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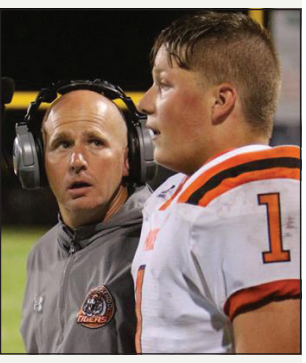
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Vandalism hurting beach

Heavy damage could close the East Beach; park board agrees to co-sponsor ArtFest

BY GARY HENRY
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There is an old saying that people don't appreciate what they've got until its gone, and the free swimming area at east lake is taking a lot of abuse.

A frustrated Chris Redman reported a series of vandalism acts at the east beach during the Paris Park Board meeting Tuesday, June 25. Redman is the city supervisor of streets, alleys and parks.

"I had to shut the restrooms at the beach today," said Redman.

Problems he listed included:

- stalls torn from the walls;
- toilets filled with lake mud;
- other damage to toilets causing them to leak; and
- vandalism severely damaging two soft drink vending machines.

"Last night somebody backed their truck up to the beach and shoveled sand into it," Redman told park board members.

Redman is not sure how long he can keep the beach open because state regulations require public swimming areas have showers and restrooms. A porta potty near the boat ramp may suffice for a bit of time, but the shower house is unusable in its current condition and Redman is seeking estimates for repairs.

Redman added it was embarrassing to open the building, given its condition, for the Eiffel Tower Triathlon the previous weekend. This event attracted 73 participants from a wide area of Illinois, plus the states of Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Minnesota Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

The police, he said, are aware of the problem and are increasing patrols but the area is so open those bent on causing damage can see law enforcement coming in time to cease criminal behavior.

Park board member Tom Tuttle suggested looking into an outdoor shower rather than going to the expense of repairing the inside showers.

"When you go to other beaches, especially at the ocean, they have outdoor showers," said Tuttle.

The others liked that idea and the use of valves that automatically shut off to avoid people leaving the showers running when no one is using them. Spending money to fix the damage caused by vandals was not popular with park board members, and there was talk of placing porta potties in the parking lot for the remainder of the season instead of making repairs.

Redman is to investigate if porta potties and an outdoor shower system satisfy state regulations.

On a more positive note, Angela Griffin, representing the Paris Center of Fine Arts, discussed plans for the Sept. 8 ArtFest near Spicer Pavilion in the west park.

"This will be a free children's art festival leading up

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BIKE, RUN AND SWIM TO VICTORY



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

The first competitor enters Twin Lakes for the 1,500-meter swim leg of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon June 23.

Triathlon finishes strong

BY JEREMY PATTERSON
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The Paris Eiffel Tower Triathlon wrapped up competition this past Sunday as individuals from around the Midwestern United States competed in the multi-faceted race with their eyes on completing the first-time competition.

Whether competing for an overall place or just a personal best, the racing field enjoyed the time spent on the course pushing themselves.

Betsy Higginbotham, who was a member of the board that brought the triathlon to the Paris area, was also a participant in the Olympic category and loved every minute of the competition.

"The entire race was so well organized and put together. The swim was great, the biking was fast and the run was so scenic," Higginbotham said. "You couldn't ask for much more in a triathlon."

The competition featured a wide range of 73 participants from multiple states including Arkansas, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Missouri and Wisconsin. Of those participants, 39 were male and 34 were female.

The triathlon itself was split into two categories, Sprint and Olympic. The Sprint Division featured a 500-meter swim while the Olympic Division consisted of a 1,500-meter swim. Swimmers then entered into the cycling section of the race down E. 1200th Road by Paris High School to Redmon and back. The biking consisted of 12.4 miles (20k) in the Sprint division and 24.2 miles (40k) in the Olympic division.

After completing the cycling section of the race, participants ran around the east and west lakes before finishing the competition. The running segment of the event was 3.1 miles (5k) in the Sprint division and 6.2 miles (10k) in the Olympic division.

The average time of completion throughout the triathlon was 1:37:55 in the Sprint category and 3:15:56 in the Olympic category.

Even though the contest took place in the small Paris community and adjacent countryside, several participants said the level of care and detail invested into the triathlon made it feel like it was being hosted on the biggest stages in the country.

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The Sprint Division of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon allowed teams to enter with each team member doing a portion of the event. Paris residents left to right, Julee Dennis, Meghan Creech and Shannon Jones, made up one such team with Dennis as the cyclist, Creech the swimmer and Jones the runner. Sprint competitors also had the option to compete individually in all three events. The Olympic division competitors were required to do all three events individually and at much longer distances. Dennis, Creech and Jones took third place in the team competition.

Fourth of July 2019

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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Festivities with live entertainment, food trucks, music, parades and culminating with fireworks displays are slated for Paris and the surrounding areas to celebrate Independence Day.

Several events are planned in Paris for the holiday weekend.

JULY 4

The popular annual American Legion fish fry is 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday, July 4, at the Paris American Legion Post 211. Music in the Park, sponsored by the park board, begins at 6:30 p.m. at Twin Lakes Park in the Spicer Pavilion featuring the band Fishback from Terre Haute, Ind.

JULY 6

All day events are planned and sponsored by the park board for Saturday, July 6, at the West Lake Park. The Paris City Band performs a patriotic concert 2-4 p.m. at the Spicer Pavilion. Taking the stage at 7 p.m. is the '71 Band consisting of local musicians Randy Rhoads, Kenny Hays, Beetle Bailey, Jerry Branson, Steve Pittman, Justin Hays, Stacy Doty and Donnie "Itchy" Alexander playing classic rock and roll tunes by such artists as the Beatles, Tom Petty and more.

Throughout the day the park features an All-Ability Playground, miniature golf and the Splash Park for visitors to enjoy while celebrating Independence Day.

Something new this year is the addition of food trucks providing gourmet cuisine and ethnic menu items in the park.

Concessions by Savoia's offers a wide variety of festival food favorites such as hot dogs, burgers and treats, while Pop's Kettle Corn is the place for gourmet popcorn.

Don Sol Mexican Grill serves authentic Mexican food.

Philippine-style marinated shish-kabob along with other ethnic foods is featured at Sati Babi.

Roosters and Rumps offers barbecue food favorites. Roger's Fry serves favorite deep-fried foods

Frozen sweet treats are available from We Lik It Farmstand Ice Cream.

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New traffic fines start statewide July 1

Cellphone users face big risk with $1,000 fine and loss of drivers license

BY GARY HENRY
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People caught violating Illinois traffic laws will find the infractions digging deeper into their pockets starting July 1.

Angie Barrett, Edgar County Circuit Clerk, said a couple of factors are behind the change. The Illinois Supreme Court previously issued a directive to create some uniformity in how counties assess traffic fines and related fees. Following the supreme court directive, the legislature acted to set one fine for most petty traffic offenses that are paid over the counter, without going to court.

Those who go to court will face additional costs, if found guilty.

Barrett stressed the new costs are not a creation of Edgar County or her office. This is something being imposed from Springfield.

"Edgar County was on the low end of the scale of what was charged," said Barrett. "They are trying to even things out so there is some consistency in what people pay everywhere."

For example, a petty seat belt infraction in Edgar County previously cost $60 if paid over the counter in the clerk's office without making a court appearance. Starting July 1, that offense will cost $164 in every county.

"That's quite a jump," said Barrett.

All petty offenses from seat belt infractions to speeding that are payable over the counter are now a flat $164 for the fine, and other fees are also assessed.

"Those are the ones we are most concerned about. They are what we see most often," said Barrett.

One of the most significant changes in the traffic laws starting July 1 is related to the use of cell phones, or other electronic communication devices. Anyone convicted of causing an accident resulting in great bodily harm while driving and using an electronic device at the same time faces a minimum fine of $1,000 and the automatic revocation of driving privileges for a year.

Some other changes are coming to misdemeanor traffic fines and overweight offenses but they are not as straightforward as the petty cases.

The minimum amount any court can assess for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence conviction is now $1,456. Citations issued by the conservation police are going to $195.

Barrett said it is not clear how much of the increased charges benefit Illinois.

"The state has done away with some funds, and they've added some things," she said. "It is going to take some time before we can figure out how much more is going to the state."

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LOCAL FORECAST

NORMAL: High: 85 Low: 66 More weather: go to **www.prairiepress.net** and click on weather.

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
90 69	91 70	92 70	90 71	89 70	87 70	85 69
Prec: 0%	Prec: 0%	Prec: 0%	Prec: 30%	Prec: 30%	Prec: 30%	Prec: 30%

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

TODAY — Heat builds in for the weekend with highs near 90 under sunny skies.

SUNDAY — The sunny, hot and humid trend continues with highs in the lower 90s.

MONDAY — July kicks off even warmer with sunny skies, highs in the lower 90s, and heat index values nearing the triple digit mark.

ALMANAC

Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature
High/Low ..... 85°/66°
Record High ..... 105° in 2012
Record Low ..... 42° in 1923

Precipitation
Month to date ..... 7.30"
Normal month to date ..... 4.21"
Year to date ..... 27.77"
Normal year to date ..... 20.50"

SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	5:26 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	3:00 a.m.	5:13 p.m.
FRIDAY	5:26 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	3:38 a.m.	6:20 p.m.
SATURDAY	5:27 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	4:22 a.m.	7:26 p.m.
SUNDAY	5:27 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	5:15 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
MONDAY	5:28 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	6:16 a.m.	9:25 p.m.
TUESDAY	5:28 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	5:29 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	8:36 a.m.	10:58 p.m.



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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

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.

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.

THURSDAY

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

MUSIC IN THE PARK
Music in the Park features Fishback playing classic rock 6:30 p.m. July 4 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park.

UPCOMING

BOAT PARADE
The annual Twin Lakes Boat Parade is July 6 in conjunction with the city's Independence Day celebration and fireworks show. Participants are asked to decorate boats in patriotic colors and meet at 8 p.m. at the East Lake Dam. Questions may be directed to Joan Mattingly, 466-2701.

BENEFIT CAR SHOW
The second annual Christmas In July Car Show benefitting HIS Ministries' Christmas for Kids is 11 a.m. July 6 at Lake Ridge Christian Church.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN
The Edgar County Historical Society is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. today the first and third Saturdays of every month for 2019.

REDEDICATION OF DAR MONUMENTS
A rededication program for the recently restored monuments on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn is 10 a.m. July 6. Restoration of the markers was a joint effort by the local Daughters of the American Revolution and the Edgar County Historical Society.

BEE WELL FUN RUN
The Bee Well Fun Run for children is 6:30 p.m. July 9 in Twin Lakes Parks. Children of all ages can get active by participating in a series of dashes or longer half-mile and mile-runs. This is a free activity sponsored by Bee Well of Edgar County.

BEE WELL FUN RUN
The Bee Well Fun Run for children is 6:30 p.m. July 11 in Twin Lakes Parks. Children of all ages can get active by participating in a series of dashes or longer half-mile and mile-runs. This is a free activity sponsored by Bee Well of Edgar County.

MUSIC IN THE PARK
Music in the Park features the Fabulous Hoedads playing classic rock and country 6:30 p.m. July 11 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park.

BEE WELL FUN RUN
The Bee Well Fun Run for children is 6:30 p.m. July 16 in Twin Lakes Parks. Children of all ages can get active by participating in a series of dashes or longer half-mile and mile-runs. This is a free activity sponsored by Bee Well of Edgar County.

BEE WELL FUN RUN
The Bee Well Fun Run for children is 6:30 p.m. July 18 in Twin Lakes Parks. Children of all ages can get active by participating in a series of dashes or longer half-mile and mile-runs. This is a free activity sponsored by Bee Well of Edgar County.

MUSIC IN THE PARK
Music in the Park features the Sister Kate Band playing classic rock 6:30 p.m. July 18 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park.

BIBLE SCHOOL
Farm Fresh Faith is the Bible School theme at First United Methodist Church July 15-July 19. Sessions are 5:15-8 p.m. July 14-19, and 6 p.m. July 19. More information is available by calling 466-4215 or 251-7297. Online registration is available at https://vbspro.event/p/farm19

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The Bee Well Fun Run for children is 6:30 p.m. July 25 in Twin Lakes Parks. Children of all ages can get active by participating in a series of dashes or longer half-mile and mile-runs. This is a free activity sponsored by Bee Well of Edgar County.

MUSIC IN THE PARK
Music in the Park features the Lemon Brothers Band playing classic rock and country 6:30 p.m. July 25 at Spicer Pavilion in Twin Lakes Park.

DON'T MISS

FREE CPR/AED COURSE JULY 1
Horizon Health is offering a free adult CPR/AED course 8 a.m.-1 p.m. July 1 in Conference Room D, on the second floor of Paris Community Hospital. This non-healthcare provider course is for the community only and teaches basic CPR and the use of an automated external defibrillator (AED), which is used in cases of life threatening cardiac events. Participants will receive a certificate of completion following the class, which is free. An official CPR/AED certification card from the American Heart Association is optional for $25.To register for the class, email Whitney Sprinkle at WSprinkle@myhorizonhealth.org or call 217-466-4045. When calling, leave a name and phone number to be automatically registered.

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Training center completes new addition



Special to The Prairie Press

This diminutive grain bin at the Paris Fire Department Training Center has several special features not found on a regular bin. Staff at the Paris GSI plant worked with firefighters to make this a training area for grain entrapment rescue. The I-beam superstructure makes it possible to remove the top and place it on the ground so instructors can communicate with those doing the training inside the bin.

BY GARY HENRY
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Something new at the Paris Fire Department's Hartley-Taylor Training Center on Cherry Point Road reflects the kind of specialized training firefighters in rural communities need.

Working with the GSI plant at Paris, firefighters erected a small grain bin to practice rescue techniques for grain entrapment. The scaled-down bin provides enough space to work inside with the specialized tools needed to safely remove grain around a trapped person without more grain flowing in and replacing what is removed.

GSI engineer Mason Clarey designed the special features needed to make the six-foot diameter bin a training facility. He did this in consultation with Paris Fire Captain Steve Gallagher and his own practical experience as a volunteer firefighter at Cayuga, Ind.

Some of the features Clarey incorporated to assist in training are two exterior ladders, platforms at the top where firefighters can tie-off for safety, ladders on the inside and the ability to remove the top of the bin and place it on the ground using an I-beam superstructure.

A special bracket on the back of the bin secures extra side panels so firefighters can practice making V-cuts in the metal without cutting into the actual bin. During a rescue, such cuts may be needed to facilitate removing the grain rapidly, but in a controlled manner. Failure to make the cuts correctly can result in bin collapse and complicate the rescue effort.

GSI plant manager Phil Brown was eager to help the fire department because of the safety aspect to the local farm community and because safety is a top priority of AGCO, GSI's parent company. He added the project with the fire department is an example of GSI's community involvement and the company has helped the high school and police department in the past.

"It is easier sometimes for us to supply that knowledge, than help in other ways," said Brown.

All of the material that went into the training bin, including the I-beams, was surplus left over from other projects at the plant.

"I was able to recycle what we had outside," said Clarey.

He explained his work had nothing to do with the actual engineering of the bin because product engineering is done at another facility.

"I build the things that we need to build the product," said Clarey.

Brown added a big part of Clarey's work is supporting the safety effort at the plant.

Once Clarey knew the safety features Gallagher wanted for the training facility he made some calculations and drawings but did not create full engineering plans.

"A lot of the credit goes to a couple of our skilled fabricators," said Clarey.

He discussed his ideas with Duane Maloney and Mike Abernathy, who took the concept and built it from Clarey's sketches.



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GSI engineer Mason Clarey, left, works with Paris firefighter Mark Brinkerhoff to build a modified grain bin at the department's training center on Cherry Point Street. The structure allows firefighters to practice grain entrapment techniques under realistic conditions.

Fill the Boot campaign is next week

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Paris firefighters are showing continued support for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) with the annual Fill the Boot fundraising campaign July 4, 5 and 6.

Members of the Paris Fire Department will hit the streets with boots in hand asking pedestrians, motorists and other passersby at the Jasper and Main and Central and Jasper intersections to make a donation to MDA. Firefighters will be at those locations 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. each of the three days. The Fill the Boot campaign raises critical funds to help transform the lives of kids and adults with muscular dystrophy, ALS and related muscle-debilitating diseases.



File Photo/The Prairie Press

Paris Fire Captain Zach Janis and other firefighters are doing the annual Fill the Boot campaign 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. July 4, 5 and 6 at the Main and Jasper and Central and Jasper intersections. Fill the Boot raises money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association and one of the projects funded is sending local children stricken with MD to a summer camp at no cost to their families.

"We are thrilled to be working with the Paris Fire Department for another year of Fill the Boot to help provide the funds needed to find treatments and cures for muscular dystrophy, ALS and related diseases that severely limit strength and mobility," said Emily Shull, development director for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. "The dedication of these firefighters to MDA's mission is unwavering, spending countless hours both with Fill the Boot and MDA Summer Camp to care for the kids and adults in the community. We know that their devotion to our families will make this year's drive a success."

Funds raised through the Fill the Boot event in 2019 will help the MDA save lives and lift those up in need, by providing the MDA with vital resources to advance its mission of driving innovations in science and care for the neuromuscular community. Prior contributions have helped fund groundbreaking research and life-enhancing programs such as state-of-the-art support groups and Care Centers, including the MDA Care Center at Carle Medical Group, Urbana.

Fill the Boot also helps send local kids to an MDA summer camp at Timber Point Outdoor Center in Hudson – at no cost to their families. For children stricken by MD, the summer camp is considered the best week of the year.

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Cases appearing in Edgar County Circuit Court

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Not following the sex offender registry requirements can seriously complicate a person's life.

Stacey L. Mejean, 33, Bloomington, Ind., appeared in custody of the Edgar County Sheriff Department for the June 17 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court. She was charged with eight new counts of a Class 3 felony unlawful failure to register as a sex offender. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at $20,000. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

In another matter, her unresolved 2012 charges of three counts of a Class 3 felony failure to register as a sex offender were continued for a pretrial conference. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

Other individuals appearing before the bench for the June 17 and June 20 court calls included:

IN CUSTODY

■William E. Barnett, 51, Foley, Ala., appeared in custody. He was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor theft, a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing. The public defender was appointed and Barnett was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Joseph W. Christopher, 28, Chrisman, appeared in custody and filed a motion for a furlough to enter a residential substance abuse treatment center. The matter was continued for a hearing. His unresolved charges of a Class 2 felony burglary, a Class 3 felony aggravated battery, a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing and a Class A misdemeanor battery were continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■April L. Dulaney, 41, Paris, appeared in custody. She was presented with a petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

In another matter, Dulaney's unresolved Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia charges were continued for a pretrial conference. Dulaney was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Wade V. Gossett, 33, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was assigned to the case. Bond was set at $1,000, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. Gossett was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Kristin D. Jewell, 38, Dugger, Ind., appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed. Bond was set at $5,000. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Jewell was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Scott D. LaBaume, 38, Chrisman, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. His unresolved charges of a Class 3 felony possession of weapons by a convicted felon and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance were continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Eve A. Lorance, 37, Newman, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. The petitions to revoke her probation sentences for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and two counts of a Class 4 felony aggravated fleeing from police convictions were continued for a sentencing hearing. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Courtney R. Swinford, 27, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. The petition to revoke her probation sentence for a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice conviction was continued for the sentencing hearing. Her oral motion for a personal recognizance bond was denied. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Damian M. Thompson, 28, Terre Haute, Ind., appeared in custody for missing a previous court date. The unresolved petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license conviction was continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■Ashley K. Whitley, 35, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. The state withdrew a petition to revoke Whitley's conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor retail theft conviction, and the matter was continued for a status review hearing. Whitley was released on a personal recognizance bond.

CHARGES

■Thomas F. Barnes, 37, Paris, was charged with a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Jackson E. Boatman, 17, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Aaron R. Gates, 22, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Isaac C. Graham, 22, Springfield, was presented with a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony failure to return from a furlough conviction. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Charles O. Howard, 28, Villa Grove, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Tracy D. Lavanway, 50, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Joseph May, 37, Oakland, was presented with a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. The case went to the public defender, and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■Dustin M. Sly, 20, Paris, was presented with a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor retail theft conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel

■Justin M. Tresner, 31, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor theft. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■Joseph A. Englum, 70, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. He was sentenced to two years of court supervision, a $750 fine, a $750 fee to the DUI fund, court costs and various state fees. In return for the plea, the state dismissed a second DUI charge.

■Anthony R. Marchant, 36, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He was sentenced to 10 days in jail subject to the court's discretion, one year of conditional discharge, 240 hours of community service work, a $300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■Evan T. Chestnut, 23, West Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol and a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Ethan A. Cox, 18, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor reckless driving. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Shawn Laufman, no age or address provided, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 4 felony unlawful violation of an order of protection. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■Randy R. Reynolds, 59, Rosedale, Ind., appeared for sentencing for his Class 2 felony aggravated driving under the influence conviction. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail under work release rules with credit for one day previously served, four years of probation, a $2,500 fine, court costs and various state fees. The court specifically admonished Reynolds that he is prohibited from consuming alcohol or entering establishments that serve alcohol for the duration of the probation sentence.

■Shawn M. Thompson, 37, Paris, was found guilty in a bench trial of a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He was sentenced to a $400 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Bradon Wayne Timmerman, 40, Paris, failed to appear in court. The court imposed a 60-day jail sentence attached to his Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine conviction. A no-bond warrant was issued.

WARRANTS

Warrants were ordered and prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Charles R. Davis, 36, Chrisman; Roman A. Komnev, 30, Chrisman; Dallas E. Peterson, 38, Paris; Venncint J. Sanders, 19, Danville; Patrick M. Thompson, 54, Kansas; and Amanda S. Williams, 24, Casey.

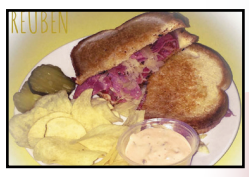
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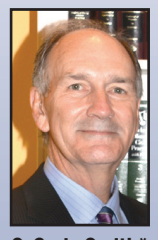
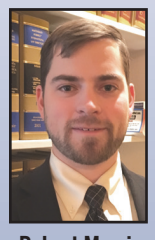
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Workers with Feutz Contractors pour concrete for an apron expansion at the Edgar County Airport. This will provide more parking for planes and a new fueling area. The area at the other end of the concrete, where the gravel piles are located, will be developed as the airport's fuel depot after the new tanks on order arrive at the site.

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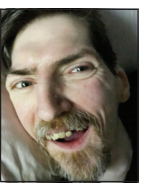


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HIRAM WEAVER III

Hiram Kenneth Weaver III, 41, of Normal, and formerly of Paris, passed away at 7 a.m. Monday, June 24, 2019, at his residence.



WEAVER

Following cremation, memorial services are 10 a.m. Saturday, July 20, at Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home. Private burial is in St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorial visitation is from 9 a.m. until the service time July 20 at the funeral home.

Mr. Weaver was born May 28, 1978, at Paris, the son of Hiram Kenneth Weaver II and Jeanna Marie Evard Weaver.

He is survived by his father, Hiram Kenneth Weaver II of Normal; two sisters, Heather (Billy) Quinn of Normal and Angela Weaver of Paris; his niece, Anika Quinn of Normal; his nephews, Cohen and Beckham Quinn, both of Normal; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jeanna Marie Weaver.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Awareness Foundation or the Ronald McDonald House.

Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

VERA TINGLEY

MARSHALL – Vera F. Tingley, 90, of Martinsville, passed away at 9:15 p.m. Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Meadows Manor East, Terre Haute, Ind.



TINGLEY

A service honoring her life was 2 p.m. Friday, June 28, at Pearce Funeral Home. Burial was in Marshall Cemetery. Visitation was from noon until the service time Friday at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Marshall Cemetery Association.

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

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BARBARA NEWELL

WESTFIELD – Barbara Ann Newell, 88, of Westfield, passed away at 8:17 p.m. Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at Heartland Christian Village, Neoga.



NEWELL

A private family service is at a later date. Markwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made for a Diabetic Alert Dog for Gloria Scott.

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

SHIRLEY GUINN

MARTINSVILLE – Shirley Denise Guinn, 64, of Martinsville, passed away 2:15 p.m. Saturday, June 22, 2019, in the Gibson Family Center for Hospice Care, Terre Haute, Ind.



GUNN

A celebration of life service is at a later date. Inurnment is in Ridge Lawn Cemetery. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to The Lupus Foundation Of America.

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

BOB JACOBS

WESTFIELD – Robert "Bob" Leroy Jacobs, 89, of Westfield, passed away 10:45 a.m. Sunday, June 23, 2019, at his home.



JACOBS



A graveside service and burial was 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 26, at Maple Hill Cemetery, with the Rev. Gene Ellis officiating, and graveside military rites provided by Westfield American Legion and Kansas American Legion accompanied burial. A Masonic service by the Westfield Masonic Lodge was 9:45 a.m. prior to the main graveside service. Markwell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to Westfield Baptist Church.

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

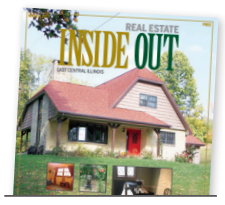
ELDEANA LASHBROOK

MARSHALL – Eldeana M. Lashbrook, 95, of Marshall, passed away Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at Burnsides Community Care Center.

A graveside service is noon CST today, June 29, in Moore's Ridge Cemetery, French Lick, Ind. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. More information and online condolences at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

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Questionnaires were mailed Thursday, June 27, to approximately 700 Edgar County residents providing notification they are in the Edgar County Circuit Court's jury pool for the next year.

According to jury commission clerk Martha Irwin, the names were selected at random from a list of registered voters, drivers license holders and customers of the Department of Human Services.

Irwin stressed the completed questionnaires must be returned using the enclosed return envelope within 10 days.

Prospective jurors are asked to print legibly and are required to answer all questions to avoid being summoned to appear in person. State law provides for a penalty if the questionnaire is not returned within the 10-day time frame.

Irwin said answers to the questions are reviewed to determine each person's ability to serve. From the names approved, prospective jurors will be summoned in the next year to serve on petit juries, coroner's juries and any grand jury that might be called.



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EnerStar Electric Co-op students join the Youth to Washington Tour



Special to The Prairie Press

Jerad Lawson, left, and Dylan Herrington, right, met with Rep. John Shimkus (R-15th District) while visiting Washington as the EnerStar Electric Cooperative delegates to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth to Washington Tour.

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Area youths Jerad Lawson, Paris, and Dylan Herrington, Dennison, participated in the recent National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Youth to Washington Tour.

The event had 1,800 high school age students from across the United States gather in the nation's capital to learn about leadership, citizenship and community.

"Youth Tour is a great opportunity that changes these students' lives," says Mike Clark, EnerStar President/CEO. "This experience helps prepare them for their futures. After touring our nation's capital, meeting congressional representatives and learning firsthand how our government works, they return home with valuable knowledge and memories that will last a lifetime."

Lawson and Herrington toured Capitol Hill and met with U.S. Senators Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and U.S. Representative John Shimkus. They also visited historical and cultural sites including Arlington National Cemetery, the Supreme Court, President Lincoln's Cottage at First National Cemetery, a variety of memorials and the U.S. Capitol. Among fun activities the students enjoyed were an assembly of more than 1,800 Youth Tour participants from across the nation and a special farewell event at the Newseum, scheduled to close later this year.

Since 1964, the nation's cooperative electric utilities have sponsored more than 60,000 high school students to visit Washington where they talk one-on-one with their U.S. congressional delegations and learn from energy and grassroots government education sessions. NRECA is the national service organization representing the nation's more than 900 consumer-owned, not-for-profit electric cooperatives, which provide service to 42 million consumer-members in 47 states.

Applications for the 2020 Youth Tour will be available at www.enerstar.com in November.



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They are who we expected

Expectations could not have been lower going into round one of the Democrat Party's ridiculously overcrowded presidential debate in Miami.



MICHAEL REAGAN

MAKING SENSE

Maybe that's why it turned out to be a decently watchable debate. It was no "Games of Thrones" finale, but it could have been much, much worse.

NBC had that embarrassing audio glitch at the halfway point, which actually turned out to be entertaining.

But NBC's all-star moderators — Lester Holt, Savannah Guthrie, Jose Diaz-Balart, Chuck Todd and even star left-fielder Rachel Maddow — did a competent, fair, business-like job.

They lobbed dozens of softball questions to the 10 politically indistinguishable major and minor league Democrats who have deluded themselves and their parents into thinking they are going to become president someday.

The moderators let everyone deliver their pre-canned answers on how they'd solve issues like health care and immigration and save the planet from the twin existential threats posed by climate change and President Trump.

Being good liberals themselves, they let every socialist candidate take home run swings at big pharma and the rich one precent and make their wild promises of free healthcare and free college for all.

If Savannah, Todd or Rachel pressed anyone on how much all the free government stuff they wanted to give away was going to cost, or how they planned to pay for it, I missed it.

NBC's moderators were operating under tough circumstances, but it would have been nice if they had asked some tougher questions or baited the candidates into sniping at each other.

They also might have asked a few of them to explain why Congress and previous administrations — including Obama's — have refused for nearly 40 years to do what is necessary to secure the border and reform immigration laws.

Everyone in the country was understandably saddened this week by the photo of

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Millennials may really be conservatives

WASHINGTON — Several current trends among millennials do not bode well for Democrats. Indeed, they suggest a greater affinity for (many) Republican policies, notwithstanding a, perhaps, contiguous dislike for the GOP's leadership.



KATHLEEN PARKER

POLITICS AND CULTURE

Dare I say it: These trends may suggest a gradual migration toward traditional values and conservatism.

Hear me out.

My reading of various recent studies, stories and reports about young Americans (18-34) reveals a decline in the following: motherhood, marriage (down from 59 percent in 1972 to 28 percent in 2018), sex, birthrates, faith, happiness (especially among young men), and longevity.

In the good-news column, abortion rates are also in decline — and friendship is up. In the surprising column, a new GLAAD study shows that non-LGBTQ millennials' comfort with the LGBTQ community has dipped, while that of their parents' generation remains steady.

At the same time, student and credit-card debt is staggering; affordable housing and jobs are out of reach for many; wages are low; and the future is dim in light of the growing gerontocracy and the entitlements (Medicare and Social Security) they expect, deserve and, for which, I hasten to add, they have paid.

So, what about this suggests that millennials would be inclined toward conservatism? To understand, one must look at the reasons for those trends.

Let's start with sex. Not surprisingly, research shows that people are happier when they have sex at least once a week. But married people have sex more often than unmarried people. From this, one could deduce that marriage is good. There's a reason traditional values are, well, traditional. They've stood the test of time and have demonstrated that what is best for people and society, while not always your first choice, is, like rutabaga, good for you.

W. Bradford Cox and Lyman Stone of the Institute for Family Studies speculate in The Atlantic the decline in sex may be partly attributable to the #MeToo movement, which has thankfully eliminated some of the unwanted sex that was occurring in previous

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Celebrate America

On this Independence Day, let's vow to uphold 'all men are created equal'

OUR VIEW

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

This year, our celebration of the Fourth of July finds a nation, gripped by racial anxiety and at odds on just about everything. Even with all the bitterness and acrimony among Americans, the United States remains the strongest democracy in the world even as our ideals, institutions and sense of unity are put to the test.

On Independence Day — our still-young nation's birthday — it's important to remember our nation's resilience.

Start by reading and reflecting on Thomas Jefferson's timeless and unifying words he penned for the Declaration of Independence:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

As difficult as it is for many of us to accept, that means all people including migrants at the border seeking a better life as well as LGBT people. It means veterans and the elderly. It means conservatives and religious people and patriots who fly the flag and stand for the anthem, as well as liberals and agnostics and protesters who say what's unpopular and take a knee.

On Wednesday, millions of Americans will celebrate their shared love of country with parades, cookouts, parties and fireworks. Let's make it a welcome break from the latest Twitter skirmish or escalation in the brewing trade wars. Sparklers can bring us together.

Once the holiday is over, however, all Americans must return to the hard work of citizenship. Men and women in uniform serving overseas project the best of America throughout the world. It's our job to uphold those ideals at home.

As the 2020 presidential election nears, disagreements and attacks will continue to grow to a fever pitch. The candidates who seek our support should not get away with spouting only condemnation. Better schools, accessible health care, safe communities, an empowered middle class and a clean environment are things all Americans want. The people given the chance to lead should show how they will achieve those goals, not just pay lip service to them. Engaged citizens and responsive leaders are fundamental to the American experiment in self-government.

This nation's history is checkered with chapters marked by strife, racial tension and the growing pains that come with a changing global economy. The current era carries all of those burdens, but cynicism cannot be allowed to overtake hope.

America is still a land of opportunity, its people a menagerie of dreamers and builders, always seeking a more perfect union.

It's a struggle we to embrace and celebrate.



American taxpayer was debates big loser



MARK THIESSEN

GUEST COLUMN

WASHINGTON — Sen. Kamala Harris of California may have been the breakout winner of this week's Democratic presidential debates, but there was one clear loser: the American taxpayer. These were the most expensive presidential debates in American history. Never have so many candidates proposed to spend so much.

In the first debate, NBC anchor Savannah Guthrie asked Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren about the economic impact of her plans for free college, free child care, government health care, cancellation of student debt and in the second asked Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., whether his proposals, "for big, new government benefits, like universal health care and free college," would require middle-class tax increases. (They would.)

But no one asked any of the candidates a simple question: How much is all of that going to cost?

Instead of shoring up Medicare, Democrats want to expand it to cover virtually everyone in the country. Sanders's Medicare-for-all legislation has been co-sponsored by Sens. Warren, Harris, Cory Booker of New Jersey and Kirsten Gillibrand of New York. Nonpartisan estimates put its cost at $32 trillion over the first 10 years.

Or take free college. Harris, Warren, Gillibrand and Booker have signed on to the Debt-Free College Act, which would cost at least $840 billion over 10 years. Sanders has introduced a $2.2 trillion College for All Act that would make public colleges and universities tuition-free and debt-free and erase the roughly $1.6 trillion in student loan debt. Warren has also proposed a $640 billion student loan debt cancellation plan.

Warren has proposed a plan for universal child care and early learning that would cost $700 billion over 10 years, while Harris, Beto O'Rourke and Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif., have endorsed the Child Care for Working Families Act, which would cost $700 billion over 10 years..

Climate change was front and center in both debates. Joe Biden's climate plan would cost $1.7 trillion over a decade. Warren has pitched a $2 trillion plan, O'Rourke's proposal would cost $5 trillion, while Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's green-jobs plan would cost $9 trillion.

Then there are government-guaranteed jobs. Harris, Warren and Gillibrand have all co-sponsored Booker's Federal Jobs Guarantee Development Act, while Sanders has proposed an ambitious government jobs plan with guaranteed wages of $15 an hour, retirement and health benefits, child care and paid family leave. None have explained how much their plans would cost, but the liberal Center on Budget and Policy Priorities put the cost of even a less ambitious guaranteed-jobs plan — covering just 9.7 million workers — at $6.8 trillion over the next decade.Add it all up, and it's enough to make a Soviet central planner blush.

But where things get really expensive is the nexus between the Democrats' spending plans and their immigration policies. During the first debate, former housing and urban development secretary Julián Castro said he would decriminalize illegal border crossings. When the candidates in the second debate were asked how many supported his plan, nearly every candidate's hand went up. (Sen. Michael Bennet of Colorado was the only one to abstain.) Every candidate raised a hand when asked if their government health plan would provide coverage for illegal immigrants.

The combination of decriminalizing illegal entry and offering those who enter illegally free health care would create a magnet for millions to enter our country — dramatically increasing the cost of every public healthcare plan. And once here, these migrants would presumably also seek to take advantage of other free programs the Democrats are proposing, which means their costs would also skyrocket beyond these estimates.

Open borders and socialism are a path to national suicide. According to the Congressional Budget Office, under current law — without all the Democrats' new entitlements — debt held by the public is already projected to increase from 78 percent of gross domestic product today to 144 percent by 2049. This level of debt is unsustainable and could lead to another financial crisis.

But no worries, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio assured us that, "there's plenty of money in this country. It's just in the wrong hands. Democrats have to fix that."

I'm sure they will.

(Marc Thiessen writes a twice-weekly column for The Washington Post on foreign and domestic policy. He is a former chief speechwriter for President George W. Bush.)

Where was the lieutenant governor?

"We are so proud of what we've been able to accomplish this first legislative session of ours," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton told a TV interviewer earlier this month. "We said that we wanted to think big for the people of Illinois, we said that we wanted to get Springfield back on the track of working families and that's what we did."



RICH MILLER

CAPITOL FAX

But a former House colleague was overheard telling Stratton at a bill-signing ceremony the next day how much she'd missed her. Indeed, Stratton's absence from the legislative arena was the subject of much speculation in the waning days of the spring session.

J.B. Pritzker often referred to Stratton as a partner during the campaign. And she was unarguably indispensable during Pritzker's statewide bid. Stratton was only in her first term in the Illinois House when Pritzker picked her to run with him, but she'd already impressed her colleagues with her abilities. It was widely assumed Stratton would play a major role in the governor's dealings with the legislature.

But, depending how you count, Stratton was only in Springfield for about 20 days during the five-month legislative session. Her public schedule, obtained through a Freedom of Information Act request, shows her departing for Springfield from Chicago a few times at 6 p.m. with no events when she arrived, so I didn't count those.

Her schedule only includes a handful of meetings with legislators and

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PARKER

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decades. I suspect some men are hesitant to engage in new sexual relationships for fear their advances could be misinterpreted as harassment.

The decline of motherhood can be attributed to many factors. For one, women are waiting longer to have children as they pursue careers. Legalized abortion and increased access to birth control also play a role.

Millennials might also be finding it difficult to meet a partner. Traditionally, many such meetings took place in church, temple or other religious institutions. As religious attendance has dwindled, so have some opportunities to meet a potential spouse with similar values, notwithstanding online dating services and other avenues that didn't exist before.

Also, studies reflect that people who regularly attend religious services at least once a month report being happier than those who do not.

Other challenges millennials face include economic and educational obstacles that have worsened during the past generation, as outlined by Stone in a separate piece in The Atlantic titled "The Boomers Ruined Everything."

Despite today's low unemployment rate, some good jobs are harder to find, in part because of the regulatory and licensing zeal of the past few decades. Many careers that used to require a high school diploma now require a college degree. As burdensome regulations increase the cost of business, jobs decline. In housing, strict zoning restrictions often mean less attainable homes for young people.

Regarding social attitudes, GLAAD found that straight millennials' comfort with the LBGTQ population has declined for the second consecutive year. As for reasons, GLAAD conducted focus groups and found two common themes: the newness of gender politics and discriminatory rhetoric coming from political leaders.

Considering all of the above, and by necessity leaving out a lot, one may infer that millennials as a political subset may be more conservative than they know. Based on these and other studies, it would appear their lives would be better — i.e. happier — if they attended places of worship, got married, engaged in more sex within a committed relationship and had children.

Toward these ends, they need government that: reduces tax and regulatory burdens that impede growth and employment; seeks to lower educational costs and emphasizes non-college job training; makes housing more affordable; encourages creative financing for higher education and homebuying; promotes better school choice for the disadvantaged; makes marriage financially appealing; and prioritizes family unity.

That sure sounds like a conservative agenda to me.

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REAGAN

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dead father and his little daughter who drowned trying to cross the Rio Grande.

Democrats naturally have blamed their deaths on President Trump, but as I said on Newsmax after the debate, there have been Latino men, women and children dying coming across that border for years.

Our border patrol officers find their dead bodies in the desert every day. But no one ever blamed Obama or his policies for their deaths, just as they never blamed him for those cages that were built for immigrant children during his reign.

Giving candidates just 60 seconds to tell America how they plan to end the immigration crisis, reform healthcare or avert climate change was a mistake that should be fixed for future debates when the field of candidates drops to an even dozen or so.

But some candidates clearly did better than others.

Elizabeth Warren and her multi-list of big plans for government solutions to everything was arguably the big winner. She knew what she wanted to say and said it clearly and energetically.

Booker did well and didn't make a joke out of himself, though I wish Chuck Todd has asked him if he thought Bill Deblasio was doing a good job as mayor of New York.

The most sensible guy on the stage — who 99.9 percent of Americans have never heard of — was the retired businessman and ex-congressman from Maryland, John Delaney.

He pointed out the foolishness of everyone else's favorite fix for health care, Medicare for All.

Go to your local hospital, what's-his-name said, and ask the administrators what would happen if every one of their bills were paid at the current Medicare rate. They'd tell you the truth, he said — they'd have to go out of business.

Wednesday night's opening Democratic debate is already old news.

But if it had been an episode of "Survivor" and I had to pick the winners and losers, I'd let Warren, Booker, former Housing Secretary Julian Castro and New York Mayor Bill Deblasio move forward and I'd send the rest home.

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MILLER

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scheduled appearances at legislative-related events. And the last time Stratton was in Springfield was May 16. She departed for Chicago at 2 p.m.

That meant Stratton completely missed the final two weeks of the spring session, which is typically a busy time, but was especially so this year as one hugely important bill after another was hotly debated by the House and Senate.

Her absence was the source of frequent chatter in Springfield, particularly when some members of the House Black Caucus began resisting pressure to vote for the cannabis legalization bill.

The governor's office was in an all hands on deck mode during those final days, but according to her office, Stratton wasn't even in Illinois. She traveled out of state from May 22-25 for her daughter's graduation and then left on May 28 with a U.S. delegation of women leaders to Israel, her office said. The legislative session was scheduled to end on May 31 but ended up lasting until June 2.

Stratton returned on June 5, just in time to attend Pritzker's bill-signing ceremony for budget-related legislation, even though the budget deal was made and voted on while she was out of the country. She also attended the governor's signing ceremony for the Reproductive Health Act the following week.

Stratton's spokesperson defended his boss, saying she'd been deeply involved in legislation and had countless conversations with legislators. And the governor's office claimed Pritzker consulted with her regularly on issues like expungement during the cannabis legalization debate.

But I talked with several House Democrats, mainly Black Caucus and female members, and everyone said the same thing: They had little to no interaction with Stratton on important legislation. "Not at all," said one legislator, adding, "She stopped by to say hi, but no conversations on bills."

It's not unusual for a lieutenant governor to not take a major role at the Statehouse. The office has no constitutional duties. This simply wouldn't have been a story with almost all previous lieutenant governors because expectations were so low. Expectations for Stratton, on the other hand, were sky high and remain so.

As far as I can tell, she wasn't elbowed out by the governor or his administration. She chose this path, which is obviously her right as a constitutional officer. And, in the end, almost all of the governor's bills passed.

But the words I heard most often about her were disappointing and missed opportunity.

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This Month's Guide for Staying Healthy

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Visiting Specialists	
Cardiology	Bradley Grissom, APN (Mon)—8 Dr. Namburi (Fri)—12, 19, 26 Dr. Nasser (Thurs)—11, 25 Dr. Shatagopam (Thurs)—18 Dr. Wiarda (Wed)—17
Nephrology	Dr. Jeevan (Tues/Thurs/Fri)—2, 11, 19, 25
Neurology	Dr. Garg (M-F)—8, 9, 10, 11, 12 Dr. Tazudeen (Tues)—2, 9, 16, 23, 30
OB/GYN	Dr. Benson (Wed)—3, 10, 17, 31
Oncology	Dr. Huh (Mon)—22 Dr. Patel (Thurs)—11, 18, 25
Ophthalmology (Eye)	Dr. Deranian—Clinic 9, 31; Surgery 30
Otolaryngology (ENT)	Dr. Nguyen (Thurs)—
Pulmonology, Adult	Dr. Main (Wed)—10, 24
Pulmonology, Pediatric	Dr. Davison (Fri)—
Urology	Dr. Yang (Tues)—2, 9, 16, 23
Vascular Surgery	Dr. Ash (Tues)—16

Special Events & Groups	
Free Adult CPR/AED Class	July 1 @ 8am–1pm (D)
Stay Strong, Live Long	July 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 @ 10am (Sutton Senior Center)
Parkinson's Support Group	July 3, 17 @ 2pm (Senior Care)
PCH Volunteers' Meeting	July 8 @ 1:30pm (A)
Health Screenings	July 9 @ 7:30-8:30am (Chrisman Clinic)
Bariatric Support Group	July 15 @ 6pm (A)
Diabetes Support Group	July 16 @ 10am (A)
Caregiver Support Group	July 17 @ 3pm (A)
Monthly Health Screenings	July 19 @ 7-9am (Paris Clinic)
Cancer Support Group	July 23 @ 10am (A)

*Parenthesis indicate conference room/location.

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Dr. Davison: 217-383-3100	Dr. Nasser: 812-232-8164
Dr. Deranian: 217-233-3101	Dr. Nguyen: 217-258-2409
Dr. Garg: 217-466-4060	Dr. Patel: 217-465-2606 x4690
Bradley Grissom, APN: 217-554-1700	Dr. Shatagopam: 812-242-3175
Dr. Huh: 812-232-1418	Dr. Tazudeen: 217-431-8400
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Second thoughts on SmartWatt proposal

County board members eager to save energy bills but expense a concern

BY GARY HENRY
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Edgar County Board members are reviewing the energy efficiency proposal from SmartWatt with great care.

SmatWatt claims the county can save $25,200 annually in utility costs by making changes in lighting fixtures in all of the buildings and redoing the heating and cooling system at the courthouse. Doing so, however, requires installing a new boiler at the courthouse and creating a zoned air conditioning system on the first floor to eliminate all of the window air conditioner units. A new boiler for the jail is also part of the proposal.

The estimated expense for the changes is more than $700,000.

"I think the lighting portion is easily paid back," said board member Andy Patrick, who has worked closely with the SmartWatt representatives.

Board chairman Jeff Voigt noted while he understands the need to spend money to obtain more energy efficient systems in order to get savings, he has concerns about taking on more debt.

"In three years, the county is totally responsible for the clock tower bond payment," said Voigt. "We haven't saved what we need to save to make those payments."

The 2011 restoration of the courthouse clock tower was made possible when the city of Paris offered to make payments on the bonds for the first few years through the Downtown TIFF funds, with the understanding the county was to set aside funds annually to assume payments when TIFF no longer applied.

Voigt's other concern is a need to make extensive repairs to the courthouse roof.

Patrick said the SmartWatt proposal has flexibility. The county board may choose to do as much, or as little, of the proposal, according to the members' comfort level for spending money.

He added the proposal takes into account the current courthouse boiler is quite likely to fail during the life of the agreement between SmartWatt and the county. The boiler has been in service longer than anyone can remember.

Patrick said one way of looking at the issue is to consider if it is a wiser move to replace the boiler now as part of a planned, financed expense and gain the efficiencies of a new system or continue with the old boiler until it fails, probably at an inopportune moment.

"We can do nothing and face the risk of putting in a now boiler anyway," said Patrick.

The same argument can be made regarding the boiler at the jail.

Board member John Chittick neither endorsed nor rejected the SmartWatt plan, while noting there are some benefits to a new boiler at the jail.

"Anything we can do to help the jail helps on the other end, besides saving energy," said Chittick.

Recent annual inspections of the jail by the Illinois Department of Corrections have criticized the condition of the building and staffing issues.

Voigt asked the board members if there was any objection to contacting other counties that have passed a safety tax to learn how it was done and how such a tax has helped in those jurisdictions.

"The courthouse and jail have some big issues that we just can't meet," said Voigt.

He explained a safety tax specifically to help the sheriff's department will free up money in the county's general fund for other uses.

The consensus among board members is it never hurts to gather information but that is not an endorsement for asking taxpayers to approve a new tax.

"A safety tax is a sales tax, and those have gone up," said Chittick. "I understand the county needs more but is there any way to do that without a safety tax?"

Voigt said the county is already at the maximum level for the general fund and to increase that category requires an act of the legislature, followed by a voter referendum.

In another matter, board members were informed security improvements for the jail, courthouse and the annex building will start soon. Those improvements are being made using court security funds collected as part of the fines and fees paid in legal matters.

Aaron Doty, of Commercial Radio Service of Terre Haute, said almost all of the material is available to do the first phase of the work. He is waiting for new fiber optic cable to arrive.

Once the cable is in place new security cameras get installed. Work at the jail will be completed before starting at the courthouse.

Board member Derrick Lorenzen asked if this work includes upgrading security buttons in all of the offices and courtrooms.

Doty said that is not part of the project, but it can be added.

"A common approach is to set up radios that can be monitored by dispatch," said Doty. "If somebody in the office keys it, it sets of a tone and dispatch can hear what's going on."

Car show to benefit Christmas for Kids

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS
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Organizers of the second Annual Christmas in July Car Show hope to meet and exceed the money earned last year to benefit HIS Ministries Christmas For Kids gift giving charity.

The automobile exhibition featuring live entertainment, a play area for children and homemade food items, begins at 11 a.m. July 6 at Lake Ridge Christian Church.

This year 39 trophies are available in more than 15 different categories, including a new Kid's Choice Award. The other categories are the top 20 entries from 1990-1989; the top five entries from 1990-2019; best of the following years 1900-1939, 1940-1949, 1950-1959, 1960-1969, 1970-1989, 1990-2019, best Corvette, best Mustang, best Rat Rod and best motorcycle. Special trophies include people's choice, Christmas For Kids committee choice and overall best of show.

Judging by car show organizer Bradley Totten is 3 p.m. with awards immediately following.

Totten along with his wife, Amanda, organize local shows to benefit not-for-profit charity organizations in Edgar County. Also assisting for this show are Dawn Kirby, Debra Ford, Christmas For Kids committee members and Lake Ridge Church volunteers.



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Santa Claus tops the trophies for the 2019 Christmas in July Car Show benefitting Christmas for Kids. The car show is 11 a.m. July 6 at Lake Ridge Christian Church.

Registration is $10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first 75 entries get a unique dash plaque designed specifically for this year's event.

In addition, the first 50 registered automobiles receive a goodie bag. Door prizes will be awarded throughout the show.

New this year is live entertainment at 1 p.m. by vocalist Angela Kelshiemer performing hits from the 1950s through the 1970s. Also new is a large inflatable slide for the youth visiting the show along with children activities planned by the church organizers.

Special vendors committed to the event include: Decals Plus specializing in personalized one-of-a-kind symbols and emblems created on-site; a die-cast car vendor; and a jewelry booth.

Food available throughout the day features a bake sale to benefit the Christmas For Kids program. Hot dogs with all the toppings, including chili, chips and soda will be sold.

Christmas For Kids was created by the late Amanda Pate Fessant. Following Fessant's untimely death in 2011 from cancer, her sisters Ford and Kirby, along with Fessant's friends and other family, have continued the organization that serves more than 700 less fortunate youth in Edgar County. The organization provides gifts for infants, children and teens at Christmas time.

"One hundred percent of the money earned during the show will benefit the Christmas For Kids," said Bradley Totten, adding the 88 automobiles participating in the 2018 show generated $1,923 for the charity program.

Paris City Band performs Sunday

BY JANE BLAIR
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The next Paris City Band concert is 7 p.m. Sunday, June 30, in the Spicer Pavilion at the West Lake Park, and director Joe Gill has selected a wide variety of selections to please the audience.

The concert opens with "Colorburst" by American composer Kenneth George Whitcomb.

Up next is the "Cakewalk" movement from "Suite of Old American Dances," written in 1948 by Robert Bennett, who was Broadway's pre-eminent arranger during the mid-20th century.

"Majestia" by contemporary instrumental composer James Swearingen, features lush harmonies and strong percussion lines.

"Serenata" is by popular American composer and director Leroy Anderson, who was an arranger for the Boston Pops Orchestra from 1931-1939.

The "Grand Marshall" march is one of the better-known compositions of more than 8,000 songs and symphonies American comedian Red Skelton created during his lifetime.

The second half of the concert moves overseas with "Under the Double Eagle" written in 1893 by Josef Franz Wagner.

"Sea Songs" was written in 1924 by Ralph Vaughan Williams for British military bands and was based on three English sailing songs.

"A Child's Lullaby" by Johannes Brahms is up next. This piece is frequently referred to as "Brahm's Lullaby" or "Cradle Song." It was first publicly performed in 1869.

Pascual Marquina Narro's "Espana Cañi" or "Spanish Gypsy Dance" contains perhaps the best-known snippet of Spanish music and is popular worldwide.

The concert closes with John Philip Sousa's 1889 march "The Thunderer." It is one of Sousa's more difficult compositions to perform and is one of his first distinctly American-sounding marches.

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Edgar County Community Foundation director Renee Craig, left, presents a check for $1,800 to the Shiloh Community School District 1 to support the home economics classroom remodeling project. Carolyn McIntyre, director of Shiloh's Life Skills program, accepts the donation. Back row, left to right, foundation directors Doug Hasler and Aaron Phipps, and development manager Warren Sperry. This is one of the many community development projects supported by foundation grants throughout Edgar County.

Paris council breezes through meeting

BY NED JENISON
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It was another brief session for the Paris City Council Monday, June 24, as it quickly moved through several maintenance and housekeeping items.

It is a busy mowing season for the street department, and Commissioner Jerry Branson was authorized to replace a hydraulic motor on a wing mower at a cost of $1,577.

For ongoing maintenance, Commissioner Drew Griffin gained approval for a five-year service agreement with Cummins for the standby generator serving the fire and police stations, at a cost of $5,491. The expense will be split between the budgets of the two departments.

Sewer-water commissioner Steve Kemper gained approval for four improvements: purchase of a final meter at the south sewer plant from Durkin Equipment Co. for $1,680; a contract with Wabash Valley Motor to inspect and repair the NAL lift station motor for $3,144 and to repair a pump at the north sewer plant for $4,593 and purchase an inductive flowmeter for the water plant from Krohne for $1,947.

Two requests for grants from the Hotel/Motel Tax fund were approved at the request of Commissioner Harry Hughes. Lot 50 Brewing received $500 for a mural painting event, and the Little Illini Classic received $750 for promotion.

Mayor Craig Smith completed the filling of several city boards with the appointment of Pete Templeton to the Fire and Police Pension Board and Daniel Briseno to the Paris Plan Commission. Both are for three-year terms.

The next regular city council meeting is 5:30 p.m. Monday, July 8, at City Hall, with an agenda-setting meeting 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 3. The public is invited to attend all council sessions.

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A couple of booths concentrate on specialty drinks. Sweet Tea & Jesus has sweet iced tea, unsweet tea and flavored teas. The Paris Boy Scout Troop is serving homemade lemon shakeups.

The highlight of the day is the ground and aerial firework display, boasting colorful pyrotechnics at dusk.

The East Lake has swimming at the public beach and boating.

A unique and special parade is planned at 8 p.m. Saturday, July 6, on the East Lake. Participants are encouraged to decorate their watercraft and meet at 7:30 p.m. near the East Lake dam for the water parade. Boats and jet skis decorated with a patriotic theme will cruise around the perimeter of the lake.

The Second Annual Christmas For Kids car show starts at 11 a.m. and judging, followed by the award presentation, is 3 p.m. at the Lake Ridge Christian Church.

In neighboring Clark County, July 4 festivities begin at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Clark County Fairground in Marshall. The community band performs prior to fireworks at dusk.

Mill Creek Park celebrates Independence Day one day early on July 3 with a large aerial fireworks display at dusk. The daylong festivities include food vendors Sati Babi, Bud's BBQ, Big Al's Shakeups and We Lik It Ice Cream.

A bounce house for children opens at 4 p.m. at the park concession stand area. The band Bailout performs 7-11 p.m. on stage at the concession stand. The Clark County music group performs classic and modern rock, outlaw and new country and pop music.

The fireworks show at dusk is the culmination of the celebration at Mill Creek.

TRIATHLON

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"Everything was so professional and taken care of in each stage," Robert Howery, who partook in the Olympic division, said. "Everything from traffic control to the small things like bike racks, time chips and food was taken care of for us. It really made it feel as though it was a competition in New York City or Chicago."

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See action from the Saturday, June 22 from the Eifel Tower Triathlon.

Howery was the only male Paris native to take part in the Olympic division of the race, finishing with a time of 3:24:34.

Vaughn Rightley, no address listed, placed first overall in the Olympic category of the triathlon, finishing with a chip time of 2:12:35. He averaged a mile pace of 6:26/mile. Danielle Karr, Festus, Mo., was the first female in the Olympic division to finish, rounding out ninth place with a time of 2:51:58 and a mile pace of 9:01/mile.

In the Sprint division, Andre Ponsot, Terre Haute, Ind., finished first with a chip time of 1:05:07. The 18 year old finished with an average mile pace of 7:08/mile. Olivia Rightley, no address listed, finished fourth overall and was the first woman, clocking in with a chip time of 1:15:51 and a mile pace of 8:12/mile.

More than 50 volunteers showed up for the triathlon, helping to do anything from organizing the registration area and starting line to working the different checkpoints and finish line. Many of the volunteers came from the Paris community itself and were a fundamental part of the overall success of the event.

With so much individual and overall achievement yielding from the Eiffel Tower Triathlon, organizers of the race, such as Higginbotham, are hopeful the event will make a return to Paris in not merely 2020, but many years to come after that.

"Hopefully, if the city of Paris approves it and the community itself continues to support the event, we want to see the triathlon return," Higginbotham said. "The organization and volunteers and planning that so many people put into this year's race says a lot about Paris and the people here."

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to Artrageous," said Griffin. "There will be multiple mediums for them to work in."

Artrageous is a performance combining live music, dance and the creation of visual arts Sept. 15 in the PCOFA theater.

Griffin confirmed PCOFA received a $1,200 Arts Midwest grant to help with the $6,000 booking cost to bring Artrageous to Paris. She noted the $6,000 fee is only a part of the expense because the theater must also hire somebody to provide the technical support for lighting the show and sound. In addition, there are lodging and food expenses for the cast members.

PCOFA is looking for sponsors to help with the overall costs of the show.

As for ArtFest, Griffin said the Link Gallery, formerly the Bicentennial Art Center and Museum, has agreed to co-sponsor that event with the PCOFA. She asked the park board to also co-sponsor the event.

"I'm asking for $500 to support ArtFest," said Griffin. "The money will be used to buy the supplies needed."

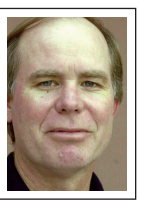
According to Griffin, another group has expressed interest in purchasing tickets for all of the children participating in ArtFest to also attend Artrageous, for free, the following weekend.

The park board agreed to provide $500 and co-sponsor ArtFest.

"I'm all about getting children in the park," said board member Melinda Young.

In addition to the money, Griffin got pledges from Young and park board members Casey Redman and Jodi Theirl to volunteer at ArtFest.

World Cup is real fun



TIM DAHLBERG
ABOUT SPORTS

The weather is supposed to heat up this week in France, appropriate since the Women's World Cup gets hot Friday with the home team meeting the U.S. in a quarterfinal matchup that will be watched eagerly on both sides of the pond.

The stadium will be packed, and the TV ratings should be big. The stakes — and the pressure — will be high for both teams.

And the showcase couldn't be better for women's soccer.

"I hope it's huge and crazy. That's what it should be," American captain Megan Rapinoe said. "This is the best game, this is what everybody wanted. I think we wanted it, seems like they're up for it, you guys are of course are up for it, and all the fans."

The matchup has been eagerly anticipated ever since the World Cup draw in December, and for good reason. Elimination is at stake for either the fourth-ranked home team or the defending champion Americans.

It's a chance to celebrate the women's game, with a full house at Parc des Princes stadium in Paris helping to overcome scenes of earlier games with row after row of empty seats. It's also a chance to embrace women's soccer for an easily understood reason — national pride.

But what it means for the future of the women's game is more nuanced, no matter the hype you'll hear Friday.

That the women are playing on the big stage for a big crowd is huge, of course, especially when you realize that women's sports in many countries were so neglected that it took until 1991 to even have a Women's World Cup.

That these same players will struggle between World Cups trying to draw eyeballs to the game, though, is unfortunately still the sad reality of women's soccer. So, too, is the fact they struggle for pay equality with the men, as evidenced by the gender discrimination lawsuit the entire U.S. women's team filed against U.S. Soccer earlier this year.

Every time the World Cup comes around it seems like that has to change. The games — at least those among the best teams — are exciting and the level of play gets better every four years.

But 20 years after the U.S. women thrilled an entire country by winning the World Cup at home, it's still very much a work in progress.

I was in the Rose Bowl in 1999 when Brandi Chastain famously ripped off her jersey after scoring

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Paris is well represented

Clodfelder is coaching and five Tiger football players selected for WVFCA game tonight

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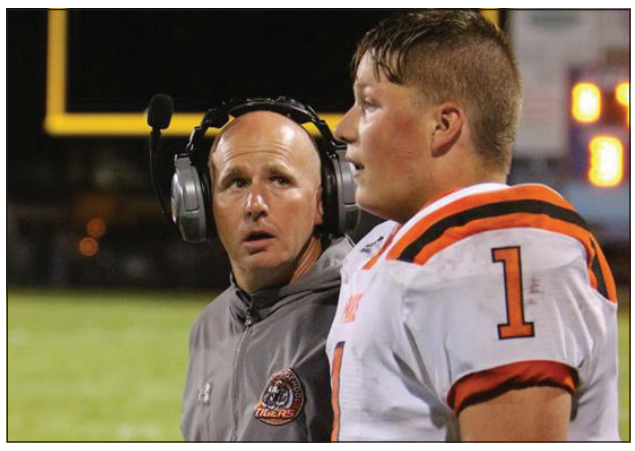
TERRE HAUTE — With the high school football season set to kick off in a little less than two months, local fans can get a taste of the game tonight in Terre Haute.

Paris High School and the Little Illini Conference will be well represented in the annual Wabash Valley Football Coaches Association game.

Tiger Coach Jeremy Clodfelder will assume the mantle as the head coach of the Black Division team — and he will have some familiar faces on the sideline assisting him.

One of his former assistant coaches — Scott Block — will be there, along with Robinson Coach Casey Pinnell., who also played for the Tigers.

Also joining the coaching ranks will be Newton Eagle Coach Jason Fulton, Red Hill Coach Billy Gray and former Marshall Lion Coach Troy Johnson.



Prairie Press file photo

Paris Coach Jeremy Clodfelder, left, will be coaching the Black Division team in the annual Wabash Valley Football Coaches Association game at 6:30 p.m. (CDT) at Memorial Stadium in Terre Haute. Five Paris players, including Caleb Gates (1), will be playing as well as players from Marshall, Casey, Tri-County, Robinson, Newton and Red Hill.

These men will lead a squad made up of mostly Illinois players, with Indiana players from Parke Heritage, Riverton Parke, South Vermillion, Terre Haute South, Covington, Cloverdale, North Central and West Vigo.

Making the team from the Tigers will be 2019 graduates Jacob Gates, Caleb Gates, Caleb Mullenix, Cooper Block and senior-to-be Josh Willmoth.

Joining this group of Tigers will be Marcus Downs and Loggan Thompson from Casey-Westfield; Jake Tharp and Ethan Orman from Marshall; four players from Newton and David Goble and Grayson Wolf from Robinson.

Two Tri-County players — Anthony Hones and Michael Hawkins — will be playing for the Gold Division team.

The WVFCA formed in 2003 as a 22-school organization. Since then, 14 new schools from both sides of the state line have joined the group.

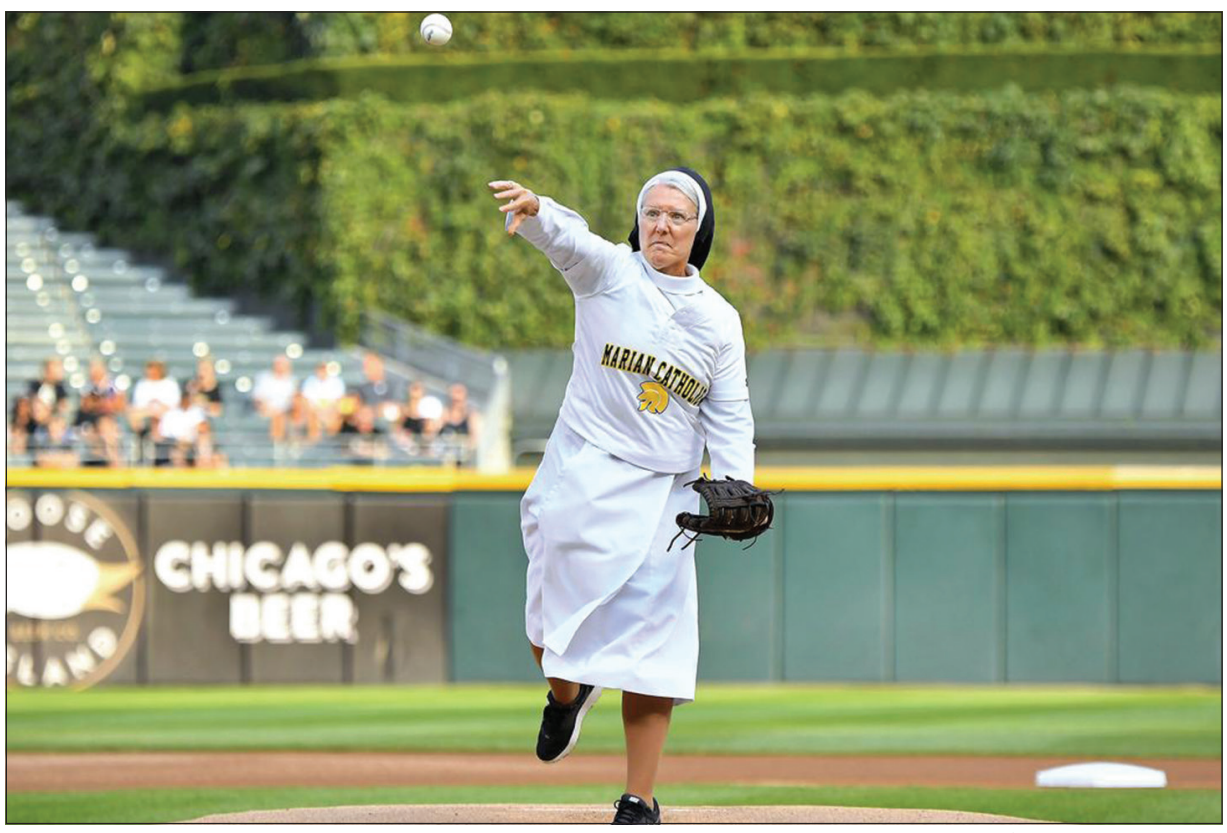
Each year, the organization hands out more than $6,000 in scholarships to athletes participating in tonight's game. To date, the WVFCA has awarded over $75,000 in scholarships.

Kickoff is scheduled for at 6:30 p.m. CDT.

The game is played at the home of the Indiana State Sycamores, Memorial Stadium located on East Wabash Street in Terre Haute.

In addition to the football game, the WVFCA honors Wabash Valley coaches with inclusion in the Hall of Fame. Among those selected for the honor were former Marshll Coach John Hasten, 2005; former Robinson Coach Terry Roche; former Marshall Coach Dick Parker; former Casey Coach Keith Sinclair; former Casey and Paris Coach Mick Roberts and former Robinson, Mt. Zion and Villa Grove Coach Tim Nolen.

SISTER MARY JO SHINES ON THE MOUND



Special to The Prairie Press

Sister Mary Jo Sobiek thows out the first pitch at the Chicago White Sox game Aug. 18, 2017 at Guaranteed Rate Field. The sister teaches at Marian Catholic School and it was Marian Catholic Night at the game. The video of her curve ball with some zip became a viral sensation and she is now nominated for an ESPY award.

Sister can she throw a ball

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CHICAGO HEIGHTS — Sister Mary Jo Sobieck might be the only Catholic sister to have both her own bobblehead and Topps baseball card.

Now she might just win an ESPY.

"It's kind of surreal," Sobieck said. "Wanting to grow up to be an athlete and then to know I'm going to be there in the midst of the greatest of this generation — it's going to be phenomenal."

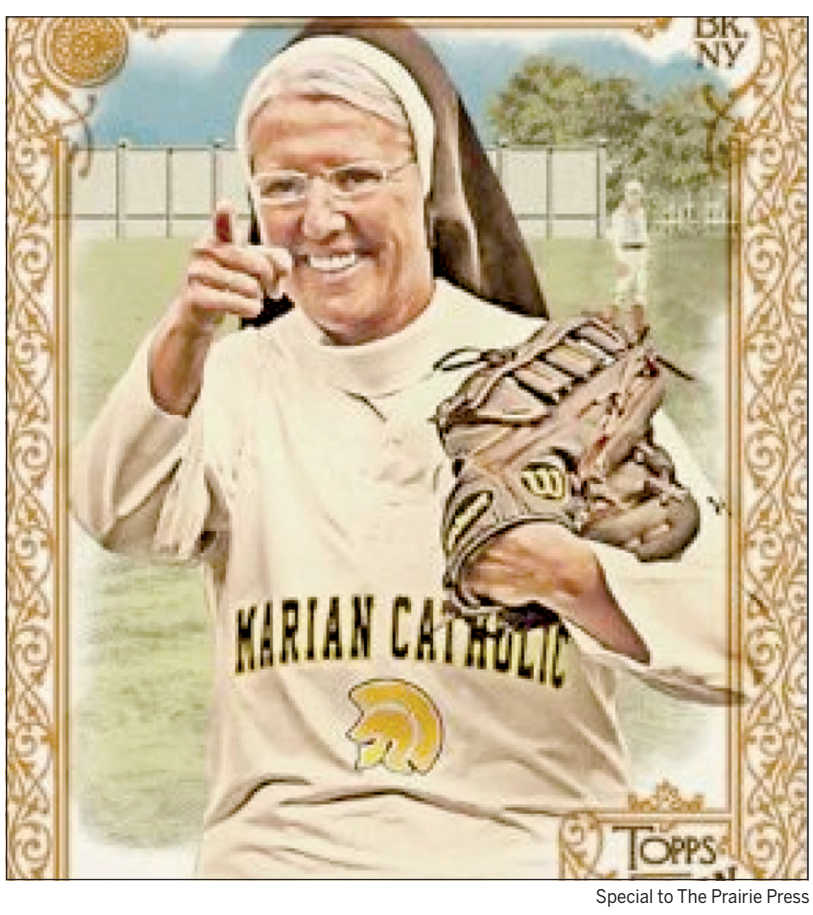
Sobieck is nominated for an ESPY Award for "Best Viral Sports Moment."

Her moment came when she threw the ceremonial first pitch in her white habit and Marian Catholic High School jersey on Aug. 18 during Marian Catholic Night at the White Sox game against the Kansas City Royals at Guaranteed Rate Field in Chicago.

The sister, who teaches theology at the school, was asked to throw the pitch because she is energetic, always smiling and often wearing a St. Louis Cardinals jersey, said Daniel Kozlowski, the vice president for advancement at Marion Catholic, a suburban high school affiliated with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield.

"She's got that youth, and she's athletic," Kozlowski said.

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Sister Mary Jo Sobiek not only may win at ESPY for "Best Viral Sports Moment," she has her own TOPPS baseball trading card.

TCT athletes honored

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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Tri-County athletes in track and baseball were among the high school players honored for their outstanding spring season recently by the Chamnpaign News-Gazette.

A trio of Tri-County Titans track athletes made the cut and two siblings received top honors for their efforts while a pair of Titan baseball players reeled in honors as well.

Sophomore Kaylenn Hunt was given first team honors for her efforts. Hunt qualified in all three of the jumping events in the IHSA Class 1A State Finals and made the final round in all three events. She took fifth in the long jump at 17 feet, 9.5 inches, sixth in the triple jump at 36 feet, 11.5 inches and seventh in the high jump with a jump of 5 feet, 3 inches. She also was among the leaders in both the 100-meter and 200-meter runs.

Junior Ramsey Hunt was given first team honors after winning the Class 1A State title in the triple jump with a leap of 46 feet, 3.25 inches. He finished seventh in the long jump at 21 feet, 11 inches. Hunt also qualified in both the high jump and 200-meter dash for the state meet. Hunt had the third best height in the area in the high jump clearing 6 feet, 3 inches while among the leaders in the 200-meter dash at 23.57.

Senior Michael Hawkins was given honorable mention honors. Hawkins qualified for the state meet in the 400-meter run with a best time of 52.47 during the season. He was also a key part of the Titans relay teams throughout the season.

On Sunday, the News-Gazette announced its 2019 All-Area Baseball Team for this past season. The Tri-County Titans

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When Sobieck walked out to the pitcher's mound last summer, she pointed to the sky. That was for her late mother, who loved baseball, she said.

Then she bounced the ball off her bicep — a little something to get some momentum, she said — and threw a curveball to White Sox pitcher Lucas Giolito.

That was a risk, she admitted. But it was worth it.

"We need more people to just be themselves," she said.

"So much of social media is trying to be someone different. No, just put yourself out there and be yourself and allow God to do with you what you were created to do."

The sister was an "instant celebrity" at the ballpark, said Kozlowski.

The video of her pitch quickly went viral, leading to an appearance on "Are You Smarter than a 5th Grader?" and other celebrity turns for the sister. But her favorite moment came when a mother asked Sobieck to pose for a picture with her daughter at the ballpark.

The girl, it turned out, had the same name as Sobieck's mother.

One of Sobieck's sisters had told her beforehand her mother would be her "angel in the outfield" the night she threw out the first pitch. And there she was, she said.

Sobieck, 50, grew up in central Minnesota as the youngest of 10 siblings. Her mother had played a huge role in shaping her faith, single-handedly raising Sobieck and several siblings still at home when her father passed away.

She remembers seeing her mother kneeling on the porch, rosary in hand.

Sports also were a huge part of her childhood, and she played softball, volleyball and basketball in school.

"When I was a kid, my dream was to be a professional athlete or to be in the Olympics. Sports fueled my everything. It was my fire," she said. "I remember when I felt the calling to religious life, it was like, I didn't think that I could be passionate about anything more than sports."

Sobieck was teaching at a Minnesota school also affiliated with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield and training for a half marathon when she decided to enter religious life at age 25.

"I was getting up in the morning at 5 o'clock and running. It's like the grass was greener, the sky was blue, every song on my Discman at the time was like a love song from God to me," she said.

She had what she called a profound experience of God's love when she volunteered to help one of the sisters move from the Minnesota school down to the motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Springfield in central Illinois.

During that visit to the motherhouse, she saw the sisters there working as a team and realized religious life was something she could do.

With so many siblings, she understood teamwork, she said.

And it's one of the things she loves so much about sports.

"It shapes character and it inspires greatness and it pulls out your potential to be something more," she said. "All of that is religious life, too. Your religious life is a team, and we push one another to be strong in virtue and character, and we work together to do something good for the human family."

Twenty-five years later, Sobieck said, she is excited to see how God is using the gifts and interests she believes God gave her and hopes it will be an encouragement to others.

"You don't have to give up your gifts or the things you're passionate about. God integrates all of our gifts at a time when God wants to do that," she said.

The sister faces some stiff competition at the ESPYS.

Other nominees in the "Best Viral Sports Moment" category include UCLA gymnast Katelyn Ohashi's joyful floor routine that earned her a perfect 10, which Sobieck called "phenomenal." They also include Texas A&M hurdler Infinite Tucker's Superman dive across the finish line and 7-year-old runner Rudolph "Blaze" Ingram racing ahead of his peers.

"I certainly don't belong there," Sobieck said, noting that unlike her fellow nominees, she doesn't regularly participate in the sport for which she is nominated.

"But God is putting me there for a reason."

ESPY winners will be announced July 10 at the ESPN awards show hosted by comedian Tracy Morgan at Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles. The event gathers athletes and celebrities to recognize the year's greatest achievements in sports.

Fans can vote at ESPYS.com to choose the winners of the 2019 ESPYS before the broadcast begins on ABC.

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the winning kick against China. It was a seminal moment for women's soccer, with a record audience of some 40 million Americans watching on television and 90,185 packed into the stadium itself.

Before the match, I walked into the stands and talked to fans about what they came to see. Many of them were families, and there were young girls everywhere with American flags and soccer balls painted on their faces.

"Girls rule! Boys drool! Soccer's cool!" was the chant that summer among the young soccer crowd.

On that day, girls did rule and soccer was cool. You couldn't pick up a sports page for the next few weeks without reading some story about how soccer was taking over the country and how the young soccer fans in the stands would grow up to have fans of their own.

Those girls are grown up now, and some surely have soccer fans — and soccer players — of their own. But a generation later, the dream of women playing professionally before large crowds is still largely unrealized outside of the World Cup.

A pro league started in the afterglow of the 1999 World Cup lasted just three years. Another league followed a few years later, and folded a few years later itself.

And while the National Women's Soccer League is currently very much open for business and features the top players from the U.S. national team, the league has no national television contract and struggles to draw crowds of more than a few thousand fans when playing anywhere outside Portland, Oregon.

That's not likely to change right away, no matter how well the U.S. team does in France.

The same fans who passionately cheer them on when wearing the uniform of the national team don't feel nearly as connected — for whatever reason — when the front of the uniform says Houston Dash or Utah Royals FC.

The bright spot, perhaps, is that men's soccer faced the same problem for years before finally gaining some traction with the suddenly in vogue MLS. There are high hopes the women can conceivably grow in the same direction, but so far it's been a slog.

Some top European clubs have been carving out budgets for women's teams in recent years, sparking some more interest overseas for both players and fans. A recent match in Italy drew 40,000 fans — lured partly by free tickets — and another in Spain attracted 60,000.

So tune in Friday for what should be a great show. Invite some co-workers in to watch together on the office TV and discuss the subtleties of the French defense and what should be done with VAR.

It's sport on a high level, with national pride at stake.

Too bad we pay attention only once every four years.

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were honored with a pair of players that made the list.

Juniors Jacob Knofsky and Mitch Pollock were named as honorable mention picks for their play. Knofsky finished the season batting .273 with seven RBI and an on-base percentage of .347 and an OPS of .672. He was also one of three Titans to not commit a fielding error all season long while making four appearances on the mound, walking four and striking out seven in seven and one-third innings.

Pollock went .226 with a home run and seven RBI while leading the team in stolen bases with seven. Pollock averaged a .850 fielding percentage while going 11 innings on the mound, leading the team with a 2.25 ERA while walking six and striking out ten. Earlier in May, Knofsky was a First Team LOVC Southeast All-Conference selection while Pollock was an honorable mention conference selection.

Bell to stay with Gibbs racing for one more year

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — Christopher Bell plans to stay with Joe Gibbs Racing for at least one more year.

That's about all he knows about the situation at the moment.

The 24-year-old Bell has re-signed with JGR for 2020, but he isn't sure if he will be staying in the NASCAR Xfinity Series or moving up to the Cup Series.

"I'm good for another year," he said Friday. "I don't know what I'm going to be racing, but I will be somewhere."

Bell is one of NASCAR's best prospects. He won at Iowa Speedway on June 16 for his fourth Xfinity victory this season and second straight in Newton.

He is second in the series standings heading into Saturday's race at Chicagoland Speedway, trailing Tyler Reddick by 51 points.

Bell's success in the Xfinity Series is part of a terrific start to the season for Joe Gibbs' team.

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The Bee Well Fun Runs return July 6 in Twin Lakes Park. Children participate in 30, 50 and 100-yard dashes, plus a half-mile and mile-run for those wanting to do the longer lengths. The goal is to encourage the benefits of a more active lifestyle. There is no cost to participate and more information is available on the Bee Well of Edgar County Facebook page.

Bee Well Fun Runs set

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The popular Bee Well Fun Run for kids returns for the fourth year July 9-Aug. 8 at West Lake Park.

Children of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate in this free event featuring numerous distances to run from 30 yards to one mile. Participants do not have to run in every event but are welcome to do so.

Fun Run meets every Tuesday and Thursday at Twin Lakes West Park with a start time of 6:30 p.m.

France wilts against U.S.

Defending champ Americans move on to semis with 2-1 win

BY JEROME PUGMIRE
AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — France's Women's World Cup hopes wilted in the heat, stifled by a relentless United States team more suited to big-game pressure.

Les Bleues were second best most of Friday night, losing their quarterfinal 2-1 , and only creating genuine pressure after scoring late.

Wendie Renard's powerful header in the 81st minutes raised hopes among the Tricolor-waving fans at baking-hot Parc des Princes in Paris.

It was too little, too late, and the defending champion Americans are now two wins away from a fourth World Cup title.

France's women have never even reached a final.

Hopes were high for a first major trophy, but two goals from Megan Rapinoe handed France a brutal reality check.

France was found wanting against the U.S., which played with more physicality and had far greater composure.

Still, captain Amandine Henry thinks the French might have achieved another victory.

"Although we didn't win the Cup, I hope we won the hearts of the French," she said. "It's a big step forward for French women's football."

France's tournament started and ended at the same stadium, the 4-0 opening-game win against South Korea raising expectations.

The scrappy 1-0 win against Nigeria on June 17 — secured with a re-taken penalty from Renard awarded following a debatable video review — made it 3-0 in the group stage but also exposed fragile nerves.

The U.S. took full advantage, scoring after just five minutes.

Forward Eugenie Le Sommer, a key player on Lyon's dominant team, gave a clear indication of where France is still lacking.

"We can see that other countries are ahead of us and we need to catch up. I'm even thinking of Spain, which invests a lot. We can't miss the train," Le Sommer said. "I think we achieved something and I'm proud to have shown France that football can also be played by women, and that's a first victory. I think it will help for the future, but I can't guarantee it. To have won over the public is a good thing, but we shouldn't just be satisfied with that."

Le Sommer challenged the French Football Federation and the French league not to waste the momentum generated by France's increasingly popular national team.

"The Federation wants to put things into place, which is good, and generating all of this enthusiasm I think will help toward that. There are many things to do and we can't let ourselves get overtaken by other countries," she said. "We must continue to progress, to become professionals, because other countries do that and maybe it's why they're ahead of us."

Rapinoe's second goal should also open France's eyes to what the highest level is really all about.

"They were very efficient with the few chances they had, and for us it was the opposite," Le Sommer said. "We weren't far off, we caused them problems but it's not enough. Unfortunately, in competitions they're always ahead of us and always beat us."

France immediately looked to attack down the flanks, particularly down the left through the speedy Amel Majri, but was caught by a classic sucker-punch counterattack. It drew a foul leading to Rapinoe's first goal, direct from a free kick.

"We lost concentration for a moment in the first half and paid for it in full," Henry said. "It comes down to the small details. You have to concentrate from the beginning."

Henry felt the French attacks were not strong enough to unsettle a well-organized U.S. defensive line.

"We had good spells in the first half but in the last 20 minutes we failed, we couldn't create enough," she said. "We were turning around in circles."

France coach Corinne Diacre had targeted reaching the final as a minimum requirement , and she called the defeat "a failure on a footballing level."

London hosting MLB Yanks versus Red Sox

LONDON (AP) — High cheese comes to the land of high tea on Saturday.

When Boston's Rick Porcello throws the first pitch to the New York Yankees at Olympic Stadium, the national pastime of the one-time colony will try to plant itself in the mother country.

After looking at the cozy distance — 385 feet to center with a 16-foot wall — Yankees and Red Sox batters hope to run up some cricket-like scoring totals, perhaps even shattering the famous triangular light banks.

"Hopefully, we'll poke a couple out," Yankees slugger Aaron Judge said Friday, smiling after batting practice on a sunny afternoon. "It flies pretty well. It got good carry."

The teams arrived Thursday on overnight flights after playing day games. Judge, who is 6-foot-7, ambled around London largely unrecognized.

"I was actually walking near the London Eye yesterday and I ran into a couple people that had the Yankee hat on," Judge said. "They had no idea who I was or anything. I said this is all right. 'I'm Aaron, great to meet you.'"

About 1,500 invited fans attended batting practice, and there were signs baseball had entered soccer country. Some Red Sox supporters improvised on a soccer chant to honor a Boston broadcaster, repeating "One Jerry Remy! There's only one Jerry Remy!" to the tune of "Guantanamera."

Manchester City winger Raheem Sterling was in the clubhouse of the Yankees, who partnered with City's parent company to own the New York City team in Major League Soccer. Players in both locker rooms had souvenir jerseys in the claret and blue of West Ham, the soccer team that calls the stadium home. And infielder Gio Urshela dribbled a soccer ball in left field.

While both teams will wear white home jerseys, they clearly are being treated as visitors getting the royal treatment — Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex and sixth in line to the throne, is scheduled to accompany Invictus Games athletes to the mound for the ceremonial first pitch.

Yet trappings of home abounded.

Clubhouses were built over the Olympic warmup track under the stands to emulate the spacious surroundings major leaguers typically enjoy. Movie director Spike Lee walked around in foul territory and the grounds crew performed to the Village People's "YMCA," as they are wont to do in the Bronx.







50th World Series of Poker ready to go

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO
Associated Press

Tens of thousands of professional and amateur poker players go on a pilgrimage to Las Vegas every summer in hopes of returning home richer, owning a gold bracelet and having considerable bragging rights.

They are young and old and overwhelmingly male. They are college dropouts and accountants, entrepreneurs and CEOs, actors and athletes, psychologists and comedians. And they all have a chance of becoming world champions.

At the World Series of Poker — now marking its 50th edition — everything is possible.

"The beauty of poker is anyone can enter and anyone can win," said Ty Stewart, the series' executive director. "We all love the stories of overcoming challenges, at defying the odds. This occurs regularly at the World Series of Poker."

Cowboy gambler Benny Binion probably wouldn't recognize the tournament today. He started it in 1970 as an invitation-only event with a few men gathered at his casino in downtown Las Vegas. They were all elite players, and Johnny Moss was declared the winner by the other men at the table.

Moss got a trophy. There was no multimillion-dollar prize pool, no constant television coverage and definitely no smoking ban.

It has transformed into a phenomenon that has paid almost $3 billion in prizes — minting millionaires, airing live on ESPN and streaming online.

The series is well positioned to set an attendance record this year, with 122,473 entries so far. Its marquee contest, the $10,000 buy-in no-limit Texas Hold 'em main event, kicks off Wednesday. The no-limit betting rules mean players can wager all their chips at any time.

The tournament this year runs through July 16 at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino, off the Las Vegas Strip. It features different poker variations, with buy-ins for the events ranging from $400 to $100,000.

The series saw a record 123,865 contestants in 2018, when the prize pool of over $266 million was divided among 18,105 participants. Twenty-eight of them earned at least $1 million. Every champion received a gold bracelet under a tradition started in 1976.

"When we started out, there were very few people from outside the United States that were playing with us," said T.J. Cloutier, 79, a six-time bracelet winner from Richardson, Texas. "And now there's a ton of people, and they are from all over."

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Paris resident Robert Howery nears the half-way point in the 1,500-meter swim of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon. After the swim, he also biked 24.2 miles and ran 6.2 miles



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Some of the competitors in the Eiffel Tower Triathlon wore wet suits as protection against the 71-degree water of Twin Lakes. Volunteers, or friends, stood by to help them get out of the wet suit more rapidly to save some seconds on the overall time for the three events.



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A competitor in the June 23 Eiffel Tower Triathlon leans into a turn on the cycling segment of the race.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Kennen Hootman of Addison finished in second place at the June 23 Eiffel Tower Triathlon. He swam 1,500 meters, biked 24.2 miles and ran 6.2 miles in 2:19:17. The winner, Vaughn Rightley, was almost eight minutes faster and finished the grueling endurance race at 2:12:35



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Case Colvin, Paris, is showing the strain after completing the Eiffel Tower Triathlon as an individual competitor in the Sprint Division. He finished ninth in a field of 37 competitors.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Shannon Jones, pink shirt, passes two other competitors in the running segment of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon. Jones with Meghan Creech and Julee Dennis formed a team in the Sprint Division with each person taking one of the three athletic events.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Julee Dennis rolls up to the finish line after riding 12.4 miles in the June 23 triathlon and handing the time chip off to a teammate.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Hinsdale residents Disha Yellayi, left, and Srinida Yellayi, right, compete in the Sprint Division of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon at Paris. They are early in the 12.4-mile bike ride after completing a 500-meter swim. When they finished with the cycling portion they still had a 3.1 mile run before completing the event.



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Meghan Creech comes out of a cold Twin Lakes after completing the 500-meter swim for her team in the Eiffel Town Triathlon.



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Former Kansas Police Chief Greg Voudrie has already swam 1,500 meters, cycled 24.2 miles and is getting started on the 6.2-mile run in the Olympic Division competition of the Eiffel Tower Triathlon. Voudrie finished 12th in a field of 29 individual competitors.

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A scary cemetery experience



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OLD CODGER

A visit to Maple Ridge Cemetery in Carmi reveals a preponderance of German names, like Phectig, Hubele, Lichtenberger, Kuhl and many others buried in the cemetery. There was a great migration in the mid-1800s to the Midwest. Illinois received its share. White County, where Carmi nestles as the county seat, was one of the magnets.

A short drive north that requires about five minutes of time is another cemetery. It's small in size and sets atop one of several hills. Next to it is Burrell Park, a very scenic picnic and playground area. Over the years many Carmi residents and visitors have enjoyed picnics and family reunions there.

Quite often, after everyone consumes the food, the older folks sit back, relax and recall old times. This activity bores children, so they traditionally go exploring. A favorite trip they rarely miss is to climb a steep, grassy hill, which places them in the small aforementioned graveyard.

Kids never fail to return down the hill buzzing with excitement. Little ones are scared half to death, some even crying. The older ones, including many parents with gray hair, firmly believe one of the graves is haunted. Supposedly, by pressing an ear to the back of the tombstone, one can hear the buried person's heartbeat.

An acquaintance of mine, named Ken, tells me he was a kid during the '60s.

"I had the privilege of climbing that hill several times. I remember the tombstone in question. It was newer than the others, and somewhat larger. As I recall, the name engraved was something like Christena Trillenberger.

"According to the most credible story, she died as a teen. Her parents said she asked to stay home from church one Sunday. Said she complained of a headache. Said when the parents returned from services, they couldn't revive her. Now, the undertaker in those days was old and reputedly imbibed on a bottle of bourbon at times.

"People have long believed that he assumed Christena was dead when she actually lay in a deep coma. A drunk undertaker could easily forget to embalm the corpse. This explains the heartbeat. She was buried alive."

There's more to the story. My friend says he never placed his ear to the stone when a little tyke. Older kids pushed him back. When they heard

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A variety of classic cars are on display at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, Aubrun, Indiana..

Patchetts hit the road

Hot Rod Power Tour puts some horsepower into summer

BY RUTH PATCHETT
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"Another Adventure," is what my mother-in-law June always said whenever we set out to do something new.

Husband Tom and I have been on the Hot Rod Power tour. It is something we have done before so technically it is not not new, but each time we have gone we have met new people and have interesting stories to tell.

We made the 2018 trip in a 1972 Dodge Charger with no air conditioner and no spare tire, both of which we needed. This year we had air conditioning and five new tires, which worked beautifully.

The air conditioner worked the first day so that is an improvement, but it was unnecessary as the weather was cool and comfortable during the entire trip. A little less rain would have been helpful, though. The trip revealed we are very blessed in our area as the farmers in northern Illinois, Indiana and Ohio have mostly bare fields.

We started our trip on Friday, June 7, after some last minute work on the car and made it to Lexington, Ky., the first day. It was sunny and, with the air conditioning working, a pleasant drive.

One stop was at a United Dairy Farmers gas station in Ohio that has delicious ice cream, and we found peach on the menu. A few years ago, we discovered the company's peach ice cream is wonderful. It is only featured for a month and is worth a trip to Ohio just to have it.

We planned to make it to Concord, N.C., Saturday to check in for the start of the tour and get our credentials. Five miles from the Pigeon Forge Dollywood exit in Tennessee on Interstate 75, Tom pulled over due to the temperature gauge really going up. He checked the belts and found the belt to the water pump had split in two. Tom had packed spare belts for everything and just before leaving Paris he tried to pick up a spare belt for the water pump, which he called ahead to order. The car parts person forgot to order it and one was not available.

We took off without it and of course that was the belt that broke. Traffic was three lanes of fast moving cars and we had no idea how close the next exit was. Our GPS system quit in Indianapolis and cell reception was not working where we were located. Normally, hot rodders stop to assist but



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The age of tail fins is well represented at the private auto museum of Herb McCandless.



Ruth Patchett/The PrairiePress

One of the high-end classic beauties on display at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

we were just downhill from a steep rise and traffic was so fast and heavy it was not possible

Tom looked at me and said, "Did you pack any pantyhose?"

I have no idea why I did other than I brought a dress and thought it might get cold in northern Indiana. I gave him the pantyhose and he cut one of the legs off and used it to make a belt. It got us down the road another three miles before it started smoking and heating again. We pulled off the road and used the other leg. We were only two miles from the next exit and made it off I-75 and to a helpful gas station at Rocky Top, Tenn.

Tom explained what we needed and asked if they had taxi service or Uber. Cindy and Will were working the counter and Will voluntarily drove Tom to a local auto parts store where he bought two belts, just in case there was another problem as I was out of pantyhose for emergency repairs. This delay put us behind but we made it in time to check in at Concord and were ready for the start of our adventure.

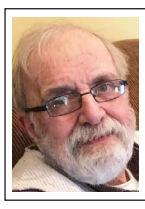
Sunday morning we ate breakfast with a group of Mopar guys, mostly from the St. Louis area. They were being led by Ryan Brutt, who is from Skokie, and each year he leads drivers with Mopar cars. There were about 10 vehicles total from 1965 to 2015.

Brutt writes for Hot Rod magazine and is into barn finds like the American Pickers, except he specializes in finding and finishing Mopar cars. Other guys in the group also liked projects of putting together abandoned vehicles needing lots of TLC.

An advantage of following Brutt's lead is he knows some of the more unusual places others are likely to miss

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Paddling is inefficient



HARRY REYNOLDS
ANOTHER LOOK

Two boys were so engaged in biting, kicking and punching each other they did not notice Mr. Brubaker. The principal of Washington Grade School, a big man, grabbed them by their belts.

He hauled them to into his office – where rumor has it – he beat them with great enthusiasm with a paddle. Back then, paddles were an essential tool for principals and teachers. Paddle a kid today and one might end up on death row.

Being paddled in school in those days usually meant when the offender got home, another paddling, with great vigor, was administered. Paddles regularly visited my bottom – the price of being excessively energetic.

My sixth grade teacher kept her paddle where we could see it, although, I cannot recall one time she used it. She was a rough-voiced woman, with a perpetual stern look, but we liked her.

Principals came and went in grade school. The first, and most feared, was Mrs. Beam. In those days, I got into a lot of fights, usually with older and bigger kids. I cannot recall winning one.

On one occasion, I jumped on another kid's back, which was not a good idea. Mrs. Beam, scanning the playground, dashed to the scene, and pulled me off. We went into the hall, where we fought it out.

She did not use a paddle, but my parents did when I arrived home from school. Getting spanked twice, I think, should be regarded as double jeopardy. I never spanked my children, being an adherent to Abraham Lincoln's observation that: "Love is the chain whereby to lock a child to its parents."

My resolve was tested many times by my son, who, was to put it mildly, a wild child. I did spank him on the bottom once when he was around three. He jumped up and down, crying, "Hit me again; hit me again."

I also caught hell from my daughter, who, only minutes before had demanded I spank him, then, "Don't you spank him."

As for my daughter, well; dads do not spank daughters. Mothers might, but not dads.

We had a janitor at Washington school, a certain Mr. Stoderback. He did not own a paddle. He must have been tempted to buy one, but actually using it was out of character for him. Gentle and wise, he was.

He caught me smoking one time, but did not out me to the principal, even after I sassed him.

Mr. Stoderback spent a lot of time shoveling coal into the

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Quicksilver is the only liquid metal, and it flows through society

The planet Mercury made one of its best appearances this week. Paired with Mars it has been setting just behind the sun in the evening sky. It is never visible for more than an hour near sunrise or sunset. Being the inner most planet we always see it near the sun and often behind the sun.

On Veteran's Day this year, Mercury will pass directly across the face of the sun. Hopefully readers kept their solar glasses from the 2017 solar eclipse.

It is called a transit when Mercury passes across the face of the sun, and it is a rare occurrence, with 13 a century. After November, Mercury won't transit again until 2032.

Mercury orbits the sun four times for every Earth orbit making it by far the fastest planet. The plant's name recognizes its speed. Mercury in Roman mythology was the winged messenger of the gods.

The ancient silvery metal called mercury is also named for its flowing speed. Vials of mercury have been found in the tombs of Egyptian pharaohs.

Alchemists believed mercury was a base metal, which could be made into gold. They did not realize mercury is only one proton away from gold, yet that requires a nuclear conversion.

Aristotle refers to mercury in writing as hydro-argyros, which translates as liquid-silver or water-silver. A Roman translation gives us the symbol Hg. Well into the 20th century, it went by the common name quicksilver.

Once common, mercury is now restricted as a poison. Two generations of students have never experienced the fun or pushing beads of mercury around a table. They are safer for it.

Readers may remember using an orange powder mercury-oxide in high school chemistry. Heated in a test tube fitted with a discharge tube, the goal was to capture the escaping gas – pure oxygen.



TERRY SULLIVAN
ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

This is the setup Joseph Priestly used with his dephlogisticated air experiment to keep a mouse alive in a jar. It's a bedrock discovery leading to the periodic table, but most students found the silver liquid beads remaining in the test tube more interesting. We no longer let them retrieve the mercury from the tubes.

Mercury is among the heaviest natural elements. Mostly found as the sulfate compound cinnabar it has been extracted with the fire method since antiquity. The nucleus has one more proton than gold and just two fewer protons than lead, yet their properties vary greatly.

Mercury has full S and D electron shells with no electrons in the outer P layer. Lead has two P electrons and gold is short one D electron. The outer electrons control bonding.

A solid must form bonds between atoms strong enough to stop thermal kinetic energy of motion from moving atoms around each other. Mercury's full shells limit a need to bond making mercury a liquid at room temperature.

The atoms do attract to each other causing a high surface tension. Surface tension makes droplets form when the outer skin is unbalanced and attracted tighter to the inside liquid than the surrounding air. Mercury beads attract each other like magnets. As a metal it has a large thermal expansion when heated and for years was the gray liquid inside a thermometer.

The silvery liquid shimmers and flows giving it the namesake quicksilver. A fair electrical conductor it was formerly used in thermostats where expansion and contraction caused it to flow back and forth inside a cylinder causing a teeter-totter to open and close a circuit.

Liquid mercury is 14 times as dense as water and was long used as the liquid to balance air or arterial pressure. This gave us air and blood pressure monitors. Today, we use other instruments to avoid contact with the toxic substance.

Liquid mercury exhibits an affinity for related metals. It's not allowed on airplanes because it literally dissolves a hole in the aluminum skin. It was once fun to drop an old copper penny into the liquid where it floated and infused with the outer layer turning it into a slippery, silver-coated coin. It was poisonous, but interesting.

Copper, tin, silver and gold are periodic table neighbors mercury binds to. The result is called an amalgam. Mixtures of tin, silver and copper, bound with mercury, have been used to fill cavities in teeth for 150 years. Back in the high school chemistry lab more than a few students ruined a gold class ring when mercury penetrated the outer layer destroying the finish.

Mercury lights use low-pressure mercury vapor. They're notable for how long it takes them to come on. A cyanate powder called mercury fulminate is used as a primer in explosives. It can be triggered with heat, friction and shock and is used as a blasting cap to set off other explosives.

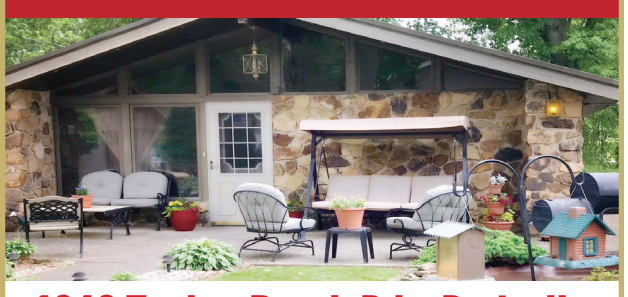
The chloride salt of mercury was used for centuries to treat syphilis. The treatment was as bad as the disease. It was also erroneously used for digestive problems. Lewis and Clark took 50 dozen tablets with them.

Mercury readily dissolves through the skin and gets stored in fats. In the body, it short-circuits the nervous system. Mercury was once used to tan beaver pelts and working with the materials, hatters became more and more disoriented leading to the expression mad-as-a-hatter.

Metal poisoning is why exposure to mercury is limited today. Our greatest danger

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the heartbeat, they became terrified and ran. He ran along behind them.

"But I'll share a secret I've rarely confessed. When I was 17, I climbed that hill by myself. There was no one but me in the cemetery.

"I had a theory that in the past when I was there, the big kids were pulling a prank. I thought when a little one listened next to the stone, a bigger kid, whom we couldn't see, was tapping a finger on the other side. Thus, it simulated the sound of a heartbeat.

"On this day, keep in mind, I was alone. I knelt on my knees and placed my ear firmly against the smooth marble tombstone. At first I heard nothing, except a crow flew overhead and cawed, which I heard with my other ear. But then as I continued to listen with pressed ear, I heard it – a faint, steady, somewhat slow heartbeat. I listened a second time to make sure. Sure enough, it was real."

He says he's been back to Burrell Park a few times, but has never ventured back to the cemetery. Nor does he ever plan to do so. Several people will tell you they've had the same experience. It's eerie, they all agree.

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MILESTONES

Lang named honorary alumni

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C. Max Lang, the George T. Harrell Professor Emeritus, College of Medicine, Penn State University, received an honorary alumnus award during recent ceremonies at University Park, Pa.

The award honors Lang as one of the founders of the Penn State University's College of Medicine and an international leader in laboratory animal medicine. He was the first faculty member recruited by the founding dean in 1966, and he served as chair of the Department of Comparative Medicine and Director of the Animal Resource Facility for 40 years until his retirement in 2006.

Lang received a doctor of veterinary medicine from the University of Illinois in 1961.

Under Lang's vision and leadership, Penn State College of Medicine designed and built animal research facilities considered by the National Institutes of Health and National Academy of Sciences as model facilities for the safe, humane and effective use of animal in medical research.

The sophistication of these labs and the expertise of the veterinarians contributed to Penn State's research accomplishments, particularly in the development of artificial hearts and understanding of human papillomavirus.

Lang has received numerous awards for his contributions to laboratory animal science and medicine, including the 1987 Charles River Prize in Laboratory Animal Science and Medicine, the highest international honor in the profession. In addition to numerous professional accomplishments, Lang is the author of 180 scientific publications, including three books.

Lang lives in Hershey, Pa. He and his late wife, Sylvia, have three children and four grandchildren. He is the son of the late Acel and Nadine Lang, formerly of Westfield. His brother Ted Lang is a Paris resident.

95th birthday party for Thompson

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CHRISMAN – Margaret Scott Thompson is celebrating her 95th birthday with an open house, 1-3 p.m., July 7 at Pleasant Meadows Senior Living. Friends and family are encouraged to come at any time during the two-hour event and wish her a happy birthday.

Thompson was raised in the Marshall/Martinsville area. She married Roy Thompson in 1942, and they had three children.

The family moved to Chrisman in 1951, and she was widowed in 1961.

Thompson worked at Robin's Five and Dime a few years, before joining the First National Bank of Chrisman, where she remained until retiring in 1989.

Since retirement, family and friends have been her priority.

SHARE YOUR MILESTONE: Submit news of your anniversary, engagement, wedding or birth for free: email nzeman@prairiepress.net or mail The Prairie Press, 101 N. Central, Paris, Ill., 61944.

Summer art is keeping Paris children engaged

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Creativity should not just be limited to the school year.

Students in Paris Union School District 95 have an opportunity to explore art in more detail for an extended period of about a month after school dismisses for summer break.

Teacher Millie Arp said approximately 25 students between kindergarten and eighth grade participated in the special sessions offering art instruction Monday through Friday starting in late May and lasting through late June.

Arp said the students worked in mediums such as watercolors, tempera paint, acrylics, ceramics and also did collage work to create mosaics. The Flossie Stafford Fund underwrites the summer art program so children do not have to pay to participate.

The summer art program culminated in an art show June 21 and June 22 at Memorial School where the students showed their creations to family members.



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A summer art program keeps the creativity juices flowing for student in the Paris 95 school district. Left to right, Olivia Coats, Myles Punzelt, Sophie Young, Gracie Willett and Emily Melton show some of the things they made while other works adorn the walls during an art show June 21 and June 22 at Memorial School.

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along the route. We went to a private museum owned by Herb McCandless, Mr. 4 Speed, a race car driver from the '60s, and he was there greeting Mopar owners and answering questions.

McCandless has a beautiful collection of Dodge, Plymouth and Chrysler cars and his neon sign collection was fabulous as well. My favorite cars were the pastel colored ones, and I really can't understand why cars only seem to be manufactured in red, white and black today. The pastels of the '50s and early '60s are so attractive.

One of the check-in points was the racetrack at Bristol, Tenn. The weather was finally sunny and the entertainment on stage was a blue grass band called The Local Boys. Great music and no one seemed to mind I was dancing by myself.



Ruth Patchett/The Prairie Press

The innovative but ill-fated Tucker 48 is one of the cars on display at the Aubur Cord Duesenberg Museum, Auburn, Ind.

The tour stopped at the Lucas Speedway in Indianapolis where we met some of our car friends from Danville. We had dinner with them at Rick's Boatyard Café, a favorite place to eat in the Indianapolis area. The next day we once again met for breakfast at a local diner with our Mopar group and headed to Fort Wayne, Ind. It was raining so hard when we got there we went straight to the hotel after punching-in at the tour checkpoint. On the way to Fort Wayne, we noticed from about Muncie on up, nothing had been planted. Even the gardens we observed were sparse and at one, a tiller, was sitting on the garden's edge and just looked abandoned.

Once again Brutt had planned a great side trip. After leaving Fort Wayne, we stopped at the Auburn Auto Museum for just an hour. Tom went to another building to see the power cars, and I chose the Auburn Duesenburg collection of cars.

Auburn, Cord and Duesenburg cars were manufactured in Auburn, and this collection is stored in a gorgeous Art Deco building. If one has only time for a one-day trip this summer, go to this museum. The history of these automobiles is incredible and really needs to be seen in person.

From the museum, we headed to Norwalk, Ohio, just south of Sandusky and picked up our plaque for making the Long Haul. It was an easy drive to Columbus, Ohio, where we connected with cousins before heading home the next day.

The drive home was not easy due to the torrential rain clear across Indiana. Fortunately, we stopped just before leaving Ohio for one last scoop of peach ice cream. Seven stops in seven days, and when we turned in our driveway we had gone 2,760 miles. Another Adventure, indeed.

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UFOs seen near nuclear power plants

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Why are so many UFOs being reported near nuclear facilities — and why isn't there more urgency on the part of the government to assess their potential national-security threat?

Those are questions being asked by a team of high-ranking former U.S. defense and intelligence officials, aerospace-industry veterans, academics and others associated with To the Stars Academy of Arts & Science. The team has been investigating a wide range of these sightings — and advocating more serious government attention.

Throughout history, unexplained aerial phenomena (UAPs) have shocked, frightened and fascinated sky watchers. And in the last century, more than a few have been reported in military contexts. In late World War II, U.S. airmen called them foo fighters: strange orange flying lights by the French-German border. During the Korean War, some soldiers claimed a blue-green light emitting pulsing rays made their whole battalion sick with what, to some, resembled radiation poisoning.

Less known: In the last 75 years, high-ranking U.S. military and intelligence personnel have also reported UAPs near sites associated with nuclear power, weaponry and technology — from the early atomic-bomb development and test sites to active nuclear naval fleets.

"All of the nuclear facilities — Los Alamos, Livermore, Sandia, Savannah River — all had dramatic incidents where these unknown craft appeared over the facilities and nobody knew where they were from or what they were doing there," says investigative journalist George Knapp, who has studied the UAP-nuclear connection for more than 30 years. Knapp has gathered documentation by filing Freedom of Information Act requests to the departments of defense and energy.

"There seems to be a lot of correlation there," says Lue Elizondo, who from 2007 to 2012 served as director of a covert team of UAP researchers operating inside the Department of Defense. The program, called the Advanced Aerospace Threat Identification Program (AATIP), received $22 million of the Pentagon's $600 billion budget in 2012, The New York Times reported. Elizondo now helps lead To the Stars' investigations.

Nuclear-adjacent sightings go back decades, says Robert Hastings, a UFO researcher and author of the book "UFOs and Nukes: Extraordinary Encounters at Nuclear Weapons Sites." Hastings says he's interviewed more than 160 veterans who have witnessed strange things in the skies around nuclear sites.

"You have objects being tracked on radar performing at speeds that no object on Earth can perform," Hastings says. "You have eyewitness [military] personnel. You have jet pilots." Witnesses to these incidents are often highly trained personnel with top security clearances. In recent years, their reports are being corroborated by sophisticated technology.

In late 1948, "green fireballs" were reported in the skies near

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Was Abraham Lincoln an atheist?

Tight-lipped on faith and at times openly skeptical, Lincoln puzzles religious scholars

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Every U.S. president has been a member of a church, except for one: Abraham Lincoln.

Famously opaque on the subject of religion, Lincoln's personal faith was something even his closest friends said they couldn't figure out. Though he became more interested in religious questions toward the end of his life, "Honest Abe" never directly identified himself as a Christian — even after he realized it could hurt him politically.

"He once spoke of how not having any kind of noticeable religious profile had levied what he called a tax on his popularity with the voters," says Allen Guelzo, a professor of Civil War-era studies at Gettysburg College and author of "Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President."

"It was something that he was aware of, something he tried to cope with, and yet he wouldn't go the distance of trying to pretend that he was something that he wasn't."

Lincoln's religious views shifted throughout his life, as most people's do. He grew up in a Baptist household but was never baptized as a child or an adult, and in his early 20s he was outspoken about his religious skepticism.

"He would actually be aggressive on the subject of unbelief," Guelzo says. "More than one observer who knew him from those days said that Lincoln could shock people." For example, he might say the Bible was just an ordinary book, or that Jesus Christ was an illegitimate child. "By the time he moves into his late 20s and early 30s, he has started to temper that because he realizes that doesn't get him very far politically."

During his failed campaign to be a Whig nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in 1843, Lincoln observed that his absence of religious affiliation hurt him. "It was everywhere contended that no Christian ought to go for me, because I belonged to no church," he wrote. Three years later, after he secured the Whig nomination for the House, he faced more accusations about his faith from his opponent, a revivalist preacher named Peter Cartwright. By then Lincoln had learned not to flout his skepticism, and knew he needed to address his critics.

"That I am not a member of any Christian Church, is true," he responded in a handbill; "but I have never denied the truth of the Scriptures; and I have never spoken with intentional disrespect of religion in general, or of any denomination of Christians in particular."

Still, Lincoln didn't actually say whether he believed in the Christian faith. Instead, "he vigorously denies accusations that were not actually leveled at him," Guelzo says. "He just deflects."

Lincoln won that election and continued to be tight-lipped about his personal faith into his 50s. Yet a series of traumatic events—the death of his son Edward Baker in 1850, the outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 and the death of his son William Wallace in 1862 — pushed him into a period of religious reflection, in which he thought seriously about what a hypothetical God might want for the U.S. and the institution of slavery.

"In the present Civil War it is quite possible that God's purpose is something different from the purpose of either party," Lincoln wrote in his personal papers in September 1862. "[God] could have either saved or destroyed the Union without a human contest. Yet the contest began. And, having begun He could give the final victory to either side any day. Yet the contest proceeds."

Lincoln told his friend, Senator Orville Hickman Browning, that he thought God wouldn't favor the Union's cause unless it sought to end slavery — something he had not initially sought to do when the war began. He only mentioned his idea that God wanted to end

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The marker and stone on the courthouse lawn commemorating the Revolutionary War veterans buried in Edgar County recently underwent a restoration, as did two other markers connected to Abraham Lincoln. Greg McHenry, left, will present information about the Lincoln Circuit riding marker following a rededication program 10 a.m. July 6. Patti McHenry, right, spearheaded the refurbishing efforts.

Rededicating historic monuments

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The restoration of three historical markers found on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn is complete and a re-dedication ceremony is scheduled for 10 a.m. July 6 on the southeast corner of that lawn.

A celebration is planned with special decorations, music and a rededication speech and the general public and members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) are invited to attend. Members of the Edgar County Historical Society will be there to answer questions regarding the significance of each marker.

The nearly 100-year-old markers have been restored due to generous donations that amounted to a little more than $2,300 from Edgar County residents as well as descendants of the veterans from the states of Missouri, Nebraska, Minnesota, Arizona and Illinois. The quest for donations to restore the memorial for Revolutionary War veterans buried here was so successful it was decided to do two other markers on the courthouse lawn, and those additional projects were completed within their budgets.

Patti McHenry and her daughter spearheaded the project through their connection with the DAR. Word about the need for restoration was spread by information from the DAR, the Edgar County Historical Society and the Edgar County Genealogical Society as well as individually. The Edgar County Historical Society received and managed the donations.

Adams Monument Company did the metal restoration work and did not charge for power washing the stones. The three markers involved were: a listing of Revolutionary War veterans buried in Edgar County, the Gettysburg address by Lincoln and Lincoln being acknowledged as riding the Eighth Judicial Circuit, which included Edgar County. The Gettysburg Address marker was erected by the Driskill Women's Relief Corps #87 of Paris in 1923.

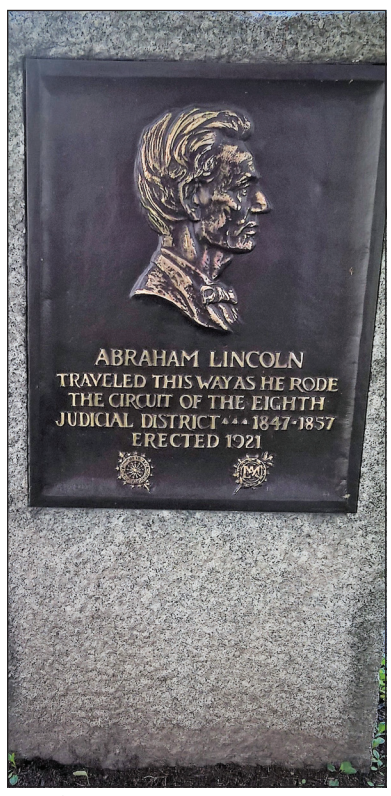
The program begins at 10 a.m. with a welcome and thanking the generosity of Paris residents and an explanation about the Revolutionary marker. The playing of taps by members of the Paris High School Band under the direction of Kevin Pruiett honors the Revolutionary soldiers, and all soldiers, buried in Edgar County.

Following the brief program, the public is invited to tour the other markers on the lawn. Historical society members stationed at the Gettysburg Address and Eighth Judicial Circuit markers can answer questions.

In addition, Looking for Lincoln committee members will provide walking tours, for those interested, to sites connected to Lincoln's time in Paris.

The DAR mission of today is to promote historic preservation, education and patriotism. In 1919, when the Revolutionary War marker was first dedicated, the Edgar County DAR chapter had a similar mission to promote interest in history, especially

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The marker on the northwest of the Paris square acknowledges Lincoln's visits to Paris when he rode the Eighth Judicial Circuit in the 1850s. Before a restoration nearly a century of dirt and pollution rendered the tablet nearly illegible. A special program 10 a.m. July 6 on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn rededicates three markers recently restored by the joint efforts of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Edgar County Historical Society and the Edgar County Genealogical Society.

Recalling experience with mud



ROGER STANLEY
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Three years in a row we have camped at Indiana's Shakamak State Park for our wedding anniversary and many of our family comes to help us celebrate. This year we got four and a half inches of rain. Our family can enjoy an outing like that even if things don't actually turn out the way we planned them.

This year the smallest of our contingent, Kenaniah, our great-grandson, who is only three years old, came with his parents from North Carolina. He is truly a little trooper who is not afraid of much and has grown up very much the way I grew up.

He is being brought up getting to explore the little world he lives in on a small poultry farm, and he has shared his quest for exploring and finding bugs. He has even helped to dig a hole to "plant" chickens in.

I can relate to that because I was relegated to chicken duty on the farm. I can also relate to little bugs because I helped pick tater bugs off tater plants.

Back to the camping and what little things were happening there. Two things seem significant, Kenaniah riding a bicycle for the first time and exploring mud holes.

Son-in-law Brian brought a small bicycle with training wheels on it. Kenaniah loved that machine and after watching another great-grandson, Brighton, riding his bigger bicycle and a shove or two from his dad he got a-going. It's a good thing that bicycle wasn't a pony because he'd have been worn out after three or four hours of continual riding down the road and visiting every pothole.

When Kenaniah got

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MARKERS

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of the Revolutionary War period, and also the history of Edgar County.

McHenry's purpose was to create an awareness and appreciation for all the effort and sacrifice given to make this a community to be proud of.

The transformation of these markers from eyesore to beautiful artifact memorials needs to be seen and appreciated especially by the citizens of Paris and the surrounding communities.

The names of the 28 deceased listed on the Revolutionary marker are: Elijah Austin, Hugh Barr, James Benson, Gurdun Bumham. Elijah Clay, William Combs, John Conrey, William Craig, John Edmiston, William Gannon Sr., Ferrel Hester, Ambrose Hotchkiss, William Hurst, William James, James Knight Sr., William Meadows, William Means, Asa Moore, James Mullins, Stephen Ogdon, George Redmon, Jacob Reed, Daniel Rhodes, Daniel Rowell, Wilson Tharp, John Tutwiler and Abraham Wood.

The stone is also inscribed: "To the honor and glory of the soldiers of the American Revolution. This tablet is dedicated with grateful reverence by the Madam Rachel Edgar Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution."



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Patti McHenry, right, is a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her concern about the deteriorated metal and discolorations of a nearly century old DAR marker for the Revolutionary War prompted a fundraising drive to restore the monument. The effort was so successful two other markers on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn were also restored. To the left is Rosie Stanley, whose grandmother was a DAR member, when the stone was set and the marker dedicated in 1921.



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Patti McHenry, right, spearheaded the restoration of some historical markers on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn and will join Roger Stanley, left, historian for the Edgar County Historical Society, to answer questions about Lincoln's famous Gettysburg speech as depicted on this refurbished bronze tablet as part of a rededication program July 6.

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atomic laboratories in Los Alamos and Sandia, New Mexico, where the atomic bomb was first developed and tested. A declassified FBI document from 1950 mentions flying saucers measuring almost 50 feet in diameter near the Los Alamos labs. And Knapp has interviewed more than a dozen workers from the Nevada desert atomic test site, where scores of A-bombs were detonated in the post-WWII years. He says they told him UFO activity was so commonplace there, employees were assigned to monitor the activity.

In the 1960s and '70s, repeated UFO sightings emerged at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Montana, a storage site for nuclear-tipped intercontinental ballistic missiles (ICBMs). At one such alleged sighting in 1967, former Air Force Capt. Robert Salas says several of those missiles became inoperative at the same time base security reported seeing a glowing red object, about 30 feet in diameter, hovering over the facility. Salas, who commanded ICBMs as a launch officer and later worked in the aerospace industry and at the Federal Aviation Administration, told CNN the, "missiles began going into what's called a 'no-go condition,' or unlaunchable."

Observers can only speculate about the origin of these unexplained phenomena. But the repeated proximity to sensitive defense sites connected to our nation's most powerful weapons has raised the question of whether they might originate from adversaries — known or unknown.

In late December 1980, air-traffic controllers encountered something alarming near Royal Air Force Bentwaters in England. Used by the U.S. Air Force as a European foothold during the Cold War, Bentwaters housed a secret stash of nuclear weapons in 25 fortified underground bunkers.

"We looked up on the radar scope and saw something… not like anything I'd seen before," Ivan Barker, a U.S. Air Force air-traffic controller working that night, told HISTORY.com.

Barker, a master sergeant who was second in charge at the facility, says he was an 18-year veteran at that point and knew, "about every aircraft in the U.S., NATO and the Soviet bloc." This object, he says, shocked him and his two colleagues that night with its remarkable speed and maneuverability. On radar, it covered 120 miles in a matter of seconds, he said: "It had to be moving Mach 5, 6, 7 or 8 — faster than anything other than possibly a missile."

As he looked up from the radar to view it directly, the craft moved into close range, slowed and then stopped over the base's water tower: "Like a helicopter hovering, except with a helicopter you get movement up and down. This was stationary. It was between about 1,500 and 2,000 feet high. The thing was… at least a city block… in diameter."

Barker says it was shaped like a giant basketball, with portholes around the center, from which lights were emanating outward. "I was shocked… There was nothing aerodynamic about it. Basketballs don't fly."

It stopped over the water tower for only a few seconds, he said, before reversing course and speeding back the way it came in: "It was like — swish! — it's gone."

Barker didn't report the sighting to his superiors. "You don't understand what the Air Force did to people who reported UFOs," he says.

Barker's story dovetails with that of Col. Charles Halt, Bentwaters' deputy commander at the time. Halt led a patrol that night to investigate strange colorful lights seen descending into nearby Rendlesham Forest. Halt described to Elizondo what he saw from inside the forest: a red light moving horizontally though the trees, "obviously under some kind of intelligent control." A laser-like beam, he said, "landed 10-15 feet away from us. I was literally in shock."

Then the beam's source quickly left, flying north toward the base, says Halt, who audiotaped the incident at the time. "We could hear chatter on the radios that the beams went down into the weapons storage area."

Later, his commander played the audio for a general, who dismissed the need for further investigation. They were loath to get involved, says Halt.

LINCOLN

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slavery to a few people, and they were usually shocked to hear him say it since he didn't regularly attend church, pray or speak about his faith. One of these instances was during a cabinet meeting at which he said he wanted to issue the Emancipation Proclamation.

"When he's asked why he's doing this," Guelzo says, "the answer he says is: I made a vow, a covenant, with my maker, that if the Union army defeated the Confederate army in Maryland — which it did at the Battle of Antietam — I would send a proclamation after them… And it was so astonishing to his cabinet that one member of the cabinet actually asked him to repeat himself."

After Lincoln was assassinated in 1865, Mary Todd Lincoln defended her late husband from questions about his faith while also giving conflicting accounts of what he actually believed, or when he started to believe it. Despite his later assertion that it was God's will to end slavery, some of his close friends admitted they had no idea what Lincoln's broader religious views were because he was so secretive about them.

Over 150 years later, it's even harder for us to tell what Lincoln believed. Still, his Bibles are among the most famous of any president's. Both Barack Obama and Donald Trump used the so-called Lincoln Bible from his inauguration at their own swearing-in ceremonies. Ironically, Lincoln didn't actually acquire that Bible until he showed up for his first inauguration in the middle of the night. A Supreme Court clerk brought him a Bible to swear on, and that's the one most associated with him today.

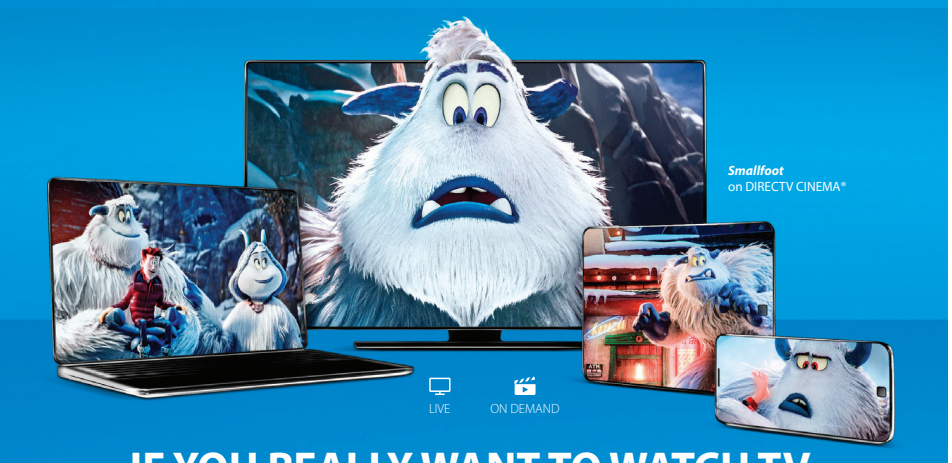
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Bill Clark, 91, shows the 12-pound cabbage and large white onions recently harvested from the garden he works with his friend Pat Padgett.

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STANLEY

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When Kenaniah got in a pothole he couldn't get up enough steam to go forward. He just kept paddling like mad and he looked just like a sternwheeler boat with all the water coming off that back tire. Someone always got him moving again, but in no time he was right back in that pothole acting like an old sternwheeler boat.

The story I remembered about riding my first bicycle was much different because I didn't have training wheels, and I was just barely big enough to reach the pedals. I didn't play sternwheeler, but I ran plumb into the barn with a resounding crash.

The best moment came after a heavy rain, which caused the ditches to run full of water. Kenaniah edged into that delightful mud and water filled ditch with the rest of the family watching. He was joyously happy just tromping through that mud splashing and giggling to his heart's content.

He was the picture of contentment all parents wish for their kids to know and enjoy life. He kept splashing and squirreling around through that enticing mud and water until he got stuck. His dad asked him if he needed help. He shook his head up and down and dad retrieved him, but one of his slippers stayed in the mud. His mom got a stick and dug it out.

Just about that time one of my daughters asked, "Dad, does that remind you of something you did when you were a little kid?"

I confessed it did, but that was a long time ago and in a completely different circumstance.

When my brother and I were little squirts we found an enticing hog wallow that looked cool on that hot day. This was not a little ditch filled with a bit of water and a bit of mud. It was at least waist deep with two old sows enjoying their mud bath just to keep them beautiful and cool.

We managed to slip and slop around until we scared the sows off, and we couldn't keep our feet from slipping and plopped right down in that cooling mud and water.

Kenaniah's experience and mine had different results. He got to take a bath in our camper bathtub administered by a grandma, and it sounded like they were both having fun. He came out smelling good and sweet and then off to bed he went.

I remember the bath I got so long ago. It was administered by an angry mom with a scrub brush used in all the right places with lye soap. I also came out smelling a little better, but hog wallows smell a whole lot different than a little mud and water along side the road.

We must have something in common my great-grandson and I, but I just hope he doesn't turn out to be a stinker like I was.

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Democrats invest in religion

Democratic candidates rehabilitate their image among faith groups with concerted push into outreach

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Years after Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign was criticized for what some argue was lackluster outreach to faith groups, the Democratic Party has hired a new religious outreach director and launched a round of listening sessions with faith leaders in the lead-up to the 2020 election.

"We take seriously the relationships that we have with faith communities around this country," said the Rev. Derrick Harkins, a senior vice president at Union Seminary in New York, who will oversee faith outreach for the party. Formerly a pastor in Washington, D.C., he held a similar position with the party in 2012.

Faith, Harkins said, "will be a priority going into 2020, but even more importantly, beyond 2020."

Party leaders signaled their seriousness by appearing at two DNC roundtable discussions convened with faith leaders this month shortly after Harkins was hired. At the first, party CEO Seema Nanda met in Washington with leaders associated with the Union of Affirming Christians, a pro-LGBTQ group affiliated with Union Seminary. At the second, representatives of Islam, Sikhism, Coptic Christianity, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and other faiths dialogued with Democratic Party chairman Tom Perez in New York.

"It wasn't a token thing. It was serious listening and respect," said Paul Raushenbush, a senior vice president at Auburn Seminary who attended the gathering. He added that Perez brought several DNC staffers with him in addition to Harkins. (Raushenbush also serves on the board of advisers to Religion News Service.)

Another attendee in New York, Debbie Almontaser of the Bridging Cultures Group, said the gathering opened with leaders offering their feedback directly to Perez.

Almontaser, a Muslim, drew attention to what she described as recent attacks by politicians and media outlets on Muslim American members of Congress such as Reps. Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib because of their faith. Almontaser argued the DNC — and specifically the leadership of the party — should do more to defend them from such attacks.

"The party really needs to speak up and call out the racism and bigotry … that there is no room for intolerance and racism and Islamophobia," Almontaser said she told Perez and others in the room. "We need to lead by example and not tolerate such attacks on members of the party."

According to Almontaser, Perez did not respond to her or the other faith leaders and advocates — including RNS columnist Simran Jeet Singh, who is Sikh — directly but offered a response after they finished, saying party officials would continue engaging with faith leaders and work to create a safe space for diverse religious voices.

Perez and the other DNC staffers suggested to the group their renewed interest in faith outreach was informed by Alabama Sen. Doug Jones' victory over Republican Roy Moore in 2017. Some attribute Jones' win in part to a surge of votes from religious African Americans in the state, especially churchgoing women.

Raushenbush said the room responded well to Perez and DNC officials but religious leaders were clear about their boundaries.

"We're not going to be co-opted by any political party," he said, "but we do recognize that elections have consequences for the morality and the values that we held dear."

Michael Wear, the faith outreach director for Barack Obama's 2012 re-election campaign, said Harkins' hiring was a positive step for Democrats.

"You're not going to get too many more people with (Harkins') breadth of experience," he said.

But Wear, one of the most vocal critics of the Clinton's 2016 religious outreach efforts, argued the true test of Democrats' dedication to faith outreach will come from the campaign of the eventual nominee, not the party.

"At this stage Democratic faith efforts look for me more promising than they did in 2016," he said, noting 2Harkins' hire comes more than a year before the election. "But if it plateaus here, it won't reach

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Progress comes with a cost



MARK PARKINSON
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

Those who traveled south on Highway 1 toward Interstate 70, and beyond, in recent weeks may have had the wonderful opportunity to sit and wait on traffic as a flag woman controlled the direction of single lane traffic taking turns going north, then south. That sitting and waiting can be a total nuisance, especially when one is in a hurry to reach a destination.

I have had to wait many times before, but I have also worked jobs where it was necessary to control the flow of traffic around a work site. I appreciate the patience of those sitting there, unable to move forward.

There is no easy way to keep our roadways in good condition without the occasional need for repairs or resurfacing; all of which require delays and single-lane movement through the work site. I applaud those who must stand outside in windy, hot or cold, and sometimes rainy, conditions to make sure their fellow workers are protected. It is a tedious, and pretty much boring job, but somebody has to do it.

This past week my wife and I needed to make such a trip toward I-70 for a journey to Terre Haute. Yes, we were stopped for roughly four minutes, while cars and trucks in front of us faded from sight during that long pause and before northbound vehicles appeared. We knew it wouldn't be long before we were moving forward.

After the last car passed us going in the opposite direction, we were signaled to move into the east lane of the highway, and we made our way south. We probably drove somewhere around two miles when we saw another flag woman motioning for us to return to the normal southbound lane.

The odd thing about this stop in traffic flow was there were no highway department vehicles on either side of the road between those two flag persons. I had to wonder if someone just needed to make up for some lost work hours, so they sent them out to stop one lane of traffic at a time. They were doing a great job, but there weren't any other workers around needing their expertise of

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Episcopal priest blesses passerby

Rev. Adrian Dannhauser offers an unconventional ministry to to anyone who asks

NEW YORK — Russell Lupis stopped mid-jog when he saw the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser standing outside her Madison Avenue church with her "Ask Me For a Blessing" sign.

As she finished blessing someone else, Lupis stepped forward for a short conversation.

There was something on his mind — a tiff with his sister over their parents' gravesite.

Dannhauser listened intently. Then she locked hands with Lupis, closed her eyes and prayed. She ended by making the sign of the cross on his forehead.

Lupis is not a member of Dannhauser's Church of the Incarnation, where she serves as associate rector. He's not even an Episcopalian. But he welcomed the chance to receive a blessing.

"She's worth waiting for," said Lupis, who has received her blessings before. "People like that have an even closer connection than the norm."

Dannhauser has been offering blessings outside her church every Tuesday morning for the past three years, part of her outside-the-box ministry to passersby. She knows most of the people she blesses will never enter the 155-year-old Episcopal sanctuary in the Murray Hill neighborhood — let alone sign up for membership.

But that's OK.

"I'm a priest of Jesus before I'm a priest of the church," said Dannhauser, 41. "This is about sharing God's love."

A former lawyer who worked in bankruptcy and financial restructuring, Dannhauser understands as well as anyone the precarious financial straits many churches find themselves in. Fewer people are attending church and many of the strategies designed to attract them aren't working.

Those missing from church pews include millennials (born between 1981 and 1996) as well as older Christians who might once have reliably attended mainline Protestant churches, but no longer feel any social or individual obligation to go.

Dannhauser's own church is an example.

The neo-Gothic landmark was once home to a prominent and sizable congregation. It was the site of Eleanor Roosevelt's confirmation. Years later, members built a ramp to accommodate her polio-stricken husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who arrived to attend his mother's funeral.

Today it attracts 120 people on Sunday and relies on an endowment to meet expenses.

Surveys confirm a dire picture for congregations like Church of the Incarnation.

From 2007 to 2014, the number of mainline Protestants decreased by roughly 5 million (from about 41 million in 2007 to 36 million in 2014), according to Pew Research. As older generations die out, younger Americans are significantly less likely to identify as mainline Protestants.

But though people may no longer attend church as much as they used to, their spiritual longings remain, and Dannhauser wants to show them what she calls "a public witness to the healing, saving grace of God."

The Rev. Matt Heyd, rector of Episcopal Church of the Heavenly Rest in upper Manhattan, said Dannhauser has been at the forefront of a slow shift in the Episcopal Church — and among other denominations — away from a focus with growing congregations to simply sharing the message about God.



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The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser stands outside Church of the Incarnation in New York City to offer a blessing to any interested individuals on Tuesday, June 25. Dannhauser offers blessings outside her church from 9-9:30 a.m. every Tuesday morning.



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The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser got the idea for her outreach ministry, Ask Me for a Blessing from Ashes to Go, when clergy and laypeople alike offer ashes outdoors, rather than inside the church, on Ash Wednesday. She is the associate rector at the Church of the Incarnation. Dannhauser maintains a web site, www.askmeforablessing.com where she writes about her experiences each week as she stands next to her sign on Madison Ave. in New York City.

"When you do that with joy and a sense of abundance, it does form community, but that's not the first goal," he said. "We're not trying to fill committee spots. It's first of all a proclamation of love. "

Dannhauser, a Mississippi native who grew up Southern Baptist, has always found spirituality in unconventional ways.

As a girl, she attended Ballet Magnificat!, a Jackson-based professional Christian ballet company. Dancing became a spiritual discipline for her. So too did speaking in tongues, a phenomenon in which people talk in words that have no known meaning.

"Speaking in tongues came through the ballet," she said. "It was this understanding of the Holy Spirit. When I want to pray for something but don't have the words, it accompanies that intention."

After law school at Vanderbilt University, she took a job in New York City and with her boyfriend — now husband — began attending a nondenominational church in Times Square.

But the consecration of Gene Robinson, an openly gay man, as bishop in the Episcopal Church back in 2003 "blew my mind," she said.

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Lines in the sand

Southern Baptists are again at odds over women in church leadership

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Southern Baptists are arguing again over the role women should play in the church.

Following a tweet from popular Southern Baptist speaker, teacher and writer Beth Moore that suggested she was preaching at a Southern Baptist church, many Baptist leaders accused her of defying God's word.

These Baptist leaders believe women cannot hold positions of authority over men and that means they shouldn't preach, teach men, or serve as pastor. The president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary went so far as to say, "I think there's just something about the order of creation that means that God intends for the preaching voice to be a male voice."

Beth Moore is theologically conservative and doesn't believe women should be pastors. But her recent tweet renewed a debate that's been an issue for more than 300 years.

The issue of women's leadership has raged among Baptists since the beginning of the denomination in 17th century England.

Only a few years after Baptists arose in England, women began teaching and preaching, particularly in London.

Baptists believe God speaks directly to each individual, and, each person's conscience, under God's guidance, directs their belief and behavior.

Baptists also believe each individual church is autonomous and should make its own decisions rather than relying on the authority of a bishop or pope.

These core Baptist convictions led to great disagreements.

Early Baptists disagreed over, for example, whether salvation was available to everyone or only to those whom God had predestined. They even disagreed over whether or not hymn-singing was appropriate.

And, from the beginning, Baptists also disagreed on women preaching. Some congregations allowed it while others did not.

Even women who preached were not ordained. As Baptists set up processes for how churches would administer themselves, they limited ordination to men.

Some of the women justified their preaching by hearkening back to biblical times. They gave

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potential."

The DNC's move comes as 2020 Democratic White House hopefuls become increasingly comfortable with God-talk on the stump. South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg triggered a rash of media attention this spring for discussing his faith and sparring with Vice President Mike Pence over spiritual matters.

Both Buttigieg and Sen. Cory Booker are currently hiring faith outreach positions for their respective campaigns.

Other candidates such as former Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Julián Castro, Sen. Kirstin Gillibrand and author Marianne Williamson have also spoken about faith on the campaign trail, and nine candidates recently attended a forum hosted by the clergy-led Poor People's Campaign.

The party's renewed attention to faith occurs even as Democratic voters increasingly distance themselves from religion. Although most Democrats still say they believe in God, the largest section of the party now belongs to those who claim no religious affiliation.

But Harkins insisted that claiming no religion isn't the same thing as being anti-religion.

"The idea that there's some antipathy within any quarters of the Democratic Party around faith — I just don't see that to be true," he said.

Meanwhile, progressive faith-based activists continue to be a driving force behind various liberal movements, and belief in God remains high among nonwhite Democrats compared with white Democrats, according to Pew Research.

"There is a lot of amazing energy and organizing and activism that's happening within religious communities," Raushenbush said. "I think religious communities are not interested in being taken for granted or co-opted, but they do want candidates who reflect their values."


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examples of the leadership of women such as Miriam, sister of Moses, who was a prophetess. They quoted an 11-century B.C. prophetess Deborah, who was a judge of the Israelites. Based on Baptist beliefs, they claimed a calling from a higher authority than church or government. Church authorities, however, criticized and dismissed these women.

A few Baptist churches in England permitted women to declare their commitment to Christ publicly or tell a public story of God's work in their lives, even when they did not allow then to preach. Other churches forbade women from speaking in church at all.

One of these women, Anne Wentworth, who was active in preaching, wrote in 1679, "I am reproached as a proud, wicked, deceived, deluded, lying Woman; a mad, melancholy, crackbrained, self willed, conceited Fool, and black Sinner, led by whimsies, notions, and knif-knafs of my own head."

In the United States, the first Baptist church was founded in 1638 in Providence, Rhode Island by Roger Williams, a Puritan minister who converted to Baptist beliefs.

In the 18th and 19th centuries, Baptist women continued to exercise leadership in Baptist churches in the U.S., although Baptists remained at odds over women preaching.

In the mid 18th century, two factions of Baptists emerged. One group was known as Separate Baptists. The group grew out of the Great Awakening, a series of revivals in the 1740s that emphasized religious feeling and zeal as important expressions of authentic faith. They separated from the more urban, conventional, and dispassionate Regular Baptists.

While Regular Baptists opposed women preaching, Separate Baptists offered greater opportunities for women. Separate Baptists accepted women as deaconesses and eldresses.

Shubal Stearns, a Congregational preacher and evangelist, became a Separate Baptist. His sister, Martha, and brother-in-law were also preachers, and together the three of them established the first Separate Baptist church in the South at Sandy Creek in 1755.

Martha Stearns Marshall soon became known for her ardent preaching. In 1810, Baptist historian Robert Semple noted about Martha's preaching,

"Without the shadow of an usurped authority over the other sex, Mrs. Marshall, being a lady of good sense, singular piety, and surprising elocution has, in countless instances, melted a whole concourse into tears by her prayers and exhortations."

Openness to women preaching was the exception, and women in preaching roles remained controversial.

After the Southern Baptist Convention was founded in 1845, Southern Baptist women focused their efforts mostly on supporting missions work.

Even as missionaries, they invited criticism. Southern Baptists' most famous missionary was Lottie Moon, who was appointed as a missionary to China in 1873. Moon, who was very petite, often stood in her rickshaw and elevated her voice so she could be heard. Other missionaries accused her of preaching.

She responded by saying if the men didn't like what she was doing, they could send more men to do better.

Despite the controversy over women's preaching, some churches have chosen to ordain women.

An example is the Watts Street Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. The church ordained the first Southern Baptist woman, Addie Davis, who had been a dean at a Baptist school in West Virginia, to ministry in 1964.

Preaching itself does not require ordination. Ordination affirms a person's call to ministry and allows people to perform church rituals such as leading communion and officiating at weddings. It is also a requisite for serving as pastor of a church.

After Davis, no other Southern Baptist church ordained a woman for the next seven years. Historian Elizabeth Flowers suggests Davis' ordination was downplayed at the time to avoid direct conflict in the denomination.

Later, as fundamentalists seized power over the Convention from more moderate Baptist leaders starting in 1979, women's roles moved to the center of debate. Fundamentalists claim to read the Bible literally. They also insist the Bible excludes women from ordained ministry.They saw the ordination of women as evidence of theological liberalism in the denomination.

In 1984, the Convention passed a resolution excluding women from pastoral leadership because, "the man was first in creation and the woman was first in the Edenic fall."

The Convention also amended its confessional statement in 2000 to claim, "While both men and women are gifted for service in the church, the office of pastor is limited to men as qualified by Scripture."

A book was published, "God Speaks to Us, Too: Southern Baptist Women on Church, Home, and Society." Over 150 current and former Southern Baptist women, including dozens of women in ministry were interviewed.

Like their 17th century forebears, they shared they had simply followed God's calling. Most of them noted the refrain they had heard as children in their Southern Baptist churches: "You can be anything God calls you to be."

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controlling vehicles through the work zone.

Do we have times in our lives that are like that? Is there ever a sense that what one is doing is totally worthless? Do we feel like what we do is supposed to be helpful to others but there is no one else around to help? Life can be very strange, at times. Our spiritual lives can follow this same unusual pattern.

The Great Commission says that we are supposed to, "… go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." How do we do that? Are we just supposed to understand all of the details that go into making disciples?

Hopefully, if the readers are regular attenders within a faith community, they have some sense of what it takes to witness for Christ, to make disciples and help others come into a relationship with God, through Jesus.

If we are out in the world, all set to make disciples, and we can't find anyone who needs to be brought into such a relationship are we supposed to go home and say, "Oh, well?" Or are we supposed to take an attitude like the two young ladies who were flagging traffic that day? They couldn't see if there was any work going on because it was near the Hill Road curves but they knew what their job was – stand and flag traffic.

The next time a person thinks God is telling him or her to go out and make disciples, do the best to share the love that God sent to us through Jesus, the Christ. Love others as self. Think of others more highly than thinking of self. Go out of the way to offer a kind word or helping hand to any and everyone met.

Always be aware of every opportunity to be a witness to someone who needs to know Jesus. The benefit absolutely outweighs the cost.

Be blessed, be a blessing and be the church.

(The Rev. Mark Parkinson is pastor of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Email him at markparkinson1@gmail.com. Pastor's Perspective is provided by the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.)

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"I just thought that the most amazing good news I had ever heard — that you could be gay and a Christian and not be sinning."

She switched to Trinity Church Wall Street, an Episcopal church near her law firm, and before long took a class at the General Theological Seminary in the Chelsea neighborhood.

Dannhauser was considered too evangelical for some in the Episcopal Church. The New York Diocese's commission on ministry turned down her candidacy for ordination.

But the bishop overruled the committee and she headed off to the Episcopal divinity school at Yale.

There, her unconventional ministry gifts began taking shape. She formed the Episcopal Evangelism Network and with another seminarian began praying for people on the streets of Stamford, Conn.

As a priest, she has taken part in "Ashes to Go," in which priests impose ashes on the foreheads of passing commuters on Ash Wednesday.

And for years she has been working to raise awareness of human trafficking, leading public prayers at the Port Authority bus terminal in Manhattan and educating hotel staff in how to spot victims. She chairs the Episcopal Diocese of New York's Task Force Against Human Trafficking.

More recently, she decided to try her hand at open mic night on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

She told a story about an adventure she and her husband had in Rwanda during a trek up a mountain to see some gorillas in their habitat. And she spoke about the impulse to pray when one of those gorillas appeared to come charging after her — an impulse, she said, that was not just about survival, but compassion and empathy.

Her calling, she said, is to minister in the marketplace, to preach in the public square. Unlike the street preachers who screech about sin and damnation, Dannhauser wants to tell people about God's love.

"I'm just trying to help nurture whatever journey people are on," she said. "There's nothing better than talking about God. I want to do it all the time."



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GRACE NOTES

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S LUNCH

The Christian Women's Connection of Terre Haute meets 1 a.m. July 16 in the MCL meeting room at Meadows Shopping Center. Jeff Huxford is the speaker, and music is by Penny Arthur. Call Julie, 812-234-7388 or Sherri, 812-249-3084 to make lunch reservations.

BLACK PEOPLE IN THE BIBLE

The Black Catholic Commission of the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is hosting a workshop focusing on the life and impact of black people in the Bible. Sister Addie Walker, Director of Oblate School of Theology in San Antonio, Texas, will conduct the workshop at The Villa Maria Conference and Retreat Center, Springfield. The event begins with a 5:30 p.m. reception Aug. 2 and continues at 8 a.m. Aug. 3. The cost for the workshop and meals is $30 prior to July 1 and $40 after that date. To register call (217) 698-8500, ext. 161, or go to: https://www.dio.org/plasm/events.html





Session is 'mixed bag' for businesses

Last-minute reforms give getter breaks to large businesses

BY JERRY NOWICKI
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SPRINGFIELD — Representatives of some of the state's largest business associations are looking back at a historic legislative session as a mixed bag for businesses, which will see benefits from late legislative action.

"I think it's a mixed bag, and it depends a little bit on what sector you're in," said Rob Karr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. "For example, if you're a convenience store, you've been absolutely hammered. But there were some clear wins as well."

Karr said a $15 minimum wage hike by 2025, a $1 per-pack increase to the cigarette tax and a 19-cent increase to the motor fuel tax would hurt businesses in general and small retailer convenient stores in particular.

The wins, according to Karr and representatives of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Manufacturers Association, include a phased-in repeal of the state's franchise tax, added tax incentives for data centers and large-scale construction projects, protection of a retailer's tax credit and a streamlining of a manufacturer's purchase credit.

"The franchise tax has needed to be repealed for a long time," said Illinois Chamber of Commerce President Todd Maisch. "It's a very antiquated tax, and it's a very difficult tax for businesses to understand."

The franchise tax is administered by the secretary of state and it charges businesses, "for the privilege of exercising its authority to transact such business in this State." Maisch said the tax could cost a business up to $2 million in one year.

"So that's just punitive to Illinois-based businesses, and just terrible tax policy," he said, noting that few businesses actually pay the top rate.

The repeal will be phased in over a five year period, starting with a $30 credit in 2020, a $1,000 credit in 2021, a $10,000 credit in 2022, a $100,000 credit in 2023 and a complete repeal of the act in 2024. According to the secretary of state's office, the state collected $198 million via the tax in 2018.

For IMA president Mark Denzler, the modernization of the manufacturer's purchase credit was one of the big wins of the session. He described the credit as a sales tax exemption for consumable products such as coolant, solvent, fuels and oils which are used in manufacturing.

The credit will take effect July 1, adding these products to machinery costs which were already exempt.

Another pair of reforms will help attract large-scale data centers to the state, Maisch said. Data centers are large facilities containing computers that process and distribute large amounts of information for a wide range of industries, storing images, emails, word documents and more.

The measure, included in a capital infrastructure funding bill, provides tax incentives for new and existing data centers that invest more than $250 million in construction and electronic hardware infrastructure costs and hire at least 20 full-time employees over a five-year period.

The measure includes an abatement of sales taxes for construction materials and data center hardware which has to be cycled out every two to four years. The bill also contains protections for taxpayers that would allow the state to recoup funds from companies that do not meet certain requirements.

Maisch said the benefits of the data center act are compounded by the Blue Collar Jobs Act, another reform passed at the end of the legislative session that offsets some portion of labor costs of large-scale industrial projects.

"So I think all of a sudden, Illinois went from being a laggard when it comes to attracting billion-dollar data centers, to now being close to the front of the pack in terms of what we can offer to lure that investment here to Illinois."

For Karr and IRMA, another win was maintaining a tax credit that allows retailers to keep 1.75 percent of the sales tax they collect for serving as the state's sales tax collector.

He also praised a pair of provisions to require remote retailers such as Amazon to collect state sales taxes on any purchase delivered to an Illinois address. Those measures level the playing field for online sellers and brick-and-mortar businesses, he said.

Karr and Maisch both agreed, however, big businesses benefited more from the various reforms than smaller ones.

"Really the problem with the end of the session is that small businesses did not get their fair share of relief. And so we'll be calling on the governor to make small business a priority for next year," Maisch said.

For Maisch, that means re-examining the minimum wage increase, possibly by creating a permanent regional tax credit for businesses to get greater relief in counties where $15 hourly is a more burdensome expense.

Other ideas backed by the Chamber include creating tax-free savings accounts for small businesses planning for large expenses, and other possible small business investment credits.

Denzler said one of the next major hurdles for the IMA is figuring out ways to attract skilled workers.

He credited Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's dedication to prioritizing career and technical education to increase awareness and interest in

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Millennial money

How to join the cannabis business boom



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Marijuana is having a moment. Experts recently dubbed cannabis the fastest-growing industry in the U.S. Legal weed generated $10.4 billion in the United States in 2018, and the number of plant-touching jobs is expected to pass 500,000 by 2022 , according to New Frontier Data, a cannabis market research and data analysis firm.

But be warned, the cannabis industry is not for the faint of heart. Everything is harder — from opening a bank account to finding office space to hiring qualified employees — says Shane Schmitt, general manager of Wy'East Oregon Gardens, a cannabis cultivation and processing facility in Portland, Oregon.

DO WHAT YOU KNOW

"People often want to run a dispensary or set up a cultivation center and I ask, "Well, have you ever done retail? Are you a farmer? Are you a botanist?" says Morgan Fox, a spokesperson for the NCIA.

Instead, do what you know — whether that's accounting, public relations or plumbing — and put a cannabis spin on it.

"The thing about cannabis is you can apply it to pretty much anything," says Zac Smith, 38, founder of Traveling Hands Massage, a San Diego-based mobile massage company that uses oils infused with THC and CBD.

THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS

The legal cannabis industry is heavily regulated, but those regulations often don't cover every possible business application. That means business owners like Ivan and Anne Wood have to take extra precautions to make sure they're in compliance.

The Woods run Mangia Ghanja , a cannabis-infused catering company in San Diego. Under recreational use rules, they can cater private events but they can't charge customers for cannabis-infused food unless the client provides them with the cannabis, the Woods say.

There aren't specific

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ELECTRIC VEHICLES ROLL IN



Special to The Prairie Press

The total electric Chevrolet Bolt, now part of the EnerStar fleet of vehicles, was featured during a Dine and Drive event hosted by the electric cooperative Thursday, June 27. The cooperative is offering a special rate for members who purchase an electric vehicle.

EnerStar debuts Bolt

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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EnerStar Electric Cooperative launched its electric vehicle pilot program with a Dine and Drive event Thursday, June 27, as part of the Paris Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours promotion.

While the nibbles prepared by Joni Smith of the Front Street Market in Hume were delectable, the star of the early evening event was the Chevrolet Bolt, now a part of EnerStar's vehicle fleet. Unveiled at the annual meeting of the cooperative in March for its members, Thursday's event allowed those attending to test drive the Bolt on the highway or local roads.

The purpose, according to Vice-President of Utility Services Angela Griffin was to educate Chamber members as well as members of the Paris business community about not only the advantages of an electric vehicle (EV), but the special EV owner electric rates available to EnerStar members.

The Bolt has a range of up to 238 miles on a single charge, Griffin said. The 200-horsepower motor with a 266-pound torque offers a brisk acceleration of zero to 60 mph in six seconds. Griffin demonstrated the acceleration during the interview.

The EV is incredibly quiet and despite its smaller profile has plenty of passenger space. The EV offers extensive driver assistance options including the popular rear view while backing up as well as an overall view around the car, Griffin noted.

"There are other EVs in Paris," Griffin said, noting the cooperative's IT director Jim Lewis, drives a Nissan Leaf he purchased in September. Lewis was instrumental in helping the cooperative choose an EV for its fleet.

EVs require less maintenance than traditional internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles, Griffin explained. There are fewer fluids — like oil and transmission fluids — which means no changes.

"EVs have no spark plugs or wires so no replacements are necessary like in ICE vehicles," she said. "There are no mufflers or catalytic converters, two exhaust system components that can fail and result in expensive replacements."

The EV has only about 20 moving parts, Griffin said, compared to more than 2,000 moving parts in an ICE vehicle.

In addition to charging the vehicle at home, Griffin said the cooperative is planning to install a charging station in Paris soon, offering those with electric vehicles a convenient way to charge the EV while at work, shopping or running errands.

An incentive for cooperative members to purchase an EV is the new rate offered as part of EnerStar's private program. By agreeing to charge their EV only at off-peak electric load times, the cooperative member can reduce their rate by 33 percent.

"It's important for us to encourage EV owners to charge during off-peak times," Griffin said. Peak times for electric load are 1-7 p.m., she said. "The pilot rate offers a 33 percent discount."

The rate is designed for single-phase residential and farm members that are utilizing a level two charger for their EV, she said. The lower rate is not just for charging the EV. It applies for all kilowatt-hours used at the member's location.

Griffin said not only is an EV less costly to operate — up to five times less that an ICE vehicle — other advantages include:

■EVs are environmentally friendly because there are no tailpipe emissions.

■EVs require no gasoline and can be charged at home with a standard 120-volt outlet or a 240-volt level two charger, similar to what an electric dryer uses.

■EVs require less maintenance and offer quiet, smooth operation.

Griffin emphasized anyone considering an EV purchase should consider five issues to determine if the vehicle is right for a particular consumer. Those questions are:

■Is the daily commute more than 150 miles roundtrip? The Chevy Bolt gets up to 240 miles per charge.

■Is a vehicle needed for trips of more than 200 miles? Long road trips do present challenges for today's EVs. Charging infrastructure and technology is continually improving, but planning is still required for long trips, which can be done with the assistance of an app.

■Does the household have more than one car? If there is more than one vehicle in the household, an EV offers an opportunity to not only save money but improve the quality of the environment.



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EnerStar Vice-President of Utility Services Angela Griffin hooks up the charger for the Chevy Bolt electric vehicle (EV) Thursday during the Paris Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the cooperative. Dine and Drive offered the opportunity to drive — or ride — in the total electric powered vehicle.

■Is there an interest in saving money? The average U.S. commuter spends around $2,000 annually on gasoline. Depending on the utility rate, a saving of 50-70 percent may be possible by choosing an EV. That amount does not include the regular maintenance required on an ICE vehicle.

"Nothing is better than an exceptional driving experience," said EnerStar CEO Mike Clark. "Besides saving money… electric vehicles check all the boxes. It is a bit surprising to hear how quiet an electric car can be, but it is a testament to the cutting-edge technology that works to make the car smoother and more efficient."

Griffin emphasized most car manufacturers are now offering an EV option. In addition to the Bolt and the Leaf, other vehicles include Tesla, the BMW i3, the Kia Soul, the Jaguar I-PACE and the Audi e-tron.

The price tag on the Chevy Bolt purchased by EnerStar was $33,000.

Inspectors ensure safe fair rides

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

SPRINGFIELD — It's finally summer and carnival and fair season is nearing its peak. That means lots of fun for people and lots of work for the amusement ride safety inspectors of the Illinois Department of Labor.

Beginning in 1985, largely in response to some tragic and high-profile mishaps involving amusement rides in Illinois, the state began regulating and inspecting all amusement rides and attractions that are open to the public. That includes everything from roller coasters to mobile climbing walls to bounce houses.

People are often surprised the Department of Labor oversees such a program, but Director Michael Kleinik says an important mission of the department is safety. For example, the department's Illinois OSHA division strives to keep workers safe.

"And our amusement ride inspections role is to make sure that the public can attend these fun events knowing the rides and attractions have been properly inspected," said Kleinik.

There are five fulltime amusement ride safety inspectors for the state of Illinois, said Tom Coe, chief ride inspector, who administers the program and fills in as a sixth inspector when necessary. "I always joke there are 5 1/2 counting me," he said.

That relatively small cadre of inspectors is responsible for overseeing the approximately 630 companies who operate various rides and amusement attractions throughout Illinois. They complete between 4,500 and 5,000 equipment inspections each year.

"The problem is that the attractions are not spread out throughout the year," said Coe. "There is a significant portion of them focused from the last week in April to the first week of July."

And Illinois is not a small state. "We run from border to border," said Coe.

Whether it's a bounce house or craziest ride on the midway, you should look for the permit-to-operate sticker issued by the Department of Labor to be assured the ride has been inspected.

If no permit was issued or to report any accidents or unsafe conditions observed with an amusement ride or attraction, call the Department of Labor during business hours at 217-782-9347 or after hours at 217-299-5512, or submit a complaint online at the department's website at www2.illinois.gov/idol

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manufacturing jobs.

"We look forward to working with (Pritzker) and members of General Assembly, because that impacts every company, whether you're a Fortune 100 or you're a small metal fabrication shop in downstate, Illinois, the ability to find qualified workers is a challenge."

Paris native joins Horizon Health staff

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

A Paris native and Harvard-trained orthopedic surgeon is returning home and helping expand Horizon Health's existing orthopedics program.



HODGE

W. Andrew Hodge will join physician Ronald Wheeler and family nurse practitioner Angie Hamilton on a part-time basis in the Paris Clinic. Hodge is a fellowship-trained arthritis surgeon specializing in hip and knee.

"I'm coming back to a place that I am grateful to and enjoyed growing up in," he said. "I've always looked at where I can use my skills to make the most impact in helping people."

For the remainder of 2019, Hodge will spend approximately 10 days per month in Paris, then expand his time in 2020 based on need. In addition, he will continue his bioengineering research/development work in Scottsdale, Ariz., and his international orthopedic work in the Middle East and India.

"I'm very impressed with the potential Horizon Health has in orthopedics, as well as its brand new and expanded rehabilitation department," Hodge said.

Hodge has treated more than 100,000 people with arthritis and performed more than 6,000 knee replacements and 4,000 hip replacements. He holds several U.S. patents on orthopedic implants and technologies, and has published more than 60 articles in prominent medical journals.

He was recently awarded the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for his international surgical contributions, an award presented to six U.S. presidents, Nobel Prize winners and other humanitarians.

"I have always tried to apply the latest technologies in solving orthopedic problems caused by injury, aging and disease," Hodge said. "I was determined to help patients move better and live longer.

Hodge is also coming back to Paris to spend more time with his brother, Jeff, who retired from Shiloh School as a science teacher.

As a youth, Hodge worked in his family's hardware store on the Paris square learning the basic trade of tools and building repair. The store was in business for more than 150 years.

"Throughout my career I guess you could say I combined orthopedics, engineering and the hardware business," he said with a laugh.

Hodge is a 1970 graduate of Paris High School. He attended the University of Illinois and earned his medical degree from Rush Medical College in Chicago. He completed a fellowship in Adult Joint Reconstruction Surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard-Boston), and another in bioengineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT-Boston) before practicing orthopedics in Boston for many years.

He is the founder and chief medical officer of the Institute for Mobility and Longevity, a non-profit organization that supports orthopedic research and education.

To make an appointment with Hodge, call 217-466-4714.

Visiting neurologist joins Horizon Health

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Rakesh Garg, board certified neurologist, has joined Horizon Health as a visiting physician in the Acklin-Shackelford Clinic.



GARG

He treats patients, age 12 and older, for all types of neurological conditions, including those that affect the brain and spinal cord and will see patients in the clinic a full week each month.

As part of his practice, Garg performs Electromyography (EMG) testing to assess the health of muscles and the nerve cells that control them. EMG results can reveal nerve and muscle dysfunction or problems with nerve-to-muscle signal transmission in any part of the body.

He also performs electroencephalogram (EEG) testing that records electrical patterns in the brain. The test helps diagnose conditions such as seizures, epilepsy, head injuries, dizziness, headaches and brain tumors.

Garg has operated a private practice in Peru for 40 years. He has three sons, each of whom is a neurologist in Chicago.

Garg attended medical school in India, where he was born and raised. He performed a neurology residency at Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pa. He was the chief resident in neurology at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Ky., where he also became a fellow in neurophysiology.

Appointments to consult with him may be made by calling 217-466-4060.

Horizon Health offers full-time cardiology services

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Horizon Health is now offering full-time cardiology services with the addition of Donna Kerns, family nurse practitioner, who specializes in cardiovascular conditions.



KERNS

Kerns provides education and treatment options for congestive heart failure, atrial fibrillation (irregular heartbeat), chest pain, high blood pressure and cardiomyopathy (enlarged heart).

She also offers treatments for high cholesterol and coronary artery disease while working closely with the cardiac rehab program. Another role is managing the new Coumadin Clinic, which is for patients who take Coumadin or other type of blood-thinning medications. At the clinic, she monitors lab work and ensures patients are educated on proper dosing instructions.

Kerns provides coronary calcium screenings to determine a patient's risk for coronary artery disease. If a coronary calcium scoring heart scan is ordered, the test is performed through a CT scan by the radiology department to determine whether calcium deposits are narrowing the coronary arteries. Kerns consults with patients afterward to discuss the results and recommends further action if necessary.

"There is a need for cardiac care in rural areas," Kerns said. "We are conveniently located at Horizon Health so people don't have to travel far to receive these comprehensive and much-needed services."

According to Horizon Health's 2016 Community Health Needs Assessment, the heart disease death rate in Edgar County is 43 percent higher than the state average and Edgar County had the highest death rate among the neighboring counties of Clark, Coles, Crawford, Douglas, Edgar and Vermilion.

Horizon Health's new Congestive Heart Failure (CHF) Clinic operates under Kerns' supervision. The clinic provides specialized care and education for patients diagnosed with CHF, a condition in which the heart muscle is weakened and cannot pump enough blood to meet the body's needs.

The CHF Clinic treats patients in an office setting, those who are admitted to the hospital, as well as residents at area nursing homes. The clinic helps patients better understand their condition and how to manage their health through a personalized treatment plan that utilizes pharmacists, dieticians, cardiac rehabilitation services and social services.

CHF patients at Horizon Health are treated on a weekly basis. The service includes an overall health assessment, the ordering of tests and medications and ensuring patients follow a heart-healthy diet. Follow-up work is done to ensure patients are taking their medications, monitoring their weight and more.

"Our goal is keep people out of the hospital by working with them to better manage their care," said Kerns. "There is a great need in this area for congestive heart failure management and providing people with the resources they need."

Kerns joined Horizon Health in July 2018. She has 15 years of nursing experience. For eight years she worked as a nursing care manager for outpatient telemetry units, a catheterization lab and an intermediate/stepdown unit at hospitals in Terre Haute. She worked as an emergency department nurse for seven years.

She has a master's degree as a nurse practitioner and a bachelor's degree in nursing from Indiana Wesleyan University in Indianapolis. She is a member of the American Nurses Credentialing Center and the Coalition of Advanced Practice Registered Nurses of Indiana.

Kerns was born and raised in Terre Haute and currently lives in West Terre Haute. She has a son, Beau, age 20. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family, traveling and exercising.

She sees patients in the Paris Clinic 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m.-noon Friday. A referral is preferred, but not required, for a consultation with Kerns. Appointments may be made by calling 217-466-4040.

SHEEHY

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cannabis rules for the culinary industry in California which makes it difficult to find legal help to decipher regulations.

BEWARE THE GREEN TAX

"If you're touching the plant, everything costs twice as much," says Schmitt of Wy'East Oregon Gardens. In reality, though, the markup can be more than double.

The so-called green tax applies to actual taxes, too. Plant-touching cannabis businesses can't deduct any business expenses on their taxes, so they pay the full effective tax rate.

EMBRACE THE COMMUNITY

Cannabis entrepreneurs have to jump through a lot of hoops and they face a lot of uncertainty. But that has created a strong community that fledgling businesses owners can tap for advice.

"Talk to other successful cannabis business to find out what they've done to get where they are," says Anne Wood.

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Pre-K camp at museum

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TERRE HAUTE, Ind., – Pre-school children have a great curiosity about the world around them and continually ask why.

The Terre Haute Children's Museum is addressing some of those questions with a Pre-K Camp 8 a.m.-noon July 1-3 and July 8-10. Movement, Gravity and Friction is the topic for each camp session. Trained and experienced museum educators provide a blend of educational and interactive play experiences by looking at why wheels roll and stop and why a water balloon breaks when it falls. Every camp includes hands-on activities, playtime in the museum and a T-shirt.

Pre-K camp is for potty-trained children between the ages of 3 and 5. Summer camp spots are filled on a first come, first served basis. Register at thechildrensmuseum.com/camps. Scholarship information is also available on the website.

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The following titles were added to the Paris Public Library during June.

FICTION

Aunt Dimity and the Heart of Gold – Nancy Atherton
Recursion – Blake Crouch
The Oracle (large print) – Clive Cussler
The Eighth Sister – Robert Dugoni
The Big Kahuna – Janet Evanovich and Peter Evanovich
Queen Bee – Dorothea Benton Frank
Fractured Truth – Susan Furlong
Splintered Silence -- Susan Furlong
The Refuge – Ann H. Gabhart
Puppy Love – Lucy Gilmore
The Friends We Keep (large print) – Jane Green
The Summer House – Jenny Hale
Summer of '69 – Elin Hilderbrand
Once More Unto the Breach – Meghan Holloway
Deadly Obsession – April Hunt
The Jackals (large print) – William W. Johnstone
Robert B. Parker's Buckskin – Robert Knott
The Night Window (large print) – Dean Koontz
The Key to Happily Ever After- Tif Marcelo
The Right Sort of Man – Allison Montclair
The Islanders – Meg Mitchell Moore
The Flatshare – Beth O'Leary
Unsolved – James Patterson and David Ellis
Backlash – Brad Thor
The Summer Country – Lauren Willig
The Cattle Drive (large print) – Ethan J. Wolfe
Beautiful Revolutionary – Laura Elizabeth Woollett
Skin Game (large print) – Stuart Woods

NONFICTION

TThe Idle Beekeeper – Bill Anderson
Grow Your Own Herbs – Susan Belsinger and Arthur O. Tucker
How to College – Andrea Malkin Brenner
Handmade Houseplants – Corrie Beth Hogg
Every Man a Hero – Ray Lambert and Jim DeFelice
Hello, Beautiful! – Jeanette Levellie and Beth Gormong
The Kennedy Heirs – J. Randy Taraborrelli

Puzzles

ANSWERS ON PAGE 9B

SUDOKU

						5		
6	5				4			2
9	8	7					6	
2								
	4			8	5		7	6
			7				3	
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Level: Advanced

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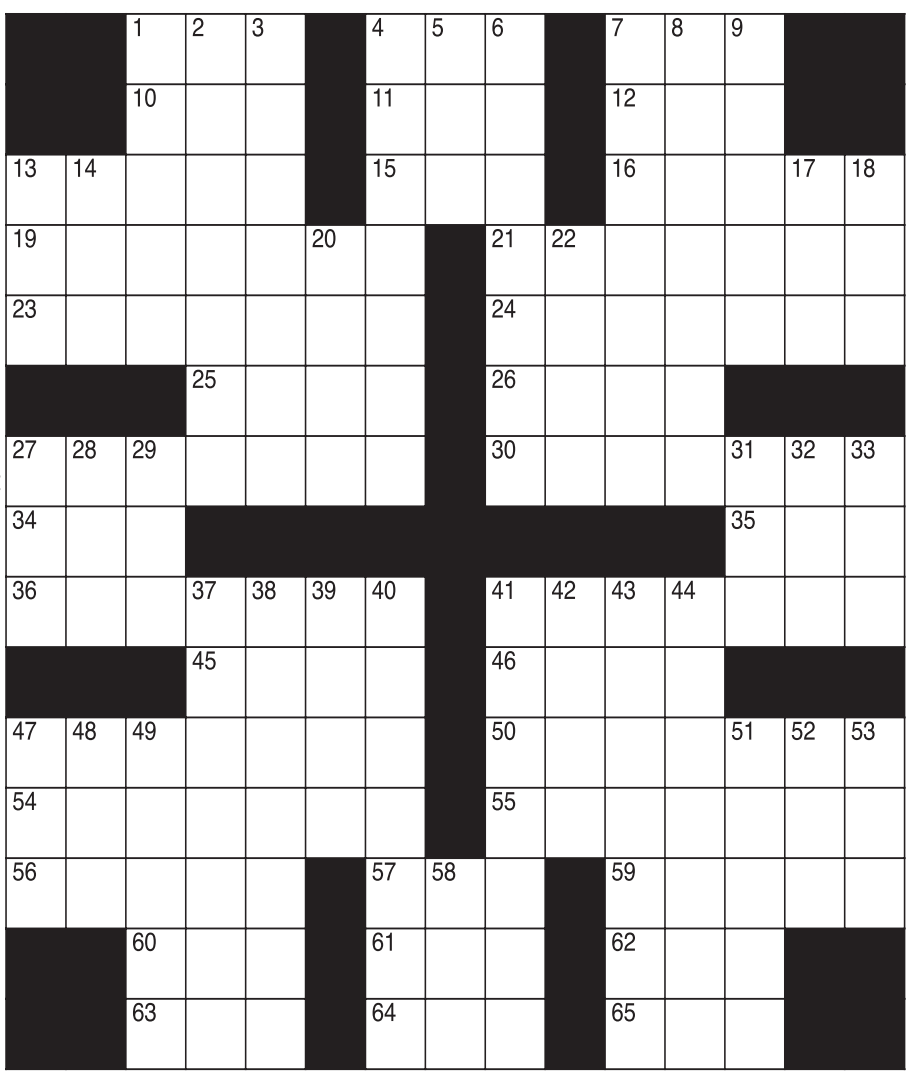
Here's How It Works:

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

ANSWER:

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

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Chop or cut
4. Green veggie
7. Bar bill
10. Doctors' group
11. One who buys and sells securities (slang)
12. Be in debt
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Singer Charles
16. Polish city
19. Former
21. Dismissing from employment
23. Minerals
24. Plotted
25. Consult
26. After a prayer
27. Agents of one's downfall
30. Leaseholders
34. Supervises flying
35. Voodoo god
36. Alfalfa
41. Apply another coat to
45. Witnesses
46. Jai __, sport
47. Ones who proof
50. Recant
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Part of warming headgear
56. Woolen cloth
57. Snag
59. Central American fruit tree
60. Woman (French)
61. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
62. Type of bed
63. Soviet Socialist Republic
64. Consume
65. Japanese freight company (abbr.)

Down

1. Czech monetary unit
2. Able to arouse intense feeling
3. Elk
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Geological time
6. Depths of the ocean
7. Burns to the ground
8. Becomes cognizant of
9. Cause to shade
13. US political party
14. Refers to some of a thing
17. Single
18. Type of beer
20. Ancient Iranian people
22. Grocery chain
27. Gridiron league
28. English river
29. __ and cheese
31. Peyton's younger brother
32. Long time
33. High schoolers' test
37. Respects
38. Organize anew
39. Filippo __, Saint
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Cheese dish
42. Ancient Greek City
43. Patron saint of Ireland
44. Produced by moving aircraft or vehicle
47. Shock treatment
48. __ Jones
49. Things
51. Having wings
52. Panthers' QB Newton
53. Third-party access
58. Satisfaction

TOPS groups meet in June

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TOPS #IL. 1563 met Thursday, June 20, with 20 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Marcella Coy, TOPS weekly best loser; Elaine Weddle, KOPS weekly best loser; Janet Embry, best walker; Penny Ring, won the walking drawing; and Lynn Moody won the food chart drawing.

Members walked 46 miles for the week.

Cheryl Foley, TOPS area captain, was the guest speaker and emphasized the importance of supporting, encouraging and constantly growing together as club members in the weight loss process.

TOPS #IL. 1563 meets every Thursday at the Highland Manor Community Room, Paris, with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome and more information is available by calling 251-5190.

TOPS #IL. 2318 met Tuesday, June 25, with 17 members weighing in and 17 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Sharon Phillips and Ella Stewart, TOPS weekly losers; Carmen Minge, KOPS weekly loser, KOPS drawing winner and KOPS monthly loser for May; Jayne Peters, TOPS monthly loser for May; Myndy Wooten, top walker; and Janice Stevens, top exerciser.

Myndy Wooten gave a program about cravings.

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

June Blood Drive successful

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The June blood drive at Paris collected 63 units

A first time donor was Tammie Brown. Special recognition went to Carla Wimsett for reaching the 21-gallon level, and Kenny Miller for having donated 29 gallons

Domino's donated the pizza, McDonald's donated the orange drink, Larson Woodyard Henson supplied extras and Otterbein Methodist Church provided sandwiches and cookies for the canteen.

Volunteers helping at the blood drive were: Betty Ray, Debbie Watters, Allen Englebright, Mary Lou Wilson, Sharon Wilken, Bruce Wilken, Vicki Wilson and Nancy Englebright

Members of the Paris Lion Club helped unload and load up Red Cross equipment.

The next blood drive is July 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

REYNOLDS

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big furnace in the basement. Given the age, and condition of the boiler, an imminent explosion seemed likely to destroy the school, but it lasted until Washington closed in the early 1960s.

A grizzled, short man, who chewed tobacco, Mr. Stoderback did not talk much. We regarded him as a peculiar fellow.

He wore bib overalls, eternally covered with coal dust. His hair roamed his head, in no particular order. A ruddy-faced man, he wore wire-rimmed glasses. His work kept the school running.

In that age, students never addressed their elders by their first name. We did not do it, for one compelling reason: the paddle. We need a little of that respect shown in this age.

But, spare the paddle.

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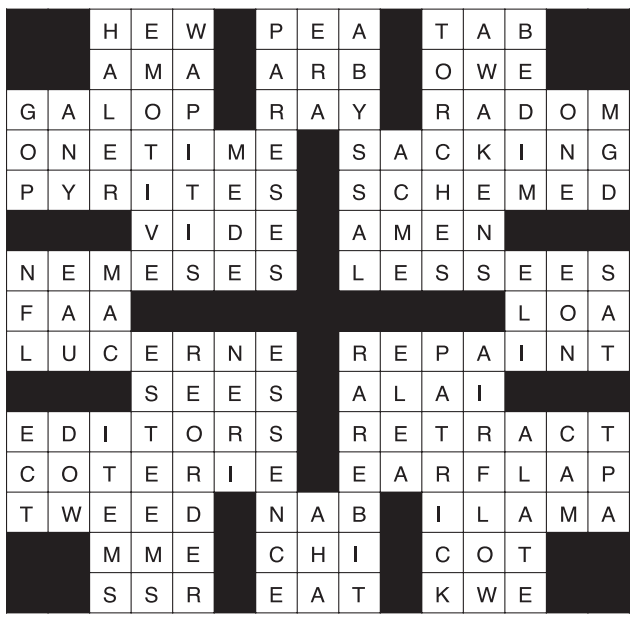
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of mercury poisoning comes from seafood. Fish higher up the food chain consume micro traces of mercury from smaller plants and animals. Being bonded in fats it concentrates up the food chain. Mackerel and white tuna contain high levels of mercury and should be eaten in moderation.

Mercury has a long history of uses, some of which were more superstition than fact. In Mark Twain's novel, "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," residents of Hannibal plugged a loaf of bread with quicksilver and threw it in the river to find the body of Huck, who was assumed drowned. It was common practice to use mercury and bread to locate drowned bodies, but it doesn't work.

Likewise most medical uses did not work. There were and still are plenty of industrial applications for mercury. Today, quicksilver still finds economic use in commercial batteries and the manufacturing of industrial chemicals.

(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)



Pritzker signs 'equity-centric' marijuana bill

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SPRINGFIELD – Recreational marijuana use and possession will be legal in Illinois beginning Jan. 1, 2020, after Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday, June 25, in Chicago signed a bill supporters said is the most equity-centric legalization effort in the nation.

"This legislation lives true to the promise to bring justice, equity and opportunity throughout our state," Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton said. "By including components focused on repairing the harm caused by the failed war on drugs and decades of policies that caused mass incarceration — Illinois is a national leader with policy that's a national model."

The legalization effort made Illinois the 11th state in the U.S. to legalize marijuana but the first to pass a comprehensive legalization package through the legislature rather than a ballot initiative.

"As the first state in the nation to fully legalize adult-use cannabis through the legislative process, Illinois exemplifies the best of democracy: a bipartisan and deep commitment to better the lives of all of our people," Pritzker said during a signing ceremony at the Sankofa Cultural Arts and Business Center. "Legalizing adult-use cannabis brings an important and overdue change to our state, and it's the right thing to do."

Beginning January 1, the law will allow for the possession of up to 30 grams of marijuana per Illinois resident over the age of 21. Residents will also be able to possess up to five grams of cannabis concentrate and 500 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol — or THC — contained in a cannabis-infused product. Non-residents can possess half those amounts.

Registered medical marijuana patients will be allowed to grow up to five cannabis plants in their home and possess more than 30 grams of marijuana if it is grown and secured in their residence.

The new law also includes expungement measures for those with low-level marijuana arrests and convictions. Roughly 700,000 records are eligible for expungement under the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act, Pritzker said.

"One of the things that we wanted to make sure we accomplished with legalization was ensuring we put social equity at the center and the heart of our efforts, acknowledging that while we normalize and legalize something that is happening across the country, that we tie the direct nexus to the communities that the prohibition has hurt the most," said state Sen. Toi Hutchinson, D-Olympia Fields.

Pritzker said those with arrests for less than 30 grams will have their records cleared through local law enforcement and the Illinois State Police, and those with convictions up to that amount will have their records referred to the Prisoner Review Board, which will make an expungement recommendation to the governor.

Those convicted of possessing between 30 and 500 grams could petition the courts for expungement through a more complex motion to vacate process.

Marijuana offenses connected to violent crime are ineligible for the automatic expungement processes, but the individual or state's attorney can still file a motion with the court to vacate conviction.

"This legislation recognizes that to move forward and create a new cannabis industry, we have to mend the historic inequalities that have torn communities apart," said Esther Franco-Payne, executive director of Cabrini Green Legal Aid. "Expunging the records of hundreds of thousands of people and making social equity at the center of this bill will change lives and revitalize communities."

The measure directs 25 percent of legalization revenues to a newly-established Restore, Reinvest and Renew grant program to, "help communities most disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs," Pritzker said.

The bill also creates a $30 million low-interest loan program to defray the start-up costs associated with entering the licensed cannabis industry and establishes a social equity applicant status for licensing aimed at generating more minority participation in the legalized industry.

The new law also establishes a DUI Cannabis Task Force; regulates advertising, packaging and location of cannabis businesses near public spaces, including schools and parks; and allows local governments to regulate the location of a cannabis business and home grow.

Legalization will generate revenue through a 7 percent tax on the gross receipts from the sale of marijuana by a cultivator and an excise tax on the purchaser. Marijuana with a THC level at or below 35 percent would pay a 10 percent tax; while products over that amount of THC would be taxed at 25 percent. A 20 percent tax would apply to marijuana-infused products.

The tax does not apply for marijuana purchased by licensed medicinal patients.

The Illinois Department of Revenue projects this industry will generate more than $57 million in tax revenue and licensing fees in fiscal year 2020. In tax revenue alone, legalization is expected to generate $140.5 million in fiscal year 2021; $253.5 million in FY22; $323.5 million in FY23; and $375.5 million in FY24.

Legalization is expected to generate as much as $500 million each year when the industry is fully mature. For the first year, most of the revenue is expected to come from licensing fees for marijuana cultivators, processors, transporters and sellers.

After regulatory expenses are accounted for, the bill dedicates 35 percent of legalization revenues to the general revenue fund; 20 percent to address substance abuse, prevention and mental health concerns; 10 percent to pay down the bill backlog; 8 percent to local governments to support crime prevention programs and interdiction efforts relating to the illegal cannabis market and driving under the influence of cannabis; and 2 percent for a public education campaign and analysis of the public health impacts of legalization.

Public marijuana use remains prohibited

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SPRINGFIELD – While marijuana consumption and possession will become legal for Illinois residents over 21 years of age starting Jan. 1, 2020, consumption in public places will still be prohibited and local governments will maintain control as to whether the industry can conduct business within their jurisdictions.

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed House Bill 1438 into law Tuesday, June 25, making Illinois the first state in the U.S. to legalize adult-use marijuana consumption and sales through the legislature rather than by ballot initiative. The legislative process allowed lawmakers to craft a comprehensive 610-page regulatory bill with bipartisan support.

Consumption is allowed at a private residence but prohibited in any public place and in the proximity of a person under 21 years of age who is not a licensed medical patient. Landlords can prohibit marijuana use on their premises as well.

Anyone operating a car, boat or plane is prohibited from consuming marijuana, although possession is permissible in a motor vehicle if the marijuana product is placed in a, "secured, sealed container and reasonably inaccessible while the vehicle is moving."

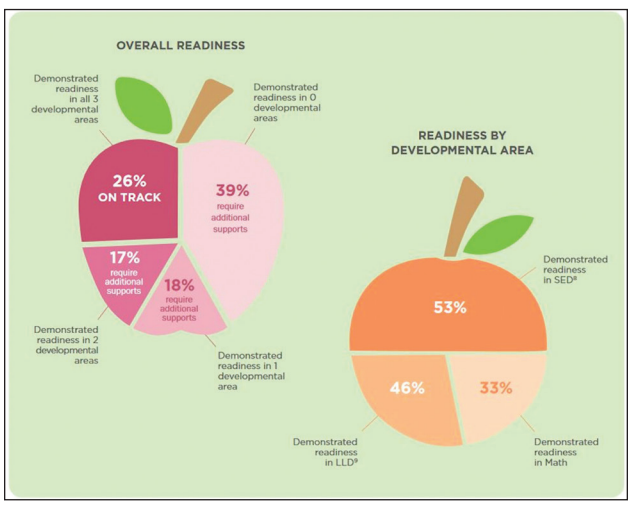
Consumption and possession are prohibited at corrections facilities and on school grounds unless for licensed medical use. Consumption by a school bus driver, police officer, firefighter or corrections officer is also prohibited while they are on duty, and is not allowed at any residence that serves as a child care facility.

Local governments maintain authority under the new law as well, but they cannot ban individual possession of marijuana or marijuana products. A unit of government may, however, prohibit or significantly limit a cannabis business establishment's location within its jurisdiction.

"Locals get to determine where these facilities exist in their communities," said Rep. Kelly Cassidy, a Chicago Democrat and the bill's House sponsor.

Toddlers not ready for kindergarten

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SPRINGFIELD — A new report from the Illinois State Board of Education says the vast majority of children who entered kindergarten last year lacked many of the skills and developmental strengths needed for long-term success in school.

The second annual Kindergarten Individual Development Survey, or KIDS report, shows about only one-fourth of those students, 26 percent, demonstrated readiness across all three key development areas: social and emotional development; language and literacy development; and math.

The report also showed wide disparities between racial, ethnic and socioeconomic groups, with black and Hispanic students and those from low-income households much less likely to be fully prepared for kindergarten.

State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said in a statement the report demonstrates a need for more investment and more equity in access to early childhood education.

"Systemic inequities in resources and opportunities can negatively impact the development of young children. We look forward to continuing to work with lawmakers to increase the state's investments in early childhood education and close gaps in development as early as possible., Ayala said.

The state budget for the upcoming fiscal year that Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law earlier this month includes a $50 million increase in funding for the Early Childhood Block Grant program, enough to serve an estimated 4,600 to 5,800 additional students, according to the State Board of Education. Total funding for the program is now $543.7 million.

This year's survey was based on teacher observations and measurements of nearly 116,000 students who entered kindergarten in the fall of 2018. During the first 40 days of class, teachers were asked to observe and interact with students and measure their development along 14 different variables that help determine school readiness.

They included such things as the students' curiosity and initiative in learning; their relationships and interactions with familiar adults and peers; their ability to communicate and use language, even if not standard English; and their basic sense of numbers, math operations and shapes.

Each of the 14 variables relates to one of the three developmental areas that help teachers assess whether students are ready for kindergarten.

"Children who display these typical or anticipated behaviors and skills in all three developmental areas demonstrate kindergarten readiness," the report states. "Children who display the skills and behaviors expected upon entering kindergarten in none, one or two of the developmental areas may need additional support."

Statewide, according to the report, only 26 percent demonstrated readiness across all three development areas, while 17 percent showed readiness in two of the areas and 18 percent showed readiness in only one area. But more than a third, 39 percent, did not demonstrate readiness in any of the three areas.

Students from lower-income backgrounds — those who qualify for free or reduced-price meals — were only about half as likely to show readiness across all three areas as their wealthier peers: 18 percent for poorer students compared to 34 percent for wealthier students.

The report also showed significant racial and ethnic disparities. Only 15 percent of Hispanic students and 22 percent of black students demonstrated readiness across all three categories, compared to 32 percent of white students, 33 percent of Asian students and 34 percent of Pacific Islander students.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
EDGAR COUNTY - IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JANET ARLENE WALTERS,
Deceased.

Case No. 2019-P-25

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of JANET ARLENE WALTERS of Paris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on June 3, 2019, to DEBRA WALTERS-JONES, 6047 Reynolds Way Drive, Paris, IL 61944, whose attorney is RICHARD L. JAMES, 328 N Central, P O Box 820, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Edgar County, Paris, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 15, 2019, and any claims not filed within that period are barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

DATED: June 7, 2019

DEBRA WALTERS-JONES
Representative

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

ESTATE OF
DARRELL D. MAZURA,
Deceased

No. 2019 -P- 28

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DARRELL D. MAZURA. Letters of Office were issued on June 10, 2019 to MERLE J. GIACOLETTE as Executor whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 16, 2019 and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
EDGAR COUNTY,ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of DANIEL O. MOHLER,
Deceased.

No. 2019-P-29

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Daniel O. Mohler. Letters of Office were issued on June 11, 2019, to Douglas J. Mohler, 2022 Rhettsbury St., Carmel, IN 46302 as Independent Administrator whose attorney is Karen L. Burkybile, 15175 US HWY 150, Paris,IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris,Illinois 61944,or with the representative,or both on or before December 23, 2019, (at least 6 months from the date of the 1st publication), and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Douglas J. Mohler,
Independent Representative

Karen L. Burkybile
Attorney At Law
15175 US HWY 150
Paris,IL 61944 (217) 465-5525

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on May 28, 2019 a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Edgar County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post office address of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as:

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August H. Griffin
EDGAR COUNTY CLERK

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CLARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: CARL CONRAD and TONYA CONRAD,
Petitioners

v.

MARGARET L. NEIBARGER,
Respondent

No. 2019-MR-42

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Margaret L. Neibarger, 15863 E 600th Rd, Paris, IL 61944

A petition has been filed requesting Petitioners be declared the owners of certain items of personal property left by Respondent at the residence of Petitioners located at 17300 North Hammer Road, Marshall, Clark County, Illinois. Said items of personal property are listed in Exhibit 1 of said Petition.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Crawford County Courthouse in Robinson, Illinois, on or before July 5, 2019, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE PETITION.

Dated 6/7/2019

Ami L Shaw
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CLARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

William K. Thomas
Attorney for Plaintiff
209 S Franklin
Robinson, IL 62454
618-544-8425
ARDC# 2821745

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELLEN M. INMAN
Deceased.

No. 2019-P-31

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ELLEN M. INMAN. Letters of OFFICE WERE ISSUED ON JUNE 17, 2019, TO Ivan Inman, 1008 N. Central Avenue, Paris, IL 61944 as Independent Administrator, whose Attorney is S. Craig Smith, Asher & Smith, 1119 N. Main Street, P.O. Box 340, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 23, 2019 (at least six months from the date of the first publication), and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated this 17th day of June, 2019.

IVAN INMAN
Representative

Craig Smith
Asher & Smith
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P.O. Box 340
Paris, IL 61944
Telephone: 217/465-6444
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Storage Express will hold public auctions ending on JULY 11, 2019, to satisfy liens held on delinquent accounts located at the below properties and ending at the assigned times. The auction is an online auction conducted at www.storagetreasures.com.

610 E Jasper St, Paris, IL @ 12:00 PM CST: Nathaniel D Goodman (309-139); Lisa N Hayes (309-132); Beth Morgan (309-088).

CITY OF PARIS
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE CONCERNING THE CITY OF PARIS ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PROJECT SUMMARY AND PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS DETERMINATION FOR THE EQUITY-CHRISMAN WATER MAIN PROJECT

The City will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 206 South Central, Paris, Illinois 61944 for public comments on the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) Project Summary and Preliminary Environmental Impacts Determination (PEID) and the Project Plan for the Equity-Chrisman Water Main Project. This project is proposed to be funded through the IEPA Public Water Supply Loan Program.

This meeting shall serve as an open forum for the general public to comment on the City of Paris's plans to install a new water main to connect the City of Paris to the Village of Chrisman and The Equity's Horace location.

The IEPA Project Summary and PEID for the Equity-Chrisman Water Main project and the City's Project Plan are available for public inspection at Paris City Hall. The public comment period shall be held open for 10 days through Saturday, July 27, 2019. During that time, written comments can be submitted to the City Administrator, City of Paris, 206 S Central, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Bridget Anderson, City Clerk, at 217-465-7601 not later than 2 business days prior to the date of the hearing. Every effort will be made to make reasonable accommodations for these persons.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DOROTHY S. ROGERS,
DECEASED.

No. 2019-P-30

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION – CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of DOROTHY S. ROGERS of Chrisman, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2019 to GEORGE R. ROGERS, 14131 US Highway 36, Chrisman, Illinois, 61924 and STEVAN M. ROGERS, 12494 US Highway 36, Chrisman, Illinois, 61924 as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Gregory C. Ray of Craig & Craig, LLC, 1807 Broadway Avenue, PO Box 689, Mattoon, IL 61938-0689. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless under Section 5/28-4 (ILCS Ch. 755, sec. 28-4) of the Probate Act any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, 115 West Court Street, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the Independent Co-Executors, on or before December 31, 2019 or three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors who are required to receive notice under Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2019.

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BRIEFLY

Snowplows used to clear mud from roads

BELLEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Crews cleaning up southern Illinois roads that have been submerged for weeks under floodwaters are using fire hoses and snowplows to clear the roadways of mud, slime and debris.

Illinois Department of Transportation Region 5 Operations Engineer Joseph Monroe tells the Belleville News-Democrat that mud was caked on so thickly in some areas of Grafton and Alton that workers needed a fire hose and snowplow to remove it.

Monroe says most of the damage to roads so far has been erosion of shoulders. As currents, winds and storms push the water around the surface, material may be pulled away from the sides of the road.

Pritzker orders more troops to fight flooding

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — Gov. J.B. Pritzker has activated an additional 80 Illinois National Guard troops for flood-fighting efforts in southern Illinois.

The governor's office said Thursday about 140 Guard troops now are being used for sandbagging operations, levee monitoring and security in East Cape Girardeau, McClure and Gale.

State agencies have moved more than 150,000 sandbags, more than two dozen pumps, and other flood-fighting tools to the area to keep evacuation routes open. However, due to inland flooding, both Illinois Route 3 and Illinois Route 146 in the immediate area of East Cape Girardeau are not passable.

The Ohio River is among the streams flooding in the region.

Man suspected of shooting Illinois deputy appears in court

LEWISTOWN, Ill. (AP) — A man suspected of fatally shooting an Illinois sheriff's deputy has been charged with first-degree murder and ordered held on $5 million bond.

Forty-two-year-old Nathan Woodring of Avon appeared Thursday in Fulton County Circuit Court.

He's accused of killing 39-year-old Fulton County Deputy Troy Chisum after Chisum responded Tuesday, June 25, to a battery and disturbance call at a home in Avon in rural western Illinois. Woodring was taken into custody after a standoff that lasted more than 18 hours.

The (Peoria) Journal Star reports a grand jury likely will hear the case. If Woodring is indicted, he would then return to court to enter a plea.

Visitation for Chisum is Sunday at Cuba High School, with services there on Monday.

Mayor calls out worker accused of spitting on Eric Trump

CHICAGO (AP) — Democratic Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has condemned a cocktail lounge employee who Eric Trump says spit on him.

Lightfoot said Thursday she had spoken to Trump, the son of Republican President Donald Trump, and that it was very gracious of him not to press charges after the incident Tuesday night at The Aviary in Chicago's trendy West Loop area.

Eric Trump has said the U.S. Secret Service took the employee into custody. The worker has been placed on leave.

Lighfoot said during a news conference that the incident was repugnant and that, "you cross the line when you assault someone. ... No one deserves that. No one."

Some new laws take effect

Bills passed by General Assembly have varying effective dates, a few already in place

BY PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD – Starting Monday, July 1, it will officially become illegal in Illinois for anyone to sell or provide tobacco cigarettes or other tobacco products to people under age 21.

The so-called "Tobacco 21" bill, House Bill 345, which Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed into law April 8, is one of several new laws that will take effect on July 1, the start of the new state fiscal year.

It prohibits anyone from selling or providing cigarettes, electronic cigarettes or any other alternative tobacco product to a person under age 21.

Both Illinois and Virginia passed Tobacco 21 laws this year, making them the seventh and eighth states to have such laws in effect, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. The others are Hawaii, California, New Jersey, Oregon, Maine and Massachusetts.

Eight more states – Delaware, Arkansas, Texas, Vermont, Connecticut, Maryland, Washington and Utah – have enacted similar laws that are set to take effect between now and July 1, 2021.

Illinois lawmakers passed 599 bills during the spring 2019 session. Of those, as of Wednesday, only 27 had been signed into law.

The Illinois Constitution provides the governor has 60 days from the day he receives a bill from the General Assembly to either sign or veto it. Many of the 599 bills passed this session have not yet been delivered to the governor's office.

Lawmakers have the discretion to set the effective date of any new law on any date they choose. The constitution, however, says any bill passed after May 31 of a given year cannot take effect until June 1 of the following year, unless an earlier date is approved by three-fifths majorities in both the House and Senate.

Bills passed before June 1 that do not provide an effective date become law on Jan. 1 of the following year, or on the date the governor signs them, whichever is later.

Also starting July 1, a new law takes effect that will have an impact on public school students, although most of them won't notice it until school resumes in the fall. Senate Bill 28 reinstates the "ive clock-hour rule, which requires a school day to include at least five clock hours of instruction.

That had been the law for many years in Illinois, but it was inadvertently omitted when lawmakers overhauled the state school funding system, creating the evidence-based funding formula in 2017.

The new law allows some exceptions to the five-hour rule for the time some students spend taking college classes for dual credit, participating in a supervised career development program, participating in a youth apprenticeship or participating in an approved blended learning program.

July 1 also marks the date when people who provide various kinds of services for children on behalf of the Department of Children and Family Services will get a 5 percent raise in their reimbursement rates. That was part of the budget implementation bill, Senate Bill 1814, and it represents the first such increase they have seen in several years.

Many of the bills Gov. Pritzker has signed have already gone into effect because the bills contained immediate effective dates.

For example, mayors can now perform marriages in Illinois. That was enacted in House Bill 2841, which also extends the same authority to presidents of cities, villages and incorporated towns. Pritzker signed that new law June 14.

Many local governments lost some authority, however, on April 19. That was the day Pritzker signed Senate Bill 2988, which strips townships of the authority to regulate the placement of wind farms outside of an incorporated city's zoning area. That bill came in response to a dispute in Douglas County, in eastern Illinois, where two townships sought to block development of a large-scale wind farm.

Local governments also lost authority to enact local right to work laws under Senate Bill 1474, the Collective Bargaining Freedom Act, which Pritzker signed into law on April 12.

Right to work laws prohibit people from being required to join a union as a condition of employment. Senate Bill 1474 came in response to an ordinance passed by the village of Lincolnshire, in northern Illinois, in 2015.

Another bill that has already taken effect expands the ability of workers, their families or their estates to file claims for damages that result from exposure to toxic substances. Previously, workers had a defined period of time in which to file those claims, known as a period of repose. That prevented many workers from filing claims for occupational diseases such as mesothelioma, a cancer that results from asbestos exposure, that don't become known until long after the deadline had passed.

Senate Bill 1596, which Pritzker signed May 17, provides those conditions are no longer subject to any repose provisions.

A number of other bills enacted this year do not take effect for some time.

For example, a tax amnesty program is set to begin Oct. 1 and run through Nov. 15. During that time, people who owe back taxes to the state can pay off those debts and avoid having to pay interest and penalties.

That was part of Senate Bill 689, which provides revenue to fund the upcoming fiscal year's budget. The amnesty program is expected to generate about $75 million.

And, most notably, there is the marijuana legalization bill, House Bill 1438, which Pritzker signed into law Tuesday.

Although the bill has an immediate effective date, that merely allows various state agencies to begin the process of drafting rules and regulations that will govern the licensing of marijuana growers, processors, transporters and retailers. The actual sale and possession of marijuana won't become legal until Jan. 1, 2020.



Special to the Prairie Press

Governor Pritzker is expected to sign bills that will bump up taxes to fund the capitol infrastructure plan.

Tax hike scheduled for July 1

BY JERRY NOWICKI
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The first wave of tax increases that will pay for the state's $45 billion capital infrastructure plan take effect Monday, July 1, following Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker's signing of a pair of bills.

Motor fuel, cigarettes and e-cigarettes will become more expensive since Pritzker signed Senate Bills 1939 and 690.

The most direct tax for consumers will be the 19-cent increase to the motor fuel tax which will help fund $33 billion in spending on transportation projects such as road and bridge repairs and public transit.

The motor fuel tax on regular gasoline and diesel fuel will both increase to 38 cents, up from the current 19 cents. In addition, people who buy diesel fuel pay an additional tax, "for the privilege of operating motor vehicles which use diesel fuel." That additional fee would rise to 7.5 cents, up from the current 2.5 cents, bringing the total tax on diesel fuel to 45.5 cents per gallon.

Going forward, the motor fuel tax will increase annually by the consumer price index, which is usually close to 2 percent, but would be capped at a 1 cent per-year increase.

An independent report by TRIP, a national transportation research group, said repair, safety and congestion caused by poor infrastructure was costing Illinois drivers anywhere from $1,300 to $2,600 annually depending on where they live.

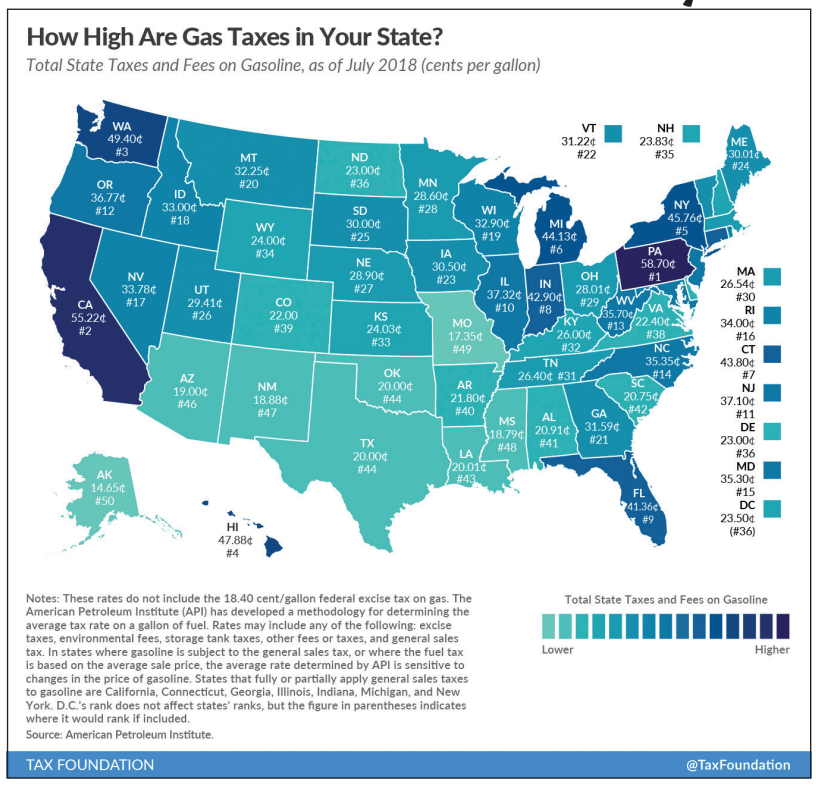
Under the new law, where a driver lives could also affect their gas tax rate. Chicago will be given authority to raise its municipal gas tax by 3 cents per gallon, while Lake and Will counties are granted the authority to raise their local gas taxes by 4 to 8 cents per gallon on top of the state rate. They join McHenry, DuPage and Kane counties in having that authority.

The motor fuel tax increase is expected to bring in about $1.3 billion in added infrastructure funding, while other fee increases for licenses and registrations will not take effect until Jan. 1.

In Illinois, state and local sales taxes are also applied to gasoline purchases, and Senate Bill 1939 will shift 1 percent of the state's proceeds from that tax to the road fund annually beginning July 1, 2021.

According to a study of the overall gas tax rates in each state conducted by the Tax Foundation, a non-profit research group, Illinois would move from 10th overall to second when compared to other states' July 2018 numbers. Including state and local excise taxes, the state's per-gallon rate would move to 56.32 cents per gallon, according to the study, which would put Illinois behind only Pennsylvania, which sits at 58.7 cents per gallon.

Also starting July 1, the tax on a pack of cigarettes will increase to $2.98, up from $1.98, while a separate state law prevents anybody under the age of 21 from purchasing cigarettes. The tax increase is expected to generate about $159 million in revenue for the next fiscal year, all of which goes to the capital infrastructure plan.



Rural pharma to receive state help

BY PETER HANCOCK
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SPRINGFIELD – Independent pharmacies that serve Medicaid patients in small communities in Illinois will soon start receiving additional payments from the state.

The Department of Healthcare and Family Services confirmed Monday, June 24, it has begun implementing a program lawmakers established in 2018 known as the Critical Access Care Pharmacy Program, which provides up to $10 million a year in additional reimbursements for independent, brick and mortar pharmacies located in counties with fewer than 50,000 people.

Under the program, qualifying pharmacies receive quarterly payments from the state, based on the number of prescriptions they fill that are reimbursed by the state's Medicaid program.

A spokesperson for DHFS said Monday the agency does not have data reflecting how many Illinois pharmacies qualify for the program.

The program was included as part of the budget package that lawmakers approved during the 2018 session. It will be funded for a second year in the budget that takes effect July 1.

"This administration worked aggressively to launch this vital program as rapidly as possible, and we are pleased to help support local pharmacies that are so often critical to our members and to communities throughout Illinois," said John Hoffman, DHFS director of communications and public affairs.

State Sen. Andy Manar, D-Bunker Hill, who pushed for funding of the program, said in a statement Monday the program is intended to help small, independent pharmacies in small towns stay in business.

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