

## In the know



### TINGLEY FOUND HIS DREAM

Paris native Pat Tingley realized a dream held by many boys who begin playing Little League when he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins.

**SPORTS, 9A**

### Food safety is important

In the summer, food safety issues may arise more often than usual, as food sits out at cookouts, parties, and other events. Keep safety in mind while preparing for festivities.

**C'EST LA VIE, 1B**



### Kansas FFA finds much success

In FFA Section 18, the two-county area of schools Kansas is a member of, Kansas High School members hold the majority of offices available.

**AGRIBUSINESS, 5B**

### Historic fire at Cereal Mill

The facility in Paris commonly referred to as "The Cereal Mill" caught fire and burned down in 1946. Today, the old name still sticks, although the facility is actually Cargill.

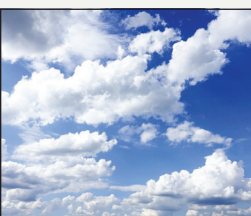
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#### TODAY'S WEATHER

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2021**

# Facility plans continue

Jail, courthouse, new government center plans remain in discussion for county board

**BY GARY HENRY**  
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There are lots of balls in the air right now regarding building a new jail, constructing a government center and making needed repairs to the Edgar County Courthouse.

County board members Jeff Voigt, Andy Patrick, Russ Lawton and Karl Farnham Jr. met Tuesday, June 7, with architects Michael Fries of Klingner & Associates and Shawn Harding of HMN Architects. The two firms were hired to assist in planning for these projects, including identifying possible building sites. Sheriff Jeff

Wood and Chief Deputy Derek Weston participated in the meeting.

Part of the meeting occurred during the morning at the Vance School property on North Main Street with a walk through of the former Coca-Cola Bottling Building that adjoins the old school site to the north. The Vance School site is the leading contender for building a new jail capable of housing between 48 and 70 inmates.

"The Coke building is in tough shape," said Fries. "You just can't put a roof on it and call it good."

Patrick confirmed that building as it exists now

offers nothing of use to the county, but the property does. Fries appreciates the former Coca-Cola property has existing access to both Main and Central so there won't be any issues with trying to get Illinois Department of Transportation permission to have access onto state Route 1.

Voigt noted the cost to buy that property and demolish the building is in the range of \$150,000 and another \$75,000 to buy and demolish a small residence on Central Street that abuts the Vance School.

"When we do demolition, nothing is left," said

Fries. "We take out the basement walls and foundation and put in clean fill.

A meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Edgar County Highway Department provided the opportunity to spread out drawings and plans to give everybody a chance to comment.

Wood and Weston were especially interested in the configuration of the jail floorplan presented by Harding. Wood asked to include a cell in the medical room to place inmates for meetings with a psychologist.

"The medical room doesn't have to be big, but we do need a cell with all

the mental cases we have," said Wood.

Other things noted is the Emergency Operations Center for the Edgar County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) lacked an office area. There was also discussion about the kitchen. Harding said the design calls for a warming kitchen rather than a cooking kitchen since the jail currently has a vendor service from Terre Haute, Ind., delivering prepared meals to the jail. County officials wanted to make sure the kitchen area is adaptable for future needs.

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## HORIZON HEALTH DEDICATION HONORS PHIPPS



Special to The Prairie Press

**The new Horizon Health primary care clinic will be dedicated in honor of the late physician Leland Phipps at 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25. The Phipps Primary Care Clinic is now occupied by Horizon Health's primary care staff on the first floor and behavior health services staff on the second floor. The picture shows the clinic entrance, located on the north side of the new building.**

# New health clinic

**BY NANCY ZEMAN**  
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The new primary care clinic at Horizon Health will be named in honor of longtime physician Leland Phipps.

Horizon Health and the Phipps family will honor his legacy with a dedication of the newly completed Phipps Center for Primary Care. on the first floor of the new 32,000-square-foot building. The dedication is 2 p.m. Saturday, June 25, in the new Paris Clinic expansion located on Horizon Health's main campus.

Phipps was a highly respected physician who served the community for 36 years and left a legacy of service. He passed away suddenly May 22, 2017.

The dedication event is organized by the Horizon Health Foundation of East Central Illinois. Randi Bohannon, executive director of the Horizon Health Foundation of East Central Illinois, expressed the foundation's gratitude to the Phipps family for support of the project.

"We are grateful to the family for their generous donation to the project, which helps further ex-

pand primary care to our patients," Bohannon said.

"Soon after Dr. Phipps passed away, we were looking for a way to recognize his valuable service to the community," said Martin Adams, a board member of the Horizon Health Foundation of East Central Illinois Foundation, chief financial officer and vice-president of finance for Horizon Health. "Discussions of expanding the Paris Clinic provided the opportunity to dedicate the family practice area in his honor."

The Phipps Center for Primary Care is now occupied by Horizon Health's primary care staff on the first floor while the second-floor houses offices of behavior health professionals.

There is a new entrance to the clinic and parking is now open on the west side. Upon entering the new area, the check-in desk is located directly ahead. If entering from the east parking area, continue through the old clinic area to the new building, either by ramp or stairs.

Phipps was a Kankakee native who had ties to Edgar County through his mother, who was born



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**Leland Phipps, after whom the newly completed Primary Care center at Horizon Health is named after.**

in Kansas. He was a graduate of Northwestern in engineering and earned his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine.

He served in several leadership capacities at what is now Horizon

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# Summer meals program off to a rough start

**BY GARY HENRY**  
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The summer meals program that provides free meals to students in the Paris 95 and Crestwood 4 school districts started Monday, June 6.

It is a three-way effort between On the Tracks Café, Hopes and Dreams and the Douglas County Public Health Department. On the Tracks prepares the meals. Hopes and Dreams is working closely with Amanda Minor of the health department to learn the paperwork so Douglas County can bow out of Paris next year.

Minor and Staci Garzolini-Skelton from Hopes and Dreams attended the Edgar County Board study session Monday, June 6. Garzolini-Skelton said 22 were signed up to receive meals at the Hope and Dreams facility and about 80 children attending the REC's summer program are getting the meals.

A new feature this year is Ball Transport is running a route through Paris to pick up students and take them to the Hopes and Dreams building on Court Street.

Minor said that service is costing approximately \$100 a day, and they are seeking a \$4,000 grant to cover that cost. There is no guarantee the grant will be awarded. Other expenses have included \$2,200 for the purchase of tableware.

A big unknown is getting reimbursed for the five students hired to help with the summer meals program.

Minor reminded board members the same problem was encountered last year. The Workforce Development Office out of Champaign paid students Douglas County hired to work in the Shiloh School District, but Paris is under the Charleston/Mattoon office which declined to pay students in 2021.

Garzolini-Skelton expressed concern the same thing may happen this year. She keeps encountering roadblocks to commitment when talking with the Charleston-Mattoon office.

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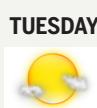
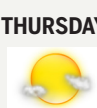
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**TODAY** — Seasonable highs near 80 under a partly cloudy sky.  
**SUNDAY** — Partly cloudy and warmer with highs climbing into the middle 80s.  
**MONDAY** — Start of a heat wave. Mostly sunny, hot and humid with highs in the mid 90s and heat index values near 100.

**ALMANAC**  
Paris through noon Tuesday.  
**Temperature**  
High/Low ..... 81°/60°  
Record High ..... 101° in 1914  
Record Low ..... 42° in 1980  
**Precipitation**  
Month to date ..... 0.34"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.80"  
Year to date ..... 18.38"  
Normal year to date ..... 19.05"

## SUN AND MOON

	Sun	Moon
	Rise	Set
<b>TODAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	5:16 p.m. 3:08 a.m.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:18 p.m.	6:34 p.m. 3:40 a.m.
<b>MONDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:19 p.m.	7:53 p.m. 4:20 a.m.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:19 p.m.	9:08 p.m. 5:10 a.m.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:20 p.m.	10:13 p.m. 6:12 a.m.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:20 p.m.	11:07 p.m. 7:24 a.m.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	5:22 a.m. 8:20 p.m.	11:49 p.m. 8:40 a.m.

## STORM TEAM 10

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Paris Area Weather

## PLAN YOUR WEEK

## TUESDAY

## BABERSHOP CONCERT

The 52nd Summer Show of the Coles County Barbershop Chorus is 4 p.m. June 4 at EIU Dvorak Concert Hall, Charleston. The show features 30 men from 16 different communities, including Edgar County. Also performing are the top five finalist in state competition, three local quartets and ensembles with international championship quartet Vocal Spectrum as the feature. Tickets may be ordered online at [tickets.colescountychorus.com](http://tickets.colescountychorus.com) or by calling the EIU box office at 217-581-3110 or a chorus representative at 618-335-9237. Pre-purchased tickets may be picked up at the door the day of the concert. Some tickets may also be available for purchase at the door.

## TAIZÉ PRAYER SERVICE

The next Taizé Prayer Service hosted by the Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., is 7-8 p.m. June 14 in the Church of the Immaculate Conception. People can participate in person or via livestream. The hour-long ecumenical service is for people of all faith traditions and includes prayer, readings, beautiful music and time for silence and reflection. For more information or to find the link to the livestream, go to [Taize.SistersofProvidence.org](http://Taize.SistersofProvidence.org) or call 812-535-2952.

## TASTY TUESDAY

The Village of Ashmore is sponsoring a summer of Tasty Tuesday with different food trucks in the village park 4-8 p.m. June 14 Rollin Smoke Barbecue.

## WEDNESDAY

## PARIS GARDEN STUDY CLUB MEETING

The Paris Garden Study Club meets 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15, in the Paris First United Methodist Church parlor. Nancy Hollis has a program called, "King Tut's Favorite Food."

## NATURE CENTER VISITS LIBRARY

Douglas Hart Nature Center is presenting a program on the south lawn of the Paris Public Library 11 a.m.-noon June 15. The event includes a craft and live animal activity. Activities move to the meeting room in case of rain. All ages are welcome but the activity is geared toward children between the ages of 5 and 12.

## VFW AUXILIARY DINNER

The VFW auxiliary is serving a ham dinner June 16. The menu also includes scalloped or sweet potatoes, broccoli with cheese or stewed apples. Dessert is available for an extra charge.

## THURSDAY

## SENIOR BINGO

Marshall Rehabilitation & Nursing is sponsoring bingo for senior citizens 12:30 p.m. June 16 at Sutton Senior Center, Paris.

## FRIDAY

## SENIOR BINGO

Marshall Rehabilitation & Nursing is sponsoring bingo for senior citizens 10 a.m. June 17 at Harlan Hall, Marshall.

## UPCOMING

## NATURE CRAFTS AT THE LIBRARY

Nature crafts using shells and other objects for ages six and up is 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 18 at the Paris Public Library.

## SENIOR BINGO

Marshall Rehabilitation & Nursing is sponsoring bingo for senior citizens 1 p.m. June 20 at Casey Senior Center

## DINE WITH A DOC

Senior Education Ministries, Inc. has scheduled: Dine with a Doc 11 a.m.-1 p.m. June 21 at the Casey Senior Social Center. Dine with a Doc is a free educational program providing senior citizens a free meal and the opportunity learn about medical issues from those practicing in the field. Elizabeth Hagemann of the Alzheimer's Association is the featured speaker. Call 217-932-5100 for more information.

## GARDEN SERIES ANSWERS QUESTIONS

Illinois Extension is offering three online workshops as part of the Four Seasons Gardening Webinar series to answer questions about weeds, choosing landscape plants and lesser-known summer and fall

blooms. Natives vs. Cultivars is June 21; Identifying Common Lawn and Garden Weeds is July 1; and Late Summer and Fall Blooming Plants is Aug. 16. All sessions begin at 1:30 p.m. and will be shown live at the Edgar County Extension Office. No registration is required to participate at the extension office. Those opting to watch from home must register online at [go.illinois.edu/fourseasons](http://go.illinois.edu/fourseasons). Sessions will also be available on the Illinois Extension Horticulture YouTube channel about two weeks after the webinar dates.

## SENIOR BINGO

Marshall Rehabilitation & Nursing is sponsoring bingo for senior citizens 1 p.m. June 21 at the Casey Public Library.

## SHAKE UP THE GROCERY LIST

Illinois Extension Educator Mary Liz Wright is leading an adult program covering how to get out of the rut of having the same grocery list every week 2-3 p.m. June 21 at the Paris Public Library. Wright will cover how to take pantry staples and make them into something new. No registration is required. This adult oriented program is part of the library's summer program Read Beyond the Beaten Path.

## TASTY TUESDAY

The Village of Ashmore is sponsoring a summer of Tasty Tuesday with different food trucks in the village park 4-8 p.m. June 21 is C&C Kitchen.

## SENIOR BINGO

Marshall Rehabilitation & Nursing is sponsoring bingo for senior citizens 11 a.m. June 22 at Paris Public Library.

## STORY TIME AT THE PARIS LIBRARY

The Paris Public Library is hosting a story time for children between the ages of 2 and 5 11-11:30 a.m. June 22.

## EDGAR COUNTY 4-H BARBECUE

The annual Edgar County 4-H Barbecue is noon June 25 at the 4-H Fairgrounds. This is a drive through event and all meals are take away.

## LEARN ABOUT SIBERIAN HUSKIES AT THE LIBRARY

Chris Clawson and her dog Denali will visit the Paris Public Library 10:30-11:15 a.m. June 25. All ages are welcome to come and learn about huskies.

# Community WIDE YaRD SaLe

**1242 Tucker Beach Rd. - CANCELED**  
Sat, June 11 — 8-12

**310 E. Madison**  
Fri, June 10 — 8-2 Sat, June 11 — 8-2

**11350 Blackhawk Dr.**  
Fri, June 10 — 8-4 Sat, June 11 — 8-12

**6047 Reynolds Way Dr.**  
Fri, June 10 — 9-2 Sat, June 11 — 8-12

**426 W. Madison**  
Sat, June 11 — 7-2

**609 S. Main**  
Fri, June 10 — 9-4 Sat, June 11 — 9-12  
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**11 S. Shore Dr.**  
Sat, June 11 — 7-12

**210 High Street (Corner of Wood St. & High St.)**  
Fri, June 10 — 7-4 \*CANCELED IF RAIN

**711 S. Main — Grace Lutheran Church**  
Fri, June 10 — 9-4 Sat, June 11 — 9-12

**411 W. Adams**  
Fri, June 10 — 8-5 Sat, June 11 — 8-12

**30 Briar Hill Rd.**  
Fri, June 10 — 9-5 Sat, June 11 — 9-12

**220 W. Dole St.**  
Fri, June 10 — 8-4 Sat, June 11 — 8-4

**712 Water St.**  
Fri, June 10 — 9-1 \*UNDER CARPORT

**201 S. Main St. (First Christian Church)**  
Fri, June 10 — 2-5  
Sat, June 11 — 9-12

**150 E. Wood St. (Front of The Good Stuff Shop)**  
Fri, June 10 — 8-12  
Sat, June 11 — 8-12



## NOTICE OF EARLY VOTING For The GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION June 28, 2022

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# Farm Credit building new office space



A groundbreaking Friday, June 10, kicks off the Farm Credit Illinois development at the intersection of state Route 16 and 1350 E. Participating in the event are Farm Credit Illinois senior management and Paris city officials. Left to right, Sean Murray, Steve Hettinger, Paris Mayor Craig Smith and Aaron Johnson.

BY GARY HENRY  
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A new building for Farm Credit Illinois in Paris is more than office space.

Chad Gann, Paris Regional Manager, described it as a major commitment to customers, staff and the community. Business growth spurred the need for a new 8,600-square-foot building, which Gann said probably triples the space of the current facility located at 321 North Central, Paris.

"This building holds 10 employees, and I have one working in a hallway," said Gann.

The new building is designed to initially house 15 employees and the interior design is such that it can be

easily reconfigured as more staff is added.

"The big thing about this one (the new building) is the community room members can use," he said, adding that area will have a catering kitchen capable of serving 50 people.

Farm Credit is a member-owned financial cooperative for agricultural financing. It provides financing for agricultural production and sells crop insurance. People must be either a landowner or farm operator to do business with Farm Credit.

Staff expansion is the result of doing more business. Gann said during the last five years, the Paris office has added approximately 157 new co-op members, increased the new

loan portfolio by 49.7% and had annual growth around 21%.

Gann had a quick explanation for why the local office is doing so well.

"The reason we are growing is because of our staff," he said. "We hire local people that know a lot of people. It's a lot easier to tell our story when people live here."

Getting ready for the expansion required finding a new location. Farm Credit purchased 11 acres at the intersection of state Route 16 and 1350 E, just southwest of the present city boundary.

Keeping with Farm Credit's agricultural commitment, land at the new location not needed for the building and parking lot will be used to

benefit FFA, although exactly how that will work is still in development.

According to Gann, the site was selected because of the convenience it offers to members doing business with Farm Credit. The Paris office covers a multi-county region, and Gann said traversing the one-way streets in Paris does not seem a friendly way to service members coming from other areas.

A new building also gives the Paris office the opportunity to better embrace Farm Credit's corporate branding look. Gann said the present office is an outlier among the other offices which have a uniform look.

Gann said the size of the structure and the exterior look is coming of the shelf as an architectural packing to have consistency among all Farm Credit locations. That does not mean everything is a cookie cutter operation.

"From the outside it will look the same as other offices, but we wanted larger windows," said Gann.

He added interior design decisions are being left with the Paris staff for things like furnishings, carpeting and color schemes.

"From an employee perspective this is a phenomenal place," said Gann. "They want us to be proud of this building."

While the initial change puts Farm Credit outside of Paris corporate limits, that won't be the case for long. Farm Credit has committed to paying a substantial portion of the expense for extending water and sewer lines to the new location. The new

lines open that area to future development and Farm Credit will annex its property into the city at a future date.

The official groundbreaking for the site was Friday, June 10, and completion of the new building should be in March or April 2023.

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## Kansas library hosts summer reading program

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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The Kansas Community Memorial Library is hosting a free summer reading program. Camp Read-A-Lot is 10-11

a.m. starting Tuesday, June 21, and continues weekly for six weeks. Each week activities are planned with prizes and incentives for the youth to encourage reading and learning.

The camp and is open to children up to age 18. Children four and younger are required to have an adult present.

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## Dedication Event

Saturday, June 25 @ 2pm

With the Phipps family present, we will honor and remember the legacy of Dr. Leland Phipps with a dedication of our new Phipps Center for Primary Care. There will be a short program and light refreshments.

**SAVE THE DATE**

A full *open house* for the new Paris Clinic expansion is planned for **Thursday, July 21.**



A Legacy continues...



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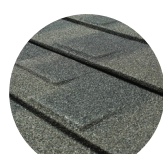
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# New in the Edgar County Circuit Court

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The following people were among those who had cases scheduled for the June 2 criminal and traffic call in Edgar County Circuit Court:

## IN CUSTODY

■Aaron L. Bain, 28, Paris, appeared in custody. Bain pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference, and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

In another matter, Bain was presented with petitions to revoke his probation sentences for a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property and a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer convictions. The public defender will represent him against the petitions. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Adam S. Callaway, 44, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with two counts of a Class 3 felony unlawful possession of a weapon by a felon. The public defender was appointed, and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

In another matter, he was charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated assault. That case also went to the public defender, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Callaway will remain in custody pending posting of bond.

■Jonah I. Mason, 39, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor violating a bail bond. The public defender was appointed, and bond

was set at \$1,500. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference. Mason will remain in custody pending posting of bond.

■Mark A. Wolfe, 38, Paris, was in custody. He was charged with a Class 4 felony harassment by telephone. Wolfe received the public defender, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Bond was set at \$15,000 and Wolfe was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

## CHARGES

■James B. Alford, 51, Indianapolis, Ind., was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license and a Class A misdemeanor unlawful possession of cannabis. He was given the public defender, and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Alexander D. Brock, 20, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor and a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing. Brock was assigned to the public defender and a pretrial conference was scheduled.

■Jamie L. Childers, 33, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. Childers was given the public defender. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■James D. Laughead, 51, Paris, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor canceled automobile registration and a Class C misdemeanor improper use of an automobile registration. The public defender was appointed, and a pretrial conference was set.

■Shirley K. McCall, 50, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license and a Class A misdemeanor fleeing from police. She

was assigned to the public defender and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■Jesse P. Tomes, 32, Vermilion, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The case went to the public defender, and a pretrial conference was scheduled. In another case, Tomes was presented with and denied a petition to revoke his conditional discharge sentence for a Class A misdemeanor unlawful possession of cannabis conviction. The public defender also got that case, and a pretrial conference was scheduled.

## GUILTY PLEAS

■Richard D. Allen, 39, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license and was sentenced to one year of court supervision, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Dillon B. Conner, 26, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class B misdemeanor speeding. He was sentenced to a \$200 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■Frank L. Prouse, 51, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class C misdemeanor improper use of an automobile registration and was sentenced to a \$300 fine, the court costs and various state fees.

■Kendra Vice, 32, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge. She was sentenced to three days in jail with credit for three days previously served, one year of conditional discharge, a \$400 fine, court costs, various state fees and ordered to obtain counseling per an evaluation. In return for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge.

## WARRANTS

■Warrants were prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Kaleb A. Bragg, 32, Springfield; and Michael L. Hall, 32, Salem, Ind.

## Edgar County issues May marriage licenses

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The following marriage licenses were issued during May by the Edgar County Clerk and Recorder's Office: Eric L. Stephens and Danyelle M. Lankster, both of Paris; Jarrod Allen Dyer and Angela Renee Downs, both of Paris; Garrett Wayne Duff of Moweaqua and Salena J. Sloan of Shelbyville; Mason A. Witzke and Kaitlyn Ashlee Siltman, both of Clinton, Ind.; Nathan Jack Farmer of Terre Haute, Ind., and Rachel Lee Gruen of Mt. Zion; Lloyd Ray Krabel and Kimberly Ann Stewart, both of Brocton;

Nicholas Wade McConchie and Carmen Michelle Akins, both of Paris; Michael Arthur Moreschi and Madison Paige Elledge, both of Paris; Alexander Perry Stewart and Caitlin Grace Stortzum, both of Sullivan; Dylan Todd Creech of Marshall and Rileigh-Mae Yvonne Marshall of Paris; James Craig Cunningham and Dakota Cheyenne Sharp, both of Bargersville, Ind.; Tyler Jordan Strain and Makylee Brienne Mills, both of Shelbyville, Ind.; Larry Wayne Scudder and Teresa Ann Whaley, both of Rantoul; Patricia Pauline Spidle and Kylie Jo Harris, both of Vermilion.

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ARLENE BABBS

WESTFIELD — Myrna Arlene Babbs, 96, of Westfield, passed away at 5:48 p.m. on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, at Casey Health Care Center, Casey.

A graveside service and burial is 10:30 a.m. today, June 11, at Maple Hill Cemetery, with Pastor Wade Stine officiating. Markwell Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial donations may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Camp Maranatha at Ramsey.

More information and online condolences at [www.markwellfuneralhome.com](http://www.markwellfuneralhome.com).

WILLIAM BAKER

MARSHALL — William E. Baker, 83, of Marshall, IL passed away Friday, June 3, 2022, in Marshall Rehabilitation and Nursing.

There will be no service. Pearce Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

More information and online condolences at [www.pearcefuneralservices.com](http://www.pearcefuneralservices.com).

HAROLD HALL JR.

Harold Albert Hall Jr., 65, of Paris, passed away at 9:28 p.m. Monday, June 6, 2022, at his residence. He was a welder at Lyon for 28 years.

The family will host a private celebration of life at a later date. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Hall was born June 28, 1956, in Paris, the son of the late Harold Albert Hall Sr. and the late Patricia Jording. He married Tina L. Enloe Oct. 8, 2005, and she survives.

Other survivors include children, Autumn (Derek) Henry, Tiffany Brown and Robert Hall, all of Paris; stepchildren, Mickie (Donnie) Hodge and Merya Livingston, both of Paris; brothers, Gary Hall of Paris and Floyd Hall of Mattoon; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Barb Hall.

Mr. Hall was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and working in his yard with his grandchildren. He always put out a big garden.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences at [www.TempletonFuneralHome.com](http://www.TempletonFuneralHome.com).

INFANT ABEL PINE

Abel Weston Rival Pine, 23 days, went to heaven on Friday, May 27, 2022, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind.

No public services are planned. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born May 4, 2022, the son of Scott Pine and Lindsey M. Malone.

In addition to his mother and father, he was dearly loved by his maternal grandparents, Melissa Witherspoon, Tim (Ashley) Malone and Damien Maxwell; his paternal grandmother, Carol Pine; his maternal great-grandparents, Elora (Darryl) Johnson, Donald Witherspoon, Ethel (Dave) Brinstow, Tim (Sherri) Smith and Ruthie Metcalf; and his siblings, Riley, Reagan, Rival and Nixon Pine; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal great-grandfather, Gary Brooks.

JACK DAWSON

Jack L. Dawson, 88, of Carmel, Ind., and formerly of Paris, passed away at 7:12 p.m. EDT Friday, June 3, 2022, at Hamilton Trace, Fishers, Ind. He was retired after 28 years as a mail carrier for the United States Postal Service and had previously

worked at the former Hodge's Hardware of Paris.

A service celebrating his life was 10:30 a.m. Thursday,

REBECCA DUNN

Rebecca L. "Becky" Dunn, 68, of Paris, passed away at 6:35 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2022, at her residence. She was retired after more than 30 years with Illinois Cereal Mills and Cargill.

A service celebrating her life was 2:30 p.m. Friday, June 10, at Templeton Funeral Home, with Bro. Kurt Speece officiating. Burial followed in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 12:30 p.m. until the service time Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Dunn was born June

June 9, at Templeton Funeral Home, with Pastor Jeff Stahl officiating. Burial with military honors followed in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation was from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the funeral home.

Mr. Dawson was born Dec. 27, 1933, in Paris, the son of the late Asbury and Geneva Rigdon Dawson. He married Sarah Ann Duzan on Nov. 22, 1956, in Paris, and she preceded him in death Oct. 29, 2017.

Survivors include three children, Monique L. Dawson of Greenup, Patrick L. (Susan) Dawson of Papillion, Neb., and Timothy J. (Julie) Dawson of Carmel, Ind.; a sister, Norma Eveland of Paris; 10

13, 1953, in Paris, the daughter of the late Robert Leon and Ellen Marie Ramsey Cox. She married Gary W. Dunn on July 8, 1978, in Paris, and he survives.

Other survivors include a son, Patrick Owen (Dawn) Shephard of Cleora, Okla.; two grandchildren, Spencer Shephard (Jordyn Campbell) of Fayetteville, Ark., and Elizabeth Shephard of Cleora; two sisters, Sue Furry of Pimento, Ind., and Vickie Combs of Paris; a brother, Bruce Cox of Paris; and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Dunn was a 1971 graduate of Paris High School. While in school she learned to play the drums, taking after her father. The

grandchildren, Scott (Darla) Dawson, Heather Siegriest, Alea Maders, Mike Dawson (Brankica Skokovic), Brooke Dawson, Adam (Katie) Dawson, Jacob Dawson, Nathan Dawson (Katie Croft), Kathryn (Aaron) Cowgill and Kelli Dawson; nine great-grandchildren, Kennedy and Henry Dawson, Elijah, Shiloh and Josie Siegriest, Jax Turner, Dean (Aubrey) Cope, Malachi Barthelemy and Barrett Dawson; a great-great-grandson, Arlo Cope; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael E. Dawson; a brother, Robert Dawson; and a sister, Janet Walters.

highlights of her high school years were playing drums in the PHS Band (marching band was her favorite) and being named Tiger Relay Queen. She had many friends from the Class of '71.

Her greatest love was watching her grandchildren playing basketball from grade school through college. She also enjoyed music and dancing and loved going to casinos with her best friend and gambling partner, Charlotte Smith.

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long camping trips, morel mushroom hunts, sailing and adventurous cross-country vacations. Her children have fond memories of their mom reaching her hand into the backseat of the car on such treks and holding their hands one by one.

Mrs. Hall worked 27 years at Austin Diagnostic Clinic as the friendly, helpful front desk receptionist for the Human Resource Department. She organized many orientations, processed all new hires, including taking photos for badges and organized staff award ceremonies. Her proudest professional achievement was helping to open North Austin Medical Center in 1995, working countless overtime hours to process all the new employees hired to make the center flourish.

To know her was to love her. A source of pure, unconditional love is how she is recalled by many. She loved her immediate and extended family passionately and treasured her many friends through the years.

She knew with certainty she would meet Jesus in heaven and would find her room in the mansion filled with all her loved ones who had passed before her.

The family is grateful to Avalon Memory Care for giving her a loving, caring home in her last months of life and to Sonder Hospice who sent angels in the time of need.

Memorial donations may be made World Vision (<https://www.worldvision.org>) as a way to honor her love for children.

Condolences may be sent to Daniel Hall, 2215 S. Lake-line Blvd. Room 8, Cedar Park, TX 78613.

TWILA HALL

AUSTIN, Texas — Twila I. Bridwell Hall, 85, of Austin, Texas, passed away May 25, 2022.

A small memorial service was held with the immediate family soon after her passing.

There will be a larger service in the future on a date to be announced. The Neptune Society of Austin, Texas, assisted the family with the arrangements.

Mrs. Hall was born Jan. 18, 1937, in Bedford, Ind., the daughter of the late Clint Bridwell and Lila Tucker Bridwell.

She is survived by her husband, Daniel Hall; her daughters, Sherry (Jerry) Grimshaw, Diane (John Michael) Wall and Laura (David Avery) Hall; her grandchildren, Jeremiah Grimshaw, Rachel (Amanda Wood) Grimshaw, Meg (Adam Wayne) Smitherman, Aaron (Nancy) Hall, Callie (Brian) Hennington, and Elijah (India) Wall; and her great-grandchildren, Norah Harty, Cecilia Hall, Jackson Hall and Galaxy Hall.

She was preceded in death by her son, Bruce Hall; and her six siblings, Vic Bridwell, Ken Bridwell, Margaret Clendening, Rose Armstrong, Phil Bridwell and Carol Davidson Bennet.

Mrs. Hall was the youngest of seven children and was dearly loved by her older siblings. She used to laugh and say she spent most of her childhood off the ground, being piggy-backed around by her three older brothers. She adored her siblings and had such fond memories of

gathering around the piano with her family to sing hymns. This is where she learned to harmonize so beautifully and with such ease. Any potential suitor of her older sisters had to be vetted by little Twila. The secret to winning her over was gifting (some would say bribing) her with just the right brand of chewing gum.

Her parents owned a small grocery store in Oliver, and she was free to enjoy any treat at any time. Above all, she prized the cookies in a bin she could simply reach in and help herself to whenever the whim struck her. When she was a teen, one day a young man from Paris, came by with his parents looking for a milk jug for a school project. Her beauty was noted by the young man, Daniel Hall, sparking a love story that lasted more than 67 years.

They wed in the fall of 1955. He was in the Navy stationed in Washington state and she and her mother took the train from Illinois for the wedding. She was so worried that after being on the train for three days with no way to freshen up, he would see her disheveled state and change his mind. But he loved her deeply and was captivated by her beauty, and so embraced her warmly.

Once his Navy days were over, she went to work in the purchasing department at Indiana University to help pay his way through college. They were soon blessed with their first child, Sherry, followed by Diane, Laura and Bruce. She and her husband ensured their children had fun, happy childhoods, first in Crown Point, Ind., then Faribault, Minn., and finally in Austin, Texas. They enjoyed week-

HELEN PETERSON

Helen Jean Peterson, 87, of Paris, passed away with her family by her side Tuesday, June 7, 2022.

Per her wishes, cremation was chosen, and no services are scheduled at this time. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

Mrs. Peterson was born on Jan. 15, 1935, in Marshall, the daughter of the late Eldred Combs and Ruth Wallace Combs. She married Richard Jerome Peterson in December 1959, and they were together for almost 63 years. He survives.

She is also survived by her son, Randy E. (Penny) Peterson of Paris; daughter, Ruth M. (Bill) Clark of Clinton, Ind.; her four grandchildren, Randy Allen

Peterson, Kristian (Dave) Klyaic, Hannah (Cody) Clark and Garrett (Lanie) Clark; and her four loving great-grandchildren, Kymberley, Jay, Kaylee Jo, and Lucy; and her sister, Elinor Miller of Greensburg, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her son, Richard Jay Peterson.

Mrs. Peterson graduated from Fayette High School in the Class of 1952. She put 29 years of hard work and dedication into the Paris Family Medical Center.

She enjoyed being outside and working in her flower beds. She also loved to go shopping, especially for clothing and purses. Most of all, her family was the light of her life. She cherished every moment she had with them.

Memorial donations may be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation at [www.yourcpf.org](http://www.yourcpf.org).

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Mr. Dawson served in the United States Navy during the Korean War, spending more than three of his four years at sea. He was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church of Paris and was a devoted member of the former Trinity United Methodist Church for many years. In addition, he was a lifetime member of Paris American Legion Post #211, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3601 and the National Association of Letter Carriers.

For his first 18 years as a mail carrier, Mr. Dawson carried his 30-pound mail pouch entirely on foot. He took pride in his work and in the preci-

sion of his delivery times. By the end of his career, he had done the math to know that he had delivered mail to three generations of some families and had walked more than enough miles to circumnavigate the globe.

In his spare time, Mr. Dawson was a talented woodworker and craftsman. After retirement, he loved traveling with his wife in their fifth-wheel camper and was known to appreciate a good buffet.

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# The self-appointing court

Six of the seven members of the Illinois Supreme Court reached their lofty bench by appointment, even though the Illinois Constitution is quite clear that members of the court shall be elected. In effect, the court has been appointing itself.

The following practice has developed in Illinois: Illinois Supreme Court judges are elected to the state high court on a partisan basis for 10-year terms. When a vacancy occurs as a result of retirement or whatever, the state Supreme Court appoints a replacement until the next election. This appointment of their own members is unique in the U.S.

As the practice has developed, a supreme court judge makes his or her retirement effective just after the final date for filing candidacy petitions has passed. This means the supreme court makes an interim appointment that is effective for more than two years.

The judges defer to the wishes of the retiree as to his/her own successor. This is similar to aldermanic privilege in Chicago, where the 50 aldermen nearly always vote to support the wishes of an alderman on matters within her/his ward. You scratch my back; I'll scratch yours.

In effect, Illinois supreme court judges appoint their successors. But, retort the judges, the appointee ultimately has to run for election to serve a full 10-year term. Yes, but the fortunate appointee runs later with all the trappings of incumbency. You have seen the billboards: "Keep Illinois Supreme Court Justice Mary Quite Contrary on our state's highest court. Retain Justice Quite Contrary June 28."

This dampens interest among lawyers and lower court judges in contesting the incumbent, and few do.

So, basically, the Illinois Supreme Court appoints itself.

This came to mind when I read that Supreme Court Judge Rita Garman recently announced her retirement (doing so after the candidate filing deadline). Immediately thereafter, the court (meaning Garman, because of aldermanic privilege) appointed Appellate Court Judge Lisa Holder White to take Garman's place on the high court bench. Indeed, in earlier years, Garman had also appointed Holder White, first to the circuit bench, and then to the appellate bench.

All of this appointing has become a high-toned form of job patronage, and there is lots of it. To illustrate, each Illinois supreme court judge is authorized, by the court, to make one or more personal appointments to the appellate bench, without cover of a filling a retirement or whatever. For example, ex-supreme court judge Tom Kilbride appointed Robert Carter to the appellate bench for 15 years straight, without him ever having been elected, until 2020, when the court appointed Kilbride protégé Carter to the supreme court.

This is not new. In the 1960s, for example, a Republican judge from Canton named Albert Scott served as chief judge of the 3rd District Appellate Court (an honorific, rotating position), without ever having been elected to the appellate court. Indeed, Scott was rejected by the voters in his bid to be elected to the appellate court in 1974 yet was subsequently appointed again as a member of that court.

The supreme irony of this appointing process is that it may give us better judges overall than would pure election. What do you and I know about judicial candidates? For example, Judge Lisa Holder White is, I am told, a fine judge. She is also an African American from modest financial background. So, she may never have had a chance via the election process to become a circuit, appellate and first black female Illinois Supreme Court judge.

Yet the process of appointing your successor is fraught with problems. Does it result in perpetuation of a particular legal philosophy? For example, the trial lawyers have always had strong influence within the state high court. These lawyers oppose, of course, any caps on awards to their clients, which would in turn cap their fees. These savvy lawyers have always been big contributors to supreme court judges.

And, does the process cause lawyers and lower court judges who want to be higher court judges to suck up to those who might appoint them, and generally exclude those who don't?

I am a Ph.D., not a JD, and I have not followed the courts closely, so I have more questions than answers.

Selection of judges has been a quandary for American democracy throughout our history, because of the separation of powers, and our belief in the election process. Should the executive or the legislative branches, or the voters, select judges?

No system is perfect, and politics, that is, who gets what, plays a part in any selection process. Personally, I like the Missouri Plan, where nonpartisan panels of lawyers and non-lawyers come up with nominees of acceptable candidates, and the governor selects judges from among the names given him. A number of states have adopted this plan, or something like it.

I have trouble with the Illinois system. In effect, the high court appoints itself.

(Nowlan is a retired professor and former Illinois legislator and state agency director. He has worked for three unindicted Illinois governors.)

# Forgiveness in sorrow

The recent tragedy in Uvalde, Texas brings the school year to a somber close

## OUR VIEW

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The school year in Texas came to a heart-breaking close, the second time in four years.

Uvalde, deep in the heart of the Texas Hill Country, was the place where 23 individuals died recently. The victims include 19 children and 2 of their teachers, the grandmother of the shooter and the 18-year-old killer. Killers who are children who kill other children indeed are victims, victims of something or someone in their past that led them to their final acts. That, however, is a matter for others to sift through, but never work out.

Four years ago, a 17-year-old student at Santa Fe High School killed eight classmates and two teachers before sheriff deputies subdued him. Santa Fe is just a few miles from where we lived and from our church.

During our parish liturgy two days after the shootings, our priest included one of David's psalms, the one saying, "Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes with the morning." My brain hears that passage it a different way: Joy comes with the mourning.

That is not so strange when placed in theological context. Incongruities, tenets that seem to contradict each other, are the foundations of the world's great religions. To know is not to know; not to know is to know. To conquer death you only have to die. So, why should there not be joy in the mourning?

I thought about this during the memorial,

during liturgy. Many members our parish knew the shooter and his family. Even though I did not know any of the victims or the shooter, my surprised, silent weeping at the unexpected memorial prevented me from verbal participation in each congregational response of "Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy."

As I thought about my response to an event that had no connection to me, I remembered old Ben Kenobi and his sensing of a disturbance in the Force. I truly believe we can detect disturbances in the Force, or whatever you call it. The closer we are, whether by geography or relationship, the more we will feel it. This crime, and the one in Uvalde this week, instantly affected tens of thousands of lives through a disturbance in life's force that surrounds us.

Forgiveness is hard when such an atrocity cries out for justice, but that is what we need now, not only in Texas, but everywhere we find weeping and sorrow from the pain of death. Justice is in the hands of courts where we have no influence on the outcome.

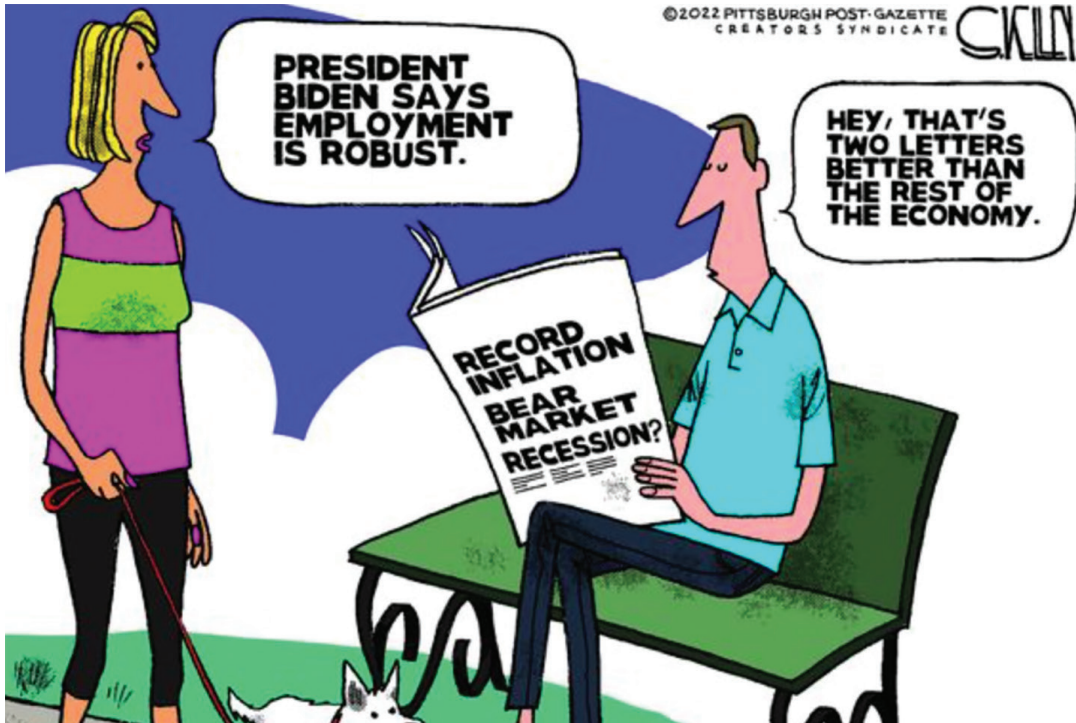
Forgiveness, however, is in our hands, and is the first and essential step toward personal or communal healing. Jesus asked God to forgive those who condemned him and crucified him. Forgiveness is compassion, and compassion brings us closer to God who taught us that love is the greatest of all Commandments. And what is love without compassion, and what is compassion without forgiveness?

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

Forgiveness is free, it costs us nothing while providing unmeasurable rewards to our mind and body. It removes our burden. It adds light to our soul. It takes away the darkness, the sadness, the mourning and allows us, in time, to feel happiness and joy once again.

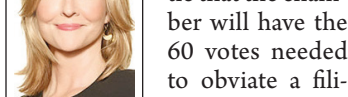
Indeed, joy comes with the mourning, but not easily, and only for those who seek it.

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# On guns, the enemy is us

I'm sure you've heard the big news: The U.S. Senate is considering some kind of gun restrictions. Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.) says he's optimistic that the chamber will have the 60 votes needed to obviate a filibuster and pass some form of new limits on weapon purchases, despite our freewheeling attitude toward them. And House Democrats are pushing for enhanced background checks, incentives for states to pass red-flag laws and investments in schools and mental health.



KATHLEEN PARKER

POLITICS AND CULTURE

Meanwhile, President Biden is urging Congress to raise the minimum age to buy an assault weapon from 18 to 21.

Pardon my enthusiasm but, big whoop. Reforms of any sort beat nothing. But if all the above were signed into law, we'd still be a long way from stanching the flow of blood from gun violence in this country. What we really need is a renaissance — a rebirth in which we reject the cowboy narrative of how we get along and instead create a new version of ourselves.

Tall orders come easily to the muse. But, truly, we can't fix what ails us without a cultural overhaul that doesn't just punish violence after the fact but also makes violence a repugnant and ridiculous choice. Somehow, we have to convey to the young that resorting to violence is something only morons would do. Sort of the way we tried to make smokers feel in the 1990s.

Our epidemic of violence is nothing short of an urgent public health issue and should be approached as such. Finding the cure, like that for long COVID, will take time. Maybe decades. But recognizing and correctly naming a problem is always the first step.

It's the culture, my excellent friends. Full stop. And the culture is dripping with blood. Most people reading this likely understand that banning a certain kind of gun or raising the minimum age to buy an assault weapon might help but isn't going to solve all our problems. The suspected Uvalde, Tex., shooter had just turned 18 and celebrated by buying himself an AR-15-style rifle, which he then used to slaughter 19 elementary school children and two teachers.

Would another three years of maturity, or five, have dissuaded him? Or would he have figured out how to navigate the black market for weapons? If we stopped selling just the AR-15 and rifles like it tomorrow, there would still be nearly 20 million others in private ownership. Are we going to somehow either confiscate or buy back all of those? Increased security at schools is essential, but we know we can't turn every school into Fort Knox. We need to understand that we are at war with the culture of violence. And, yes, to paraphrase cartoonist Walt Kelly: The enemy is us.

Thanks to media and entertainment companies that glorify violence, young children and teens today are privy to murder, mayhem, and even pornography, at tragically early ages. Yet, too many times, I've heard mainstream, late-night comedians make cracks about porn, dismissing it as no big deal — just another option on the remote. Sexual violence against women, which defines most porn, isn't funny.

When you think about the effect such diversions have on children, barbaric is too civilized a word for what we've tolerated and allowed ourselves to become. How are younger generations supposed to know how to resolve differences, civilly, when they've never seen it done? How are boys and young men to channel their frustrations and anxieties without role models to show them? How are girls and young women to survive and thrive when their male counterparts are encouraged to be predators by the cultural effluvia they're immersed in daily?

Lots of energy has been expended trying to prove that exposure to fictional violence doesn't cause real violence. I'm sure the experts say the link is imaginary. But call me disbelieving. The cumulative result of multiple exposures over time to violence can only be a toxic pediatric immersion, particularly in undeveloped young minds. The unformed male brain, which isn't fully developed until age 25, is nothing to mess around with.

The challenge of changing a culture, short of an autocratic takeover by clerics and priests, leads to what psychologists call learned helplessness. We think, "Oh, there's nothing we can do about it," so, we do nothing. I'm putting my money on women and especially mothers. If Mothers Against Drunk Driving can get drinkers off the road, then we can apply the same pressures to cleansing the culture. Moms want more than red flags; they want the wholesale marketing of violence to the underage to end. Violence is not entertainment.

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# Pritzker endorses Rep. Yingling's primary opponent

The state's political world may have been shocked, but I doubt many in that world were surprised at the level of vitriol in Rep. Sam Yingling's, D-Grayslake, press release last week which claimed he'd been attacked by Gov. JB Pritzker. Pritzker's offense was endorsing Yingling's Democratic primary opponent, Mary Edly-Allen, in the race to replace retiring state Sen. Melinda Bush, (D-Grayslake).

Edly-Allen is a former Democratic state Representative and is also backed by Sen. Bush. She had a pretty good couple of weeks leading up to the Pritzker endorsement. Edly-Allen had by then reported raising about \$266K just since the middle of May, including \$25K reported last week from the Illinois Pipe Trades PAC. Rep. Yingling started the second quarter with more money (his \$109K compared to her \$11K), but has struggled ever since, reporting just \$38K in contributions to date.

Pritzker has yet to give any legislator more than \$5,000 in campaign contributions during the primary, but Edly-Allen clearly has the funds to get the word out about his support. And while there is no polling that I could lay my hands on in that district about Pritzker, he's generally polling very well among Democrats. So, the nod will likely help.

I privately thought going into this Senate contest that Yingling had a decent edge, but if Edly-Allen is working like she did when she first won a House race in 2018, along with all this money and numerous important endorsements, well, I may have been very wrong.

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## CULTURE

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Better yet, let the fathers demand change. Government can't, and shouldn't try to, do the work of parents. But a culture that seeks to elevate the human experience can make the trash purveyors re-examine their priorities and their bottom lines. There are ways to compel good civic behavior: The big cigarette giants paid out bil-

ions for selling an unhealthy product and lying about its effects. Of course, science easily proved that primary smoking sharply increased risk of lung cancer.

We can't afford to wait for proof that marinating in violence is bad for kids, but we don't need to. We know it is.

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## OBITS

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**JUDY WYATT**

Judy Kay Wyatt, 59, of Chrisman, passed away at 5:54 a.m. Monday, June 6, 2022, at her residence. She was retired after 27 years as administrative assistant in the warden's office of Danville Correctional Center. After retirement, she enjoyed owning and operating the Hidden Garden Antiques & Tea Room in Chrisman.

A service celebrating her life is 10:30 a.m. today, June 11, at Templeton Funeral Home. Burial follows in Woodland Cemetery, Chrisman. Visitation was from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, June 10, at the funeral home.

Mrs. Wyatt was born Nov. 1, 1962, in Terre Haute, Ind., the daughter of the late Walter Wayne and Iris Mae Craig Waggaman. She married Jack R. Wyatt on June 4, 1983, in Chrisman, and he survives.

Other survivors include two children, Jacob Wyatt of Chrisman and Joanna Wyatt (Matt Miller) of Reno, Nev.; five sisters,

Shirley (Ron) Johnson of Chrisman, Patti Phipps of Minneola, Fla., Beverly (Andy) Weathers of Avon, Ind., Connie Waggaman of Chrisman and Merri (Jeff) Voigt of Chrisman; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Henry Kirk Phipps.

Mrs. Wyatt was a graduate of Parkland College. She was a member of Chrisman United Methodist Church where she enjoyed singing in the church choir. She sincerely loved being around other people and serving her community.

She was elected to three terms on the Chrisman-Scotland District #6 Board of Education, serving several years as president. In addition, she co-chaired the committee for the Chrisman Veterans Memorial project. In her spare time, she enjoyed flower gardening and reading, and she will be remembered as a talented cook and singer.

Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Edgar County Shrine Club.

Online condolences at [www.TempletonFuneralHome.com](http://www.TempletonFuneralHome.com).

**HAROLD TRUELOVE**

MARSHALL — Harold L. True-love, 86, of Marshall, passed away at 4:20 p.m., Friday, June 3, 2022, at his home.

A service honoring his life was 10:30

a.m. Wednesday, June 8, at Pearce Funeral Home, with Pastor Doug Romine officiating. Burial was in the Darwin Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 7, at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to the Heritage Veteran's Home at Hutsonville.

More information and online condolences at [pearcefuneralservices.com](http://pearcefuneralservices.com).

**EDWARD SIMPSON**

CASEY — Edward Jene Simpson, 82, of Terre Haute, Ind., and formerly of Casey, passed away at 11:40 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, 2022, in Union Hospital, Terre Haute.

A graveside service and burial is 1 p.m. Tuesday, June 14, at Mount Cemetery, with Mike Ferris officiating. Visitation is from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday at Markwell Funeral Home.

Memorials may be made to the Northside Church of Christ in Terre Haute.

More information and online condolences at [www.markwellfuneralhome.com](http://www.markwellfuneralhome.com).

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And then Yingling let loose on the governor. "As a gay man, I am used to being bullied," Yingling was quoted as saying in his press release after Pritzker announced his decision. "But, I did not expect to be attacked on the first day of PRIDE month by a fellow Democrat." The press release issued by the governor's campaign did not contain a single reference to Rep. Yingling. It was all about Edly-Allen's positive traits.

I'm told the governor made his decision to endorse Edly-Allen the week earlier, but there was reportedly some Senate Democratic involvement in the decision to hand the story to a suburban newspaper over the Memorial Day weekend. The short-staffed and possibly disinterested paper didn't run it. So, the announcement was pushed out the door Tuesday evening in a wide blast. No thought was apparently given to the fact that the following day would be the beginning of LGBTQ+ Pride Month.

The reason most in the political world probably won't be surprised by his reaction is that Rep. Yingling, plain and simple, does not work well with others.

Since January of 2021, for instance, Yingling has introduced 183 bills and not a single one of them has made it to the governor's desk. Just four have passed the House. The Senate, where Yingling is trying to land, has taken up none of them. The four bills never even made it out of the Assignments Committee.

Yingling has sent out four mailers that I could find. Three of them were negative. One mailer paired up Edly-Allen with former House Speaker Michael Madigan, and Yingling also mentioned the Madigan connection in his press release. Madigan did not originally back Yingling for the House, but he sent plenty of foot soldiers to the district to keep him there. Madigan's committees also directly gave Yingling \$1.75 million over the years and Madigan's allies in the House and in organized labor gave him millions more.

Rep. Yingling did not join

colleagues to call for Madigan's ouster until after the November 2020 election was over and his Republican opponent was vanquished with the help of about \$300,000 in contributions from Madigan's Democratic Majority PAC and the Democratic Party of Illinois.

To be clear, there's nothing inherently wrong with that. But using Madigan as a cudgel against a primary opponent after taking help like that while Yingling is clearly demonstrating that he is having a difficult time raising money on his own without backing from a party caucus is a bit much.

Pritzker's campaign had no comment about Rep. Yingling's remarks. Coincidentally or not, the governor appeared the following day with two prominent LGBTQ+ state legislators Rep. Kelly Cassidy and Sen. Mike Simmons to tour LGBTQ+ owned businesses in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood and kick off PRIDE Month. He was not asked by reporters about Yingling's statement.

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# SHRINE BARBECUE WEEKEND KICKS OFF



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Local Shriners were busy Friday, June 10, setting up for today's Shrine Barbecue at the Edgar County Fairground. Service starts at 11 a.m. and is drive-through only. The Shrine parade starts at 2 p.m. Left to right, past potentate Blaine Scott, Chris Phipps and Jonathan Fox organize the meat slicer stations to begin cutting beef for the barbecue.

# Cleaning up Brocton is not easy

BY GARY HENRY  
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BROCTON — The ongoing contentious struggle between property owners who have pride of place in keeping their homes and yards looking nice and those who don't hold the same values was apparent during the Brocton Village Board meeting Wednesday, June 8.

"I'm getting a lot of calls about things not getting done," said trustee Marlene Brannick.

Another resident complained about a new neighbor leaving piles of stuff in the yard.

Mayor Chad Dudley acknowledged the concerns and anticipates things will start happening now that the village attorney has updated the ordinances clarifying language regarding compliance and the issuing of fines.

He cautioned this is also an issue of private property rights and there is a clearly established legal process for handling homesites that do not meet either the neighbor's or community standards. Failure to follow that process can get a case thrown out and prevent a positive conclusion.

"This problem was not created overnight, and it's not going to get resolved over-

night," said Dudley.

He suggested prioritizing efforts and going after the worst offenders first.

The board discussed renting a dumpster to aid in the cleanup effort.

"We need one. It might take many," said Brannick.

Others were not so sure it is a worthwhile endeavor.

"The last time we got one people cleaned out garages but didn't do anything outside," said Dudley, adding dumpsters are expensive, suggesting it might be better to wait until the village had more funds built up in the treasury.

Village clerk Dana Bogle agreed with Dudley. She said her experience over the years as clerk is residents get rid of stuff inside their homes while leaving debris and other material in the yards.

"We don't care about their inside," said Bogle. "We want the outside cleaned up."

Trustee Rick Wahl suggested the time for a dumpster is past. He said getting a dumpster prior to Springfest, which was the first weekend of June, made more sense.

"If we enforce the ordinances and start collecting fines, maybe we won't need a dumpster," said Brannick.

Discussion about the Springfest was positive.

Trustees said there was a good crowd, and they appreciated the hard work of the volunteers to make it happen.

Brannick said she received calls complaining about the mud volleyball court created on village owned property without the village board taking a vote approving the act.

Dudley acknowledged no vote was taken when the idea was discussed but no one objected to the idea, either.

Creating the mud volleyball court at the site of the former Brocton High School required stripping some sod and tilling the ground. Wahl noted there was little sod to strip as the underlying area was mostly gravel.

Dudley added the entire project was done by volunteers without the use of village funds or equipment. Wahl said one of the volunteers paid for a load of topsoil to spread over the excavation and has paid for a second load to be added in the near future.

Brannick asked if the area will remain as it is or if it will be restored to grass.

"It will continue to be used," said Wahl. "There is an effort now to organize leagues and play a few more times this summer."

# City Band concert to host second concert

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The second concert of the Paris City Band is 7 p.m. Sunday in the Spicer Pavilion at Twin Lakes Park.

This week's guest conductor is Christina Farley-Wilkie, elementary and middle school band director for Paris 95. She has selected a varied and toe-tapping concert.

The concert opens with Ralph Vaughn Williams' "English Folk Song Suite," which includes three movements — the march "Seventeen Come Sunday," an intermezzo, "My Bonny Boy," and the final movement is based on "Four Songs from Somerset."

Alfred Reed Prospect's "Tarantella" is next on the program. It is among the most recognized forms of traditional southern Italian music. The music is also popular in Argentina.

"Symphony of Sitcoms" by Pierre LaPlante features tunes many in the audience will instantly remember. The selection starts with the "Theme

from I Love Lucy," and also features "The Dick VanDyke Show," "Mister Ed," "Leave It to Beaver," "Hogan's Heroes," "Bewitched" and "The Munsters."

"Nutmeggers March" is the first published march by Eric Osterling. The title came from a nickname given to the state of Connecticut many years ago. The early traders in the area reportedly sold wooden nutmegs for real ones. "Nutmegger" is a nickname for people from the state of Connecticut.

Many Sousa enthusiasts may not be familiar with the March King's "Minnesota March." Sousa used Indian themes in the march, though sparingly, because he was impressed by the number of Indian names in Minnesota. He later added field drum and bugle parts upon the request of Col. Frederick G. Stutz, commanding officer of the 206th National Guard Infantry Regiment of Minnesota.

"Nimrod" is the ninth and best-known variation in Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations," an orchestral work of 14

variations on an original theme composed between 1898 and 1899. Each variation is also a portrait of one of 14 members of Elgar's family and circle of friends.

Disney's landmark animated musical "Beauty and the Beast" was released in 1991 and then beautifully adapted for the Broadway stage in 1994. The 2017 film starring Emma Watson and Dan Stevens kept the magic alive and reminds us of the wonderful songs composed by Alan Menken and Howard Ashman. Among the selections in this symphonic medley are "Prologue," "Belle," "Gaston," "Be Our Guest," "Transformation" and "Beauty and the Beast."

The concert concludes with "Circus Days," by Karl King. It is one of 13 gallops or marches written by King intended to be performed at blazing speeds. As is the case of many circus marches, the intent is to provide energy and excitement and bring a sense of joy and happiness to listeners.

# MEALS

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The summer meals program was discussed again during the county board's business meeting Wednesday, June 8. Board member Lisa Ellis reported a subsequent conversation with Garret Zolinski-Skelton revealed only five children came to Hopes and Dreams for a meal Monday.

"They express frustration," said Ellis.

Frustration was also apparent among the board.

Board member Phil Ludington, who drives for Ball Transportation, said in 2021 he frequently delivered 250 meals every day when the food was taken directly to homes.

option to deliver meals has hurt it," said board member Karl Farnham Jr.

The summer meals program is administered by the Illinois State Board of Education using funding provided by the United States Department of Agriculture. Home delivery was permitted during the COVID-19 pandemic to eliminate people gathering in a central location for the meals. With the reduction of cases in 2022, the ISBE ruled delivery was not permitted and students must come to a central location for the food.

County board chairman Jeff Voigt said the ISBE decision might make sense for urban areas where travel distances are not so great as those found in rural communities.

"We need the flexibility to do what works best for us," said Voigt.

That flexibility, however, is not available this year.

Board members said while the numbers are disappointing it is too early to be discouraged, noting this was just the first week and time may be needed to work out some kinks and get more people signed up.

"You know there are kids who need it," said board member Andy Patrick.

Board members did approve making up to \$10,000 available to help cover any shortfalls Hopes and Dreams may encounter with summer meals.

To sign up or learn more about the summer meals, visit the Hopes and Dreams Facebook page.

# Sinkhole adds to Chrisman's expenses

BY GARY HENRY  
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CHRISMAN — A sinkhole on State Street in Chrisman has become an expensive headache for the city.

Located at the end of a driveway but within the city's right of way, the sinkhole continues to grow. The city council acted Monday, June 6, to accept the only bid received to make repairs.

Lankster and Gore proposed laying 200 feet of 30-inch pipe at a cost of \$24,875. Council members were reluctant to commit but did so to lock in the bid before there is another price increase on the 30-inch diameter pipe.

"It's deep there," said Commissioner Cory Chaney. "It's going to be a challenge to fix."

City employee Erik Bohle agreed. He said the 30-inch sewer line along State Street is buried approximately 15-feet deep, which is beyond the city equipment's ability to dig. Such an excavation will also require protective casements for those working at the bottom of the trench to lay the new pipe. Commissioner Thad Crispin said the repair project can come from the city's Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) allotment, and because it is an emergency repair the work will not require advance approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation. Crispin added sufficient

MFT funds are on hand to cover the bill.

Crispin is waiting for state approval of plans to use MFT to oil and chip some city streets and to make some sidewalk repairs.

A proposal by Commissioner Brice Stratton to hire Schulte Supply Company to install and program 103 water meters capable of automated reading at a cost of \$7,000 was discussed.

Mayor Dan Owen sounded a cautionary note on the expense. He reminded all the water department is currently running a \$12,000 deficit between the water purchased from Paris and the amounts sold to city residents.

"This is something (meter installation) city employees can do," said Owen.

Stratton saw a benefit in getting the final meters on the system replaced quickly as it is likely the old meters are a major source of the difference in the water Chrisman buys and sells. Schulte can bring a crew to town and complete the refits in two days.

Bohle estimated it would take him at least 28 days to install that many meters working eight hours a day if he did nothing else, which is not feasible. He does labs at the sewer plant three days per week, and the Thursday lab work is all-day long.

Replacing the meters in a

timely manner was seen as beneficial to the city.

"It's going to save us money in the long run," said Chaney.

Stratton's plan was unanimously approved.

As part of the discussion about the deficit operation of the water department, council members agreed to no longer waive the cost of filling swimming pools or adjust high water bills caused by leaks in a homeowner's system.

City residents can no longer celebrate the Fourth of July by shooting off their own fireworks.

"Last Fourth, we got a lot of complaints about people shooting fireworks over neighbors' houses, leaving trash," said Owen. "People don't want their neighbors doing that."

The new ordinance restricts the use of fireworks, but it does allow for a public fireworks display Sept. 9 as part of Chrisman's Sesqui-centennial Celebration.

"This year we won't be so lenient, because we've gotten complaints," said Owen.

Work is expected to start within the next 45 days on a major improvement to the Washington Street lift station on the city's sewer network. Commissioner Bryan Had-dix said engineer Matt Johnson is waiting for the state authorities to sign off on the paperwork to get started.

# CLINIC

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Health, including as chairman of the capital campaign that raised funds for the clinic on the Horizon campus. He was also active in the community as a mem-

ber of the Edgar County Board of Health and served as chief of staff for both Paris Community Hospital and Horizon Health.

A full open house for the new Phipps Center for Primary Care is planned for Thursday, July 21. Refresh-

ments, tours and give-aways will be available. More details will be forthcoming.

Those attending the dedication should note masking and social distancing are observed at Horizon Health locations and events.



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The new Phipps Primary Care Clinic includes a spacious waiting room and check-in area for patients. The 32,000-square-foot building provides clinical space for the Horizon Health family practice staff as well as the behavior health services.

# JAIL

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"You never know what the state will require in the future for feeding," said Wood.

The drawings do not represent a final design. At this stage they are working documents to confirm what county official want and do not want in the jail. As such they are a starting point for the architectural firm selected to build the jail.

Harding said the goal with the frequent plan revisions is to keep the building within the square footage previously discussed.

"We've got to watch the square footage, but I don't want to downsize it to where everything is shoulder-to-shoulder," said Farnham. "We are narrowing it down and getting closer."

# GOVERNMENT CENTER

An option under consideration is building a government center to house the county clerk and recorder, the county treasurer and the county supervisor of assessments offices. Moving the county clerk out of the courthouse will free up space in that building for future work. Relocating the other two offices will leave the courthouse annex on Central Street empty.

Harding said the annex, a metal fabricated building, is at or nearing the end of the typical 50-year life cycle for such construction techniques.

There was discussion

about erecting a government center on the parking lot across from the current jail on ground the county already owns. Both architects regard that as problematic.

They said putting a building there will leave little room for parking. Another concern is the property was once the site of an automobile dealership and it abuts the railroad track — both possible indicators of contamination that could be expensive to remediate. Fries said information provided to him is demolition debris was left in the ground and covered over when the dealership was razed. That will complicate the building process.

At one time, rehabbing the Vance School as the new government center was suggested, but a cost estimate of between \$5 million and \$6 million to do that work quickly scuttled the idea. Fries said at current costs a 6,000 square foot office building can be constructed for less than \$2 million.

Voigt noted while no county board members like the idea of demolishing existing buildings, it will be a less expensive option to raze the old school and put a new building on that site than it is to remodel Vance.

# COURTHOUSE ROOF

A new roof for the courthouse, including redoing the gutters, downspouts and all the decorative metal trim is a top priority. Fries said information about the roof has gone to a roofing contractor

to get some ideas of costs. The contractor was asked to calculate the work based on using slate, which is the material now in use, or possibly substituting a composite material that has the appearance of slate.

He warned a major challenge in planning for a new roof is the multiple angles involved where the roof meets the building. A 3-D scan of the courthouse was completed early this year, and Fries said the cross-section from the scan reveals the courthouse resembles a snowflake.

"It's a real fractal design," said Fries.

He added the contractor is to have cost estimates prepared by the end of June or early July and the blueprints of how to do the installation will be ready for a fall bidding so the new roof can go on in 2023.

# TIMETABLE FOR THE JAIL

Fries said the jail study is still on schedule to have the completed report ready by the end of July for submission to the Coles County Regional Planning Commission and then on to the United States Department of Agriculture. The planning commission received a USDA grant on behalf of Edgar County to do a facilities study.

When that is completed the county is positioned to seek architectural firms wanting to submit proposals for designing the jail. That could be completed by September and design work could start this winter.



## Rally falls short

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NEWMAN — Coming off of their first Okaw League junior high summer softball win on Tuesday, the Tri-County junior high summer team was back in action on a gorgeous Thursday evening.

The team was finishing a three game home stand hosting Sullivan 1. Tri-County hoped to build off of a 17-10 win over Arcola 1 as the bats came to life and were needing the sticks to stay alive against a formidable Sullivan 1 squad.

The bats and runs continued to flow for Tri-County staying close through three innings only down 9-7, but it was Sullivan 1 who came back with an eight run top of the fourth to go up 17-7.

Tri-County manged to tally four in the bottom of the frame, but the rally fell short as Sullivan 1 took a 17-11 win.

Kaydance Shear went 1 for 2 with a triple and two RBIs while Zoey Sherees was 1 for 2 with a double and an RBI. Olivia Smith was 2 for 2 with a run scored and Fallyn McCasland had a stolen base and two runs scored. McKinley Warner had a stolen base and a run scored while Keisha Budd chipped in two runs scored.

Tri-County (1-2) will play its lone game on Tuesday at 6 p.m. against the host team.

### 4TH/5TH SOFTBALL SEASON COMES TO CLOSE IN OKAW TOURNAMENT

ATWOOD — It was post-season softball time for the Tri-County 4th/5th summer program in Atwood Tuesday evening in the first round of the 2022 Okaw League Tournament as the number 13 seed taking on the number four seed Sullivan 1.

The team was still in search of its first win of the season with several games being so close to achieving that task.

After Sullivan 1 took an early 3-0 after one inning, Tri-County came back with a four spot in the top of the second to take a 4-3 lead. Sullivan 1 then took control outscoring Tri-County 10-1 down the stretch to advance with a 13-5 win via time limit ending the season for Tri-County.

Ainsleigh Watson went 1 for 1 while five different Tri-County players added a run scored.

### RUFF FANS 12 AS TCT 1 STAYS UNDEFEATED JH SUMMER BASEBALL PLAY

OAKLAND — After some early morning and afternoon rains on Wednesday, the skies cleared up for some Okaw League junior high summer baseball.

After seven innings, it was some strong pitching along with some timely hitting that led Tri-County 1 to a 4-1 win to stay unbeaten.

Gavin Ruff went five innings in relief to get the win striking out 12 Arthur 1 batters while only allowing one run and two hits. Chase Rhode went the first two innings striking out four without giving up a hit or run. Kalvin Budd went 2 for 2 in the win.

# Tiger netters honored

For the fifth consecutive season Paris team finishes in third place or better in the LIC

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The Paris High Schools boys tennis team officially brought the curtain down on the 2022 season with the annual banquet recently.

Coach Stefan Aydt reviewed the season at the banquet, held in The Den at PHS. He also announced special awards.

Aydt noted the boys finished the season 6-13-1 and 4-3 in the Little Illini Conference in dual meets and 73-118 (34-32 LIC) in individual matches.

“I’m really proud of all the hard work the boys put in this year,” Aydt said. “They improved significantly from last season and played well against a schedule that featured two sectional champion teams.”

The Tigers placed third in the Little Illini Conference tournament, continuing a streak of consecutive top 3 finishes that started in 2017, Aydt said.

Fox Woods and Chance Westerfield earned Honorable Mention All-Conference



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**Earning special honors for their play and leadership for the Paris High School boys tennis team were, from left, Chance Westerfield and Fox Woods, who shared the squad’s most valuable player award; Roberts Wells, varsity points winner; and Hudson David, selected as the most improved player for the Tiger netters.**

for their fourth place finish in doubles and Robert Wells finished fifth in singles.

As a team, Aydt noted the PHS team finished fifth in the IHSA Danville Sectional behind Champaign Centennia — which finished seventh at state, Champaign Central,

Urbana University High and Urbana High School.

At the banquet in the high school cafeteria, Aydt recognized everyone on the team, handing out numerals and patches for JV players. Letters and bars were awarded to the fvarsity players.

Hudson David earned the Most Improved award. After playing the occasional varsity match as a freshman, he really improved his consistency this year and also learned to add some pace on his forehands, earning him a regular spot in varsity doubles as well

as some time in the top 6 for singles.

The highlight of his season was a fifth place finish in #2 singles at the Mattoon Invite.

Robert Wells was the Varsity Points Winner with the most varsity wins this year, totaling with 21. He ended with a nice 13-9 record at #3 singles.

Fox Woods and Chance Westerfield earned co-MVPs after playing #1 doubles together for the past two seasons. Woods played #1 singles and Westerfield #2 singles.

“We played against at least one state qualifier in 14 out of our 20 dual meets and out of those 20 duals, 14 were against teams that ended their season with a winning record,” Aydt noted.

The coach noted although the Tigers do lose four seniors to graduation, there are had 17 freshmen and sophomores out of our 23 players this year.

“We should have a lot of good competition for the top six varsity spots going into next season,” Aydt concluded.

## Tingley realized baseball dream

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Many dream of playing major league baseball, but few get the chance.

One of those few was Paris native Pat Tingley.

He started playing youth baseball in Paris working his way through Little League, Babe Ruth and other opportunities, including Paris High School baseball. Tingley’s game came alive his junior year in high school and just excelled to the next level his senior year. He graduated from Paris Highschool with a few all-time records to his name.

Tingley played college ball at Vincennes University, and by the end of his second season had left his mark on Vincennes program with registered team highs in most complete games, most starts, most strikeouts and most innings pitched. He then walked onto the Indiana State Baseball team and was put into rotation as one of only four left-handed pitchers.

He has clear recognition of his biggest moment in ISU baseball. “It has to be the Aggie Classic,” he said. “It was ISU, Texas A&M, Penn State and UNLV in a round robin tournament.”

The stage was set.

It was the Friday night game against Texas A&M, and there were some 8,500 in attendance. It was the fifth inning and runners were on first and third with ISU down five to two.

With no outs, ISU’s coach called in the long, lumbering, lefty from Paris. The crowd came to their feet, wrapped their arms around each other, started swaying back and forth and began cheering what many thought was Pat Tingley but what was really being chanted was Pat Twinkie.

Tingley had the task of facing the four, five, six hitters for Texas A&M and in 10 pitches he struck out the side.

Not one of his pitches was under 94 mph.

“I walked off the mound after striking out the third batter to nothing but complete and total silence from the crowd,” he said. “I’ve never felt adrenaline like that pumping through my veins.”

Tingley received a letter June 6, 2001, that contained a dream. He was selected by the Minnesota Twins. The left-handed hurler from Paris



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**The players in the photo of a Paris High School baseball team are, from left to right, M.G. Watts, Tim Young, Seth Gough, Pat Tingley and Casey Jones. Tingley went on to play college ball for Vincennes University and Indiana State University before being drafted by the Minnesota Twins.**



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**Pat Tingley of Paris is shown in his Minnesota Twins uniform. This would have been his rookie season baseball card except an injury sidelined his career.**

had made his dream come true.

That year Tingley pitched for the Gulf Coast League Twins, appearing in 15 games and finishing with an

8.86 ERA. In the off-season, he was still experiencing pain in his pitching elbow from an old injury that occurred while at ISU.

He informed the Twins organization and was sent for an MRI. Then came the waiting period for the call with the decision. It was the toughest day in a player’s life.

“It was a random weekday afternoon,” said Tingley. “I was just relaxing and watching TV, and the phone rings. I was given the worst possible news I could ever hear. Just short of losing a loved one.”

The Twins released him from the organization.

Tingley spent the next few months in a whirlwind of emotions. He then started helping coach the Paris Tigers.

He began pitching batting practice and he finally unleashed his inner beast. The boys on the team were convinced he was throwing straight smoke and that he needed to get clocked to see how fast it was.

In 2003, with the last Tiger practice in sight he promised the boys he would find someone, somewhere to find out just how fast he was throwing. Tingley was convinced the Tigers only thought it was fast because they had never seen a lefty throw 80 miles per hour.

Tingley went home and through research discovered the Richmond

Roosters were holding open tryouts. He jumped in his car and drove the distance to give it a whirl. When his name was called Tingley took the mound.

The tryout required him to throw 20 to 25 pitches with 15 of them being fastballs. Of the 15 fastballs the out of shape southpaw threw, 14 straight clocked at 93 mph. Tingley wrote his own Disney story on the mound that day, and he was immediately offered a spot on the team.

He accepted the contract and pitched for the Roosters for a short while before being sent home with the option to return.

Tingley never returned to Richmond or professional baseball. He said it took 20 years to come to grips with the fact he was no longer Pat Tingley the ballplayer even though that is how so many either knew him or remembered him.

“You are not prepared for that call,” Tingley said. “The call where you have to hang up your cleats over something that wasn’t your fault.”

He realizes now that he does not have to live up to everyone’s expectations.

“I am at peace and proud of the person I’ve become in my heart and in my soul now,” said Tingley.

He now live in Bloomington, Ind., works for a utility locating company and loves life.

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# The Devil's Chair raises questions

This week I drove my car to Edgar Cemetery to perform some field work. My purpose was to locate the Devil's Chair.

There are people who heard about it long ago and know exactly where it is. In my case, I first learned about it only a few

days ago. Finding it became a quest. Neither a careful automobile search nor a patient hike among tombstones turned up the mysterious chair, but luckily the cemetery's caretaker appeared riding a lawn mower. He kindly led me to it.

Actually, I found something similar to a chair among the stones, but it appeared more like a basket with a couple of limestone children occupying it. I felt certain that wasn't the Real McCoy.

So, the legend says, if you find the chair to be cold, it's assurance that you'll spend eternity in heaven. However, if it's hot you are doomed for hell. I don't place any faith in the occult. Nevertheless, I couldn't resist touching the chair out of sheer curiosity.

I'm not certain how one is supposed to apply the test. Do you sit in it and allow for heat or cold to seep into you flesh? It's only a child's seat. Many of us are too big.

Do you simply touch it like I did? Or maybe you need to apply your hand to the stone for five minutes or so. There should be a sign with directions to explain it to prevent misunderstanding. Right?

The chair sits snuggled next to a huge family tombstone. Five smaller stones are placed nearby to identify individuals, one buried as long ago as 1884. The most recent in 1946. No inscriptions are to be found on the small chair.

In recent years, people have begun a trend to place benches made of stone near memorial tombstones, so an individual can rest while meditating and observing. In summertime, perhaps the visiting individual can recall pleasant memories while listening to songbirds such as robins, cardinals, mourning doves and mockingbirds sing

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## KEEPING FOOD SAFE DURING A SEASON OF COOKOUTS



Over the summer, with warmer weather presenting opportunities to eat outdoors, people need to be mindful of how quickly different types of bacteria can grow on food left to sit.

# Enjoy a safe summer

BY DANIEL BRISENO  
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With spring here and summer just around the corner one thing comes to mind — cookouts.

People all over America wait for the weather to break so they have a reason to step outside and fire up the ol' barbie. This time of year provides so many days to use as an excuse for a cookout, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Father's Day, the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

We need to discuss something that most people give little heed, and that is food safety. How many of us have left a family gathering after eating feeling sick to the stomach or just overall not well? We may just chalk it up to one too many hot dogs, that second piece of pie, or better yet eating that last deviled egg.

Eating too much may be the reason for not feeling well, but there is one other possibility. Some of the food consumed may have started to turn.

What many do not think about at the family cookout is food just sits out. Whether it is covered or not does not matter, because what you need to worry about is the temperature. Food needs to be kept below 40 degrees or above 140 degrees to prevent bacteria from growing. Food left outside on the picnic table generally stays within the trouble temperature zone while everyone eats.

So, the next time you are taking a dish to a family reunion or holiday cookout remember there are a few things you can do to maximize safety for all. If you are taking something cold, place the dish in ice. If it needs to be kept warm, maybe make a dish in a crockpot. There are multiple ways to help stunt the growth of bacteria in food, possibly saving someone at the gathering a whole lot of issues.

So, the next time you are at a family cookout and encounter that last deviled egg calling your name, think of how long it has sat out and how long it has been growing bacteria before you eat it.

### ELOTE ONE POT PASTA SALAD

Ingredients  
For the Pasta:  
2 Tablespoons avocado oil  
3 ears of corn  
1 large shallot, minced  
4 cloves of garlic, minced  
1/2 teaspoon chili powder  
3 cups water  
1/2 teaspoon pink salt  
12 ounces fusilli pasta  
Salt and pepper, to taste  
For the Elote Dressing:  
1/2 cup mayonnaise  
1/2 yogurt or sour cream  
1 lime, juiced  
1 teaspoon pink salt  
1 garlic clove, minced  
Topping  
6 ounces cotija, crumbled  
Fresh cilantro, chopped

Directions  
Remove the husks and any silk from the corn. Heat the oil in a deep pot over

medium-high heat. Sear corn around all sides until browned or slightly charred, about 15 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.

In the same pot, sauté the shallot, garlic and chili powder until softened and slightly browned, 1 to 2 minutes. Add in the water, pink salt and fusilli pasta, and bring the mixture to a boil. Cover with a lid, then reduce to low for a continuous simmer. Cook for 8-10 minutes until the pasta is al dente.

While the pasta is cooking, slice off the browned corn kernels using a sharp or serrated knife. Remove the pasta from the heat and add in corn kernels.

In a small bowl, whisk together the elote dressing ingredients. Drizzle the dressing over the top of the cooked pasta and stir lightly to combine. Add in crumbled cotija and chopped cilantro and toss lightly again. Serve slightly warm or place in the refrigerator to chill completely.

When putting out to serve place bowl inside a larger bowl filled with ice, pouring off the water as the ice melts and refilling with ice

### BLT DEVILED EGGS

Ingredients  
6 eggs hardboiled  
3 slices bacon cooked and crumbled to bits  
¼ cup mayonnaise  
1 Tablespoon sun-dried tomatoes packed in oil, minced  
2 stalks green onion chopped  
Salt and pepper to taste

Directions  
Halve each of the eggs from end to end. Remove the yolk and place in medium sized bowl. Pulverize the yolk and mix in the remaining ingredients: bacon, mayonnaise, sun-dried tomatoes and most of the green onion. Save a small amount of the green

onion for garnish. Stir until the mixture appears smooth and ingredients are evenly distributed.

Taste the yolk mixture and add salt and pepper to taste. If you prefer a creamier mixture, take this opportunity to fine tune the taste and texture by blending in more mayonnaise.

Fill the wells of the egg whites with the yolk mixture. You can spoon the yolk mixture into the wells, but I prefer to use a piping bag to evenly disperse the mixture. I find it easier and more aesthetically pleasing. Garnish with the remaining green onion and arrange on a serving platter or storage container.

Chill until ready to serve. And if need be, place serving dish on ice to keep the temp down for as long as possible

# Looking for perfect love

In a few days, my wife and I will drive two hours one-way to watch a grandson play a baseball game.

Will we be disappointed if his performance is not perfect? I'm sure that is not the case. If he gives his best, that will be more than sufficient.

Speaking of baseball, you may have read about the recent game in which the Cincinnati Reds pitcher allowed no hits in more than eight innings of work. Unfortunately, the Reds lost 1-0 even though the opposing team had zero hits. A great outing, yet their team lost.

Sometimes life can feel like that — a great performance, or at least that was our intent, yet we come up feeling like we lost.

The good news is God knows our heart. Jesus says in Matthew 5:48, "be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect." I John 4:18 says that "perfect love drives out fear." What is this perfection the Bible speaks about?

Perfect performance? I don't think so. This perfect love is a totally consecrated love for God that splashes out onto love for others. Will we never make a mistake? We all make mistakes, which is not an excuse for sin.

To go back to the baseball story above, we may pitch into the ninth inning, not give up any hits, yet feel like we miserably failed to win. Let me remind all that failing at something is far, far, far different than being a failure.

We can fail at something, but get back up, learn from our mistakes (or the mistakes of others), dust ourselves off, grow and be the better for the experience.

We can throw a curveball that hangs out over the plate a bit too long, and the batter smashes it right back into our face, ouch. Are we a failure? No, that one pitch failed, but we are still created in the image of God, called to be his children, capable of loving God with a purple passion (i.e, perfect love, as described in I John

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# Yankee ingenuity killed cursive writing

Graduation season is coming to an end and times have changed.

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Cursive is painful with modern writing tools. Today,

we write with cheap ball-point pens.

Writing tools have been around since cave people used dry clay ocher pencils. The first written language is credited to the Sumerians who used sharp sticks to etch in clay. Writing evolved and Egyptian scribes wrote on papyrus scrolls using ink from plant juices, minerals and water. They drew hieroglyphics onto papyrus with a stylus cut from hollow dry reed. The end was split to let ink flow down, but the point wore away quickly.

Romans substituted large bird feathers with a hollow center quill made of the same material as fingernails. They prepared the quill by cleaning and heating to harden it. The end was cut at an angle and split for an ink flow path.

A single quill was good for a few pages before needing resharpened. Our word pen comes from the Latin penna meaning heavy flight feather.

Quill pens dominated for more than 1,000 years.

Monks perfected the tip shape to produce that Middle Age cursive flair. They

wanted bold vertical strokes and subdued horizontal lines. Their ink was water based and spread out before soaking into the paper. It dried slowly.

By American colonial times students were taught to use berries for ink and how to harden a quill and properly prepare the tip. This was part of the rural curriculum well into the 1800s.

The next big innovation was the metal pen tip or nib. An English manufacturer began mass producing a steel nib in 1822. It was in two sections with a fine split between a durable point. One lasted for hundreds of pages before needing replaced. It was still a dip pen needing to be dipped in the well before every word.

Fountain pens revolutionized writing. Named for the seemingly endless fountain of ink, they have an ink reservoir in the barrel. Early versions were filled with an eye dropper from the top. They took off in the early 1900s when channels were added for improved gravity feed and pockets included to

minimize drip.

The Parker Company captured the market with a vacuum filler system. The pen is dipped in ink and a small lever used to vacuum ink up into the barrel. These were works of art with the ability to produce beautiful pen strokes.

Fountain pens did have problems. They leaked so a need for the classic pocket protector to prevent ink stains from ruining shirts. The need to refill the reservoir required keeping a bottle of ink nearby. Yankee Ingenuity solved those problems. The English created that term, Yankee Ingenuity, when the new design was later sold in England.

The solution was the ballpoint pen. It was invented in 1888 by an American. He envisioned a rolling ball inside a fixed socket to deliver ink. The mechanics are modeled on a shoulder with a ball rolling inside a socket. The pens tiny ball rolls in a socket to pick up ink inside and roll it out onto a writing surface. His first version didn't work well, but László Bíró, a

Hungarian newspaper editor, solved the problem.

Water-based ink used in early ballpoint pens did not flow smoothly and dried too slowly. Bíró tried printer's ink but it was too thick. His brother was a chemist who formulated an oil-based ink that flowed easily and rolled off the ball leaving a thin line that dried quickly. As an oil, it sat on top of the paper rather than soaking in.

By staying on top, ballpoints could write on wood, leather and other materials. The thin line used only a small amount of ink, so the pen's reservoir lasted a long time. This was 1938 and the Jewish brothers had to escape Central Europe, so they relocated to Argentina.

The Royal Air Force was their first contract during the war. Pilots cannot use fountain pens because changing air pressure makes ink squirt out. This ballpoint worked in the cockpit.

After the war, Marcel Bich licensed the pen and started a business in France. He dropped the H from his name and called them BIC

pens. Chicago's Reynolds Pen Company started a marketing ad blitz in the United States taking out full page ads in major publications.

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### SCHNEIDERS OBSERVE 60TH ANNIVERSARY



Mr. and Mrs. John M. Schneider of Paris will celebrate 60 years of marriage in June. John Martin Schneider, the son of Louis M. and Margaret Richardson Schneider, and Linda Kay Wright, the daughter of Floyd M. and Maxine Sisson Wright, were married on June 24, 1962, at the First United Methodist Church in Paris. The Rev. Clarence Nordling officiated.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Schneider retired from long careers as educators in Paris. Mr. Schneider is also retired after many years as a farmer in Edgar County.

The couple are the parents of two children, Steven (Thomas Gibbs), of Marietta, Ga., and Stephanie, of Indianapolis, Ind., and grandparents of Sterling and Lincoln Reyes, also of Indianapolis.

No formal observance is planned, but cards and letters may be sent to the Schneiders at 10745 North 1785th Street, Paris.

## TOPS meets

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

TOPS #IL 1563 met Thursday, June 2, with 11 attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Sandy Randall, TOPS weekly best loser; Wanda Luth won the weekly exercise drawing; and Lynn Moody's program was "30 Ways to Lose Weight Permanently."

Another 17.65 miles were added during the week to the Lincoln Trail Walking Contest. A new summer TOPS contest, Racing to Goal, began with weigh-in at the June 2 meeting and will continue until Aug. 30. Members are being challenged to be the Summer Best Loser and to have No Gain meetings often during the summer months. Awards for the contest will be presented at the TOPS fall rally.

TOPS #IL 1563 meets every Thursday morning at the Highland Manor Administration Building, 604 Highland Dr., 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 217-251-5190 or 217-466-3885.

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### SHELTER RECEIVES LOCAL DONATION



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Cargill recently made a donation supporting the Edgar County Animal Shelter. Left to right, Cargill employees Bailey Bouslog and Emily Hollingsworth, Edgar County Animal Control Officer Andrea Bouslog and Darla Willoughby a Cargill employee and shelter volunteer.

### Extension offers family cooking

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Food, Fun, 4-H is a free, three-month program from the University of Illinois Extension that unites families in the kitchen and at the dinner table.

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Learn more and register at [extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-07-01-food-fun-4-h-home-cooking-program-families](http://extension.illinois.edu/events/2022-07-01-food-fun-4-h-home-cooking-program-families).

### Local students on Bradley University's Dean's List

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

PEORIA — Two Paris students are among the 1,700 students named to Bradley University's Dean's List for Spring 2022.

Earning honors were Johnna Armstrong Wat-

son, majoring in psychology and Christiana Marlowe, majoring in management and leadership human resource management.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must achieve a minimum 3.5 grade point average for the semester on a 4.0 scale.

### Hallee R. Watters named to President's List at JSU

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

JACKSONVILLE, AL — Hallee R. Watters of Chrisman has been named to the President's List at Jacksonville State University for their outstanding academic performance over the Spring 2022 semester.

To be named to the President's List, students must earn a perfect 4.0 GPA for the semester while completing at least 12 hours of GPA course credit.

Founded in 1883 as a state teachers college, Jacksonville State University has grown into the Alabama regional university with the highest percentage of accredited programs.

Located in the Appalachian foothills midway between Birmingham and Atlanta, JSU offers more than 150 courses of study, including over 40 online programs, at the undergraduate and graduate levels.

### Area students graduate from Western Illinois University

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MACOMB — These area students were part of Western Illinois University's spring 2022 graduating class.

Kyle Webster, Chrisman, graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor of Science

in agricultural business.

Tucker M. Marrs, Paris, graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in agricultural science.

Cameron C. McIntire, Casey, graduated with a Bachelor of Science in law enforcement & justice administration.

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# Out of the Past

Here is a compilation of stories from the June 1922 issues of the Paris Daily Beacon. Spelling and punctuation have not been changed except where necessary for better understanding.



CALLIE BABER

## NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

### VIOLATION OF AUTO LICENSE LAW CHARGED

Chester (Shank) McDaniel was arrested this morning, charged with violating section 18 of the state automobile law by driving a large touring car without the proper license. The car, which is under guard at the police station, bears an Indiana license plate. Mr. McDaniel announced his intention to fight the case, but as the attorney he wished to retain is busy in the Circuit court the case was continued by Justice Howard. The prisoner was allowed to sign his own bond in the sum of \$100.

### FOUR CHARGED WITH ROBBING BOX CARS

Deputy Sheriff Fred Davis went to Metcalf Tuesday evening where, in connection with a Clover Leaf detective, he arrested the following: Victor Daugherty, Emory Miller, Don Campbell and Mark Taylor. The men are charged with stealing merchandise from railroad cars. They were brought to Paris and lodged in jail.

### JURY DECLARES KNIGHT GUILTY; RUNYAN WINS

A jury in the Edgar County Circuit Court late Tuesday afternoon brought in a verdict of guilty in the case of Henry Knight charged with stealing a steer from Scott Baker. His attorneys, Dyas & Redman and E.A. Schroeder gave notice of a motion for a new trial. While this jury was deliberating another jury took up the case of Guy Runyon, charged with transporting intoxicating liquor. The main evidence was given by a companion of Runyon's at the time of his arrest, who is now serving time for having liquor in his possession. He assumed full responsibility. The jury found Runyon not guilty.

### FIRST BAND CONCERT OF YEAR A SUCCESS

The first band concert of the season given Wednesday evening was an unqualified success. People came from far and near to enjoy the concert and getting about the streets in the neighborhood of the band stand was a considerable task. The program arranged for the occasion hit the public fancy and it is predicted that great as was the crowd it will be larger next time.

### LIVELY SETTO CAUSES ARREST OF TWO

A lively setto Thursday morning landed Chester Peel and Harry Albin in the police station to charges of assault.

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# Lincoln-Rutledge romance is debatable

BY TOM EMERY  
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One of the enduring myths in American legend is Abraham Lincoln's first love, a girl from his early Illinois home of New Salem named Ann Rutledge. The subject remains hotly debated among Lincoln scholars today. The relationship, and its impact on Lincoln's life, has been depicted as one of the great love stories of all time and made Ann Rutledge into a folk hero. Her father, one of New Salem's founders, owned a tavern where Lincoln boarded for a time when he arrived in the village in 1832. Nineteen-year-old Ann Rutledge was engaged to John McNamar, who had returned to his native East, apparently on business. According to the legend, Lincoln and Rutledge developed a romantic attraction despite her betrothment, but she fell gravely ill and died in

1835. The loss of his first love plunged Lincoln into despair. However, the legend often goes further, claiming Lincoln loved her so deeply that he threw himself on her grave in hysteric sobbing, and could never love another — including his wife, Mary, whom he married in 1842. Rutledge's impact on his life was so sweeping that her memory left him with lifelong melancholy and even drove him to his political greatness, affecting his decisions in the White House. The story, though, is not supported by definitive proof. No letters between them exist, and New Salem settlers, when interviewed decades later, were divided on the possibility of any romance. Some of Rutledge's relatives recalled a relationship, though offered no specific details. In a visit decades later, former New Salem friend Isaac Cogdal claimed that Lincoln described a romance, though many scholars question Cogdal's credibility. A reference to the affair was made in 1862 in a newspaper in nearby Petersburg, three miles north of New Salem, that many believed was from a political enemy of Lincoln. Many, though, credit William Herndon, Lincoln's former law partner, with the origin of the legend. Herndon came across the story while researching a book on Lincoln in the mid-1860s. Though Herndon offered descriptions of Lincoln's everyday life that are invaluable, scholars have discounted many claims made by Herndon, an alcoholic who apparently was motivated by money. "Billy Herndon gave us some wonderful information about Lincoln," said Wayne Temple, a nationally recognized Lincoln researcher from the president's hometown of

Springfield. "But when he began to analyze things, he ran into trouble, and his work kind of falls apart." Many scholars believe Herndon championed the Rutledge story to damage Mary Lincoln, the president's widow, whom Herndon despised. The sentimental tale of the beloved fallen president's tragic romance with a lovely country girl also appealed to the general public, who were often influenced by the negative perceptions of Mary Lincoln. Movies, popular magazines, poets such as Illinoisan Edgar Lee Masters, and folk tales further embellished the story with little regard for existing evidence, solidifying Rutledge's place in American lore. In the late 1920s, Lincoln scholar Paul Angle ruefully said that 95% of visitors to Springfield and New Salem are firmly convinced that Ann

Rutledge was the only woman Lincoln ever loved. The romance was strongly rebuked in 1945 by James Randall, a foremost Lincoln scholar from the University of Illinois, but still enjoys periodic waves of popularity among historians. New research in the 1990s, particularly by Knox College professor Douglas Wilson, argued that Herndon's informants from New Salem were credible and that a romance was likely. "Like many historians, I consider modern research, and I think those studies are very worthy," said Cullom Davis of Springfield, another acclaimed Lincoln authority. "I think the idea of a relationship between Lincoln and Ann is plausible." (Tom Emery is an award-winning freelance writer from Carlinville, Ill. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.)

## THE CEREAL MILL HAS A LONG HISTORY IN PARIS



Special to The Prairie Press

This is the Illinois Cereal Mill in Paris before the facility was totally destroyed by fire in September 1946.

# History of Cargill

BY DANIEL BRISENO  
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Milling grain is an ancient practice that dates to around 6700 B.C. It is believed ancient civilizations ground wheat berries into flour using a stone mortar and pestle. Over time milling changed to incorporate larger milling stones powered by livestock. The invention of reapers and threshing machines were products of 19th century industrial development. With these machines, it was realized just how much more grain farmers could grow and harvest, and that spurred more improvements in how to grind grain. Gears, shafts and belts combined with power sources enabled the turning of giant mill stones. Paris and Edgar County were no different than any other community in America. Paris was lined with mills with as many as four or five grain mills operating at the same time. Some of the mills were even ahead of their times like the Munsell Mill that stood where the old Paris Post Office is. The Munsell Mill was the first steam-powered mill in this area. One mill remains in the city today. Many of us still call it the Cereal Mill but in fact it is Cargill. Cargill is located on the site of the F. L. Kidder Mill, which was a busy mill for its time. Philip Best and Company purchased the F. L. Kidder Mill and assumed daily operations sometime prior to 1934, because in 1934, Best sold to Spencer H. Werner and Associates, creating the Illinois Cereal Mills. In 1937, The Illinois Cereal Mills bought a Chicago Mill and doubled its capacity. Mill workers were scared in November 1938 when they



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An intense, out-of-control fire completely destroyed the Illinois Cereal Mills in September 1946.

received orders to halt production, but management explained shutdowns were a normal part of the milling business. Milling is a dangerous activity. A dust explosion in April 1941 at the Illinois Cereal Mills was brought under control by the Paris Fire Department. The alarms rang again in September 1946, but the fire was too much for the local department and equipment of the time. The whole mill was completely engulfed, and the Beacon-News headline declared "Disaster Turns Paris Plant Into Desolate Debris." All that was left was the power section. Illinois Cereal Mills responded quickly to talk in the community with an announcement the facility would rebuild as soon as possible. After the location was cleared of debris, the Illinois Cereal Mills

began rebuilding in March 1947. Along with the erection of the new mill, a new office building was constructed across the street at 616 South Jefferson. Another build came in 1964 when the Cereal Mill installed more silos for expansion. 1966 saw another first for the company with the buying of their first railroad slide cars. Those cars were recognized anywhere as they were painted Illinois Cereal Mills Inc. The old office building, which had been used as a lab since 1953, was dismantled in 1971. The Illinois Cereal Mills sold to Cargill in August 1994. Cargill remains an important part of the community. Sure, it does not bear the name of the Illinois Cereal Mills anymore but to many that is what it will always be.

# Long may our flag wave

Several years ago, I wrote a column for The Prairie Press titled "If Our Flag Could Only Speak." I also used it in my last book which contained many of the columns and special stories that I put together along with special pictures I had taken or had in my collection. Sometimes I think we need to be reminded what the Stars and Stripes is all about and why good Americans have loved that emblem of our public spirit so deeply. Flag Day is next week and there is something special about why it should be observed. I remember when we hung the flag on the front porch of our house when we lived just west of Pine Grove School. It was fastened on a bamboo pole and hung with a couple of fasteners just above the front steps of our porch where it could be seen from the road that went past our house. It was hung horizontally with the field of blue toward the top. We put it up on Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and the Fourth of July. My brother and I each reveled the day when we could finally reach up and touch that old beautiful flag because we knew it was a rite of passage. Maybe we could better sense what the presence of that flag really meant, of being an American. About 30 years ago, I placed a new flagpole in a scene which was surrounded by large rocks from our farm that were plowed up or were the corner stones of the old barns previously found on our farm. There were three large scalding kettles which we placed flowers in, and old horse-drawn plow and the running gear of an old wagon.



ROGER STANLEY

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## PAST

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Peel was sitting in the cab of the truck belonging to his father, John Peel, in front of the Allison barber shop when Albin passed on his way to dinner. Just what passed is not clearly known but Albin leaned into the truck, threw Peel down and was pounding his face with his fists when Officer Mopps arrived. He quieted the racket and forced Peel to throw down an iron wrench he had seized. Peel and Albin were taken to police headquarters where Magistrate Howard continued the case to June 19.

### EXPLOSION OF GUN CAP INJURES EYE

Herschel Helmer, 16 years old, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Helmer, near Horace, was severely injured Thursday afternoon by the

explosion of a cap from a gun. He was brought to Paris and taken to the office of Dr. A.W. Slaughter, where his wounds were dressed. He probably will loose [sic] the sight of his left eye.

### LENINE IS ORDERED TO ENTER SANITARIUM

BERLIN, June 16.—Premier Nikolai Lenine has been ordered by his physicians to leave Russia and enter a sanitarium in Dresden, according to reports from Moscow today.

### WILL BURN MORTGAGE

The date of the mortgage burning for Grace Church has been set for the quarterly meeting about three weeks in the future. It is hoped to secure the presence of neighboring clergy and make the occasion a gala day.

### BRICK PAVEMENT EXPLODES

### ON ROAD

Late yesterday afternoon the brick pavement on the road which crosses the Sugar Creek hill exploded with bad results. Caused by the intense heat, a large section extending nearly across the roadway was torn and rent in every direction. Many of the large paving bricks were thrown a considerable distance. Arthur Glenn coming to the city after an evening with friends at Kentuck narrowly escaped running into the break. The lights on his car discovered the danger in time to avoid a bad smash up.

### RYE HARVEST IS ON

The rye harvest in Edgar county is now on the full swing and the yield promises to be good. The wheat harvest will begin next week and the crop prospect was never better according to all reports. It is possible coal may not be easily obtained to run the threshing engines. It is explained this will

not cause much trouble as the gasoline tractor can be brought in to furnish motive power.

### SHERIFF IS TO ACT

The sheriff announced Saturday he will go before the Board of Supervisors and seek repeal of the order by which justices of the peace in state cases are paid the fees by the county. He complains that a vast amount of city work is thrown on his hands which should be done by the city police force. Quelling domestic troubles forms [a] large share of the petty business, he says.

### MANY TOURIST CARS GO THRU SATURDAY

Touring cars bearing Missouri, Florida, Wisconsin, New York and Ohio license plates were noticed in the city Saturday. Nearly every car was outfitted for camping and the voyagers seem a happy contented set. Many of the traveling

women are attired in knickers and seem to be entirely at home in the rig. The local people pay little attention to the new style.

### HORNED TOAD PROVES UN-POPULAR IN PARIS

Miss Evelyn Reed received from her father, who is traveling in California, a package containing a specimen of the horned toad which is a common resident of the sandy sections took a flying leap from one desk to another. The spectators departed not caring to be on familiar terms with the visitor.

He was finally returned to his box and only arouses himself when a fly is tossed within his reach.

### NEW BANK BUILDING JUST ABOUT READY

The interior of the Citizens National bank is completed. When a few pieces of furniture arrive the bank will move into the new building. This will be in the

near future.

### ELBOW FRACTURED

Donald, the second son of C.V. Jones and wife of Scotland, had the misfortune to get his elbow fractured while working on the farm near his home Thursday evening. He was taken to Paris where the arm was dressed by Drs. Haven and J.F. Jennings. The little fellow is doing as nicely as can be expected.

### CURBING BEING PLACED

The construction gang on North Main street is making satisfactory progress and the concrete curbing is rapidly placed in position. The veteran concrete worker, Joseph Haase, is carefully watching the work.

*(Out of the Past reflects the events occurring in Paris and nearby areas 100 years ago. It is compiled by Callie Baber with acknowledgements to Ned Jenison and aloha to Mr. Hand.)*

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

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

Some of our past gener-

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

Down through the last 246 years many of our nation's people have only seen us in the dreams and bits of knowledge that hint of why we really wave our colors in the breeze. That motion and movement surely could encourage those that are weary and heavy laden.

It is a beckoning to come into our waving arms for comfort and assurance. Surely they would also be welcomed into the arms of those who have already learned the secret of flags and respect the ideals that make us bright. Maybe we are here to be a testament to an idea

about all men and women being created equal even though our circumstances are different.

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

Those of my family of American flags have been honored at times and hated and tortured at times by our own citizens. No matter the number of stars or how many stripes we bear, we stand and wave for an idea conceived in liberty and raised by true American virtue and obedience. We are a beacon to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

*(Roger Stanley is a lifelong resident of Edgar County, an author and retired farmer. Email him at rogerstanley769@yahoo.com)*

## Genealogy group discusses digital afterlife

### SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — The Wabash Valley Genealogical Society (WVGS) is hosting an online Zoom meeting 6:30 p.m. June 13 about what to do with online postings after a person dies.

Julie Miller leads the presentation on a topic that garners little attention. Posting a great deal of information

and photos on a variety of social media platforms, raises the question of what happens to this data after death.

According to Miller, it is possible to take control of one's digital afterlife. She holds Certified Genealogist and Certified Genealogical Speaker credentials and is a fellow of the National Genealogical Society. A full-time professional re-

searcher, speaker and writer, Miller lives in Broomfield, Colo., and has published articles in genealogical magazines

This program is free for WVGS members. Those who are not a member may access this meeting and the remaining 2022 meetings by joining WVGS. Visit [www.inwvgs.org](http://www.inwvgs.org) for more information on how to join.

## Martinsville Ag Fair starts Sunday

BY SUZANNE WILLIAMS  
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MARTINSVILLE — The Martinsville Ag Fair has been committed to bringing entertainment, horse racing and traditional fair activities to the small community for more than 75 years.

For the 2022 fair, the fair board members are promoting a "family night, every night" theme. Free events are available all week June 12-June 18. The grandstand and pit area are free Monday through Friday with a \$5 gate admission fee.

Kicking off the fair is the community worship at 7 p.m. Sunday with free gate admission. Casey native Jake Hoult and the praise band will perform music and former Martinsville resident Chet Snyder delivers the message.

Monday is harness racing featuring the Great Midwest Trot and Pace. The racing begins at 5 p.m. and is free with the \$5 gate admission fee. Announcer Kurt Becker of Keeneland Track is calling the races.

The Great Midwest Trot and Pace remain the fair's signature events, having been held annually since 1953.

Tuesday's events begin with the sheep show at 6 p.m.

Action is guaranteed at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Flat Track Drag Racing. This is an open event for any type of automobile and there is a racing class for anyone who wishes to participate with cash prizes and trophies. The classes are motorcycles on and off-road, all-terrain vehicles, utility terrain vehicles, two-wheel drive cars, and stock and modified two-wheel drive trucks and four-wheel drive trucks. For more information contact Dustin Bishop at 217-264-4539.

More livestock shows are featured Wednesday. At 4 p.m. is the dairy show, 4:30 p.m. is the swine show and 6 p.m. is the open speed show and barrel racing.

Trucks with great pulling power compete in front of the grandstands at 7 p.m. Wednesday. The truck pull features competitors in five different classes with cash prizes. For more information contact

Randy Stephens at 217-232-4512.

Thursday kicks off with the beef show at 6 p.m. followed by the ever-popular tractor pulls. Tractors of every size, age and condition will compete to see what driver and machine can pull a weighted sled the farthest on the dirt track. Cash prizes will be awarded and for more information contact Stephens at 217-232-4512.

The most well attended event of the fair is the Barnyard Scramble at 7 p.m. Friday. Children are encouraged to participate to try to catch a bunny, chicken, pig or goat. Children 3-5 years old will compete to catch bunnies and chickens. The young children do not need to preregister for the event.

Older children will race to catch and hold larger barnyard animals. Six through 12-year-olds will try to catch pigs while 4- to 10-year-olds compete to catch goats. Those participants must register online at [www.martinsvilleagfair.com/information](http://www.martinsvilleagfair.com/information) or the fair secretary's office before 4 p.m. the day of the event. The participants must check-in at 6 p.m. on the track near the secretary's office.

Saturday is filled with additional equine events. The junior horse and pony show is at 9 a.m. Saturday. At the same time, 9 a.m., is the goat show.

The fair ends with a big bang on Saturday, when the demolition derby and fireworks close out the Martinsville Agricultural Fair.

For additional information and the complete fair book information visit [www.martinsvilleagfair.com](http://www.martinsvilleagfair.com).

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# Fighting foliar disease requires diligence

With our seemingly new weather pattern of cool wet springs, foliar diseases are becoming more noticeable. Fortunately, the problem is more cosmetic than seriously harmful to leaves and the plants on which they grow.

When conditions are right, in this case, extended periods of cooler, wetter weather, the spores of fungal diseases have a longer period to travel.

This results in infecting more leaves and setting in motion the lifecycles that result in more spores for next year.

There is not much the homeowner can do. Trees are usually too large to spray with fungicides, but smaller shrubs may benefit. Fungicides are preventive so once you notice a problem, it is too late.

If you consistently have a plant that is infected every year, the first application should be when the leaves first start to appear, and the flower buds begin to swell. Treatment may need to be repeated one or two more times. By summer the treatment period has passed.

Often more effective than spraying is good sanitation. Remove all the leaves from beneath the infected tree every fall.

Spores travel on the wind, so remove the leaves from your yard in landscape waste bags or burn them in areas that don't prohibit open burning.

If the problem is severe, also change out the old mulch for a new batch in case the spores are over-wintering in the old ground cover.

Summer phlox (Phlox paniculata) is a popular perennial growing in gardens across Illinois, the U.S. and Europe. Blooming in summer, hence the common name, it is not to be confused with creeping phlox, the ground cover spring bloomer.

Being native to America, it was brought to Europe in the mid-1700s by botanist John Bertram.

Europe, being the gardening mecca it is, bred many new cultivars, 30 or 40 of which made their way back to America in 1844 thanks to a Boston nurseryman Charles Mason Hovey. Americans continued to breed even more cultivars, and there are more than 500 cultivars existing today.

The Edgar County Extension Master Gardeners can be reached at 217-465-8585. Give us a call if you need some advice with a gardening problem.

(Jan Phipps is a master gardener and a member of the University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Edgar County. Email her at janhipps@gmail.com.)



JAN PHIPPS  
MASTER GARDENER

# Kansas high school FFA takes the lead

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KANSAS — A slate of Kansas High School FFA members has captured the majority of offices for FFA Section 18 with Jackson Ehlers, president; McKinsey Tate, secretary; J.T. Clore, reporter; and Kathryn Ehlers, treasurer.

FFA advisor Amanda Gough said it is unusual for one chapter to provide so many section officers — especially a chapter as small as the one at Kansas.

“When they found out there was a need, they all stepped up,” Gough said.

Tate, Clore and Jackson Ehlers are return officers having served a term before the recent section election. Tate and Clore retained their respective posts as secretary and reporter. Ehlers went from vice president to president.

Being a section officer adds an extra layer of responsibility and more work to their FFA careers, but all see it as worthwhile because of the

growth potential with the experience.

Katheryn Ehlers acknowledged she was not fully active in the Kansas chapter while she was an eighth-grade member but recognized the benefits of serving as an officer after she got to high school.

“I wanted to grow in leadership skills,” she said.

Tate added serving last year as a section officer provided real-time experience in understanding how big FFA is. Beyond the section level is the state organization and then the national.

“We (Kansas FFA) are a small chapter,” said Tate, noting that being small is insular and may prevent members from gaining a bigger picture view. “I never realized, FFA is really big.”

Part of the big-picture experience is the need for section officers to visit each FFA chapter in the two-county, Edgar and Vermilion, Section 18.

“If you just stay with the chapter, you don't see oth-



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

These Kansas High School FFA members hold the majority number of officer positions for Section 18 — a two-county area of schools in Edgar and Vermilion counties. Left to right: Jackson Ehlers, president; McKinsey Tate, secretary; J.T. Clore, reporter; and Kathryn Ehlers, treasurer.

ers so much,” said Jackson Ehlers. “We go to the different chapters to see events and visit.”

His world will get a bit bigger this summer because as section president he will attend the corn conference in Washington.

Clore is looking beyond the section level and his senior year to run for a state office.

“I'm not setting state officer as a life goal, but it is something I will try,” said Clore.

Serving at that level is a major commitment to FFA.

Gough explained state officers generally take a gap year between high school and college to serve so they delay the start of college by one-year.

She added running for section officer is not something she as an advisor requires of See FFA, Page 6B

## COVER CROPS NOT ENOUGH TO IMPROVE SOIL AFTER DECADES OF CORN



Special to The Prairie Press

A new study questions whether using cover crops helps to improve soil health. Here, soybeans are planted into a cereal rye cover crop.

# Generations of crops

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

URBANA — Although about 20% of Illinois cropping systems are planted to continuous corn, it's nearly impossible to find fields planted this way for decades at a time. Yet long-term experiments like one at the University of Illinois, including more than 40 years of continuous corn under different nitrogen fertilizer rates, provide incredible learning opportunities and soil management lessons for researchers and farmers alike.

That's particularly true for studies of the soil microbiome, including two led by Nakian Kim, a doctoral graduate from the Department of Crop Sciences at U of I. For Kim, the long-term experiment provided a unique, biologically stable setting to explore baselines and observe microbial responses to the inclusion of cover crops, a change in management introduced in 2018 and supported by a USDA-NIFA award to Maria Villamil's team.

Importantly, Kim found short-term use of cover crops can't undo decades of soil microbial dynamics in response to continuous corn and heavy nitrogen fertilizer use.

“In the Midwest, our soils are healthy and resilient, but we shouldn't overesti-



Special to The Prairie Press

A cereal rye cover crop grows in a row of corn stalks. A new study at the University of Illinois questions whether the use of cover crops improves soil health.

mate them. A soil under unsustainable practices for too long might reach an irreversible threshold,” Kim said.

In his first study, published in Agronomy, Kim characterized shifts in microbial communities at the genus level, a far higher taxonomic resolution than previous studies. The more detailed view of the microbial community revealed indicator genera representing critical aspects of soil health and function.

“Most studies have looked at the microbes very generally, at the phylum level. But even a single phylum may have incredibly vast microbial diversity. Analysis at such levels could not provide insights with enough details, so I looked deeper,” Kim said. “Genus-level responses or stasis can tell us how a soil and its microbial community are responding to soil management practices.”

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# Farmers know tick risks, slow to take action

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

URBANA — Ticks, once limited to the northeast region of the United States, are making a westward migration across the U.S. and with them, tickborne diseases that cost the healthcare system up to \$1.3 billion a year to treat. Exposure to ticks can happen anywhere — from backyards to parks to agricultural fields.

Agricultural workers who spend significant time outdoors are at great risk for exposure to ticks. Ticks are considered vectors since they carry diseases they transmit to other organisms.

In the first year of a two-year study by University of Illinois researchers and Illinois Extension professionals, three prevalent tick species in Illinois were studied: deer tick, American dog tick, and Lone star tick. Diseases associated with ticks include Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted fever, Powassan virus, anaplasmosis, tularemia, ehrlichiosis, heartland virus and Alpha-gal syndrome.

Based on previous studies, researchers want to better understand the level of knowledge and prevention practices used by farm staff.

Initial results were collected through an online survey. The survey is available at go.illinois.edu/ticks and allows participants to record the number and types of ticks they find, as well as their overall knowledge on the prevention of tick bites.

Of those responding to date, 36% of farmworkers indicate they have a low level of knowledge about ticks, said Sulagna Chakraborty, ecology, evolution, and conservation biology doctorate candidate at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and researcher for the project.

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her students, but she also does not discourage it.

"When I see students with potential, I try to push them to do more," said Gough. "Some kids have poise and are well-spoken. Others need more polish."

Science teacher Jennifer Staley is active with the Kansas FFA program. She said even though having the majority of section officers from one school is unusual, it does not convey any special advantages to the Kansas Chapter. The benefit is more subtle.

"It's not much of a boost for the chapter, but it shows the other kids what is possible," said Staley.

## CROPS

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For example, he found both long-term fertilization and cover crops favored microbes that could increase the risk of nitrous oxide emissions. Meanwhile, cover crops also enhanced soil biodiversity, as microbes with more diverse niches and functions were associated with this practice. Details like these, especially that cover crops can have both positive and negative effects on soil microbes, may have been missed with the broader microbial analyses of the past.

In a second study, published in *Frontiers in Microbiology*, Kim focused on nitrogen cycling by identifying microbial functional genes in soil, rather than characterizing microbes themselves.

"Applying a lot of nitrogen

fertilizers definitely disrupted nitrogen cycling communities," Kim said. "Ammonia-oxidizing archaea decreased significantly with fertilization, but bacteria were not that responsive. Within denitrification communities, those harboring the nitrite-reducing *nirK* gene were not as sensitive, while others with the *nirS* gene were negatively affected."

Kim found two years of cover crops had no impact on microbes' rates of potential nitrification and denitrification, indirect indicators of nitrate leaching and nitrous oxide emission.

"If a system is exposed to disruption of nitrogen-cycling microbial communities long enough, it may develop resistance to conservation practices," Kim said.

In other words, two years of

cover cropping may not have been enough to undo the damage of 36 years of continuous corn and nitrogen fertilizer application. But Kim is keen to test the effects of longer-term cover crop management.

Villamil, professor in the Department of Crop Sciences and co-author on both papers, said, "Our Midwestern soils are resilient in ways that we might not have anticipated. A closer scrutiny reveals microbial communities are reacting dynamically to unsustainable practices and adapting to the resulting soil conditions. Reverting these changes may take tremendous effort and time, and cover cropping should be one of many strategies we deploy to increase the spatial and temporal diversity of our agricultural systems to protect our soils and our future on this planet."

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## Luth named Farm Credit Agricultural Scholar



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Colby Luth of Hume was recognized recently as the recipient of one of 30 Farm Credit scholarships. The presentations were made Thursday, June 2, at the Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham. Pictured, from left are Aaron Johnson, FCI President and CEO; Colby Luth, scholarship recipient and Julie Crippin, FCI Paris office representative.

### SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Colby Luth, of Hume, was recognized as one of 30 members of the class of 2022 Farm Credit agriculture scholars during a luncheon at Thelma Keller Convention Center in Effingham Thursday, June 2.

Each scholar receives \$2,000 from FCI to pursue a degree within the field of agriculture. Recipients were selected from 117 applicants throughout Central and Southern Illinois by a panel of judges in the agriculture industry.

This fall Luth will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study crop sciences with hopes to return to his family farm. He is the

son of Brad and Stacy Luth of Hume.

"Farm Credit Illinois is proud to invest in tomorrow's agricultural leaders," said Rod Agill, vice president of marketplace engagement for FCI. "These scholars will support our mission of Helping Farm Families Succeed by applying their passion for agriculture in careers that shape the future of the industry and Rural America."

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## Free berry growing workshop in Ridge Farm

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DANVILLE — The Vermilion County Master Gardeners are offering a free workshop on growing berries 6 p.m. June 21 at Walt's Acres, 800 North Orchard Street, Ridge Farm. The program includes information about strawberries, raspberries, blueberries, blackberries, gooseberries and currants.

Master Gardener Walter Deck is known for his inno-

vative gardening methods, elaborate raised beds and beekeeping. He is also skilled at growing different types of berries.

Deck will cover site preparation including proper soil conditions, water requirements, weed management and mulch, seasonal care like pruning and what varieties grow best in East Central Illinois.

Participants are welcome to view Walt's garden, beehives, small orchard, perennial flow-

er beds and greenhouse. It is recommended people bring a chair for the presentation and wear comfortable clothing and shoes for walking through the garden.

The program is free but pre-registration is required to prepare handouts. Register by calling 217-442-8615 or online at the Vermilion County Extension Master Gardener website <https://go.illinois.edu/BackyardBerriesMGWalterDeck>.

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Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

PARIS	<div>Source of Drinking Water</div> <div>The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.</div> <div>Contaminants that may be present in source water include: - Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife. - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming. - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems. - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.</div>	Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.
IL0450300		In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.
Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2021		Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.
This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.		Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
The source of drinking water used by PARIS is Ground Water		If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead">http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead</a> .
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Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Water	Report Status	Location
WELL 1 (01640)	GW	ACTIVE	1 N INDIANA
WELL 2 (01641)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA
WELL 3 (01930)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA
WELL 4 (01931)	GW	ACTIVE	LOCATED IN INDIANA

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 217-264-3749. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: PARIS The source water assessment for this system has not yet been completed by the Illinois EPA. EPA is required to complete source water assessments for all public water supplies, when this assessment becomes available we will summarize the results and incorporate the information into this report.

2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions: Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety. Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.									
Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination	
Copper	07/08/2020	1.3	1.3	0.14	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.	
Lead	07/08/2020	0	15	1.1	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions:	The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.
Avg:	Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
Level 1 Assessment:	A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.
Level 2 Assessment:	A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.
Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL:	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG:	The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL:	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG:	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Water Quality Test Results

na:	not applicable.
mrem:	millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body)
ppb:	micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
ppm:	milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
Treatment Technique or TT:	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2021	0.9	0.8 - 1	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2021	1	1.48 - 1.48	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	12	12.41 - 12.41	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Barium	2021	0.072	0.072 - 0.072	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	2021	0.398	0.398 - 0.398	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen]	2021	1	1.3 - 1.3	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.
Selenium	2021	2.3	2.3 - 2.3	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	2021	47	47 - 47			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Combined Radium 226/228	07/11/2017	0.508	0.508 - 0.508	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.





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FRI., June 10th 9-5  
SAT., June 11th 9-12  
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FRI., June 10th 9-2  
SAT., June 11th 8-12  
Multi Family! Primitives, Home Decor, Little Girls Clothes sizes 3-5T, Women's Clothes M-2X - Maurice's and American Eagle, Shoes, Houseware, Too Much To List! NRFA

**426 W. Madison St., Paris**  
SAT., June 11th 7am-2pm  
Large Multi Family Sale!  
Furniture, bookshelves large and small, bedside tables, garage work bench, small dresser, single Jenny Lind bed frame. 50-gallon Aquarium on wood stand, large teachers' desk from old PHS, antique white enamel topped table. Lots of home décor, Americana, pillows, blankets, baskets, mirrors, lamps, framed art, Coca Cola glasses. Women's 2X, XL clothes, men's clothes, medium to XL. Lots of nice young men's name-brand athletic clothes. Jewelry, VHS movies, books, beauty shop items, curling irons. Lots of fun miscellaneous! Old cigar boxes, lots of Paris Advertising items, yard sticks, key chains, Metal film reels, tin boxes, Illini collectibles, full antique tackle box.

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH YARD SALE**  
**201 S. Main St., Paris**  
FRI., June 10th 2pm - 5pm  
SAT., June 11th 9am - 12pm  
Money Raised will be donated to the American Cancer Society!

**150 E. Wood St.**  
In Front of The Good Stuff Shop!  
FRI., June 10th 8-12  
SAT., June 11th 8-12  
Tons of good stuff! Clothes, Home Decor, & Lots of MISC. items!

**310 E. Madison, Paris**  
FRI., June 10th 8-2  
SAT., June 11th 8-2  
MISC. ITEMS!!

**302 W. Van Buren, Paris**  
FRI., June 17th 9-5 & SAT., June 18th 9-12  
Toys, Kitchen Stuff, Crafts, Beach Decor, Women's Size 8-3X, Men's Lg., Jr. Girls Name Brand, Queen Head & Foot Board.  
Tyler Whitesell & Friends

**318 W. Garfield, Paris**  
FRI., June 17th 3pm-6pm  
Ertl Diecast Collectibles, Luggage, Winter Coats, Pillows, Sewing Machine, Table Lamps, Christmas Items, Ice Cream Maker, Fireplace Insert & Tools, Power Tools, Craftsman Creeper, Char-Broil Grill. NO EARLY SALES.

**635 E. Union, Paris**  
FRI., June 17th 9-5  
SAT., June 18th 9-1  
Clothes, Shoes, Decor, Dishes, Car T-Shirts & Pictures, Tools, Kid's Table/Chair Set, Computer, TV, & Misc. NRFA

**402 E. Van Buren, Paris**  
SAT., June 11th 9-?  
Men's, Ladie's, and Girl's Clothing, Hot Wheels, Misc. Items.  
NRFA. Shanks & Strow

HELP WANTED

**Help Wanted** Kansas CUSD #3 is looking for an assistant cook for the 22-23 school year. The duties would include preparing breakfast and lunch daily for Kansas Schools and TLC. Required certification is necessary. The district can help with the certification process.

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**House For Rent**  
2 BDRM House in Paris.  
Stove, Refrigerator, Central AC.  
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**2 & 3 Bdrm. Mobile Home**  
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217-463-8800, leave msg.

APARTMENTS

**Apartment for rent**  
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217-264-9634

**Greentrees Retirement Villa** in Paris, IL is taking applications for a one bedroom apartment with a washer/dryer. Applicant must be 62 and older or 18 and older with a disability. Rent is based on income. Pet friendly! One month rent free. Call (309) 673-2252 for more information.

**Apartment for Rent**  
712 E. Wood Street, Paris  
Clean 2BR.  
Off Street Parking  
Appliances, Water, & Internet Included.  
Great for the retired.  
No Pets. \$550/MO.  
217-251-9365

**Apartment for Rent**  
2BR.,1BA. Apartment in Chrisman. \$500 Rent/\$500 Deposit. Absolutely no pets. Trash & Lawn Care provided. Utilities must be in your name. Good work history and no evictions. Contact Colten. 217-251-5918

MISCELLANEOUS

**WANTED**  
Cars, Trucks, Vans. Paying top dollar .Any condition. Call for pricing  
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**FOR SALE**  
D-28 Martin Herringbone!  
See at 614 Liberty St., Paris

LEGALS

**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**NO. 2022TX14**

To: Tommy Bryan; Mary Bryan; RK Petroleum Corp.; State of Illinois Dept of Revenue; State of Illinois, Kwame Raoul, Attorney General; James Trogdon ; Jack Ross; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: Elbridge Township Farmland, No 911 Address, Edgar County, IL  
Property Index No. 04-20-32-200-004  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180025

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Paris, Illinois on November 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM before Judge Garst, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

Angela L. Tucker, Esq.  
JICTB, Inc.  
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100  
Champaign, IL 61821

**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**NO. 2022TX19**

To: Julia Miller; Spouse of Julia Miller; Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC; Robert Miller; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties

claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:  
700 Charlotte, Paris, IL  
Property Index No. 09-18-01-481-005  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180152

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

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**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**NO. 2022TX18**

To: Trust Agreement dated October 19, 2001 a/k/a Trust No. 455-502; Prospect Bank; Sadeddin Malovski a/k/a Sam Malovski; Rabije Malovski a/k/a Rabye Malovski; State of Illinois Dept of Revenue; State of Illinois, Kwame Raoul, Attorney General; Hawkeye Foodservice Distribution, Inc.; Jennifer Rhoads; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 430 W Carroll, Paris, IL  
Property Index No. 09-18-01-354-004  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180135

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

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**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**NO. 2022TX17**

To: Ethan Fitzsimmons; Spouse of Ethan Fitzsimmons; Sara Fitzsimmons; Spouse of Sara Fitzsimmons; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:  
423 W Carroll, Paris, IL  
Property Index No. 09-18-01-351-014  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180130

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Paris, Illinois on November 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM before Judge Garst, or whomever may be

sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

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**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CASE NO. 2022TX16**

To: John O'Bannon; Spouse of John O'Bannon; Prospect Bank; State of Illinois Dept of Revenue; State of Illinois, Kwame Raoul, Attorney General; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:  
426 W Madison, Paris, IL  
Property Index No. 09-18-01-305-005  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180126

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Paris, Illinois on November 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM before Judge Garst, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

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Champaign, IL 61821

**TAKE NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**CASE NO. 2022TX15**

To: Estate of Laura Miller, deceased; Winfred Miller; Ronald Miller; Nick Esparza a/k/a Dimas Esparza; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Laura Miller, deceased; Estate of Paul Miller, deceased; Paul Miller II; Amanda Miller a/k/a Amanda Floyd; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Paul Miller, deceased; Estate of Charles Miller, deceased; Sheila Wenndt; Erick Miller; Unknown Heirs/Devises of Charles Miller, deceased; State of Illinois, Kwame Raoul, Attorney General; State of Illinois Dept of Healthcare and Family Services; Sherry Miller; August Griffin, Edgar County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 705 Maple, Paris, IL  
Property Index No. 09-13-35-486-004  
Tax Sale Certificate No. 180075

This property was sold on October 24, 2019 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2018. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2022.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 6, 2022. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Paris, Illinois on November 15, 2022 at 1:30 PM before Judge Garst, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, Inc., Petitioner

Angela L. Tucker, Esq.  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS - IN PROBATE**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PAUL M. ROSSER, Deceased No. 2022PR19**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of PAUL M. ROSSER, of Paris, Illinois. Letters of office were

issued on May 16, 2022, to ALICIA M. LEE, 10095 E 400th Rd, 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 Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 28, 2022, (six (6) months from the date of the first publication), and any claims not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED: May 23, 2022  
ALICIA M. LEE  
Representative

By: RICHARD L. JAMES  
Attorney  
#1323156  
RICHARD L. JAMES  
Attorney at Law  
328 N Central, P. O. Box 820

Paris, IL 61944  
Telephone No. 217/465-2529  
rlj@rjameslaw.com

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGERY LYNN COOK, Deceased NO. 2022PR20**

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS**

Notice is given of the death of MARGERY LYNN COOK, of Metcalf, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on May 16, 2022, to ELIZABETH DUNNING, 6777 Lexington Circle, Zionsville, IN 46077, whose attorney is RICHARD L. JAMES, 328 N Central, P.O. Box 820, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 28, 2022, (six (6) months from the date of the first publication), and any claims not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.  
DATED: May 23, 2022  
ELIZABETH DUNNING  
Representative

By:RICHARD L. JAMES  
Attorney  
#1323156  
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**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY**

**FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. VINCENT S. TAPLEY, TIFFANY N. TAPLEY, CITIBANK, NA, UNKNOWN OWNERS And NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

**2022FC10**

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION**

NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS of the real estate described in the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above-entitled cause, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206; 5/2-207 and 5/15-1502 that the above-entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said Court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants, VINCENT S. TAPLEY, TIFFANY N. TAPLEY, CITIBANK, NA, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, is July 6, 2022. You are further notified: A.The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above. B.The Court in which the action was brought is identified above. C.The name of the titleholder of record is VINCENT S. TAPLEY and TIFFANY N. TAPLEY D.A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is:

A parcel of land being a part of the South 24.94 acres of even width of that part of the Fractional



South Half of Section 28, Township 14 North, Range 10 West of the 2nd Principal Meridian, lying in the State of Illinois, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pin at the Southwest corner of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 09 seconds East, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28, a distance of 1405.55 feet to the Point of Beginning, thence North 00 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds West, 233.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 89 degrees 57 minutes 09 seconds East, a distance of 224.00 feet to an iron pin and the Illinois-Indiana State Line; thence South 00 degrees 15 minutes 30 seconds East, along said State Line, a distance of 233.00 feet to the South line of the Southwest Quarter of said Section 28 and a found iron pin; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 09 seconds West, a distance of 224.00 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 1.2 acres, more or less.

Together with a Water Well Easement being 5 feet each side of the existing Water Well and Service Waterline, said Water Well being located 108 feet West of the West property line of the aforementioned 1.2 acres.

All according to the Plat of Survey dated March 20, 2009 and recorded March 30, 2009 as Document No. 200900000879 made by Richard A. Knight, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 2845.

In Edgar County, Illinois. E.A common address or description of the location of the real estate is: 23245 East 1000th Road, Paris, Illinois 61944

F.Identification of the mortgages sought to be foreclosed: Real estate mortgage dated May 3, 2010, from VINCENT S. TAPLEY and TIFFANY N. TAPLEY as Mortgagor to FIRST FINANCIAL BANK, NA, as Mortgagee recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Edgar County, Illinois, on May 4, 2010 as Document No. 201000000898.

S/ ANGELA R. BARRETT cdk Clerk of the Circuit Court

Prepared by: William G. Heap, Reg. # 3124390 WEBER, HEAP, AYRES & GREENE, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 122 South Van Buren Street PO Box 7 Newton, IL 62448 (618) 783-8471 newton@whag.law

Tax Deed No. 2022 TX 39 Filed 5-31-22

DARREN GOSNELL, JENNIFER GOSNELL, EDGAR COUNTY CLERK, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS, THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. This is Notice of the filing of the Petition for tax deed on the following property : LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND /or PIN 09-13-35-479-002 S35 T14 R12 W 1/2 SE SE LOTS 6 & 7 BLK 4 A B HENRYS ADD LOT 96X 154=14784 On 9-29-2022 at 10am the Petitioner intends to make application for a Tax Deed Real Estate was sold on Oct 24, 2019 for general taxes of the year of 2018. The period of Redemption will expire on September 24,2022 at 4:00 PM Stephen R Castleman

Tax Deed No. 2022 TX 38 Filed 5-31-22

TRACY LUSTER, EDGAR COUNTY CLERK, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS, THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. This is Notice of the filing of the Petition for tax deed on the following described property : LEGAL DESCRIPTION AND /or PIN 09-18-01-106-010 S1 T13 R12 SUBLOT 17 EX W 65 ' OF ADM SD LOT 41 SUTHERLAND & OTHER ADD On 9-29-2022 at 10am the Petitioner intends to make application for a Tax Deed Real Estate was sold on Oct 24, 2019 for general taxes of the year of 2018. The period of Redemption will expire on September 24,2022 at 4:00 PM Stephen R Castleman

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Electric Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 1

To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or the Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on June 1, 2022, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (Commission) proposed changes in its rates and charges for approved Energy Efficiency and Demand-Response Measures (EDR) throughout its territory in Illinois pursuant to its Rider Energy Efficiency and Demand Response Investment (Rider EE) tariff in Docket No. 22-0369. The changes to Rider EE are applicable to Ameren Illinois Rate

Zones I, II and III. A copy of the proposed change in schedule may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/. Customers should be advised that the Commission may alter or otherwise amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings are held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by Ameren Illinois. All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY d/b/a Ameren Illinois By: Richard J. Mark, President & CEO

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 1, 2021, 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:

DAYI CONSTRUCTION

Located at: 803 Vance St. Paris. IL 61944

Owner(s): Dalton Levi Maus

Dated: May 31, 2022

August Griffin Edgar County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE

All personal property currently stored in Unit #1, 6, and 12 of Big T Storage LLC. Located at Cherry Point Street, Paris IL 61944 rented to Donna Entrican, shall be sold or otherwise disposed of pursuant to the Self Storage Act at 9:00 am on June 25, 2022 at the above location.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of HAZEL JOAN ERWIN, No. Deceased. 2022-PR-23

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of

Hazel Joan Erwin. Letters of Office were issued on June 6, 2022, to Paul A. Ike, 567 IL HWY 1, Marshall, IL 62441 as Independent Executor whose attorney is Karen L. Burkybile, 15175 US HWY 150, Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both on or before December 11, 2022, (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. Dated this 6th day of June, 2022.

Paul A. Ike, Representative Karen L. Burkybile Attorney at Law 15175 US HWY 150 Paris, IL 61944 (217) 465-5525 kburkybile@frontier.com

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on JUNE 9, 2022\_ 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:

EDGAR COUNTY ABSTRACT REPORTING SERVICE

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Dated: JUNE 9, 2022

August Griffin Edgar County Clerk

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