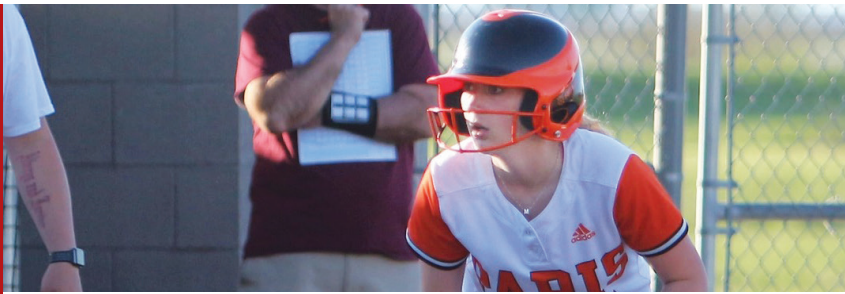


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Shiloh wants school resource officer

BY ROBBY TUCKER
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HUME — With the school year drawing to a close, members of the Shiloh Community Unit School District 1 school board discussed a number of changes, updates and the upcoming restructuring of the board during a Monday, April 17, meeting.

Attempts to hire a dedicated school resource officer, pay raises and a multi-phase tech refresh headlined the meeting.

District 1 Superintendent Bill Myers briefed the board concern-

ing his ongoing effort to acquire a resource officer for the Shiloh school building. After speaking with the district's lawyer and the Edgar County Board, Myers believes the acquisition could potentially happen.

"I think the wheels are moving in the right direction," he said.

Kansas recently hired a school resource officer (SRO). SROs are sworn police officers and must complete a designated course before beginning work.

SROs are imbued with all police powers, including the ability to

make arrests if needed.

The Shiloh school board tried to hire an SRO previously, but efforts stopped when schools went to remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. Still, the board is pushing forward to find a candidate who can balance security responsibilities with student interaction.

"The right candidate will want to help kids with grades... we're going to see who cares," said Myers.

The district is also on the hunt for a new social worker. Myers indicated he will recruit the help of the Douglas County Public Health

Department and the Edgar County Public Health Department if a hire is not made before the next board meeting.

Pay raises were discussed extensively over the course of the meeting. After a 6% raise to the superintendent's salary was approved in a brief pre-meeting, Myers informed the board of a request for raises across the board from the kitchen staff.

The request comes prior to a state-mandated wage increase arriving in 2024, and a second increase scheduled for 2025. Currently, the kitchen staff is paid \$13

per hour — the request asks for a \$2 increase to bring kitchen staff salaries into line with pay for Shiloh's custodians.

Myers hopes to offer compensation that reflects the staff's performance.

"I'm very happy with our food service and what they have to offer," said Myers.

The board will vote on how to proceed with the raises at the next meeting.

Technology was also a hot topic at the meeting.

» SHILOH, 8A

PARIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT HAS NEW LEADER FOLLOWING REORGANIZATION



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Rick Eastham is chief of the Paris Community Fire Protection District. The district trustees worked on a reorganization plan in 2022 putting the Vermilion, Oliver, Grandview and Redmon stations of the fire protection district under one chief who is responsible for all administrative details, among other duties. It is a full-time, paid position and Eastham is the first district-wide chief.

Eastham breaking new ground as chief

BY GARY HENRY
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The Paris Community Fire Protection District is going through a restructuring that started in late 2022 and became official in 2023.

"We were approaching it as a district with four separate departments, but in reality, we are one department in four locations," said new District Chief Rick Eastham.

The Paris Community Fire Protection District covers a large part of Edgar County, and has stations located in the villages of Vermilion, Oliver, Grandview and Redmon. Eastham has devoted 45 years of his life to the fire service and that time has been spent at the Vermilion Station — until now.

As part of the reorganization, the fire district trustees hired him as district chief, and he started



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Rick Eastham brings 45 years of experience in the fire service to his new role as Chief of the Paris Community Fire Protection District. He is the first individual to hold the district-wide chief's post following a trustees' reorganization of the district eliminating chiefs at the Vermilion, Oliver, Grandview and Redmon stations.

that role in January. Each station now has a captain and lieutenant in charge of the day-to-day management of the volunteer locations with Eastham responsible for all administrative functions.

"It's something I personally wanted for the last four or five years," said Scott Ingram, who is president of the fire district trustees.

He explained as training requirements and other regulations became more stringent for volunteers, it grew increasingly difficult for trustees to oversee the more detailed management obligations. As a result, Ingram saw the value in having a full-time chief.

"Rick has taken a load off the trustees," said Ingram.

"He gets stuff ready for the trustees to do."

The real impetus for change came in 2022 following a Department of Labor audit of the fire district. Ingram said the audit revealed the district and individual stations were not complying with mandatory training requirements and paperwork was not getting completed as it should.

"Luckily, we didn't get a fine, but we were warned somebody needs to be responsible," Ingram said.

He added the audit opened a lot of eyes to the need for a change. With the audit's recommendations in hand, the trustees set about redoing the organization. Change is hard but Ingram said any resistance dissipated once all involved understood the need and the goal.

» EASTHAM, 8A

Chrisman denounces bullying

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CHRISMAN — The Chrisman Board of Education meeting Monday, April 17, was dominated by parent concerns.

"There is bullying going on in the school," said Chrisman resident Pam Lucas. "The school isn't aware of all that is going on."

Lucas is worried for her child and attended the board meeting to make everyone aware of just how serious the bullying is getting.

"Someone out of town approached us and said my son was on a hitlist," Lucas said. "I am not sure if it is a current list or an old list, but my son does not want to return to school."

Chrisman Junior High/High School Principal Nicole Cox assured all the safety of every student is a top concern.

"The safety and well-being of all our students in the number one priority for us as a district," said Cox. "Over the last two school years the district has spent upwards of \$40,000 on security upgrades including new camera systems, vaping sensors that also alert to disturbances in locker rooms and restrooms and other security upgrades."

Parents and students in attendance were assured the administration is working to resolve issues happening at school.

"When it is here at school, we do all we can within our ability," said interim superintendent Jim Acklin. "When it happens off school property you need to get the law involved. Not just once but every time."

Chrisman resident Shane Dunkerly addressed another issue.

"It was brought to my attention today that there is a registered sex offender being allowed to attend school sports functions," said Dunkerly. "I don't believe it is right and shouldn't be allowed."

» CHRISMAN, 8A



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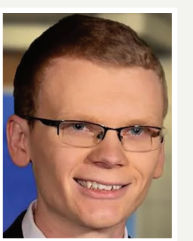
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Paris Area Weather

TODAY - Isolated showers early, then mostly cloudy breezy and cool with highs near 50.
SUNDAY - Partly sunny with highs once again below average in the lower 50s.
MONDAY - Morning frost, then mostly sunny and a little warmer with highs in the upper 50s.

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High/Low 65°/43°
Record High 88° in 1925
Record Low 24° in 1936
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Month to date 1.52"
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Year to date 13.18"
Normal year to date 11.61"

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TUESDAY 5:59 a.m. 7:38 p.m. 9:39 a.m. 12:47 a.m.
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FRIDAY 5:55 a.m. 7:41 p.m. 12:39 p.m. 2:50 a.m.

PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY

SCHWARTZ PARK CLEANUP
Celebrate Earth Day with the Edgar County Master Gardeners with a 9 a.m. April 22 cleanup project in Schwartz Park, Paris. The goal is removing invasive plants, weeding, trimming and picking up sticks and other debris.

SUNDAY

BICENTENNIAL PROGRAM
A special program celebrating the bicentennial of Edgar County and Paris is 2 p.m. April 23 at the Edgar County Historical Society. The program led by Roger Stanley looks at the beginnings of Edgar County and Paris. Historical reenactors will portray John and Isabella Edgar and Samuel Vance.

MONDAY

EDGAR COUNTY BOARD STUDY
The Edgar County Board meets at 9:30 a.m. April 24 at the Edgar County Highway Department for a study session and discussion.

PARIS CITY COUNCIL
The Paris City Council meets at 5:30 p.m. April 24 at city hall.

PARIS BEE QUILTERS GUILD MEETS
The Paris Bee Quilters Guild meets 6:30 p.m. April 24 at the Otterbein United Methodist church, 406 W. Washington St., Paris. Anyone

interested in quilting is welcome to attend. For more information call 217-822-4685

UPCOMING

CHRISMAN CITY COUNCIL MEETS
The Chrisman City Council meets at 7 p.m. May 1 in city hall.

IPHONE PHOTOGRAPH WORKSHOP
Tom Hebermehl is leading an iPhone photography workshop 6:30 p.m. May 1 at the 4-H Fairgrounds.

PARIS CITY COUNCIL
The Paris City Council meets 5:30 p.m. May 22 in city hall.

KANSAS VILLAGE MEETING
The Kansas Village Board meets at 7:30 p.m. May 3 in the village hall

QUILT ARTIST VISITS
Quilt artist Karen Anderson Edwards visits the Edgar County 4-H Fairgrounds 6 p.m., May 3, to discuss her art quilting pieces and explain the work behind them. This free program is sponsored by the Edgar County Home and Community Education (HCE) and the Paris Bee Quilters.

BEE WELL OF EDGAR COUNTY MEETS
The Bee Well of Edgar County coalition meets at 8 a.m. in Conference Room D at Horizon Health.

VFW CHICKEN AND NOODLE SUPPER
The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary is doing a chicken and noodle supper 5-7 p.m. May 4 at the post home. The menu includes chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, corn or green beans and white or wheat roll. Dessert is available for an extra charge. Proceeds from the meal assist the auxiliary with community projects.

CHRISMAN SPRING FLING
The Chrisman Spring Fling for May 5 features city-wide yard sales starting at 8 a.m.

WHITE VIOLET CENTER HOSTS PLANT SALE
The White Violet Center for Eco-Justice at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., is having a spring plant sale 11 a.m.-5 p.m., May 5 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. May 6. The selection includes organically grown vegetables, flowers and herbs. Call 812-535-2930 or email wvc@spsmw.org for more information.

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DOG OF THE MONTH



Lily is a female medium mix waiting for someone to take her home. Come and meet Lily today at the Edgar County Animal Shelter. She would love to go home with a new friend. She is approximately five years old, full of life and love and has a beautiful auburn color. Lily is house broken and will make a good inside pet. She is affectionate and playful, loves to be outside and go for walks, but she

is not especially fond of other dogs preferring to monopolize all the love from a human companion. She is current with all her shots, is microchipped and ready for a new home. Stop by the Edgar County Animal Shelter and meet Lily soon. She is sure to win your heart and be a forever companion. For more information, call Andrea at 217-466-9415 or visit the shelter at 1025 N. High St. in Paris.

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meets 5:30 p.m. May 10 at the school.

EDGAR COUNTY BOARD STUDY SESSION
The Edgar County Board study session is 9:30 a.m. May 8 at the Edgar County Highway Department.

KANSAS BOARD OF EDUCATION
The Kansas Board of Education meets 7 p.m. May 10 at the school.

HUME VILLAGE MEETING
The Hume Village Board meets 7 p.m. May 8 in the community center.

LUMINARIES CAN BE PURCHASED THROUGH MAY 5
Horizon Health's annual Twilight Walk honoring all nurses is 6 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn. The walk is free and is a tribute to all active, retired and deceased nurses. Participants can purchase a luminary for \$3 each to honor a nurse/ or nurses of their choice for display during the walk. Luminaries can be purchased at MyHorizonHealth.org/Twilight.

PARIS HIGH SCHOOL BOARD
The Paris Cooperative High School Board meets 7 p.m. May 8 in the school cafeteria.

SHILOH GRADUATION
The Shiloh High School graduation is 7 p.m. May 12.

PCHS SPECIAL HEARING
The Paris Cooperative High School Board is holding a special hearing 6 p.m. May 9 in the school cafeteria to discuss moving from the traditional valedictorian/ salutatorian honors model to a new approach.

CHRISMAN BOARD OF EDUCATION
The Chrisman Board of Education meets 6:30 p.m. May 15 at the junior high school.

EDGAR COUNTY BOARD
The Edgar County Board meets 9 a.m. May 10 in the courthouse

CHRISMAN CITY MEETING
The Chrisman City Council meets 7 p.m. May 15 at city hall.

CRESTWOOD SCHOOL BOARD
The Crestwood School Board

VFW MEAT LOAF DINNER
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B2B BACK TO BUSINESS
State Grants Available for Restaurants through Back to Business (B2B) Program

In order to support ongoing recovery efforts in industries hardest-hit by the pandemic, the State of Illinois has launched \$50 million grant funding to support restaurants. Applications will be open from April 5 to May 10, 2023

Here's What You Need to Know:

- Application opens on April 5, 2023
Grant awards between \$5,000-\$50,000 available
Open to restaurants, taverns, tasting and tap rooms, breweries, wineries, distilleries, food trucks and street vendors

Documents Needed to Apply:

- Business owner identification
Business tax forms for 2019, 2020, and 2021
Current license to serve food and/or drink

Key Eligibility Details:

- Must have 50 or fewer employees
Must have established business by March 12, 2020
Businesses that received state recovery funding through B2B, BIG, RRF or more than \$10,000 in local or state COVID-19 support are not eligible
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KANSAS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
The Kansas High School graduation is 4 p.m. May 20.

CHRISMAN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION
The Chrisman High School graduation is 2 p.m. May 21

EDGAR COUNTY BOARD STUDY SESSION
The Edgar County Board study session is 9:30 a.m. May 22 at the county highway department.

Marshall Library adding on

Marshall Library receives \$300,000 grant for new genealogy section

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MARSHALL - The Marshall Public Library has agreed to amalgamate the Clark County Genealogy Library collection into its operation thanks to a \$300,000 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA) grant which will allow the renovation of 2,000 square feet of space in the current

Marshall Library. "Our genealogy library will have access by elevator and staircase," said Marshall Library Director Alyson Thompson. "Besides the genealogy library itself, the new renovation will also include two full restrooms and a study room."

One year ago, the library was approached by the Clark County Genealogy Library

about acquiring the collection.

"This stemmed from our push to digitize newspapers, oral histories, local stories and photos," Thompson said.

The biggest obstacle standing in the library's way of acquiring the collection was space.

"I have wanted to renovate the upstairs for years," said Thompson. "I had to find the funding and with grant funding specifically for libraries declining it was a challenge."

Thompson applied for an ARPA Grant.

"The first time we reached out to a third party to apply for the grant. It was a \$2,500,000 project to



Marshall Public Library Director Alyson Thompson stands in the area to become the library's genealogy section thanks to a \$300,000 ARPA grant.



Part of the second floor of the Marshall Public Library has been used for storage. After the renovation is completed, this area will be part of the new genealogy section.



The Marshall Public Library first applied for a \$2.5 million dollar grant to renovate a 3,000 square-foot section on the library's second floor. The first application was denied.



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Worthington wins scholarship

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Every year Taco Bell awards three high school senior employees nationwide through the Live Más Scholarship Fund and Paris High School senior Seth Worthington was one of the \$10,000 scholarship recipients.

Taco Bell's Human Resource Partner Lacy Conder summed up the company's beliefs.

"These are the days we live for," said Conder. "Being able to award a young person with help to better their future is what we are about."

Worthington will attend Southern Illinois University at

Carbondale in the fall where he will study musical theater. He is not sure if continuing to work at Taco Bell while in school is feasible, but he holds the company in the highest regard.

"There is no better company to work for. Period," Worthington exclaimed.



Seth Worthington recently celebrated receiving a \$10,000 scholarship from Taco Bell. Pictured left to right are, Tabby Rollings, Lacy Conder, Heather Sutton, Scott Pletzke, Worthington and Frank Contreras.

"This is crazy. It really means a lot," said Worthington. "I didn't know I was going to get anything."

Friends, family and Taco Bell employees filled the dining room on Jasper Street Friday, April 14, to surprise Worthington with the secret many had kept from him.

"I am extremely proud of him," said Taco Bell General Manager Tabby Rollings. "It has been really hard not to tell him what's going on. I am not a good liar."

Worthington submitted a video scholarship application after being encouraged by Taco Bell Area Coach Frank Contreras.

"I really felt Seth had a great shot," said Contreras. "It's outstanding. It's a great feeling. I love it for my area and for the community. We have a winner."

Worthington's mother Heather Sutton was the first to congratulate him with a hug fighting back tears of joy.

"This is great. I have tremendous pride for him," said Sutton. "It's just unbelievable."

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Edgar County Circuit Court cases heard

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The following people were among those who had cases scheduled for the April 10 and the April 13 criminal and traffic calls in Edgar County Circuit Court:

IN CUSTODY

■ Rachel I. Augustus, 34, Redmon, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of cannabis by a driver. The public defender was appointed. Bond was set at \$3,000. The case was continued for the preliminary hearing and Augustus will remain in custody pending posting of bond.

■ Jessica A. Barnes, 36, Paris, appeared in custody. She was charged with a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice and a Class A misdemeanor obstruction of identification. Barnes was assigned to the public defender and the case was continued for the preliminary hearing. She was granted a personal recognizance bond and remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ Logan J. Biddle, 20, Paris, appeared in custody. Biddle was charged with two counts of a Class 2 felony aggravated battery and a Class 4 felony crim-

inal damage to property. Biddle received the public defender and bond was set at \$20,000. The case was continued for the preliminary hearing. Biddle was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence, and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Tyler M. Blackburn, 29, Paris, appeared in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. The state's motion to quash the warrant for his arrest for missing a previous court appearance was granted. The unresolved four counts of a Class 3 felony aggravated battery, a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing to a residence, a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection and a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charges were continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody of IDOC.

■ Perry L. Campbell, 48, Paris, was in custody. He was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed and a not guilty plea with a jury trial demand was entered. Bond was set at \$3,500, and the case was continued for a

pretrial conference. Campbell was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim or the victim's residence and his bond conditions include he is allowed to leave Illinois and enter Florida for employment purposes. Campbell was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Donald W. Cown, 49, Paris, was in custody of the IDOC. The Class 3 felony failure to report to a penal institution was continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to prison.

■ Shelly M. Entrican, 49, Paris, appeared in custody. Bond was reduced to \$5,000 from the original bond of \$10,000. The Class 2 felony burglary, a Class 3 felony aggravated battery, a Class 3 felony forgery, a Class B misdemeanor criminal trespassing charges were continued for a pretrial conference. In another matter, Entrican pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The case was continued for a pretrial conference. She was remanded to custody pending posting of the reduced bond.

■ Chad M. Heroux, 36, Chrisman, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 2 felony aggravated battery and received the public defender. A bond of \$5,000 was set and the case was continued for the preliminary hearing. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Bruce L. Hunt, 43, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. The unresolved two counts of a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, three counts of a Class 4 felony aggravated fleeing from police, Class 4 felony obstruction of justice and a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of drugs charges were continued for a pretrial conference. He will remain in custody pending bond posting.

■ Richard A. Kelly Jr., 20, Paris, was in custody. A fitness examination was ordered, and the case was continued for a fitness status hearing. His unresolved Class 1 felony criminal sexual assault charge

was continued. Kelly was remanded to custody.

■ Larry D. Lowry, 51, Paris, appeared in custody and his charges of a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class 4 felony possession of burglary tools and two counts of a Class A misdemeanor violating an order of protection were continued for the preliminary hearing. Lowry will remain in custody pending posting of bond.

■ Joseph Postelwait, no age provided, Newman, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 2 felony possession of a motor vehicle. The public defender was appointed. Bond was set at \$7,500 and the case was continued for the preliminary hearing. He will remain in custody pending posting of bond.

■ Kenneth W. Nicholson, 44, Paris, appeared in custody. Nicholson was charged with a Class 1 felony delivery of methamphetamine and a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine. The public defender was appointed, and bond was set at \$30,000. The case was continued for the preliminary hearing. Nicholson was remanded to custody pending bond posting.

■ Cody A. Rigdon, 33, Paris, was in custody and charged with a Class 2 felony theft of a motor vehicle. His case went to the public defender. Bond was set at \$4,000 and the case was continued for the preliminary hearing. He will remain in custody pending bond posting.

CHARGES

■ Kenneth E. Hovis, 58, Paris, was charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license revoked. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Sean M. Jennings, 39, Brocton, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Scott A. Trigalet, 41, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He indicated he will hire an attorney, and the case was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

GUILTY PLEAS

■ Colly W. Thomas, 42, Paris, entered a negotiated guilty plea to a Class 2 felony robbery charge with an agreed cap of four years in DOC. It was noted in court records the agreement is voided if Thomas violates his probation sentence for a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine concealed. The matter was continued for the sentencing hearing. In exchange for the guilty plea, the state dismissed a Class 3 felony aggravated battery, a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing, a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery, a Class A misdemeanor battery and a Class A misdemeanor violating a bail bond charges.

■ Zachary S. Hawes, 27, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident and was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and state fees.

■ Wesley H. Johnson, 39, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor revoked automobile license charge and was sentenced to a \$300 fine, court costs and state fees.

■ Kevin D. Kroneberger, 35, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class 2 felony burglary charge. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 62 days previously served with the remaining 118 days subject to stayed jail time with good conduct credit to apply, two years of probation, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees. Kroneberger was ordered to have no contact with Oliver Storage.

■ McKenzie R. Montgomery, 18, West Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge and was fined \$300, the court costs and state fees.

■ Justin Reedy, 35, Terre Haute, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class 2 felony possession of a stolen vehicle charge. Reedy was sentenced to 180 days in jail with credit for 86 days previously served with good conduct credit to apply, 30 months of probation, a \$700 fine, court costs and various state fees.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■ Scott W. Tingley, 65, Marshall, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class 2 felony possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe and a Class A misdemeanor canceled or revoked automobile registration charges. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ William Tresner, 38, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class C misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge. The case was continued for a pretrial conference.

OTHER MATTERS

■ Kenneth C. Cloyd Jr., 40, Paris, learned the state will not prosecute him for a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery and a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer charges. The case was closed.

■ Mallory E. Mason, 31, Marshall, was granted the motion to vacate judgment of conviction for a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of an intoxicating compound conviction. The state withdrew the petition to revoke her court supervision sentence for the conviction. The case was closed.

■ Eduardo Santoya, aka Humberto Mendez Gomez, 31, Chicago, failed to appear in court and is reported in federal custody. The state's motion was granted to not prosecute him for a Class 4 felony obstruction of justice, a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license and a Class A misdemeanor leaving the scene of an accident charges. The case was closed.

■ Owen K. Schiefelbein, 17, Paris, learned he will not be prosecuted for a Class A misdemeanor unlawful possession of cannabis charge.

WARRANTS

Warrants were prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Chad T. Labaume, 45, Paris, and Joshua L. Orman, 38, Terre Haute, Ind.

Strikes suspended at three universities

BY ANDREW ADAMS
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CHICAGO - Faculty at Governors State University ended a strike Monday, April 17, after being on the picket line for five days.

Governors State was one of three Illinois universities which saw a faculty strike in the past week and the last to see their strike end.

Union members at Chicago State University ended their 10-day strike on Sunday, April 16, and those at Eastern Illinois University ended their six-day strike April 13.

"This contract is a step towards strengthening our university and the support we can give our students, and it will contribute to attracting high-quality educators and retaining the excellent faculty and staff we have," GSU union president Mike Hart said in a statement on Thursday.

The university's administration shared the optimistic tone in a separate statement.

Governors State President Cheryl F. Green said the tentative contract is, "an agreement that recognizes the valuable contributions of the faculty and academic support professionals to the University while at the same time recognizing the University's fiscal realities."

Faculty returned to classes at Governors State on Tuesday, April 18.

CSU's strike was the longest at 10 days. Union members at CSU also held a sit-in protest in which representatives of the union sat inside the offices of CSU President Zaldwaynaka Scott. A video released by the union showed a university police officer re-

questing them to leave.

"Our members never wanted to strike, but being forced to do so has made us more unified and stronger than ever," CSU union president Valerie Goss said in a statement when the strike was suspended.

When the two sides reached a tentative agreement, the university released a statement saying the agreement accomplishes the goals of both parties and addresses a wide array of subjects, including wages, workload and parental leave.

At EIU in downstate Charleston, faculty have voted to end the strike, with a ratification vote set for April 25.

The strike ended despite the bargaining teams having some disagreement over end-of-strike terms. The union's bargaining team wanted a provision in the agreement that would have allowed professors to be paid for making up work they missed during the strike, such as grading or holding additional office hours. A union news release last week indicated this issue could delay ratification.

"EIU's administration has demonstrated how they truly feel about the instruction and instructional support at EIU throughout this negotiation process," EIU union president Jennifer Stringfellow said. "I have found that I'm no longer surprised when I'm disappointed by the administration of this institution."


Faculty at University of Illinois Chicago went on strike for six days in January before the two sides reached an agreement. The union ratified the contract in early February.

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JOHN EGAN

John M. Egan, 81, of Riley, Ind., passed away April 14, 2023, at Majestic Care Nursing Home, Terre Haute, Ind.



EGAN



A graveside service is 11 a.m. Monday, May 1, at St. Mary's Cemetery in Paris. Weather permitting, military honors will take place at the cemetery. Stewart and Carroll Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Mr. Egan was born May 1, 1941, the son of the late Leo and Pauline Egan.

Survivors include his siblings, Sharon (Bob) Bailey of Paris, Bob (Sharon) Egan of Eagle, Colo., Jerry Egan (Lori Bouslog) of Paris and David Egan of Paris; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his sister, Diane Hall.

He graduated from Paris High School and earned a bachelor's degree in physics from Eastern Illinois University.

Lieutenant Colonel John Egan was a veteran of the U.S Air Force and Indiana

National Guard for more than 35 years. He was a long-term fighter pilot in that organization.

Mr. Egan was an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed all sports activities and his competitive spirit made him excel at all of them.

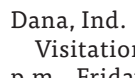
His hunting dog, his faithful companion, was with him until the end.

Memorial donations may be made to Edgar County Animal Shelter or Paris American Legion Post #211.

Online condolences at www.stewartandcarrollfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT ELSBERRY

Robert Ivan Elsberry, 66, of Paris, passed away at 11:25 p.m. Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Barnes-Jewish Hospital North, St. Louis, Mo. He was a former employee of A. C. Grain of Dana, Ind.



ELSBERRY

Visitation was 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at Templeton Funeral Home. Private interment in St. Aloysius Cemetery is at a

later date.

Mr. Elsberry was born Jan. 30, 1957, in Paris, the son of the late Ivan and Rosemary Mattingly Elsberry.

Survivors include three children, Everett Elsberry of Paris, Rianna (Eric) Lundy of Pueblo, Colo., and Rachael Elsberry of Paris; three brothers, Francis (Cherlyn) Elsberry of Paris, Lawrence (Misty) Elsberry of Paris and Michael Elsberry of Arthur; three sisters, Maurine Tapscott of San Antonio, Texas, Rita Alexander of

Paris and Teresa Elsberry of Terre Haute, Ind.; a granddaughter, Eva Lundy; his loving fiancé, Crystal Husher of Paris and her family; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Barbara Lishin; and two infant brothers.

Mr. Elsberry enjoyed music, traveling, spending time with his grandkids and caring for his home, yard and garden.

Online condolences at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

KAREN NEWHART

Karen M. Newhart, 81 of Paris, passed away at 5:21 p.m. Tuesday, April 11, 2023, in Union Hospital emergency room, Terre Haute, Ind. She was a service representative for General Telephone Company.

A service celebrating her life is 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Templeton Funeral Home, with the Rev. Michael C. Dixon officiating. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until the service time Tuesday at the funeral home.

She was born July 30, 1941, in Paris, the daughter of the late Raymond and Nellie Serber Parks. She married Larry Newhart

March 26, 1961, in Paris, and he survives.

Other survivors include a daughter, Stacy Carrington of Mattoon; two grandchildren, Seth and Sasha Newhart, both of Mattoon; and two great-grandchildren, Cody and Mackenzie Newhart.

Mrs. Newhart was preceded in death by her two brothers, Dennis Parks and Don Parks.

She was a member of the First Christian Church of Paris and the owner and operator of Karen's Krafts. She enjoyed setting up at several local events and loved talking with all of her booth visitors and showing off her love for handmade wood crafts and snowmen. She enjoyed going to Bible Study and Women's Circle at her church.

Mrs. Newhart was a member of the Red Hat Society and loved going to brunches with all of her friends. She was an avid collector of Coca-Cola memorabilia for many years, and in her spare time, she enjoyed playing Sudoku puzzles, rummy, euchre and solitaire.

Her latest enjoyment was watching her grandson compete in local dirt drags in his diesel truck called "The King."

Mrs. Newhart always had a positive outlook on life and made sure people knew the better side of the situation. Her laugh was contagious and her love for her friends and family was unmatched.

Online condolences at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

CAROLYN LANKER

Carolyn Anne Kimble Lanker, 93, of Paris, passed away at 8:55 a.m. Friday, April 14, 2023, at Horizon Health Paris Community Hospital.

A service celebrating her life is 11 a.m. Monday, April 26, at First Christian Church, with the Rev. Michael C. Dixon officiating. Burial follows in Edgar Cemetery. Visitation is from 9 a.m. until the service time at the church. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Lanker was blessed to have been born to loving parents, Elsie Landes and Lawson Kimble who lived at 307 E. Crawford in the pleasant town of Paris.

Her children, Lois Doherty, Dr. William, Thomas and Lewis have been kind and made life good for her.

God was very good to Mrs. Lanker, not only did he give her good children, but she was blessed with 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Lois is the mother of Emily (Jacob) Thomas and Eric, who died as a child. Will (Sheila) is the father of Merry, Angus, Bess, Elise and Olivia. Tom (Teresa) is the father of Clay, Marisa, Cain and Corbin. Lewis, who preceded her in death, was the father of

Delaney (Sean Wood), Caleb (Mikeely) and Natalie. Mrs. Lanker was proud to attend their college graduations. Two of the great-grandchildren, Joseph and Aviva Thomas are growing up on the farm where the Lankers lived. Lawson Paul Lanker, grandson of Lewis, lives in Colorado.

She became a member of the First Christian Church as a child, spent eight years walking through Board Alley to Mayo School and graduated from Paris High School in 1947. During those years she also worked at her parents' office and school supply store and enjoyed being a soda jerk at Kook and Link Drug Store where the youth hung out. Mrs. Lanker attended MacMurray College for Women and was privileged to spend the summer between her junior and senior year in Europe with a group led by her drama coach.

After graduation, she taught speech and English, published the school newspaper and directed the plays at Wolf Point High School in Montana for several years before entering Northwestern University.

She worked in the university library at Northwestern while obtaining her master's degree. She then became an associate professor at Ashland College in Ohio. At Ashland she met and soon married William Lanker. He was

also a teacher and became a school administrator in Ohio and Indiana before the couple moved back to the Kimble family farm at Paris. While farming, Mr. Lanker taught at Wiley and Terre Haute South High School, and Mrs. Lanker substitute taught in Terre Haute for 10 years. Their four children were born in Ohio and Indiana but spent most of their youth in Edgar County. When the two oldest children started college, Mrs. Lanker began teaching English at Paris High School and taught there for 14 years. She also spent many hours at First Christian Church. Mr. Lanker's funeral was held there in 1997.

Mrs. Lanker was very grateful for her friends and family. After her husband's death she enjoyed many organizations such as The Edgar County Historical Society, Monday Club, Delta Kappa Gamma, Audubon and the Antique Study Group. Bible Study at First Christian Church and Qui Gong at the Senior Center kept her body and soul as young as possible. Thank you to the Rev. Dixon and the Swansons.

Memorial donations may be made to First Christian Church of Paris or to the Edgar County Historical Society.

Online condolences at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

Run-up in food, farmland prices could ease

BY DANIEL GRANT FarmWeek

Buyers of everything from food to farmland could see a return to more normal rates of inflation later this year and into 2024.

The Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri predicted the economic shift recently in its annual U.S. Baseline Outlook report.

"Net farm income is likely to fall back from the record levels of 2022 and consumer food price inflation is also likely to slow in 2023," said Pat Westhoff, FAPRI director.

Food price increases have slowed in recent months, to 0.4% between January and February, and are projected to rise 4.4% through 2023, according to FAPRI. However, food prices were still up 9.5% in February compared to last year.

Next year, food price inflation could ease to a more normal range around 2%, according to the report.

If realized, a slowdown of food price inflation would be welcome news for consumers who endured a 9.9% hike

last year, the highest since 1979.

"Consumer food price inflation jumped to 9.9% (in 2022) as farm commodity prices rose, labor and other costs increased, supply chain problems continued and consumer demand was strong," the FAPRI report noted.

This year, FAPRI looks for a reduction in crop and livestock prices and a smaller increase in production expenses. Lower prices for some inputs could result in a reduction of production costs by 2024 and 2025.

"What goes up, generally comes back down in the agricultural markets," Westhoff said.

Of course, the price estimates are based on expectations of increased ag output.

"If weather conditions allow crop yields to return to trend-line levels in 2023, prices for corn, soybeans, wheat, cotton and many other crops are likely to fall," FAPRI noted.

Over the next 10 years, average nominal crop prices could be much lower than they have been in 2022-23,

but remain above the average of 2017-18 and 2021-22, according to the report.

The expected drop in farm income and rise in interest rates could significantly cool the farmland market, which saw Class A land values increase a whopping 45% from 2021 to 2022 statewide, according to the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

After a ninth-straight increase last month, the benchmark federal funds rate is up to a range of 4.75% to 5%, which pushed borrowing costs to the highest level since 2007.

"Farm asset values have increased with land prices in recent years, and another increase is projected for 2023," FAPRI stated. "Given assumptions of the outlook, lower farm income and high interest rates restrict further increases in farm real estate values in subsequent years."

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RALPH GOEKLER

MARSHALL - Ralph Allen Goekler, 84, of Marshall, passed away 6:23 a.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023.

Masonic services are 2 p.m. Sunday, April 23, at Pearce Funeral Home with graveside services following at Marshall Cemetery. Visitation is from noon until the service time Sunday at the funeral home. More information at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

BRENDA JOHNSON

MANCHESTER, Tenn. - Brenda Marie Lenhart Johnson, 72, of Tracy City, Tenn., passed away

Wednesday, April 12, 2023. A funeral service was 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at Coffee County Funeral Chapel and visitation was

from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 17, at the funeral home. More information at www.coffeecountyfuneralchapel.com.

EVA CHILTON

Eva Jane Chilton, 79, of Marshall, passed away 10:50 p.m. Wednesday, April 19,

2023. A funeral service is noon Monday, April 24, at Pearce Funeral Home and visitation is 10 a.m. until the

service time Monday at the funeral home. More information at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

TRUMAN BESHESSE

Truman S. Beshesse, 77, of Paris, passed away at 10:33 p.m. EDT Monday, April

17, 2023. At his request, no public services are planned. Private interment is in Little Grove Cemetery. Templeton

Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. More information at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

MARY MCDANIEL

Mary Frances McDaniel, 83, of Paris, passed away at 6:02 a.m. Wednesday, April

19, 2023. A graveside service is 11 a.m. Thursday, April 27, at Embarrass Cemetery and visitation is from 9 to 10:30

a.m. Thursday, April 27, at Templeton Funeral Home. More information at www.templetonfuneralhome.com.

LEROY MORGAN

MARSHALL - LeRoy C-T Morgan, 23, of Paris, passed

away 7:17 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, 2023. Visitation is from 1 to 4 p.m. today, April 22, at the

Five Points Christian Church. More information at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

ELOISE POWERS

OAKLAND - Eloise Ann Harshbarger Powers, 89, of Oakland, passed away Thurs-

day, April 13, 2023. A funeral service was 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 19, at Krabel Funeral Home and visitation was

5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 18, at the funeral home. More information at www.krabel-funeralhome.com.

DARLENE VANSICKLE

NEWMAN - Darlene S. VanSickle, 89, of Charleston, formerly of Newman, passed

away Sunday, April 16, 2023. A celebration of life is 11 a.m. today, April 22, at Joines Funeral Home and visitation is from

10 a.m. until the service time today at the funeral home. More information at www.joinesfuneralhome.com.

FRANKLIN MORRIS

MARSHALL - Franklin Delano "Frank" Morris, 89, Marshall, passed away Thurs-

day evening April 20, 2023. There are no services at this time. A celebration of his life will be at a later date. Pearce

Funeral Home is assisting with the arrangements. More information at www.pearcefuneralservices.com.

Reaching for the stars

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Maelynn Redmon is a senior at Paris High School and believes this year has pushed her to reach things she never thought she could do.

"This year is going very good so far. I've been able to step outside my comfort zone," said Redmon. "I have been more involved in things, and I've been able to do more."

Redmon is in the choir, Elite Harmony and drama at PHS. One of her favorite activities was playing Eponine in the high school musical "Les Misérables."

"I was able to connect with her character," she said. "She was a very fun role to play."

After graduation, Redmon will attend Indiana State University (ISU) but before the school year starts, she has other plans.

"I am traveling a lot this summer," Redmon said. "First to Panama City, Florida, then to Disneyworld and lastly to The Ramp, a

camp for Christians to come together and connect."

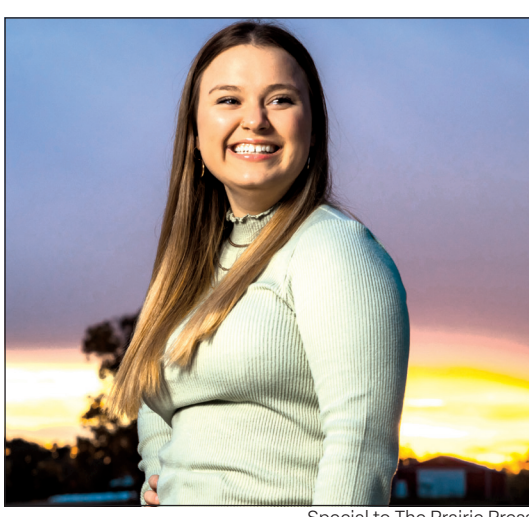
While at ISU, Redmon will study for a degree in accounting but after she finishes that degree wants to return to school yet again.

"Once I have my accounting degree I want to go back to school," said Redmon. "I don't know where, but I want to go back for theater."

Her other passion is reading.

"I love to read and loved all the books I've read," Redmon said. "Each book is special in its own way."

She anticipates missing Paris

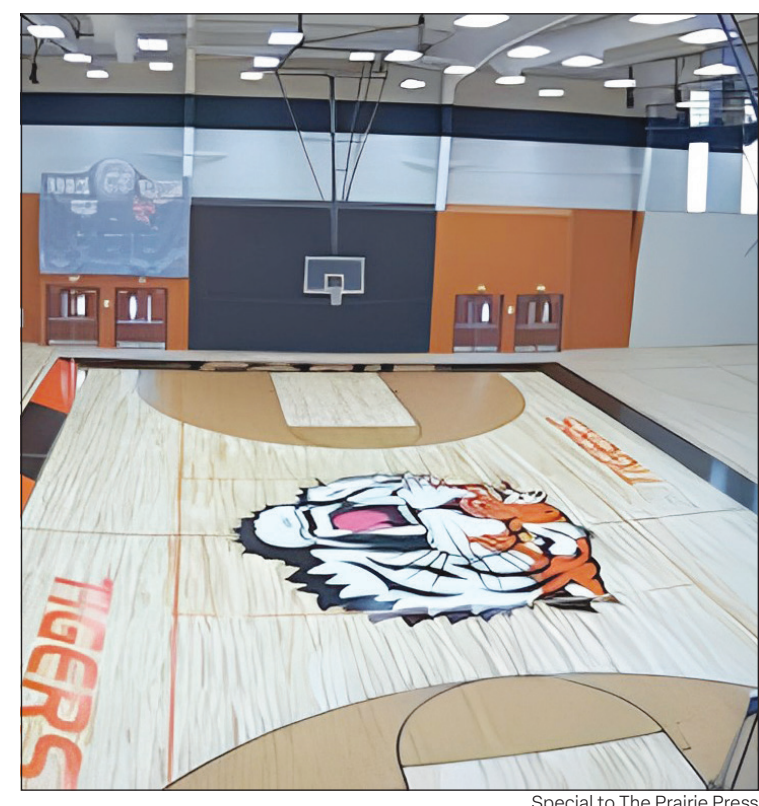


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Maelynn Redmon is a senior at PHS who plans to obtain two degrees in hopes of achieving her dreams.

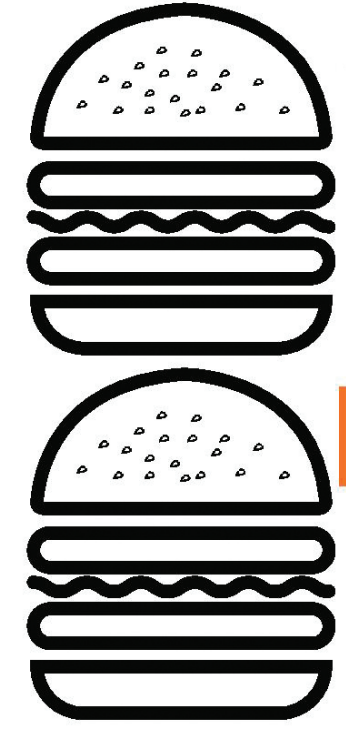
when she leaves for college.

"We honestly have an awesome community here," she said. "Everyone knows everybody which makes it even easier to get involved."

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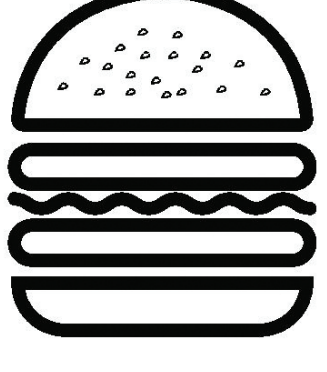
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Cochran dreams of NFL career

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Crestwood eighth grader Carter Cochran has played football for most of his life and hopes he can continue to play it for the rest of his life.

"It's all I know," said Cochran. "It's all I've been doing since I started years ago."

Cochran wants to follow in one big NFL player's footsteps.

"I base my game off of Devonte Adams," he said. "His route running is one of the best in the league. He can make any catch and is just an all-around good player. If I could be just a tiny bit as good as Adams, I'd be happy."

The NFL will have to wait. Cochran's immediate focus is the high school team.

"I can't wait to get started," Cochran said. "I want to see if I can make varsity as a freshman. If not, I will continue working hard and will get there."

At Crestwood, Carter participates in track and basketball but believes football is his calling.

"Football is life," said Cochran.



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Carter Cochran eats, sleeps and breathes football. He hopes to one day play in the NFL.

"I would love to go to the U of I," he said. "But if there is any college that wants me to play football for them, I might just be there."

Cochran will spend this summer in the weight room and on the practice field bettering himself in hopes of reaching his dream someday.

"My biggest dream is to play in the NFL," said Cochran. "I would love to play for the Green Bay Packers, but I would play for any team."

Cochran has not thought about life much after high school but does know one thing for sure.

CRESTWOOD TAKES A (GREEN) THUMBS UP FIELD TRIP



Special to The Prairie Press
Crestwood Junior High students in the after-school program recently took a tour of Brad's Florist. Brad Cash lead the students in the creation of their own floral arrangements.



Special to The Prairie Press
Christian Garver plays the class clown during the recent Crestwood after-school program trip to Brad's Florist. Garver tried to liven up his hairdo with a daisy.



Special to The Prairie Press
Nate Behrens shows the floral arrangement he created during Crestwood's after-school program trip to Brad's Florist.



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Crestwood student Patty Robison is amazed at how well her floral arrangement turned out during the recent after-school trip to Brad's Florist.

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Doran living in the moment



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Aliyah Doran has an idea of what she wants to do as a grown-up but right now she is concentrating on living life day-to-day as a kid.

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Many students focus on what they want to do when they grow up their whole life, but not Mayo eighth grader Aliyah Doran.

"I am not sure where I'll be in 10 or 15 years," said Doran. "Right now, I am just living my life day to day being a kid."

Doran participates in drama, choir and band in junior high and is a member of the National Junior Honor Society. Next school year she will attend Paris High School where she wants to continue those activities.

"I want to continue to do band, choir and drama. I also hope to make the National Honor Society," Doran said. "I also want to get

involved in more things." For now, she is keeping her head in the books and believes her eighth grade year is proof of it.

"I have good grades going right now," she said. "I try really hard, and I think it shows."

Summer is a time Doran looks forward to.

"This summer I'm going to hang out with my friends and family," said Doran. "And I will hopefully get to see my sister."

Doran added she loves family time but there is one other place she would go if she could.

"If I could go on a vacation, it would be to Disneyworld," she said. "When you are there, it doesn't feel like you are anywhere else. It is magical."

STUDENTS WIN PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



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Crestwood students Shayn White, left, and Kailey Young, right, were recently recognized as Illinois Principal's Association Students of the Year.

Art takes Mayo students to their dream locations



Special to The Prairie Press

Mayo 7th grade student Amelia Oakes created this art piece, "The Curious Fox," as a window perspective project in Millie Arp's art class. She enjoyed the opportunity to work with bright colors for this project.

BY BETHANNY LAWSON
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Two seventh grade students from Mayo Middle school were recently chosen to have art projects represented in the Swope Art Gallery's 56th annual Student Art Exhibit. Max Hays and Amelia Oakes will both have window perspective projects in the opening reception today, April 22.

The Swope Art Gallery allows schools to choose one art piece per 100 students. There are categories for elementary aged students all the way through high school.

Millie Arp, art teacher at Mayo, said while high school students have judging categories, elementary and junior high students stick with bragging rights. One of those bragging rights comes as a benefit to living so close to the state line. Students can say they've had their artwork on exhibit in another state.

For both students, art class is a high point in their days. Oakes takes the class first hour and said it's a great way to wake up and start the school day.

"She's kind of the fun zone," Oakes says about Arp. Hays finds art is an emotional stabilizer.

"It's relaxing for me," he said. "If I'm mad or upset about something I'll just draw."

Hays also appreciates how art class gives him room for creativity but provides direction and a starting point. It makes it easier to take action than trying to think of some-

thing on his own at home. "She (Arp) has art projects I think anyone can enjoy," Oakes added.

Some of the students' favorite projects in Arp's class were the pinch pots, made out of clay in the shapes of jungle animals, and skull projects, which helped them practice working with chalk on dark paper.

The window perspective projects exhibited at the Swope are from the students' favorite place to be or dream place to go. Oakes chose Finland and the northern lights as the view through her window. Besides dreaming of

seeing the northern lights in person someday, Oakes also loves working with lots of vibrant colors.

She put her favorite animal, a fox, in the background using more dull colors to contrast with the colors of the northern lights and named her piece "The Curious Fox."

Hays chose London for his perspective project. He described the piece as difficult to perfect because he had to make it look like the space was getting smaller and increasingly narrow until it reached a point in the center of the picture. Drawing in pencil is a tricky medium for

Hays because it makes him aware of how much hands can shake and affect a picture.

Colored pencil is Oakes' favorite medium, followed closely by chalk. She appreciates how easy it is to add texture to pieces with pencil. The chalk is messy and feels strange on her hands, but Oakes said she can take decent control of her pieces when working with chalk and finds that enjoyable.

One of the hardest things about art is self-confidence and willingness to learn from mistakes instead of getting discouraged by them.

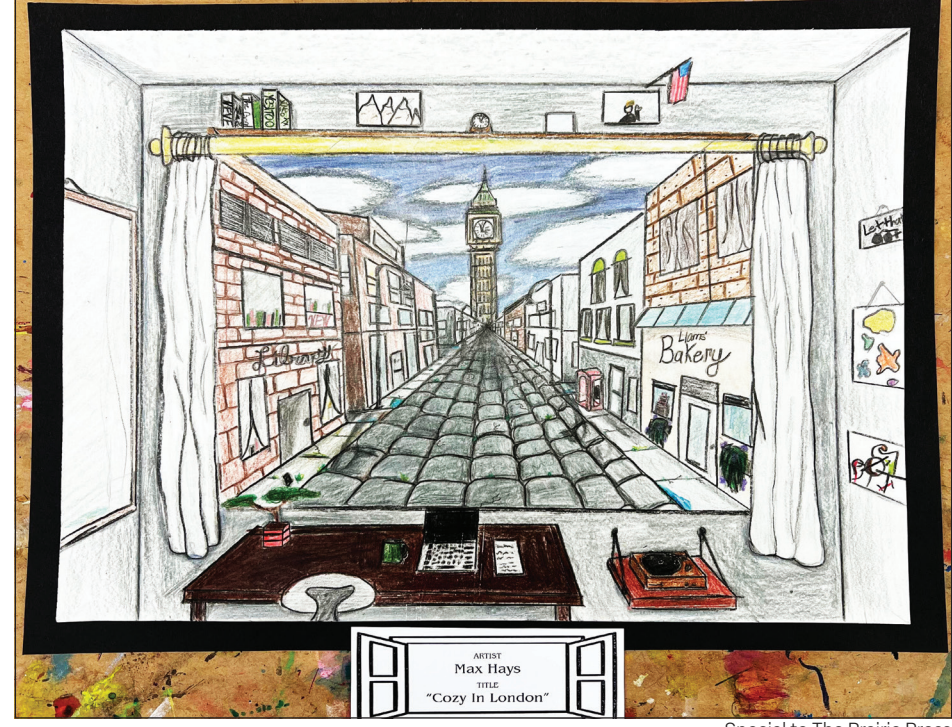
"Most of my projects turn out good, but I have really low confidence that they will until I get there," said Oakes. "I don't even want to think about my art from sixth grade year because it looks so much better this year."

Hays said art is an ongoing lesson in the value of patience.

"I like to rush sometimes," he admitted. "It makes it hard to get the technique down. If you don't want to slow down with what you're doing and you rush, the art ends up not as good."

Both Hays and Oakes are busy students who keep their schedules interesting. In addition to art, they enjoyed theater this year and both are performing in Mayo Middle School's spring musical this weekend.

Their projects will be at the Swope Art Gallery until May 14.



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Max Hays is one of the 7th grade Mayo art students selected to have art on display at the Swope Art Gallery 56th annual Student Art Exhibit. This window perspective piece is currently on display as part of the exhibit until May 14.

MOCK TRIAL GIVES STUDENTS UNIQUE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES AT MAYO MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Joel Cobix, left, Charlie Black, middle, and Bo Ryan, right, plead their case during a mock trial exercise at Mayo.



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Robert Whiteall reads his part aloud while participating in the mock trial at Mayo Middle School.



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Norma Gosnell, left, questions Kaleb Coleman, right, during a mock trial held at Mayo Middle School.



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Connor Rhoads, left, questions a witness during Mayo's mock trial program.

Chrisman City Council closes out projects

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CHRISMAN — The Chrisman City Council met for the last time in its current configuration Monday, April 17.

A new council moves into the chamber May 1 when the council reorganizes following the results of the April 4 Consolidated Election. Dan Moore won the mayor's position in the only race on the ballot. Commissioners Cory Chaney, Thad Crispin and Bryan Haddix did not run for re-election and no other residents ran, either.

This presents Moore with a quandary. He can appoint people to fill vacancies, but he cannot do it alone as the only person at the table. Such appointments must be approved by the commissioners. Technically, the terms of Chaney, Crispin and Haddix will have ex-

pired by the next meeting, and under normal circumstance their replacements would be seated as part of the reorganization — except there are no replacements.

It appears Illinois law requires the present commissioners to continue serving until such time as replacements are found for them.

Crispin reported as one of his final acts he is attempting to get the concrete floor of the new salt shed sealed before salt is put in the structure. The corrosive nature of salt will cause an unsealed floor to deteriorate.

"We need to do it now," said Crispin. "Once salt goes in there, it is unlikely there will ever be a time when salt isn't on the floor."

Haddix announced a new procedure attempting to resolve water loss.

"We are still having quite



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press
As one of his final acts as Chrisman mayor, Dan Owen, right, presented a special certificate from the Illinois legislature to Chrisman Police Chief Tom Dolan, left. The certificate obtained by Rep. Adam Niemerg (R-Dieterich) honors Dolan, who was injured in the line of duty while responding to a domestic incident.

a deficit between the water we are buying and what we sell," said Haddix.

Chrisman buys its water from the City of Paris, via a pipeline from the Horace-Brocton Road to the city water tower.

Haddix explained city employees were instructed to read the meter at the Horace-Brocton Road at least twice per month and compare those numbers to the meter at the

water tower. "We can see if we are losing water on those seven miles, or if the issue is somewhere in town," said Haddix.

The commissioners approved a request from Troy Warner of the Chrisman Ministerial Alliance to use the city park from noon-12:30 p.m. May 4 for the National Day of Prayer.

"We haven't had it (National Day of Prayer) since COVID," said Warner.

Outgoing Mayor Dan Owen had the final word for the meeting.

"This is my last meeting," said Owen. "The new board's got a lot to do."

He specifically mentioned the need to continue improving the town's sewer lines.

"They (the sewers) are a mess. Of course, they are older than Methuselah," said Owen.

EASTHAM

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"I anticipate a year to implement what we want to do," said Ingram. "I think it will be a plus for the fire protection district down the road."

Moving into the new chief's position appears a natural fit for Eastham to continue his dedication to the fire service.

"I kind of grew up around it. Dad was in the fire service for 40 years," Eastham said. "I still love the fire service, but I can't do the physical part of firefighting. I still wanted to help if I could."

The new role gave him some pause before deciding to accept it because of the time commitment. The chief's job is a full-time paid position, and he is still farming full-time.

Keeping up with both requires him to spend most nights and weekends on a computer to accomplish the chief's role.

Some of the early tasks included rewriting policy, reviewing standard operating procedures, standardizing all record keeping and setting guidelines each firefighter must meet.

Paperwork is not the only thing Eastham does. He said the trustees have the expectation he will respond to as

many calls as possible. If one of the stations is paged out, Eastham also heads to the scene.

He does not respond to the medical assistance calls on the west side of the district, noting he can do little good by the time he arrives from his Vermilion-area farm.

Ingram agreed with that decision by giving high praise to the Horizon Health EMS operation.

"They are on it," said Ingram. "When they roll, we can hardly get there before them."

Eastham does not always take over when he arrives on scene. He keeps the role flexible and helps where the

officers need him.

"I may be the incident commander. I may operate the pump on the truck. I may hump hose at the door," he said. "It doesn't matter to me."

One of the early decisions in the reorganization was hiring Brandon White as the district captain and putting him in charge of all training for the district.

"All stations train on a single topic each month," Eastham said. "It is more structured."

White has also started a cadet training program which lets youths aged 16-18 actively participate in training exercises in hopes when they are 18 they are well-

trained and ready to volunteer at one of the stations.

Complimenting White's effort with the cadet program, Eastham is planning a future recruiting drive targeting young adults because the stations need more volunteers.

"We need them now," he said about the additional help. "It is so rewarding to serve your community and helping people. I think society has gotten away from the importance of sacrificing your time and talents for others."

With almost five months into the new system, Eastham is pleased with the progress made so far while realizing the importance of

keeping an open mind and maintaining a flexible approach.

"It will take a while to figure it out," said Eastham. "It is new to everybody. If something doesn't work, we'll try something else until it does."

Ingram is already seeing positive changes in how things work. With Eastham working as chief, Ingram can delve deeper into the things that interest him as a trustee.

"My deal is taking care of the buildings, equipment and guys," said Ingram. "The goal this year is to change all of the turnout gear for the guys. It's expensive but the guys deserve it."

Resource hotline may come to Edgar County

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Getting help for a problem can be a challenge as people attempt to find which agency or resource is the best choice.

Earlier this year, the Paris 95 school district printed a massive resource guide listing every service that can be confirmed in Edgar County. The guide is free and copies are available at multiple locations, including The Prairie Press.

Another option is using an established telephone crisis line.

Participants at the Edgar Area Alliance meeting Tuesday, April 18, discussed what it will take to bring 211 here. The service connects people requiring help with local resources. It also has a direct link to the National Suicide Hotline.

While mental health is a major component of 211, other important issues like food insecurity can be accommodated.

"Anyone can call, and the person walks them through the resources," said Erin Frank, director of marketing and communications at Horizon Health.

Frank and Kyra Graham,

public relations and marketing associate at Horizon Health, researched what is needed to connect Edgar County with the national hotline.

District 95 Superintendent of Schools Jeremy Larson added he has also looked at the service as something the county needs, but he wants community partners to help rather than making it a district project.

Getting connected is a simple process. It takes money and having the phone company flip switches said Frank.

The bigger challenge is providing the 211 service with data regarding the agencies and services in Edgar County that can help. All agreed the school district's resource guide will go a long way in meeting that need.

According to Frank, many counties use United Way to fund the 211 service, which is staffed 24 hours a day, every day with trained responders who can talk people through a crisis and point them in a direction to find help. She added Horizon Health is ready to assist with the start up expense as part of the organization's community support goal.

More, however, is needed.

"What we want in Edgar County is for all to be on-board," said Graham. "Everyone has to support it and market it, so people know the resource is available."

Frank agreed, saying getting started is easy.

"The hard part is keeping the awareness going," said Frank.

An ongoing campaign to remind people facing a crisis to call 211 is envisioned, much like the effort convincing people to call 911 during an emergency.

Larson said it is an educational process of letting students know what to do and what to expect.

Once the local resources are in place with 211 and agencies confirm a willingness to participate a person calling about food insecurity might get connected to the Compassionate Food Pantry, a ministerial group or perhaps the Salvation Army.

Those confronting a mental crisis will likely get connected to Horizon Health's mental health service or the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties.

The nature of the call determines how the 211 staff person responds. On some calls,

the staff stays on the line until the caller is connected and communicating with a local source of help. There is also a follow-up policy to contact the caller at a later time to make sure they were helped.

"What I like is the warm handoff," said Samantha McCarty, emergency services director at Horizon Health, noting it is not simply giving someone a list of numbers to call.

Verbal communication between the caller and the 211 staff person is key.

"They really want people to call," said Frank. "It is hard to dial down what people need through texting."

Everyone at the meeting agreed this is a worthwhile effort and needs to continue.

McCarty reported on Horizon Health's emergency services and EMS operations during 2022. The ambulance fleet has grown to five vehicles and the shortage of paramedics and EMTs has resulted in Horizon Health offering classes for adults and at the high school level. The goal is to grow their own first responders.

She said the ambulance service is currently short three paramedics.

"That's an entire shift,"

said McCarty. "The guys are on overtime."

Some new behind the scenes activities were implemented during 2022. A monthly public officials safety meeting was started for leaders in law enforcement, fire service, EMS and other areas to stay current with what is happening in the various agencies and address problems.

The Paris Fire Department and Horizon EMS started joint training sessions. Topics alternate monthly between medical response or firefighting/rescue.

McCarty pointed to one change she considered an especially important success — stress debriefing sessions. These sessions help all first responders cope with what they see and encounter during tragic events.

Doug Cochran, of the Kansas Police Department, wants to bring a human trafficking awareness class to the county.

"It is designed for educators and others about what to look for regarding signs of human trafficking," said Cochran, adding the program is detailed about what people caught in human trafficking experience.

The information, he said, is especially graphic and sometimes disturbing when a human trafficking victim is a presenter.

"I think a lot of people don't think human trafficking exists in Edgar County," said Larson, acknowledging he fell into that category until he attended a workshop that changed his perspective. "If it is hosted, I will have my staff present."

Larson has contacted other area school superintendents about the program but has not received any response.

Angie Hamilton of the CARE coalition expressed willingness to help fund the program but was concerned about spending the money and not having anybody attend as happened when other awareness programs were offered in the community.

McCarty said the key to getting a crowd is making it a law enforcement event because people want to support law enforcement.

Attendance at the Edgar Area Alliance is open to any group concerned about the future of Edgar County and that wants to make a difference. The next meeting is May 16.

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Cox explained policy requires registered offenders who have a child participating in a sport to first meet with the athletic director.

"If the A.D. says they are OK then they are allowed to only attend functions with their child involved," said Cox.

Acklin added another level of security is in place when the person in question is present.

"When they are at an event, they never leave the sight of the A.D.," said Acklin. "There is always a set of eyes watching where they are and where they go, but that policy predates us and it is something we as a board can discuss."

In action items the board approved a \$21,385.91 security upgrade to the elementary school that includes additional cameras, improved buzz-in system and keyless

entry points for doors.

Board President Karen Webster adjourned her last meeting. Jim Spesard was voted in as new president, John Rodgers remains vice president and the secretary position was tabled until the next meeting.

Current board members Dennis Tingley and Cody Denton were reappointed to fill board vacancies. Four board seats, including those of Tingley and Denton, were on the ballot for the April election. They did not file as candidates and were not on the ballot. Unit six had only two candidates seeking election to the school board. They were Reed Nolan and Christie Thevenin who were previously appointed to fill vacancies. Nolan and Thevenin were elected to complete the two-year unexpired terms.

The Chrisman School board has a remaining vacancy due to the lack of candidates in the election. The board has until June to appoint the seventh member.

SHILOH

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A representative from Quality Network Solutions (QNS), a company specializing in tech solutions for K-12 schools, briefed the board on recommendations for updating tech refreshes.

Roughly half of the laptops used by Shiloh students run on Windows 10 — an operating service that will no longer be supported as of October 2025.

Once Windows 10 stops receiving support, compatibility and security issues will arise quickly, making any machine still using the system a liability.

QNS recommended an incremental refresh of all the computers in the school, beginning with the purchase of 30 new Windows 11 laptops to replace the oldest machines. This incremental approach is designed to alleviate the financial burden on the district, while also ensuring the

school's new machines do not age out all at once as time passes.

The board approved the proposal as presented by QNS and will vote on the purchase during its next meeting.

On the topic of tech, the board reviewed communication from Tri-County's Oakland contingent regarding the purchase of a HUDL subscription for use during high school athletic events. HUDL software allows coaches to efficiently edit and share game film.

The film can be reviewed during team practices or can be used to make highlight reels for specific players. Myers was quick to clarify the new software will not replace the software used for live streams.

"This is solely to have game film and break down game film," he explained. "It's a coaching tool."

"I like it, it can help a lot of kids," added board member Brian Rhode.

The service was previously utilized by coaches of Tri-County's football and basketball programs, but the purchase will widen access to other sports like volleyball and baseball.

Equipping the Tri-County athletic program with HUDL will cost roughly \$8,000. The cost is to be split four ways between each of the districts and the Tri-County Booster Club.

Shiloh school's sound system, a topic revisited often by the school board, found its way into the discussion following a check-up by a sound technician. The tune-up resulted in crystal clear audio according to Myers.

"It was night and day," he said.

Board members agreed access to the sound system must be limited. Different parties gain access to the booth and change settings, resulting in lesser volume and sound quality.

"It's just settings, we've got the equipment," said board president David Smith.

The group also agreed the school needs more wireless microphones for theater productions.

After previously agreeing to cover all student fees, the board discussed the possibility of paying for Shiloh students' school supplies as well. The board was aligned in its desire to do so.

"I'm in favor of that," said Myers. "It's a great service we offer."

Aaron Richardson, vice president of the board, recommended school supplies should be covered throughout the year.

"(It's) not a one-time thing, we need to cover it continuously throughout the year," he explained.

The board approved the motion to cover the cost of school supplies unanimously.

Shiloh's new playground equipment arrived at the school and could be installed as early as the end of April.

"They said it would take a day or two (to install)," said Myers.

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Junior Titans persist

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TUSCOLA — Tuesday, April 18 brought junior high track and field to Tuscola High School. The meet featured the Tri-County Titans, the host Tuscola Hornets, Unity Rockets, Arcola Purple Riders and the Cerro Gordo Broncos. With just a couple of weeks until the JHOC Meet and the upcoming IESA Sectional Meet, every point and result would count.

The seventh-grade girls team took fourth place with a 40-point total. The duo of Krystin Lang and Alexis Conley finished one-two in the discus.

Lang won with a distance of 66 feet, 9 inches while Conley took second at 62-6. Lang and Conley went four-five in the shot put, with Lang throwing 22-0 and Conley throwing 21-7.5.

Lang also took fourth in the 400 meters (1 minute, 18.85 seconds) while taking fifth in the 100 (15.72).

The seventh-grade boys team placed fifth with 26 points. Anthony Smith and Jacob Weaver finished four-five in the 800 — Smith claimed fourth in 2:24 and Weaver took fifth in 2:44.46.

Weaver and Colton Gingerich went two-three in the 1600. Weaver took second in 5:47.76 and Gingerich took third in 5:50.78.

Gingerich joined Ethan Prater, Gambel Morris and Hugar Morrisey to take fifth in the 4x400 with a time of 5:04.44. Cooper McQueen missed out on points, taking seventh in the discus with a toss of 71-2. Weaver took eighth in the long jump with a distance of 13-5 ¼.

The eighth-grade girls team took fifth place with 58 points. Zoey Shreeves continued her strong season in the throwing events, winning the discus at 73-3 and taking second in the shot put at 22-5 ½. Chloe Thompson finished fourth in the 200 with a time of 30.77 and Taylor Williams claimed fourth in the 100 in 15.08.

Taylor Hepburn was fourth in the 100 hurdles in a time of 21.63. The 4x100 relay team of Ali Cash, Callie Duzan, Peyton Duzan and Ella Bennett took fifth place in 1:08.64 while the 4x200 team of Thompson, Williams, Hepburn, and Kenzie Willison took second in 2:10.00.

The eighth-grade boys team finished fifth with 40 points. Ryder Johnson took second in the long jump with a distance of 16-4 ½ and took fourth in the 100-meter dash in a time of 13.92.

Carter Edwards (2:39.05) and Eyan Keys (2:48.34) placed third and fifth respectively in the 800, while Keys (5:48.90) and Zaiden Hildebrand (6:07.64) took second and fifth respectively in the 1600. The 4x200 relay team of Edwards, Smith, McQueen, and Johnson took fifth in 2:03.15.

ARTHUR

ARTHUR — Warm weather provided perfect conditions for junior high track on Saturday, April 15, as the Tri-County Titans competed in the Knights Invitational hosted by Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond (ALAH).

The Titans were one of ten schools competing in the event. Two Titan athletes shined, earning wins in their respective events.

The seventh-grade girls competition featured an impressive showing in the throwing events for the Titans, who took eighth place overall with 26 points.

Krystin Lang won the shot put competition with a toss of 24-2 and took second in the discus at 72-5.

>>> TITANS, 10A

Tigers stumble in close contest

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MARSHALL 5, PARIS 4

MARSHALL — Little things mean a lot when it comes to winning high school baseball games.

On Thursday afternoon the Marshall Lions did just a few more of the little things, handing the Paris Tigers their first Little Illini Conference loss with a 5-4 win in walk-off fashion. Paris moves to 10-8 (3-1 in LIC) while Marshall improves to 6-7 (1-4).

In spite of playing in a steady 20-25 mph wind, with gusts much higher than that, both teams fought Mother Nature and did not let her have a say in the outcome. What ultimately decided the Tigers' fate was their failure to get timely hits. The Tigers stranded 11 baserunners in the game.

In the bottom of the first, Marshall loaded the bases with a pair of singles and a walk. With nobody out, the Lions looked to break the game open. However, the damage was limited to just one run on a sacrifice fly.

That lead was short-lived as Sebastian Daugherty drew a walk to lead things off, then stole second base. He came in to score on an RBI

double off the bat of Ty King. After going quietly in the home half of the second, the Tigers grabbed the lead as Brady Crippes singled to right, moved to second on a sacrifice bunt, then scored on a single from Ethan Curl.

Paris left the bases loaded in the top of the fourth and getting out of that jam seemed to motivate the Lions. They scored a pair of unearned runs to take a 3-2 lead heading to the fifth. The Tigers loaded the bases to start the fifth on singles from Landen Englum, Daugherty and Owen Porter. As has been the case for much of the season, the Tigers could not come up with the big hit and had to settle for a sacrifice fly from King to tie the score at 3-3. Marshall scored an unearned run to take the lead back.

Down to their final out, the Tigers tied things up in the top of the seventh as Englum and Daugherty singled and Carter Eastham walked to load the bases with one out. Another fly ball off the bat of King was not deep enough to score Englum. Nathan Trapp hit a ground ball that the Marshall second baseman couldn't handle allowing Englum

to score the tying run.

A one-out walk and a pair of stolen bases put a runner at third with one out. The Tigers elected to intentionally walk the next two batters to set up a force situation, but Franklin was hit-by-pitch to plate the winning run.

Kody Crampton got the start and went four strong innings. The senior allowed three runs (one earned) on five hits. He walked one and struck out three. Daugherty finished the game and was saddled with the hard luck loss. He went 2.1 innings allowing two runs (one earned) on no hits. He walked five (three intentionally), hit two batters, and struck out two.

Curl, Englum, and Daugherty each had a pair of singles with Curl also adding an RBI. King had a double and a pair of RBI's and Crippes and Porter each had a single.

A busy week wraps up the month of April as the Tigers play every day except Friday. Monday the Tigers host the Casey Warriors in an LIC contest while on Tuesday the Tigers host Arthur-Okaw Christian. Wednesday, Oakwood comes to town. Paris will hit the road Thurs-

day as they travel to Villa Grove before wrapping up their week on Saturday at Bismarck-Henning. All weekday games begin at 4:30 p.m. with the Saturday game getting underway at 10 a.m.

PARIS 12, ROBINSON 9

The Paris Tigers recorded their highest hit total of the season on Monday afternoon in a 12-9 win over the visiting Robinson Maroons.

The way that the ball diamond is situated behind Paris High School if it is warm out, the wind will be blowing out. It was both warm and windy, but both teams struggled to find their offense early. Robinson wasted little time getting on the board as Pinkston led things off with a triple to center. Parker singled on the first pitch he saw and just like that it was 1-0 Robinson. A pair of strikeouts from starting pitcher Kody Crampton shut things down for the time being.

Paris answered in the bottom of the first when Brady Crippes was hit by a pitch and Chance Lehman singled to center.

>>> BASEBALL, 10A

SOFTBALL'S 1-3 STINT DOES NOT REFLECT THEIR LEVEL OF PLAY



Paris' Hailey Yantis rounds third base during a home game. Despite their recent record, the Tigers have been able to find offense.

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Piecing things together

BY CLAY BESS
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The Paris High School Lady Tiger softball team played four more quality opponents during the last week — all ranked in the top 125 on MaxPreps. Two late rallies fell short and only one game added to the win column.

It doesn't get easier next week. The Lady Tigers host Little Illini Conference title contenders Casey Monday and 14-2 Westville Thursday. Paris then hits the road to Hoopeston on Tuesday and face St. Anthony, state qualifiers from a season ago, on Saturday.

MARSHALL 5, PARIS 4

MARSHALL — Another game, another roller coaster of offensive production for Paris. The Lady Tigers scored twice in the third and twice in the seventh, falling short by one run 18 miles south.

Marshall's big inning came in the third when Kaydence Woodsmall hit a two run homer to center off of Bella Moreschi. Then a double was followed by a single, and a wild pitch scored the next Marshall run. The fourth run of the inning came across the plate on a groundout to shortstop Kilee Edwards. Peighton Smith was called to relieve Moreschi and fanned the next Lady Lion to end the inning.

The Tigers scored two to start that inning. Emma Kemper drew a walk, then Jayden Bishop singled to right. Both scored on a Becca Minor two RBI double.

Minor's day was just getting started. She singled in the fifth but her largest swing came in the seventh when Paris needed three runs to keep the game alive.

Emma Kemper had every right to be on base to begin the rally, but her line drive smash found the glove of Marshall's left fielder. It was the first of four hard hit softballs from the Lady Tiger hitters that inning. Bishop singled to left after Kemper. Then for the second time this week, Minor sent a two-run shot out of the park. When she stepped on home, the Tigers trailed by one with only one out and the 4-5-6 hitters due up. Caradan Hoffman



Bella Moreschi hurls a pitch toward home plate during a home game.

Adonna Bennett/The Prairie Press

drew a walk to put the tying run was on base. But a missile of a ground ball off the bat of Kaitlyn Coombes went right to the shortstop who began a 6-4-3 double play to end the contest.

Moreschi's day was finished after allowing six hits, four earned runs and three walks, striking out one.

>>> SOFTBALL, 10A

Tiger tennis splits

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The Paris Tiger tennis team fell to an undefeated Teutopolis team 6-0 in a rain-shortened match Thursday at the Paris High School tennis courts.

It was another windy night and this time the wind was followed by a storm cutting the match just as doubles was getting started.

"That didn't matter as far as the team result because T-town had already clinched things after sweeping singles, showing us how they've gone undefeated so far this season," Coach Stefan Aydt said.

At #1 and #2, Marcus Mitchell and Hudson David spent most of the day on the defensive against opponents who rallied well from the baseline and also got to the net frequently. Mitchell won a couple games, but fell 6-1, 6-1. Hudson was only able to pick up one win, losing 6-1, 6-0.

At #3, Robert Wells played a more competitive match. He won most of his points at the net, but his opponent had some nice lobs even with the wind and was able to take the 6-4, 6-1 victory. At #4, Aidan Creech played well, but couldn't match his opponent's consistency falling 6-2, 6-2.

Drake Bartos won the only Tiger set of the night at #5. The first set was closer than the 6-2 final in T-town's favor shows. In the second set, Bartos was able to take advantage of his opponent's errors, while also using his slice to hit some nice winners and take a 6-4 win. Unfortunately, he came up short in the tiebreak and took a 6-2, 4-6, 10-3 loss. Carter Fox also played a competitive match at #6, as both players did a good job of moving each other around the court. After losing the first set 6-2, Carter led early in the second but couldn't hold his opponent off, falling 6-2, 6-4.

PARIS 7, CHARLESTON 2

Aydt noted heading into the match the Trojans lost quite a bit from a very good team last year. "We didn't know a lot about most of our opponents coming in," he noted.

Charleston's #1 and #2 players were the only returning players with much varsity experience.

>>> TENNIS, 10A

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Peighton Smith pitched three and one third innings, allowing two hits, two walks while giving up no earned runs and striking out 3.

ROBINSON 4, PARIS 1

The Lady Tiger defense cleaned up in the next game against Robinson in a Little Illini Conference matchup, but the offense cooled.

Paris managed only one run and that came in the first inning when Kaitlyn Coombes drove in Emma Kemper. Kemper had walked and then advanced after Caradan Hoffman was hit by a pitch and a passed ball was scored. Coombes had two of the five Paris hits on the day.

Bella Moreschi again started for Paris and did everything she needed to do to give the Tigers a chance. She pitched into the sixth inning where she yielded her only two runs of the day. Back-to-back Robinson singles chased Moreschi from the game. Peighton Smith entered, induced a fly ball out, and then had the next Maroon struck out, but a dropped third strike passed ball put the hitter on and another runner across the plate. Back-to-back singles, this time against Smith, scored three more for Robinson and the Lady Tigers need-

ed a double play to escape the inning. Smith caught a liner and threw to first baseman Zoe Sanders to double off the runner.

Kilee Edwards walked to lead off the bottom half of the seventh but was stranded at second after a wild pitch, strikeout, fly out and line out.

PARIS 8, ALAH 6

Paris trailed the visiting Knights 6-3 headed into the bottom half of the fourth Tuesday.

Bella Moreschi pitched three and two thirds but was lifted after ALAH scored two on consecutive singles. Moreschi started off the inning in great shape, ALAH grounding out twice in four pitches. Then a walk was followed by 3 straight singles.

Peighton Smith took the circle and got ALAH's clean-up hitter to fly out to left.

The Lady Tiger offense responded in the bottom half of the inning. Kensley Cox singled and then scored when ALAH's shortstop committed an error. Kilee Edwards and Emma Kemper teamed up for two singles that scored Edwards after she stolen second base. Paris was back in it, trailing 6-5.

Paris tied the game the following inning when Kilee Edwards laid down a perfect two-out bunt, beating the throw, scoring Caradan Hoffman.



Adonna Bennett/The Prairie Press
Paris' Jayden Bishop leaps into the air to make a catch during a home outing. The Tigers hope to improve defensively as the season continues.

Becca Minor had her mind set on doing the honors.

Jayden Bishop drew a walk after Emma Kemper grounded out to start the 8th. Then on the 3rd pitch of the at-bat, Minor went with a 2-0 pitch and sent the Tigers home happy on a home run over the right center field fence. Minor finished 3-5 on the day. Zoe Sanders went 2-4

with a two-RBI double in the second. Caradan Hoffman was 2-2 with an RBI of her own, scoring Rayah Smith who courtesy ran for Minor in the third. Kemper had three hits and an RBI in the leadoff spot. Cox and Edwards each recorded two hits and combined for three runs scored. Edwards collected three stolen bases on the day and one

RBI. Paris finished with 16 hits on the day.

Smith was dominant in the circle. She walked two across her four and one third innings but never faced a true threat, striking out four Knights. And even though the Paris offense slowed down in the later innings, Smith had them poised to win in extras. Moreschi's day was done after giving up 8 hits, 6 earned runs, and walking 2.

TOLONO 8, PARIS 4

A few numbers stick out in the line score from Lady Tiger game against Tolono Unity.

The Tigers out hit the Rockets 7-6 and won the last inning 3-1. But the bad news for Paris: they committed 4 errors to Unity's 1, and were outscored 7-1 in the middle 3 innings.

Bella Moreschi started in the circle for Paris and shook off an error behind her in the first, holding Tolono hitless and scoreless. The Tigers couldn't capitalize on a Caradan Hoffman single and moved along to the second.

Unity scored first, two runs on a walk, two singles and an error. Paris stranded two in the bottom half. Moreschi pitched through the third but Tolono tacked on three more runs before her day was done. Three walks, a double and a steal of home put Unity up 5-0.

An offensive spark for the Lady Tigers, Hoffman wrapped a home run around the left field foul pole. That

was it from Paris until the seventh inning though as they were retired 1-2-3 in three consecutive innings.

In the meantime, Tolono scored three more runs.

Peighton Smith relieved Moreschi and two singles, a walk and a strikeout later, Unity was up 7-1. Their eighth run would come across on a fielder's choice in the top of the seventh inning.

That seventh inning gave life to the Lady Tigers as put the tying run to the on-deck circle. Zoe Sanders reached on an error. Becca Minor and Kaitlyn Coombes each singled in front of Cloe Thompson, who drove in one run. Kilee Edwards' sacrifice fly brought in score. Paris scored their third run of the inning on a base hit from Kensley Cox — but that was the final run. Hoffman grounded out with runners on second and third to end the game.

Hoffman finished 2-4 and Becca Minor went 2-3.

Moreschi picked up the loss in her three innings but only four of the runs were earned. Smith threw the final four innings, giving up only one hit, walking two and striking out 4.

Coombes, arguably the fastest Tiger on the team, was out by a step, for reference of how hard the ball was hit to be turned so quick.

Minor finished 3-4, driving in all 4 Tiger runs. Bishop was 2-3, Hoffman was 2-3, and Kemper was 1-3.

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BASEBALL

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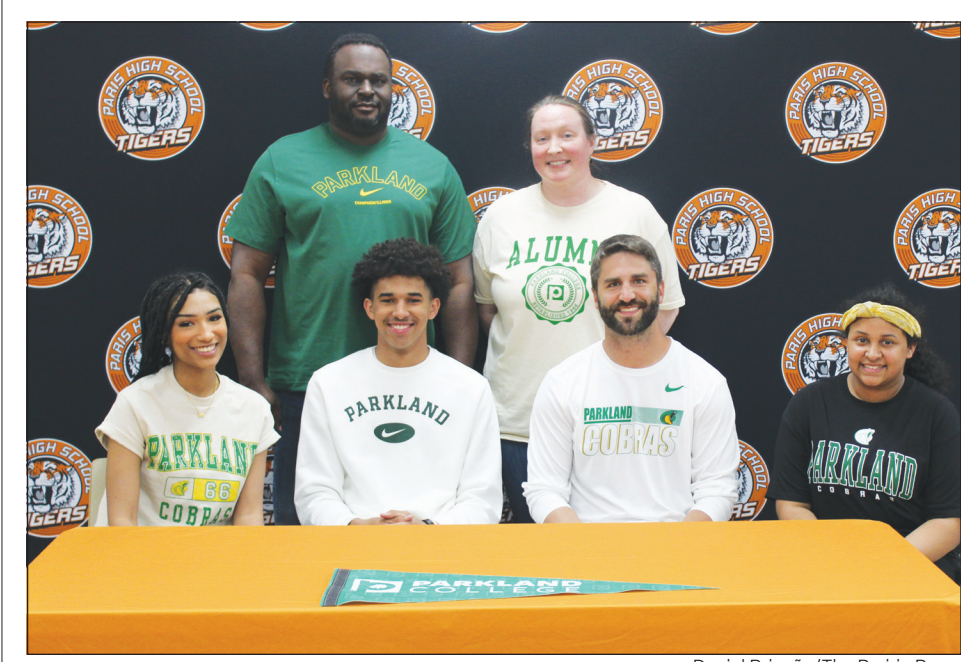
Sebastian Daugherty was also plunked to load the bases with two outs. Landen Englum came through with a two-RBI single to give the Tigers a 2-1 lead.

The score remained the same until the bottom of the fourth inning. Crippes was once again hit by a pitch, advancing to third on a double from Ethan Curl. Daugherty brought Crippes home on a fielder's choice and then Englum once again collected a two-out RBI with a single to center.

Paris broke things open in the fifth as Ty King doubled and advanced to third on a sacrifice bunt from Nathan Trapp. Reed Stuck was hit-by-pitch to put runners at the corners with one away. Crippes lifted a fly ball to center the Robinson player couldn't handle bringing in a pair of runs. Lehman doubled to the wall in left to score Crippes and make it 7-1. Sean Dunn reached on an error before Daugherty singled to score Lehman. Englum once again singled to load the bases with one out. Dunn scampered home on a passed ball to plate the fifth run of the inning and make the score 9-1.

Robinson cut the lead to three after scoring five runs of their own in the top of the sixth. While at the time it did not seem important, the Tigers added three huge insurance runs in the bottom of the sixth inning. All three

PHS HIGH-FLYER TRE LEE SIGNS ON AT PARKLAND



Daniel Briseño/The Prairie Press
Paris High School senior Tre Lee signed to play basketball at Parkland College next year. Pictured left to right are, front row, Trinity Lee, Tre Lee, PHS coach Chase Brinkley and Nyah Lee. Back row, Donald Lee II and Abby Lee.

runs came with two outs. Crippes singled, stole second and scored on a basehit off the bat of Lehman. Curl added a single while Daugherty was once again hit by a pitch to load the bases. Englum connected on his fifth hit of the game so bring home Lehman and Curl to make it 12-6. Robinson added three in the seventh.

Englum tied a school-record with five hits in the game. He now shared that mark with Brent Fulk who accomplished the feat in 1989. To go along with his five hits, Englum also drove in five runs. Lehman also had a big day at the plate with a double, two singles and a pair of RBIs. Curl had a double and a single, Crippes had a pair of singles, Carter Eastham and King each had a double and Daugherty added a single and a pair of RBIs. The Tigers stranded 13 base-runners in the contest.

Crampton started the game but did not factor in the decision. He went three innings allowing one run on five hits. He walked one and struck out three. Gabe Roush finished the contest and earned the win. He allowed eight runs — just three earned — on six hits. He walked one, hit two and struck out three in four innings of work.

TENNIS

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"I was impressed with how well both teams handled the wind, as it easily could've turned into the defining feature of the matches, but there really weren't a ton of points that it affected," Ayd said.

At #1, Marcus Mitchell built an early 3-0 lead thanks to quite a few errors from his opponent. After those early problems though things around. The first set ended up going to a tiebreaker that Charleston won 7-4. After that though, Mitchell was much more dominant in the second set, doing a better job of using his pace and placement to keep his opponent on the run and take an easy 6-1 win. That set up a third set tiebreak and unfortunately the momentum swung back in Charleston's favor to give them a 7-6 (4), 1-6, 10-4.

At #2, the story was similar except the first set was close throughout. Hudson David hit good shots, but had a lot of trouble finishing points at the net and his opponent also

had some good net play of his own, taking a 7-6 (6), 6-3 win.

The other four singles matches were fairly dominant wins for Paris, as no one dropped more than two games in a single set. Robert Wells, Aidan Creech, Drake Bartos and Carter Fox each did a nice job of hitting consistently and using pace and placement to force errors from their less experienced opponents.

Things were similar in doubles, as the only match featuring a close set was at #1. Mitchell and Wells led throughout the first set, although never by much, taking a 6-4 win. The second set wasn't as close, as the Tigers did a better job of finishing points at the net and Charleston also struggled a bit more with errors to give Paris a 6-4, 6-2 win.

At #2, Bartos and David lost the first game, but never trailed again, using well-placed volleys to end points for a 6-2, 6-0 win. At #3, the match featured a little less net play and more baseline rallies, as Aidan Creech and Harris Romero took a 6-2, 6-2 win.

fifth in the 1600 in 5:46.44.

Cooper McQueen took sixth in the discus with a toss of 80-10. The 4x400 relay team of Ethan Prater, Hugar Morrissey, Gambel Morris and Colton Gingerich took sixth in a time of 5:16.66.

The eighth-grade girls team placed seventh with 34 points. Zoey Shreeves won the discus with a toss of 79-0 1/2 while taking fifth in the shot put at 20-7 3/4.

Chloe Thompson took fifth in the 200 (30.33) and Shelby Johnson took sixth in the 1600 (7:15.33). All three relay teams performed well. The 4x200 team of Thompson, Ella Bennett,

Taylor Williams and Taylor Hepburn siezed third in 2:10.25.

The 4x100 relay team of Ali Cash, Callie Duzan, Peyton Duzan and Olivia VonLanken took fifth place in 1:09.00 and the 4x400 squad of Johnson, VonLanken, Ady Tyler and Grace Wright took sixth in 5:55.82.

The eighth-grade boys team placed eighth with 14 points. Ryder Johnson took fifth in the long jump with a leap of 15-3 while Eyan Keys took sixth in the 1600 in a time of 5:45.28. The 4x200 relay team of Johnson, Smith, McQueen and Carter Edwards was fourth in 2:02.12.

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TITANS

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She also notched a seventh-place finish in the 800 with a time of 3:11.92.

Alexis Conley took third in the discus (66-10) and fifth in the shot put (21-9.75).

The seventh-grade boys finished in ninth with 16 points. Anthony Smith, 2:39.81 in the 800 meters, and Jacob Weaver, 14-1 in the long jump, each placed third in those events. Weaver took

Titans end losing streak against Bluestreaks

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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TRI-COUNTY 17, MARTINSVILLE 4

MARTINSVILLE — After a 14-0 home loss to Westville, the Tri-County Titans baseball squad traveled south Wednesday, April 19, to Martinsville for a road contest against the Martinsville Blue Streaks. The Titans' offense came to life during a mammoth third inning, boosting them to a 17-4 win in six.

The Titans got on the board in the top of the first when Justin Robertson scored on a ground out by Caden Logan. The Streaks answered in the bottom of the second on an RBI ground out to tie the contest at 1-1.

The Titans responded in the top of the third.

Robertson doubled, then stole third base two batters later, scoring on a wild pitch to put Tri-County up 2-1.

Two batters later Gaige Cox also scored on a wild pitch. Another wild pitch brought Logan home as well, giving the Titans a 4-1 lead. Will Dudley drew a bases-loaded walk, scoring Jack Houlihan to go up 5-1.

Two batters later, Robertson returned to the plate, drawing a walk and scoring Caleb Brown. Carter Phillips laced a single to score both Levi Ash and Dudley, putting Tri-County up 8-1 with two outs.

Robertson and Phillips found home plate once more following a single by Cox.

After Logan singled to score Donnie Loveall, who was courtesy running for Cox, the Titans had completed a 10-run frame and seized an 11-1 lead.

After the Streaks got one run back in the bottom of the third to cut the deficit to 11-2, the Titans returned the favor in the top of the fourth as Ash scored on a ground out by Garrett Pollock to put Tri-County back up 12-2.

Martinsville found home plate in the bottom of the frame after an RBI single put the score at 12-3.

Robertson returned to the plate again, roping a double to score Mason Weller. Phillips followed suit, lacing a double to score both Dudley and Robertson.

Cox then took a one-one pitch deep to left for a two-run home run leaving the Titans with a comfortable 17-3 advantage.

The Streaks managed one run in the bottom of the frame, but it wasn't enough to keep Tri-County away from the run-rule win.

Gaige Cox finished two for five with a home run, a stolen base, two runs scored and four RBI while Carter Phillips was two for three with a double, two runs scored and four RBI.

Caden Logan went one for three with a run scored and two RBI while Jack Houlihan and Caleb Brown batted one for three with a run scored each.

Levi Ash was one for two with two runs scored, while

Will Dudley went one for one with two runs scored and an RBI. Donnie Loveall added a stolen base and a run scored while Mason Weller chipped in a run scored.

Garrett Pollock took the win on the mound, pitching five innings and giving up five hits and three runs, one earned, while striking out nine and walking four.

Pollock added an RBI at the plate. Justin Robertson pitched one inning in relief, allowing two hits and one earned run while striking out one and walking one. Robertson was two for three with two doubles, two stolen bases, four runs scored and two RBI at the plate.

WESTVILLE 14, TRI-COUNTY 0

SHILOH — Tuesday, April 18 featured non-conference baseball for the Tri-County Titans, who hosted the Westville Tigers. The Titans hoped to snap a six-game losing streak, but late hitting from the Tigers resulted in a 14-0 win for the visitors.

Westville snagged an early 3-0 lead in the top of the first.

A golden opportunity presented itself to the Titans in the bottom of the first. Carter Phillips was hit by a pitch before Jackson Ehlers singled.

Justin Robertson then drew a walk to load the bases. However, Tri-County was did not plate any runs.

After three scoreless innings for both teams, Westville came to life in the top

of the fifth with two outs, scoring two runs to extend their lead to 5-0. A three-RBI double cleared the bases, and the Tiger lead ballooned to 8-0. A wild pitch allowed one more Westville runner to slip home.

In the top of the sixth, the Tigers put the final nail in the coffin — a three-run home run from Kamden Maddox to put Westville up 12-0.

Three batters later, a two-run dinger from Ethan McMasters put the score at 14-0. The Titans tried to rally in the bottom of the frame putting two runners on with two outs but they did not score.

The Titans tallied only four hits on the day, with Jackson Ehlers going two for three while the duo of Caden Logan and Gaige Cox hit one for three each. Logan notched a double.

Caleb Brown took the loss on the mound, throwing four innings and giving up four hits and three unearned runs. He recorded one strikeout.

Carter Phillips pitched one inning in relief, giving up three hits and six runs, all earned, while striking out one and walking one. Justin Robertson gave up three hits and five runs, three earned, while walking one during his stint on the mound.

HERITAGE 7, TRI-COUNTY 4

BROADLANDS — Lincoln Prairie Conference baseball made its way to Don Stampini Field at Heritage High School on Monday, April 17. The Ti-

tans were looking to end a five-game losing streak while the Hawks were still in search of their first win of the season having dropped their first 11 games.

Heritage prevailed, riding a strong late inning rally to a 7-4 win.

Tri-County got things going in the top of the first with two outs as Jackson Ehlers knocked a single to left to score Carter Phillips. Caden Logan launched a triple to left to score Donnie Loveall, Ehlers' courtesy runner, giving the Titans a 2-0 lead.

In the top of the third, the Titans connected again after a triple by Justin Robertson. Robertson later scored on a balk call to put Tri-County up 3-0.

The Hawks bounced back in the bottom of the fourth, cutting the Titan lead to 3-1. In the bottom of the sixth, the Hawks drew three straight walks to load the bases. Jullian Grey reached on an error, scoring two teammates and tying the game at 3-3.

After a single by Hayden Davis loaded the bases again, Joey Markstahler drew a walk, netting another Hawks run and their first lead of the game at 4-3.

A single and a Titan error

put the Hawks up by three heading into the final inning.

Tri-County tried to come back in the top of the seventh. Gaige Cox reached on an error, scoring Andy Houlihan and cutting the deficit to 7-4.

Cox reached second on defensive interference to put runners at second and third with the tying run at the plate, but Tri-County was unable to capitalize. Heritage secured the three-run win.

Jackson Ehlers went two for four with a double and an RBI for the Titans. Meanwhile, Justin Robertson hit one for three with a triple and a run scored.

Andy Houlihan and Donnie Loveall added a run scored each while Carter Phillips chipped in two stolen bases and a run scored.

Caden Logan took the loss in relief, allowing two hits and five runs, two earned, while striking out three and walking four in one inning of action.

Logan was one for three with a triple and an RBI at the plate.

Gaige Cox went five innings in the start, getting a no-decision while giving up five hits and two runs, both earned. Cox struck out 12 and walked one.

Smith and Cox play in All-Star game

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HUME — Jacob Smith and Gaige Cox, seniors at Shiloh High School, represented the Tri-County basketball team at the Central Illinois Basketball All-Star game March 26.

They were on the Little-Prairie Conference All-Star team and lost to the National-Trail Conference All-Stars 93-80. Smith was voted the MVP for the Little-Prairie Conference team after scoring 11 points in the game.

Smith was an AAU basketball player traveling the Midwest in the summers playing games in Missouri, Kentucky and Wisconsin. His sister was previously an All-Conference basketball player as well, and he was excited to follow in her footsteps.

"I was proud to represent Tri-County basketball," said Smith. "It was a real honor for Gaige and I to be there."

With the end of the All-Star game, came the shellshock that Smith's basketball career is over as he has no definite plans on pursuing basketball at college.

"I do love the game, so if I get an offer maybe I will consider it," Smith said.

Cox is a multi-sport athlete playing basketball, baseball and football, and the All-Star game is an outstanding achievement for his sports involvement.

"The experience was amazing, and I was honored to be there with those guys," said Cox. But for now basketball is in the past. "I am focusing on my baseball career right now. But if I received an offer (at the college level) for basketball I



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Shiloh High School seniors Jacob Smith, left, and Gaige Cox, right, represented the Tri-County Titans during the March 26 Central Illinois Basketball All-Star game.

would probably take it. Basketball was my life for a long time."

Losing a game is not easy, but Smith and Cox appreciate the opportunity of being

part of the All-Star experience beyond the win-loss element. They are grateful for being on the team and enjoyed sharing the court together for the last time.

Lady Titans find first win against conference foe

BY TIM HENDERSHOT
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TRI-COUNTY 14, CGB 4

BEMENT — It was a battle of two winless softball teams on Monday, April 17, when the Tri-County Titans, who entered the contest at 0-11, took on the Cerro Gordo-Bement Broncos — who came in at 0-10. A late-inning explosion by Tri-County finally snapped their drought, taking a 14-4 conference win in six innings.

After two scoreless innings, the Titans finally broke the seal in the top of the third when Lily Brown and Lainey Ehlers reached on back-to-back CGB errors. Kaitlyn Brandenburg roped a double to left, scoring Ehlers and Shaylun Christenberry — who got on via a fielder's choice.

The Broncos responded in the bottom of the fourth as Jazzy Hicks scored on a passed ball with two outs, cutting the deficit to 2-1.

CGB kept up the momentum in the bottom of the fifth as Bailey Walter put down a bunt single, then scored all the way from first

as Maddie Gant reached on a Titan error to tie the contest at 2-2.

Gant scored on a triple to left by Brooklyn Comp to take the lead at 3-2. Two batters later, Comp scored as Haylei Simpson reached on another Titan error, putting CGB up 4-2.

Tri-County responded in the top of the sixth. Kenzie Aue doubled to left, then Kendra Morfey reached on an error. Maddie Lindsey singled, allowing Aue to score.

The deficit was down to 4-3. After Mollie Pollock drew a walk to load the bases, a wild pitch struck Ona Pellicer, scoring Morfey and tying the game at 4-4.

Shortly after, Brown slapped a single to score Lindsey, then Ehlers walked to score Pollock to go up 6-4. Two batters later, Brandenburg reached on an error, scoring Ehlers. Brown followed suit, scoring on the same play after another error to put the score at 8-4.

Aue returned to the plate, hitting a single to score Christenberry. After a single by Morfey loaded

the bases again, Lindsey smacked a double to left field, scoring both Brandenburg and Aue.

The Titans led 11-4 with just one out in the inning. Pollock singled to score Morfey, then Pellicer grounded out to score Lindsey, putting Tri-County up 13-4.

Brown stepped up again, hitting a single to score Pollock and complete a 12-run frame to go up 14-4. The Broncos were unable to answer, allowing the run-rule win for the Titans.

The Titans ended the day with 12 hits with Maddie Lindsey leading the way going three for four with a double, a stolen base, two runs scored and three RBI.

Kaitlyn Brandenburg went one for four with a double, a run scored and four RBI while Kenzie Aue was two for four with a double, two runs scored and an RBI.

Mollie Pollock went two for three with two stolen bases, two runs scored and an RBI. Meanwhile, Lily Brown went two for four with a stolen base, a run scored and two RBI. Kend-

ra Morfey was one for four with two runs scored while Lainey Ehlers added two runs scored and an RBI.

Ona Pellicer finished with two RBI. Shaylun Christenberry went the distance on the mound, getting her first win and allowing three hits and four runs, one earned, while striking out 12 and walking one. Christenberry was two for four with a stolen base and two runs scored at the plate.

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Mayo Middle school is performing "High School Musical Jr." for the drama club's spring endeavor. All pictures were taken by Nancy Zeman.



Peer pressure is something many students face — including those in the Mayo Middle School's production of "High School Musical Jr." Chris Gann, the best friend of the school's star athlete sings to remind his buddy everyone is "Counting on You."



At East Side High School, the Jocks are heading toward the big game against their conference rival and a possible championship. Troy Bolton, played by Harrison Hays, center, is facing a crisis because he wants to audition for the musical and sing with Gabriella but the game and auditions are at the same time. His teammates are pressuring him to choose the game during the number "Counting on You."



In the lunchroom at East Side High School, members of the three cliques at the school — Brainiacs, Jocks and Thespians — begin sharing interests. Jock Zeke Baylor, played by Max Hays, jumps on the lunchroom table to share he wants to be a baker and if the star basketball player admits he wants to sing in the musical, then he can share his dream, too.



The 35 members of the Mayo Middle School musical, "High School Musical Jr." complete the finale in the family-friendly hour-long show performed at 7 p.m. today at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



The president of East Side High School's drama club, Sharpay Evans, played by Sophia Young, puts her own spin on the audition music for "Juliet and Romeo" while her twin brother, Ryan, played by Eli Mason, dances along. Mayo's one-hour family musical, directed by Jessica Hendrickson and Dandi Mansfield, presents its final show at 7 p.m. today at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



East Side High School's star basketball player, Troy Bolton, played by Harrison Hays, and brainiac Gabriella Montez, played by London Pruiett, escape from the school lunchroom to the quiet of the school garden wondering why student life can't be easy.



The voice of East Side High, ultra-nerd Jack Scott, played by Kameron Morrison, transforms into "The Velvet Fog" when he slips behind the microphone making announcements.



It's not just the students who have to make choices in "High School Musical Jr." presented for the final time at 7 p.m. today at the Paris Center of Fine Arts. East Side High School basketball Coach Bolton, left, played by Masyn Perry, confronts drama director Ms. Tenney, played by Mylee Strow, about practice and audition conflicts threatening their programs.



In math class, science club president Taylor McKessie at left, played by Aliyah Doran, tries to convince math whiz Gabriella Montez, center, played by London Pruiett, to join the competition team while drama club president Sharpay Evans, right, portrayed by Sophia Young, makes her own plans for being cast in the school musical during "High School Musical Jr." presented at 7 p.m. today at the Paris Center of Fine Arts by Mayo Middle School.

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Tales of Chuck Littleton

Mayo School had its share of friendly, humorous, story-telling custodians during my tenure there as a teacher. Some of them worked an eight-hour shift elsewhere, then worked late afternoon and nighttime at the school. One such character was Chuck Littleton, a small slender guy with a wiry build and a built-in laugh. Sadly, he died much too young.

Chuck's main job was in the north edge of Marshall at Velsico, the controversial chemical factory that produced a stinky bug spray that not only offended people's sense of smell, but also polluted the Mississippi River as far south as Louisiana with a cancer-causing ingredient.

When he janitored at Mayo he worked at Velsico from seven to three. Prior to that he worked from three to eleven for a while. It was this night shift that inspired his stories.

Chuck lived east of Paris, so the quickest route to Marshall was through the country, which meant the Lower-T to Elbridge, then the Dennison Road to Marshall. It was a crooked drive, featuring as many curves as the alphabet.

There was one particular stretch of the Dennison Road which was lonely and forbidding during the night drive home. A driver felt uneasy when there was no moonlight.

On one particular night Chuck was driving this stretch in his small pickup when his headlights suddenly lit up a parked automobile pointed toward him. It was paused on the road in complete darkness. Also, in the road were three or four ghostly human figures wearing hoods over their heads and white sheets. Chuck's teeth began to chatter as he approached them. Another white figure lay prone across Chuck's lane as if dead.

Chuck didn't know if these ghoulish characters were kids playing a prank or members of the Ku Klux Klan in a mood for murder.

He made a quick decision to step on his accelerator and speed past them. To avoid striking the prone figure, he was forced to place two wheels in the ditch and drive through weeds.

He surprised the spooks who tried to wave him to stop. He noticed in his mirror they started their car, piled into it, turned around and gave chase. They never came close to catching him. His truck set a speed record all the way home. He never knew who these figures were or why they were there. He changed his route home after that.

Another story Chuck narrated dealt with chickens. A friend gave him some banties. Now banties (true name is Bantams) are small chickens and very colorful.

>>> CODGER, 9B



ALLEN ENGLEBRIGHT
 OLD CODGER

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These recipes for Easy Brunch Quiche and Lemon Blueberry Trifle provide a full menu to feed loved ones from start to finish, re-

- EASY BRUNCH QUICHE**
 Servings: 12
- 1 package (10 ounces) frozen broccoli with cheese
 - 12 slices bacon, chopped
 - 1/2 cup green onions, sliced
 - 1 cup mushrooms, sliced
 - 4 eggs
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 1/2 cups shredded cheese, divided
 - 2 frozen deep dish pie shells (9 inches each)
- Heat oven to 350 F. In medium bowl, add broccoli and cheese contents from package. Microwave 5 minutes, or until cheese is saucy. Set aside. In skillet, cook chopped bacon 4 minutes. Add green onions; cook 2 minutes. Add

mushrooms; cook 4 minutes, or until bacon is completely cooked and mushrooms are tender. Drain onto paper towel over plate. Set aside. In medium bowl, whisk eggs and milk until combined. Add broccoli and cheese mixture. Add 1 cup cheese. Stir to combine. Set aside. In pie shells, divide drained bacon mixture evenly. Divide broccoli mixture evenly and pour over bacon mixture. Sprinkle remaining cheese over both pies. Bake 40 minutes. Cool at least 12 minutes before serving. Note: To keep edges of crust from burning, place aluminum foil over pies for first 20 minutes of cook time. Remove after 20 minutes and allow to cook uncovered until completed.

gardless of the occasion. Serving up exquisite flavor



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>>> BRUNCH, 2B

Trying to put out fires

She seemed frustrated. She was trying to do her best, but the drive-through line was backed up. There were cars in the overflow spots, and it just seemed like things weren't going good for the one person all these people were going to interact with.



NATE ALEXANDER
 PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

She knew when people have to wait very long they tend to get a little frustrated. As she gave me the food, I started to tell her have a nice day, except she looked a little hesitant on what I was about to say.

I think she expected something different. I think she thought I might tell her how long I had been waiting, or how my day would be ruined because I had to wait a little bit on my food.

I don't know her name. I don't know how the rest of her day went, and she doesn't know much about me, but in that moment, I had two choices — I could choose to be fuel for the fire or a fire extinguisher.

I mean this in a figurative way. In that moment, things were burning for her. A fire had started at some point before I pulled up to the window. There was some reason why things weren't going so well, but the fire had started.

The reality is every day we find fires. Some happen where the fire is either set by something we have done or something someone else has done, but we all find the fires.

Some fires are hotter than others. Some fires happen on purpose and some by accident. Some fires only last a few seconds while other fires last for a good long while. The part that is difficult to understand is how we find ways to add to the fires.

We will say something or do something that adds fuel to the fire. There are times I think it's by accident. We just don't see what we are doing, but most of the time we just don't care.

We add a little wood to that already hot fire, which we often think we are justified to do. There are all kinds of reasons we can come up with to think we have a right to it, but it just adds fuel to the fire.

The lady at the drive-through window already knew that everyone was in a hurry and just wanted their food. There wasn't a need to let her know. What she really needed was a few words to put out the fire.

She needed a fire extinguisher. She needed a few people to intercede on her behalf in that moment.

The world needs a few more fire extinguishers, more words that build up instead of tear down, more actions that promote good instead of hurt, more people willing to carry a cup of water around with them so that when they find a fire they can put it out.

>>> PASTOR, 9B

Earth Day is an opportunity to think about environmental impact

Today, April 22, is the 53rd annual Earth Day event.

Senator Gaylord Nelson created Earth Day in the spring of 1970 to push a national environmental discussion. Earth Day went global in 1990 when 141 countries each held national programs of their own. For the last few years, 192 countries have participated.

Each year renews discussions and highlights major issues. The purpose is to educate the public and promote best practices to protect our environment. There has been progress, but we are still polluting and still dirtying our own bed.

Every year global leadership chooses a theme. The focus for 2013 was Climate Education which did lead to the Paris Climate Agreement in 2015 that was signed by all but three countries. Iran, Libya and Yemen did not sign. In 2017, President Trump withdrew the

U.S. from the agreement.

The 2018 theme was to End Plastic Pollution. It increased awareness, but we made little progress reducing, reusing or recycling plastics. The theme for 2022 was Invest in Our Planet. It was decided to repeat that theme this year, and how we invest in fashion will have an impact.

Human activities since the industrial revolution are the primary causes of environmental changes. We use fossil fuels for heating, to power combustion engines and as the base for most of our manufacturing. Most man-made chemicals begin with hydrocarbons. Made chemicals and plastics are environmental pollutants and a major contributor to global warming. They are also toxic.

The Feb. 3 train derailment in Ohio-Pennsylvania had 20 rail cars carrying hazardous materials used in the production of plastics. They were released into the air and onto the surface. Pools of leaked liquids were burned releasing toxic chemicals.

Last week an event east of Indianapolis released tons of hydrogen cyanide and benzene into the atmosphere when a warehouse storing

14 acres of shredded plastic caught fire. China no longer accepts the plastic and paper waste we used to ship there. Truthfully, only a small portion of that waste was ever recycled. Much of it went into landfills or back into the environment.

From the 1950s to the 1970s, only a small amount of plastic was produced. It then tripled over the next 20 years and has been doubling every decade since. Today 98% of single-use plastic is produced from fossil fuel. Greenhouse gas emissions associated with production, use and disposal are expected to become 19% of the global carbon budget by 2040 with a major contributor now being the fashion industry.

The rise of fast fashion has created billion dollar companies while at the same time poisoning our environment. There are now 100 billion garments produced per year. The average person throws away 82 pounds of clothes a year, which means 2,000 clothing items per second are being tossed across the country.

World clothing consumption

has increased 800% in the last 60 years. Just since 2000, it is up 400% driven by marketing and profit motives.

In the last 30 years, the cost of all goods and services has increased 70%. One outlier is clothing, which decreased 10% over that same time period. That is cost per item not percentage of household budget.

Today's consumer purchases 70% more items of clothing than they did in 1990. In 1960, 95% of the clothing we bought was produced in the U.S., today only 3% is made here. The push has been to reduce costs and increase volume with disastrous implications for the planet.

In 1850, a person may have owned only 2 or 3 sets of clothes. Even in 1960, a person owned maybe a dozen made from natural fibers they used 50 or more times before they wore out. The average person today has 150 pieces of clothing which get disposed of before they wear out. We only wear an item seven times before tossing it.

The limited duration of garments results from manufacturers

using fabrics that are not created to be durable. The other factor is how fast fashion trends change.

Fast fashion marketing has pushed the envelope. The average closet contains 26 clothing items that have never been worn. This was made possible with the rise of super cheap clothing. The fashion industry motto is cheaper, faster and higher volume.

The internet and entertainment industry flood us with images. Social media influencers are dressed to build desire for something new. Where we once had four fashion seasons a year there are now 60 with manufacturers changing lines every week. Stores intentionally put a new pattern on the racks so what shoppers have is dated.

The economics work because the industry shifted from natural to man-made fibers. In 1991, man-made fibers surpassed cotton. Today, polyester plastics account for 80% of fast fashion.

The materials are produced in China, India and Southeast Asia from fossil fuels and colored with bright toxic dyes.

>>> SULLIVAN, 9B



TERRY SULLIVAN
 ARMCHAIR SCIENCE

BRUNCH

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LEMON BLUEBERRY TRUFFLE

Prep time: 45 minutes
Servings: 8-10

Lemon Curd:
1 cup Domino Golden Sugar
2 tablespoons cornstarch
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 tablespoon lemon zest
6 tablespoons water
1/4 teaspoon salt
6 egg yolks
1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room

temperature, cut into 1/2-inch cubes

Whipped Cream:
2 cups heavy whipping cream, cold
2 tablespoons Domino Golden Sugar
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract

Trifle:
1 cup blueberry jam
12 ounces fresh blueberries, plus additional for garnish, divided
1 pound cake, cubed
lemon slices, for garnish
mint, for garnish

To make lemon curd: In medium saucepan, stir sugar and cornstarch. Stir in lemon juice, lemon zest, water and salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Remove from heat and gradually stir in three egg yolks; mix well until combined. Stir in remaining egg yolks. Return to heat and cook 2 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.
Stir in butter; mix until incorporated. Cover with plastic wrap, touching surface of lemon curd to prevent curd forming skin.

Refrigerate until completely cool.
To make whipped cream: In large bowl, beat cream, sugar and vanilla until soft peaks form. Do not overbeat.
To make trifle: Mix blueberry jam with 12 ounces fresh blueberries. Place one layer cubed pound cake in bottom of trifle dish. Top with layer of blueberries. Add dollops of lemon curd and whipped cream. Repeat layering ending with whipped cream.
Decorate trifle with lemon slices, fresh blueberries and mint.

Horizon Health offers EMT-Basic certification

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Horizon Health is now accepting registration for an upcoming EMT-Basic certification course.
The 18-week course takes place 5-9 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Sept. 25. Classes are taught at the Horizon Health Education Center, 15197 U.S. Highway 150, in Paris.
The course fee is \$850, which includes a student polo shirt for clinical hours, a drug screen and a background check. Participants cannot be convicted of a felony and must be current on immunizations prior to the start of class.
Fourteen seats are available, and registration is first come, first served. After completing the course, students will qualify for the National Registry EMT Exam.
Internet access is required, as this is a hybrid course. Access to Jones & Bartlett Learning and all

course materials are provided. CPR certification is included in the course.
Horizon Health EMT Sean Robison is the instructor. Robison is licensed through the state of Illinois as a lead instructor for the course and is a practicing EMT-Basic for 15 years. He also serves as the EMS coordinator for the Paris Community Fire Protection District.
Two full scholarships covering the cost of the course are available through Horizon Health. The scholarships are available to individuals aged 18 and older who reside within Horizon Health's primary service area. Apply at MyHorizonHealth.org/Scholarships by June 1.
Visit MyHorizonHealth.org/EMT to register by Aug. 1. The registration fee is required at the time of enrollment. For questions, email srobison@MyHorizonHealth.org.

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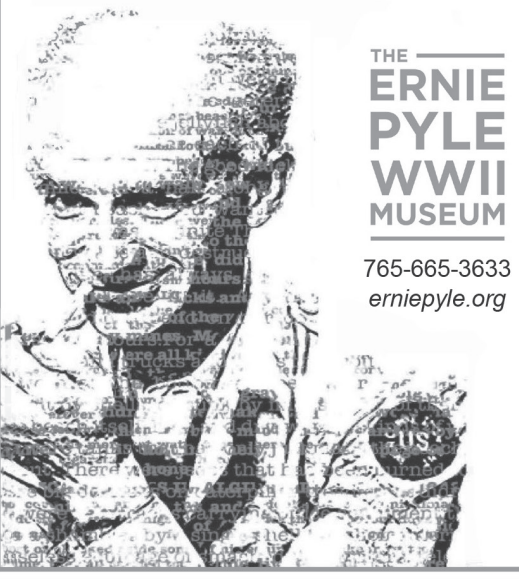


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Anxiety and social media

Social media has become an essential part of our daily routine, providing us with instant connections to friends, family and colleagues. However, concerns have grown about the effects of social media on mental health, particularly on anxiety.



JONATHAN BURNS
FINDING WELLNESS

One of the major reasons for this is the fear of missing out, or FOMO. This refers to the anxiety or unease that arises from the belief that others are enjoying life more than us, experiencing new things or achieving success that we are missing out on.
With the constant flow of social media posts, stories and updates, it's easy to fall into the trap of comparing ourselves to others and feeling inadequate. We may start to feel like we're not doing enough, not successful enough or not having enough fun, leading to anxiety, depression and other mental health problems.

Fortunately, there are ways to minimize the impact of social media on our mental health. One of the most effective is to limit our use

of social media by setting aside specific times to check our feeds and catch up with loved ones.

Another helpful strategy is to practice self-compassion, reminding ourselves it is OK to take a break and rest when we need to. It's crucial to prioritize our mental health and well-being above everything else.

If you're struggling with anxiety or know someone who is, the Living Room Program (LRP) offered by the Human Resources Center (HRC) can provide support. Adults can contact the program at 217-712-9766 for more information or drop into the Life Center, 745 E. Court St, Paris, on the Horizon Health campus. The Living Room is available 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

Remember, social media is a great tool for connecting with others, but it's essential to manage our social media use proactively to minimize the impact of FOMO and anxiety on our lives. By taking these steps, we can prioritize our mental health and well-being, leading to a healthier, happier life.

(Jonathan Burns is Executive Director of the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties. He may be contacted at Jonathan.Burns@hrcec.org)

Local TOPS groups meet

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TOPS #IL. 1563 met Thursday, April 13, with 17 attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were Sally Delong, TOPS weekly best loser; and Coralie Smittkamp, KOPS weekly best loser; Barbara Dick won the exercise drawing; and Terri Cheatham won the food chart drawing.

The program was the spring awards banquet, and the following members were recognized: Glenda Berry received the Chapter Inspiration Award for 2023 and, Berry along with Connie Porter, Jean Daniels and JoEllen Edmonds were named Division 10 winners.

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.

TOPS #IL. 2318 met Tuesday, April 18, with 13 members weighing in and 13 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were Nancy Norman, TOPS weekly best loser and top exerciser; Kathrine Entrican, three-week loser; and Sharon Phillips, top walker.

TOPS #IL. 2318 meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Presbyterian Church. Weigh-in is 4:45-5:50 p.m., and the meeting is 6 p.m. For more information call 217-808-0078 or 217-822-0953.

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NHC Volunteer Week celebrated

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National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 to recognize and celebrate the efforts of volunteers across the country.

It is a time to honor and thank hospital volunteers for their commitment to patient care and their compas-

volunteers to show appreciation.

Some of the volunteer duties include working in the gift shop, the surgery waiting room area and sorting mail. In addition to those volunteers, there are 49 drivers who deliver Meals on Wheels. In 2022, the hospital kitchen staff

teers donating 3,175 hours. Not only do they serve as volunteers, but the funds from sales in the gift shop helped purchase a Thyroid Biopsy Ultrasound Training Model for physician Edward Rico and his staff and most recently a blanket warmer for the new dialysis unit. Two \$1,000 schol-



Linda Lane/The Prairie Press
Joann Bayler, center, was named Horizon Health's Volunteer of the Year at the recent volunteer reception held at the hospital. The presentation was made by Horizon Health staff members Kim Macke, director of development, left, and Marty Adams, vice president of finance and CFO, right.

sion toward patients, staff and the community.

The theme for this year's National Health Care Volunteer Week is Volunteers Make the Ordinary Extraordinary. Horizon Health held a reception for the organization's many

prepared 35,094 meals, which the volunteers delivered seven days a week to individuals enrolled in the program. The average number of meals served daily thus far in 2023 is 80.

In 2022, there were 26 active PCH gift shop volun-

arships are also awarded annually.

A Volunteer of the Year award is given as part of the annual volunteer celebration. This special award is voted on by the volunteers and is revealed at the reception. The 2023 Volunteer

of the Year is Joann Bayler, whom her fellow volunteers claimed is excellent at her job, knowledgeable about computers, is honest and a pleasure to work with.

Bayler joined the gift shop volunteers in 2019 and has logged nearly 1,200 hours. In addition to working in the gift shop, she also worked at the information desk before COVID.

She currently helps buy merchandise for the gift shop, assists with pricing and ticketing the items and uses the square terminal for sales and stock. She serves as co-treasurer, keeping the volunteer finances in order and ensuring that all reports are filed correctly.

Bayler was presented a plaque in appreciation of her service and was congratulated by Kim Macke, Marty Adams and the entire group of volunteers.

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Out of the Past

Here is a compilation of stories appearing in the April 1923 issues of the Paris Beacon-News.



CALLIE BABER
 OUT OF THE PAST

Spelling and punctuation have not been changed except where necessary for better understanding.

ALICE MATTHEWS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY

Alice Matthews, 67 years old, was arrested by Special Policeman Guy Runyan, to whom complaint was made by Mrs. Hellig and another woman that Alice, who formerly resided in the "Skin Ridge" neighborhood, had sold her vote.

Alice was taken before Justice Davis but as no written complaint had been made against her she was released.

Mrs. Matthews vehemently declared the charge against her was groundless, that she had taken no money for voting.

ARREST LUTZ ON CHARGE OF BRIBERY

Charles Lutz is charged with bribery under the commission form law in a warrant issued by Magistrate Howard on complaint of Mary Hardy, who avers that Lutz bought Alice Matthew's vote. Lutz was released on his own recognizance for his appearance at 10 o'clock Thursday morning.

Mrs. Matthews was arrested Tuesday by Officer Runyan, but was later released, as no warrant had been issued for her. A warrant [however], has been sworn out in Magistrate Howard's court. Both deny the charge.

GLARING VIOLATIONS AT TERRE HAUTE

TERRE HAUTE, April 17.—Glaring violations of the federal liquor laws, hinting at an expose of "higher ups" in local official circles, were disclosed last night and early this morning by raids on the Sand Cut road house, ten miles north of Terre Haute, and at Ft. Heyden, at the west end of the Wabash river bridge, by W. H. Hays, group chief of the local prohibition enforcement office, and ten federal prohibition agents.

Amos McKay, who passes as the owner of the Sand Cut establishment, was placed under arrest and other [employees] of the place were held for investigation. The gambling paraphernalia was not located.

Forty-eight barrels of beer and quantities of whiskey were seized at Ft. Heyden. The gambling tables had also been removed at this place.

SECOND FIERY CROSS

The Ku Klux Klan burned another fiery cross in the city park about 9:30 o'clock Tuesday evening. There were a dozen or more attired in white robes with scarlet trimmings, and after applying the torch to the cross, marched around the square.—Chrisman Courier.

PARIS WINS IN MUSIC

Paris won first in music and second in declamation in the High school division and second in music in the Grade school division at the two contests held Friday morning, at the Paris high school in connection with the Edgar County Interscholastic meet.

PLAYGROUNDS LOSE BY A DECISIVE VOTE

>>> PAST, 4B

Wadlow still stands tall

World's tallest man was 8 feet 11 inches and weighed 492 pounds

BY TOM EMERY
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His imposing height belied a gentle nature. Few people have ever been loved more.

Robert Wadlow gained international fame as the tallest man in the world, and 80 years after his death, he remains a household name to many in the Midwest.

Wadlow, who died at age 22 in 1940 from complications from a foot infection, reached the remarkable height of 8 feet and 11.1 inches, still a Guinness World Record.

"It's likely that he'll always be the world's tallest man," said Dan Brannan of Alton who wrote an acclaimed book on Wadlow's life in 2003. "His height has been attributed to an overactive pituitary gland, which is much more easily treatable today. Unless the person comes from a Third World country

that doesn't have as much access to medicine, Wadlow will probably always hold the record."

Born in Alton on Feb. 22, 1918, Wadlow weighed a normal eight and a half pounds at birth. Both parents, as well as his four siblings, were typical in size as well, but his growth was abnormal early on.

At one year of age, he was 45 pounds. At age eight in 1926, he stood six feet tall and weighed 169 pounds. That March, the Alton Telegraph reported on Robert's size-17 shoes. But people were also drawn to his genteel nature that earned him the apt nickname of "Gentle Giant."

"I've talked to a number of people who knew him, and they all speak of his gentle, kind personality," said Brannan. "People just loved him. He was a joker and loved to play practical jokes on

people. He could also take it when jokes were played on him. I've never heard a bad word about him." His fame spread well beyond the area, and endorsements came his way. As a spokesman for the International Shoe Company, Wadlow traveled the nation, but one of the biggest perks was shoes from the company. As an adult, Wadlow wore a size-36 shoe.

"That was really important," said Brannan. "It was really hard for him to find comfortable shoes, and they were costly. Getting shoes that he could wear was a big deal for him."

His tailor-made clothing required more than nine and a half yards of cloth.

In April 1937, Wadlow signed with Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Circus and crisscrossed the nation as a main attraction. He reveled in sightseeing, and his warm

personality endeared him to the masses. Wadlow traveled as many as 45,000 miles a year in adulthood.

Traveling, however, presented a special set of challenges.

"Most hotels weren't set up for someone as large as Robert," said Brannan. "Simply finding a comfortable bed was difficult. Sometimes, hotels would push two beds together, so he could lay comfortably."

"Getting into cars was also hard for him," continued Brannan. "He'd have to wind himself around, just to drop into a car. And the seats had to be specially set up for him."

Incredibly, Wadlow continued growing into his twenties, and weighed 492 pounds at age 21. But his immense size led to difficulty in walking, and he was forced to use a cane.

>>> WADLOW, 4B

SHILOH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOLDS LIVE WAX MUSEUM DISPLAY



Finn Cox portrayed Albert Einstein during Shiloh Elementary School's live wax museum. There was one major piece that attracted Cox to Einstein, the fact the two share the same birth month.

Wax from the past

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Education has evolved exponentially in schools with how students study. Shiloh Elementary tried a unique approach with a wax museum-type display April 14.

"Each student got to choose their own character," said fourth-grade teacher Mallory Brinkley. "They each did research, read a book about the person and wrote a speech."

During the event, visitors walked up to a student's display, pressed the play button and listened to a speech written by a student about his/her character. It was sort of a small Disneyesque automaton attraction. When the speech was over the student could answer questions about their character and some interesting answers were given.

"I chose Selena because I felt she was the one that really had a story to tell," said Shiloh student Lily Grace. "She is a variety of style."

One student chose based on his family origins.

"I chose Leif Erikson because I like Vikings," said Devin Rose. "And because my mother is part

Viking."
 "I chose Albert Einstein because of his birthday," said Shiloh student Finn Cox. "It's in the same month as mine."

Shiloh staff member Brooke Morris believes the students enjoyed this assignment.

"It has taught them a lot," said Morris. "It's not a video game. They are learning a lot about the past and they've had a lot of fun with it, to be honest."

To another staff member, effort went beyond learning history.

"This is teaching the kids more than just history," said Shiloh El-

ementary Principal Morgan Wilhoit. "It is teaching them life skills to use for the rest of their life."

For 45 minutes the students enjoyed having staff and families walking around the displays, stopping and talking to them about the historical figures they portrayed. District Superintendent Bill Myers believes the event was a huge success.

"Anytime we can get kids to make a connection is extremely important," said Myers. "Then to add the connection to a historical figure and then give a presentation about it is wonderful."



Lily Grace believes Selena Quintanilla was full of variety and style which is why she chose to portray Quintanilla during Shiloh Elementary School's live wax museum.

Daniel Briseño/The Prairie Press

What if everything worked?

What if everything worked as it should?

If everything was perfect, I wouldn't need a napkin or a handkerchief or an eraser on my pencil. We certainly wouldn't need a mechanic, a doctor or a lawyer.



ROGER STANLEY
 NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

Maybe we have to look at the possibility of everything working like it should from an inverted perspective. Maybe we need things to remind us we aren't quite perfect because we need other people in our lives.

Sometimes when we have problems that don't seem to quit, we also need to look at those from an inverted perspective. What do I really mean by those words? If you invert something, you are probably not looking at the problem correctly — maybe even upside down. Maybe you are putting the cart before the horse before you can get anywhere.

We most certainly would not go to a doctor if we think we know how to treat ourselves better than he or she does. Probably if we went, all that would do is start an argument. A lot of times I am on the verge of doing that, and I throw caution to the wind and try to do it my way.

The other day the elbow on my left arm was painful and I couldn't even button up my shirt, and I most certainly couldn't use that arm for any useful purpose. I tried to ice it down, but I couldn't keep the ice where I needed it. I also took a couple of Tylenol®, but I wasn't getting any better.

Ginger, my daughter, stayed with us the other night. She has been a nurse for many years, and asked what was wrong with me? I kind of growled out an answer that I must have strained that arm when I was mowing the yard. In other words, not everything worked as it should have.

The next morning, she examined my elbow and told me I had a case of bursitis with an inflamed knot about the size of a walnut. She said I was trying to do the right thing, but I wasn't doing it very well. Tylenol® was all right and trying to get cold on it was all right except I wasn't keeping the cold on it right.

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Bicentennial Celebration coming together

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The Bicentennial Celebration now has a logo showing Edgar County from its origins to what it is now including the courthouse, Lincoln and the flag.

events for the 200-year celebration of Paris and Edgar County are lining up. "Some of these are still tentative," said Doblestein. "But many are confirmed and will take place." Thursday, June 15, the Paris City Band will play, Lot 50

will host a trivia night based on Edgar County and Paris history, there will be a water gun fight at the Splash Park and many more attractions. Friday, June 16, starts with a golf outing at Eagle Ridge. Food trucks will fill the square, there will be a Brothers of the Brush Beard contest and the night ends with a DJ/Band in the beer tent. Lot 50 will hold a fundraiser, for an undetermined charitable purpose, Friday in the form of a Black-Tie Event. The public can purchase tickets to the event and mingle with the

mayors/presidents of Edgar County while partaking in a food spread provided by local county restaurateurs/caterers. Saturday and Sunday, June 17 and 18 include a 5K run, canvas classes, lawn games, a scavenger hunt, church ser-

VICES, a cook-off and many more events. Doblestein emphasized the Bicentennial Celebration offers something for everything. The next Bicentennial Committee meeting is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 3, at Paris City Hall.

William Henry Harrison governed present day Illinois

By Tom Emery
ilcivilwar@yahoo.com. As president, he didn't last for long. Four decades before that, he governed territory that became the state of Illinois.

Feb. 9 marked 250 years since the birth of William Henry Harrison, the shortest-serving American chief executive, who died exactly a month into office in 1841. The presidency was the culmination of a long and winding political road for Harrison, the former governor of Indiana Territory, which included present-day Illinois.

tion, a claim with some merit. The family's plantation was a mere 30 miles from Yorktown, the site of one of Washington's greatest victories in 1781. Harrison found military success at the battle of Falling Timbers in 1794 and, five years later, was elected as a nonvoting delegate from the Northwest Territory, which comprised the present-day states of Illinois, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and Ohio.

to suit his political needs. Harrison also aggressively finalized seven Indian treaties between 1802-05 that brought in millions of acres. One modern source calls those efforts shamefully exploitative of Native American poverty [and] corrupt leadership.

In 1813, Harrison left his post as governor of the Indiana Territory to join the War of 1812, commanding the American armies in the Old Northwest with the rank of major general. Harrison led a victorious American effort at the Battle of the Thames in 1813, where Tecumseh lost his life.

234 of 294 electoral votes and 19 of 26 states. Illinois, however, was one of the seven that went for Van Buren. At 68, Harrison held the title of oldest President until 1981. His inauguration day on March 4, 1841, dawned raw and brisk, but he delivered a one-hour, 45-minute speech, the longest inaugural address in American history, without a hat, gloves or overcoat.

Born in Virginia on Feb. 9, 1773, Harrison was part of a political dynasty that stretched over a century. His father, Benjamin, was a three-term Virginia governor who signed the Declaration of Independence. A grandson, also named Benjamin, served as U.S. president from 1889-93. In Virginia, the Harrison family was close friends with George Washington and, accordingly, some have dubbed Harrison the Washington of the West. Harrison called himself a child of the Revolu-

Western residents of the Northwest Territory had long complained the seat of government in Ohio was too far removed to adequately serve their needs. Harrison listened and, as Chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, was in a position to act. In 1800, he managed to ensure passage of a law that divided the Northwest Territory in two. The western portion became the Indiana Territory, consisting of present-day Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin, in addition to parts of eastern Minnesota and the western upper peninsula of Michigan. Harrison became governor of

the new territory, which had its capital at Vincennes. Harrison constructed a striking 17-room mansion in Vincennes that he called Grouseland, a nod to the many game birds on his 300-acre property. The mansion remains in Vincennes, along with a recreated row of historic government and business structures nearby. Though Harrison saw the creation of the Indiana Territory as a positive, many Illinois settlers thought otherwise. Foremost among them were wealthy land speculators who bitterly opposed Harrison and charged him with favoring the needs of Indiana. Some well-to-do Illinoisans also argued for repeal of the anti-slavery provisions of the Northwest Ordinance of 1787. Harrison, in a crafty move designed to appease the conflict, championed a law to establish indenture of African-Americans, a watered-down version of the slavery institution. It was one of many instances during his life in which Harrison wavered on slavery

After three failed attempts between 1805-08, the Illinois Territory finally became official on March 1, 1809, thanks to some backroom dealing. The move brought an end to Harrison's governance of present-day Illinois. Harrison, meanwhile, solidified his frontier reputation at the battle of Tippecanoe, near Lafayette, Ind., on Nov. 7, 1811, against the great warrior Tecumseh. The clash was touted as a major American victory, though it was actually indecisive.

Following the war, he settled at his longtime home in North Bend, Ohio, and embarked on a checkered political career. He variously served in the U.S. House and Senate as well as Minister to Colombia but suffered a string of political defeats as well. Harrison was one of three regional Whig candidates for president in 1836 but lost to Martin Van Buren. The 1840 election proved a rematch, with Harrison garnering support across the West behind his legend from Tippecanoe. Among his supporters was Abraham Lincoln, a third-term member of the Illinois House. That November, Harrison swept into office by collecting

For decades, it was believed Harrison died of pneumonia. However, recent research has argued he may have succumbed to a gastroenteritis, caused from the open sewage dumps that comprised the primitive sanitary system in Washington. (Tom Emery is a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville, Ill. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.)

PAST

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The public playground proposition was defeated at Tuesday's election by an adverse majority of 1,529, the vote for the plan being 1,238 to 2,767 against it... The principal argument advanced against the plan is that there is little necessity for playgrounds in cities this size.

"KING TUT" DANCE
The opening of "King Tut's Tomb" will be a feature of the Kumjoius Klub dance Thursday evening at the Red Men's hall. Other oriental features are being planned.
MAYOR-ELECT WILL PITCH FIRST BALL
Manager George Bridgman, of the Paris Colts, has invited the city commissions, both old and new, to be guests of the Colts and Rockets at the first baseball game of the sea-

son next Sunday afternoon. Mayor-elect M. L. Rittenhouse will pitch the first ball, and Mayor Hoff will support Rittenhouse as the catcher.
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EDGAR COUNTY ROUTE
The only hard road route in which Edgar county is directly interested is described as the \$100,000,000 bond issue measure as "beginning at Paris and extending east to the Indiana state line." It is known as Route 134.
KU KLUX KLAN FRIDAY NIGHT
Rumors persisted Friday that there would be a Ku Klux Klan demonstration Friday night. The parade so it is said, will be in the nature of a ratification staged after the Indianapolis booster banquet.
LUTZ EXONERATED AFTER HEARING IN DAVIS' COURT
Charles Lutz, arrested on a charge of violating


the commission form of government election law by buying the vote of Mrs. Alice Matthews, [Lutz] was acquitted by Justice Davis Thursday morning. Mrs. Henry Hellig and Mrs. Mary Hardy testified they were looking out a window on the second floor of the Beacon office when they saw Lutz pay Alice. Poundmaster Roy Mullins, Mr. Twigg and others testified they kept watch of the hands of both Mrs. Davis and Lutz from the time the woman got out of an automobile until she returned to the car and they were positive no money passed. State's Attorney Bristow says that if the evidence in the case of Alice, who is charged with selling her vote, is the same as in the Lutz case, it probably will be dismissed. The prosecutor says he has not been advised of any vote buying investigation emanating from Springfield. (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.)

WADLOW

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Various intermittent health issues caused him to be hospitalized at least five times between 1930-40. Wadlow left for an appearance in Manistee, Mich., in July 1940 with a seemingly insignificant blister on a lower extremity. But an ankle brace rubbed against the blister on the trip, causing a severe foot infection. On July 6, the Telegraph reported Wadlow was ill at a hotel in Manistee. A week later, the paper printed Wadlow was suffering from a 106-degree fever. He died in Manistee at 12:40 a.m. on July 15. As in life, Wadlow's funeral attracted throngs of mourners. More than 41,000 people viewed his body at Streeper Funeral Home in Alton. Wadlow required a specially made casket that weighed 500 pounds. Coupled with the weight of the body, the 16 pallbearers had to contend with some 1,000 pounds in their solemn duty. A large procession, de-

scribed by Brannan as more like a mob scene, accompanied the body to Oakwood Cemetery. Today, Wadlow remains a cherished part of the River Bend. In 1985, a life-sized statue of Wadlow was unveiled off College Avenue in Upper Alton, while across the street, the Alton Museum of History and Art maintains a popular display on Wadlow's life. Websites with information on Wadlow receive plenty of hits on the Internet, while television networks worldwide have carried stories on his life. A children's book on Wadlow has also been produced, as was a video documentary in 1971. "People come to Alton from all over the world to learn about Robert Wadlow," said Brannan. "You rarely pass by the statue without seeing someone looking at it. It says an awful lot about the type of person Wadlow was. It's just a really special story." (Tom Emery is a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville, Ill. He may be reached at 217-710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.)

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A POWER POINT PRESENTATION
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STANLEY
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She went to the drugstore and bought an ice wrap for me to put on that elbow and told me to only use it for 20 minutes at a time. By that evening it was a whole lot better because I could place the cold where it needed to be. I never knew they had such contraptions, and I probably wouldn't have bought one anyway. I would have fooled around with that bag of cold peas and felt sorry for myself for two or three more days. Old dads need daughters that are smarter than they are, that's for sure. Maybe we don't have to have complete knowledge

to make things work like they ought to and every once in a while we could help someone else out if they had a problem by using inverted perspective or a little elbow grease. I was trying to load a thumb drive to use for a presentation with a laptop computer for a PowerPoint presentation, and I forgot how to do it not having done that for a couple of years. I asked Rosie and she said she had never messed with those little bitty devices. I have been putting together stuff for the Bicentennial of Edgar County, and I found out I don't exactly remember everything correctly for that kind of presentation.

For us old codgers it is easier to remember something that happened 50 or 60 years ago than something I did a week ago. I have erased slides that I didn't want, but I am sure glad there is a help button or many little icons to help me. I did get the thumb drive loaded after Rosie told me to take a break. She has told me time and again that she learned all the stuff about computers by getting away from the doggone computer and letting her mind rest. I call that using an inverted perspective when things don't work like they should. (Roger Stanley is a lifelong resident of Edgar County, an author and retired farmer. Email him at rogerstanley769@yahoo.com)

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Paris on the Rise sets goals

‘Rebuilding the Heart of Paris’ motto conveys group’s mission and inclusive nature

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After months of deliberation, a local group of business owners, community leaders and concerned citizens settled on a new identity, hoping to attract more involvement from their fellow Parisians. The group, now known as Paris on the Rise (POTR), hopes to revitalize local commerce and community involvement.

Cliff Macke, director of sales and marketing at The Prairie Press, alongside the Paris Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism executive director Linda Lane, have encouraged the group to settle on a name during their last three meetings.

Following an extensive discussion, the group settled on the new moniker, accompanied by a new slogan: “Rebuilding the Heart of Paris,” which incorporates ele-

ments of the POTR’s second choice.

Organizers and attendees hope the name will convey the group’s mission and inclusive nature. Business owners from across town are encouraged to participate.

Other matters were discussed at the meeting, including the approaching Downtown Paris Farmers’ Market.

Wyatt Williamson, executive director of the Edgar County Farm Bureau (ECFB), provided information on the market to those present at the meeting.

The market is held every Saturday on the square in Paris, beginning on the first Saturday of June and running through the final weekend of the Honeybee Festival. While it can take some time for vendors to harvest and prepare their goods, Williamson anticipates the market will find its stride

as time passes.

“Once we get to the middle of summer, things start to pick up,” he explained. “I think we’ll draw extra foot traffic.”

Currently, vendors within 100 miles of Paris are the only ones allowed to participate. For more information on how to participate as a buyer or a vendor, Williamson can be reached at manager@edgarcfb.org.

Members of the chamber presented tentative plans for the Paris bicentennial celebration. The event is slated to be grand in scale, beginning Thursday, June 15, and concluding Sunday, June 18.

Chamber of Commerce board vice-president Sondi Dobelstein discussed tentative details and events scheduled for the celebration.

Dobelstein hopes the celebra-

tion will be an event appealing to all local demographics.

“We just want everyone to come together and work on this,” she explained.

A detailed schedule of events will be unveiled on the Chamber’s website once the chamber launches its new community calendar. The calendar is in active development and will allow users to schedule an event and request volunteer or monetary support.

Lane provided an update on the status of the chamber’s downtown banner project. To date, the chamber has received 27 orders from local businesses to sponsor a banner downtown.

The banners will each feature a similar design but can be customized with the sponsor’s information.

After the previous set of ban-

ners was damaged, vandalized or blown away by the wind, Lane set out to replace them with more resilient versions.

The price to sponsor a banner currently sits at \$230. With an initial sales goal of 30-35 banners, Lane is pleased by the demand she has seen.

“I think it’s pretty fantastic,” she remarked.

Lane also teased the possibility of a chamber job fair in the future. Inspired by the upcoming job fair in Marshall, Lane hopes to hold a similar event in Paris.

“I saw what Marshall was doing and thought, ‘Why don’t we do that?’” said Lane.

More details will be released at a later date.

The next POTR meeting is slated for Thursday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. in the Paris Carnegie Public Library.

Small businesses are still recovering

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

Between the beginning of the pandemic and one year later, 1 million brave small businesses opened in the U.S. and 833,458 closed.

While the numbers are grim, 166,542 small businesses survived in what most would agree was a pretty tough year.

There are 33.2 million small businesses in the U.S. and they employ 61.7 million workers, about 46% of the population, according to the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Pandemics aside, usually about one in five small businesses fail within their first year, while half fail after five years and approximately 65% by their 10th year in business, according to the BLS.

Businesses in the health care industry have the highest success rates with 60% making it beyond the first year while construction, transportation and warehousing have the worst rates of success, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce says.

Geographic location plays a big role in the success of a small business, the Chamber says.

As of 2019, Michigan, Washington, and Kansas were the three states with the highest rates of business failure, while Massachusetts, California and Louisiana had the highest success rates.

To no one’s surprise, Illinois isn’t listed in the top 30 states best to start a small business.

Louisiana is also one of the most expensive states to start a business, according to research by Simplify LLC, a legal information site and guide for entrepreneurs.

Louisiana ranked among the bottom three states, along with New York and Minnesota, for overall costs of starting a business, according to Simplify LLC’s ranking, which scored all 50 states plus D.C. across nine business-related categories including corporate income-tax rates, business filing fees, labor costs and availability, cost of space and utilities and small business lending.

They compared each state to the national rate or an average of the states to determine which states give entrepreneurs the best chance of success.

PARIS MOTHER OF TWO OPENS DESSERT SHOP



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Maddie Neiswinger poses by the sign at her new building. A busy mother of two, she looks forward to finally having a boundary between her work life and her life at home.

Sweet new business

BY ROBBY TUCKER
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For Maddie Neiswinger, owner and founder of Frosted By Maddie, opening a bakery in Paris seems like more than a dream — it seems like her destiny. The young entrepreneur is now the proud owner of a building on the corner of Main and Andrew Street, where she hopes to begin a new chapter of a story years in the making.

The new location stirs both excitement and apprehension in Neiswinger, who has been in the process of acquiring the building since January. Even with eight years of experience in the financial sector and three years of professional baking under her belt, owning and operating her own brick-and-mortar location is an entirely new venture.

“Taking on the overhead of a store, it’s a lot of financial risk,” Neiswinger explained.

She hopes the day-to-day operations of the shop do not restrict her ability to express creativity and passion in the kitchen.

“Any business owner’s fear is (not) having new ideas and enough staff for the day-to-day,” she said. “I’m very confident on the business aspect, I’ve just got to put it all together.”

Despite her nerves, Neiswinger is excited to establish herself in the new building. A healthier work-life balance is something the mother of two anticipates.

“I’m looking forward to being able to separate it,” said Neiswinger. “I’m ready to have my own thing, and then go home



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An assortment of intricate Frosted by Maddie cupcakes shows what owner and founder Maddie Neiswinger is capable of in the kitchen.

and be a mom.”

The baking wunderkind is already receiving tons of interest from the community, citing local support as one of the primary reasons she turned down an offer from a developer who wanted her skills in Terre Haute, Ind.

“They made an amazing offer, but it wasn’t Paris,” she explained, noting her customers “want the convenience of having that (Frosted by Maddie) right here in town.”

Neiswinger, a Paris native, longed to open a bakery in her hometown since her childhood, but never imagined how it might come to fruition. Inspiration struck in Jordan Stallings’ sophomore English class, where a conversation between teacher and student encouraged Neiswinger to pursue her dreams.

“I got to talking about how I always wanted to open a bakery up in town and I remember he was so encouraging and was excited about it,” she added. “He said it would be so nice to have something like that in town.”

Now, years later, Neiswinger’s goal is quickly becoming reality, with a grand opening slated for Friday, May 5. Neiswinger, who previously baked out of her home, is expanding her menu to complement her growing operation.

“I put a lot of work into developing cookie and brownie recipes,” she said. “The stuff you see online, it’s all homemade.”

Cinnamon rolls are another item the baking prodigy spent hours perfecting. The recipe she uses holds a special place in her

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Credit crunch hurting

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NEW YORK — When Nat West, owner of cider-making company Reverend Nat’s Hard Cider, decided to supplement his wholesale business by opening a taproom in a bustling neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, he thought getting financing would be a breeze.

After all, he was only seeking \$50,000, has been in business for 11 years, and takes in more than \$1 million in annual revenue.

In February and March, West reached out to three lenders he had previously gotten financing from, including one where he has an existing line of credit. To his surprise, he was rejected.

“I feel like it’s really weird, it’s such a small amount of money for a business that has so much ongoing, sustained revenue and has been in the same community for a long time,” he said.

West isn’t alone. Borrowing for small businesses was already constrained due to rising interest rates.

Following the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, some lenders, particularly the small and midsize banks that serve small businesses, may be forced to tighten credit further, since they’re seeing an outflow of deposits, which means they need to retain capital. And banks are being more cautious in general due to uncertainty about the economy.

“It’s hard to read how severe this is going to be, but it’s certainly going to be significant and when you look at how things play out, small businesses are hit the hardest,” said Ray Keating, chief economist for the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council.

According to the latest Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index released in February, the approval rates of small business loan requests at big banks have fallen for nine consecutive months. The larger banks approved just 14.2% of applications in February, down from 28.3% in February 2020. Small banks granted about 20% of loan applications this February, but they were approving about

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heart since it was co-developed by her grandmother, Ellen Johnson.

"Knowing that we did that together — that's the best feeling in the world," Neiswinger smiled. "My grandma is my biggest cheerleader. If I'm ever stumped on a recipe she'll say, 'Come on out!'"

Perhaps more than anything else, Neiswinger's family has been crucial in paving the way for her success in the baking world. Ellen Johnson and Steve Johnson, Maddie's father, have been instrumental in motivating and helping her grow. "They have always been the two people in my life," she explained. "I wanted to make my dad proud."

Baking seems to run in the family, considering Steve Johnson was previously a manager at Baskin-Robbins, and Ellen Johnson's family recipes were among the first Neiswinger learned when baking with her grandmother as a child.

Neiswinger's family support system extends even further. Her husband, Daylon Neiswinger, and two kids, Theo Neiswinger and Brody Shanks, have all been instrumental in encouraging and supporting her in her new endeavors.

"It's hard when you don't have a support system. I see a lot of moms doing it alone," she explained. "Find someone willing to support you. My husband has been such a blessing."

With her family's encouragement, Neiswinger has turned a hobby into the ca-



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Frosted by Maddie's new location sits at the corner of Main and Andrew Street. Owner Maddie Neiswinger's baked goods have received high praise from the community, and she looks forward to providing more sweet treats in her hometown.

reer she always wanted.

Hard work, combined with her family's support, was instrumental in making Neiswinger's new business a reality. Still, it was fate that pushed her in the right direction.

After state legislation forced her previous employer to move its headquarters out of state, Neiswinger was offered a free ride to the company's next destination. She decided to stay in Paris.

Two days later, Neiswinger discovered she was pregnant with Theo.

Prior to her pregnancy, Neiswinger made chocolate-covered strawberries and other small treats for friends and family. After her husband asked her to bake a cake for his birthday, her love of baking was reignited.

Her passion for her work ultimately carried her through one of the toughest battles she has faced in her lifetime — postpartum depression.

"Baking is my escape," she explained. "Baking was the happy spot for me. It helped me out of that dark place."

After acquiring her food manager certification, Neiswinger's operation began

to explode in scale. She found a full-time job in human resources, but her new side gig quickly became a 40-hour commitment as well.

Eventually, Neiswinger left her job to focus on her passion.

"I felt like that was from God," she said of her decision.

Neiswinger's baking pursuits were finally receiving her full attention, but her operation was quickly outgrowing the limited space in her home kitchen.

Now, with a new space and plenty of storage at her disposal, Neiswinger hopes the challenges she faced baking at home will be a thing of the past.

Neiswinger will turn her attention to a new slew of obstacles as she opens her new location for business. Obstacles are nothing new to her, and she encourages anyone with similar dreams to chase them, despite the odds.

"Life throws you curveballs. It's going to seem scary, but don't give up," she said. "My dream is within my fingertips."

For more information on Frosted by Maddie, follow the Facebook page and be on the lookout for Mother's Day and graduation promotions.

A lifetime of cutting hair

There are still tales to be told at Willett's

BY LINDA LANE
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Tom Willett has been cutting hair for more than 56 years.

He graduated from the Decatur Barber School and began his career in 1967. The schooling was only nine months, but to get his license, he served a 3 ½ year apprenticeship under a registered barber.

He first worked in Sumner, went to Shelbyville for 18 months and completed his apprenticeship at Rantoul.

Upon moving back to Paris, Willett worked with Harry Dean and Brock Schissler at a shop on Central Street across from the Coffee Ranch.

"I remember going into their shop as a kid for a haircut," said Willett. "Then the day came when I bought them out. They both continued to work for me on weekends and days when I needed the extra help."

Willett is located at 207 West Court Street where he has cut hair for approximately 30 years.

"Times have changed over the years," said Willett. "Once upon a time, there were 20 barbers in Paris, but now with the hair styles and also women cutting men's hair in salons, it has affected my business. Another change that has taken place is we no longer do shaving, just haircuts. It (shaving) is too time consuming."

He stated barbers still do shaves in the larger cities at upscale shops where clients pay \$40, or more, for a shave and pampering.

A gregarious character well-known for a quip and maybe a somewhat true tale, Willett said the favorite part of practicing his trade is the people he sees every day.

"They know when they enter my shop, they are either going to hear a joke or



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Tom Willett has barbered for more than 50 years and his time with customers is not just about cutting hair. Sitting in Willett's chair involves sharing jokes, stories and maybe an occasional prank.

be a part of a practical joke," he said.

Willett recalls a time when he used his clippers to shave his initials, T.W., in the back of Gary Cash's neck. Cash walked all over town performing his policeman duties not knowing about the initials on the back of his head. When he was told about it, Cash began planning payback.

The perfect opportunity came along one day when Willett backed into a parking spot the wrong way. Cash turned on his squad car lights, got out and said, "I've been waiting for 3 years for the chance to get you back, Willett."

"Cash didn't give me a ticket," said Willett. "He said the look on my face was his reward."

And that is just one of Willett's many stories.

He loves to play practical jokes on his friends — a practice he picked up from mentor Harry Dean. He recalls a client came into the shop with a hat on but refused to take the hat off for his haircut and Dean just cut around the hat and sent the man on his way.

Another time, Dean cut a guy's hair only on one side, charged him and sent him home.

"When I asked why he only cut one side, he said, 'I knew he'd come back,'" said

Willett.

A treasure trove of local stories, Willett's fondest memories are of attorney Jim Stanfield who stopped by the barbershop each morning to share of cup of coffee with Willett.

"We would start the day together," said Willett.

A step inside Willett's shop is worth the trip. He has several wooden chairs that are more than 100 years old where customers sit and wait their turn on a busy day. The chairs are original to the former Joe Davidson's Barber Shop.

"Many people have asked me if I would sell them one, but to me they are invaluable," said Willett.

Willett does not see retirement in his future.

"No plans on retiring, I love what I do," he said.

He and his wife, Sandy, take occasional trips and get away when they can. There is another practical reason why he is not thinking about retirement.

"Besides, I couldn't retire. Sandy says she gets more done when I am not at home," said Willett.

Willett welcomes customers and visitors alike to his shop 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 8 a.m.-noon Saturday. No appointment is necessary. The business serves walk-ins only.

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Hollingsworth named sales manager at at Paris Diepholz

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Zack Hollingsworth is the new sales manager at Diepholz Auto.

He has been a Diepholz employee for 7 ½ years since the auto dealership opened in Paris and has worked in auto sales since 2014.

"We are thrilled to promote Hollingsworth to sales manager," said Ron Diepholz, owner of Diepholz Auto. "His dedication, hard work and strategic thinking have contributed greatly to the success of our team, and we are confident that he will continue to excel in this new role."

Some of Hollingsworth's new duties include, ordering vehicles, maintaining a sales staff, meeting with other auto reps, increasing community involvement and taking a more active role at the dealership.

"I am honored to be given this opportunity to lead the sales team at Diepholz Auto and look forward to working



Linda Lane/The Prairie Press

Jacob Hollingsworth has many additional duties as the new sales manager at Diepholz Auto, but he remains available to help his established customers with their car buying needs.

with my colleagues to drive growth and deliver results for our customers," said Hollingsworth. "My favorite part of my job is helping my clients obtain the vehicles they are looking for and servicing my clientele."

He added moving into sales manager position does not preclude him from sell-

ing vehicles and he will continue serving his previous customers.

"I want to see the dealership grow, to see my personal growth and move forward in my new role as sales manager," he said.

To speak with Hollingsworth, or any of the sales team, call 217-465-8521.

CREDIT

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half of all requests back in early 2020, before the pandemic hit.

An overall tightening of credit will help slow down the economy and ease inflation, which is what the Federal Reserve hopes to achieve by hiking interest rates, said Rohit Arora, CEO and co-founder of Biz2Credit. But that means that small businesses which are a big job creator and source of innovation for the economy will be left in the lurch.

"It will be the small companies that suffer the most if this continues," he said.

Florida-based maker of such toys as Care Bears and Lincoln Logs, had to temporarily scuttle plans for an acquisition due to the crunch. CEO Jay Foreman said he was ready to go with non-binding agreements with 12 of the prospective 23 lenders lined up in late February and early March. But that number shrank to two after Silicon Valley Bank failed and triggered the recent banking turmoil.

"It's just not the right timing now as lenders appear unclear about the broader credit markets and seem to be clutching the purse strings tightly at this point," Foreman said. "We just have to ride this out until conditions are right to arrange the

proper financing for our acquisition."

Companies that have existing lines of credit are seeing interest rates increase. James Carron, who operates Flatirons Pharmaceuticals, in Longmont, Colorado, has seen rates increase for his line of credit that's about \$150,000.

Before the pandemic, the rate was 6.99%, but that went up to 10%. Now it's 13% and rapidly approaching 14%. Other potential lenders he contacted had even higher rates.

So, Carron said he's put off the purchase of two servers and additional hardware security upgrades that he had planned for the first half of this year.

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Supreme Court considers rights

Conservative Christians aren't only ones asking for accommodations in mailman case

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The Supreme Court justices heard a case on Tuesday (April 18) that may sound like another slam-dunk for Christian religious liberty that will bolster its reputation as a friend to the religious right.

In *Groff v. DeJoy*, a Christian mail carrier, Gerald Groff, said the U.S. Postal Service's requirement that he work on Sunday violated his deeply held belief that Sunday was his day of rest. (U.S. mail is not usually delivered Sundays, but in 2013, the USPS signed a contract with Amazon to deliver the company's packages, including on Sundays.)

Over the past decade, the U.S. Supreme Court has sided with a football coach in Washington state who sued after being suspended from his public high school for refusing to stop leading Christian

prayers with players on the field after games.

It ruled in favor of two Christian families who challenged a Maine tuition assistance program that excluded private religious schools.

It sided with a Colorado baker who refused to make a wedding cake for a gay couple based on his religious beliefs.

In all these cases, the court favored a Christian individual or organization, either Protestant or Catholic. Groff's legal team includes First Liberty Institute and the Independence Law Center — groups that have successfully argued religious freedom cases before the court.

But *Groff v. DeJoy* presents a different case. Organizations representing several religious minorities — Jews, Hindus, Muslims, Sikhs and Seventh-day Adventists — have filed briefs in

support of Groff, asking the court to overturn a 50-year-old ruling that gutted a civil rights statute's protections for religious accommodation. If the court now rules to expand those religious workers' rights, conservative Christians won't be the only, or even main, beneficiaries.

At issue is Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which prohibits religious discrimination in the workplace and requires employers to reasonably accommodate the religious practices of their workers unless doing so would require an undue hardship.

In the 1977 case of *Trans World Airlines v. Hardison*, the Supreme Court defined that hardship as a minimal burden, using the Latin phrase "de minimis." That set such a low bar that critics said any employer could deny religious accommodations for the most trivial

of reasons.

"The way Title VII is interpreted is incredibly tilted toward employers," said Harsimran Kaur, senior counsel for the Sikh Coalition, which filed an amicus friend of the court brief asking the court to correct the "undue hardship" standard.

"That standard negatively impacts religious minorities and anyone who has faith practices outside the majority faiths," Kaur said.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Kaur said, her office fielded about 30 inquiries from Sikh health care workers who were being told they had to shave their religiously required beards to achieve a good seal for an N-95 mask. The Sikh Coalition argued that employers could purchase alternative respirators for bearded people, but many employers chose not to ac-

commodate those workers.

Sabbath-observant Jews who cannot work on Saturdays have advocated rolling back the *Hardison* ruling for years. Since 1994, they have championed the Workplace Religious Freedom Act, a bill that would have required employers to make a "bona fide effort" to accommodate workers' religious practices or observances. The bill, introduced by Democratic U.S. Rep. Jerry Nadler of New York, received wide bipartisan support but never passed.

"This has been a steady and persistent problem," said Nathan Diamant, the Orthodox Union's executive director for public policy, which represents Orthodox Jews. "Generally employers want to be accommodating. But whether they are or not, it should not depend on the whim of the employer."

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Youth pastors in battle

Teens finding help as they face issues

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Brayden Bishop, a youth pastor in Texas, is just 25 years old. But when it comes to working with teens in crisis, he's a seasoned veteran. Some of the teens and middle-schoolers he works with are also practiced in talking about suicide — so much so that they toss out disclaimers, aware that going too far may trigger mandatory reporting.

"They will say, deadpan, in the middle of talking about a mental health struggle, 'I'm not a danger to myself or others,'" said Bishop. "Then they will kind of laugh about it and move on."

But there are young people at Grace Chapel United Methodist Church, in Aubrey, a middle- to upper-middle-class community north of Dallas, who openly tell Bishop they have contemplated or attempted suicide. Some struggle with depression or thoughts of self-harm, such as cutting. Young women confide in him about episodes of sexual violence. Some are seniors in high school, but middle-schoolers also talk about their struggles with mental health.

The mental health crisis affecting many of America's young people can show up, Bishop said, in seemingly casual ways: a knock on the youth pastor's door or a small group conversation among peers.

"Perhaps there is less stigma now attached to talking about mental health concerns, and more awareness in younger generations," said Brett Talley, senior vice president of staff culture at Orange, which provides educational and ministry resources to churches and families.

It is young people, he said, who are pushing the church to be more willing to talk about mental health and how it intersects with faith.

» YOUTH, 8B

RELIGIOUS BROADCASTER LED IMPACTFUL TV MINISTRY



Religious broadcaster, Atlanta preacher and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention Charles Stanley, died Tuesday at age 90. As recently as 2010, Stanley ranked among the most influential preachers behind Billy Graham, left. Stanley was 90 years old.

Charles Stanley dies

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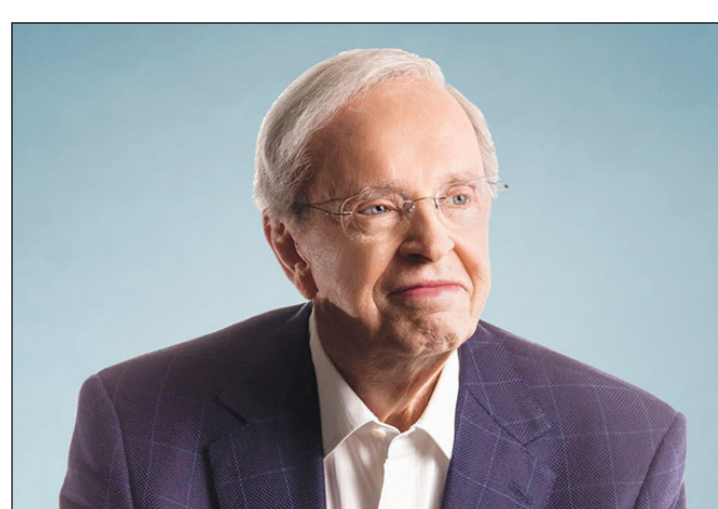
Charles Stanley, a former Southern Baptist Convention president, Atlanta preacher and longtime presence as a religious broadcaster, died Tuesday, April 18, at age 90, his ministry announced.

"We are saddened to share that our beloved pastor, Dr. Charles Stanley, has passed away," reads a statement on the website of In Touch Ministries. "We are forever indebted to him for his godly example, biblical teaching and devotion to the gospel. Please join us in prayer for the Stanley family."

The Dry Fork, Va., native felt called to ministry as a teenager and, after pastorates in North Carolina, Ohio and Florida, led First Baptist Atlanta as its senior pastor starting in 1971. The next year, he began his broadcast ministry with "The Chapel Hour," a 30-minute program on two Atlanta television stations.

It was renamed "In Touch With Dr. Charles Stanley" and became a nationwide broadcast on the Christian Broadcasting Network in 1978.

By the 1980s, "In Touch" reached more than 1 million households, his website said. At the time of Stanley's death, his messages were heard in more than 127 languages on TV and radio, making him one of the longest-serving pastors with a continuous weekly broadcast program.



Charles Stanley, 90, was a fixture on the Christian Broadcasting Network since 1978, died Tuesday his ministry In Touch announced. He was senior pastor at First Baptist Church in Atlanta for more than 50 years before his retirement.

"Dr. Stanley leaves behind a lasting legacy as a torchbearer and trailblazer of Gospel ministry and Christian broadcasting," said Troy A. Miller, president of National Religious Broadcasters, in a statement. "We were blessed to have such a faithful servant of the Lord as a veteran NRB member and a faithful supporter and encourager of the work of NRB. Our condolences and prayers are with Dr. Stanley's family. Although we mourn his loss in this life, it is a joy to know that he is with his Lord and Savior."

Stanley was inducted into the NRB Hall of Fame in 1988.

A couple of years before that, he served two consecutive

one-year terms as president of the Southern Baptist Convention, presiding over its largest meetings and helping to lead the so-called conservative resurgence, when conservative leaders took control of the denomination from moderates.

Current Southern Baptist Convention President Bart Barber tweeted about Stanley's longtime influence.

"Condolences to the family of Charles Stanley, former SBC President, Conservative Resurgence leader, nationally known preacher and successful author," Barber wrote. "As a teenaged preacher, I was reading Charles Stanley resources."

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Biden visits Irish shrine

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KNOCK, Ireland — President Joe Biden was moved to tears on Friday, April 14, during a stop at a Catholic shrine when he discovered that a chaplain there had performed last rites for his late son Beau Biden.

"It was incredible to see him," Biden said later during remarks at the foot of a cathedral in nearby Ballina. "It seemed like a sign."

Knock Shrine is a pilgrimage site where, according to Catholic lore, the saints Mary, Joseph and John the Evangelist appeared near a stone wall in 1879. Biden touched the remaining old wall and toured the site with priest Father Richard Gibbons.

Gibbons said he discovered earlier in the day the Father Frank O'Grady working at the site was the same one who'd performed last rites, a ceremony in the Catholic faith that spiritually prepares people for death, for the president's son.

It's common in the Catholic faith for priests to move around to different posts during their lives in the church. O'Grady is a former U.S. Army chaplain and was formerly assigned to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where Beau Biden died in 2015 from brain cancer at the age of 46.

Gibbons said he did not know about the Biden connection until Friday.

"I told the president that," Gibbons told BBC Ulster. "He wanted to meet him straightaway, so he dispatched a Secret Service agent to go and find him."

He said it was "a wonderful, spontaneous thing that happened."

"He was crying, and it really affected him," Gibbons said of Biden. "Then we said a prayer, we said a decade of the rosary for his family, we lit a candle. Then he took a moment or two for private prayer."

O'Grady told Irish national broadcaster RTE that he was summoned to meet the president.

"He gave me a big hug, it was like a reunion. He told me he appreciated everything that was done," he said. "I hadn't seen him really in eight years since Beau died. His son Hunter was there too, so we had a real reunion."

» BIDEN, 8B

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STANLEY

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Added evangelist Greg Laurie in: "Charles Stanley went to heaven today. He made his mark on this world for the Gospel and his incredible teaching of God's Word. I like so many others was blessed by hearing his messages on the radio and TV and he was a trusted voice we have all been encouraged by."

Younger and older Christian leaders weighed in about Stanley's prominence, with evangelist Nick Hall calling him a hero of the faith and Focus on the Family founder James Dobson calling his colleague an effective evangelist.

"Stanley had a straightforward take on how to live the Christian life — trust Scripture and obey God," Dobson added. "That simple mantra undergirds his legacy and no doubt is reflected in the faith of countless Christians who have been impacted by his ministry."

The author of dozens of books was recognized by people in the grassroots as well as in the highest echelons of American society.

"I read every morning, the Bible and Scriptures and Charles Stanley devotionals," President George W. Bush said in a 2003 in-

terview with Ladies' Home Journal. "It matters a lot to me personally."

Stanley's rise in influence came after a difficult young life. When he was 9 months old, his father died. Young Stanley's mother remarried when he was 9, but he said her new husband spurned him.

"And if somebody would have said, 'Well, that didn't bother you did it?' I probably would have said 'no,'" he told Religion News Service in a 2014 interview about his book "Emotions: Confront the Lies. Conquer With Truth."

"But years later, I realized that those years of rejection as a kid really sunk deep into me. Finally, after a lot of praying and having some friends of mine speak with me about it, I was able to get over that rejection."

As recently as 2010, Stanley ranked among the most influential preachers, behind evangelist Billy Graham and pastor and author Charles Swindoll. He and Rick Warren, then pastor of Saddleback Church, were each listed third in a LifeWay Research survey.

In 2000, Stanley and his first wife, Anna, divorced after 44 years of marriage. Chuck Colson, then chairman of Prison Fellowship, decried the acceptance of Stanley's moral failure, but the Rev. Gearl Spicer, ad-

ministrative pastor for First Baptist Atlanta at the time, said, "It is my biblical, spiritual and personal conviction that God has positioned Dr. Stanley in a place where his personal pain has validated his ability to minister to all of us."

Stanley, known as a spokesman for conservative family values, at one time told his congregation he would resign if he divorced, but later he determined he'd continue to be its leader.

"The love you have shown me and the love I have for you have encouraged me to remain faithful to God's call on my life," Stanley told his congregants.

In 2014, Stanley, who was known for his photography as well as his preaching, said he did not fear death.

"No, I don't, for the simple reason that God makes it clear in his Word: 'Absent from the body, present with the Lord,' for those of us who know Christ as Savior," he said, citing a verse from the New Testament Book of 2 Corinthians. "And the fact that Jesus died at Calvary, and his blood shed for us paid our sin debt in full, there is no reason to fear death. So I don't."

BIDEN VISITS MARIAN SHRINE IN IRELAND



Special to The Prairie Press
Joe Biden broke down in tears following a chance encounter with the priest who performed the last rites on his son Beau in Knock.

BIDEN

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O'Grady said of the president, "He has been grieving a lot, but I think the grief is kind of going down a bit. We talked a little bit about how grief can take several years."

The death of his elder

son rocked the president, who was vice president at the time. He said he chose not to run for president in 2016 in part because of the death. He talks of his late son often, including during a speech to the Irish parliament this week when he said it was his son who should have been standing

there as president. After the visit to the shrine on Friday, Biden toured a hospice center that displays a plaque commemorating his son. Biden was in Ireland this week with his sister Valerie and son Hunter, touring his ancestral home and meeting with the nation's leaders.

MAILMAN

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Trade associations, labor unions and the Justice Department, which represents the Postal Service in this case, argue a change in the law might create burdens on other employees, pit workers against management and generally create an undue hardship on the operation of businesses.

Others, such as Americans United for Separation of Church and State, argue a new rule could potentially place too many burdens on nonreligious employees.

"Religious freedom does not mean we can shift the burden of practicing our faith

onto other people," Rachel Laser, president and CEO of Americans United, said in a statement. "Religious freedom has never been a license to harm others, in employment or any other facet of life."

What would happen if a Christian refused to work with a gay person and demanded an accommodation, or a male Christian nurse refused to work with a female nurse during an overnight shift, citing the Billy Graham rule in which Christian men avoid spending time with women to whom they are not married?

The Roberts Court, however, has been particularly sympathetic to the concerns of religious plaintiffs, ruling in their favor far more

frequently than not. Three justices — Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito and Neil Gorsuch — have already said they believe the Hardison ruling was wrongly decided.

Many expect a court ruling to favor Groff.

"The main question that some justices will be concerned about is when you impact a third party — how do you guard against helping one person and harming another?" said Diament.

But the outcome of the case, he predicted, is not in question.

"This is not going to be a 5-4 case," he said. "Either side will be shocked if the court does not rule in favor of Mr. Groff."

A ruling is expected in June.

YOUTH

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Kevin Singer, a sociologist of religion, said, "Mental health issues among young Americans have reached epidemic levels." He cited a report released last fall by Springtide Research Institute, where he serves as a national speaker, on the mental health of Generation Z. It found that majorities of young people reported being moderately to severely depressed, anxious and lonely.

Many of those who re-

sponded to Springtide's poll said they were hesitant to report their struggles to adults, with more than 60% saying they don't trust the adults in their lives enough to talk to them about mental health issues. But clergy and others who work with young people in faith-based settings say the problem they face more often is not having answers for the kids who come to them.

Darrell Pearson, who recently retired from Eastern University's department of youth ministry, said students from the past two decades routinely tell him that they wish they had been offered classes in crisis intervention. "A lot of people think the pandemic is the key event," said Pearson, "but actually it just made it worse."

At the same time, Singer said, the data makes it clear that spirituality contributes to more robust mental health. "The one thing we can say, based on our data, is that there is a very positive relationship between mental health thriving and the degree to which a young person identifies as religious or spiritual" (though, as Singer pointed out, they may define spirituality very differently from older generations).

"Ultimately, belonging is the real key to unlocking mental health," he said. Young people, Springtide found, wanted to be noticed, named and known.

A few years ago, Orange produced a series of presentations for youth ministers about how to help students recognize that God created them with feelings, and how to process them safely. But Talley added that youth leaders also know that they don't have the background, skills or training to be the only resource.

In interviews, youth pastors and advisers frequently used the term "space" or "safe spaces" to describe the environment they try to create for their charges.

The students in her youth group are good friends and feel comfortable being "goofy" around each other, said Maddie Ridgeway, director of student and young adult ministries at Paoli Presbyterian Church in Paoli, Pennsylvania. She likes to

give them a place to have fun and not feel pressure to be "the best at everything."

Teens even nod off for a few minutes in her youth group, Ridgeway said, and she's glad that they feel comfortable enough to do that. "I feel as if that's what God has invited them to do, and I'm going to let them rest."

Nonbinary and LGBTQ+ students need to feel included as well. On retreats, should they express a desire for a separate bedroom or bathroom, "I will do everything in my ability to make sure that students have what they need to feel safe," said Ridgeway.

Bishop, the youth pastor in Texas, said his first goal is simply "always just to care for them in whatever way, keep them safe, and quite honestly sometimes keep them alive. We know it's a process." He tells teens they should have three to five trusted advisers. He said that he himself has a network, including a mental health professional.

The racial discrimination and bias that many young people of color experience can exacerbate mental health symptoms, noted the Springtide report "Navigating Injustice." With religious affiliation at an all-time low, said Springtide researcher and sociologist Nabil Tueme, author and principal investigator of the report, which took a close look at the well-being of young people of color.

Some of them, she said, find an outlet in activism, trying to create positive change in their own congregations and local communities.

St. Joseph Catholic Community in Bound Brook, New Jersey, a mixed Latino-Anglo parish, is one of seven Catholic parishes in the state participating in NeXt Level, which attempts to empower young people through justice and service projects. In a 2021 survey of participants, said Valeria Morales, a mentor in the program and a social worker, many said they wanted to make their "passion project" mental health.

Black and Latino teens can carry a higher burden when it comes to dealing with mental health.

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PASTOR

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A wise king once said, "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones (Proverbs 16:24)." I hope your day gets better. (Nate Alexander is senior minister at Lake Ridge Christian Church, 122 E Steidl Road, Paris, Il. 61944. Email him at mate@lakeridgechurch.org. Pastor's Perspective is provided weekly by members of the Paris Ministerial Fellowship.)

CODGER

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Their dominant color is usually bronze but varied with other hues. They love to run in the wild. The hens lay many eggs in nests in the weeds. They often choose to roost in trees. They survive the elements and multiply at an unbelievable rate. They're cute and fun to watch. Their eggs are small, but taste as good as any. Chuck's flock grew from maybe 20 to more than 100. His mother hens led their tiny chicks all over the place, scratching and cluck-

ing like good little moms, but after a few months he counted over 100. That was way too many. He tried to give a few away to friends but was rebuffed every time. What to do? Well, he bought a couple of wooden coops, stuffed them full of banties, loaded his truck and drove to work one day. Every few miles he stopped, saying to himself, "There's a nice-looking house with a barn or shed. Those people look like they could use a few chickens." By the time he reached Marshall, he'd emptied the coops. For the next couple of

years, Chuck noticed banties on every drive to work. They adapted well. He felt proud for two reasons. Firstly, he greatly reduced his own flock. Secondly, the banties seemed appreciative of their new habitats. Their descendants are probably still in the area. (Allen "Big Al" Englebright is a retired schoolteacher and storyteller. Contact him at The Prairie Press, 101 N. Main, Paris, Ill., 61944.)



PUZZLES

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ANSWER:

CROSSWORD

- Across**
- It's all over the beach
 - A cirque
 - Corpuscle count (abbr.)
 - Influential report author
 - Satisfaction
 - Recurring only at long intervals
 - Islamic calendar month
 - Neither
 - Gelatinous substance
 - American electronic music producer
 - Old computer system
 - Professional organization
 - Malaria mosquitoes
 - Not composed of matter
 - It's in the ocean
 - Peyton's little brother
 - French commune
 - Eyelashes
 - Equal (prefix)
 - Quality of little or no rain
 - One who beheads
 - Sung to
 - Influential punk artist
 - Amount of time
 - Polio vaccine developer
 - Abba __, Israeli politician
 - Job
 - Flat-bottomed sailboat
 - Japanese wooden clog
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 - FL city
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 - Language of indigenous Asian people
 - Dark brown

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- Soviet Socialist Republic
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 - Venomous snake genus
 - Uninteresting
 - Straightforwardness
 - Expression of wild excitement
 - Arrange in order
 - East Indian cereal grass
 - Hillsides
 - Bird beak covering
 - Baseball stat
 - Edge of a surfboard
 - Wrapping accessory
 - Express approval
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 - Similar
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From Page 1B

To keep costs low means fabrics are made in one country, cut and assembled in another, under poor working conditions. The work is often done using child labor. We can buy bright, trendy, cheap clothes, but they are not durable. Every laundry cycle sheds volumes of microplastic fibers flushed out with the wastewater. The need to look cute and the rapid breakdown means we dispose of clothing quickly, but plastics last for centuries. Much of our 80 pounds of annually thrown away clothing goes into the landfill. Some is put in garage sales or donated, which may be worse. Of the items donated to thrift shops only a small percent gets put on racks. There is just too much and too poor a quality to get used. For instance, Catholic Charities in Mattoon collects more than 50 shipping containers each month overflowing the

warehouse. Anything soiled, torn or showing wear is sold for pennies to volume buyers who pack it into bales shipping it overseas to high poverty countries. There speculators buy a bale gambling on what's inside. They may sell a few items, but a large percent is unusable and gets dumped into the environment or soaked in oil and burned as a fuel releasing toxic fumes. The fashion, music and social media industries encourage us to take that \$20 in our pocket and go pop some tags to feel cool. We can score some bargains and look like our idols. This Earth Day take some time to look in the closet and appreciate how fast fashion has changed our world. Not for the better. (Terry Sullivan's fascination with science started as a child watching Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" and James Burke's "Connections" on PBS. He is the retired technology and curriculum director for the Shiloh School District. Email him at armchair@sullivantech.net)

Twilight Walk honors nurse

HORIZON HEALTH'S annual Twilight Walk honors all nurses 6 p.m., May 10, on the Edgar County Courthouse lawn. The walk is part of National Nurses Week recognizing the contribution nurses make to health care and the community. It is intended as a tribute to all active, retired and deceased nurses. Luminaries can be purchased for \$3 through MyHorizonHealth.org/Twilight

through May 5. Each luminary will have the name of a nurse being honored and the luminaries will line the walk around the courthouse. There is no charge to attend the event. Sales of the luminaries help fund Horizon Health's Nursing Foundation Scholarship. More information is available by contacting Kyra Graham at KGraham@MyHorizonHealth.org or 217-466-4379.

Cookbook for good works

KANSAS — Sage & Prim is a philanthropic endeavor owned by April Burns of Kansas. She started her business when the pandemic took place after making soaps for approximately 11 years prior. The business operates from her home. Burns displays a box of free bars of soap each month in three different locations. Once a month she donates her soap in Paris, Kansas and Martinsville. "I love giving back to the community and to the people who need help the most,"

said Burns. "This is something I have always wanted to do." In addition to her soap distributions each month, she also appears at other events, such as the Covered Bridge. To help fund her donations of soap, Burns is creating a cookbook to sell locally. The cost of the cookbook is \$15 and features recipes submitted by friends and family. Burns is still collecting recipes, along with a photo or stories related to the recipe submitters might wish to share. Recipes or donations may be sent to P.O. Box 193, Kansas, IL. 61933.

Chrisman prepares for Fling

CHRISMAN — The annual Spring Fling, sponsored by the Chrisman Area Community Club, is May 5 and May 6 with yard sales, a tasty breakfast and a hanging basket sale. All-City Yard Sales occurs both days starting at 8 a.m. Closing time is left to the discretion of each participant. Maps of yard sale locations are available in some local businesses and on the community club's Facebook page. People wanting to place a yard sale on the map should call Kay Fidler,

217-269-2792, before 6 p.m. May 1. The Chrisman Area Community Club is sponsoring a sausage and pancake breakfast 7-10 a.m. May 6 at the American Legion on the west side of the square. A sale of hanging baskets is 8 a.m.-noon May 6 by the gazebo in the city park. This sale benefits the Chrisman Public Library. Other vendors who want sent up in the city park on May 5 and May 6 are welcome. Contact Carole Yaw, 217-269-2470, for more information.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Announcement #1:
Paris High School is seeking employment for 1 English Teacher. Compensation and benefit plans are posted on the school district website along with all application materials. Questions regarding this position should be directed to the Human Resources Department at (217) 465-8448.

Announcement #2:
Paris High School is seeking employment for 1 Assistant Boys Basketball Coach. Compensation and benefit plans are posted on the school district website along with all application materials. Questions regarding this position should be directed to the Human Resources Department at (217) 465-8448.

American Legion Post 211 is accepting nominations for Post officers due by 5/31/23 for the June 19th election.

ONE-ON-ONE PARAPROFESSIONAL:

HELP WANTED

Position will be with a Prekindergarten student. Send letter of application, references, and resume to Mrs. Morgan Wilhoit,

Principal, Shiloh CUSD #1, 21751N 575th Street, Hume, IL 61932 or wilhoitm@shiloh1.org. Review of applications begins immediately and continues until position is filled. Start August 15, 2023. Full time position with benefits.

LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS
CITY OF PARIS, Plaintiff, vs. AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.
No. 2023-MR-9

LIS PENDENS NOTICE AND NOTICE OF COMPLAINT FOR ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE AND DEMOLITION OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS

Notice is hereby given to AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC, that a Complaint has been filed in the above entitled cause on March 27, 2023 requesting abatement of nuisance, demolition of unsafe buildings, and other relief.

(i) The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC.

(iv) The legal description of the property is:
The South Half of Lot 18 in Lawson Kimble's Addition to the City of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois.
PREIN: 09-13-36-381-019

(v) Common address of subject real estate is: 617 N. Central Street, Paris, IL

AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS are served by publication of this Notice. Unless AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS file an answer to the Complaint in this case or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before May 10, 2023, a default judgment may be entered against such AUCTION FLIPPERS, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Complaint.

ANGELA R. BARRETT
CIRCUIT CLERK

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

ILLINOIS CITY OF PARIS, Plaintiff, vs. THE HEIRS OF JERRY WOLTMAN, NATIONAL BANK, THE MORRIS PLAN, CNB BANK & TRUST N.A., PAUL AND JOYCE SUTTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2023-MR-

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Notice is hereby given to THE HEIRS OF JERRY WOLTMAN, NATIONAL BANK, THE MORRIS PLAN, CNB BANK & TRUST, N.A., and PAUL AND JOYCE SUTTON, that a Complaint has been filed in the above entitled cause on March 27, 2023, requesting abatement of nuisance, demolition of unsafe buildings, and other relief.

(i) The name of the Plaintiff and the case number are identified above.

(ii) The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

(iii) The name of the title holder of record is JERRY WOLTMAN.

(iv) The legal description of the property is:
Lots Nos. 195, 196, 197 and 198 in the Commercial Club Addition to the City of Paris.
PREIN: 09-18-12-189-011

(v) Common address of subject real estate is: 618 Ten Broeck Street, Paris, IL.

THE HEIRS OF JERRY WOLTMAN, NATIONAL BANK, THE MORRIS PLAN, CNB BANK & TRUST, N.A., PAUL AND JOYCE SUTTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS are served by publication of this Notice. Unless THE HEIRS OF JERRY WOLTMAN, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS file an answer to the Complaint in this case or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before May 10, 2023, a default judgment may be entered against such Defendants at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Complaint.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT JOHN FULLERTON, Deceased.

No. 2023PR11

DEATH AND CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT JOHN FULLERTON, of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, on September 3, 2022. Letters of Office were issued on April 3, 2023, to Austin Fullerton, 2867 Branfield Dr., Franklin, IN 46131 as Administrator, whose attorney of record is Andrew Bourey, 225 South Main Street, Suite 100, Decatur, Illinois 62523. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Edgar County Courts Facility, 115 W. Court St., Paris, IL 61944, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before October 3, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Also, copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney of record within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Illinois Probate Act, any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

Austin Fullerton, Administrator
By: Andrew Bourey, His Attorney

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of: MARGARITA FULLERTON,

Deceased.
No. 2023PR12

DEATH AND CLAIM DATE NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of MARGARITA FULLERTON, of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois, on February 4, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on April 3, 2023, to Austin Fullerton, 2867 Branfield Dr., Franklin, IN 46131 as Administrator, whose attorney of record is Andrew Bourey, 225 South Main Street, Suite 100, Decatur, Illinois 62523. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Edgar County Courts Facility, 115 W. Court St., Paris, IL 61944, or with the Independent Administrator, or both, on or before October 3, 2023. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Also, copies of a claim filed with the Clerk of Court must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Administrator and to the attorney of record within ten (10) days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless, under Section 28-4 (755 ILCS 5/28-4) of the Illinois Probate Act, any interested person terminates Independent Administration at any time by mailing or delivering a Petition to Terminate to the Clerk.

Andrew Fullerton,
Administrator

By: Andrew Bourey,
His Attorney

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

REANNA S. HANLEY AND BRADLEY C. HANLEY, Plaintiffs, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PATTI L. ABBOTT, DANIEL ARBOGAST, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF PATTI L. ABBOTT, DECEASED, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

No. 2022-FC-13

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY

A. Legal Description of Property to be sold:
Part of the North 6.94 acres of that part of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 1, Township 16 North, Range 12 West of 2nd P.M., Edgar County, Illinois, lying between the right-of-way of the Cairo Division of the C.C.C. & St. L. Rail Company (formerly the New York Central R.R. and presently the C.S.X. Railroad) and the Chicago Wagon Road (currently S.B.I. Route 1) being described as follows:
Commencing at the intersection of the Vermilion County - Edgar County line, being the North line of said Section and the surveyed center line of said S.B.I. Route 1, (Chicago Wagon Road) said point being 208 feet, more or less, West of the Northeast corner of said Section; thence Southwesterly on a local azimuth of 187 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds (South 04 degrees 15 minutes West), along the center of said highway, a distance of 2691 feet to Highway Station 26+91; thence West along the North line of the North 6.94 acres of the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section, a distance of 40.1 feet to the West side of an existing concrete Right-of-Way Monument; thence Southwesterly 187 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds, along the existing highway right-of-way line as shown and described in Book 1586, Page 727, in the Office of the Recorder of Deed of said County, a distance of 328.0 feet to an Iron Rod set for a Place of Beginning; thence Southwesterly 187 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds along said existing highway right-of-way line, a distance of 131.5 feet to an Iron Rod set; thence Westerly 277 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds, along said existing highway right-of-way line, a distance of 20.0 feet to an Iron Rod set; thence Southwesterly 187 degrees 28 minutes 25 seconds, along said existing highway right-of-way line, a distance of 32.85 feet to an Iron Rod set; thence Westerly 277 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds, a distance of 88.0 feet to an Iron Rod set; thence Northerly 02 degrees 11 minutes 50 seconds, a distance of 165.0 feet to an Iron Rod set; thence Easterly 97 degrees 23 minutes 10 seconds, a distance of 123.15 feet to the Place of Beginning, according to Corrected Plat of Survey dated

February 4, 2010 and recorded February 5, 2010 as Document No. 2010-00000260 made by Arthur Wolfenbarger, Illinois Professional Land Surveyor No. 2219.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2023

Agnes Marie Cooley,
Independent Executor
Karen L. Burkybile, #6184193
Attorney at Law
15175 US HWY 150
Paris, IL 61944 (217) 465-5525
kburkybile@frontier.com

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

IN THE INTEREST OF K.R., a Minor 2022-JA-09

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Any or All Unknown Fathers
Take notice that on the 23rd day of June, 2022, a Petition for Adjudication of Wardship was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the Edgar County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Paris, Illinois entitled: In the Interest of K.R., 2022-JA-09. In the courtroom of Judge Matthew Sullivan, Courtroom #1, Edgar County Courthouse, 115 W. Court Street Paris, Illinois. On the 5th day of September 2023, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a permanency hearing will be held.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you and Alt Whom It May Concern file your answer to the Petition in this action or otherwise file your appearance herein in the hearing on said date and at said

PREIN: 11-03-01-400-012
B. Common Address of Property to be sold:
27417 IL Hwy 1, Ridge Farm, IL

C. Location of Sale:
Courtroom # 1, Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois.

D. Date and Time of Sale:
May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

E. Terms of Sale: 10% down on sale date, balance due upon confirmation of sale and closing.

F. Contact for further information and inspection of property:

RICHARD M. KASH, JR.
FRUIN & KASH
Attorney for the City of Paris
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS

In the Matter of the Estate of DAVID WAYNE COOLEY, Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-15

NOTICE TO HEIR AND LEGATEE

Notice is given to Bradley Wayne Cooley, who is an heir or legatee in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on April 4, 2023, admitting the will to probate.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission any heir or legatee may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witness to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 LCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this 5th day of April, 2023

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

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hour and show cause against the Petition, the allegations of the Petition may stand admitted against you and an Order or Judgment by Default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the Petition.

You must also know that upon service of this Notice by Publication, you will not be entitled to further written or publication notice of proceedings in this case, except as required by Supreme Court Rule 11, which provides that notice is to be sent through regular mail to the attorney of record of a party or to a party's address of record with the court, when he is not represented by an attorney.

Angela Barrett
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated this 5th day of April, 2023

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

IN THE INTEREST OF M.R., a Minor

2022-JA-19

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

To: Any or All Unknown Fathers
Take notice that on the 22nd day of December, 2022, a Petition for Adjudication of Wardship was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by the Edgar County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Paris, Illinois entitled: In the Interest of MR.. 2022-JA-19. In the courtroom of Judge Matthew Sullivan, Courtroom #1, Edgar County Courthouse, 115 W. Court Street Paris, Illinois. On the 5th day of September, 2023, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a permanency hearing will be held.

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Angela Barrett
Clerk of the Circuit Court

Dated this 5th day of April, 2023.

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on April 12, 2023 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:

THE BEAUTY SHOP
Located at: 110 SHERIFF ST., PARIS

Owner(s): SANDRA L. KEMPER
Dated: APRIL 12, 2023

August H. Griffin
EDGAR COUNTY CLERK

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

Plaintiff, vs. TROY L. TURNER, WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL BANK, AS TRUSTEE FOR LEHMAN MORTGAGE TRUST MORTGAGE PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2007-5, REALTY DEVELOPERS, LTD, EDGAR COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE TAXING DISTRICTS, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.

No. 2020-MR-52

NOTICE OF PUBLIC

Health department hard-pressed to find dentist

BY GARY HENRY
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The Edgar County Public Health Department (ECPHD) has a dental program, but not a dentist. And it has been that way for a long time.

ECPHD administrator Monica Dunn raised the issue during the health department's board meeting Wednesday, April 19. She said the department's hygienists stay busy doing remote preventative clinics at schools and seeing people in the office. The demand is such she occasionally helps with the clinics, but there is a limit to what hygienists can do.

"I don't think it's right that we can provide preventative care but not restorative care," said Dunn. "Our clients can't do restorative and as a result their health keeps declining." Restorative dental care requires having a dentist on staff.

Dunn said repeated efforts through multiple methods have failed to find a dentist. One issue may be the salary attached to the job.

ECPHD is offering \$150,000, which is considered low even in the public health realm and well below what private practices pay. Dunn said information provided by the Illinois Department of Public Health indicates the lowest salary paid to a dentist by a health department in a rural setting is \$128,000 and the highest is \$192,400, with the average being \$164,359.

Dunn did not have a suggestion for what salary ECPHD should offer while noting the \$150,000 is not enough of an attractant.

Board president Edward Rico, a Horizon Health physician, agreed the salary is not adequate.

"Student debt is such it is not realistic to expect new graduates to come into a low-paying position," Rico said.

There was some reluctance on the board to offer a higher salary.

Edgar County Board delegate Lisa Ellis wanted assurance having a dentist at a higher salary will drive

"I DON'T WANT THE SALARY TO BE A DETRACTOR. WE ARE HAVING A PROBLEM GETTING SOMEBODY HERE. I THINK THERE IS LITTLE DOUBT THE DENTIST WOULD BE KEPT BUSY. IT'S LIKE 'THE FIELD OF DREAMS.' IF WE HAVE A DENTIST, PEOPLE WILL COME."

EDWARD RICO
HORIZON HEALTH PHYSICIAN AND PRESIDENT OF THE EDGAR COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

enough business to justify the additional expense. She expressed concern that paying more will make the program unsustainable.

Dunn disagreed. She said all services performed by the dentist are billable for reimbursement, and having a dentist will increase the department's client base. At one time, when ECPHD had a dentist people came from

two hours away for treatment because other health departments in the area do not offer dental service.

Board member Jason Graham, a dentist in private practice, supported Dunn's position.

"The sustainability issue is not in client services, but in finding and keeping a dentist," Graham said.

Rico advocated reviewing

the salary offer. He said people who go into public health do so for reasons other than financial considerations but there is also a need to be realistic about the pay.

"I don't want the salary to be a detractor," said Rico. "We are having a problem getting somebody here. I think there is little doubt the dentist would be kept busy. It's like 'The Field of Dreams.' If we have a dentist, people will come."

The importance of getting a dentist for the health department was emphasized by Jonathan Burns, Executive Director of the Human Resources Center of Edgar and Clark Counties.

"I know with my clients, there's no where to go for dental care," said Burns.

The matter was tabled, and Dunn was instructed to prepare a financial report indicating the cost-payment ratio when the department had a dentist on staff.

Dunn expressed satisfaction with the current level of staffing at the department.

It only needs a dentist and a public health nurse to be fully staffed. Regarding the public health nurse, Dunn is holding out hopes of finding a registered nurse who can work across all departments, but she is also willing to consider other options.

A high-demand program at ECPHD is HealthWorks, which is a joint program between the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and the Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS). According to the DHS website, the purpose is to assure DCFS wards from birth through age six and pregnant youth in substitute care receive comprehensive health care that includes preventative health care, ensures each child is connected with a primary care provider and health care plans are part of each child's DCFS service plan.

"It has high demand and increasing numbers," said Dunn. "We have seen some disturbing things. I would like to see those numbers go down."

Kansas BOE approves safety upgrade

BY GARY HENRY
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KANSAS — A brief report by Kansas Community Unit School District #3 Principal Tiffany Huisinga resulted in new and more secure glass door inserts.

Huisinga met with a representative of Bacon & Van Buskirk Glass Company, Champaign, about replacing glass in the entry doors at the school. The goal is to install glass that cannot be easily shattered and make access to the building more difficult for an intruder.

"The glass being used is

not considered bullet proof, but it won't shatter. It stays in place," said Huisinga.

She explained a bullet will pass through the glass and leave a hole, but like the safety glass used in automobiles, the impact causes a spider web effect with multiple lines in the glass keeping it intact. "I like to know they can't be shattered," said district superintendent Cindy Spencer.

The board of education approved the estimated \$3,000 project.

Board members were less enthusiastic about a proposal from the Oakland School Dis-

trict to use a HUDL camera system for Tri-County Athletic Events.

Spencer said the HUDL cameras have a different function than the cameras currently in place that stream games so people can watch them remotely.

HUDL creates game films the coaches and players can review and there is a function allowing players to create highlight reels for recruiting purposes. She added HUDL's other advantage is it is an automatic recording system and does not require a person to hold and operate the camera.

As Spencer understood the Oakland proposal, HUDL is useful for all sports, but there was some doubt regarding that assertion.

"I think the only ones who are going to use this is football," said board president Matt Ehlers.

Spencer agreed the system does not appear as useful to other sports. She said girls basketball coach Joe Morrisey indicated he will use it for basketball games but does not care if it is not available for baseball.

"If we are going to pay more money, I want a camera

here for every game for every sport," said Ehlers.

No action was taken, and Spencer was asked to invite someone from the Oakland sports staff to the next Kansas board meeting to provide a more detailed explanation.

Following a presentation by senior Brooke Baker, the board approved a one-day senior class trip to Indianapolis, Ind. Baker said the class members will depart 7:30 a.m. May 19 and return at 11 p.m. the same day. The students will sample some of the fun attractions at Indianapolis.

The board also heard a brief update from Bob Abernathy and students participating in the Eccel Academy. Baker told board members visiting the various industrial and business sites was informative about what people do all day in their jobs.

She also appreciates many of the guest speakers confirmed it is OK to be like her and unsure about a career path.

"They said they didn't have it figured out until they went to college, and then they sometimes went a different way," said Baker.

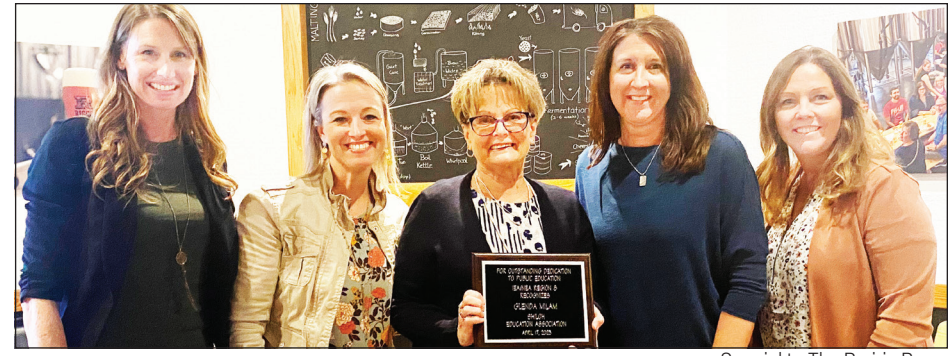
NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH CONTINUES TO DEVELOP



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Edgar County Neighborhood Watch presents a \$3,750 check to Edgar County to cover installation expense for security cameras. Left to right, Jana McIntosh, Scott Foster, Edgar County Board President Jeff Voigt and Doug Cochran.

LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER HONORED FOR DEDICATION



Special to The Prairie Press

Shiloh High School Language Arts Teacher Glenda Milam was honored on April 17. Left-to-right, Shelby Phipps, Milam's daughter-in-law; Julia North, Shiloh Education Association member; Milam; Randi Pollock, Shiloh Education Association member; and Sarah Phipps, Milam's daughter-in-law. Milam is retiring at the end of the school year.

SALE OF PROPERTY

A. Legal Description of Property to be sold:
The West Half of Lot No. 5 in James B. Crawford's Addition to the City of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois EXCEPT the North 5 Rods of Even Width thereof.
PREIN: 09-18-01-406-011

B. Common Address of Property to be sold:
317 E. Crawford, Paris, Illinois

C. Location of Sale:
3rd Floor, Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois.

D. Date and Time of Sale: May 17, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

E. Terms of Sale:
10% down on sale date, balance due upon confirmation of sale and closing.

F. Contact for further information and inspection of property:
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G. Description of improvements on subject property:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS EDGAR COUNTY, PARIS, ILLINOIS CITY OF PARIS, Plaintiff,

vs.
NEW CHICAGO INVESTMENTS, LLC, AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS Defendants.

No. 2022-MR-1

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PROPERTY

A. Legal Description of Property to be sold:
Lot No. 95 in W. S. O'Hair's Addition to the city of Paris, IL
PREIN: 09-18-12-253-004

B. Common Address of Property to be sold:
408 E. Van Buren, Paris, Illinois

C. Location of Sale:
3rd Floor, Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois.

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Notice of Public Meeting

On Tuesday, May 16, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., a meeting conducted by the Kansas Community Unit #3 School District will take place at the Kansas District Office at 310 S Front Street, Kansas, IL in the Superintendent's Office.

The purpose of this meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Kansas School District, you are urged to attend.

If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Mrs. Spencer at 217-948-5174.

Announcement:

Paris Cooperative High School is pleased to announce that it will be convening a public hearing on the matter of transitioning its graduation classification systems for honors from the traditional valedictorian/salutatorian model to a new approach. The purpose of this hearing is to provide a platform for community members to propose their invaluable feedback on the proposed plans, thereby enhancing the overall quality of the decision-making process. The public hearing will take place on May 9, 2023 at 6 PM in the Paris High School cafeteria. The proceedings will be divided into two distinct segments. The first portion will feature a presentation of the revised plans, while the second segment will be dedicated to the collection of community feedback. The overarching goal of this public hearing is to leverage the collective intelligence of the community and gather feedback from all stakeholders prior to making final approvals. All interested parties are cordially invited to attend and participate in this event.

Announcement:

Paris Union School District No.

95 is seeking sealed bids for brickwork (tuckpointing and lintels) at Mayo Middle School. To obtain bid specifications, please contact the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Larson, at jlarson@paris95schools.org. The official bid opening will occur on May 5 at noon at 300 South Eads Avenue, Superintendent's Office. Only sealed bids will be considered. Bids may not be sent via email. They may be delivered in-person or through US postal service. All bidding requirements will follow the Illinois Compiled Statutes for bidding regarding public school districts.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARY KATHERYN LEEDS, Deceased.

No. 2023-PR-13

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of MARY KATHERYN LEEDS of Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on March 30, 2023, to Clifford Miller, whose attorney is Rodney L. Smith of Smith Law, Ltd., 622 Jackson Avenue, Charleston, IL 61920. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Edgar County, Edgar County Courthouse, 115 West Court Street, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of May 1, 2023, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to one of the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

By:
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Notice of Public Meeting

On Monday, May 1 at 8:30 AM a meeting will be held at Crestwood School, 15601 US Hwy 150, Paris, Illinois, to discuss the Paris CUSD #4's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2023-24 school year. If you are the parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Paris Unit 4, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Danette Young at (217)465-5391.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF REBECCA E. WHALIN, Deceased
No. 2023-PR-14

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of REBECCA E. WHALIN of Paris, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 17, 2023, to MITZI LAUFMAN, 13501 N 800th St.,

Paris, IL 61944, and TAMMY FAYE BELL, 14367 N 800th St., 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 October 22, 2023, (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: April 18, 2023.

MITZI LAUFMAN and TAMMY FAYE BELL, Representatives

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Food inspections

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Edgar County Public Health Department inspected 22 establishments serving food in the county during March.

These facilities were operating without any violations and received a green placard denoting satisfactory compliance: Dollar Tree, New China Buffet, Andrew's at the Westbrook, Chrisman Grade School, Chrisman High School, Scooter's Coffee, Wenz School and Sweettea'z.

Some infractions were found at these locations but were not sufficient to prevent the awarding of a green satisfactory compliance sign: Bubba Lubba BBQ, San Marcos, KBG Deli, The Old Glass Shop, Taco Bell, Domino's, Rolled Wright Ice Cream, Joe's Pizza, Casey's Chrisman, Redmon Pit Stop, Shiloh School, Los Tres Caminos, Mayo Middle School and American Grill Diner.

Seeking local art

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The office of Rep. Mary Miller - R-15th District is currently accepting submissions for the 2023 Congressional Art Competition. The winner's artwork will be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year.

"As your representative, I have the privilege of sponsoring the Congressional Art Competition every spring," Miller said. "The Congressional Art Competition is a great way to recognize and encourage the artistic talent in our community. If you have or know

of a high school student interested in participating in the competition, please share this opportunity."

Submissions are due Wednesday, May 3, and winners will be announced soon after. Visit Miller's website, marymiller.house.gov/services/art-competition, for more details. Call or email staff assistant Noah McCammon at 217-703-6100 or noah.mccammon@mail.house.gov to coordinate a drop-off time with one of the district offices before the May 3 deadline.

FIRST BIKE NIGHT TAKES PLACE



Daniel Briseño/The Prairie Press

The Twisted Throttle Saloon held its first Bike Night April 8, Jay Willaman received the trophy for best bike.

Salon is new venture for stylist

BY LINDA LANE
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Madison Englum decided to bring her hair styling experience to a new location on Jasper Street in Paris.

Home Town Roots at 428 W. Jasper is Englum's new venture and a culmination of her 13 years styling hair.

Englum worked at the hair salon in J.C. Penney's for six years and was on the staff at Hair Teasers for another six years before deciding to venture out on her own and open her own salon.



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The staff at Home Town Roots is left to right, Cheryl Lorange, Karen See, salon owner Madison Englum and Brandy Pine.

Englum is a graduate of Lake Land College in Mattoon and has a degree in cosmetology.

In addition to Englum, the salon employs three other stylists: Cheryl Lorange, Karen See and Brandy Pine. See was the previous owner of the New Wave where Lorange also worked.

"We have a great team at Home Town Roots, and we are looking to maybe expand in the future," said Englum.

Appointments may be made through Facebook

or instagram@hometown-3095 to reach Englum or They are welcoming all new rootssalon.htr. Call 217-822-217-712-9504 to reach See. and existing clients.

HORIZON VOLUNTEERS DONATE TO DIALYSIS DEPARTMENT



Linda Lane/The Prairie Press

The Horizon Health volunteers recently donated \$5,000 to the new dialysis department for a blanket warming machine. Left to right, Jody Sperry, director of dialysis Debbie Clearwater, Chris Lovell, Peg Raley, Joann Bayler, Judy Nichols and Janine Brann.

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