 percent healthy or hindered by the sprained right ankle he suffered Oct. 14, the Chicago Bears' pass rusher smiled on Friday, but hedged.

"You want me to give up everything?" Mack said. "When I get there, I'm going to try to be myself."

If that means 100 percent healthy, it could be a problem for Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford — especially after the Lions (3-5) gave up 10 sacks to the Minnesota Vi-

kings last week. Mack has been out two weeks but practiced Friday to complete three straight days of full work. He is not listed on Chicago's injury report and is expected to play.

Also expected to play is wide receiver Allen Robinson (groin), who was dropped from the injury list after completing Friday's practice.

"They're doing good right now and I like what I see," Bears coach Matt Nagy said. "So we've just got to continue to keep it in that direction. And if we do, then come game time, we'll be able to make a decision and feel good one way or the other."

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Shiloh School honors veterans

BY GARY HENRY
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HUME – Area veterans were honored during a special Veterans Day observance Thursday, Nov. 8, at Shiloh School.

The school's National Honor Society sponsored the event featuring a breakfast for the veterans and during the assembly veterans Steve Allen and Marvin Smith addressed the students.

Allen, a retired Shiloh guidance counselor, was a 1969-1970 Marine Corps combat officer. As part of the presentation, a faded black and white image of a group of young men was shown on the screen.

These were the boys under Allen's command in Vietnam. He described them as the grunts who were in country for weeks at a time to the point their clothes were frequently rotting off them when they returned to base.

"Look at the picture," Allen told the students. "You see blacks, Asians and whites. There was a Cherokee, and I had a Samoan and a Hawaiian. We were a mixture of America."

He said they put aside differences and became a unit fighting for America. He also decried the divisiveness that is



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Shiloh School held a special Veterans Day program Thursday, Nov. 8, to honor veterans in the school district. Those attending stood and paid homage during the playing of taps.

polarizing the country saying there is room for all opinions and Americans need to talk with one another to work out differences.

Allen also asked the students to honor the flag.

"The flag is a symbol that stands for an idea," said Allen. "That's what America is – an idea."

Smith served from 1957 to 1959 and is considered a Korean War era veteran, although he was not deployed to Korea. He told the students about participating in a recent honor

flight to Washington, D.C., and described it as a moving experience.

The group visited the World War II, Korea and Vietnam memorials.

Smith was especially impressed with the Korea monument that includes statuary of soldiers walking in a manner to watch each other's backs.

"Wherever you stood, one of those soldiers had an eye on you," said Smith.

The return flight was delayed because of weather and Smith was surprised to find

300 people waiting to greet the veterans at the Springfield airport despite the late hour.

"That was an emotional experience," he said.

Smith listed off the number of Americans killed during World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. It totals more than 645,000 who died while fighting for the country.

"That's how we got our freedom today, because somebody sacrificed their life," said Smith.

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Local communities observe Veterans Day

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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This is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day, and the local American Legion has planned a special Veterans Day program.

"It is a special year because it's also the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day," said American Legion Post 211 Commander Jim Robison.

Armistice Day, also Veterans Day, is commemorated every year on Nov. 11 to mark the cessation of fighting in World War I. The agreement signed between the Allies and Germany called for ending the hostilities at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

Following World War II, Armistice Day became Veterans Day in the United States to recognize the contribution of military personnel in that war to preserving freedom.

"Veterans Day is not to be confused with Memorial Day," said Robison, explaining Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans, while Memorial Day honors those who died while in military service.

The local service is 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, at the War Memorial on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn. The Paris High School band will march with the veteran color guard to the memorial playing a medley of armed forces songs.

The band will also perform the national anthem before Robison opens the program, and high school trumpet players will play taps. King Sutton will deliver both the opening and closing prayers, and special guest speaker this year is Daniel Briseno.

"Briseno is planning to tell some old veterans' stories important to our county history," said Robison.

The annual dinner follows the program at the Paris Veterans of Foreign Wars Post. All county veterans, their spouses and surviving veterans' spouses are invited to the meal sponsored by Prospect Bank.

Paris is not the only community observing Veterans Day.

The Brocton American Legion Post is hosting a dinner for veterans prepared by the post auxiliary at 6 p.m. today, Nov. 10. Dana Hales is the guest speaker.

In Chrisman, the Chrisman American Legion Post is having a lunch meal Sunday, Nov. 11, at the post home.

The Hume American Legion Veterans Day program is scheduled at 11 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 11, featuring a meal and a guest speaker.

The Kansas American Legion and Sons of the American Legion host the annual community appreciation dinner at 11 a.m. today, Nov. 10. Members of the Kanas American Legion Coral Hall Post 539 and Sons of the American Legion Squadron 539 participated in the Kansas School Veterans Day program at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9. Guest speaker was Terry Hackett.

Santa Claus is visiting Shiloh

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HUME – Santa and Mrs. Claus are making a special pre-Christmas trip to the area in early December.

They are visiting Shiloh School 9-11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, for a Pancakes and Pajamas breakfast. The Post Prom parents and junior class members are serving pancakes and sausage for \$6 at the door. Everyone is invited to wear their coziest pajamas and sit with Santa for a picture and visit the art table to make a craft.

In addition, the event features two raffles prize packages full of the hottest Christmas toys for 2018. One toy collection is Barbie-themed and includes the all-new Barbie Care Clinic and dolls. The other package features the brand-new Hot Wheels Corkscrew Crash Race Set and FurReal Munchin' Rex. Another prize is a homemade Christmas wreath.

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in jail with credit for 23 days previously served and the balance of time subject to a motion to vacate, two years of probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. She was allowed to relocate to Alabama for service of the probation sentence. In exchange for the plea, the state dismissed a Class 1 felony delivery of methamphetamine charge and a Class A misdemeanor possession of cannabis charge.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Shannon Affeldt, 34, Mossville, pleaded not guilty

with a jury trial demand to a Class 1 felony residential burglary charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Charla M. Cline, 39, Paris, waived the preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Kent D. Coburn, 54, Danville, denied a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol conviction. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Judith M. Heneghan-Fletcher, 47, Hume,

pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charges. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Jamaica Nicole Kennedy, 31, Danville, failed to appear in court. The preliminary hearing was held without her and she was formally charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender entered a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand on her behalf and an arrest warrant was issued.

■Larry D. Lowry, 46, Kansas, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony burglary charge. The

matter was continued for the pretrial conference.

■Courtney R. Swinford, 26, Paris, denied a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice conviction. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Patrick M. Thompson, 53, Kansas, denied a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Ronnie L. West, 47, Hume, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■Heather Nicole Eads, 29, Paris, failed to appear in court for a second time. The original 10-day jail sentence was vacated and a new 60-day sentence was imposed by the court. The warrant for her arrest remains outstanding.

■Joseph W. Britton, 24, Dana, Ind., learned the state withdrew a petition to revoke his court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound conviction.

■William A. Forshee, 42, Paris, was sentenced for a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license revoked conviction. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail subject to work release, two years of probation, court costs and various state fees. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license charge.

■Michael J. Trover, 50, Paris, was sentenced for a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender conviction. He was ordered to serve 30 days in jail subject to a motion to vacate, two years of conditional discharge, court costs and various state fees. He was also ordered to comply with all sex offender registration laws.

WARRANTS

Warrants were issued and ordered prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Gretchen L. Biddle, 38, Paris; Cody D. Craig, 34, Paris; Dylan W. Breeding, 24, Kansas; Natalie L. Foltz, 52, Terre Haute, Ind.; Richard A. Marietta, 27, Paris; Trent B. Powell, 38, Brocton; Mary Jo Tatum, 46, Marion; and Alisha N. Young, 25, Paris.

EVELYN BIGGS

Evelyn Mae Biggs, 83, of Paris, passed away at 1:10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, 2018, at Paris Healthcare Center.

A graveside service is 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 14, at

OBITS

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PATRICIA YARGUS

MARSHALL – Patricia Margaret Madigan Yargus, 93, of Marshall, passed away at 8:50 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018, in the Gibson Center For Inpatient Hospice Care, Terre Haute, Ind.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, with the Rev. Augustine Koomson as celebrant. Burial was in the Marshall Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 6, at Pearce Funeral Home, with a liturgical wake service at 3:30 PM.

Mrs. Yargus was born June 5, 1925, at Brocton, the daughter of the late Patrick H. and Rosa Ann Carroll Madigan. She married Lloyd A. Yargus Nov. 25, 1942, at St. Louis, Mo., and he preceded her in death Nov. 16, 2010.

Surviving are her children, Loretta Allen of Marshall, Linda (Rick) Hardway of Petersburg, Larry (Jenny Higginbotham) Yargus and Lyle

Yargus, both of Marshall; grandchildren, Christina Hardway, Tricia Hardway, Joe A. Hardway, Anne Sheehy, Catherine Shaffer, Margaret Steward, Matthew Yargus and Adam Yargus; great-grandchildren, Jonah Fried, Eliza Fried, Ava Hardway, Drew Hardway, Keil Roberts, Ella Roberts, Benjamin Sheehy, Tommy Sheehy, Rose Shaffer, Patrick Shaffer and Riley Newlin; and her special caregiver, Alona Conrad.

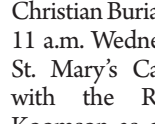
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Louella Casteel; son-in-law, LaDonne Mitchell; a sister, Mary Ax; and two brothers, Jerry and John Madigan.

Mrs. Yargus was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church and the Altar Society of the church. She formerly volunteered at the Marshall Food and Clothing Bank, was a member of Clark County Home Extension and the Clark County Republican Women's Club. But most of all she was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to all who knew her.

Memorial donations may be made to the Marshall Cemetery Association.

Online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

YARGUS



George E. Spencer, 87, of Paris, passed away at 8:45 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018, at Horizon Health Hospital.

A funeral service is 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Burial in York Cemetery at West Union is accompanied by military honors provided by American Legion Post 211 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3601. Visitation is from 1 p.m. until the service time Monday at the funeral home.

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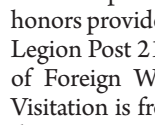
RALPH COOK

MARSHALL – Ralph Lowell Cook passed away Nov. 6, 2018, at Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis, Ind.

A service honoring his life was 11 a.m. Friday, Nov. 9, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Brother Paul Cooper officiating. Military graveside rites accompanied burial in Livingston Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

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COOK



A service honoring his life is 2 p.m. today, Nov. 10, at Pearce Funeral Home. Burial is in the Livingston Cemetery. Visitation is from noon until the service time today at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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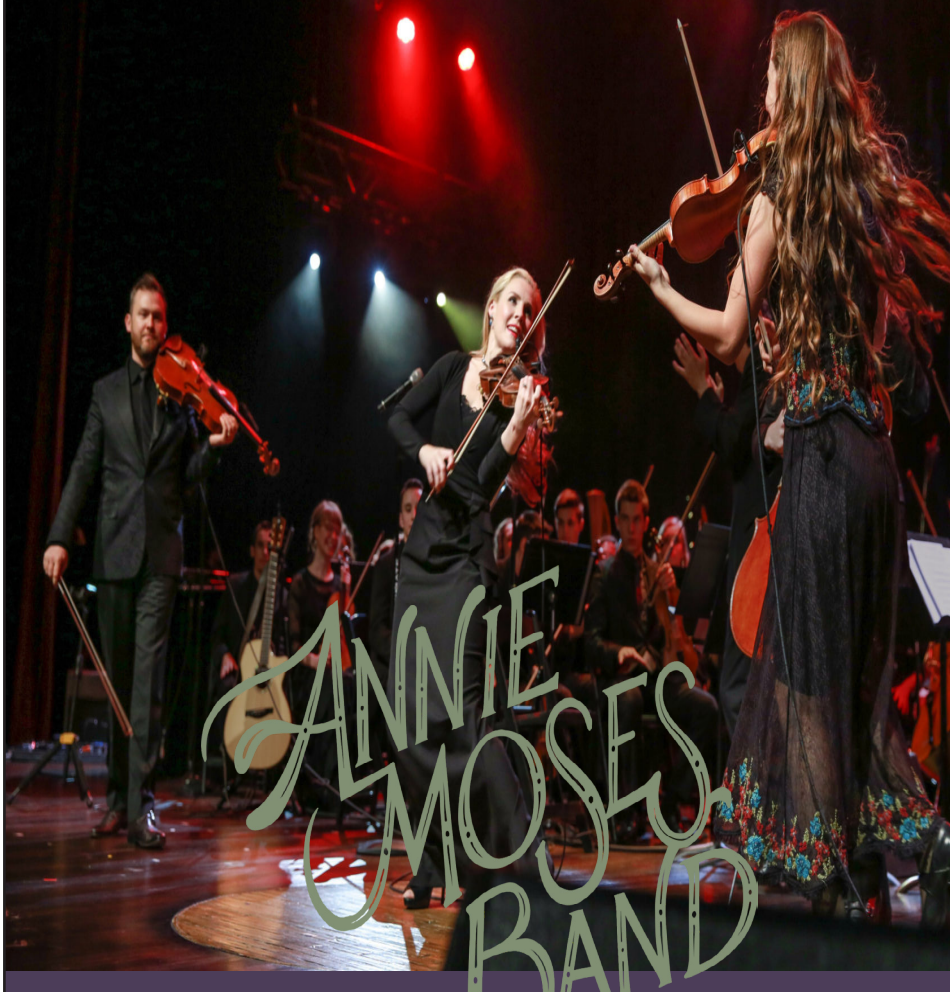
MARSHALL – Jack Porter Jr., 82, of West Terre Haute, Ind., and formerly of Marshall, passed away at 7:36 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, 2018, at Gibson Family Hospice Inpatient Unit, Terre Haute.

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Good memories of Chuck Hand

No one will ever outrank Chuck Hand as one of my greatest friends. Chuck recently fought a courageous, but losing struggle with cancer and passed into eternity at age 75. We were the same age. Our friendship originated as college mates and fellow geography majors. During my senior year we roomed together in an off-campus house, further cementing life-long ties. Later, we taught school in the same facility for 14 years. We treasured fun. Lots of stories linger about the Hand-Englebright connection with pranks and shenanigans, many of them distorted with the passage of time. I'd like to share a couple.

ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT
OLD CODGER

The house where we roomed was about one block east of campus owned by a nice old man named Arthur, whom we called Gramps. He lived on a meager retirement income and resided downstairs with five of us boys. A young married couple stayed upstairs. We all paid cheap rent, but combined, the amount helped Gramps considerably. You could say we were well behaved serious students. Gramps resided in a back room and tended to stay out of our way. He liked us.

During the winter, however, poor ol' Gramps spent a month in a nursing home recovering from hernia surgery. Like the old adage, when the cat's away the mice begin to play. You might say in some ways we weren't fully developed adults. The Hand-Englebright prankishness gained fertility.

Chuck and I jealously envied one of our roommates. Ellis was another geography major, and a fun-loving buddy. He always possessed spending money, whereas the two of us lived on a bare-bones budget. Ellis also was age 21, which meant he could visit the uptown bars, play pin-ball machines and drink beer on weekend nights while we stayed home.

In addition, Ellis magically attracted girls. We didn't. Well, one night Chuck and I plotted an ornery stunt. Ellis headed uptown to spend the evening at Chink's, his favorite bar. Typically he returned after midnight plastered to the gills. The guy could chug beer after beer. You've watched the Looney Tunes Roadrunner cartoons. Every time the clever coyote lays a trap, it unfailingly backfires. Once Chuck and I had short-sheeted his bed covers but that night he was so polluted he simply collapsed on top and fell asleep, causing our prank to fail. But this night we were gonna nail him.

Chuck and I labored for two tedious hours assembling a most intelligently arranged obstacle course for Ellis to navigate. He always entered the front door, walked across the living room, and opened a bedroom door. We repositioned the furniture, piled suitcases and boxes eight feet high in front of the doors, and included some pots and pans that would rattle and clang. To illustrate our extreme brilliance, we unscrewed every light bulb so Ellis had no recourse but fumble helplessly in the dark. Then we laughed at our cunning and forced ourselves to stay awake to witness the disaster.

Predictably, the guy came home sozzled, but wouldn't you know -- he staggered into the bedroom without so much as bumping a single obstacle. For the only time that year, he had unexplainably entered from the rear alley and back door where we hadn't stacked anything.

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Angie Julian/The Prairie Press

Despite extensive damage to St. George Island, Florida, from Hurricane Michael businesses are rebounding and ready for visitors.

St. George and the dragon

St. George and Marianna catch their breath after battling hurricane

(Editor's note: The author has a home on St. George Island.)

By ANGIE JULIAN

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As Hurricane Michael was forming in the Gulf of Mexico, residents and tourists on St. George Island were unalarmed.

No one expected hurricane troubles in October, but the unseasonably warm air and water created the perfect recipe for Michael to grow in strength, moving from a Category 3 to 4 and almost a 5 just prior to landfall.

Evacuations came late and people were told it would only be a couple of days. Islanders banded together on social media and turned to the news to watch, along with the nation, as Hurricane Michael tore across the Panhandle of Florida.

The last footage from the island gave an image of a roof emerging from debris filled water. This was just before high tide.

The news reported people on the island calling for help during the storm only to be informed all emergency responders had been evacuated and help would have to wait. As the storm ceased, reports from those who stayed came through on Facebook.

Those who did not evacuate were reeling from the experience. Those who did were eager for updates on loved ones and property.

As images of destruction filled the news we had our first sign of hope. A video of someone driving across the bridge to the island was posted online. The news gave an aerial overview and houses were still standing on the island.

Soon after, the bridge to the island was opened and relief started to replace fears. We packed and started on our way to check on our own house there.

Reports from President Trump and local officials assured that help and supplies were on the way. Locals verified a strong presence forming at the airport, waiting for the all clear. With roads washed out, just getting to areas was the first challenge.

Florida's Forgotten Coast from Alligator point in the East, all the way to Mexico Beach was affected by Hurricane Michael. Crossing the border to Florida gave the first signs of Michael.

Marianna, Fla., was ripped apart at the seams. The roofs and facades of buildings were torn off leaving the insides vulnerable and exposed. More



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The community of Marianna, Florida, suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Michael.



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Devastation from Hurricane Michael included more than property damage to buildings and infrastructure. This area outside Marianna, Florida, shows the havoc the storm caused in the natural world.

power lines were down than standing, and the National Guard was standing look out. The few businesses that were not destroyed had lines of people needing supplies, food and water. It was a scene with a mixture of contractors, linemen, emergency responders, military, police, residents returning and locals trying to carry on.

Leaving Marianna the trees in the forest were snapped in half like matchsticks.

We were still 70 miles North of Panama City and had 160 miles to go to reach St. George Island and gas was sparse.

Approaching the coast we were met by police watching guard and detours around washed out coastal Highway 98. Only homeowners were allowed on St. George Island.

Things were quiet as many had not yet returned. The area had sustained damage but was not destroyed as predicted.

Finally, we approached our own house. There she was, Rosemary SGI, strong and proud with only minimal damages. We were among the lucky ones. The home of our Bayfront neighbor at the end of the street lies in a pile

next to the exposed foundation pad. It is a total loss.

Some homes sustained wind damage while others reported water damage up to nine-feet deep.

We took a sigh of relief and began to clean. Water was running with a boil order in effect. Cell towers were down, electricity was out and so was the Internet. On the island, cut off from communication, we felt the most disconnected.

To recharge we walked the beach, the reason we all go there. We greeted others doing the same. Exchanging updates, we met the family whose hot tub went missing. Their neighbor, who did not evacuate, confirmed seeing it float out into the bay.

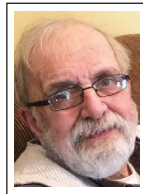
Another owner apologized for her dogs being off leash. She didn't bother since there was practically no one there. As our dogs greeted each other, I reflected this was not a day to follow those types of rules. For in that moment, the island was ours.

In the following days, Duke Power and the Florida Department of Transportation worked quickly to repair

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Scouts' mischief revealed

Beef Easter got hit by a truck when he was in grade school. I cannot remember if it was a pickup truck or a semi. He survived; as for the truck, it was towed to the junkyard. Beef, as you might imagine, was a big guy.



HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

We were in Boy Scouts together -- a much rougher enterprise in the early 1950s. Beef was one of the wildest of all. He pretty much violated a large chunk of the Boy Scout Law, but he was not alone. Under his leadership, violations flourished.

Over 60 years later, I can still recite the law. A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. They haunt you in a good way as you grow older.

We camped in the woods, located near a small town. The town is gone now, except for a few houses. Gone to the big towns, gone to the cities; the heartland empties. In the 1950s, there was a restaurant, gas station, a few stores, grain bins and the rails ran through it.

In the woods, a one-room cabin stood -- not much of a cabin, really. It housed a potbellied stove, some bunks and a few other amenities. Time rots everything and the cabin was no exception. They tore it down many years ago.

It lives in memories, talks of a time when we were young and the whole world lay before us. Ask me now what movie I watched last night on Netflix, or at the theater; where I put my glasses, hearing aids, wallet, keys, false teeth and I am stumped.

One never forgets mischief; unlike time, it has no boundaries. A few adventures in mischief are as stark as the moon in full swing. The clearest occurred when we were camping in the woods. Scouts slept in big, canvas army tents.

The tents sheltered us from rain, but invited mosquitoes, and even gave puddles an introduction. They crept into our tents; soaked ground does that, having no mercy for small boys rolled up in their blankets.

Our leaders possessed the cabin, sleeping on mattresses; warmed by the potbellied stove and sheltered from the rain by a good roof. On occasion, when the potbellied stove turned red, they opened a window, or even a door.

We were envious of those bunks, the good roof and the potbellied stove. We peeked

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Military technology eventually finds civilian use

Veterans Day has its roots in World War I, and this Nov. 11 is the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day that brought fighting to an end. Some hoped the adage WW I was the war to end all wars might hold some truth.

Military science and technology created weapons causing WW I, with 40 million deaths, to be the deadliest conflict in history to that time. WW II was worse, but the First World War proved how devastating science can be when applied to warfare.

Some of the new technologies first used in WW I included tanks created in 1915 by the British to cross no man's land between trenches. Flame throwers were designed by the Germans to burn alive soldiers holed up in bunkers and trenches. Chemical warfare was introduced in 1915 when the Germans used poison gas against the Russians. Mostly

chlorine and bromine halogen gasses, it burned the skin and lungs of soldiers, and poison gas was used by both the Central and Allied powers.

Some technology was simple but brilliant. Early aircraft had a problem

when pilots fired machine guns as they tended to shoot their own propellers apart. A Swiss engineer developed the Interrupter Gear which was a camshaft used to time the machine gun bursts with the rotating propeller. It literally fired bullets between the blades. This is the type of design which found wide spread use in industry after the war.

The old adage that necessari-

ty is the mother of invention is never truer than in war. With the horrible damage done to human bodies, better medical technology was needed.

WW I saw the development of cellulosic bandages for the first time. To deal with blood loss the first blood banks were created near the front. Blood was stored in sodium citrate to prevent clotting and type matched. Initially there were deaths from mismatched blood, but it was figured out. Modern transfusion techniques started in field hospitals.

Marie Curie herself went to the front. Working with the Red Cross they equipped vehicles with mobile X-ray machines. These "petites curies" or Little Curies helped save over a million men.

In surgery, doctors pioneered new antiseptics and sterile operating theaters and modern anesthetics. The

destructive power of weapons and chemicals left soldiers disfigured. Techniques for skin grafts and plastic surgery were perfected. There is no doubt war is hell, but it also promotes rapid advances in technology.

This is also the 60th anniversary of the Defense Advanced Research and Projects Agency (DARPA). Eisenhower authorized the agency in 1958 as a response to the Soviet Sputnik.

It still is the U.S. military science works program for developing new technologies for military use. The agency has been well run creating new weapons and counter measures.

DARPA, more than any other program, has contributed to our technology revolution. The leadership collaborates with the best universities and industrial research departments. As soon as it's safe to

do so the research is released to the public where it is used to improve lives.

For military operations it is necessary to know the weather conditions and TIROS I was launched in 1960. Proving the value of weather observation from space, it was extended into the current weather satellite and forecasting systems.

Knowing exactly where one is and having the ability to navigate is a necessity. The first Transit satellite was launched in 1960 providing all weather navigation capability. Originally developed at John Hopkins University for DARPA, by 1968 a full set of orbiting positioning satellites was in place.

Those satellites were replaced in 1996 by the Defense Department's current GPS system, which was soon opened it up to commercial

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Kansas school honor rolls released

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

KANSAS – The Kansas Community Unit School District 3 has released the first quarter awards and honor roll.

First grade – Shooting Star Award, Katelyn Norton, Dylan Vice and Xzavier Batson; Perfect Attendance Award, Harper Boedecker, Jaxson Creech, Jenna Gough and Henry Tate; Citizenship Award, Harper Boedecker; all A's, Ryder Adams, Harper Boedecker, Jaxson Creech, Jenna Gough, Nathan Gough, Kennedee Guyer, Kruz Lee, Kyson Norman, Ella Sallee, Henry Tate and Denim Wheeler.

Second grade – Shooting Star Awards, Jameson Jones, Jaxson Jones, Patricia Robison, Aubree Shannon and Maddox Adams; Perfect Attendance Award, Abdisa Eskew, Axel Hammond, Carter Rhoads, Patricia Robison and Gavin Standish; Citizenship Award, Maddox Adams; All

A's, Abdisa Eskew, Axel Hammond, Ariel Huang, Maci Hutchcraft, Edith Judd, Carter Rhoads and Gavin Standish.

Third grade – Shooting Star Award, Maloree Morris and Grace Wright; Perfect Attendance Award, Aubrey Hannah, Russell McIntyre, Maloree Morris, Anthony Smith and Grace Wright; Citizenship Award, Jlynn Westfall; All A's, Alexis Conley, Maria Ehlers, Aubrey Hannah, Hugar Morrissey, Kaden Price and Anthony Smith.

Fourth grade – honor roll, Wesley Baker, Aubrey Brandenburg, Karter Brown, Brookelyn Gough, Lincoln Judd, Addison Heltsley, Shelby Johnson, Natalie Knoll, Kahle Lee, Landen Paugh, Cara Phillips, Ben Schrock, Jasper Sutton and Alissa Vice; Perfect Attendance Award, Wesley Baker, Karter Brown, Shelby Johnson and Landen Paugh; Citizenship Award, Addison Heltsley; all A's, Wes-

ley Baker, Karter Brown, Lincoln Judd, Landen Paugh and Ben Schrock.

Fifth grade – honor roll, Noah Sill, Gage Hammond, Dustin Lowry, Joseph Shonk, Lainey Ehlers and Laila Rankin; Perfect Attendance Award, Gage Hammond and Kiera Johnson; Citizenship Award, Joseph Shonk and Hannah Jones; all A's Lainey Ehlers and Laila Rankin.

Sixth grade – honor roll, Rick Brandenburg, Nate Eskew, Tajanae Calloway, Conner Johnson, Madilynn Rideout, Blaze Cline and Arianna Sluder; Perfect Attendance award, Nate Eskew; Citizenship Award, Madilynn Rideout; all A's, Ariana Sluder.

Seventh grade – high honors, Katey Ehlers; honors, Emily Drummond, Carson Harmon, Todd Morris and Ella Noel.

Eighth grade – high honors, Brooke Baker, JT Clore and Jackson Ehlers; honors, Wyatt

Knoll, Carter Phillips, McK-insey Tate, Alexis Gallion, Dalton Ludington, Meredith Morrisey, Olivia Noel and Caydance Sill.

Tenth grade – high honors, Caleb Davidson and Melia Eskew; honors, Grace Bartels, McKayla Brown, Levi Coonce, Caden Daves, Megan Fulk, Madison Inman and Aydonne Sutton.

Eleventh grade – high honors, Ann Brown, Grace Harmon and Nick Mitchell; Selah Brimmer, Natalee Gough, Brianna Lowry, Cailynne Phillips and Catherine Shick.

Twelfth grade – high honors, Olivia Allison, Lucas Alvarez, Grace Burnside, Bailey Drummond, Maiya Eskew, Grace Hammond, Morgan Houia, Anthony Jones, Malte Kleinknecht, Ivy Shanks, Haylie Bolton and Madison Fulk; honors, Samantha Carrell, Zach Harris, Sean Harrison, Blake Lee, Melaina Noel and Trenton Pinnell.

CODGER

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The Hand-Englebright concoction had once again backfired. The two of us spent another hour restoring all the clutter come next morning.

We sorta scored one on Ellis years later, though. Credit Hand with the idea. In the teachers' lounge at Mayo School, we assembled the women teachers. We affectionately claimed them as our women, like they were our harem. They were famil-

iarized with the entire Ellis background, emphasizing the guy's ability to attract girls when we couldn't.

"Ellis will be visiting us at Mayo all day tomorrow," Chuck explained. "We want you gals to act crazy about us. Y'know, things like flirting, saying sweet things, putting on a good act."

The gals seemed hesitant at first, but two of them thoughtfully asked, "What's in it for us?" That would've been inquisitive Carol Jones and Melanie Ogle, both youngish at the time and

sorta cute on a dark night.

"Big Al and I will take ya'll out to the restaurant of your choice, let you choose the menu, and we'll pay the bill."

Our women continued to hesitate, but surprisingly performed like champions next day. That morning, while Ellis visited in the lounge, I was quite flabbergasted when a delightful Marian Yontz, home ec. teacher, old enough to be my mother, strode through the door, plopped onto my lap, wrapped a loving arm around my neck, said some coochy-coo words and

fiddled her fingers on my ear. Chuck and I reveled in this sort of treatment from the gals the entire day. Ellis was quite impressed.

We'd finally succeeded at scoring one on Ellis. I reckon the \$180 restaurant bill was worth it. Our women neglected to chip in as much as a cent. They probably laughed at scoring a big one on the two staff pinheads.

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

REYNOLDS

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from our tent at the cabin, and listened to the laughter within. A hint of rebellion, stoked by the mischief small boys carry in their minds, led to an action, which carried serious consequences.

Beef – his gift for mischief and obscene jokes

was legendary – came up with a classic Beef idea. He took his blanket to the little creek and soaked it. How he got on the roof, no one knows.

The smoke churned from the chimney full and heavy. Beef spread the blanket over the chimney; he was quicker than Saint Nick, descending in his reckless way, and beating it for his tent. We watched the cabin.

Curses rose from the cabin – glorious curses, profanity at its best. A chorus of coughing filled the air.

We hiked five miles that night. It was worth it.

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

TOPS groups meet

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

TOPS #IL 1563 met Thursday, Nov. 1, with 21 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Janet Embry, TOPS weekly best loser, best walker and food chart drawing winner; Barb Dick and Sue English tied for KOPS weekly best loser, and Dick won the walking drawing. Members walked 68 miles for the week.

Saunny Preston's program, "Perseverance and Weight Loss," stressed the importance of being diligent about food charts and keeping track of their water intake.

TOPS #IL 1563 meets every Thursday at the Highland Manor Community Room, with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting start-

ing at 9 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome and more information is available by calling 251-5190.

TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, Nov. 6, with 14 members weighing-in and 13 attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Jayne Peters, TOPS weekly loser and veggie basket winner; Mary Ruth Clark, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Myndy Wooten, top walker; and Janice Stevens, top exerciser.

Kelly Tinsman's program was about a leaky gut.

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

MILESTONES

Cash-Price are married

Matthew Cash and Kelly Price were united in marriage Sept. 29, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Morris.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Donna Price of Joliet. The groom is the son of Steve Cash and Barbara Cash, both of Paris.

Officiating for the ceremony was the bride's uncle, Deacon Peter Addotta.

The newlywed couple each graduated from Eastern Illinois University. Mrs. Cash is employed as a math teacher at Minooka Community High School in Minooka. Mr. Cash is employed as a commercial loan officer at Midland States Bank in Yorkville.

Following a honeymoon at Marco Island, Fla., the couple will continue to reside in Morris.



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HURRICANE

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to repair damages. Groceries and gas returned and businesses reopened.

Just one week after Hurricane Michael lashed through the Panhandle of Florida, Franklin County Sheriff A.J. Smith declared the island open for business and the greatest need is visitors. People are welcome to visit St. George Island and see for themselves the island that stood.

NEW AT LIBRARY

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Paris Public Library added these items to the collection during October.

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- Robert B. Parker's Colorblind – Reed Farrel Coleman
 - Button Man – Andrew Gross
 - Alaskan Holiday – Debbie Macomber
 - Killing the SS – Bill O'Reilly
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Paris Beacon-News

The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of Nov. 3-10, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris community 100 and 50 years ago this week.

NEW EPIDEMIC THREATENS

Sinister possibilities of the absents voters' act were exemplified Saturday, when in the neighborhood of a hundred affidavits were filed in behalf of voters who swore they would not be able to vote in person Tuesday. Some of them took the oath with breath reeking with the fumes of bootlegger alcohol.

The party in power in the county can absolutely guarantee the delivery of any votes which any candidate may have the hardhood to purchase. When the absent voters' ballots deposited Saturday are presented at the various election booths Tuesday they will be challenged and each one separately investigated.

FIRE DAMAGES HOUSE

The fire department was called about 11 o'clock Tuesday to the home of R. G. Lehman at 230 West Elizabeth street, where a blaze damaged the interior of the building. It was discovered in an upstairs closet of a back room, used mostly for the storage of things not used at this time of the year. The fire department responded to the call promptly and did efficient work.

NO 5-POUND CANDY BOXES

"No more five-pound boxes of candy for Christmas to young women employed by large corporations" was the stern order given out by Charles Stevenson, head of the Sugar Department of the United States Food Administration. He has notified all large business houses that have been in the habit of presenting their girls with five-pound boxes of candy as Christmas gifts to confine their presents to the one-pound limit set by the Food Administration.

FIFTY YEARS AGO FACTS ON ELECTION

Ballots - Five - one general to elect officials from President to Edgar County Coroner; four special referendum ballots - a Constitutional Convention, Banking Act, Natural Resources Development, and Mental Health. A special edition of the Beacon-News will be available Wednesday morning at local newsstands and at the Beacon-News office with local, state and national results.

Y OPEN HOUSE

The rugs are down, curtains up, repainting complete for an "open house" at the Paris Community YMCA headquarters at 109 East Madison Street. The Paris "Y" is still in its first year of operation. The open house will run from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Members of the Paris Jayceettes will serve refreshments. The present Y headquarters is owned by the Paris Youth Center but is not planned as a permanent location.

FULLER BLAMES TV

CHARLESTON - A youth facing sentencing for five murders says he probably wouldn't have committed the crimes if he had seen on television how people "really die." Thomas Charles Fuller, who pleaded guilty to charges of shooting to death five children of a farm family, told the court via videotape he believed television should show how people "really die - it would be a deterrent to crime."

Keeping memory alive

Illinois sent over 350,000 soldiers in World War I, now modern efforts will honor them

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

BY TONY REID

The (Decatur) Herald & Review

Artie Bennett, a Marine from Clinton, was cut down by a hail of bullets 100 years ago in a far-flung foreign field, giving his life for his country in America's first global war.

A letter home from a fellow soldier said Bennett, 18, had been attacking a machine gun nest as the Marines fought,

successfully, to stem a German advance threatening the French capital of Paris in June 1918, the last summer of World War I.

The fallen Marine had lingered for an hour before dying, one of the first casualties from Illinois. The letter honoring him, typed by fellow Marine Pvt. John W. Olsen, read: "He passed away quietly, without a complaint, and was laid to rest near where he fell."

Immaculately tended American cemeteries in France, and faded memorials at home, are among the few tangible reminders of the "Great War" that began on July 28, 1914, and ended, after 18 million soldiers and civilians had died on all sides, with an armistice that went into effect at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, 1918.

Now, nearing the 100th anniversary of the war's end, the push is on to recall and honor the men and women of Illinois, and all across America, who suffered and sacrificed for their nation.

Congress has created a United States World War I Centennial Commission, which is overseeing commemorations and fundraising for a World War I memorial in Washington, D.C.

Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner signed a proclamation announcing the Illinois National Guard and Chicago's Pritzker Military Museum & Library will lead the effort to ensure the Land of Lincoln remembers its role in the Great War.

A World War I Centennial Committee has been drafted to aid in that state mission and

it's chaired by Jeanne Hamacher, who has taught high school history classes. She said the key lesson to learn is that Illinois went to extraordinary efforts to support a war that shaped the world we live in, right up through today.

"When I was teaching, I did a lesson where I could link basically every conflict the United States has had (since World War I) back to World War I in some shape or form," Hamacher said. She said Illinois helped win the war, and the war changed the world forever.

"Schools need to teach this, we need to remember," she added.

The United States declared war on Germany and its Central Powers allies on April 6, 1917, and Illinois became

part of the vast conflict that marked America's emergence as a global superpower.

The United States sent 4,734,991 soldiers and sailors to Europe and suffered 116,516 deaths, according to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Records from the Illinois Office of the Adjutant General list more than 351,000 Illinois men who served in the Army, Navy and Marines during World War I, and some 5,000 of them died.

One of every 12 enlistees in the Army hailed from Illinois, and each left a mark.

The American Legion Post in Clinton is Crang-Bennett Post 103, named for the fallen Marine and also Army Sgt. 1st Class Welby Crang, who lived

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In a state of transition

Creating a state is a long process the constitution is what wraps it up

BY ROGER STANLEY

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An important first step for a territory to become a state was laying out the groundwork for a constitution.

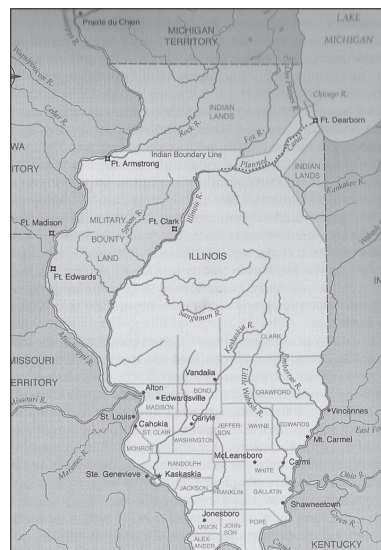
The effort to move Illinois from territory status to state began in early 1818 after the U.S. Congress approved Illinois statehood in April and authorized the citizens to create a state constitution. Following a July 6 election, 33 delegates from the 15 counties comprising the Illinois Territory were elected to attend a constitutional convention.

The delegates met in early August at Kaskaskia. There were at least two interested on-lookers who may have had some influence on the decisions made. One was John Mason Peck a Baptist missionary and the other was anti-slavery proponent Edward Coles, who later became an Illinois governor.

Judge Jesse B. Thomas was elected convention president because of his experience serving as a delegate for the Indiana Territory and his known leadership qualities. William C. Greenup was chosen as secretary because he was already clerk for the Illinois Territory as well as a clerk for Randolph County.

The only other business of the first day was setting up three committees. One to examine the credentials of the representatives, one to set a framework of rules and one to pick a minister to open the next day's meeting with a prayer.

After the organizational business



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This map depicts Illinois in 1819 - the year after statehood. It shows the 15 counties that existed at the time and others marked off as Indian territory.



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This facsimile recreates the signatory section of the 1818 Illinois constitution.

was settled, a census review was necessary to confirm Illinois had enough citizens to become a state. That was difficult to determine because of the number of transients passing through the territory going west to another location. It was decided a count of 40,258 was enough for Illinois to become a state.

The next item was to approve the boundaries of the state, which was finally done with input from Gurdan Hubbard and Elias Kent Kane as to the logistics. They also debated the propositions sent from the U.S. Congress to put in the Illinois Constitution. It was brought up the constitution should represent moral law and follow the precepts laid out in the Bible.

A committee of 15 presented a draft of the constitution Aug 12. The document contained a preamble and eight articles patterned after the U.S. Constitution. Other articles were taken from different state constitutions.

Reading and considering each part of the document required two-and-a-

half days. Following the first reading, a committee of five men, different from the original 15, was appointed to make additions or suggestions for changes. Another three readings of the proposed document followed over the next few days as changes were made and agreed to.

The preamble and the first article closely followed the wording of the Kentucky and Indiana constitutions. The final document divided state government into the legislative, judicial and executive branches; set the state boundaries; declared Illinois a free state and eliminated indentured servitude. The prohibition against slavery and servitude was going forward into the future as the state constitution did not interfere with existing property rights regarding current slaves and indentured servants. Slaves already in Illinois remained slaves, but the constitution provided their children became free upon reaching adulthood.

The convention also selected Kaskaskia as the state capital,

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Campaign ads are blissfully concluded

One of the good things about an election is the end of paid political ads.

Every time we turn on the TV it seems there are at least 37 political advertisements for an hour's worth of programming. There were a few where the candidate simply stated what they have done using a polite approach without attacking their opponent.

Even then if it is repeated over too short of a time frame, it gets a little painful to watch. It seems more than 90 percent of the time the candidate or a group that supports a candidate is on full attack mode. They make their opponent seem worse than they are by changing a few words and misrepresenting what really happened.

One side doesn't dare to tell about how much the other side has helped our country or state. Sometimes another political figure who isn't even running is attacked with a viewpoint of absolute hatred. Be it a former president, a sitting president or a speaker of the house of the state.

Yes many times the person being attacked is not perfect, but who is? I only know of one man that ever was. It seems a judgmental case of morals and past sins playing on itself is a big part of the attacker's philosophy. In other words, an attacker may accuse his opponent of doing something unworthy the accuser himself did in the past. I just try to remember whenever I hear those kinds of attacks, one is judged by our creator and that is a final judgment. Whatever happened to Christian attitudes anyway?

Some of the promoters and spokesmen for one side or the other do not use

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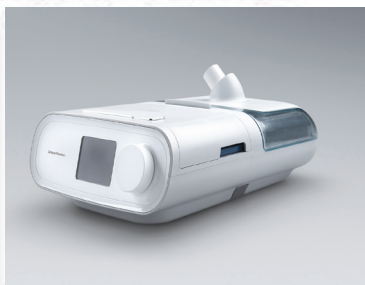
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Journey to moon fraught with dangers

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A half-century ago, NASA was preparing feverishly for a moon landing in a race against the former Soviet Union. The non-stop campaign of testing and launches was also a race against time — specifically to honor slain president John F. Kennedy's 1961 pledge for the country to land a spacecraft on the moon (and return safely) before the end of the decade. America met that challenge July 20, 1969, but the effort was built on sacrifice and tragedy. Some eight astronauts and astronaut candidates died in airplane crashes or vehicle tests, many other NASA ground crew and workers perished during accidents, while dozens of test pilots died in the decades leading up to Apollo.

"The Apollo experience was unique," says space historian John Logsdon, professor emeritus at George Washington University. "It was closer to a war in a military-like experience of a great battle or an invasion than today's space activities."

To get a sense of how the Apollo program was different than today's human space-flight efforts, it's important to go back to the post-World War II era. During this time, test pilots were breaking the sound barrier — and often their new jet aircraft — to reach supersonic speeds.

In the late 1940s, these pilots came from either the Navy or Air Force, or the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA), the

forerunner to NASA (which was created in 1958).

Howard C. "Tick" Lilly was the first NACA engineering pilot and the fourth person to break the sound barrier in the skies over California's Mojave Desert. But on May 3, 1948, Lilly's Douglas D-558-1's engine compressor failed, severing control cables, and the airplane crashed. He was the first NACA pilot to die in the line of duty. A month later, Capt. Glen W. Edwards and four crew members were killed in their experimental "Flying Wing" aircraft, and the California flight facility was renamed Edwards Air Force Base. During a stretch of 1952, seven test pilots died each month at Edwards, according to James Hansen's biography of Neil Armstrong, "First Man."

By the time the space program was up and running in the early 1960s, many surviving test pilots entered NASA's astronaut corps. Others combined piloting experience and a science background, such as college-educated engineers Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

"These were people who were used to accepting risks," says former NASA historian Roger Launius about the test pilots who later became astronaut candidates. "But their families were not used to it. It was always devastating for the wives and the children."

Launius says that not only were the astronauts more accepting of risk, they also knew their aircraft and possibly spacecraft might fail. Armstrong himself encoun-

tered near-disaster during his first space mission, Gemini 8. After a critical onboard failure, Armstrong and pilot David Scott began spinning out of control in space. After struggling to resist blacking out, Armstrong eventually regained control and landed safely. On the ground, these former pilots also flew aircraft from base to base to undergo astronaut training.

Theodore Freeman, a member of the first group of 14 Apollo astronauts, died in October 1964 when a flock of geese was sucked into the engine of his T-38 training aircraft near Houston. In February 1966, astronauts Eliot See and Charles Bassett crashed during bad weather on approach to Lambert Field in St. Louis, their T-38 ended up not 500 feet from the Gemini 9 simulator they were preparing to use for training.

Perhaps the most horrific disaster occurred when astronauts hadn't even left the ground. Apollo 1's Gus Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee died in a cockpit fire on January 27, 1967, while strapped into their command module during launch testing at the Kennedy Space Center. "There was real concern after the loss of the three astronauts that they weren't going to be able to make that deadline," Launius says.

There were doubters from both Congress and the American public over whether a moon mission was worth both the cost in lives and in money. Congress focused on the causes of the Apollo 1 fire, while civil rights leader Rev.

James Abernathy led a protest over allocating spending to the space program while poverty persisted in the country.

"People [at NASA] are looking at the clock ticking and wondering if they were going to make it," says Launius. There was even internal debate at NASA over whether the decade of the 1960s ended at the end of 1969 or 1970.

By the time Armstrong, Aldrin and Michael Collins suited up for Apollo 11 in July 1969, both the astronauts and the NASA mission controllers were confident the mission would be a success. That was borne out by the countless hours of human testing and engineering work invested to ensure the men came home safely, according to Teasel Muir-Harmony, curator of the Apollo collection at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum.

"They wanted to make sure they were trained for any scenario," Muir-Harmony says. "Sometimes they would train seven or eight hours for every hour of the mission."

The level of intensity and sacrifice poured into the moon landing effort was unique — and, many historians argue, is unlikely to be repeated, even if humans decide to reach beyond Earth to return to the moon or perhaps Mars.

As Muir-Harmony says, the pressure to fulfill Kennedy's promise meant that, "There was this built-in expectation there were going to be lots of risks and you just keep on doing your job."

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a sense of propriety that is accepted by the general public or the press. Yet, that person may have done more to help our country by what really gets done in the halls of Congress or for the general American public. Conversely a very articulate spokesman using swell sounding promises cleverly works behind the scenes to destroy those very promises made to the people of our nation.

I guess it's a necessary evil that campaigning has to be done, but somewhere lays the truth. Much of the time there is a different opinion of what our country is meant to be.

The way we look at things should have more to say about our vote than rhetoric from those who try to mislead us. Having a sense of listening to what is really being said is crucial. Even very intelligent and informed voters have different opinions.

We still need to look out for the promises that are

made, but have no way of becoming the law of our land and stay within the bounds of our Constitution, especially the spirit of the framers who wrote it.

Abraham Lincoln said, "you can fool all the people some of the time and some of the people all the time, but you cannot fool all the people all the time." At the end of this political season I think of Thomas Paine, "these are the times that try men's souls the summer soldier and the sunshine patriot, will in this crisis, shrink from the service

for their country, but he that stands it now, deserves the thanks and love of man and woman."

This is what it is all about for those who try to represent us, and we who must vote with a purpose. Just be glad that you voted as a true American citizen so that our voice can be heard even more than the politicians who are supposed to represent us.

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ILLINOIS

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determined how to elect representatives, senators and other officials. The Great Seal chosen for Illinois is dated Aug. 26, 1818 — the date the first

constitution was signed — and features an eagle with the words State Sovereignty National Union. It is patterned after the U.S. Seal and was later modified to include the year 1868.

Residents of Kaskaskia held a big celebration

Sept. 2, even though the state constitution was not submitted to the public for ratification. In fact, the document vested almost unlimited power with the legislature rather than the citizens. The framers of this Constitution of Illinois were the true representatives of the people with a vision for the future and were good at getting things done in a very short order. Kaskaskia's citizens

manned a cannon and fired a salute honoring the new state constitution during a special celebration Sept. 2, 1818. A pledge was also made, "Under these colours, we pledge ourselves to support the constitution of Illinois."

This was somewhat before the fact because Illinois was not officially admitted to the Union until Dec. 3, 1818, but it seemed a foregone conclusion to the people of Kaskaskia in September.

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Coptic Christians face violence

Minority Christians in Egypt press for equal rights as the Islamic State continues its violent persecution

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MINYA, Egypt — The Coptic bishop of this city south of Cairo, Anba Makarios, spent the weekend trying to comfort mourners after two buses carrying Coptic Christians were ambushed Friday, Nov. 2, as they left a monastery here, killing seven of the pilgrims and wounding 19. The Islamic State in Egypt claimed responsibility for the attack.

But during Makarios' appearance at Prince Tadros Church, as the bishop thanked provincial officials for issuing the necessary permits to conduct public funerals, the congregation erupted in anger.

"Don't thank them," shouted the mourners as elderly women leaned in grief over the coffins of the victims.

"With our souls and our

blood, we will protect the cross," they chanted as young men started fist-punching the air.

The attack in the desert was the second assault at the same location by the Egyptian branch of the Islamic State. A May 2017 ambush on the road to the monastery left 28 people dead. Now Coptic Christians say they have had enough of promises.

"Government ministers talk about our common citizenship, a concept that is impossible to see when we are constantly subjected to violence," said Kamel Hanna, a building contractor from Sohag. Hanna had come to stand vigil at Sheikh Zayed hospital in Cairo's suburbs, where his niece and nephew, along with 11 others injured in the attack, were being treated. "This violence is a tax we pay just for

being Christians."

Copts, who make up about 10 percent of Egypt's 100 million people, have seen increasing violence against their community since 2013, when the country's first democratically elected president — the Islamist-backed Mohammed Morsi — was deposed by the army. The months after the coup saw multiple attacks on Christian churches.

In December 2017, a gunman killed 11 people in an attack on St. Menas Church in Helwan, near Cairo. That attack came just weeks after the Coptic community had marked the anniversary of a suicide bombing that killed 29 and injured 47 at St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, part of the large cathedral complex that includes the Cairo residence of Pope Tawadros II.

Despite the rash of violence,

Pope Tawadros and the Coptic community have been seen as a pillar of support for the coup leader and current President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi.

El-Sissi has shown favor for the Coptic churches in return. The president has allowed the construction of new churches and pushed for equal protection in employment and the exercise of religion, including a measure easing the way for Christians to make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem just as Muslims take time off to make the hajj to Mecca.

Last Christmas el-Sissi attended a dedication ceremony at the massive Nativity of Christ cathedral built in the government's new administrative capital, a \$45 billion project rising in the desert sands 28 miles east of Cairo.

But the regime is coming under increasing fire from the

Coptic community for failing to stop Islamist terror and limiting access to the hospitals where the injured are being treated in Cairo and in Upper Egypt.

"Officials are preventing anyone from entering the hospital and reassuring the injured because the attacks show the serious flaws in their security system," said Steven Rauf, a 20-year-old Coptic Christian medical student at Ain Shams University. He had come to see a high school friend, Youssef Nadi, who took two bullets in his head and shrapnel in his right hand, according to Rauf.

El-Sissi condemned the Minya attack while attending a government-organized youth forum at the Red Sea resort city of Sharm el-Sheikh. "The martyrs who fell today at the treacherous hands of those

who seek to undermine our nation's coherent fabric and I vow our continuing determination to fight terrorism," he said. "This incident will not undermine the will of our nation to continue its battle for survival and construction."

An Interior Ministry spokesman reported security forces killed 19 suspects who were tracked to a desert hideout. The ministry also released photographs of corpses it said were the bodies of the armed assailants of the pilgrims.

But the attack on the pilgrims has ended the widespread blanket endorsement of the administration's approach even among pro-government politicians. Many Coptic youth shared social media memes contrasting the grief of the Minya families with the smiles on the faces of el-Sissi and other Egyptian leaders.

Don't confuse mistakes for sin

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how

you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:6

Last week's article dealt with the importance

of language because it communicates ideas.

Trying to choose the correct word to the idea one wants to communicate is difficult. If we use words few of those listening understand, we fail to communicate, but if we use words everyone knows which don't really describe the idea, we are still not communicating. I promised three examples from recent experiences of mine; last week was obey, today, mistake.

I was at a presentation in which the offer of forgiveness and eternal life through faith in the grace of Jesus was being made. This is the key to understanding the uniqueness of Christianity, so making it understandable is pretty important to anyone trying to explain the faith.

Christians believe people need to rely on something (or rather someone) outside themselves to restore a broken relationship with God, and Jesus is that person. The person making the explanation described the troubled nature of we humans in this way: "We all know that we need something to help our relationship with God because we all have made mistakes."

The problem is, mistakes as we normally think of them don't create a problem with God. If by mistake we mean things like adding 7 and 5 and getting 11 or saying hello to a friend and saying the wrong name, God has no problem with us.

Even if our intention was to bring someone a nice meal when they were sick and we accidentally undercooked something and made them sicker, this is a mistake, but it will not separate us from the love of God.

The word we are looking for is not mistake but sin — now sin is an old school, churchy word and it is hard to find an equivalent in modern English.

The best translation is miss the mark. There are things expected of us, which we simply fail to do.

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ON THE A-LERT



These Grace Lutheran Church members have completed training to participate in the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) for deployment to assist in disaster areas. Left to right, Colin McClain, Paula McClain, Judy Bradshaw, Jeannie Taylor, Amy Payne, Pastor Daniel Smith, Lynn Lane, Amy Smith, George Griffin, Jana Tyler, Marnita Stuck and LERT trainer Stephen Born.

LERT members ready

BY GARY HENRY
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It is common for church people to volunteer for worthwhile causes, and approximately 15 members of the Grace Lutheran Church made such a commitment Nov. 3.

They devoted the day to a six-hour course for becoming certified members of the Lutheran Early Response Team, which sends people to assist in disaster areas. Trainer Stephen Born said knowing how to function in a disaster area is essential to make sure volunteers are neither taxing resources like lodging or food or creating another disaster because they don't know what they are doing. Completing the course earns participants a bright yellow-green safety vest and photo ID confirming they are certified as trained disaster responders by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA).

"As far as FEMA is concerned, you can go anywhere in the U.S. with that badge," said Born.

LERT works mostly in 51 counties within Central Illinois and covers an area from Quincy in the north as far south as Vandalia and from Watseka in the east to the Quad Cities on the western side of the state. Membership currently stands at around 900 people.

"We try to develop little pockets in each of the 51 counties," said Born.

The LERT volunteers simply don't just show up. When a disaster strikes a community, Born calls the local Lutheran church to determine if the church or parsonage are damaged and needs help. If those buildings are OK, the next call is to the local emergency management agency to learn if more help is needed and how LERT volunteers will be most useful on scene.

"We don't want to duplicate efforts," said Born, adding LERT only goes when asked to respond by the emergency managers.

Completing the six-hour course means LERT volunteers can fulfill a variety of roles such as food preparation, serving meals, cleanup, helping victims with paperwork or just lending a sympathetic ear and listening to what victims have to say. There are also specialized jobs such as chainsaw crew and handlers of comfort dogs.

"The comfort dogs frequently go to school shootings," said Born.



Members of the Grace Lutheran Church participate in a training session to volunteer with the Lutheran Early Response Team.



Stephen Born, a trainer for the Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT), led a six-hour training session Nov. 3 for 15 people at the Grace Lutheran Church. He said the worst thing well-meaning people can do is sponsor a clothing drive for victims of a disaster because there isn't time on scene to sort and organize garments. The clothing is almost always directly tossed into dumpsters, using valuable space needed for the clean up effort. At one disaster, the donated clothing sent in trash bags filled five large rooms in a church and was never used. A better option is sending \$25 gift cards.

additional training. Local church member Amy Smith did the LERT training at another location and has since become certified as a chainsaw operator. She wanted to get involved after living in an area that experienced several tornadoes and did not know how to aid the victims.

While Central Illinois is the focus, LERT members do go to other areas. Smith's first deployment came in 2017 when she went to Ft. Myers, Fla.

"I spent a week cleaning up a butterfly farm and helping an elderly couple clean their mold-infested apartment," said Smith.

According to Born, much of the work is similar to what other volunteer groups can offer, but there is a major difference.

"We are the church," said Born. "We provide a niche other organization don't — we care for the body and soul. We are the hands and feet of Christ when we go out. We do what we do because we are Christians."

Lutheran church member George Griffin is approaching this from a sense of faith.

"It's a calling as a Christian to help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ," said Griffin.

Early in the session, Griffin had not centered on what type of work he wanted to do with LERT. He thought his 34 years in banking will apply in tracking money for response efforts or he can assist with cooking food.

"I can always help with cleanup," Griffin said.

Graham's centennial celebrated

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Famed evangelist Billy Graham, who died Feb. 21, would have celebrated the centennial of his birth Wednesday, Nov. 7.

Here are nine quotes from the preacher and people who knew and admired him over his 99 years of life:

"I have often said that the first thing I am going to do when I get to Heaven is to ask, 'Why me, Lord? Why did You choose a farmboy from North Carolina to preach to so many people, to have such a wonderful team of associates, and to have a part in what You were doing in the latter half of the twentieth century — and beyond?'"

— Billy Graham in the 10th anniversary edition of his 1997 autobiography "Just As I Am"

"That's not true. Because I've lived to be my age and met so many people around the world, that just becomes second nature."

— Billy Graham in an interview with Religion News Service in 1994 about how he is bothered a little bit by people who called him a name-dropper

"My parents have been an example to me all of my life. I watched my father, for instance, and saw no inconsistencies between his private and public life. That made an impact on me. ... The Billy Graham that the world has seen in public is the same Billy Graham that I saw at home."

— Franklin Graham in his 2002 book "The Name"

"Billy Graham names two reasons why 'Just As I Am' was chosen to be used after his messages. First, the song repeats an affirmative response, 'O Lamb of God, I come,' thus verbalizing what people are doing as they come forward. And second, the words give a strong biblical basis for responding to the call of Christ."

— George Beverly Shea, longtime soloist at Billy Graham crusades, in his 2004 book "How Sweet the Sound"

"No matter how dark and hopeless a situation may seem, never stop praying. Prayer should be an attitude of life. We cannot afford to be too busy to pray."

— Billy Graham in his 2011 book "Nearing Home: Life, Faith and Finishing Well"

"Too often we seek to excuse ourselves in our sins, but God seeks to convict us of sin and save us from it. Sin then is not a toy with which to play but a terror to be shunned."

— Billy Graham in his 2013 book "The Reason" See GRAHAM, Page 6B

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Sessions' tenure marred by fights with faith groups

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Methodists asked Jeff Sessions to repent. He resigned instead.

Sessions stepped down Wednesday, Nov. 7, as U.S. attorney general, ending a tenure marked by near-constant pushback from faith communities across the religious spectrum who opposed his policies and his attempts to defend them with Scripture.

He reportedly resigned at the request of President Trump, who has voiced frustration with Sessions since he recused himself early last year from the ongoing Department of Justice investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 election, citing his work on Trump's campaign.

"I have been honored to serve as Attorney General and have worked to implement the law enforcement agenda based on the rule of law that formed a central part of your campaign for the presidency," read the closing line of Sessions' resignation letter to Trump.

Trump tweeted that Sessions' chief of staff, Matthew G. Whitaker, would serve as acting attorney general for now, thanked Sessions for his service and wished him well.

Sessions brought a concern for religious freedom to the job, and a passion for quoting the Bible that few recent attorneys general have, but it often backfired on him. In fact, Sessions is unlikely to be missed by a wide array of religious groups and leaders — including some supportive of Trump.

Pushback and protest from faith groups dogged Sessions from the moment he was tapped for the job.

Shortly after President Trump announced he would nominate the former Alabama senator for attorney general, progressive religious leaders such as the Rev. William Barber II held rallies in opposition to his nomination.

"Sessions' immoral record shows consistent support for ideological extremism, racist and classist policies, and the writing of discrimination into law," Barber said in January 2017.

Tensions increased when Sessions helped implement the Trump administration's zero-tolerance policy that led to the separation of families along the U.S.-Mexico border, sparking outcry from various faith communities. Among other groups, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops condemned the policy, and one bishop suggested canonical penalties for Catholics who participate in it.

Sessions fed the controversy when he spoke directly to his church friends in a speech, attempting to justify the policy and give faith-based critics a Bible lesson by citing Romans 13 in Christian Scripture.

"I would cite you to the Apostle Paul and his clear and wise command in Romans 13, to obey the laws of the government because God has ordained them for the purpose of order," Sessions said. "Orderly and lawful processes are good in themselves and protect the weak and lawful."

Groups across the theological spectrum, including the leadership of entire denominations, issued statements blasting the policy, Sessions' theological argument or both.

Soon thereafter, more than 600 Methodists signed a letter condemning the zero-tolerance policy and calling for official church charges against Sessions such as child abuse, immorality, racial discrimination and, "dissemination of doctrines contrary to the standards of doctrine of the United Methodist Church."

The charges were eventually dismissed on a technicality — using a logic that confused some top Methodists — but frustration with Sessions persisted.

"Fundamentally, I hope that he will repent and believe the good news of liberation and hope proclaimed by the one he claims to follow," said University of Puget Sound chaplain Dave Wright, who helped draft the original letter charging

Sessions, "and put renewed effort into doing the work of caring for those on the margins in his home congregation and his community."

Wright had little faith that he'll be more pleased with the person the president nominates to take Sessions' spot.

"The best I can hope for is that his successor somehow has a greater conscience for doing good to those who are oppressed and marginalized in this country and is willing to live that out in their public life," Wright said.

Earlier this year, Sessions lifted up religious liberty as a central concern for the Department of Justice, announcing a religious liberty task force, drawing more criticism from faith leaders. Last week, Sessions began to deliver a speech in Boston about religious liberty but was interrupted by two ministers who stood up and began reciting a passage from the Gospel of Matthew concerning the treatment of strangers.

"Brother Jeff, as a fellow United Methodist," shouted the Rev. Will Green after reciting Matthew 25, "I call upon you to repent, to care for those in need, to remember that when you do not care for others, you are wounding the body of Christ."

Even evangelical leaders who support and advise Trump often spoke critically of Sessions during his final year.

In April, Liberty University President Jerry Falwell Jr. derided Sessions on Twitter, describing him as a phony who is only pretending to support the president.

Johnnie Moore — a former Falwell lieutenant who in the past has operated as de facto spokesman for evangelical leaders who advise Trump — openly criticized Sessions' attempt to defend family separation, telling the Washington Post, "While Sessions may take the Bible seriously, in this situation he has demonstrated he is no theologian."

GRACE NOTES

NOV. 11 SPECIAL SERVICE TIME

The usual start time for the Sunday worship service at the Paris Presbyterian Church is 10:30 a.m. For Nov. 11 only, the church is changing Sunday morning worship service to 10 a.m. This allows those who also wish to attend the 11 a.m. Veterans Day observance on the square to do so. The church is located at 241 West Court Street, so it is a very short trip up to the square.

NOV. 13 WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

The Christian Women's connection of Terre Haute is hosting a luncheon 11 a.m., Nov. 13, in the MCL meeting room at Meadows Shopping Center featuring speaker Sherry Miley, music by Aaron Wheaton and a special feature by Nancy Celsum from Antiques at the Meadows. Call Julie 812-234-7388 or Sherri 812-249-3084 to make reservations.

NOV. 18 PIANO CONCERT

Pastor Kevin Levellie is performing "Peace Be Still," a piano concert of encouragement, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 18 at Nevins Christian Church. The music is similar in style to the pieces he played at the Moke Owens Dedication Program at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. It is a unique way to start the Thanksgiving week in reflection on the encouragement God gives and we can then thank him for. The church is located five miles south of Paris on the Lower Terre Haute Road.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

A Community Thanksgiving Service is 7 p.m. Nov. 20 at Nevins Christian Church, five miles south of Paris on the Lower Terre Haute Road. Participating in the service are: John Youngblood, Kurt Speece, Jeanette Levellie, Mike Dixon, Joe Tomich, Jack Hoffman and Kevin Levellie performing a Thanksgiving piano medley. All are invited to come and share what they are thankful for and to pray together.

PASTOR

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We do not need Jesus who was fully human and fully divine because we make mistakes in addition, or because our memory fails us, or because we read a recipe wrong. We need him because we don't love other people like we should, we love ourselves in an unhealthy selfish way and because, as the Bible tells us, we can hardly love a God we can't see if we don't love people we can see. Those are a bit harder to admit than, "we all make mistakes," but they simply describe the fact that all humans fall short of God's requirement of moral perfection and need someone who is perfect to step in.

Using mistake instead of sin (or a good equivalent) doesn't communicate the need we all have to deal with the gap between human and divine.

(John Youngblood is pastor of New Beginnings Church at Paris. Email him at ybloodjohn@gmail.com or leave a message at (217) 463-3964. Pastor's Perspective is provided weekly by members of the Paris Ministerial Alliance.)

GRAHAM

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for My Hope: Salvation"

"I always considered it a lost day if I did not spend time reading at least a passage in this sacred Book. Today I cannot see well enough to read, but I am thankful to have committed much of God's Word to memory."

— Billy Graham, on reading the Bible, in his 2015 book "Where I Am: Heaven, Eternity and Our Life Beyond"

"[E]ven years ago, when my mother went to Heaven my daddy started asking me to read him the Bible, and at first it was very intimidating, and then it became such a joy. ... He was hard of hearing. So, I would sit in front of him knee to knee, and he would ask me to give him a full sixty-minute message, and he never took his eyes off my face."

— Anne Graham Lotz in her remarks at the funeral of her father on March 2.

"Billy Graham's life modeled integrity, modesty, lifelong fidelity to one's spouse, and humility despite worldwide acclaim."

— From a resolution of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, at its Nov. 5-6 meeting in Greensboro, N.C.

CHURCH COAT PROJECT



Special to The Prairie Press

The 2018 "Head, Hands, Heart" project by the First Christian Church of Paris was a success due to the many people involved who helped provide coats and winter items for school children. Besides those involved at FCC, donations came from several individuals and businesses like Kelly's Kritters Day Care, pictured here with the Rev. Michael Dixon.

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Massachusetts is riding high

East Coast's first legal dispensaries set to open after long delays; medical users worry about shortages

BY BOB SALSBERG
Associated Press

NORTHAMPTON, Mass. (AP) — With its youthful vibe and eclectic mix of culture, a small Massachusetts city seems a logical site for the nation's first legal recreational marijuana sales east of Colorado.

An existing medical marijuana dispensary in Northampton — nestled in Massachusetts' scenic Pioneer Valley — plans to open its doors within days to anyone 21 or older looking for products ranging from pre-rolled joints to cannabis-infused edibles, creams, lotions and cooking oils.

A second store in the small town of Leicester could also open at or around the same time, while dozens of other retail applicants await final licensing approval from state regulators.

The initial openings come

two full years after Massachusetts residents backed legalization, a vote hailed by a burgeoning cannabis industry eager to expand its geographic base beyond the several western U.S. states where recreational marijuana is sold.

Massachusetts is projected to see sales of at least \$1.8 billion and as high as \$5 billion annually, industry leaders predict.

But the road to legal sales has been a long and tedious one. The original target date of Jan. 1, 2018, was almost immediately pushed back six months by the Legislature. Then the July 1 date came, and went and still no stores were cleared to open. Frustration grew among would-be businesses and consumers alike.

Officials in many communities, including some where a majority of voters had ap-

proved legal recreational marijuana, kept pot shops away through moratoriums or zoning restrictions, or by demanding a steep price from cannabis businesses in exchange for signing host community agreements.

Not Northampton, which appeared to roll out the welcome mat. While about 54 percent of all Massachusetts voters supported the 2016 referendum, 73 percent in Northampton gave their blessing, one of the widest margins anywhere in the state.

"It's already counter-culture. It's like their customers are already here," said Steve Morin, a 68-year-old retired delivery truck driver and Air Force veteran who lives in Springfield, Massachusetts. He visits Northampton frequently and described himself as an occasional marijuana user who

may shop in the store when it opens.

"It will be good for tourism," he added.

The city's bustling downtown sports trendy restaurants and coffee shops, bookstores, galleries and a performing arts center. Northampton is home to Smith College, an elite liberal arts school for women and one of several colleges and universities — including the 30,000-student University of Massachusetts flagship campus — within a 10-mile radius of the city.

Most undergrads, however, aren't old enough to buy marijuana legally.

New England Treatment Access, which operates the dispensary, is hoping for the distinction of being the first commercial pot shop to open east of the Mississippi.

"There exists a marketplace

for marijuana right now in Massachusetts and it's our job as a regulated industry to over time displace the current illegal, untaxed and untested industry with one that is controlled, regulated, taxed and tested," said Norton Albaraez, the company's director of government affairs.

Anticipating long lines forming when the store first opens, NETA has worked closely with police and city officials on traffic and parking issues, and retained former Boston Police Commissioner Ed Davis — who became a national figure in the aftermath of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombings — as a security consultant, Albaraez said.

Public safety isn't a major concern for Northampton residents like Anthony Bernardo.

"It's in plain view now so I'm happy about that," said Bernar-

do, a 36-year-old professional musician, as he pushed his young son in a stroller through a city park. "For years, I've been feeling that marijuana is no more of a danger to society than alcohol."

Massachusetts hopes to sidestep supply problems and other early pitfalls experienced in legal states, and most recently in Canada, where consumers endured rampant shortages after sales began last month.

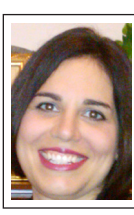
California, which kicked off recreational sales on Jan. 1, remains in a challenging transition period as it attempts to transform what was once a largely vast, illegal market into a multibillion-dollar, regulated economy.

Like Massachusetts, many areas of California have banned commercial pot activity. Initial tax collections have been well

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Legislature against rogue guardians

You may have seen the shocking stories and reports, like this one from AARP:



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<https://www.aarp.org/caregiving/financial-legal/info-2018/court-ordered-guardianship-separates-family.html>

Sometimes it starts with a well-meaning friend or neighbor, but sometimes it's a stranger who is a "professional" guardian who comes out of nowhere. Believe it or not, across the country, there have been many stories of (usually) elderly people whose assets are effectively stolen and lives otherwise turned upside down by complete strangers who just want to take their assets.

There has been some protection in Illinois because of the requirement that a person's spouse and children (or other nearest relatives) be notified in the event someone seeks to be guardian. Advance notice, however, isn't required for "emergency" guardianships. So, there's always been that loophole.

Most of the stories we've read come from other states, particularly larger metropolitan areas, which is fortunate for most of our clients, but it's clear that, without more stringent statutes, no one is safe without taking some proactive measures.

The Illinois legislature has passed an amendment to the Guardians of Adults with Disabilities article of the Probate Act, providing that a court does not have the power to appoint someone as a guardian of an adult with disabilities unless that person discloses to the court the number of people he's currently serving as guardian for. If more than five, then the court is required to notify the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission within 7 days of the entry of the order appointing guardian. (The Office of the State Guardian and Public Guardians are exempted.) The amendment is effective January 1, 2019.

Now, all that is going to happen for now is that the Illinois Guardianship and Advocacy Commission will keep a list of guardians who oversee more than five wards. There's not any further oversight mandated. It's just a first step, but it has a few potential positive consequences:

1. It's the judge's call: A judge can always look with suspicion on a person who has multiple wards. A judge is not required to appoint such a person as guardian.
2. It shows people they'll

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BEE SWEET BOUTIQUE NOW OPEN ON THE SQUARE



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

Stephanie Hoeffken McKenna, left, helps customer Mary Jo Wheeler, right, select some of the women's sweaters and tops available at the new Bee Sweet Boutique, located on the west side of the square in Paris. The boutique is a longtime dream of the Paris native.

Fashion returns to the square

Paris native fulfills lifelong dream to open her own women's clothing store

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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For as long as Stephanie Hoeffken McKenna can remember, she's always wanted to own her own boutique.

The 1996 Paris High School graduate — who resides in Terre Haute with her husband — explained she was working at a Terre Haute bank. "I turned 40 years old and wasn't really happy at my job," she said. "I decided now was the time."

With two of her children in high school and the other in middle school, she said finding the building on the west side of the square was, "really a blessing."

The bones of the building, constructed in 1893, was in fairly good shape, her husband, Jared said, but was gutted to make way for his wife's vision.

"I remember growing up there were stores around the square selling women's clothes," she said. "I believe there is an opportunity here."

One of the selling points — be-



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Bee Sweet Boutique owners Stephanie and Jared McKenna purchased the building on the west side of the square that has housed a variety of businesses over time — but has sat empty in recent years. The Terre Haute couple spent several months updating and renovating the building that now houses the business.

sides the price — was the tin ceiling which was hidden by a drop ceiling. The ceiling hasn't been painted but brings the rustic look McKenna was looking for in the boutique.

Cousin Jennifer McKenna Minnick — who operates her own shop on the square About Face furniture restoration — talked the couple out

of replacing the south wall of the building. "I said just let me work on it," she said. In addition to the wall, she also worked her magic on the barn door hanging between the retail space and storage space.

In addition to the physical work to renovate the shop into a modern

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Mortgage rate jump slowing home sales

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. mortgage rates jumped this week to the highest level in almost eight years, a trend that is pulling down home sales and slowing home price growth.

Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on a 30-year, fixed rate mortgage rose to 4.94 percent, from 4.83 percent last week. That is the highest level since February 2011. A year ago the rate was 3.9 percent.

The average rate on a 15-year, fixed rate loan increased to 4.33 percent, from 4.23 percent last week.

Higher rates have kept many would-be purchasers on the sidelines.

Sales of existing homes have fallen for six straight months, and sales of newly-built homes have declined for four months.

Freddie Mac says home price increases are slowing as a result, particularly in higher-priced coastal cities.

Mortgage rates have risen along with the yield on the 10-year note, which has jumped in the past year on expectations of additional short-term rate increases by the Federal Reserve, faster economic growth and potentially higher inflation.

The yield on the 10-year reached 3.23 percent Thursday, up nearly a full percentage point from 2.33 percent a year ago.

To calculate average mortgage rates, Freddie Mac surveys lenders across the country between Monday and Wednesday each week.

The average doesn't include extra fees, known as points, which most borrowers must pay to get the lowest rates.

The average fee on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages was unchanged from last week at 0.5 point.

The fee on 15-year mortgages ticked up by one-tenth to 0.5 point.

The average rate for five-year adjustable-rate mortgages rose to 4.14 percent from 4.04 percent last week. The fee remained at 0.3 point.

Empowered Dems aim at Trump business conflicts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beyond trying to get their hands on the Holy Grail of President Donald Trump's business dealings — his tax returns — House Democrats are prepared to use their new majority and subpoena power to go after financial records that could back up their claims that he's using his presidency to enrich himself and his family.

After two years of being blocked by the White House and the Trump Organization, Democrats hope the new year brings a new day on such issues as foreign government spending

at Trump properties, Trump's foreign licensing deals, Trump administration ties to lobbyists and special interests, and spending by Trump's charitable foundation.

Rep. Elijah Cummings, the Maryland Democrat poised to take charge of the House Oversight Committee, said in a statement to The Associated Press that he intends to use the panel as, "a check on the executive branch — not merely for potential criminal violations, but for much broader concerns, such as conflicts of interest, emoluments violations and waste, fraud and abuse."

While Democrats taking over key House committees have not specifically telegraphed their targets, Cummings' committee would likely seek Trump's business tax returns and other company-related financial records, according to two Democratic congressional staffers who spoke on condition of anonymity in order to discuss post-election plans.

Trump's personal income taxes, which he withheld during the 2016 campaign and in his two years in office, are expected to be the purview of the House Ways and Means Committee.

Internal Revenue Service law allows House and Senate tax-writing committees to request federal returns, and the ranking Ways and Means Democrat, Rep. Richard Neal of Massachusetts, has signaled publicly he would ask for them — a move the White House might fight.

Trump said in a wide-ranging news conference Wednesday that he doesn't want to release his taxes because they are under a continuous audit. He also said: "They're extremely complex. People wouldn't understand them."

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retail space, McKenna also needed retail product. "I want to be able to provide clothing to a wide age range," she said. In addition to women's clothes, Bee Sweet Boutique also has jewelry, shoes, winter hats and scarves and jeans to fit almost all sizes.

Accompanied by her sister, Ann Buskill, a buying trip to Atlanta provided the first retail product.

"I knew pretty much what I was looking for," she explained, noting she also has teenagers and knows what they like.

The current products available in the boutique include the fall and winter line in sizes up to 2X as well as plus size jeans up to size 22.

"Our clothes can be dressed up or dressed down," she said. "I wanted soft, comfortable things."

The name of the boutique came about because as the couple were working in the store and preparing for the opening earlier this fall, "We were getting a lot of information about the Honeybee Festival," she said.

The name and the colors

of the clothes and clothes and retail space reflect colors which are particularly popular this year, she said.

"I wear a lot of black and gray, but we also have olive, mustard and wine colors great for fall and winter," she said.

The super soft sweaters and tops in a variety of styles have been particularly popular, McKenna said.

"I wanted to provide affordable clothes and I think we've achieved that," she said.

In addition to the clothes, the boutique features boots "booties" that are popular this year with everything from jeans to leggings.

The boutique hosted a soft opening Saturday, Nov. 3.

"We sold a lot of things," she noted. "We have more stuff arriving next week."

McKenna's high school friends have been particularly excited by the new shop. "Kit Magers Kirby and Hillary Patrick have been so supportive," she said.

McKenna wants everyone to know there is something for everyone in the boutique no matter age, size or taste.

"We want everyone who comes in to feel comfortable," she said. "We're laid



Nancy Zeman/The Prairie Press

The name says it all — Bee Sweet Boutique. Owner Stephanie McKenna, left, and her cousin, Jennifer McKenna Minnick, model a sweater and a holiday shirt available in the new downtown Paris store.

back."

A grand opening is planned in the spring, McKenna said. "I want to get the outside of the building completed," she explained.

In the meantime, the boutique is open Tuesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from

10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday.

The shop accepts all credit and debit cards and cash, but no checks.

The boutique will be open for the Christmas in Paris celebration. "We're really looking forward to that," she said.

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on the state's radar, meaning that some of those who are actually criminals will be scared away. Of course, they may just find workarounds, like using a network of strawmen.

3. It will be easier to obtain evidence needed to pursue civil and/or criminal actions against criminal guardians.

Another amendment, which is also effective next year, prohibits an employee of an agency which provides residential services to the disabled person from being appointed guardian.

In the end, we could all be vulnerable if we don't plan:

First, have an estate plan in which people you trust are in control if and when you become disabled. The starting point is Powers of Attorney. Of course, what these horror stories illustrate is that, as long as you are ostensibly competent, you can change your plan (or be talked into changing it by a con man). So, empower your agents by educating them on the warning signs that you have crossed the line and are vulnerable if a con man comes along.

One of the most significant red flags is isolation. If you

live a distance from your family and anyone you've named as agent in your Powers of Attorney, you need to develop a safety plan. An Elder Law attorney, working with your financial advisors and even your family can assist you.

Second, maintain your estate plan by changing it to address changes in your life. Surround yourself with trustworthy family and friends who know that one of their purposes in your life is to tell you when it's time to make changes. Changes to your estate plan might involve use of or changes to trusts in such a way that your assets may be less vulnerable to attack by a

rogue guardian.

Again, an Elder Law attorney can provide you with guidance and recommendations.

Make sure you and your family are vigilant and educated.

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below projections and a shaky supply chain has customers looking at barren shelves in some shops.

Washington state launched legal marijuana sales in mid-2014, shortly

after Colorado, following a lengthy scramble to license growers, processors and stores, all of whom had to contest a gauntlet of regulations ranging from what pesticides they could use to local zoning rules.

Only four stores opened on the first day of sales, with customers waiting in long lines to pay exorbitant prices for marijuana also in short supply.

Among the concerns as rec-

reational sales begin in Massachusetts are those of medical marijuana patients, who fear they'll be pushed to the back of the line as dispensaries cater to their new and more lucrative customer base.

"Our immediate concern is to have rules in place to make sure patients can access these facilities," said Michael Lattipelle, development director for the Massachusetts Patient Advocacy Alliance who sits on the

state's cannabis advisory board.

A separate area inside the Northampton store will be reserved for customers registered in the state's medical marijuana program, and they will not be forced to wait in the same lines with recreational customers to enter the building, Albaraez said.

Medical marijuana users are also exempt from paying the combined 20 percent state and local tax on pot.

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For the past two years, White House lawyers and the Trump Organization have repeatedly rebuffed Democratic efforts to get even the most basic financial information on Trump's businesses.

When Cummings and other Democrats asked last year for records detailing Trump's separation from his businesses, they received an eight-page glossy pamphlet and a single email.

When they asked how the Trump Organization arrived at the \$151,470 in profits it paid back to the Treasury for foreign stays at his hotels, they got silence.

Now with Democrats in control of the House, if

Trump's companies or other interests ignore their subpoenas or try legal maneuvers to delay or spurn them, they could face a contempt citation to the House floor. Such citations could be taken to federal court for possible legal action.

Any records Democrats manage to shake out could potentially have an impact on federal lawsuits Democrats are already pursuing against the president.

For example, Cummings and other Democratic lawmakers last year filed a federal lawsuit demanding disclosures of records to determine how Trump was approved by the General Services Administration to maintain the lease of the Trump International Hotel in Washington after he became

president.

The hotel is housed in the historic Old Post Office, which is owned by the federal government, and its lease has a clause barring any, "elected official of the government of the United States," from deriving, "any benefit."

Trump and his daughter Ivanka, a senior White House adviser, both retained their stakes in the property.

And then there's a lawsuit against Trump by nearly 200 Democratic senators and representatives who accuse Trump of constantly violating the Constitution's emoluments provision banning the acceptance of gifts from foreign and domestic interests.

Trump has not relinquished his ownership of his business empire.

Disney+ will host exclusive content

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

NEW YORK — Disney's upcoming streaming service will be called Disney+, CEO Bob Iger announced on a call for investors Thursday.

The service is expected to hit the US market late next year, and will include content from the Disney flagship brand as well as Pixar, Marvel, Star Wars and National Geographic.

Iger also said the service will include all of the company's new theatrical releases starting with next year's movie slate. The studio has several major releases in 2019, including a new Marvel "Avengers" movie, live-action adaptations of "Dumbo," "Aladdin" and "The Lion King," and "Frozen 2," a sequel to the breakout 2013 animated hit.

The name of the service echoes ESPN+, the sports

service that the company debuted in April. Disney+ will be the second completely new service from the company, which also owns part of Hulu.

"As with ESPN+, the launch of Disney+ will be just the starting point," Iger said. "We plan to continually elevate experience, enhance the value to consumers with a custom pipeline of exclusive new content as we move forward."

Iger ticked off several series that will be on the new platform, including the "Star Wars" animated series "Clone Wars" and another series based on Pixar's "Monster's Inc." franchise. He said the company is also developing a live-action Marvel series starring Tom Hiddleston as his character Loki from that franchise. And there will be a live-action "Star Wars" series that serves as a prequel to "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story."

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use. In the mid-80s, a small portable GPS receiver was created. The combination built into every smartphone has made the old road map obsolete.

Trying to find better ways for users to interact with the computer led to the computer mouse in 1964. The first mouse was a hollow wooden block with rotating wheels inside. Xerox worked to improve the mouse and a graphical interface, which Apple saw and made the interface for

the LISA computer and then the original Mac computer in 1984.

As early as 1968 the first video conferencing rooms were set up for conferencing using video and audio at distant locations. With Facetime today, people take for granted the ability to pick up a phone and have a private video conference anytime/anywhere.

During the peak of the Cold War scientists were working to find a solution to maintain communications since phone lines and radio towers are subject to destruction. The solution was to design a

distributed communication system where any one link can be broken but the information is still routed through any remaining link and eventually get to the intended destination. This was the beginning of the Internet in 1969.

Initially it was called ArpaNet. The civilian take off was the Internet or interconnected web of networks. Al Gore was the first congressman to recognize the importance and championed funding the research

There was still vulnerability, but that was solved by the brilliance of Robert Kahn. He

developed packet switching. This is TCP/IP, which means transmission-control-protocol/Internet Protocol.

Packet switching is like taking a letter and cutting it up into a thousand little pieces or packets. Each packet is numbered and given a destination address. The packets are routed out onto the web of networks and each finds its own pathway to the destination.

At the destination another router reassembles the packets into the correct order. The letter can be read intact no matter which path each individual

data packet took. Currently, the Internet moves about 50 Exabyte's of data every day. That is the equivalent of 2000 years of high-definition video. Speaking of high definition, HD TV originated in 1989 by DARPA seeking to provide more detailed display.

In 2002, the agency wanted to make human-computer interaction reach a more efficient level yet.

The PAL or "personal assistant that learns" program was started to process natural language voice questions. This led to the 2007 launch of SERI, which Apple saw, loved and acquired.

In the last two years DARPA, has released EXACTO a 50-caliber smart bullet that can seek its target. We are

not alone as the Russians just deployed a hypersonic missile capable of Mach 10 and a newer version will come online in 2020 able to reach Mach 20. Our best missile defense can only target Mach 3. On the ground, Putin is trying a two-legged version of the Star Wars Walker.

The one truth is military science will continue to make combat more lethal, but the technologies developed will find application in our daily life.

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

Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

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Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

Here's How It Works:

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

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

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- Dignified
 - Where to get a pint
 - Broken down
 - Peruvian city
 - Expressed grief
 - Isaac's mother (Bib.)
 - Sizing up
 - Form of Hindustani
 - __-de-sac
 - Greek sophist
 - Greek portico
 - Christian Television Network
 - Attractiveness
 - The man
 - Home of the Cowboys
 - Home to Hollywood
 - Be later in time
 - Woman
 - A type of protection
 - Conservative people
 - Bela __, Hungarian Leader
 - Rodent
 - Gloss or sheen
 - Looks good in clothes
 - Stephen Malkmus' band
 - Org. of C. American States
 - Doorways are some
 - Cattle genus
 - Rock bands play them

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- Clues Down**
- Indigenous people of Norway
 - Not odd
 - Ring
 - Adam is one
 - Champion Volunteer QB
 - The smartest Ed
 - Fast cats
 - Two-toed sloth
 - __ humbug!
 - Investigator
 - Explosive warhead
 - Wrap
 - Hidden meaning
 - Reciprocal of a sine
 - Go with pains
 - Small constellation
 - Prohibited
 - Blocks
 - Home to Boston (abbr.)
 - Small viper
 - Toward
 - Promotional materials
 - Plundering and destroying
 - Provokes
 - One point north of due east
 - Freshwater fishes
 - Male parents
 - Little (Spanish)
 - Sean __, actor
 - Bowfin fish
 - Large integers
 - An association of criminals
 - Genus of grasses
 - Annual percentage rate
 - Mechanical belt

WWI

FROM PAGE 3B

about a block from Bennett and died in France in 1917 from pneumonia.

Ron Devore, 86, is a member of the Post 103 executive board and a former post commander who has fought to keep the memory of the World War I soldiers alive. He said the post was founded in 1919 not just to honor fallen veterans, but to help and lobby for those who returned home alive, if not always in one piece.

"Some of these guys had been gassed, their lungs were burned, they had missing limbs and disabilities; they were messed up for life, and they weren't getting anything from the government," Devore said. "Veterans knew that, if there was a bunch of them banded together, they could have a voice in Washington, D.C."

Devore's wife, Marjorie, whose father was a World War I veteran, vividly recalls the returned soldiers' sense of pride despite all their trials and tribulations. She said that pride had been matched by the patriotic fervor of their communities at home. "My dad always said everybody had supported the war effort," she said.

The civilian push to buoy the troops with maximum support on the home front was extraordinary. Illinois mobilized vast forces of industry, and especially industrialized agriculture, and turned them into an arsenal of democracy that flooded the American war effort with food, war material and cash.

Illinois created the State Council of Defense, the job of which was to persuade, corral and control civilian production, from engineering to seed corn, to fuel the war machine. When the council produced its wrap-up report in 1919, it was suffused with pride at the sheer wartime output from the people of Illinois.

It pointed out that the state's agricultural production for 1918 had been geared to meet the needs of the wartime "national food authorities" and had been the third-largest crop harvest in state history, worth close to \$880 million (about \$15 billion in today's dollars).

"Notwithstanding the drain upon manpower, the state in 1918 turned out manufactured products valued at \$6 billion. ... Of these, \$2 billion-worth were on direct war contracts, but virtually all were war contributions, for

Illinois factories are not largely given to the production of luxuries or non-essentials," the council reported.

It also lauded the generosity of Illinois citizens, who raised \$45 million during the war to support everything from the Red Cross to the YMCA and the Salvation Army.

Timothy Kovalcik, associate professor of history at Millikin University, said it's important to understand the wartime atmosphere gripping Illinois and the entire nation.

"Support for the war was at fever pitch and the propaganda was incredibly successful," Kovalcik said.

A state with a significant population of Germanic ancestry (Teutopolis in Effingham County, for example, means "City of the Teutons," or Germans, and is typical of many towns founded by German settlers) had no trouble raising troops.

"The population of German ancestry volunteered at massive rates to show their patriotism," Kovalcik said. "They wanted to prove they were true Americans."

With troops rushing forward and humming factories full of nose-to-grindstone workers who had shunted aside labor grumbles for the greater patriotic good, the State Council of Defense believed it had glimpsed capitalism's promised land.

"All war undertakings succeeded by virtue of the spirit of cooperation," it concluded in its final 1919 report. "Since this unity of thought and purpose can be achieved under stress of war, why can it not be approximated, at least, in time of peace?"

But it was not to be. Kovalcik said a big influence that had pushed President Woodrow Wilson to steer America into the war is that much of it on the British side had been financed by American banks. They stood to lose their shirts big time if Britain and its Allies, fatigued with crippling losses by 1917, were defeated. And yet when the American intervention was over and the war won, the demand that had quadrupled the U.S. economy between 1914 and 1917 suddenly collapsed, taking jobs with it.

By the dawn of the Great Depression in the 1930s, jobless and hungry World War I veterans and their families, some 17,000 of them, had marched on Washington, D.C. They were demanding early payment of war service bonuses promised by Congress but not due to be distributed until 1945. On July 28, President Herbert Hoover ordered in the Army to help the police clear the protesters and, in street battles that followed, two veterans were killed.

Finally, in 1936, Congress overrode the veto of President Franklin D. Roosevelt and the veterans were paid their bonuses nine years early.



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HOW WE VOTED

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Jeff Wood	74	94	152	225	110	162	74	138	146	190	164	76	123	81	178	71	99	187	100	96	278	162	70	158	181	45	133	165	133	100	36	4001	
Tom Dolan	30	30	46	97	105	46	20	187	83	96	89	46	66	50	88	32	60	108	45	62	139	106	32	63	80	26	56	84	51	73	29	2125	
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Pritzker/Stratton	15	28	32	79	36	48	18	76	71	107	86	45	54	40	86	25	51	106	46	56	111	59	24	35	48	17	54	63	39	43	8	1606	
Rauner/Sanguinetti	78	76	130	215	159	137	66	215	135	136	136	62	109	71	142	71	87	149	80	89	262	183	59	155	182	42	121	154	128	111	47	3787	
STATE ATTORNEY GENERAL																																	
Kwame Raoul	11	28	32	73	29	29	14	66	63	95	74	39	58	36	77	23	43	97	52	47	97	49	19	30	41	10	39	48	39	31	8	1397	
Erika Harold	85	93	156	234	177	161	76	244	156	175	164	77	119	93	161	81	107	181	84	102	292	209	73	173	198	53	140	183	136	130	50	4363	
STATE SECRETARY OF STATE																																	
Jessie White	38	61	80	131	81	82	28	132	125	172	126	66	94	67	137	45	94	147	77	89	179	114	52	86	102	30	92	112	76	83	31	2829	
Jason Helland	67	58	113	181	129	115	61	186	101	111	117	52	82	64	117	58	61	135	64	62	223	146	44	125	148	38	97	125	104	83	31	3098	
STATE COMPTROLLER																																	
Susana Mendoza	23	40	44	88	40	50	17	97	84	107	81	47	64	46	93	27	57	107	61	60	116	68	36	49	54	14	55	72	40	54	16	1807	
Darlene Senger	74	81	143	215	166	136	68	208	135	164	150	69	111	82	151	71	92	163	76	83	276	187	58	158	179	48	126	153	134	108	43	3908	
STATE TREASURER																																	
Michael Frerichs	28	39	66	81	50	52	18	93	75	102	84	48	66	50	92	29	58	106	56	62	122	86	40	72	63	22	54	75	48	66	22	1925	
Jim Dodge	69	77	126	220	155	136	71	209	143	167	148	72	104	78	149	70	91	168	78	84	272	173	54	136	176	43	125	156	126	96	40	3812	
CONG 15th DIST REP																																	
Kevin Gaither	13	31	37	80	37	46	20	83	77	106	86	44	64	43	91	29	59	109	59	56	112	64	26	48	47	15	46	68	41	56	15	1708	
John Shimkus	89	90	156	234	173	148	73	235	148	180	157	78	116	86	161	77	93	178	79	98	293	199	67	167	198	52	141	167	133	114	44	4224	
STATE REP 110th DIST																																	
Shirley Bell						39		72																									111
Chris Miller						159		249																									408

COLLECTING DONATIONS



Special to The Prairie Press
Employees at the Edgar County Supervisor of Assessments office are collecting donations for several organizations through a Wear Jeans to Work Friday program. Beneficiaries of the donations are the food pantry, the backpack project and the pregnancy crisis center. Pictured are employees Wanda Winans, left, and Misty Farr, right.

BEE WELL HITS THE STREETS



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press
Bell Well of Edgar County's new project is the use of lawn signs to remind residents to practice a healthy lifestyle. The Presbyterian Church provided money for the initial purchase of bright yellow signs encouraging healthy eating. Other sponsors may select a different message and possibly add a corporate logo in addition to the Bee Well logo. Those wanting to participate can make contact through the Bee Well Facebook. Left to right, Bee Well member Alison Williams, the Rev. Laurie Williams of the church and Bee Well member Mary Liz Wright.

Fires besiege California city reeling from mass shooting

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — A city reeling from the tragedy of a mass shooting was under a siege of a different sort Friday as raging wildfires on both sides of the city forced widespread evacuations and shut down part of the main freeway to town. The investigation into what drove Ian David Long, 28, to kill was continuing even as the city about 40 miles

(64 kilometers) from Los Angeles was under threat from one of three major wildfires burning in the state. Three-quarters of the city of 130,000 was under evacuation orders — and that likely included people affected by the shooting, Thousand Oaks Mayor Andy Fox said. "Here we are just a few hours later talking now about another

crisis right here in Thousand Oaks," Fox said, making the distinction the shooting victims and their families had experienced a permanent loss. "Those lives will never be recovered. Tonight we're talking about a serious fire situation, but thankfully we have not lost a single life. And as difficult as it may be, homes can be rebuilt, property can be reacquired."

Throughout the day, air tankers swooped through the skies, making low passes to dump water and flame retardant as firefighters tried to protect homes amid gusts topping 60 mph (96 kph). The winds and smoky conditions made for difficult firefighting and at times grounded firefighting aircraft.

U of I Master Gardener training begins January

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University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners are adult members of the community who are interested in lawns, trees, shrubs, flowers, gardens, vegetables and the environment. The University of Illinois provides training to achieve Master Gardener status. The 10-week annual training course begins Jan. 22, 2019, and involves 60 hours of online or classroom instruction. Classes for citizens of Clark, Crawford

and Edgar counties are at the Clark County Extension Office in Marshall.

The first step in the process is submitting an application to the local Extension Office, completing an interview and passing a background check.

More information about the process is available by contacting Kim Trine, University of Illinois Extension Ag & Natural Resources Program Coordinator, at ktrine@illinois.edu or 217-465-8585.

Prairie's Edge reopens

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A construction project to widen and improve Prairie's Edge (1350th Street) is over for this season and the road reopened to traffic Thursday, Nov. 8.

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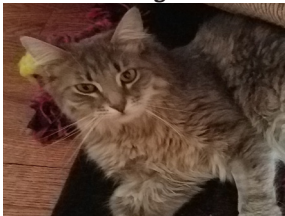
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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY PARIS, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD A. KRABEL, Deceased No. 2018 - P-55

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Ronald A. Krabel. Letters of Office were issued on September 27, 2018 to Russell Krabel, 14044 US Hwy 36, Chrisman, IL 61924 as independent executor whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 29, 2019, (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice) and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

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

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF NAYALII VICTORIA LARA, DIEGO ANGEL LARA

KIMBERLY A. HOGGATT, Petitioners.
No. 2018-P-58

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given to you VICTOR M. LARRA-OROZCO a/k/a VICTOR M. LARA, that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed in the above entitled cause. LARRA-OROZCO a/k/a VICTOR M. LARA, is hereby served by publication of this Notice. Unless files and answer to the Compliant in this cause or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before November 26, 2018, a default judgment may be entered against, at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Petition for Guardianship.

Angela R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk
FRUIN & KASH
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)
129 North Central Avenue
Paris, IL 61944-1704
Telephone: 217-465-4196
Fax: 217-466-1213

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

In the matter of the Estate of JANET LOUISE MCGILL, deceased
No. 2018-P-57

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of

JANET LOUISE MCGILL of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 22, 2018 to LISA ANN LAUGHEAD, as Independent Executor, 712 Water Street, Paris, Illinois 61944, whose attorney is DREW P. GRIFFIN, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 3, 2019, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. DATED This 1st day of November, 2018.

LISA ANN LAUGHEAD,
Independent Executor of the Estate of JANET LOUISE MCGILL,
deceased

DREW P. GRIFFIN
ARDC #6312947
JONES & GRIFFIN
LAW OFFICES, P.C.
110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8
Paris, IL 61944
Tele: (217) 465-7525
Fax: (217) 466-2230

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

FIRST BANK & TRUST, IL, f/k/a FIRST BANK & TRUST, SB, Plaintiff,

vs

JARED L. RAMSEY, Unknown Owners and Non-record Claimants, Defendants.
Case No. 2018-CH-17

NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Circuit Court for the Fifth Judicial Circuit, Edgar County, Illinois in the above entitled matter on July 11, 2018, the Sheriff of Edgar County, in Paris, Illinois will on December 5, 2018, at the Edgar County Courthouse, 115 W. Court Street, Paris, Illinois, at the hour of 10:30 a.m. sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Edgar, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment:

Legal Description of the Mortgaged Premises:

THE NORTH ONE-THIRD OF LOT 15 IN LAWSON KIMBLE'S ADDITION TO THE CITY OF PARIS. IN EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PREIN: 09-13-36-383-004

Common Address of the real estate: 622 N Central, Paris, IL 61944

Description of improvements: residence

The judgment amount was: \$76,582.23

Sale terms: This is an As Is sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; the balance by certified funds within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, mowing fees, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title without recourse to Plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will not be available for inspection prior to sale. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

For Information: Richard L. James, Attorney at Law, 328 North Central, P O Box 820, Paris, IL 61944

Further information than that given here in this notice of sale is not required to be given.

THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Richard James
ARDC # 1323156
328 N. Central Avenue
P O Box 820
Paris, IL 61944
Phone: (217) 465-2529
Fax: (217) 463-1982
rlj@rjameslaw.com

Public notice is hereby given that on November 26, 2018, at 2:00 PM the commissioners of **DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE TOWN OF KANSAS** will hold the annual meeting of the District for the purpose of discussing the items listed on the Agenda below, and such other matters which may come before the Commissioners. The meeting shall be held at the following location:

Kansas Village Hall
202 N Front St
Kansas, IL 61933

AGENDA

1. Public Comments
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of Annual Financial Report
4. Consider and Take Action on Annual Levy
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Prepared by:
Richard L. James,
Attorney at Law
328 N Central
Paris, IL 61944
(217) 465-2529

Public notice is hereby given that on November 26, 2018, at 10:00 AM the commissioners of DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 1 OF THE TOWN OF PRAIRIE will hold the annual meeting of the District for the purpose of discussing the items listed on the Agenda below, and such other matters which may come before the Commissioners. The meeting shall be held at the following location:

Richard James Law Office
328 N Central
Paris IL 61944

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Prepared by:
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Public Notice

Notice is hereby given that EDGAR COUNTY, IL (Owner) is requesting innovative solutions and proposals from qualified providers for energy conservation measures at Owner facilities pursuant to the Local Government Energy Conservation Act, 50 ILCS 515. These services and improvements are to be delivered on a guaranteed performance contracting basis which will allow Owner to: 1) incur no initial capital cost, 2) achieve significant long term savings which are measured and verified, 3) obtain an annual savings guarantee which will be equal to or greater than the total annual project costs, 4) obtain consistent levels of facility occupant comfort and system functionality, and 5) finance the project through an installment payment or a lease-purchase arrangement over an extended contract term.

Sealed proposals shall be received at the Edgar County Courthouse; Attn: August Griffin; 115 W. Court St. Rm J; Paris, IL 61944 no later than 8:30AM on NOVEMBER 26, 2018. Extensions will not be granted and late responses will not be accepted. At 9:00AM on NOVEMBER 26, 2018 all proposals will be publicly opened by a representative of Owner at the County Highway Department during the County Building & Grounds Committee Meeting and discussed at 9:30AM during the County Board Study Session.

NO ADDITIONAL WALKTHROUGHS WILL BE GRANTED AS PART OF THIS REVISED REQUEST.

Direct questions regarding this Request for Proposals to August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk, Ph. 217-466-7433.

Notification is given that First Neighbor Bank, NA, 201 N Meridian St, Toledo, Illinois 62468 has filed an application with the Comptroller of the Currency on November 9, 2018, as specified in 12 CFR 5 for permission to establish a temporary branch office at 15321 US HWY 150, Paris, IL. Any person wishing to comment on this application may file comments in writing with the Central District Office, Director of District Licensing, One Financial Place, Suite 2700, 440 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60605 within 30 days of the date of this publication.

BRIEFLY

SIU aims to fill rural health care gap

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) — Southern Illinois University's medical school is trying to bring more doctors, physicians and medical students to Carbondale and rural areas where they're desperately needed.

Under the new Lincoln Scholars program, eight medical students selected each year would be trained entirely in Southern Illinois and not in Springfield, where the majority of SIU medical students now study, The (Carbondale) Southern Illinoisan reported.

University officials said the goal of the program is to groom the next generation of rural caregivers at a time when health care is increasingly concentrated in urban areas.

"We think this will spawn an entirely new type of medical education," said Jerry Kruse, dean of the medical school. "There's a significant need for better health care and medical training in rural areas, and there's need for comprehensive primary care across the United States."

Administrators said it is especially important for SIU to launch the program because there are far more medical school alumni working in the Springfield area than in rural counties in the southern end of the state.

"We're tired of people writing off rural medicine. (Rural) hospital CEOs are tired of recruiting doctors only to have them leave," said Dr. James Daniels, the medical school's assistant dean for student affairs. "We need to find and train special people, people who want to be here, and who are going to be community leaders."

The Lincoln Scholars program is still in development medical school leaders said. Curriculum still needs approval from regulatory agencies committees and groups and likely won't take effect until 2020, Kruse said.

Divers find 2nd body in river

CHICAGO (AP) — Chicago Police Department divers have recovered a second body from the Calumet River near where an SUV went into the water.

Police say divers pulled the body from the river Friday morning in the Hegewisch neighborhood on the city's southeast side.

The body hasn't been identified, but police believe it's from an SUV that was driven into the river early Sunday.

Dive teams recovered the first body Wednesday. It also hasn't been identified.

A 26-year-old man who was found walking nearby told officers he escaped the SUV and believed his two friends might have not got out. He told police the other two occupants of the car were men ages 23 and 26.

Authorities have recovered the SUV from the river but no one was inside.

Fire destroys packing business

PEORIA, Ill. (AP) — A large fire has destroyed a meat packing businesses in central Illinois as flames shot more than 50 feet into the nighttime sky and burned for hours.

The fire broke out Thursday night at Raber Packing Co. on the western edge of Peoria. Limestone Township fire chief Larry Gilmore says firefighters were ordered from the building after a ceiling fell in. Flames soon shot through the roof and it later collapsed. Several fire departments from the area responded to the blaze.

No injuries were reported as the business was closed at the time. A cause wasn't immediately known for the fire. Business owner Buddy Raber says the family hopes to rebuild.

Rural districts remain red

Election offers more evidence of urban-rural divide, Democrats' wave hits mainly cities

BY SARA BURNETT
Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Ill. (AP) — Democrats did what was once unthinkable when they flipped two suburban Chicago congressional districts that had been held by Republicans pretty much since World War II.

It was territory that produced GOP stalwarts such as Henry Hyde and Dennis Hastert and where, until Tuesday, incumbents had regularly won re-election by 20 percentage points or more. But the Democratic successes didn't extend south to the farms and small towns of central and southern

Illinois, where GOP congressmen held on to two other seats Democrats had targeted, including one in a blue-collar district that was reliably Democratic until just a few years ago.

The same pattern emerged across the U.S.: Democrats captured control of the House by winning in suburban areas such as northern Virginia and communities outside Los Angeles, Detroit and Minneapolis. Republicans fared better in the country's smaller towns and rural areas.

The depth of the divide emerged during 2016, when President Donald Trump was

elected. It's clear he was also the driving factor this year.

"Nationally, I want a check on Trump," said Nick Molino, a 33-year-old engineer who voted in his hometown of Wheaton, Illinois, west of Chicago. The new dad considers himself an independent and chose a mix of Democrats and Republicans on his ballot. He was sure to vote for Democrat Sean Casten, a former clean energy entrepreneur and first-time candidate, over six-term Republican Rep. Peter Roskam.

Casten defeated Roskam by more than 5 percentage points in an affluent district west and

northwest of Chicago that was high on Democrats' list of targets since voters there backed Hillary Clinton over Trump in 2016.

Nationally, urban and suburban voters preferred Democratic over Republican candidates, while voters in small towns and rural places favored Republicans, based on results from AP VoteCast, a nationwide survey of more than 115,000 voters and 20,000 nonvoters conducted for The Associated Press by NORC at the University of Chicago.

Trump loomed large. Six in 10 Illinois voters considered

him a factor in their choices, like voters nationally. About 4 in 10 voted to express opposition to the president, compared with about 2 in 10 who said it was to support Trump. Another 4 in 10 said Trump was not a factor, the survey found.

About a third of small town and rural Illinois voters said they voted to support Trump, compared with about a quarter who voted against him. Another 44 percent said Trump was not a factor. More voters in urban and suburban areas voted in opposition to the president than in support of him.

SPACE IS COLD, SO DRESS IN LAYERS



Brian Hill/Staff Photographer

While early astronauts wore enhanced flight suits, the first men on the moon needed spacesuits that could handle a 500-degree temperature swing, limit the damage from tiny meteors and still be flexible. Former NASA engineer Bob Davidson of Rolling Meadows shows some of the innovative layers that made those spacesuits work

Designing Neil's spacesuit

BY BURT CONSTABLE
Daily Herald

ROLLING MEADOWS, Ill. (AP) — An electrical engineer working for the fledgling NASA space program, Bob Davidson was three months into his job in 1962 when he was told that his project had been scrapped. Instead, he would be given the chance to work on a new venture with a division of Playtex.

"Playtex? The bra and girdle company?" a dubious Davidson asked. "And they said, 'Yes.'"

And that's how Davidson, 76, now retired and living in Rolling Meadows, got to pal around with Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin as he helped design the revolutionary spacesuits those men wore for man's first steps on the moon on July 20, 1969. Those weren't upgraded flight suits. They were more like one-of-a-kind, single-occupancy spacecraft.

"We had to build them to withstand 220 degrees below zero, and 280 degrees above zero," Davidson says, as he sits in his living room and thumbs through the 17 layers of a piece of the material used in the outer covering of those suits made to withstand everything the moon might throw at them. While some materials were similar to those found in the fire-retardant outfits worn by race car drivers and the coats worn by mountain climbers, the spacesuits also featured new materials such as "aluminized mylar" and "Beta cloth-Teflon-coated silica fibers."

Engineered to protect against the "micrometeoroid bombardment" from specks zipping through space that could puncture most materials, the suits' layers included "ripstop tape" and patterns with holes that would prevent a tiny puncture from becoming a major tear.

Not only did the suits have to keep the astronauts alive, they had to enable the men to move while under the pressure of 14 pounds of air per square inch. Each suit had to be a perfect fit, so they took

180 measurements on the astronauts' bodies and constructed bevels and swivels for each joint.

"The hardest thing to do was the fingers in gloves," Davidson says, noting how the astronauts needed to pick up items and adjust controls. "The gloves were incredibly complex."

Davidson and a team of 20 engineers also outfitted the spacesuits with a communications system that enabled Armstrong and Aldrin to chat with each other, communicate with fellow astronaut Michael Collins, who was orbiting the moon, and talk with communication centers back on earth, where 500 million people watched and heard their broadcast from the surface of the moon.

On the historic day, while hosting another engineer and his wife in their apartment in Ogletown, Delaware, Bob Davidson watched the moon landing with confidence. "We knew if we could do it here it would be great on the moon, which has one-sixth the gravity," he says.

The spacesuits matched the performance of Armstrong and Aldrin, who were the perfect team for that mission, says Davidson, who got to know both astronauts. The engineers could spend 10 straight days working directly with the astronauts and then not see them for a month. They went to restaurants together and socialized.

"They were as different as night and day," Davidson says of the enigmatic Armstrong and the outgoing Aldrin. "Buzz was on 'Dancing with the Stars,' and you couldn't even get Neil in the audience."

The spacesuits were tested in a 32-story water tower, in the desert and in a plane known as the vomit comet that soared and dipped to provide moments of weightlessness. With so many materials and tests, Davidson traveled to facilities in Texas, California, New York, Alabama, Florida, Arizona and Dover, Delaware, and also took the suit on public relations visits to schools and civic



Photo courtesy of Bob Davidson

A stiff and uncomfortable Buzz Aldrin tries on an early version of the Apollo 11 spacesuit as Bob Davidson, left, chats with the astronaut on his headphone. After seven years of design and modifications, the spacesuits worked flawlessly on the moon.

organizations around the nation. Traveling with a big blue box that read "Critical Space Flight Item," Davidson flew first-class and was the last passenger on the plane and the first one off.

While at NASA, Davidson also worked on Apollo 9 and the memorable Apollo 13, which featured an explosion and a miraculous return to earth that was made into a movie starring Tom Hanks.

The new movie about Armstrong, "First Man," does a good job of capturing Armstrong's courage, bravery, smarts and coolness under pressure and shows the sacrifices many made to make good on the promise to put a man on the moon, Davidson says.

"We're human and we knew the odds were against us, but we also knew it was doable," Davidson says, proud of his contribution. "The only two things that made it back from the moon are the man and the spacesuit on his back."

Missouri tour boat captain indicted after sinking kills 17

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — The captain of a tourist boat that sank in southwest Missouri and killed 17 people, including nine members of an Indiana family, didn't tell passengers to put on flotation devices or prepare them to abandon ship even after

waves crashed into the boat during a severe storm, according to an indictment released Thursday.

The federal indictment shows Kenneth Scott McKee faces 17 counts of misconduct, negligence or inattention to duty by a ship's officer

resulting in death. The deaths occurred after the duck boat, a refurbished amphibious vessel originally used by the military during World War II, sank during a storm in July.

The 51-year-old McKee also is accused of failing to properly assess the weather before

and after the boat went into Table Rock Lake near Branson, a Midwestern tourist town known for country music shows and entertainment venues.

"This is the beginning, not the end, of our efforts in this matter," Garrison said during

a news conference in Springfield, adding that he couldn't release specifics about the investigation.

If convicted, McKee could face up to 10 years in prison for each count and a fine of \$250,000. Garrison said he expects McKee to surrender.

Pritzker names advisers

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Illinois Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker on Thursday named labor leaders, a former Republican lawmaker and allies of Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel to a team looking into Illinois' troubled finances.

The Democrat will be sworn in Jan. 14, and within weeks of taking office will have to deliver a budget proposal to the General Assembly. Illinois is behind in paying bills by about \$7.5 billion, and there is an estimated \$1 billion shortfall in the current state budget. Pension payments also restrict spending on other programs.

Pritzker says the committee he named Thursday is the first of several working groups he will form to address specific state issues.

"I'm going to be very much on top of what the committees are doing, listening to them and following along as they tackle each of the issues," Pritzker said.

Among those Pritzker named to his Budget and Innovation Committee was former Democratic Comptroller Dan Hynes. Others include Illinois Federation of Teachers President Dan Montgomery and Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois President Pat Devaney; Emanuel budget director Carole Brown and Chicago city Treasurer Kurt Summers.

Former Senate Republican leader Christine Radogno of Lemont was also named to the committee. She resigned the Senate in 2017 after Rauner undercut her efforts with Democratic Senate President John Cullerton to end a budget impasse.

"The budget is not only going to be the top priority, but it is going to impact everything our new governor is going to try to accomplish," said Hynes, who chairs the committee.

Pritzker said there are no limitations on what the committee can discuss for dealing with the financial issues. However, it won't focus on his goal of implementing a graduated income tax in the state. A graduated tax requires a change in the Illinois constitution and the approval of Illinois voters.