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Fellowship hosts wanted

Thanksgiving Fellowship lets international students experience U.S.A.'s iconic holiday

BY GARY HENRY
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Area families have a great opportunity to create a memorable Thanksgiving for their own family and a visitor new to American culture.

"We always need more host families," said Barbara Dick of the Thanksgiving Fellowship. "There are always more students that want to participate than we have room for."

The Thanksgiving Fellowship started in Paris in 1956 and has since spread to other communities. Still, the original goal continues of foster-

ing better relations by letting foreign nationals meet real Americans in their homes during a uniquely American holiday.

Dick and her husband, David, have hosted Thanksgiving Fellowship visitors for approximately 45 years. She said the number of visitors coming to Edgar County for the Thanksgiving event has decreased over the years, but it is not due to the lack of interest by the foreign students.

"We have lost host families," said Dick.

Obtaining more hosts is an

important quest for those involved with the Thanksgiving Fellowship since board members Nancy Hansel and Joan Brown travel to Chicago Nov. 9 to meet with other Thanksgiving Fellowship communities at International House to select the visitors coming to the community.

"All of the communities swap," said Dick. "We try to find who has the best fit to the community."

Part of that effort is to make sure a mix of nationalities is represented in the group that travels to Paris. Hansel and

Brown will select 15 students to visit Paris during the holiday.

According to Dick, most of the college students are in the U.S. for two years to improve their command of English, although some may be here for specialized studies.

Concern about the ability to communicate and cultural differences may prevent some people from volunteering as hosts. It was an issue that initially kept Nate and Jennifer Alexander from volunteering in the past.

Jennifer Alexander said the

couple participated in Thanksgiving Fellowship for the first time last year after members at Lake Ridge Christian Church, where Nate Alexander is senior minister, spoke well of the experience.

Their guest was from China and did not know much English. The language barrier was not as big of an impediment as they feared.

"We were able to communicate well," Jennifer Alexander said. "She went around with us to Thanksgiving with the family."

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LONG-TERM PLANS FOR SHORT LINE



Special to The Prairie Press

The Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad engine heads west on the prairie. The short line railroad — owned by Watco of Pittsburgh, Kan. — took over the former CSX line in Paris and is now switching here.

Rail service assured

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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There's a new railroad serving Paris and East Central Illinois businesses — and it has big plans for serving more businesses and industries in the area.

Watco, the parent company of the Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, was the winning bidder for the CSX Transportation's Decatur and Danville secondary subdivisions. The 126.7 miles of track include Paris spurs and industries including Cargill and east to Terre Haute, north to Horace and The Equity, west to Tuscola and Decatur, according to Matthew Nicol, the local trainmaster.

Watco acquired the Decatur Sub between Montezuma, Ind., and Decatur, as well as the Danville Secondary between Terre Haute, Ind., and Olivet plus the Paris Industrial Track in Paris.

Nicol explained Watco, based in Pittsburg, Kan., currently operates 38 short line railroads in the U.S., totaling 5,100 miles of track, as well as 31 industrial contract-switching locations.

"We are a smaller company and customer-service based," Nicol said. He said Paris and Edgar County customers are extremely happy with the changes and service provided by the new company, which took over for CSX Sept. 1.

PEDCO president Bob Colvin is ecstatic the new railroad company is



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

An engine for the Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad engine moves through Paris Friday. The short line railroad — owned by Watco of Pittsburgh, Kan. — took over the former CSX line in Paris and is now switching here, serving Cargill, The Equity and several other Paris industries.

now serving Paris. "The railroad absolutely plays an important role in our growing local industrial base," Colvin explained. "Rails are critical to our industry in Paris."

Colvin said a few people have expressed their frustration with the blocked crossing on Cherry Point Road, but noted because limited switching was being done by CSX, "we've forgotten what having a busy railroad in the community is like. Sometimes we're going to be a bit

inconvenienced but this railroad is an important cog in the Paris economy," he said.

Paris Mayor Craig Smith echoed Colvin's sentiments, noting PEDCO and city officials, "were worried to death CSX was going to pull service to Paris and we'd be in a bind."

"It's just not the railroad jobs," Smith said. "Local industrial jobs depend on receiving both important supplies and being able to ship their products."

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Homeless shelter temporarily closed

BY GARY HENRY
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The ECHO House on Connelly Street has temporarily closed its doors.

Operated by the Edgar County Homeless Organization, the house provides lodging to help people get back on their feet after losing a home.

"This decision did not come lightly," said ECHO board member Joe Gill.

He added this is a temporary situation. The board meets later this month to discuss re-opening the shelter once a new manager is in place.

Former manager William Lewis claims the closing came as a surprise, and he was given inadequate notice to vacate his apartment and find a new place to live.

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Ambulance expanding classes

BY GARY HENRY
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Eric and Nicole Shaughnessy of the Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance (ECSSAA) are making a big commitment to the future of the community.

The couple is working to expand the emergency medical services taught by the ambulance service to include paramedic training. Currently, local people wanting to achieve paramedic status must travel to Mattoon, Champaign or Terre Haute, Ind., to take the classes.

"This has been a goal of ours for a long time," said Eric Shaughnessy. "It assists us to train locally and keep people here."

Ambulance services are rated in three categories: basic, intermediate and paramedic.

A basic ambulance can administer oxygen, do splinting and bandaging, give some medications but not do heart monitoring.

An intermediate ambulance crew is certified to administer more medications and perform additional procedures. Heart monitoring starts at

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57 46 Prec: 0%	60 43 Prec: 60%	62 51 Prec: 10%	61 39 Prec: 50%	50 34 Prec: 0%	48 33 Prec: 0%	51 31 Prec: 0%

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

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Paris through noon Tuesday.

Temperature
High/Low 59°/39°
Record High 79° in 2016
Record Low 5° in 1951

Precipitation
Month to date 1.63"
Normal month to date 0.37"
Year to date 45.37"
Normal year to date 35.91"

SUN AND MOON

	Sun Rise	Sun Set	Moon Rise	Moon Set
TODAY	7:21 a.m.	5:47 p.m.	2:24 a.m.	4:00 p.m.
SUNDAY	6:23 a.m.	4:46 p.m.	2:51 a.m.	3:32 p.m.
MONDAY	6:24 a.m.	4:45 p.m.	3:58 a.m.	4:04 p.m.
TUESDAY	6:25 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	5:05 a.m.	4:36 p.m.
WEDNESDAY	6:26 a.m.	4:43 p.m.	6:11 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
THURSDAY	6:27 a.m.	4:42 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
FRIDAY	6:28 a.m.	4:41 p.m.	8:17 a.m.	6:26 p.m.

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PLAN YOUR WEEK

TODAY
PRAYER BREAKFAST TODAY
The 25th annual Community Prayer Breakfast is set at 8 a.m. today at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Guest speaker is Scottie Wilson, racing chaplain. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

SUNDAY
BLACKHAWK NATURE WALK
A free nature walk at Blackhawk Park 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4, to look at the turning of the season in the woods and whatever nature has to offer. Those interested can meet guide Joy Turner in the parking lot shortly before 1 p.m.

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

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

WEIGHT WATCHERS MEETING
Weight Watchers meets every Tuesday in the basement of the Edgar County Farm Bureau building, 210 W. Washington, Paris. Weigh-in starts at 5 p.m.

DON'T MISS

FREE RIDES TO THE POLLS, NOV. 6
Rides Mass Transit District will be providing transportation to the polls for the Illinois general election Tuesday, Nov. 6 to all residents of the RMTD service area. Individuals will be able to ride to the polls on regular existing routes throughout Edgar County on Election Day at no cost to them. RMTD operations manager Adam Lach takes pride in transporting individuals to work, errands and medical appointments, and providing a way to get to the voting booth is another service Rides is happy to provide. Those requesting transportation may contact 844-718-1882 to schedule transportation. RMTD is the largest rural public transit district in Illinois and transports more than 718,000 people annually. To learn more, visit ridesmtd.com.

SHARE YOUR EVENT
Community events are published for free as space allows. For inclusion in the community calendar, submit the name of the event, a brief description of it, location, cost to attend (if any), a contact name and phone number/email for the public. To submit:
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and the meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. Information about the Weight Watchers system is available at www.weightwatchers.com, or by attending a meeting.

THURSDAY
VETERAN BREAKFAST
The Shiloh National Honor

If The Press didn't tell you ... WHO WOULD?

Society is hosting a breakfast and special program honoring area veterans 8 a.m. Nov. 8 in recognition of the centennial of Veterans Day.

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

EUCHRE NIGHT
The monthly euchre night is 6:30-9 p.m. Nov. 8 at the Red Oak Inn, 219 W. Madison, Paris. An added feature this month is photos and stories from Africa with a guest speaker. More information is available by calling 269-2617.

DENTAL CLEANING FOR VETS
The Lake Land College Dental Hygiene program is offering free dental cleanings and x-rays to veterans through the month of November for Veterans Appreciation Month. Clinic hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 1-5 p.m., and Wednesday from 12-4 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. The clinic is located in the Northwest Building, room 116 on the Lake Land College campus, 5001 Lake Land Blvd., Mattoon. Appointments for free cleanings and x-rays for veterans will be scheduled from Nov. 1-30. Call 217-234-5249 to schedule an appointment.

FRIDAY
FLU SHOTS AT OAKLAND
Horizon Health is providing a walk-in clinic for flu shots 1:30-5 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Oakland Clinic. Those seeking the inoculation must be at least 18 years old. No appointments are required but participants must register at the clinic desk upon arrival. The cost is \$30 cash. Insurance companies will be billed for those with coverage. People receiving Medicaid, or children under 18, should make an appointment with their primary care provider to obtain a flu shot. More information about the clinic is available by calling 217-346-2353.

VET BREAKFAST
Crestwood School is hoping to start a new tradition by offering a free breakfast to veterans prior to the annual Veterans Day program. The breakfast is 8-9 a.m. Nov. 9 and the program is 9:15 a.m. Veterans can RSVP at 271-465-5391 or dlynch@crestwood.k12.il.us.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax for Paris Union School District No. 95 for 2018 will be held on November 12, 2018 at 4:45 p.m. at the Paris Cooperative High School, 14040 E. 1200th Rd., Paris, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jeremy Larson, (telephone 217/465-8448).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for the year 2017 were \$2,689,564.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$3,352,642. This represents a 24.66% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2017 were \$559,399.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2018 are \$575,000. This represents a .03% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2017 were \$3,289,813.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2018 are \$3,979,930. This represents a 21% increase over the previous year.

V. This resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its passage.

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NAL partners with ISU



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Representatives of NAL — including ISU alumni — present a \$75,000 check to ISU President Deborah Curtis and other representatives of the school Tuesday. NAL is the first formal corporate partner of Indiana State University.

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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North American Lighting (NAL) and Indiana State University have established a strong working relationship including the company's investment in the ISU career center. NAL is the first formal corporate sponsor of ISU.

NAL President Kirk Gladberry and ISU President Deborah Curtis met, among other company and university officials, to sign a formal gift agreement, making NAL the first formal corporate partner of ISU.

NAL company officials and alumni presented ISU with a check of \$75,000 for their three-year partnership including the naming rights to the College of Technology Student Success Center and sponsorship of the university's Career Center and athletic programs.

The College of Technology's new Student Success Center, located on the first floor of the John T. Myers Technology Center, is now the North American Lighting Student Success Center. The ISU Board of trustees approved the re-naming of the career center until Oct. 12, 2021, last month.

NAL hosted Curtis, the new dean of the College of Technology Nesli Alp, as well as representatives of the ISU Alumni Association and ISU Foundation, during a get together for ISU alumni employed at the Paris plant Tuesday, Oct. 30, at Lot 50.

"We are excited about this new relationship for many reasons, but I believe the overarching motivation of the partnership is the opportunity to support local students as they pursue educational and career goals here in the local community," said Gladberry.

Plant general manager Chad Thompson, NAL Assistant General Manager of Corporate Human Resources and alumna of ISU Mandy Martin and ISU alum general manager of production control Brian Gosnell were among those present for the social hour.

Thompson said NAL is a regular recruiter of ISU graduates — including many in leadership positions.

"We are thankful for the caliber of students ISU delivers and we are proud to be an Employer of Choice as we employ over 60 alumni between our Corporate Headquarters and Paris Plant," said Martin. "NAL recognizes what the university is doing and sees great value in the programs taking place on-campus. It is our privilege to partner with ISU and support these efforts as an expression of NAL's commitment to the ideals of Corporate Social Responsibility."

Prior to the social hour, Curtis, accompanied by Alp and other ISU representatives, toured the Paris NAL plant — and Curtis and Alp were enthusiastic in the assessment of the facility.

Curtis said seeing the plant and visiting with the NAL ISU alumni provided an opportunity to reconnect them with their university as well as help spread the word about the school and what it has to offer to Edgar County seniors who are considering where to attend college. She urged alumni to, "be a chorus of trumpets and tell them about ISU."

The college's center, which is in its first academic year of operation, is designed to meet students where they are and assist them with both academic and post-graduation success.

"On behalf of our students, faculty and staff, I appreciate the North American Lighting's support and contribution to



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Indiana State University President Deborah Curtis, right, signs the gift agreement making NAL the first formal corporate partner of ISU. At left is NAL president Kirk Gladberry.

the College of Technology at ISU," said Alp. "The new student success center is crucial for our students' success, retention and graduation."

The college's center brings together its faculty and staff with other campus partners — Center for Student Success, Career Center, University College, financial aid, mentoring programs, etc. — to assist in the academic success of students.

"We are so excited about the corporate partnership with NAL," said Kara Harris, associate dean of the College of Technology. "It is both a natural and positive step in continuing to move the college forward in academic and career-ready opportunities for our students."

Doug Smith, the interim vice president for the Division of University Advancement and CEO of the ISU Founda-

tion praised NAL's strategic decision to tap into ISU's intellectual capital.

"It's a win for the corporation. It's a win for the university," Smith said. "It gives our students the opportunity to interact with a potential employer, and it gives the company access to a pipeline of talent — and the ability to interact with the faculty. There may be research opportunities for a company and its products with a partnership like this one."

Smith also noted the partnership, "demonstrates the quality of our academic programs and the importance of industry partnerships to supplement what we do to ensure student success through strong advising and internship." He said the partnership is, "a strategic move on their part and hopefully the beginning of something bigger."

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Edgar County Circuit Court calls

COURT

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IN CUSTODY

■ Travis L. Carty, 38, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated driving while license is revoked, a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance, a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license and a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed with a preliminary hearing scheduled. Bond was set at \$10,000, and he was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Brenda L. Elledge, 63, Paris, appeared in custody. Her unresolved Class X felony possession of methamphetamine conspiracy and a Class 2 felony unlawful use of property for methamphetamine manufacturing were continued for

a negotiated plea agreement. She was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Joe W. Evans, 29, Paris, appeared in custody. He was charged with a Class 2 felony aggravated domestic battery and a Class 4 felony domestic battery. The public defender was appointed and bond was set at \$7,500. He was ordered to have no contact with the apparent victim and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing. Evans was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Michael P. Griffin, 30, Paris, appeared in custody for missing a previous court appearance. He was released on a personal recognizance bond and remanded to custody pending release processing.

■ Harold B. Harris, 34, Chrisman, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 1 felony residential burglary. The public defender was appoint-

ed. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing, and Harris was remanded to custody pending posting of \$15,000 bond.

■ Chase M. Hayworth, 27, Paris, appeared in custody. He admitted a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 2 felony arson conviction and a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. The matter was continued for a sentencing hearing.

In another case, Hayworth's unresolved Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe charges were continued for pretrial conferences. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Austin T. Knauss, 24, Oakland, appeared in custody of the Illinois Department of Corrections. He admitted a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction. He was resented to two years in IDOC to run concurrently with his Douglas County sentence for attempted armed robbery conviction. He was found in default of payments and the case was referred to collections.

■ Blake M. Meehan, 18, Paris, appeared in custody and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed. Bond was reduced to \$2,500 from the original bond of \$5,000. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Courtney J. Mills, 24, Charleston, appeared in custody of the Coles County Sheriff. The public defender was appointed to represent her against a Class 2 felony for possession of contraband in a penal institution, a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor endangering the health of a child charges.

The oral motion to quash her warrant for missing a previous court appearance was denied. The matter was continued for the preliminary hearing and Mills was remanded to custody.

■ Tabitha Munds, no age provided, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor retail theft and a Class A misdemeanor possession of a hypodermic syringe. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Dallas E. Peterson, 37, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed, and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

In another matter, Peterson was found in default of payments for his Class A misdemeanor domestic battery conviction. The case was referred to collections.

In yet another case, Peterson was presented with and denied a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class A misdemeanor unlawful use of a weapon conviction. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Nathaniel E. Schumacher, 21, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Ryan W. Wells, 34, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class 4 felony criminal trespassing to a residence, a Class 4 felony criminal damage to property, a Class A misdemeanor resisting a police officer and a Class A misdemeanor criminal damage to property. The public defender was appointed and the preliminary hearing was scheduled. Wells was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

■ Charles G. Wells, 19, Paris, appeared in custody and was charged with a Class A misdemeanor illegal consumption of alcohol by a minor. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel. He was remanded to custody pending posting of bond.

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■ Clifford W. Cunningham, 55, Paris, was charged with a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. The public defender was appointed. The matter was continued for a first appearance with counsel.

■ Aaron T. Scott, 22, Georgetown, was charged and pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor speeding. He waived his right to an attorney and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Kathryn M. Smith, 26, Rockville, Ind., was charged with two counts of a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance and a Class A misdemeanor retail theft. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Katrisha D. Stapp, 26, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony delivery of cannabis and a Class 4 felony possession of cannabis. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

■ Phillip E.L. Stapp, 30, Paris, was charged with a Class 3 felony delivery of cannabis and a Class 4 felony possession of cannabis. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for the preliminary hearing.

a jury trial demand to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine charge. The public defender was appointed and the matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

In another case, Alexander was presented with a petition to revoke her court supervision sentence for a Class A misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. The public defender was appointed and the petition was denied. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Joshua P. Bennett, 30, Chrisman, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. The matter was continued for a pretrial conference.

■ Stephanie N. Guinn, 30, Clinton, Ind., 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.

■ Ethan T. Johnson, 20, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

■ Summer D. Perisho, 38, Paris, pleaded not guilty with a jury trial demand to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. A pretrial conference was scheduled.

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■ Stanton T. Hanks, 27, Oakland, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a revoked license. He was sentenced to five weekends in jail to run concurrently with a previous conviction for a Class 4 felony possession of a controlled substance conviction, 1 year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Kloe R. Ludington, 18, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor driving on a suspended license charge. She was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$300 fine, court costs and various state fees.

■ Thomas D. Martin, 55, Paris, pleaded guilty to a Class 3 felony possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to two days in jail with credit for two days previously served, two years of probation, a \$500 fine, court costs, various state fees and orders to complete counseling per an evaluation and to forfeit all items seized at the time of his arrest.

■ Thomas G. Morgan, 78, Montezuma, Ind., pleaded guilty to a Class A misdemeanor speeding charge. He was sentenced to one year of conditional discharge, a \$500 fine, court costs and various state fees.

NOT GUILTY PLEAS

■ Lancee M. Alexander, 46, Paris, pleaded not guilty with

CHARGES

■ Jerry L. Beno, 59, Paris, was charged with two counts of a Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol. He told the court he will hire an attorney. The mat-

GUILTY PLEAS

■ Matthew A. Anderson, 25, Chatsworth, learned the state withdrew a petition to revoke his probation sentence for a Class 4 felony aggravated driving under the influence of drugs conviction. The account is paid in full.

■ Molly Jo Claussen, 40, Terre Haute, Ind., learned her failure to appear warrant was quashed. A pretrial conference was scheduled for her unresolved Class A misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol charge.

■ Jeremy Lumsdon, 30, Terre Haute, Ind., learned his failure to appear warrant was quashed, and the state dismissed a Class A misdemeanor domestic battery charge.

■ Craig G. Shields, 24, Paris, failed to appear and was found in contempt of court for not applying his tax refund as ordered. The court imposed a jail sentence of 30 days with a purge provision of \$287. A body attachment was ordered for Shields.

WARRANTS

Warrants were ordered and prepared when the following individuals failed to answer the court call: Dalton R. DeWeese, 21, Paris; Herman D. Dillion, 47, Paris; Megan N. Eads, 37, Paris; Trevor J. Henke, 36, Paris; Fallon R. Reed, 31, Middletown, Ohio; Shelby L. Wilson, 23, Marshall; and William J. Wimsett, no age provided, Paris.

Prairie's Edge set to reopen

BY GARY HENRY
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Barricades at each end of Prairie's Edge and on the Maple Street approaches to the construction project are due to come down some time in the coming week.

The rebuild of the road

was a major upgrade that included widening, straightening improved base for heavier vehicles, new surfacing, drainage and better intersections.

Edgar County Highway Engineer Aaron Lawson said the road is ready for traffic

but some work such as permanent markers and landscaping remains for the 2019 construction season.

Financing for Prairie's Edge was largely through the Illinois Department of Transportation using federal highway funds.

SHERIFF AWARDED GRANT



Special to The Prairie Press

For seven years, EnerStar Electric Cooperative has been awarded the CoBank Sharing Success matching grant. The grant's purpose is to help cooperatives support causes and organizations important to the communities they serve. Edgar County Sheriff Jeff Wood recently received the \$5,000 check from the EnerStar board of directors. Funds will be used toward the purchase of a new digital fingerprinting system. The Clark County Sheriff Department was also awarded \$5,000 and funds will be used to purchase an infrared drone.

VALLI MITCHELL
 Valli Dawn Edwards Mitchell, 63, of Lincoln, and formerly of Paris, passed away at 6:23 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, at Generations of Lincoln. A memorial service is 1 p.m. today, Nov. 3, at Grace Fellowship Church in Paris, with Dr. Kenneth D. Knight officiating. Cremation Rites have been accorded. Peasley Funeral Home is assisting the family with the arrangements.

BETTY CROSS
 WESTFIELD - Betty Jane Cross, 88, of Westfield, passed away Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, at Heartland Nursing Center, Casey. A funeral service was 11 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at Markwell Funeral Home, with Pastor Rick Emrich officiating. Burial followed

Mrs. Mitchell was born Jan. 7, 1955, at Paris, the daughter of the late Buddy Dean Edwards and Carol Catlett Edwards Knebel. She married the love of her life, Larry D. Mitchell in 2003, and he survives. She is also survived by her daughter, April (Brian McCarty) Edwards of Terre Haute, Ind.; two sisters, Tammi (Gary) Underfanger of Springfield and Sherri Edwards-Cox of Destin, Fla.; two brothers, Brandon Edwards of Paris and Christopher (Karen) Knebel of Portland, Ore.; three grandchildren, Nade, Stayton and Zander; two great-grandchildren, Carter and Davina; and stepmother, Patricia Edwards of Rockford. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Edward Dean and Stella Edwards; maternal grandparents, Harry and Mary Jane Catlett; and stepfather, Richard "Dick" Knebel. Mrs. Mitchell worked as a CNA for 20 years. Most recently, she worked as a custodian at Grace Fellowship Church in Paris, where she was also a member. She was also a member of the Paris Garden Club. Memorial donations may be made to Grace Fellowship Church.

in Richwoods Cemetery. Visitation was from 10 a.m. until the service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 207 S. Prospect Road, Suite 1, Bloomington, IL 61704 or Lincolnland Hospice, 1004 Health Center Drive, Mattoon, IL 61938. More information and online condolences at www.markwellfuneralhome.com.

PATRICIA KIGER
 Patricia Lou Kiger, 71, of Paris, passed away at 7:14 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at Horizon Health-Paris Community Hospital. A graveside service celebrating her life is 1:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 5, in Oak Grove Cemetery, with Pastor Dave Laborde officiating. Visitation is from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday at Templeton Funeral Home in Paris. Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com

ELLEN NELSON
 Ellen Louise Nelson, 77, of Paris, and formerly of Sherwood, Mich., passed away at 10:50 a.m. EDT Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2018, at Union Hospital, Terre Haute, Ind. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Templeton Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Memorial donations may be made to Paris Community Bible Church. Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

LINDA GOSNELL
 Linda Sue Gosnell, 59, of Paris, passed away at 3:10 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at her home. A memorial service celebrating her life is 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7, at Templeton Funeral Home, with Pastor Nate Alexander officiating. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the service time Wednesday at the funeral home. Additional information and online condolences at www.TempletonFuneralHome.com.

E-cigarettes are health hazard

BY GARY HENRY
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 CHRISMAN - Red Ribbon Week to raise drug awareness in Chrisman schools concluded Monday, Oct. 29, with special presentations to junior high and high school students. Lori Cline, community oral health consultant/community outreach, Edgar County Public Health Department, discussed the hazards of e-cigarettes and related items with students. One must be at least 18 in Illinois to purchase and use such devices. According to Cline, marketing for e-cigarettes and JUUL devices, is misleading and directly targets a younger audience to create new generations of nicotine users. The advertising claims the products produce only water vapor, which Cline disputes. "Vapor disperses in the air and dissipates," said Cline. "Aerosols disperse in the air, but they don't dissipate." She said particulates in aerosols land on things. In the case of e-cigarettes, those particulates go into the lungs, or on clothing, furniture and other objects. While some electronic smoking devices do not contain nicotine and are marketed as a way to help smokers break their addiction, other cartridges for the devices are packed with as much nicotine as is found in a pack of cigarettes. In addition, all of the chemical components found in tobacco smoke are present in the e-juice cartridges placed in the smoking devices. "That's a lot of junk you are putting into your body," said Cline. "Some use because they think it is safe without nicotine, but it is not because of all of the other chemicals." The lungs, Cline explained, do not have the ability to

break down the various components of tobacco smoke or the chemicals in the e-cig aerosol. Nicotine is absorbed into the bloodstream to provide the addict's fix, but the tar and various other elements build up on the lungs in ever thickening layers. Cline said it is well documented how tobacco smoke clogs the lungs, leads to heart disease, brain risk from stroke and the direct relation to cancer. All of those same chemicals enter the body when using an electronic smoking device. She also noted the three largest selling brands of cigarettes - Newport, Marlboro

and Camel - are financially involved with electronic smoking devices. The goal is to find new users of nicotine since 80 percent of adult smokers began before they were 18, and adolescents who participate in vaping are four times more likely to start smoking cigarettes. The marketing tactics for the devices were criticized by Cline. She said the first generation of devices looked something like cigarettes. The second generation adapted more unusual shapes and color schemes to perhaps mimic an ink pen or other objects. JUULs, a third generation device, often resemble

a flash drive and some can be recharged through a USB port. Cline said teachers and parents should be particularly aware to make certain the device in the USB is actually a flash drive and not a JUUL. The marketing tactics include bright colors, associations with pop culture and selling e-juice cartridges that include flavors like bubblegum or energy drinks. Advertising the devices at major sporting events is another ploy to reach younger people. "You've got to fight that urge to give in and peer pressure," said Cline. "You are smarter than that."

FACS holds first meeting at PHS



Special to The Prairie Press
Paris High School student Maggie York holds a Mason jar scarecrow made during the school's family and consumer science club (FACS) October meeting. The FACS club is currently doing a fall membership drive.

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS
 The Paris High School Family and Consumer Science Club (FACS) first meeting of the year was Oct. 16 and Oct. 17. Those present included president Bailey Aitken, secretary Paige Brooks, treasurer Jaydin Seeley, public relations Payton Brooks, Maggie Herbek, Emilee Roush, Christiana Bentley, Kelsie Maus, Kacie Maus, Tiffani Delashmit, Cassidy Armstrong, Lindsey Marietta, Josalyn Ramsey, Alexis Milner and Maggie York. Members made homemade pumpkin chocolate chip muffins and Mason jar scarecrows to kick off the fall membership drive. Any high school student who has had or is currently

enrolled in a family and consumer science class may join. Jaydin York displays the Mason jar scarecrow she made during a meeting of the Paris High School Family and Consumer Science Club (FACS) meeting. Club membership is open to any student who has taken an FACS class or is currently enrolled in a class.

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Science is part of elections

Psephology studies elections and sometimes tries to sway the results. Most people don't know there is a field of science dedicated to elections. It is called psephology from the Greek psephos for pebble, since the ancient Greeks used pebbles to cast votes.

This column will function something like a Rorschach Test, because each reader will see in it what they want. Often we can't understand how someone, who disagrees with us, can be so blinded, when the facts are so obvious. Even with a preponderance of evidence, they still, in our opinion, make wrong choices. This happens on both political sides.

Psychologists call this cognitive bias, which is a mistake in reasoning, evaluating, remembering, or other cognitive process, occurring as a result of holding onto one's beliefs regardless of contrary information. If facts do not support a belief, some people are blinded to them. Similarly, adherents of a viewpoint grab any innuendo supporting that position.

Everyone has a bias, and understanding we have a bias is the first step in looking at facts more objectively.

Political advisors capitalize on cognitive biases. When the other side has valid points they poke fun or play up stereotypes with demeaning language. In a world of 24-hour visual media, the outcome is extreme polarization on all sides. Negative ads work.

This week the Supreme Court declined to hear a case from North Carolina arguing political gerrymandering violates the Constitution. Gerrymandering is drawing political boundaries to skew votes in such a way as to give one party an advantage.

The case started when N.C. Representative David Lewis stated on the record, "I propose we draw the map to give a partisan advantage to 10 Republicans and three Democrats, because I do not believe it's possible to draw a map with 11 Republican and two Democrats." He continued, "We are going to use political data in drawing this map to gain partisan advantage."

Drawing political boundaries to intentionally control the voice of a group based on sex, race or religion is clearly unconstitutional, but the courts have been hesitant to rule on political discrimination by party.

Building a case requires proof that manipulating political boundaries caused significant deviation from normal, but the challenge is showing what is normal. Those who brought the case proved it with math.

Duke Professor Johnathan Mattingly collected vote totals by precinct from across the country. He ran tens of thousands of simulations through a computer to test how regrouping adjoining precincts impacted elections. He confirmed it is possible to change an election outcome from a normal four winners per party up to nine winners for a political party using the exact same number of votes but making small shifts in groupings.

His testimony convinced the circuit court and was reaffirmed by the appellate court. This week the Supreme Court refused to hear the case letting the lower court decision stand. As a result, the illegal North Carolina boundaries must be redrawn, and this will have national consequences.

One segment of a major political party loves to beat the drum for guarding against alleged election fraud, even though there is little real evidence this is a problem. Statistically large elections must follow the law of large numbers and principals of probability, and there is an emerging field of electoral forensics to monitor fraud. By using computers to sort for deviations, it is possible to identify suspect outcomes and investigate. This is becoming a growing test of election fairness.

In the 2016 election of Trump over Clinton, there is no indication of wide spread fraud, but there was clever use of disinformation. By the rules, Trump did win even though there was a 2.9 million difference among 130 million voters where Clinton got 65,844,954 votes to Trump's 62,979,879. The raw numbers don't tell the whole story, but there is a way to look deeper.

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Time to improve safety

Passing a stopped school bus with an extended arm is against state law

At least five crashes across the nation this week have hurt or killed children and adults at school bus stops — one week after National School Bus Safety Week.

Many of the accidents are the result of drivers going around stopped buses that have their lights on and a stop sign arm on display. While any school bus stop accident is heart-wrenching, the one which occurred earlier this week in Rochester, Ind., when three siblings — a girl and twin boys — were killed when a pickup truck passed the stopped bus with an arm extended. A fourth child was airlifted to a hospital and is in serious condition.

Every state has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus with its red lights flashing and stop-arm extended that is stopped to load or unload students, according to the

OUR VIEW

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National Highway Transportation Safety Board. Yet motorists illegally passing school buses remains a big safety issue.

Don't think it happens in Edgar County?

The day after the tragic accident in Indiana — when everyone should've been especially cognizant of bus stop safety — Michelle Ball of MSB Transportation in Paris reported four incidents of vehicles passing a stopped school bus with an extended arm and flashing lights. MSB transports Paris Union School District 95 and Crestwood Unit 4 students.

School bus drivers witness motorists committing similar passing

violations every day, Ball has noted.

It's not that hard. In case you're confused, school buses are those big yellow things on the road that tend to have lots of children around them.

The bottom line for this type of accident is the public is in a hurry and is not focused on important things like a child who might be crossing the road. Just since Tuesday's deadly accident, a nine-year-old boy was struck and killed in Mississippi as he crossed a highway to catch a school bus and a seven-year-old boy died waiting at a bus stop in Pennsylvania.

While children dying in school shootings have brought about a variety of changes in safety, what has been done for children who are simply trying to get on or exit a school bus? The answer is nothing.

This is a problem that deserves attention — and the sooner the better.



YOUR VIEW

Annie Moses Band to be a great concert

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 Paris is incredibly fortunate to have been able to develop the Paris Center of Fine Arts. This is a state of the art facility that is unlike any other including Terre Haute and Champaign.

We have been able to bring in some amazing groups to add quality of life to our community.

On Sunday, November 11, we are bringing in The Annie Moses Band. They reside in Nashville Tenn., and are comprised of Julliard trained siblings.

The only way to really know how good they are is to go on YouTube and look up their videos. They have also been on PBS television with a special called "The art of the love song."

I guarantee it will be worth your while to come and see this group. They sold out Rose Hulman Hatfield Hall last March.

Let's do the same here, and I promise you won't be disappointed.

They will have a meet and greet after the show, and sponsorship opportunities are also available.

Please join us. You won't regret it.

Doug Hasler
 Paris

Thanks to the football team for their help

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 Another year has passed and the Paris Honeybee Festival has come to a close.

I just want to thank and express my heartfelt gratitude to the Paris High School Football Team. They came out to the fairgrounds and helped us clean up and put all our toys away.

As I pulled up to a group of about 12 boys gathered at the north end of the fairgrounds and asked if they were here to help us. They all yelled yes, so I gathered

them in my truck and proceeded to take them where they were needed. They were respectful to the committee and never complained or asked, "Are we done yet?"

The teams have come out to help us for several years and I am always impressed by their maturity and willingness to help with community projects. They worked as a team on and off the football field.

Parents and coaches should be proud of these young men. Thank you again for all our volunteers, it wouldn't be possible without you and our donors.

Joyce Ann Parsley
 Paris Honeybee Antique Association

Mother is concerned for the safety of her children

Editor, The Prairie Press:
 I am a concerned citizen and mother of three children.

I remember it being a nice, safe place to raise a family. However, these days I'm afraid to take my children to the park for fear of them stepping on a needle. We can't even sit on our front porch at night without seeing at least one drug addict walking back and forth on the sidewalk waiting for their drug dealer to give them their next high.

So what is it we can do, call the police? The Paris police and sheriff's department do their jobs by arresting these individuals.

Almost every time they are released within a day or two only to be arrested for drugs again only a short while later. It must be very frustrating for our officers to arrest these people only for them to be released at their first court appearance.

So I think it's time for our state's attorney to do his job and

keep these people off the streets. If it's their first arrest for drugs try to get them help, send them to rehab.

If it's a repeat offender, give them prison time. These repeat offenders are a danger to our town.

I constantly worry about the influences my children will come up against everyday. The police are doing their job so why isn't the state's attorney.

Ashley Englum
 Paris

Letter writer supports Dolan for county sheriff

Editor, the Prairie Press:
 Citizens of Edgar County have the opportunity this coming Tuesday to take a stand for better law enforcement in our county by voting for Tom Dolan, Republican candidate for Sheriff. Tom's credentials in law enforcement and firearms safety are impeccable. He truly cares about people's safety, as evidenced by his efforts with active shooter drills and willingness to share advice for securing a facility to make our public places safer — schools and churches especially.

He has done his research on ways to increase patrol and shorten response times, make our schools safer, step up the fight against drug abuse and distribution, and emphasize keeping the traveling public safe from drivers under the influence. Moreover, he treats offenders with sensitivity, and his purpose is not solely to punish those who violate the law, but even more so to make our communities and roads safer.

Tom is a trained administrator and is articulate in communicating with others. He has good ideas to enhance the efficiency of the sheriff's department, and he

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Why we wear the poppies

The reason poppies are used to remember those who have given their lives in battle is because they are the flowers which grew on the battlefields after World War I ended. The Second

Battle Ypres took place between April 21 and May 25, 1915. The battle is remembered for two things. Most horribly, it was the time poison gas was used against enemy combatants. The second was the writing of the poem that became one of the most famous literary results of the war.

On May 2, a young Canadian artillery officer, Lt. Alexis Hellman, was killed by a shell while serving in the same unit as a friend, a Canadian military doctor, Major John D. McCrae.

That evening, with the chaplain of the unit called away, McCrae was asked to officiate at the burial service. At some point after that, and accounts differ about the story, McCrae penned the short poem "In Flanders Fields," which was published before the end of the year and widely reprinted.

The opening poignantly evokes the countless dead lying in makeshift cemeteries, let it build to a climatic call for comrades left behind to take up our guard with the fall.

After the war, the poppy was adopted as a symbol of remembrance.

*In Flanders field the poppies Blow between the Crosses, row on row.
 That marks our place; and in the sky.
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.
 We are the dead. Short days ago,
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders Field.
 Take up our quarrel with the foe;
 To you from failing hands
 Come we, the dead, — and you, the living, raise us up —
 And you that squandered
 Our lives, the dust, our dirges, our deafening guns, our
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HAVE YOUR SAY

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LANG

FROM PAGE 6A

*We throw
The torch, be yours to hold
it high.
If ye break faith with us who
die
We shall not sleep, though
poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.*

Two years after the poem was written, through a mutual friend, McCrae sent a copy of the poem to John Philip Sousa, whose marches had made him world famous, requesting that he set it to music.

Sousa received the poem in 1917. He had just made the final corrected proofs of the song to his publisher G. Scherer when he read in the paper of the death of McCrae of cerebral meningitis while

still serving in France.

It is certainly appropriate to wear a poppy on November 11.

Wearing poppies started as a British tradition, but has become an American form of showing remembrance and respect. The red poppy is a nationally recognized symbol of sacrifice worn by Americans since World War I to honor those who have served and died for our country in all wars.

It reminds Americans of the sacrifices made by our veterans while protecting our freedoms.

Wear a poppy to honor those who have worn our nation's uniforms.

The positioning of the poppy can also cause some confusion. Many say the poppy should be worn on

one's left, close to the heart, which is also the side of military medals. Others say men should wear it on the left and women should wear it on the right, just like the queen.

The Royal British Legion, however, told the BBC there is no right or wrong way to wear a poppy. It is a matter of personal choice whether an individual chooses to wear a poppy and also how they choose to wear it.

To me, the best way to wear a poppy is to wear it with pride and on the lapel over the heart.

(Ted Lang of Paris is a past Chef de Chemin de Fer of La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux – the 2009 national commander of the 40 & 8. Email him at tlang@cell1.net.)

SULLIVAN

FROM PAGE 6A

With the ability to collect and analyze volumes of data, we are good at understanding patterns, but what it means is the debatable part. Some pundits make much of how wrong the pollsters were predicting the 2016 presidential outcome. Actually, they were not that far off by the numbers, but they missed some deep frustration in society.

This data will shock most, but many on both sides will shout exactly. It illuminates how polarized America is. There are 3,056 counties in the United States. Donald Trump won 2,584 or 85 percent, leaving Clinton with just 472 counties.

Clinton, who only won 15 percent of the counties, still totaled 65 million votes to Trump's 62 million, soundly beating him in the popular vote. More telling, the counties she won contribute 64 percent of the U.S. Gross Domestic Product where Trump's voters contribute just 36 percent to production. Clinton's counties have also accounted for two-thirds of recent new jobs, which the Trump strategists are well aware of.

When the 1932 economy was suffering and frustration was at an all-time high, Franklin Roosevelt carried the same core of America and lower producing sectors for Democrats. By 1936, he won 523 of 531 possible electoral votes, leaving only eight to Alfred Landon.

In 2016, Trump won 304 of 531 possible electoral votes even though he

only won 48 percent of the popular vote. The Electoral College was created to prevent high population centers from controlling the presidency and to second-guess the choice of the people since electors are not bound to vote the same as those who sent them to the Electoral College. The presidency is the only federal office with a two-layer voting system.

U.S. elections primarily use plurality voting meaning the candidate who receives the most votes wins, even if it is less than 50 percent. This system can elect a candidate who is not the preferred choice of the majority, especially with a third party spoiler in the race.

There are other systems for voting that are mathematically superior, more fair and do not violate the Constitution.

The recommended system is called approval voting where voters select all the candidates who they would accept and all votes are then totaled. The winner will have at least partial approval from a majority. Our voting machines can do this and the math works out nicely. Other systems exist but are more complicated and not as fair.

After the dust settles on the 2018 elections no matter who wins, the psephologists will be working to understand what happened and what it tells us about the deep beliefs we hold.

(Terry Sullivan's fascination with science started as a child watching Carl Sagan's "Cosmos" and James Burke's "Connections" on PBS. He is the technology and curriculum director for the Shiloh School District. Email him at sullivan@shiloh1.us)

LETTERS

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Plans to use financial resources more productively and to help patrol officers do their jobs more effectively.

He is also compassionate and understanding. I have watched him teach and interact with students of different ages in Tae Kwon Do, and he has a gift for relating to the students and teaching them awareness, respect and personal responsibility, which are the foundations of self-defense.

We are blessed to have him in our community and need this vision and leadership as our Edgar County Sheriff.

Jane Blair
Paris

easily swayed by emotions, fears and prejudices – will give us leaders all the same.

Thus do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

- Climate change is a Chinese hoax;
- Most Mexicans are drug dealers, rapists or killers;
- The rich are rich because God blessed them;
- Tax cuts pay for themselves and don't raise the deficit;
- Most Muslims are terrorists;
- Putin did not interfere with the 2016 election;
- Marijuana is as bad as heroin;
- Most people are poor due to bad personal decisions;
- Puerto Ricans are not American citizens;
- The press is the enemy of the people;
- Five men in black robes should decide all women's reproductive choices;
- Money equals speech;
- Homosexuality is a lifestyle choice;
- Professional wrestling is real, not acting;
- Fox news is fair, balanced and unbiased;
- Obama and Hillary are responsible for most of our problems;
- I'd feel safer if every American carried a gun;
- Most of last year's \$1.5 trillion tax cut went to people like me, not the rich;
- The size of a man's truck is proportional to the size of his manhood;
- Separating children from their parents at the border is a good way to discourage further immigration;
- It's wise to spend a majority of the nation's discretionary spending on defense rather than education;
- White men should be first in line;
- Most immigrants come here to get on the dole; and,
- Our criminal justice system is blind, treating the well off and poor, people of color and whites equally?

If you agree with one or more of these, or are undecided, do your fellow Americans a great favor on Nov. 6 by not voting.

Michael Bennett
Vermilion

Trump's success is hard to dispute

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Isn't it interesting that the worst President Trump's foes can come up with is that he makes fun of his enemies, almost always after they have first gone after him?

Maybe it's because it is so hard to deny success. Anyway, most Americans like people who aren't doormats, and while we may not appreciate all of his tweets, we do appreciate 3.7 percent unemployment, GDP over 3 percent (something President Obama never achieved), more manufacturing jobs coming back to the United States, archaic or unnecessary regulations being rescinded, a tax cut and Jobs Act that gave millions of people bonuses of up to \$3,000, more money in our paychecks as our employers no longer need to take out as much tax money, over 3 million news jobs added since President Trump took office (and not the part time jobs created under Obama), ISIS virtually defeated, Kim Jong Un of North Korea no longer firing missiles over Japan and threatening Guam but instead talking of denuclearizing the Korean peninsula, NATO nations agreeing to actually pay for more of their own defense, Canada and Mexico reaching a more equitable trade agreement with the U.S. and the European Union also willing to reach a better agreement and less expensive healthcare plans available now for those who can't afford the failing Obamacare.

If this is what some people call low, I'll take it any day of the week because this low is a whole lot higher than what we had for eight years under President Obama.

Jane Witmer
Paris

Americans must do more than flag salute

Editor, The Prairie Press:

Our responsibilities as American citizens go beyond saluting the flag and standing for the anthem.

We need to keep politically literate – keeping up with national and international events and apply thoughtful critical thinking.

When our Founding Fathers created a representative democracy they knew voting was the crucial element. A voter should be well informed, capable of critical thinking and not easily swayed by emotions. Thus, they limited the vote to themselves – well-bred property owners. Why pollute the vote by giving it to indentured servants, tradesmen, merchants or riff-raff.

Over time, their elegant rhetoric – all men being equal, inalienable rights – led them to expand the franchise.

When post Civil War black men were given the vote nefarious laws were passed to intimidate and discourage them from doing so. Among them were the poll tax and literacy test.

I suggest a modernized literacy test; not to discourage voting but to discourage silly voting by what our forefathers feared – uninformed, ill-informed voters

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VOTE November 6

Bee Well seeks input

BY GARY HENRY
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The Bee Well of Edgar County coalition wants more public input to help with decision-making.

The coalition of health care workers, community leaders and concerned citizens seeks to make Edgar County a healthier place to live.

During the meeting Thursday, Nov. 1, Mary Liz Wright reported participation in the Fun Run program for children was down in 2018. The 2016 and 2017 Fun Runs were summer activities, but the 2018 event didn't start until after school began. It was hoped changing to the later time might improve participation since competing with summer ball was no longer a factor.

"It certainly was not the numbers we had the previous two years," said Wright.

Christina Hoffman suggested placing a poll on the Bee Well Facebook page to determine if people have a preference for when the fun

runs occur. Noting one of the successful years included giving T-shirts and other prizes, it was suggested the poll include a question about the importance of such items for participation.

Some discussion occurred about a winter Bee Well challenge to encourage positive health habits. Wright said while proper eating is an important component of a healthy lifestyle, they should avoid the use of the word diet because that carries too much of a negative connotation with several people.

Leighsa Cornwell said after the holidays, when people make New Year's resolutions, Bee Well should do a Facebook challenge asking what people are doing to be healthy and self report how they are getting along with that decision.

"There is more to wellness than diet and exercise," said Cornwell. "Something like sitting by the fireplace and reading a book can be beneficial for some people."

Kara Wilcoxon agreed.

"There is not always enough emphasis placed on finding ways to de-stress," said Wilcoxon.

Improvements to the Bee Well Community Garden remain on hold.

The community garden operated for a time in a farm field behind Lake Ridge Christian Church. That site was vacated this year while participants went back to planning and seeking a location more centrally located and more visible to the community.

Bee Well and Prospect Bank have an agreement in principle to use property the bank owns on Union Street where a building was recently demolished. The Bee Well plan includes constructing raised beds for gardening and fencing the location.

Wright said the garden project is waiting for a signed agreement from the bank before starting the site improvements.

ECSSAA

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this level.

A paramedic ambulance, such as ECSSAA, is the highest rated level.

"It's the full scope of an emergency room in the back of an ambulance," said Nicole Shaughnessy.

Currently ECSSAA teaches CPR, first aid, first responder, EMT, EMT-advance and a pre-hospital registered nurse class.

Obtaining permission to teach a paramedic course is an involved process.

"To offer paramedic training we have to be associated with an accredited institution," said Eric Shaughnessy.

He explained the affiliation with a college is needed because the Committee on Accreditation Emergency Medical Service Professions (CoAEMS) is trying to move paramedic status from a certificate program to one where the person earns an associate degree.

St. Mary-of-the-Woods College has agreed to partner with ECSSAA as an institu-

tion of higher learning. Even with St. Mary's participation, getting accredited to offer paramedic training is a long process. CoAEMS does a lengthy review of St. Mary's academic standing plus policy and procedures of the ambulance service.

As part of that process, CoAEMS will provide contingent permission for the ambulance company to teach two paramedic classes, probably in late 2019. Reviewers questioning the people who completed those two classes is the final step in the process for accrediting ECSSAA as a facility capable of teaching paramedic level course work.

The Shaughnessy's said despite the expense and lengthy process, they believe it will benefit their ambulance service and the community.

An attractive feature to them is providing consistency in the training from basic level EMT through paramedic status. It also recognizes there is a shortage of paramedics in the country, and training locally means keeping people here and perhaps not lose them to the communities

where they train.

"I'm teaching seven high school students in an EMT class, and they want to stay here and not go away to pursue an EMS career," said Eric Shaughnessy.

The other side of the coin is people coming to Paris for training.

"We expect people to travel here," said Nicole Shaughnessy.

A couple of other factors weigh into this decision. First is instilling a work ethic, and second is quality control.

They said some people coming out of other paramedic programs know the medical aspect of the job but not necessarily the skills needed to be a good employee.

"As an employer we know what they need to know," Eric Shaughnessy said.

Quality control is a major concern.

According to Eric Shaughnessy, some paramedic programs seem mostly concerned with filling seats in the classroom, but the best ones have a prequalification process for admission.

The ECSSAA paramedic training will accept only 15 students at a time through a competitive process. Those enrolling must already be EMT certified and pass an entrance exam evaluating medical knowledge, language and math skills.

"People have to be able to write out patient care narratives, and they need math to figure the medications," said Eric Shaughnessy.

Both of them will serve as instructors in the class, and they have other experienced paramedics ready to help with instruction. Some work done through St. Mary's will earn college credit.

"St. Mary's has an excellent academic record," said Nicole Shaughnessy, a St. Mary's graduate. "The staff is forward thinking and community oriented."

Both said this is an exciting opportunity and something they look forward to providing.

Wanted: parade entries

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

CHRISMAN - The Chrisman Lighted Christmas Parade is 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5, and parade entries and sponsors are needed.

Parade chairman Dan Moore encourages all area school bands to participate in the parade and join the festivities.

Groups wanting to participate in the parade may call Moore at 217-269-2589.

RAILS

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Smith said the new railroad company, "is willing to talk to us about how to improve service and how we can work together. We couldn't even get CSX to pick up the phone." Smith said a partnership between the city, PEDCO and the Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad, "provides the opportunity for us to serve smaller businesses and industries."

Nicol said the a local office for the company to be located at 307 N. Central is in the works. The building was formerly an auto repair shop and prior to that, the Kemper and Gayer Service Station.

"We are purchasing everything I can locally," he said, noting Pool's Tru-Value, RP Lumber, Fastenal, Benjamin's and other businesses have been a source for purchases. "If I can get it locally, I'm buying it locally," he emphasized.

Nicol noted in addition to serving Cargill (Illinois Cereal Mills), the railroad also provides rail service to Milk Specialties, Pretium, Cadillac Products and The Equity at Horace.

One of the chief complaints about the railroad, Nicol said, was the blocking of the crossing while switching on Cherry Point using the former Cairo Division yards between Cherry Point and Maple Ave.

"I had a plan that after every three moves, we'd clear the crossing," he said. Nicol said he's not sure if someone failed to follow that plan but there was a strong complaint registered at corporate headquarters.

"We want to be good neighbors and an integral

part of the community," he said.

One of the challenges for the new railroad is CSX assigned a very narrow time frame for the Decatur & Eastern Illinois Railroad to have access to Terre Haute. "We're really limited when we can switch," he said. "If I could move it, I would."

One of the solutions for now, Nicol said, is trains coming to Paris with rail cars for local industry will now be blocked in sections.

"When we received CSX trains, a lot of switching was required to move the cars around," he said. "There might be one car for us surrounded by 10-12 other cars."

For now, a train originating in Terre Haute for the railroad will come to Paris and stop. There will be a crew change and the train will then go to Decatur where the railroad will put together the blocked train, making a quick set off in the community possible when it returns.

The downside, he said, is local industry will likely have their product delayed 12-24 hours.

"We want to be a good neighbor as long as it isn't an issue for our customers," he said.

Nicol reminded local residents there is a federal law requiring when and how often a train whistle is blown — depending on the speed of the train.

Approaching a crossing, the law requires the engineer sound two long blasts and one short blast. A long blast must be sounded from pavement to pavement on a crossing, he said.

Failure by an engineer to blow the whistle as the law prescribes means a \$7,000 personal fine per crossing assessed to the engineer.

The whistles on the engines being rented by the railroad company are no louder than any other train whistle, he said.

The current engines being used by the company are rented. "It takes a while for engines to be moved from one part of the country to another," he said.

The company currently has seven employees in Paris and has also placed the locomotive mechanical department for the railroad at Midland Yards, Nicol noted.

"The future of business for us is big," the Sullivan, Ind., native said. Nicol formerly worked for CSX for five years and switched Cargill former coal miner, he joined the railroad when he became concerned about the future of the coal industry.

Nicol said already the Decatur and Eastern Illinois Railroad has almost doubled the estimated income from the line — which is working seven days a week.

Smith reminded local residents, "there are going to be times you might be inconvenienced but we need the railroad. It's a positive thing for this community from an economic standpoint. It's great for our manufacturing base."

PEDCO and the city are currently working on a federal grant that will provide 90 percent of the cost of the improvement of the rail crossing on the Preston Road (Jefferson) at the old Foley Sawmill. The spur off that line services the industries south of Paris, according to Smith.

The Prairie's Edge Road just west of the Cherry Point rail crossing will be opening this week, allowing residents from that area to have a way to get around the train crossing.

ECHO

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Gill disputes that. He said the closing was discussed over several board meetings and Lewis received ample time to make other living arrangements.

The ECHO house manager is not paid, but does receive an apartment to live in while overseeing and providing security for the property.

Gill said the October closing came at a time when only Lewis was living in the house, which made it easier since no one else had to find a new place to live.

"The homeless population has decreased in Edgar County," said Gill. "We are not seeing as much demand

for services."

He acknowledged homelessness does remain an issue with Beth Hansel and Staci Garzolini-Skelton attempting to create a shelter for homeless students attending Paris High School. Members of the ECHO board met with Hansel and Garzolini-Skelton about the project.

"We shared ideas and experiences. We want to make sure both projects are compatible," said Gill.

The ECHO house was designed to accommodate a family of father, mother and children. A unit within the building accepted single men and as many as four men at a time occupied that space.

"ECHO isn't capable of taking homeless teenagers,"

said Gill.

Rules to stay in the ECHO house include a prohibition on alcohol and drug use, plus a requirement to seek employment. Part of the manager's responsibility is to make sure people comply with the substance abuse prohibition.

"We like to have a manager on the premises who lives there," said Gill. "It is our policy the shelter isn't open unless there is a manager present."

Gill emphasized the ECHO board sees the closing as a temporary situation.

"When a person needs the service we want to be there for them," he said. "It is a tough thing to deal with. People in that situation don't always want to draw attention to themselves."



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Nicole and Eric Shaughnessy are working to get their Edgar County Special Service Area Ambulance business accredited to teach paramedic classes. It is a lengthy process and the first class will likely not be taught until late 2019, but the long term benefit is keeping people wanting to do EMS work here in the community for training.

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ILLINOIS Extension

HOSTS

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She added people on the fence about hosting should make the decision to accept a guest into their homes. The Alexanders discovered they enjoyed meeting, talking to and exchanging ideas with a person from another country. So much so, they are hosting another student this year for Thanksgiving.

Six-year veteran hosts Carol and Chad Cline also dispel the false concern that culture will get in the way. Carol Cline said the Thanksgiving Fellowship students come because they are curious and want to experience American culture, customs and food. They do not want or expect hosts to adapt to them. Hosting a student does not require changing the family Thanksgiving holiday in any way.

"They are very eager to participate and learn," Carol Cline said.

The Clines volunteered to host when their daughter, an only child, was around eight and they were concerned that living in homogenous Edgar County did not offer enough mind-broadening experiences.

"We thought it was important for her to know there are other cultures in the world," said Carol Cline.

While the experience was initially done for their daughter, it has proved positive for the entire Cline



File Photo/The Prairie Press

A highlight for the Thanksgiving Fellowship international visitors is riding a float during the Christmas in Paris illuminated parade.

family. They have remained in contact via social media with some of their guests who are now back in their home countries.

She encourages more people to participate because it helps dispel misconceptions Americans have about people in other countries, and vice versa by destroying stereotypes others have of Americans. One of the students the Clines hosted later confided the Thanksgiving Fellowship experience was one of the highlights of her time in the U.S. She was mostly confined to Chicago, which initially shaped her opinion of Americans.

"Connecting here was welcoming," Carol Cline said. "It changed her idea of what Americans are like. You don't always know the difference you can make."

The college students are with the host families for three nights.

Students arrive in Paris during the evening of Nov. 21 and meet their holiday

hosts. Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22, is spent in the manner the host family observes Thanksgiving.

Friday, Nov. 23, is a sightseeing day for the students with a trip planned to Arthur and perhaps an opportunity to visit an Amish home.

Students are back in Paris Nov. 24 for Christmas in Paris, which includes participation in a friendship candle lighting ceremony at Prospect Bank and riding one of the floats in the illuminated Christmas Parade.

"They love that," Dick said about the experience of participating in the parade.

The return trip to Chicago is early Nov. 25.

Dick emphasized there are no special requirements to be a host family except a willingness to participate.

Anyone interested in hosting a student should contact either Hansel, 217-465-4688, or Dick, 217-822-999, as soon as possible.

Mayo boys top Eagles

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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The Crestwood Eagles boys basketball team hit the road for their shortest "away game" on Thursday, as they faced the Mayo Redbirds.

It was a great night for the home teams as the seventh graders from Mayo pulled away from the Eagles in the second half to gain the 49-27 win. The eighth grade contest was eerily similar as the Redbirds slammed the door in the third quarter to cruise to a 46-28 victory.

Mayo held a slim lead after the first period of play in the seventh grade game, leading 13-10. Crestwood cut the lead to two at the half, and led by as many as four in the second quarter. The third quarter was all Mayo as the Redbirds outscored their cross-town rivals by a 21-4 margin to put the game out of reach.

Payton Lankster led Mayo with 22 points in the contest. Brody Sanders had nine, Parker Underwood added eight, Ethan Hess had four, and Drew Rogers and Will Moody each scored three. Crestwood was led in scoring by Sebastian Daugherty with eight. Connor Edwards had five points, Jaxen Tingley and Ethan Hefner each had four, and Drake Bartos, Robert Wells and Jace Hand had two points apiece.

In the eighth grade matchup, Crestwood jumped to a commanding 13-6 lead after the first quarter. Mayo employed full court pressure in the second period forcing numerous Crestwood turnovers en route to a 13-2 scoring edge. Mayo led 19-15 at intermission.

The Redbirds applied the same pressure in the third quarter, outscoring Crestwood 18-8 to pull away for good.

Kody Crampton led Mayo with 11 points, followed closely by Garrett Larrance with 10. Reed Stuck and Parker Underwood played pesky defense in the backcourt for the Redbirds, and each player added 8 points. Mason Boatman chipped in with 5 points and Clayton LaBaume and Dalton Hughes had 2 each.

Landen Englum led the Eagles with 13 points. Logan Pine scored the first four points of the game and finished with 6 on the evening. Chance Lehman added four points, Tre Lee had 3 and Brady Crippes finished with 2.

The Mayo seventh graders improve to 2-0 on the young season, while the eighth graders even their record at 1-1. Crestwood falls to 0-2 on the year for both teams.

MAYO, MARSHALL SPLIT

MARSHALL — Wednesday evening marked the beginning of the junior high basketball season for the Mayo Redbirds as they travelled to Marshall.

The seventh graders See **RIVALRY**, Page 10A

Paris vs. Effingham today

Former Apollo Conference foes meet in second round of IHSA Class A playoff at EHS

BY JEFF CHAMBERS
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The undefeated Paris Tigers will hit the road in the second round of the IHSA Class 4A playoffs today as they head to Effingham to face an old Apollo Conference foe.

None of the members of the current team were members of the Tiger football team the last time these two schools squared off.

Effingham enters play today with a record of 8-2 and earned the right to host based on their "upset" of Breese (Mater Dei) last week by the score of 20-6.

The Hearts are seeded 10th in the southern bracket of the playoffs.

Paris (10-0) is the second seed, advancing to the second round after a 42-14 trouncing of Salem last Saturday (Oct. 27) at Tiger Stadium.

Several fans have wondered why Paris as the higher seeded team is forced to travel for this week's game.

PHS athletic director Creighton Tarr explained the IHSA sets forth the rules as they apply to hosting games in the post-season.

In the first round, Tarr said, the higher seed hosts the game. In subsequent rounds, the school that has hosted fewer times during the current



Michelle Jacobs/The Prairie Press

The Paris Tiger football team's number one fan — Abby Clodfelder — leads her father, Coach Jeremy Clodfelder and the Tigers team members through the halls of Crestwood School Friday during the Tiger Team Tour. The team visited all Paris schools with students lining the halls to cheer them on to a victory in the second round of the IHSA playoffs today at Effingham.

playoff series hosts the game. If both teams have hosted an equal number of times, the higher seed hosts.

Effingham finished runner-up to top-seeded Taylorville in the Apollo Conference this year, with a 5-1 mark in conference play.

After the Flaming Hearts dropped their first two games of the season to Breese (Mater Dei) and Taylorville, the Hearts are on an eight game winning streak.

Effingham has scored 398 points on the season and have allowed 238 to their opponents.

Paris Tiger Coach Jeremy Clodfelder acknowledges that Effingham is a nice football team that has improved over the course of the season.

"After dropping their first two games of the year, they are on a bit of a roll," the Tiger coach said. "They have a couple of receivers that are a little faster than what we have dealt with all year. They also have a tailback who likes to run the ball downhill and is very similar to Drew Moore of Red Hill."

On the defensive side of the ball, "They play a lot of different coverages, and they

like to play coverage by formation and are very fast," Clodfelder explained.

Clodfelder hopes to have the services of senior quarterback Caleb Gates back today — but feels comfortable with Hunter Newlin under center as well.

"The trainers have been shaving down the cast on Caleb's throwing hand and he has been throwing it for the last couple of days in practice. I think that with the confidence that Hunter gained last week, we will have the option to go with the hot hand."

Paris has scored 458 points this season and has allowed just 108 on defense.

The 2018 Tigers have established a school record number of wins — 10 — with last week's victory over Salem.

Paris fans continue to be excited about this historic team.

The team members participated in a Tiger Team Tour Friday afternoon, visiting every Paris school. The tour included a trip around the Paris square where fans in the Edgar County Courthouse, courthouse annex, the Prospect Bank and downtown business held signs and cheered them.

Today was orange and black day in Paris.

The tour ended with a pep rally at the high school for students, parents and fans.

A fan bus, paid for by White Sheet Metal and the Paris Sports Network, will allow PHS students to attend the game free of charge.

The PHS band will also be traveling to Effingham in support of the Tigers. North American Lighting (NAL) also sponsored a chartered bus for the team to travel to Effingham.

The football team enjoyed its pre-meal game Friday evening at St. Mary's Catholic Church.

A breakfast is expected to be served by the team mothers this morning.

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m. today at Effingham High School.

The school is located at 1301 West Grove on the west side of town.

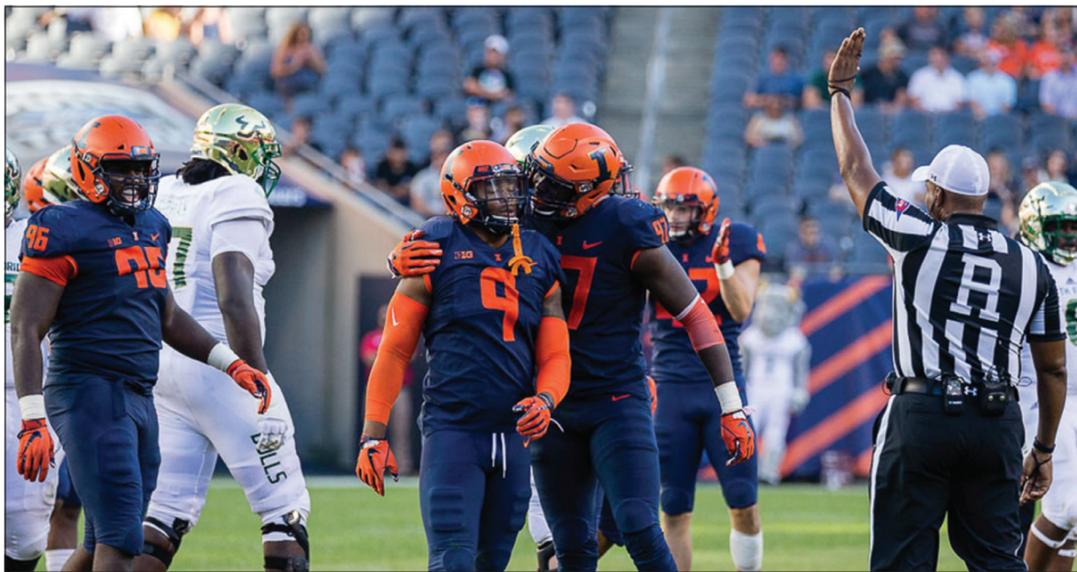
Fans may park directly behind the visiting bleachers.

Admission to the game is \$5 per person, with no passes allowed.

For those who cannot attend, the game will be shown live on the Paris Sports Network.

To watch the game, go to livestream.com/parissports-network. If you wish to listen-only, go to mixlr.com/parissportsnetwork.

FIGHTING ILLINI ARE REELING



Special to The Prairie Press

Illinois linebacker Dele Harding (9) celebrates with defensive lineman Bobby Roundtree (97) after making a tackle during the game against USF at Soldier Field on Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018. The Illini defense lost its defensive coordinator this past week. Hardy Nickerson bowed out citing health concerns after overseeing one of the worst defensive units in the nation.

Smith, Illini need a win

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. (AP) — Minnesota is just two wins from securing eligibility for a bowl game and the Gophers get a golden opportunity this weekend to lock up a victory.

The Gophers visit Illinois on Saturday and will face a reeling program that has lost its defensive coordinator, its best passer and its best rusher in the past two weeks. Coach Lovie Smith's team has also lost three straight games and five of six.

Minnesota (4-4, 1-4 Big Ten) has hopes of reaching its first bowl game under coach P.J. Fleck. Last year, the Gophers went 5-7 and missed out. After Illinois, they have back-to-back home games against Purdue and Northwestern before the regular-season finale at rival Wisconsin, where they have not won since 1994.

Redshirt freshman Tanner Morgan will get the start again at quarterback for Minnesota after an excellent performance in beating Indiana last week in his first career start. True freshman

Zack Annexstad won the job in fall camp, hurt his ankle in the third game, played through it rather ineffectively and then suffered an unspecified mid-section injury in a loss at Nebraska on Oct. 20.

Morgan had the first 300-yard passing game last week for the Gophers since 2015, and may have secured the starting role even if Annexstad gets healthy.

"Zack is still banged up a little bit, and I think Tanner being healthy, and he's earning opportunities he's earned the right to play," Fleck said. "And it's not like you have a starter that's 30-2 that you're saying, OK, when he gets hurt he comes back, even if he's 85, 90 percent we're going to play him because he gives us the best chance to win."

ILLINI WOES

Defensive coordinator Hardy Nickerson resigned last Sunday, citing health issues out of his control, after

overseeing one of the worst units in the nation. Over the past six games, Illinois has given up 263 points and surrendered 3,471 yards. True freshman quarterback M.J. Rivers, who had wrested the starting job away from senior AJ Bush, suffered a concussion in a loss to Maryland last week and is expected to miss the Minnesota game. Bush is expected to start at quarterback on Saturday. Freshman Matt Robinson will provide backup if Rivers remains sidelined due to concussion protocol.

Running back Mike Epstein, who along with Reggie Corbin has provided the few offensive bright spots this season, is likely out with an unspecified foot injury.

"Mike is getting better," Smith said. "I don't know exactly how much better with Mike, but when you miss another game, you know something is going on."

Sophomore running back Ra'Von Bonner looks to get more playing time See **ILLINI**, Page 10A

Mayo girls fall to T-town

BY JEREMY PATTERSON

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TEUTOPOLIS — The Mayo Lady Redbirds suffered two heartbreaking losses in midweek action when they traveled to Teutopolis to take on the always tough Lady Wooden Shoes.

Both the seventh and eighth grade teams fell to T-Town.

The losses bring the seventh grade team record to an overall 11-6 on the year. The eighth grade team is now 12-5 through the season.

T-TOWN 23, MAYO 17

The Lady Redbirds seventh grade team dropped a close game to T-Town 23-17.

Peighton Smith led the team in scoring with 6 points to go along with her four rebounds. Maddy Ramsey scored 5 points and grabbed 5 rebounds as well. Sammy Milam had 3 points and 3 assists through the game. Stephanie Johnson had 4 rebounds and 2 points. Pip Philippi hit a free throw to round out the Mayo scoring.

T-TOWN 23, MAYO 21

In a tough loss, the Lady Redbird eighth grade team could not overcome T-Town, losing a tough contest 23-21.

Despite being within two points late in the game, the Lady Redbirds were unable to overcome the deficit.

Emma Kemper was the

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for Illinois (3-5, 1-4) in Epstein's absence.

SKILLED GOPHERS

Minnesota junior Tyler Johnson leads the Big Ten with 807 receiving yards and is also tied for the conference lead with eight touchdowns. With four games remaining, he needs 319 yards to break Ron Johnson's all-time single season record of 1,125 yards in 2000. With four straight

100-yard games, Johnson has also matched Eric Decker's program record.

"It actually means a lot to be able to do that, put my name in the books like that, but one thing about me is I'm just going to continue to work hard and never get complacent," Johnson said.

Mohamed Ibrahim is expected to return as the starting tailback on Saturday after being held out of the last game because of an undisclosed injury. Despite playing in only five games, the redshirt fresh-

man leads the team with 464 rushing yards.

GETTING DEFENSIVE

Smith will call the defensive plays for Illinois in the absence of Nickerson, whom Smith has known and worked with since 1996, including their time in the NFL. Assistant Rob Wright will coach the linebackers and Smith said other staff will take on additional duties.

"We have a plan in place for what we're going to do," Smith said. "I've been involved with the defense, and I'll call the plays defensively this week."

STILL A CHALLENGE

Illinois is still reeling from a 63-33 shellacking at Maryland last weekend, while Minnesota is coming off the impressive 38-31 win over Indiana.

Despite being favored by nearly 10 points over Illinois, Fleck says he understands the challenge.



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Illinois quarterback AJ Bush Jr. throws a pass in the second half of an NCAA college football game against Maryland, Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018, in College Park, Md. Bush will start at quarterback for the Illinitoday against Minnesota.

"We're looking forward to going on the road and playing a good Illinois team that has a lot of athletes." He said.

"There are athletes all over the place, whether you're talking about their defense or their quarterback. They love to run

the football. It's going to be a great challenge for our football team to go on the road and have to find a way to win."

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ATA TIGERS

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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The basketball express that is the Lady Eagle eighth grade basketball team continues to steamroll its competition as it works toward another possible IESA state basketball title.

The girls have not lost a game since the semi-finals of the IESA state seventh grade tourney in 2016 when they were sixth graders. They marched through the 2017 season and won the state title on their "home" floor at Paris High School.

The Lady Eagles have had only one close game this season when they took a 33-29 overtime win against Effingham on Oct. 23.

The Lady Eagles trailed most of the game but outscored the visitors 13-9 in the fourth quarter to force the

overtime. The Lady Eagles took charge in the overtime, knocking down four free throws to take the win.

Kendra Young scored a team-high 12 points while also grabbing six rebounds. Kaitlyn Coombes scored 10 points along with five rebounds and three steals. Deming Hawkins also poured in eight points.

CRESTWOOD 28, EFFINGHAM 15

In the seventh grade game against Effingham, Crestwood coasted to an easy 28-15 win.

The team managed to ensure a strong lead at halftime by holding Effingham scoreless in the second quarter.

Crestwood went on to cruise to a 28-15 win. Gracie Dyer scored 11 points and had four steals in the game. Graci Wat-

son scored 11 points and had a team-high eight rebounds and a team-high six steals. Taylor Clark scored six points and had three rebounds in the game.

CRESTWOOD 42, VILLA GROVE 2

On Tuesday (Oct. 30) the Crestwood seventh grade team defeated Villa Grove 42-2.

Gracie Dyer and Gracie Watson led the scoring for the Lady Eagles with 12 points each while Vivian Moore added 8 points.

CRESTWOOD 66, VILLA GROVE 5

The Lady Eagle eighth graders coasted to their win over Villa Grove Tuesday by a

score of 66-5.

Three Lady Eagles scored in double figures, led by Trinity Tingley with 18 points. Kendra Young added 11 points while Kaitlyn Coombes scored 10 points. Grace Sullivan added 9 points.

CRESTWOOD 40, CHRISMAN 10

Crestwood's seventh grade team traveled to Chrisman Monday evening (10/22) and came away with a convincing 40-10 win.

Gracie Dyer led the team in scored as she racked up 13 points and four steals. Graci Watson scored six points while also managing seven rebounds for the team. Vivian

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leading scorer for Mayo with 10 points.

Kemper was fundamental across the floor as she also managed three steals and three rebounds. Zoe Sanders scored five points

to go along with her three rebounds. Caradan Hoffman had three points, three steals and three rebounds in the contest. Steph Johnson scored three points and three rebounds. Peighton Smith scored two points while pouring in three assists and three rebounds.

RIVALS
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The seventh graders were victorious 46-27, while the eighth grade squad fell just short by the score of 40-33.

Parker Underwood led the seventh grade team with 13 points. Payton Lankster added 10, Brody Sanders 7, Ethan Hess had five, Jackson Rigdon and Mason Byrnes had four each, and Will Moody added three.

In the eighth grade game, Mayo trailed one point at

the end of the first three quarters; but was outscored in the fourth period 13-7 to suffer the loss. Marshall made six-of-7 from the charity stripe in the final stanza to secure the win.

Garrett Larrance had 12 points for Mayo and was the only player in double-digits for the Redbirds. Clayton LaBaume had six points, Reed Stuck added five, Kody Crampton had four, and Mason Boatman and Parker Underwood had three apiece.

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A GREAT DAY FOR PARIS TIGER FOOTBALL



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Tiger junior quarterback Hunter Newlin evades a Salem defensive player in last weekend's first round playoff game at Tiger Stadium. Newlin played for the injured Caleb Gates, who is expected to play today in the second round game at Effingham.

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Senior wide receiver Caleb Mullenix was double teamed most of the day against Salem but fights for yardage during the Tigers 42-14 playoff win.



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Junior defensive back Carter Hays goes up for a ball against Salem in the first Tiger playoff game Oct. 27. At left, in what has become a post game victory tradition, Paris Coach Jeremy Clodfelder leads the PHS band in "Paris Loyalty" while his team, cheerleaders and fans surround the band. The Tigers are now 10-0 on the season.

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LADY EAGLES

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Moore had five points alongside three rebounds and two steals.

CRESTWOOD 60, CHRISMAN 11

The eighth grade Crestwood girls basketball team downed Chrisman in a lopsided 60-11 win. Grace Sullivan led the team offensively, scoring 11 points in the game. Kendra Young was a key piece of the Crestwood game plan, scoring nine points while also grabbing eight rebounds and three steals. Deming Hawkins scored eight points to go along with a team-high 10 re-

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Whatever happened to spittoons?

Time changes everything. In older days spittoons were conveniently placed just about



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everywhere, almost as common as trash cans. A man thing, to be sure. The spittoon era began before women could even vote. Spittoons were common in pool halls, barber shops, saloons, hotels, train stations, homes, even banks. Courtrooms provided one for the judge, one for witnesses, for jurors as needed and often one for the accused criminal. I recently talked to a lady who proudly possesses a brass spittoon formerly used in the Edgar County Courthouse. Sometimes when a man was hanged, his last request before the hood slipped over his head was for a chaw of backy.

Historical research places the spittoon heyday from about the mid-1800s to the 1930s. Photos of famous people posing at their desks include spittoons. Thomas Edison, for example. Franklin D. Roosevelt was another. Old timers sat on courthouse lawns and park benches, chewing tobacco and spitting freely while arguing politics, digesting news and swapping stories. It seems two major factors caused the decline of spittoons. One was the growing popularity of cigarettes. The other was public health concerns that careless spitting could spread disease, especially tuberculosis. Today it is difficult to find a spittoon anywhere. Try finding one on a cruise ship where environmentalists even object to spitting in the ocean.

One thing for certain, men have been notorious for not spitting accurately into spittoons, but simply in the general vicinity. If a spittoon was 20 feet wide, some imbeciles would saturate the surface around it. Karl, a good friend of mine, relates an Air Force training experience.

"We'd receive five-minute outdoor breaks at times. Quite a few airman lit up cigarettes. Several of us chewed tobacco. We persuaded our instructors to install a barrel on the concrete grounds exclusively for spitters. Traditional spittoons are small, but a barrel is huge. And guess what? Numerous guys spit all around the thing. One day an instructor slipped and fell in the slippery mess. That ended our chewing and spitting."

Modern-day chewers carry a spit cup in their vehicle. Most pad it with a napkin to absorb liquid, but some could care less. A Minnesota Twins hall-of-fame baseball player says the liquid-filled cup can be handy. He tells about some nut following his car one time. Every time the player turned, the pursuer also turned. Just a crazy fan following a star athlete. The player emptied his spit cup out the window. It drenched the trailing car with yuk and ended the chase.

Tobacco chewers learn with experience to be careful. When they spit into the wind the mess blows back into their face. Also, if they suddenly sneeze while driving, splatters cover the windshield, steering wheel and dashboard. That makes for a disgusting cleaning job. Certain people were paid to clean and shine spittoons yesteryear, not a job in high demand.

Some rare chewers could spit with extreme accuracy. I was told about a teenager from Kentucky who had a gap in his front teeth. He could spit tobacco juice in a thin solid stream, often hitting pesky dogs in an eye, sending them yelping in burning pain. He did the same to a threatening bully, which ended a fight before it started.

One of my favorite spitting yarns happened here in Edgar County. A photo crew came

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A bucket of persimmons is ready for processing. The softer, mushier and more wrinkled the berries, the better the flavor for use in a variety of desserts, pancakes, sauces and other uses.

Persimmons, a fall delicacy

"Possum in a 'simmon tree; Raccoon on the ground; Raccoon says you son-of-a-gun; Shake some 'simmons down" line from the American folk song "Boil Them Cabbage Down"

By GARY HENRY

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Autumn is when persimmons ripen and drop from the trees.

Persimmons are one of the last edibles to mature from the growing season, and the time of their ripening occurs with shorter, cooler days. There is a misconception that persimmons require a frost to ripen.

Persimmons on the tree do not ripen at the same time. Some are ready before a frost when it is still warm, but ripening does seem to accelerate with colder days.

It is an enjoyable activity on a chilly day, or evening after work, to gather persimmons and mash them for the pulp.

My first knowledge of persimmons came as a little boy. My grandparents had three tall persimmon trees in their backyard, and I grew up eating my grandmother's persimmon pudding. Later my mother took over making that family favorite, and now my wife prepares it. The term pudding is something of a misnomer since persimmon pudding is more cake-like than custard or tapioca pudding. It may have something to do with how the English use the word pudding for some dishes.

As a child, I assumed everyone ate persimmon pudding. It came as a shock after leaving the confines of Chrisman to discover many people were unaware of persimmons.

I later learned persimmons are most closely associated with southern cooking, which now makes sense. My ancestors settled in Virginia and pioneered in Tennessee and Kentucky before making their way to Southern Indiana and Southern Illinois. According to ethnographers, many of the foods I knew as a child are associated with the upland South.

There are basically two types of persimmons – American and Asian.

American persimmons were an important food source for indigenous people and later European settlers. There are early reports of Native Americans mixing the persimmon pulp with cornmeal to make a type of bread. It was also used with squash and other late vegetables to create a hearty soup.

Pulp not immediately used was dried into fruit leather and stored for later consumption. Linguists believe persimmon is an English corruption of the Algonquian word for the fruit.

Persimmons were an important part of the diet and medicine lore. Both the unripe fruit and inner bark



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Persimmon seeds are the bane of those making pulp from the berries. Despite their small size, American persimmons can have up to six or eight large seeds. The hard, brown seeds are so durable they were sometimes used as buttons for clothing and apparently served as a coffee substitute by Confederate troops.

of the tree have a high concentrations of tannin.

Catawba Indians boiled the bark into a tea and used it as a mouthwash for treating thrush. Other uses for the tea included treatment for diarrhea and diphtheria and also as an external wash for ulcers.

A wash made by boiling persimmon twigs was used to treat poison ivy rash. Both persimmon fruit and the leaves have a high concentration of vitamin C and were used to treat scurvy. One source described the tea made from persimmon leaves as tasting like dirty dishwater.

Persimmon fruit was listed in the U.S. Pharmacopeia from 1820 to 1882 as an astringent.

American persimmons are packed with large, hard seeds. During the Civil War, Confederate soldiers used the seeds as buttons and there are references to the seeds being a coffee substitute for the soldiers and others in the supply starved South.

Most nutritional studies are done with the Asian persimmon since it has commercial use. American persimmons are only edible when fully ripe and at that point the fruit is far too soft for the rigors of handling and transportation.

Persimmons are low in calories and high in fiber, plus they are a good source of vitamins and minerals providing 55 percent of the recommended daily intake of vitamin A; 22 percent of vitamin C; 6 percent of vitamin E; 5 percent of vitamin K; 8 percent potassium; 9 percent copper; and 30 percent manganese.

As an orange colored food, persimmons are a source of carotenoid antioxidants and studies link carotene to lowering the risk of heart disease, lung cancer and colorectal cancer. Persimmons also have phenolic compounds called catechins that are known to have anti-infective, anti-inflammatory and anti-hemorrhagic properties.

It must be stressed none of these



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American persimmons are not used whole in cooking but are pressed to create a pulp. One method is putting them into a food mill and pushing them through the fine sieve that keeps out the large seeds, grass and other debris. Another option is placing the berries in a colander and using a cup or glass to press them.

studies specifically looked at persimmons from a health perspective, but persimmons do have properties associated with fostering good health found in other foods.

As a food, persimmons are versatile given the right cook. American persimmons are mostly associated with desserts like persimmon pudding and cookies. They are also used to flavor pancakes, make sauce, bread, beer, wine, jelly and other items.

People unfamiliar with persimmons often inquire about the taste, which has been described as similar to an apricot, a plum or a date. A fully ripe American persimmon is said to have more fruit sugar than a date and is therefore quite sweet.

That is all somewhat misleading. A persimmon tastes like a persimmon – nothing else. While I don't find them sweet, it is a taste I like and associate with the comfort of home and family.

Time to get holiday cacti ready for blooming

Now that November has arrived, holiday cacti should start showing up in stores. There are actually three different kinds of holiday cacti: Thanksgiving cactus, Christmas cactus and Easter cactus depending on roughly the time of year they bloom. They are not true cacti but belong to a group called leaf cacti.

Thanksgiving cactus (*Schlumbergera truncata*) is probably the easiest to find and is often mistakenly referred to as Christmas cactus. You can recognize Thanksgiving cactus by its leaf projections along the edge, which are very pointed. It often blooms the beginning of November if it spent the summer outside and gets moved in just before frost starts around

mid-October.

Christmas cactus (*Schlumbergera bridgii*) also has leaf projections, but they are more rounded giving the leaf a scalloped look. It takes them longer to set buds, so they bloom in December. Easter cactus (*Rhipsalidopsis gaetneri*) blooms in the spring. Their projections are less obvious and are incorporated into the leaf edges. Thanksgiving and Christmas cacti sometimes re-bloom in the spring, however the flower display is less profuse.

Interestingly, what we

call leaves are actually their stems. The flower buds emerge from notches in the stems, or at the tips. The resulting blooms are fuchsia-like and come in a variety of colors with pink being the original. Modern hybrids include white, red, yellow and purple - something for everyone.

Cooler temperatures and shorter daylight hours initiate flower bud production. This is also a good time to give the plant some fertilizer even though you have stopped fertilizing everything else for winter. They prefer a cool spot in the house, so keep them away from heater vents.

Easter cacti require a dry period in addition to a cool time. Water them less during October and November when the light is also declining, and

you are keeping them cool. In December, raise the temperature some but continue to water sparingly. Look for flowers in March.

Holiday cacti are relatively disease free and quite easy to grow. They have been known to last decades with generations of the same family taking starts off the mother plant to carry on the tradition.

The University of Illinois Extension Master Gardeners of Edgar County hope you enjoy your holiday cactus. We are always available to answer your horticulture questions at 217-465-8585.

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

Reacting to others' beliefs

"I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it"

- Voltaire

Some of you read my satirical column attacking President Trump's childish habit of calling

critics names; and, in turn, lampooning him with nicknames. The old maxim turnaround is fair play seemed apt.

As expected, and hoped for, the column resulted in some taking advantage of my encouragement to express opinions via email. Some were positive, others negative, but, all were appreciated. Over a period of four decades as a journalist (one of those fake news guys), both praise and damnation have come my way. Threats of bodily harm, no sweat, have you ever met my wife?

My philosophy has been to keep people guessing. It stems from a belief that reading or hearing only the opinions we agree with is to learn nothing. So, I endure the rantings of Fox News talk show host Sean Hannity, and, I endure the ranting of MSNBC's talk show host Rachel Maddow and CNN's Don Lemon.

I enjoy conservative and liberal opinions, whether they issue from little old ladies in Pasadena to LeRoy, who spends most of the day keeping taverns in business. You might agree with me one day only to look up a hit man the next.

Which brings me to Gail. She took great offense at my criticism of Trump. To be fair, it admittedly, came down heavily on his sagging stomach, ties, etc., etc., etc. And, maybe, he does not look much, "like a duck – a big, orange one at that."

It caught her by surprise. She supports the president. He lies; we all do, she says. Which is true, but Trump has taken lying to a new level.

She knows he is not perfect, but we are all guilty of that particular affliction, which, in a way, is good. What would perfection in a human be like? Extremely boring, that's my summation. How much joy would there be in never being wrong, always doing things right?

Gail is an intelligent woman, very articulate. We do not agree on a lot of things, but that did not preclude inviting Gail to critique my columns; and throw me some column ideas. As I do you.

We both agree the nation lacks civility (sorry about that big, orange, duck thing, Donald). "We are one nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all." Unity, tolerance, the willingness to listen to other points of view; America's greatness has been rooted in those attributes – not, so much now.

Agreement between Gail and me – on many subjects – may be difficult, but it does not exclude the civil exchange of opinions. She will fire away, and I will fire back.

What better testimony for a form of government that encourages its citizens to speak their piece?

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Mr. and Mrs. Henness' marking 65th anniversary

An open house to celebrate the 65th anniversary of Robert and Gaylia Henness will be held Saturday, November 10, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Otterbein United Methodist Church basement.

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Vendors needed at Holiday Bazaar

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The Memorial Elementary 14th Annual Holiday Bazaar is 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dec. 1 at the school.

Vendor space is still available to provide holiday crafts, books and gift ideas. More information about participating is available by calling the school, 217-466-6170.

The holiday craft bazaar normally has 50 or more vendors. Other activities include photos with Santa, a bake sale, a children's craft room and lunch is available.

A \$1 admission for adults includes a raffle ticket and children are admitted free.

This is a fundraiser for school activities sponsored by the Memorial Parent Faculty Organization.

CODGER
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to Paris to shoot a firefighter-training film, primarily to illustrate the uses for various tools carried on fire trucks. One of the supervisors was a very likeable fellow from the New York City Fire Department named Andy Frederick. Well, good ol' Andy noticed a Vermilion volunteer fireman with a big chaw of backy in his jaw.

"May I have some of that chew?" Andy politely asked. "Why sure," our local

fireman said, reaching into his pocket and offering a pouch of Red Man.

"No, not that," Andy replied. "Take the wad outa your mouth. I want some of that."

Andy broke the salivated wad in half and stuffed the equal share into his mouth, proceeding to chew and spit happily. We admired his grit. That's my kind of man. Later, we sadly learned that Andy was killed with a group of comrades in the Twin Towers during the 911 tragedy. I'd like to believe he was enjoying a good chaw when the building

collapsed.

I shudder with a dreadful thought. Someday we'll fool around and elect a woman president. She'll probably persuade Congress to outlaw chawbacky altogether. Major league baseball has already banned it — too many women watching players spitting in the dirt on TV, squawking about how gross it looked.

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

Blood drive collects 45 units

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Oct. 22 Red Cross blood drive received only 45 units of blood, but those involved appreciate the donors that participated.

The next blood drive is Monday, Nov. 26, at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Appointments may be made by calling Nancy Englebright at 465-6494. Appointments are not required and walk in donors are always welcome.

Volunteers helping at the October blood drive were: Beverly Quinn, Debra Waters, Mary Lou Wilson, Vicki Wilson, Sharon Wilken, Bob McHenry, Rosemary Ogle and Englebright.

Lions Club members helped with the equipment.

Donors recognized were first-time donor Chuckie Dean and John Dye for reaching the three-gallon level.

Members of the Twin Lakes Rehab and Health Center served the food canteen. Donations to the food canteen came from McDonald's, Monical's and Larsson, Woodyard and Henson.

The Paris Area Church Women are in charge of the November food canteen.

As always, the motto for every blood drive is Give Blood-Help Save Lives.

TOPS groups meet during October

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TOPS #IL 1563 met Thursday, Oct. 25, with 16 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Glenda Berry, TOPS weekly best loser; Jill Hoffman, KOPS weekly best loser; Janet Embry, best walker; Gretchen

Dyl won the food chart drawing; Lynn Moody won the walking drawing; and Coralie Smittkamp was recognized for being a KOPS member for 24 years.

Jean Daniels, Gretchen Dyl and Janet Embry were the TOPS winners in the October ghost contest and Sue English was the KOPS winner.

Members walked 77½ miles for the week.

Moody delivered a program about sugar and sweets informing members about making sensible choices when it comes to sugar and candy and how small changes and good choices can add up to big savings on sugar and overall calories.

TOPS #IL 1563 meets every Thursday at the Highland Manor Community Room, with weigh-ins beginning at 8 a.m. and the meeting starting at 9 a.m. Visitors and new members are always welcome and more information is available

by calling 251-5190.

TOPS #IL 2318 met Tuesday, Oct. 30, with 13 members weighing in and 12 members attending the meeting.

Club members recognized were: Verna Smith, TOPS weekly loser and three-week loser; Carmen Minge, KOPS weekly loser and KOPS drawing winner; Kelly Tinsman won the marble game; Judy Ferris was the top walker; and Patty Felgenhauer was the top exerciser.

Smith delivered a program about the importance of taking time for oneself.

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

NEW AT THE LIBRARY

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

NONFICTION

Killing the SS (+ large print) – Bill O'Reilly
If Your Adolescent Has ADHD – Thomas J. Power
The Complete Ketogenic Diet for Beginners – Amy Ramos
Copycat Cooking – Six Sisters' Stuff

FICTION

The Next Person You Meet in Heaven – Mitch Albom
Lark! The Herald Angels Sing – Donna Andrews
The Dead Ringer – M.C. Beaton
Catching Christmas – Terri Blackstock
The Antiquities Hunter – Maya Kaathryn Bohnhoff

The Dream Daughter – Diane Chamberlain
Christmas on the Island – Jenny Colgan
Dark Sacred Night – Michael Connelly
Christmas Cake Murder – Joanne Fluke
Echoes of Evil – Heather Graham
The Reckoning – John Grisham
An Easy Death – Charlene Harris
Winter in Paradise – Elin Hilderbrand
Flintlock: Pitchfork Pass (large print) – William W. Johnstone
One in a Million – Lindsey Kelk
Oh My Stars – Sally Kilpatrick
The Forbidden Door (large print) – Dean Koontz
When the Men Were Gone – Marjorie Herrera Lewis
Marilla of Green Gables – Sarah McCoy

Alaskan Holiday – Debbie Macomber
The Kennedy Debutante – Kerri Maher
Burning Ridge – Margaret Mizushima
Ambush – James Patterson
Dark Tide Rising (large print) – Anne Perry
A Spark of Light (large print) – Jodi Picoult
Deck the Hounds – David Rosenfelt
Holy Ghost (large print) – John Sandford
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COMPILED BY NED JENISON
Former Editor and Publisher
Paris Beacon-News
The following articles are taken from the pages of the Paris Daily Beacon for the week of Oct. 28-Nov. 3, 1918, and from the Paris Beacon-News for the same week in 1968, reflecting the events of the Paris area 100 and 50 years ago this week.

SOUP TO BE FURNISHED
The Red Cross has engaged Mrs. Anna Link for this week as a visiting nurse and women volunteers are called upon to work under her supervision.

Soup is being furnished this week to those who are ill with influenza and it is delivered to the homes of those who are not able to send for it. The committee requests the cooperation of the physicians and citizens of Paris in reporting needy cases, and people with automobiles are needed to assist in the delivery of food to those in want.

WATCH FOR VOTE BUYERS
Mayor Hoff announced that he would appoint a special policeman in each of the eleven precincts of Paris township to watch for violations of the federal statute against buying of votes next Tuesday. The new federal law is vitally different from the Illinois state law, which carries no penalty for the vote buyer, although heavily penalizing the vote seller.

MAY LIFT CHURCH BAN
Mayor Hoff informed the pastors of the city that unless there was a decided increase of influenza cases in Paris in the next two days, the ban would probably be lifted for services on Sunday.

This also probably means that the schools will be reopened on Monday morning.

BARN PAINTED YELLOW
Tommie Downing of Vermilion owns a farm, but he has not shown sufficient interest in work on Liberty Bonds to suit some of his neighbors.

Halloween night his barn was painted with yellow streaks. Sunday night he was visited a second time, the crowd painting yellow streaks around the barn and putting "Kaiser" and "Slacker" in several places. Mr. Downing said the painting was done for pure meanness, and that he didn't know why it was done.

FIFTY YEARS AGO
STUDY COURTHOUSE REMODEL
A long-range investigation into remodeling and renovation of the Edgar County Courthouse was proposed to the Board of Supervisors.

The architectural and engineering study was suggested by Dale Francis & Associates, Paris consulting engineers, in conjunction with the architectural firm of Strader and Strader of Danville.

DIAL PHONE CHANGE SUNDAY
The new 1968 Paris telephone directory is arriving in the mail for use after 1:01 a.m. on Sunday Nov. 3, when Paris and nine other communities are placed on the Direct Distance Dialing (DDD) network.

The new directory lists numbers of General Telephone customers of Paris, Brocton, Chrisman, Hume, Marshall, Metcalf, Redmon, Vermillion and West Union. It also lists two non-General communities, Clarksville and Grandview.

TIGERS ROMP TO 48-12 WIN
It was a fun night at John P. Allen Memorial Field when the Paris Tigers closed out their 1968 football season by trouncing the Cumberland Pirates 48-12.

The victory gives the Tigers and coach Bill Neibch a very fine season record of seven wins and one loss, with no ties. There were 14 seniors playing in their final high school football game, and all 14 saw action.

Banks, booze and blood

Chicago is known for Capone, but Illinois' infamous gangsters ranged across the state

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

When it came to organized crime in Illinois, Chicago-based Prohibition-era gangsters loomed large during the 1920s and 1930s.

Al Capone, Frank Nitti, Lester "Baby Face Nelson" Gillis, Jack "Machine Gun" McGurn and George "Bugs" Moran earned international

infamy that persisted for decades after their deaths. For years, the general perception was that when world travelers informed locals they hailed from Chicago, the locals responded with "bang, bang" and a finger-gun gesture.

The combination of enterprising criminals, complicit public officials and Prohibition gave rise to crime syndicates involved in bootlegging, gambling, prostitution, extortion and murder. Organized by ethnicity and geography, the syndicates were known as the Chicago Mob or the Outfit. They produced the likes of Capone, Nelson and Moran — Capone's rival and the target of an attempted assassination in 1929 known as the St. Valentine's Day

Massacre, which claimed the lives of seven men, including Moran associates and an innocent bystander or two.

But Chicago wasn't Illinois' only hotbed of criminal activity. Southern Illinois was home to Russia-born gangster Charlie Birger, who was involved in gambling and bootlegging in Saline, Williamson and Franklin counties. According to historians, Birger's onetime partners-in-crime were the Shelton Brothers, leaders of another southern Illinois Outfit. Eventually Birger split from The Shelton Gang, leading to bloody territorial disputes that rivaled Chicago's early mob wars.

Rock Island had its own version of Capone in Ottawa native and onetime lawyer

turned crime kingpin John Patrick Looney, whose life inspired the graphic novel "Road to Perdition." It was turned into a 2002 movie that starred Tom Hanks and Paul Newman, who played the gangster based on Looney.

"BABY FACE" AND DILLINGER

Chicago-born Gillis — whose youthful appearance earned him the nickname "Baby Face" — embraced the criminal life early, garnering convictions for auto theft as a teenager. Imprisoned for a 1931 bank robbery, he was set to stand trial for a second bank robbery in Wheaton in 1932, but escaped from the guards who were transporting him to the Illinois State Penitentiary in Joliet, according to

the FBI.

Several years later, Gillis joined the Indiana gangster and bank robber John Dillinger. Gillis, Dillinger and Homer Van Meter were involved in a June 1934 bank robbery in South Bend, Indiana, where a police officer was killed.

About a month later, on July 22, 1934, police and FBI agents confronted Dillinger as he exited Chicago's Biograph Theater. Dillinger ran to a nearby alley, where he was killed in a shootout.

Several months later, on Nov. 27, 1934, in what is now Langendorf Park in Barrington, FBI agents Samuel P. Cowley and Herman Edward Hollis encountered Gillis and fellow gangster John Paul

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AMBITIOUS CYCLISTS ROLL INTO D.C.



Angie Julian/The Prairie Press

Rodney Cabopage, left, and Angie Julian, right, spent a week in Washington, D.C., in early October that included a visit to the White House and the U.S. Capitol, in the background. Julian said they parked their RV on the outskirts of town and rode their bikes in to see the many sights available in the capital. The trip was a rehearsal for planning week long trips to each of the 50 states.

Visiting the White House

BY ANGIE JULIAN
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One of the first official acts by First Lady Melania Trump was to announce the reopening of the White House visitor office.

Hearing that visitation was back in order, we began to prepare a trip to Washington, D.C., and the White House. This trip was a practice run for a long-term goal of traveling to, and spending a week, in each of the 50 states.

For security reasons, it is not possible to just show up at the White House and participate in a tour. The process starts by contacting our local Congressman John Shimkus through www.house.gov.

People may place a request for a White House tour between 21 days and 3 months prior to visiting. On the website, click on the White House Tour option in the search and follow prompts to the online form. Soon after, a return email from the White House asks for official registration and the submission of security information.

About two weeks prior to the arrival date another email arrives either confirming a position on the tour or denying admission to the White House.

We were denied at first, and it had to do with the volume of people wanting to visit the White House. Tours are only offered during the morning and a limited number of slots are available.

Fortunately, our congressman, or at least his assistant Davis Boyer, is working for us. We received another

form request for a member-guided tour.

Our approval email arrived just a couple of days prior to our tour during our early October trip to Washington. This email included items to bring and, more importantly, what not to bring.

We were concerned about printing our boarding pass for entry, as it stated in the instructions. A quick trip to the White House visitor center confirmed a digital copy of the pass on our phone was acceptable. Staff in the visitor center answered our other questions and ensured we were prepared for our visit to the White House.

The day of the tour we arrived early. Our congressman did not meet us for the member-guided tour, but we were able to enter and conduct our own self-guided tour.

We passed through four security checkpoints that verified our ID and belongings. There was not much to search since approved items are limited. Bags and cameras with a lens over three inches are prohibited. I chose a see through neck pouch for my ID and phone. We were allowed a point and shoot camera and our wallets.

There is a gift shop just after the visitor's entrance. Visitors are able to view a variety of rooms including: the Movie Theater, East Room, Green Room, Blue Room, Red Room and State Dining Room before exiting. The tour includes photos of presidents in their daily family lives, painted portraits, china patterns, the ornate furnishings and artwork. After the



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The public areas of the White House available on a walking tour reflect the architectural details and history of the building.

tours, these rooms are put back to official use.

Tours of the U.S. Capitol and many other government buildings, monuments and memorials are also available and all are free.

It is possible to attend a congressional hearing by visiting www.senate.gov to view scheduled hearings. Oral arguments are conducted in the Supreme Court Monday through Wednesday, and the calendar information is available at www.supremecourt.gov.

The Paris Public Library is a great resource for books on visiting Washington, D.C., to assist in planning a trip to the nation's capital.

A birthday dinner

Our family tries to celebrate birthdays by getting together as many relatives as can get to one location at the same time.



ROGER STANLEY
NOTES FROM THE PRAIRIE

It is usually on a Saturday or Sunday closest to the actual birthday occurrence. It doesn't seem to matter how old the celebrant is, which in our case ranges from three to 81. Sometimes it isn't possible to have a celebration and one gets missed every once in a while, but at least we recognize those special days in one way or another even if it is just to pester and give a little poke or a pat to the posterior of the victim.

It doesn't seem to matter how small or short or big or tall, how ornery or sweet, how small or big their feet. We don't choose who is skinny or fat, we don't care if they have a dog or cat, we're gonna go see 'em and have a good time. I am no Dr. Seuss so I'll quit with that theme.

This year for some old critter, who is one past octogenarian time, Rosie and I got to stay home, which is fine with me. We just let the younger scamps do the traveling, and they did. Someone must be special this year because they came from Oblong, Robinson, Springfield and Spencer, Indiana.

They were quite a mix in age and appearance. The youngest was our six-year-old great-grandson Brighton, his mom Dani, our granddaughter, Seth and Gabby the newlyweds who are our grandson and wife. I must not leave out Gina our daughter, plus Ginger and Kenneth Trine who happen to be in the upper range of the ages that came to visit being around 60 years old. Quite a nice range in ages, but I will give no clue which of them still acts like a child.

I cannot forget the most important one who was there because she was the chief cook and master chef for the day. She also

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Why the United States has birthright citizenship

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It's one of the United States' best-known rights: automatic citizenship to all born within its borders. But birthright citizenship hasn't always been the rule of the land in the U.S., and the legal concept has faced plenty of challenges over the century. Here's the story of birthright citizenship and its challengers.

In the U.S., children obtain their citizenship at birth through the legal principle of jus soli ("right of the soil") — that is, being born on U.S. soil — or jus sanguinis ("right of blood") — that is, being born to parents who are United States citizens.

Most countries in the Western Hemisphere have some form of jus soli citizenship, while Europe favors jus sanguinis citizenship.

Today, the United States is one of at least 30 countries that affirm birthright citizenship, including most countries in the Western Hemisphere. "Traditionally" notes the Washington Post, "lenient naturalization laws made it more appealing for Europeans to travel to — and settle in — the New World."

In 1787, the Constitution defined citizenship as open to "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof." Soon after, the nation's first naturalization law came into effect. The 1790 law said that free white persons could gain citizenship if they had lived in the U.S. for two years and had a good charac-

ter. The new citizens' children under the age of 21 were given citizenship, too.

But the new naturalization law ignored massive swaths of American society, including enslaved people and Native Americans, neither of whom were considered citizens.

In 1857, as arguments about slavery roiled, the U.S. Supreme Court went a step further, finding in the Dred Scott v. Sandford case that Scott, an escaped slave suing for his freedom, was not a citizen because he was of African descent. Nor could any other person of African descent be considered a citizen, even if they were born in the U.S., Chief Justice Roger B. Taney wrote in the majority opinion.

But that definition didn't last long. During and after the Civil War, lawmakers returned to the debate about whether black people should have birthright citizenship. "What was new in the 1860s...was the possibility for radical legal transformation that accompanied war and its aftermath," writes historian Martha S. Jones.

In 1864, Attorney General Edward Bates tackled the issue in connection with African-American members of the Union Army, finding that free men of color born on American soil were American. After the war, the Reconstructionist Congress passed a civil rights law that extended citizenship to all people born in the U.S. who were, "not subject to any foreign power."

The most sweeping declaration of birthright citizenship came in 1868: the Fourteenth

Amendment. Not only did the law protect the civil rights of all, but it defined citizenship as applying to, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof."

In 1898, the Fourteenth Amendment's definition of birthright citizenship met its first major challenge in the form of a Chinese-American cook named Wong Kim Ark.

Wong was born on American soil to Chinese immigrants in 1873, well before the U.S. passed the Chinese Exclusion Act, which prohibited most Chinese immigration and, by extension, the naturalization of Chinese citizens. But since his parents were not citizens, it was unclear whether he too could enjoy birthright citizenship.

When Wong was denied re-entry into the U.S. after visiting China, he was forced to wait on a ship in San Francisco harbor for months as his attorney pursued his case for citizenship. He was a test case, selected by the Department of Justice in an attempt to prove that people of Chinese descent weren't citizens.

His case went all the way to the Supreme Court. Then something unexpected happened: Wong won.

"The Fourteenth Amendment, in clear words and in manifest intent, includes the children born, within the territory of the United States, of all other persons, of whatever race or color, domiciled within the United States," wrote associate justice Horace Gray in the majority opinion.

Not only was Wong Kim

Ark's claim to citizenship legitimate, Gray wrote, but, "To hold that the Fourteenth Amendment of the Constitution excludes from citizenship the children, born in the United States, of citizens or subjects of other countries would be to deny citizenship to thousands of persons of English, Scotch, Irish, German, or other European parentage who have always been considered and treated as citizens of the United States."

To allow a Chinese-American man citizenship didn't threaten white Americans, Gray suggested. Rather, taking his citizenship away would threaten the privilege and citizenship rights enjoyed by white Americans.

The case became precedent and has since been used to defend the birthright citizenship rights of other Americans. In 1943, for example, it was cited (and contested) in Regan v. King, a federal case that challenged Japanese Americans' right to maintain American citizenship during World War II.

Since then, controversies over birthright citizenship have played out in the court of public opinion. But today, the precedent set by Wong Kim Ark — and the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution — still apply.

Those born in the United States are considered citizens. And despite opposition to the concept—a 2015 Pew survey, for example, found that 53 percent of Republicans and 23 percent of Democrats oppose the concept — it is still the law of the land.

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Chase in a stolen vehicle. Hollis was killed during the ensuing gun battle. Cowley died from his wounds the next day. Chase and the seriously injured Gillis fled in the agents' car. Gillis' body was found the next day near a Skokie cemetery.

THE TOUHYS VS. CAPONE

The son of a Chicago policeman, Roger Touhy was the youngest of six brothers, five of whom embraced lives of crime. Touhy and two of his brothers operated a Des Plaines trucking company.

At the start of Prohibition, they began a bootlegging operation in the northwest suburbs and later expanded into illegal gambling. Capone, who bought illegal beer from the Touhys, tried to take over their operation in 1929. Over the next few

years, battles between the rivals took place in then-rural Cook County, including what is now Inverness.

Capone twice framed Touhy for kidnapping. Touhy was eventually convicted of kidnapping the brother of cosmetics mogul Max Factor Sr. in 1933 and sentenced to 99 years. In 1954, a federal judge determined the kidnapping was a hoax. Touhy, who served additional time for his 1942 escape from Stateville Correctional Center, was released in November 1959.

A month later, he and his bodyguard were gunned down. His killers were never caught.

SENT TO THE GALLOWES

In November 1926, according to historians, Birger ordered the murder of West City Mayor Joseph Adams, who was reportedly connected to the Sheltons.

That attempt failed, but a second attempt a month later succeeded. Convicted of his involvement in Adams' murder, Birger was hanged in 1928.

The jail where he was held, as well as the gallows, are now the Franklin County Jail Museum in Benton.

The Shelton Gang was led by brothers Carl, Earl and Bernie, Wayne County siblings who started out making moonshine and graduated to bootlegging and gambling. A 1926 power struggle over southern Illinois bootlegging operations between Birger and the brothers led to a mob war notable for the combatants' use of homemade tanks.

Ultimately, Birger's testimony helped send the brothers to prison for robbery. After they were released from prison, the brothers attempted to regain control of their criminal operation, which was then headed by former fellow gang member Frank L. "Buster" Wortman, who went on to dominate illegal

gambling in the region.

Wortman reportedly ordered the murders of Carl and Bernie Shelton. Earl Shelton survived several assassination attempts and died in Florida at age 96.

QUAD CITIES KINGPIN

Rock Island had its own version of Capone in Ottawa native and onetime lawyer turned crime kingpin John Patrick Looney.

Looney ran gambling, prostitution, auto theft and bootlegging operations around Rock Island, where, according to the LaSalle County Historical Society Museum, he founded a newspaper and used it to attack enemies and to extort powerful residents by threatening to print unflattering stories about them.

Convicted of murdering a saloon keeper in 1925, Looney was sent to prison for 14 years. Released in 1934, he kept a low profile until his 1947 death in a tuberculosis sanitarium in El Paso, Texas.

STANLEY

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is responsible to see all of the house is in order and all I have to say is, "yes dear," and get out the sweeper, set up the big dining room table, act like I dusted and de-cobwebbed the place.

I even took her shopping for the much-needed food items, which was about a trunk full, and I didn't even have to tell her to let me carry most of that stuff to the house. It was worth it all because we feasted with our family on ham, green beans, sweet-taters with marshmallows on 'em, apple salad, tater salad, some kind of cherry

stuff, scalloped pineapple and to top it all off home-made angel food cake with real angelic whipped cream stuff on top of it.

I think she is not only beautiful and smart, she is the best cook in the world. Just to top off that wonderful meal, I got to eat it with the best family in the world, in my eyes. You hardly need dessert or presents when you have that special group of hungry and loving kids around you. It's just wonderful what God helped us do.

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Synagogue shooting kills 11

October 27th massacre in Pittsburgh is deadliest act of violence against Jewish community in U.S. history

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Sylvan and Bernice Simon left their house tidy and their refrigerator stocked with food when they left for Tree of Life synagogue Saturday morning.

They had planned to come back and get ready for their daughter's birthday, for which Bernice was cooking a celebratory dinner.

But first — as they did every Saturday morning — they went to synagogue.

On Thursday, Nov. 1, the couple lay in closed caskets at the Ralph Schugar Funeral Chapel, about a mile from Tree of Life, as hundreds of mourners filed by to pay their last respects.

The funeral, which included Israel's consul general as well as a half dozen rabbis, friends, family members and well-wishers, was one of two Thursday, with more Friday, as this city buries 11 Jews

killed by a gunman who entered Tree of Life shortly after 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, and began shooting indiscriminately with an automatic rifle and two handguns.

The massacre has been described as the deadliest attack on the Jewish community in the history of the U.S.

As the Simons were buried at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, accused shooter Robert Bowers entered a plea of not guilty in a federal courtroom across town.

He was indicted on 44 counts, including hate crimes and using a firearm to commit murder in a crime of violence.

Unlike Bowers, a loner who led a solitary life, the Simons were celebrated as an all-American couple deeply committed to each other, to their family and to their place of worship. Indeed, the Simons married at a can-

dleight service in the synagogue where the gunman took their lives 62 years later.

Bernice, 84, was remembered as a kind and gentle woman who cared for her neighbors in the Wilkinsburg townhouse community. Many of them clustered together in the funeral chapel pews fondly remembering how Bernice, a nurse earlier in life, had cared for widows and widowers with meals and companionship. One mourner, a next-door neighbor, said they walked their pugs together for years.

"She was sweet, loving, caring and charitable," said Diane Klein.

Sylvan, 86, a former U.S. Army paratrooper and later an accountant, was remembered for his beaming smile and boisterous laughter.

"He liked to play the part of the cantankerous old man," said Chuck Diamond, a former rabbi of Tree of

Life. "I'd walk in and he'd say, 'Rabbi, how nice to see you here,' with a sly smile on his face. Because I'm a big guy, he'd always kid me and say, 'The Steelers called me. They want you to play offensive lineman.'"

The Simons had four children, one of whom died in a motorcycle accident eight years ago. The other three, plus numerous grandchildren, all spoke at the funeral.

"Our parents did everything together as a married couple," said Mark Simon, the eldest son. "They were deeply in love with each other and persevered in the tragic loss of a son in 2010."

One family member recalled Sylvan, consumed by a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game, shouting to his wife to make him a sandwich.

"Make it yourself," she'd reply, to which he'd say, "But you make it better."

Jeff Finkelstein, CEO of

Pittsburgh's Jewish Federation, said the community had been met by an outpouring of love and sympathy in the days after the tragedy from every corner of the universe.

There are nearly 50,000 Jews in the larger Pittsburgh area, up nearly 17 percent over the past two decades.

Squirrel Hill, the neighborhood of small shops and historic homes where the shooting took place, is the heart and soul of the Jewish community, with dozens of synagogues, Jewish schools and other Jewish organizations. Unlike some other Jewish hamlets, it is diverse, with all the major branches of Jewish religious life.

The Simons, like many still attached to Tree of Life, no longer lived in Squirrel Hill, but they drove their blue Chevy Malibu into the neighborhood every Saturday morning.

In the days following the shooting, the Jewish Community Center on Forbes Avenue set up a grieving center where counselors could help anyone who walked in, cheek-by-jowl with the FBI's temporary office there.

Julie Schonfeld, chief executive of the Rabbinical Assembly, the association of Conservative rabbis, said she was impressed by what she learned about the people who died.

"These are just basically fine people, community-oriented people, decent people," she said.

Jeffrey Myers, who has been the rabbi at Tree of Life for a little over a year, said he didn't know the Simons for long, but they left a deep impression.

"I loved them like they were my own parents," he said. "They brightened my life and I can say that services will never be the same."

Getting the truth across

"Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person." Colossians 4:6

JOHN YOUNGBLOOD
PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

The words we use are important, beyond how many bad words one uses or how big one's vocabulary may be. Language is important because it communicates ideas. Words communicate truth - or not.

People whose work involves words, like pastors, choose words that best fit the idea they want to communicate. However, if they use words few of those listening understand, we are not communicating. On the other hand, if they use words everyone knows, but which don't really describe the idea they want to get across, they are still not communicating.

Recently, in the same week I heard three words used by others that highlight the problem. I'll talk about one today and one each of the next two weeks. The first is obey.

Obedience, in this case to Jesus, was mentioned as one reason believers ought to take care of others. Another member of the study group was uncomfortable with the idea of obeying God. I can understand; it may smack of legalism. For some it may create an image of demanding, unreasonable requests, especially if that's how obey was understood from church or family.

Someone else, trying for middle ground, suggested, "This is what Jesus wants us to do." There is a problem there as well though. The implication is that Jesus' words are sort of suggestions, wise to do but not required.

At that point, my thoughts ran to my family. Dad was no softie, but we did not get horrible punishments for every little thing. On the other hand, if he said "John, take out the trash," there was no confusion. It was not a suggestion.

If the fullness of the godhead dwells in Jesus, if he truly died in order

A MOMENT OF PRAYER ON HALLOWEEN



Gary Henry/The Prairie Press

Community members paused in the Halloween festivities Wednesday night for an impromptu prayer vigil for Rayleigh Ike. The young girl, a student at Memorial School, is back in the intensive care unit at St. Louis Children's Hospital fighting against cancer.

Prayer vigil held for Ike

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you." —Isaiah 43:2

BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Prayer is being sent up for a seven-year-old Paris girl who is a patient in pediatric intensive care in St. Louis Children's Hospital.

Rayleigh Ike, who has been fighting leukemia since her diagnosis as a kindergarten student, was admitted to the hospital in October with a fever. The fever spiked to 105.4 earlier this week when she was transferred to the ICU on life support.

Several prayer chains have been initiated by local and area churches on the Memorial School student's behalf. A circle of prayer was held Wednesday morning at Crestwood School that included friends of the child's mother, Caresse Cameron Ike, who is by her daughter's side in the hospital.

In a message to The Prairie Press Thursday evening, Caresse Ike reported Rayleigh was diagnosed with Methotrexate Toxicity.

"She spiked many high fevers and the highest being 105.8. Tuesday night when she ended up in the PICU she spiked the 105.8 temperature, her BP (blood pressure) bottomed out and her O2 (oxygen) dropped to 82."

"Rayleigh fought for her life Tuesday," her mother wrote. "We came extremely close to losing her. She is showing improvement, but she is nowhere near better"

In the middle of Scare on the Square Wednesday evening, a short prayer service for Rayleigh was organized.



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Rayleigh Ike and her mother Caresse Ike, in a happier time earlier this year when the child's prognosis was good and they were preparing to serve as the honorary chair for the Aug. 4 Relay for life. event. She was diagnosed two years ago with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia and her last chemotherapy treatment was expected to be Dec. 30.

According to one of the organizers, who asked to remain anonymous, the purpose was to not only ask for healing for the child but support for her mother, grandmother and other family members.

Brother Kurt Speece, who is the pastor at Bell Ridge Christian Church, led the short service, attended by approximately 50 children, parents, grandparents and families.

Many stopped their frolic and visits to local businesses to attend the 10-minute candlelight service. Speece read a passage from Psalms

before speaking briefly about the battle the child has waged and the importance of prayer. He led the group in prayer and asked anyone who wished to join to add their voices to the prayer. Once the prayer was concluded, the group sang "Jesus Loves Me," and Speece ended with a prayer.

At about the same time, a fundraiser on Facebook for the Ike family was established by Penny Ring and Bethany Ring Hosick. Their initial goal was \$1,000. In less than 24 hours as of Thursday evening, donations totaled

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Donations sought for church coat drive

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The Head, Hands, Heart program of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is gearing up to offer warm coats and winter wear during this chilly season.

Donations of new and gently used coats, hats, mittens, scarves, boots and other winter items are needed. The program allows small children to teenagers a choice of items to help keep them healthy and comfortable.

"There is a real need in Paris," said program co-chair Cathy Melendez.

Co-chair Karla Pierson, added, "If you've ever been without a coat in the cold weather, you know it's no fun."

This year, the winter clothing is available to the public from 3-5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9 and from 10 a.m.-noon Saturday, Nov. 10. Some school children will choose from the clothing on Thursday, but this day is not open to the general public.

Although the winter wear will be distributed that weekend, Melendez says donations are accepted all year for this annual program. Coats for children, specifically grade school age, are the most needed.

A good time to make a donation is when families go through winter clothing as part of spring cleaning, if there are items children or adults have outgrown. Melendez said new winter wear is accepted. Monetary donations are also useful for the program to buy new items.

"All monetary donations go to provide additional coats," said Melendez. Previously worn items should be gently used and in good condition. Jackets and coats cannot have broken zippers, and garments with detachable hoods should include the hood.

"If you wouldn't wear it, don't donate it," Pierson stressed.

Despite the ongoing need, donations have been successful, and the program has been growing in recent years, allowing Head, Hands, Heart to extend community service to more people in the area.

Some local daycares have used this as a service project for their children and area residents even contribute handmade knitted hats and

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\$7,567 from more than 250 Edgar County and area residents as well as natives who are living in other areas of the U.S., including Texas.

Hosick expressed her thanks to those who donated noting, "All of you are amazing. Seriously, you all have amazing good hearts."

She also encouraged those visiting the page, "to please keep covering Rayleigh in prayer.... Jesus heals."

Both Caresse Ike and her mother, Chris Ike, expressed their thanks to those donating.

"I keep crying over this," Chris Ike said. "We are humbled and in awe over everyone's support. Thank you for loving our Rayleigh."

Rayleigh Ike was diagnosed as a kindergarten student with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia

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and sweatshirts. Last year, 150 individuals were provided with coats, and over 300 hats, scarves, gloves, snowsuits and other winter items were distributed.

"The people who come are so grateful," Melendez said.

Coats and winter-wear items can be dropped off through Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the First Christian Church, located at 201 S. Main in Paris.

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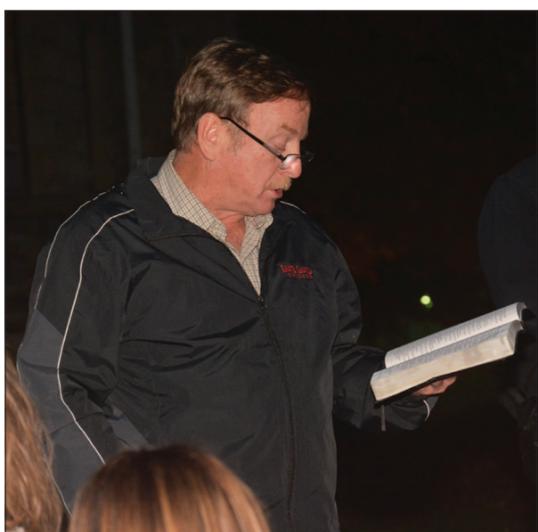
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Pastor Kurt Speece leads a prayer vigil Wednesday, Oct. 31, for Memorial student Rayleigh Ike, as she struggles against acute lymphoblastic leukemia in the intensive care unit at St. Louis Children's Hospital.



Special to The Prairie Press

The Honey Bee Queen and Junior Miss with their court help gather coats for the Head, Hands, Heart program of the First Christian Church. Front, Miss Congeniality Bailey Aitken and back row, left to right, first attendant to the Junior Miss Skylar Foote, Junior Miss and Miss Congeniality Catie Slaven; Honeybee Queen Trinity Lee; and first attendant to the queen Christiana Marlowe.

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without dealing in some meaningful way with the concept of obedience.

One does not become a follower of Jesus, enter his kingdom or go to heaven because he obeys Jesus commands. The glory of the thing is that Jesus gave his life so that our failures to obey would not isolate us from God. But since he did, learning to obey is the least we can do to show thankfulness for his deeds on our behalf.

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

Advent singers needed

SPECIAL TO THE PRAIRIE PRESS

The next rehearsal of the Community Advent Choir is 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, at First United Methodist Church, 324 W. Court Street.

The choir is for people who enjoy Christmas and singing. All interested singers, high school age and older, male and female, are welcome to participate. Membership in a home church choir is not a requirement.

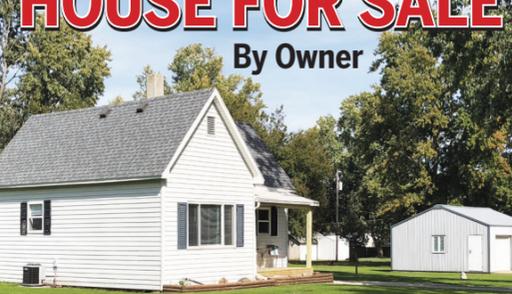
Subsequent rehearsals are scheduled Nov. 19, Nov. 26 and Nov. 29.

The Community Advent Service is 3 p.m. Dec. 2. More information is available by calling The Presbyterian Church office at 465-5118.

GRACE NOTES

- NOV. 3 SPAGHETTI SUPPER**
 The Patton United Methodist Church, 21775 E. 2250th Rd., Dennison, is having a spaghetti supper 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 3. The church is located one mile west of the Indiana/Illinois state line on the Clark/Edgar county line road and is handicapped accessible.
- NOV. 6 METHODIST CHILI DAY**
 The Marshall First United Methodist Church's annual chili day is 7 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Nov. 6. The United Methodist Men serve a breakfast menu of scrambled eggs, biscuits and gravy, fruit and a drink for a free will donation from 7-8:30 a.m. Lunch and supper service is 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. with a menu of chili, broccoli cheese or meatless vegetable soup; either ham salad, cheese spread or hot dog sandwich; many mouth-watering homemade desserts from which to choose; and a beverage. Proceeds help with many important local, regional and global causes. Tickets may be purchased at the door - \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 and younger.
- NOV. 13 CHRISTIAN WOMEN LUNCHEON**
 The Christian Women's connection of Terre Haute is hosting a luncheon 11 a.m., Nov. 13, in the MCL meeting room at Meadows Shopping Center featuring speaker Sherry Miley, music by Aaron Wheaton and a special feature by Nancy Celsum from Antiques at the Meadows. Call Julie 812-234-7388 or Sherri 812-249-3084 to make reservations.

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Shiloh veteran breakfast

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HUME - Shiloh Schools are hosting a special event for area veterans Thursday, Nov. 8, for a school assembly in the gym.

The National Honor Society has organized a program honoring veterans. The assembly highlights the history and importance of Veterans Day on its centennial anniversary. All veterans attending will be recognized during the short program.

A complimentary breakfast for veterans is 8 a.m. and guests are encouraged to come early, see the school and have time to visit.

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BY NANCY ZEMAN
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Paris High School Drama is presenting its first production of the season this weekend, "Peter and the Starcatcher."

The production, directed by Tanner Laughlin and assisted by Agnes Wright, is described as a prequel to the familiar "Peter Pan" story by J.M. Barries, Laughlin said.

While it is not a musical, the production does include music, he said.

"It's funny and poignant," he said. "I'm so proud of the work the cast members have done."

The curtain for today's performance at the Paris Center of Fine Arts has been moved back to 8 p.m. to allow for both audience members and students to attend the PHS football team's second round playoff game at Effingham High School.

A spaghetti supper planned to benefit the drama students who are traveling to New York City next summer was postponed until a later date for the same reason, Laughlin said.

The Tony-award winning two-act play based on the best-selling novels, upends

the century-old story of how a miserable orphan boy becomes the legendary Peter Pan.

A wildly theatrical adaptation of Dave Barry and Ridley Pearson's best-selling novels, the play was conceived for the stage by directors, the late Roger Rees and Alex Timbers, and written by Rick Elice, with music by Wayne Barker.

From marauding pirates and jungle tyrants to unwilling comrades and unlikely heroes, "Peter and the Starcatcher" playfully explores the depths of greed and despair and the bonds of friendship, duty and love.

The play is the story of a young orphan and his mates who are shipped off from Victorian England to a distant island ruled by the evil King Zarboff. The group knows nothing of the mysterious trunk in the captain's cabin, which contains a precious, otherworldly cargo.

At sea, the boys are discovered by a precocious young girl named Molly — a Starcatcher-in-training — who realizes the trunk's precious cargo is starstuff, a celestial substance so powerful that it must never fall into the wrong hands.

When the ship is taken over by pirates — led by the fearsome Black Stache, a villain determined to claim the trunk and its treasure for his own — the journey quickly becomes a thrilling adventure.

Featuring a cast of actors portraying more than 100 unforgettable characters, Peter and the Starcatcher uses ingenious stagecraft and the limitless possibilities of imagination to bring the story to life.

The Broadway production won Tonys for best performance by a featured actor, best scenic design, best sound design, best lighting design and best costume design.

Tickets may be purchased for tonight's show or the 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday online up to two hours before curtain, Laughlin said.

Tickets will be available at the door tonight and Sunday.

Cast members for the Paris production include Bryce Gladding, Black Stache; Sean Blair, Boy (Peter); Sadie Cassity, Molly Aster; Max Moody, Smee; Hannah Bowers, Mrs. Bumbrake; Christiana Marlowe, Prentiss; Kadi Henry, Ted; Riley Griffith, Lord Leon-

ard Aster; Brady Wiseman, Bill Slank; Chance Westfield, Alf; Katrina Strow, Mack; Daegan Hood, Capt. Robert Scott; Dakota Brown, Gremplin; Peyton Hughes, Sanchez; Shayleigh Cline, Fighting Prawn; Eliz-

abeth Kennedy, Hawking Clam; Jordyn Davis, Teacher; Bailey Aitken, Boxing Announcer/Bird; Mellie McCulloch, Pirate Girl; Olivia Theirl, Greggors; and Mr. Grinn/Swing Treston Jones.

Ensemble members playing pirates, mermaids, sailors, natives and mollusks include Chloe Martin, Lia Rigdon, Olivia Minge, Abby Andrews, Harlee Englum, Kendra Cartright and Sasha Serkov.



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Main cast members for the Paris High School production of "Peter and the Starcatcher" are seated, left to right, Max Moody and Christiana Marlowe; and standing, left to right, Kadi Henry, Sadie Cassity, Sean Blair and Bryce Gladding. The musical is a prequel to "Peter Pan" and performances are 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4.



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The long suffering Smee, played by Max Moody, does everything for his pirate captain played by Bryce Gladding. Paris High School students are performing "Peter and the Starcatcher" — a prequel to "Peter Pan" — 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



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It doesn't look good for the good guys in "Peter and the Starcatcher" as the crocodile closes in to make a meal of them. Left to right, Sean Blair, Sadie Cassity, Kadi Henry and Christiana Marlowe. Paris High School students are performing the musical 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



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Sadie Cassity and Bryce Gladding share a duet as part of larger production number in the Paris High School rendition of "Peter and the Starcatcher." Performances are 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



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Every pirate story needs at least one sword fight and Brady Wiseman, left, and Bryce Gladding, right, face off in a no-holds barred match to the delight of a bloodthirsty audience as part of "Peter and the Starcatcher." Paris High School students are performing the musical 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



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Bryce Gladding, left, and Sean Blair, right share a scene in "Peter and the Starcatcher" before they became bitter enemies Captain Hook and Peter Pan. Paris High School drama students are performing the musical 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.



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It's all hands on deck for the full-cast mermaid production number in "Peter and the Starcatcher" performed by Paris High School students 8 p.m. today, Nov. 3, and 2 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Paris Center of Fine Arts.

Scare on Square's frightful fun



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Sophie Young opted out of the witch, vampire, ghoulish route for Scare on the Square trick or treating Halloween evening on the Paris square. Her angel costume was a standout among the other more traditional outfits.



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Scare on the Square may not have a yellow brick road but it still offers plenty of rewards for Glinda the Good Witch of the South and Dorothy Gale as they search for Oz, Halloween evening on the Paris Square. Left, Kadence Foor and right, Clara Foor.



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Halloween is a holiday of fantasy where historical characters can interact with those from fiction. London Pruiett as Cleopatra and the vampire Anna Muchow were together on the Paris square for Scare on the Square trick or treating.



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Noel Huxford makes sure the public is safe while dealing with two inmates leaving the Edgar County Courthouse property. The Huxford family participated in the Halloween Scare on the Square trick or treating on the Paris square. Pictured are Austin Huxford holding Noel and Kaytlin Huxford.



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Little zebra Lilly Fitzpatrick participates in Scare on the Square trick or treating Halloween evening on the Paris Square.



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Lots of scary things were seen on the Paris square Halloween evening for Scare on the Square. Zane Cusick's walking skeleton made the rounds of the various booths and stores for trick or treating.



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Scare on the Square is a family affair. Left to right, Carter Staub, Lacey Staub and Isaac Staub dressed as the Incredibles for the Halloween trick or treat event on the Paris square.

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<p>COUNTY BOARD</p> <p>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT THREE (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC ANDREW (ANDY) PATRICK REPUBLICAN</p>
<p>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FOUR (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC KARL E. FARNHAM, JR. REPUBLICAN</p>
<p>FOR MEMBERS OF THE COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT FIVE (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC DANIEL W. BRUNER REPUBLICAN</p>

<p>JUDICIAL</p> <p>FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. M. Carol Pope) (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC THOMAS M. HARRIS, JR. REPUBLICAN</p>
<p>FOR JUDGE OF THE APPELLATE COURT FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Thomas R. Appleton) (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC PETE CAVANAGH REPUBLICAN</p>
<p>FOR JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (To fill the vacancy of the Hon. Claudia J. Anderson) (Vote for one)</p> <p>No Candidate DEMOCRATIC CHARLES "CHARLIE" HALL REPUBLICAN</p>
<p>JUDICIAL RETENTION</p> <p>BALLOT FOR JUDICIAL CANDIDATES SEEKING RETENTION IN OFFICE</p> <p>"Vote on the Proposition with respect to all or any of the Judges listed on this ballot. No Judge listed is running against any other Judge. The sole question is whether each Judge shall be retained in his present office."</p>
<p>CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE</p> <p>SHALL CRAIG H. DeARMOND be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL NANCY S. FAHEY be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>SHALL BRIEN J. O'BRIEN be retained in office as JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FIFTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT?</p> <p>YES NO</p>
<p>PROPOSITION</p> <p>OAKLAND COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 REFERENDUM REGARDING BOARD MEMBERSHIP AT LARGE</p> <p>Shall members of the Board of Education of Oakland Community Unit School District No. 5, Coles, Douglas, and Edgar Counties, Illinois, be elected in 2019 and thereafter, at large and without restriction by area of residence within the district instead of the current restriction that not more than three (3) members on the board of education may be selected from one (1) congressional township in the school district?</p> <p>YES NO</p>



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LEGALS

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF WARRICK IN THE WARRICK COUNTY SUPERIOR NO. 1

SS: 87D01-1810-AD-000036

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Cody Peters is notified that a Verified Petition for the Adoption of a child named Kayden Tucker Bennett, DOB 1/6/2010, born to Elisha Dawn Bennett was filed in the office of the Clerk of Warrick County Superior No. 1, One County Square, #200, Boonville, IN 47601. The Verified Petition for Adoption alleges that your consent to the adoption is not required pursuant to IC 31-19-9-8 because you have failed without justifiable cause to communicate significantly with the child for a period of one year or more when able to do so and/or you have failed without justifiable cause to provide for the care and support of your child when able to do so as required by law or judicial decree and/or you have abandoned your child for the six months immediately prior to the filing of the adoption petition and/or you are unfit.

If Cody Peters seeks to contest the adoption of Kayden Tucker Bennett, Cody Peters must file a motion to contest the adoption in accordance with IC 31-19-10-1 in the above-named Court not later than thirty (30) days after the date of service of this notice. If Cody Peters does not file a motion to contest the adoption within thirty (30) days after service of this notice, the above-named Court will hear and determine the petition for adoption. The consent to the adoption of Kayden Tucker Bennett by Cody Peters will be irrevocably implied and Cody Peters will lose the right to contest either the adoption or the validity of Cody Peters' implied consent to the adoption. No statement made to Cody Peters relieves Cody Peters of Cody Peters' obligations under this notice. This notice complies with IC 31-19-4.5-3 but does not exhaustively set forth a person's legal obligations under the Indiana adoption statutes. A person being served with this notice should consult the Indiana adoption statutes.

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD A. KRABEL, Deceased

No. 2018 - P - 55

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Ronald A. Krabel. Letters of Office were issued on September 27, 2018 to Russell Krabel, 14044 US Hwy 36, Chrisman, IL 61924 as independent executor whose attorney is FRUIN & KASH (Richard M. Kash, Jr.), 129 N. Central Ave., Paris, IL 61944.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of the Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois, 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 29, 2018, (which is at least six months from the date of first publication of this Notice) and any claim not filed within the applicable period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Russell Krabel
Independent Executor

FRUIN & KASH
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)
129 N. Central Ave. Paris, IL 61944
Phone: 217/ 465-4196
FAX: 217/ 466-1213

Public Notice

Triple A Storage of Paris will sell or dispose of the contents by Nov 1 in Unit #21 rented to Gary & Kelly Drum and #55 rented to Linda Barath. Pursuant to Self Storage Act.

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

IN RE: GUARDIANSHIP OF NAYALII VICTORIA LARA, DIEGO ANGEL LARA

KIMBERLY A. HOGGATT, Petitioners.

No. 2018-P-58

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is hereby given to you VICTOR M. LARRA-OROZCO a/k/a VICTOR M. LARA, that a Petition for Guardianship has been filed in the above entitled cause.

LARRA-OROZCO a/k/a VICTOR M. LARA, is hereby served by publication of this Notice. Unless files and answer to the Compliant in this cause or otherwise make an appearance in this case on or before November 26, 2018, a default judgment may be entered against , at any time after that day in accordance with the remedies requested in the Petition for Guardianship.

Angela R. Barrett
Circuit Clerk

FRUIN & KASH
(Richard M. Kash, Jr.)
129 North Central Avenue
Paris, IL 61944-1704
Telephone: 217-465-4196
Fax: 217-466-1213

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

In the matter of the Estate of JANET LOUISE MCGILL, deceased

No. 2018-P-57

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JANET LOUISE MCGILL of Paris, Edgar County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on October 22, 2018 to LISA ANN LAUGHEAD, as Independent Executor, 712 Water Street, Paris, Illinois 61944, whose attorney is DREW P. GRIFFIN, of JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C., 110 E. Washington, P.O. Box 8, Paris, Illinois 61944.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Edgar County Courthouse, Paris, Illinois 61944, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 3, 2019, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED this 1st day of November, 2018.

LISA ANN LAUGHEAD,
Independent Executor of the Estate of JANET LOUISE MCGILL, deceased

DREW P. GRIFFIN
ARDC #6312947
JONES & GRIFFIN LAW OFFICES, P.C.
110 E. Washington,
P.O. Box 8
Paris, IL 61944
Tele: (217) 465-7525
Fax: (217) 466-2230

Public notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2018, at 8:00AM the commissioners of Union Drainage District No. 5 By User of Young America, County of Edgar, and Town of Newman, County of Douglas will hold the annual meeting of the District for the purpose of discussing the items listed on the Agenda below, and such other matters which may come before the Commissioners. The meeting shall be held at the following location:

Richard James Law Office
328 N Central Ave
Paris IL 61944

AGENDA

1. Public Comments
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of Annual Financial Report
4. Consider and Take Action on

Annual Levy
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Prepared by:
Richard L. James, Attorney at Law
328 N Central Paris IL 61944
(217)465-2529

Public notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2018, at 10:00 AM the commissioners of Drainage District No. 7 of the Town of Embarrass, County of Edgar will hold the annual meeting of the District for the purpose of discussing the items listed on the Agenda below, and such other matters which may come before the Commissioners. The meeting shall be held at the following location:

Richard James Law Office
328 N Central Ave
Paris IL 61944

AGENDA

1. Public Comments
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of Annual Financial Report
4. Consider and Take Action on Annual Levy
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Prepared by:
Richard L. James, Attorney at Law
328 N Central Paris IL 61944
(217)465-2529

Public notice is hereby given that on November 13, 2018, at 10:30 AM the commissioners of Drainage District No. 11 of the Town of Embarrass, County of Edgar will hold the annual meeting of the District for the purpose of discussing the items listed on the Agenda below, and such other matters which may come before the Commissioners. The meeting shall be held at the following location:

Richard James Law Office
328 N Central Ave
Paris IL 61944

AGENDA

1. Public Comments
2. Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes
3. Review and Approval of Annual Financial Report
4. Consider and Take Action on Annual Levy
5. New Business
6. Adjournment

Prepared by:
Richard L. James, Attorney at Law
328 N Central Paris IL 61944
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NOTICE OF FILING PETITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NUMBER 507

Notice is hereby given that all petitions for the nomination of two board members for full terms of six years and the nomination of one board member for a term of two years on the Board of Trustees of Community College District Number 507 (Danville Area Community College), Vermilion, Edgar, Iroquois, Champaign, and Ford Counties, Illinois shall be filed not earlier than December 10, 2018 nor later than December 17, 2018; at the Office of the Board Secretary in Vermilion Hall, Room 202, Danville Area Community College, 2000 East Main Street, Danville, Illinois with Secretary of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Nominating petitions shall be filed between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on December 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, or 17, 2018.

Prospective candidates may pick up Nominating Petitions along with applicable documents in the Office of the Board Secretary or her designee at the address stated above.

Dated at Danville, Illinois this 27th day of September, 2018.

David W. Harby, Chairperson
Kerri Thurman, Board Secretary

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BROUILLETS CREEK TOWNSHIP

01-04-35-100-012	PEREZ KELLY K	2,743.30
01-05-32-100-005	MALLORY ROBERT	211.81
01-09-12-300-004	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	544.51
01-09-13-100-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	356.46
01-09-13-400-003	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	655.89
01-10-05-100-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,094.50
01-10-05-300-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,211.69
01-10-05-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	579.96
01-10-06-200-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,410.60
01-10-06-300-008	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	635.64
01-10-06-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,736.78
01-10-07-200-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,040.68
01-10-08-100-003	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	444.70
01-10-08-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	342.00
01-10-16-300-004	PROSPECT BANK / TRUST 455-397	2,077.15
01-10-19-100-003	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	270.40
01-10-19-200-003	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	166.96
01-10-19-300-003	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,850.76
01-10-19-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,498.10
01-10-20-100-003	KNIGHT LUCAS RAY	739.66
01-10-20-300-004	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	91.74
01-10-29-100-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	509.07
01-10-29-100-004	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	163.57
01-10-29-300-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,206.61
01-10-29-400-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,049.42
01-10-30-100-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,515.89
01-10-30-200-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	2,340.90
01-10-30-300-004	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	870.51
01-10-30-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,619.46

BUCK TOWNSHIP

02-12-21-379-008	DAWN HILBERBRAND	583.51
02-12-21-452-002	CORDELL JONAH	33.49
02-12-21-452-003	CORDELL JONAH	337.46
02-12-21-477-005	MCCONKEY KENNETH R & DARLENE	52.59
02-12-21-477-006	MCCONKEY KENNETH R & DARLENE	128.94
02-17-03-300-001	STAUB ANNETTE	968.94
02-17-04-400-002	STAUB ANNETTE	504.53
02-17-10-100-003	BRINKERHOFF JOHN R- OREGON	2,598.70
02-17-10-200-001	BRINKERHOFF JOHN R- OREGON	3,197.37
02-70-17-033-000-01	STAUB ANNETTE ESTATE	237.12
02-70-17-044-000-02	STAUB ANNETTE ESTATE	121.98
02-70-17-102-000-01	BRINKERHOFF JOHN TTEE/JOHN K BRINKERHOFF RV TR 1992 OREGON	107.08
02-75-17-101-000-01	BRINKERHOFF JOHN K REV TR 1992 / BRINKERHOFF JOHN R -OREGON	1,892.86

EDGAR TOWNSHIP

03-08-13-305-007	RAGLE RAYMOND E & KENA M	27.48
03-08-25-351-001	LARRANCE JAMES F SR	30.84
03-08-35-200-004	SHUMAKER LESTER H & MERRILYN	148.44
03-08-35-200-005	PROSPECT BANK TRUST 455C-4067	1,073.14
03-09-08-300-006	HIRES ERNEST R & KIMBERLY A	341.59
03-09-21-200-007	CROSSMAN RICH	100.79
03-09-21-200-008	CROSSMAN RICH	36.04
03-09-28-100-006	CROSSMAN RICH	24.08
03-09-32-200-009	CAROLYN TRUST / JOHNSON CAROLYN K TTEE	1,315.60

ELBRIDGE TOWNSHIP

04-19-13-100-003	PANETTI VICTOR A III	566.36
04-19-33-200-001	FITZPATRICK MATTHEW	222.04
04-20-31-100-005	DAVIDSON RICK C	43.81
04-20-31-100-008	WEBSTER RICHARD E & WANDA D	110.38
04-20-31-200-018	WEBSTER RICHARD E & WANDA D	199.85
04-24-01-400-020	WHEATFILL JONATHON C	1,260.72
04-25-06-100-020	BOATMAN LISA	906.94
04-25-16-300-004	ABRELL JORDAN R	145.08

EMBARRASS TOWNSHIP

05-06-25-352-003	INGRAM JONATHAN E & GERALDINE	340.07
05-06-25-353-005	WAHL RICK W & ROBIN M	475.10
05-06-26-100-016	LUTTRELL-BENNETT AMY	1,177.04
05-06-26-477-001	MILBURN DANIEL E & KIMBERLY D	739.08
05-06-26-478-010	WAHL RICK W & ROBIN M	372.08
05-06-34-300-001	STANFIELD JAMES FOSTER	2,673.40
05-06-35-202-003	PIERSON CHRISTOPHER & / BENNETT BRANDY	158.66
05-06-35-227-002	MCCORMICK KARLA & MARY TRUSTE	1,713.82
05-06-35-276-004	WAHL RICH W	55.99
05-06-35-277-006	LEONETTI RICHARD & CANDACE	391.07
05-06-35-280-002	WAHL RICK	60.80
05-06-35-281-001	WAHL RICK	60.80
05-06-35-281-003	BOGLE C E & GERTIE M	136.93
05-11-22-231-004	PARSLEY STEVEN & SHIRLEY A	280.28
05-11-22-231-005	PARSLEY STEVEN JOE & SHIRLEY A	147.94
05-11-22-232-008	PARSLEY STEVE & SHIRLEY	24.88
05-11-23-200-016	MCGREGOR TYLER	17.33
05-11-23-201-002	MCGREGOR TYLER	260.35
05-11-23-211-003	LUSTER TRACY	25.70
05-11-23-212-002	LUSTER TRACY	232.21
05-11-23-212-003	LUSTER TRACY	36.44

GRANDVIEW TOWNSHIP

06-17-36-300-006	NEBERGALL LORI	1,200.10
06-17-36-401-002	KOCHVAR HENRY & KOCHVAR JAMES	1,367.20
06-18-19-400-003	LYNCH SHANE T	5,858.55
06-18-31-300-005	SABLOTNY ELIZABETH A	1,720.69

HUNTER TOWNSHIP

07-10-31-100-009	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	784.66
07-10-31-200-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,385.22
07-10-32-100-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,523.91
07-10-32-200-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	1,291.53
07-10-32-300-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	718.26
07-10-32-400-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	173.79
07-10-33-100-004	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	58.70
07-10-33-300-009	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	50.59
07-15-04-100-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	331.94
07-15-04-300-001	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	98.26
07-15-05-200-002	WALKER JERRY G ET AL	31.19
07-15-17-300-009	DORAN JOHN A	1,076.09
07-15-17-300-011	UNIVERSAL LAND & LIVESTOCK LLC	328.41

KANSAS TOWNSHIP

08-16-12-100-007	STITES DANA SUE LAVENDER	207.73
08-16-23-326-011	PARKER DAWN RACHEL	464.54
08-16-23-353-001	HUNTER MARK A / P O BOX 165	231.50
08-16-23-379-001	MCALLISTER SIMON	730.78
08-16-23-379-002	MCALLISTER SIMON	387.01
08-16-23-379-008	MCALLISTER SIMON	74.95
08-16-23-383-006	LEONARD STEPHEN E	151.85
08-16-26-132-001	MADDOX INVESTMENTS LLC / P O BOX 68	901.80
08-16-26-135-001	TYNER SAM	285.19
08-16-26-140-008	ALLWEGOT INVESTMENT PROPERTIES	388.06
08-16-26-142-009	CONLEY JEREMY C & MISTY S	333.95
08-16-26-183-007	PROSPECT BANK / TRUST 455-528	164.69
08-16-26-189-001	TOMES DANIEL D & / LEONARD STEPHEN E	497.53
08-16-27-227-005	JONES JESSE & TINA	1,240.32
08-16-27-227-006	JONES JESSE & TINA	107.69

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09-13-16-200-006	LINDSEY MARC E	1,516.68
09-13-23-300-003	RHOADS LAWRENCE RANDALL	1,035.98
09-13-25-452-002	MALOVSKI JENNIFER LYNN & IBUSH	10,264.11
09-13-25-452-003	MALOVSKI JENNIFER LYNN & IBUSH	1,326.34
09-13-25-452-013	MALOVSKI JENNIFER LYNN & IBUSH	497.87
09-13-26-100-006	HALL GERALD L & SHERRY M	448.65
09-13-26-401-007	WRIGHT DONALD L & BRENDA K	2,747.59
09-13-35-451-003	STEPP JESSICA ROCHELLE	233.49
09-13-35-451-008	SHICK ANDREW & DONOVAN ANGELA	1,273.01
09-13-35-452-002	HADDIX MICHAEL KENT & / HARDWAY TONYA J	340.70
09-13-35-452-010	WRIGHT JAY LEE	528.16
09-13-35-476-001	TINKHAM BESSIE E	92.81
09-13-35-476-005	TINKHAM BESSIE	46.28
09-13-35-476-006	TINKHAM BESSIE E	100.33
09-13-35-477-009	RIGSBY CLIFTON W	255.60
09-13-35-477-015	MAXWELL SAMUEL L	60.89
09-13-35-478-004	DEWEESE LARRY	26.05
09-13-35-479-002	GOSNELL DARREN & JENNIFER	111.30
09-13-35-480-018	FURGERSON JEARLD W	222.65
09-13-35-486-004	MILLER LAURA E	850.02
09-13-36-178-006	SLIFER JAMES R LE	1,734.69
09-13-36-200-036	HENDERSON DAVID W	1,471.79
09-13-36-327-006	MARCHANT CHRISTINE RENEE & ANTHONY RAY	1,065.83
09-13-36-376-008	BROWN MICHAEL & / BRENNEMAN WILLIAM	514.19
09-13-36-376-009	COONCE DONALD M II	311.21
09-13-36-380-007	BRANDT STUART & JENNIFER	636.06
09-13-36-381-004	MUNDS TINA	599.78
09-13-36-381-019	EAV ASSETS LLC	550.48
09-13-36-404-014	OGLE TIFFANY	830.49
09-13-36-406-012	HARBOUR DAVID & DEBRA	75.58
09-13-36-406-013	MAGAR SUSAN J	164.43
09-13-36-407-006	MAGAR SUSAN J	4,643.57
09-13-36-407-007	SNYDER ABBEY G & ALLISON M	2,560.74
09-13-36-407-014	STANDAGE PATRICIA K	380.88
09-13-36-451-011	MCCARTY CANDIS	1,300.26
09-13-36-453-013	KIGER PATRICIA L	162.57
09-13-36-479-004	PETERSON DANIEL P	255.73
09-14-30-300-035	EDWARDS LANCE B & KIMBERLY S	20.91
09-14-31-351-009	WINKLER JOHN D & / WINKLER ROBIN A	1,499.34
09-14-32-101-018	JITENDRAKUMAR SODVADIYA / HETAL VORA	174.28
09-18-01-101-001	BUTLER MELANIE LYNN	1,284.44
09-18-01-101-005	STANFIELD DAVID L LIVING TR & / STANFIELD EVELYN K LIVING TR	265.81
09-18-01-104-005	HUTSON MARIANNE	765.06
09-18-01-104-023	MOORE KAREN S	1,012.80
09-18-01-106-004	ELLEDGE LISA ANN	855.60
09-18-01-106-006	MOORE KAREN S	772.81
09-18-01-106-009	TODD JOHNA J	136.53
09-18-01-106-010	LUSTER TRACY	450.95
09-18-01-127-002	WALLS STEVE & DEBBIE	464.43
09-18-01-127-024	TROVER MICHAEL	300.24
09-18-01-127-030	ORNDOFF SHIRLEY A	284.44
09-18-01-128-001	LITTLEJOHN THEODORE L & KAREN	1,096.53
09-18-01-154-013	MOORE KAREN S	1,208.16
09-18-01-154-023	MOORE KAREN S	686.31
09-18-01-179-011	HOLLOWAY ANTHONY & KAY D	386.85
09-18-01-179-015	BARNHART BRENT A	1,045.63
09-18-01-202-008	SANSONE JOHN R II & CINDY S	943.40
09-18-01-203-006	GENT JOSH & JANNIE	126.59
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09-18-01-203-012	KENNEDY JERRY & TAMMY	273.26
09-18-01-205-002	TIMMERMAN KENNETH E & TRUDY C	252.98
09-18-01-208-004	BELL SHAWN E & JENNIFER A	893.74
09-18-01-208-005	BELL SHAWN E & JENNIFER A	952.34
09-18-01-210-003	BENNETT KEITH E	1,230.50
09-18-01-210-005	REED DUSTIN M	1,378.40
09-18-01-229-011	MOORE KAREN S	926.30
09-18-01-232-008	MOORE KAREN S	757.93
09-18-01-276-022	WELLS MIKE & MELISSA	152.33
09-18-01-276-023	WELLS MICHAEL W & MELISSA S	480.71
09-18-01-277-010	KOCHVAR MICHAEL & / KOCHVAR JAMES H	344.90
09-18-01-278-003	FOLTZ BRANDON	1,092.72
09-18-01-278-005	KIGER DAVID & KIGER DANIEL	262.10
09-18-01-303-012	COOLEY BRADLEY	1,321.67
09-18-01-305-007	MILNER WILLIAM A & MINDI J	2,228.89
09-18-01-305-016	HUIE BRITTANY	1,042.42
09-18-01-305-021	LANDSAW KENNETH / TROVER VALORIE	1,804.46
09-18-01-306-009	FAT ASSETS ILLINOIS LLC	539.32
09-18-01-306-012	SMITH RACHAEL M	980.26
09-18-01-307-006	HOLLOWAY ANTHONY & KAY D	1,679.66
09-18-01-309-007	LYNCH TERRY L & BARBARA J	905.84
09-18-01-309-009	JOHNSON TRAVIS SR & KATHERINE	775.59
09-18-01-351-018	SCROGGINS JAMES A & JULIE A	88.39
09-18-01-351-019	VERMILLION JULIE	168.63
09-18-01-351-023	WELLS CARLA L	705.93
09-18-01-352-001	MOORE KAREN S	1,243.52
09-18-01-352-004	TRAMMEL TERESA	595.14
09-18-01-352-005	TRAMMEL TERESA	316.06
09-18-01-352-006	LEONETTI RICHARD & CANDACE M	506.04
09-18-01-352-010	HONRADEZ INVESTMENT GROUP LLC	604.44
09-18-01-354-013	MAXWELL SAM	99.40
09-18-01-354-024	ETCHISON CASEY	1,001.64
09-18-01-355-001	JACOBY STACY	394.40
09-18-01-355-006	FLANDERS DELORES LE	539.05
09-18-01-358-002	SHUMAKER CORY	1,338.41
09-18-01-364-005	LABAUME ERIC & JENNIFER	194.48
09-18-01-380-002	JOHNSON STEVE D JR	913.60
09-18-01-381-001	KNUTH HENRY A & ELSIE B	537.45

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09-18-01-381-009	SHERRELL THEREL J IV & MISTY D	1,637.00
09-18-01-382-007	ENGLUM GEORGE THOMAS	1,515.13
09-18-01-384-007	VONDRAK DENISE M	507.42
09-18-01-401-043	PING JAMES R II & KRISTIN E	1,878.88
09-18-01-403-012	ACKLEN STANLEY J	442.57
09-18-01-403-014	CRUNK CHARLES JR & STACY	1,331.88
09-18-01-403-017	MAGAR SUSAN J & / MAGAR JAMES A	2,834.24
09-18-01-428-019	DT REO INC	352.34
09-18-01-452-009	MOORE KAREN S	1,428.63
09-18-01-452-026	FITZSIMMONS ROBERT L	1,250.02
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09-18-01-478-011	LENHART SANTANA	917.27
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09-18-02-227-008	MAXWELL SAMUEL L	150.75
09-18-02-232-009	WYCOFF TANIA M	601.86
09-18-02-235-003	KIGER DAVID L & PATRICIA L	265.81
09-18-02-251-005	LANKSTER BRUCE C SR	789.55
09-18-02-251-010	GOSNELL LINDA S	356.13
09-18-02-251-011	GAMBILL ORAL JACK JR & LORI A	353.26
09-18-02-252-002	GOSNELL LINDA SUE	161.29
09-18-02-255-006	TROVER JAMES & BRIDGETT	323.12
09-18-02-257-004	DASILVA AMY	235.97
09-18-02-257-025	LINDSEY OVA LEE SR & JAZQUELIN	199.77
09-18-02-276-008	KIGER DANIEL	257.45
09-18-02-280-007	MAXWELL SAMUEL I	21.92
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09-18-02-401-007	PHILLIPS KARL	393.26
09-18-02-401-016	MARTIN JEFF	984.90
09-18-02-403-006	BUTTERFIELD BOBBY JOE & TERESA	83.81
09-18-02-403-013	FAIRBAIRN GERALD EDWARD	531.72
09-18-02-404-006	SMITH NORMAN LE & LOIS ANN LE	418.48
09-18-02-404-009	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	156.25
09-18-02-405-024	KESSLER HERSHEL R & MARY L	1,037.92
09-18-02-405-028	TRACY SCOTT W & JANET L	832.92
09-18-02-429-005	LANKSTER BRUCE C	625.82
09-18-02-429-008	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	248.86
09-18-02-429-009	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	324.04
09-18-02-429-012	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	248.39
09-18-02-430-002	LINDSEY STEVEN	53.73
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09-18-02-431-007	HUDSON LESLIE ANNA MARIE	250.02
09-18-02-432-004	LYNCH BARBARA J	730.95
09-18-02-432-017	SPENCER SCOTT L	181.46
09-18-02-434-006	MALONE JEREMY & CARRIE	1,134.67
09-18-02-435-001	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	588.11
09-18-02-476-008	WALLS ABBIE G	311.51
09-18-02-477-005	WILLIAMS NICHOLAS ET AL	1,684.45
09-18-02-480-008	GRIFFIN BRIAN K	807.23
09-18-02-482-004	NEWCOMER KEVIN J & TERESA A & / HALEY ALICIA MARIE	251.70
09-18-11-200-010	HORNBROOK LARRY G & MARGARET E	980.74
09-18-12-101-014	MEANS JAMES EDGAR & TIMOTHY / ALLEN	157.91
09-18-12-109-001	BRENEMAN WILLIAM E & THEREN E	244.82
09-18-12-110-004	AVENUE BROADBAND COMMUNICATION / ATTN: CANDI CHAPPELL	2,801.67
09-18-12-110-006	JOHNSON KATHERINE M	6,136.60
09-18-12-112-001	HORNBROOK LARRY G & MARGARET E	1,135.61
09-18-12-112-010	HORNBROOK LARRY G & MARGARET E	132.78
09-18-12-113-011	GROSS BARBARA	140.20
09-18-12-126-013	ROOT JONATHAN M & SABRINA J	582.11
09-18-12-126-014	ROOT JON & SABRINA	69.54
09-18-12-126-025	KEMPER CECIL R & MARY JANE LE	96.52
09-18-12-127-013	SHUMAKER SASHA	902.12
09-18-12-128-008	HOLLOWAY JAMES DOUGLAS	806.79
09-18-12-131-009	POORE JENNIFER J	171.87
09-18-12-160-013	HURTADO ANTONIO J	1,092.81

09-18-12-162-008	CAHILL BENJAMIN	283.24
09-18-12-177-001	MURPHY LINDA M	208.05
09-18-12-203-005	TRETTOR SHIRLEY	1,063.05
09-18-12-210-004	JOHNSON KATHERYN S & RONNIE JR	369.73
09-18-12-252-002	GARNER DENNIS MICHAEL	255.60
09-18-12-253-004	BEN CAHILL	1,782.26
09-18-12-253-005	RAMEY CYNTHIA JANE	270.37
09-18-12-305-002	SHANNON ROBERT	576.51
09-18-12-326-008	BELL SHAWN E & JENNIFER A	131.87
09-18-12-326-009	BELL SHAWN E & JENNIFER A	200.72
09-18-13-200-020	JONES RANDEL L	1,913.93
09-19-06-100-034	ACKLEN STANLEY JAY	532.81
09-19-06-153-007	JOHNSON PETER J	625.69
09-19-06-154-015	KENNEDY LENNIE	231.77
09-19-06-156-002	HOGAN HAYDEN & TABITHA	550.48
09-19-06-156-018	SABRA HEALTH CARE HOLDINGS LLC	28,748.66
09-19-06-181-007	HUTCHCRAFT ROBERT D & JOAN	843.87
09-19-06-300-018	PETERSEN HEALTH CARE II INC	32,841.20
09-19-06-426-014	PROSPECT BANK / TRUST 455-425	180.78
09-19-18-100-009	LYNCH TERRY L & BARBARA J	1,187.42

PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP

10-04-11-100-003	SPARKS T BRION	3,656.30
10-04-11-200-006	COOK JOSEPH & AMBER	132.50
10-04-12-200-004	WATERS JAMES P	1,304.86
10-04-23-200-003	ANDERSON SCOTT & CINDY A	2,097.90
10-04-25-400-001	ANDERSON DAVID SCOTT & CYNTHIA	286.91
10-04-25-400-007	ANDERSON DAVID SCOTT & / CYNTHIA A	385.46
10-04-26-256-004	WILSON BRYAN M & KRISTY L	26.91
10-04-26-261-003	BOOTS JERRY L & VELDA M	262.08
10-05-20-300-009	BURMOOD TREVOR A & CASANDRA J	1,341.44

ROSS TOWNSHIP

11-03-01-400-012	MCKINNEY GLENN	237.48
11-03-24-100-007	URSO ANTHONY G	49.69
11-03-25-351-007	WOLFE JACOB T & SAMANTHA S	1,759.94
11-03-26-476-005	RAZMUS S JOSEPH	280.88
11-03-26-477-006	BROADHURST RUTH ELLEN	810.97
11-03-33-100-005	JENNESS SAMUEL D & KIMBERLY K / 22591 N 1325TH ST	109.92
11-03-35-131-001	THEVENIN WALTER M	635.60
11-03-35-202-003	BROWN THOMAS & KAYLEE	673.95
11-03-35-203-009	BOUTON BRENT R	476.66
11-03-35-205-015	HILDEBRAND DARLENE C	355.74
11-03-35-208-001	PROSPECT BANK / TRUST 455C-3694	2,472.44
11-03-35-208-002	PROSPECT BANK / TRUST 455C-3694	63.25
11-03-35-208-003	COUNTRYSIDE CHEVROLET INC	230.81
11-03-35-231-006	VANDYKE JEFFREY A & LYNNE M	343.77
11-03-35-232-002	CRUNK DONALD E	468.04
11-03-35-233-008	BOUTON ROBERT H & PAULA J	457.64
11-03-35-252-011	TINGLEY FREDERICK A	583.14
11-03-35-259-004	GIANOS SARA & HENDRICK GARRY	1,102.26
11-03-35-277-003	MALLORY ROBERT G & LORI R	469.57
11-03-35-327-005	KING BLONDIE EUGENE	149.38
11-03-35-409-005	BOYD JAMES & KATHY	2,731.60
11-03-36-109-014	GALVIN RICHARD & LORENA	485.04
11-03-36-154-010	MCNULTY CARRIE E	174.77
11-03-36-156-005	DAVIDSON JACK H & PHYLLIS ANN	1,737.24

SHILOH TOWNSHIP

12-06-01-100-001	DEWITT JERRY	8,480.08
12-06-10-300-002	SMITH CAROLYN ELIZABETH	1,466.04
12-06-23-100-002	LAUNIUS VIOLET G REV LIVING TR / LAUNIUS GREGORY D TTEE	1,693.22
12-06-24-300-003	LANCE ROBERT C	665.45
12-07-04-200-010	BARRETT CHARLES FRANCIS	527.89
12-08-30-100-009	FABIAN DENNIS	743.30

STRATTON TOWNSHIP

13-15-28-300-009	TAPLEY VINCENT S & TIFFANY N	1,011.92
13-19-10-300-002	SVENDSEN ROBERT K & CAROLA	805.73
13-19-10-300-006	SVENDSEN ROBERT & CAROL TRUST / SVENDSEN ROBERT&CAROL TT	140.19
13-19-11-480-004	CLINE WILLIAM H IV & / BRENNEMAN RACHEL	373.91
13-19-12-353-004	MATTINGLY BRENDA J	363.76
13-19-12-358-004	PIPER PERRY II LONG TERM TRUST / STEWART KIM CO TRUSTEE	699.41
13-19-12-358-016	JONES JAN	454.34
13-19-12-361-001	STOOPS JEROME & VIRGINIA	179.90
13-19-12-386-007	US BANK NATL ASSOC / PROF 2013-S3 LEGAL TITLE TRUST	164.05

SYMMES TOWNSHIP

14-18-24-400-037	MAZZA MICHAEL P & TAMMY	2,158.60
14-19-17-300-007	YOUNG DONNIE L & VIRGINIA H	1,335.12
14-19-17-401-011	CONWAY TIMOTHY & JEANINE	798.33
14-19-17-403-009	GALLAGHER CONNIE SUE	1,414.29
14-19-19-100-024	LASHINSKI WILLIAM & JANE	130.61
14-19-31-100-026	STEWART JAMES & KIMBERLY	1,258.22
14-23-02-400-015	BOARD ERNEST G & SONYA R	521.21
14-24-18-300-020	MCMAHAN MERVIN LEON & MARY MAE	786.87

YOUNG AMERICA TOWNSHIP

15-01-01-400-001	ROTHERMEL JOHN W	2,743.78
15-01-25-100-002	GODFREY FARM TRUST / TESSMER LYNNE TTEE	6,557.85
15-02-31-301-009	MARCRUM IMOGENE	475.99
15-02-31-330-001	ALLEN JASON & ANGELA	792.85
15-02-31-405-008	GRAFTON JUNE	533.44
15-02-31-405-010	PULLEN LARRY R	918.30
15-02-31-407-001	GILLIGAN PAUL	85.32
15-02-31-408-002	GNADEN BONNIE	346.68
15-02-31-412-004	GRAFTON ALVIN L	167.54
15-02-31-452-001	GRAFTON ALVIN L & SUSAN E	277.84
15-02-31-456-005	KNICLEY ROY L & SHIRLEY J	38.05
15-02-32-100-007	DYE JEREMY & TONI	638.47
15-02-34-229-001	BALLINGER DENNIS D	31.09
15-02-34-230-010	SHELLENBARGER JIMMIE / LAMPE CORY GENE ETAL%RICHEY RE	228.22
15-02-34-231-004	COMERFORD WILLIAM	530.12
15-02-34-276-002	HENNESS JASON	564.98
15-02-34-276-003	HENNESS JASON	138.83
15-02-34-282-002	BUCKELLEW JASON P & VIRGINIA	174.40
15-02-34-282-005	BORNTREGER ALAN M & JAMIE L / P O BOX 35	174.79
15-02-34-284-001	ELLIOTT TOMMY L JR & AMANDA N	95.47
15-02-34-284-003	MANESS CHARLES	146.64
15-02-34-284-006	SMITH BRYAN K	33.12
15-02-34-284-007	SMITH BRYAN K	237.56

"Notice is hereby given that I, Donald G. Wiseman, Treasurer and Ex-Officio County Collector of Edgar County, in the State of Illinois, will apply to the Circuit Court of said county at 8:30 A.M. on November 13, 2018, for Judgment against the lands and lots described in the foregoing list for the taxes, interest, and costs due and unpaid thereon for the year 2017 (and previous years) or any part thereof. Said lands and lots being situated in the County of Edgar, in the State of Illinois, as set forth in the foregoing list. Simultaneously, I will apply for an order to sell the taxes on the same lands and lots for the satisfaction of thereof, and for judgment fixing the correct amount of any tax paid under protest.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the first Thursday succeeding application for judgment, said date being November 15, 2018, the taxes on all lands and lots in the foregoing list against which judgment shall have been pronounced and for sale of which an order shall have been made will be exposed for public sale at the Edgar County Courthouse, PARIS, IL. The amount of sale being taxes, interest, and fees thereon. Said sale will commence at 1:00 PM on November 15, 2018.

Any persons wishing to purchase delinquent taxes at the tax sale must register with the County Collector ten (10) business days prior to the sale(FINAL TIME to register October 31, 4:00 PM) and submit a \$200.00 registration fee to be used toward the purchases at the sale. A written registration is required. A copy of the delinquent parcels to be sold is available from the Collector. For more information call the Edgar County Collector at 217-466-7446."

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CUB SCOUTS FOOD DRIVE



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Local Cub Scouts are getting ready to host the semi-annual food drive. Cub Scouts will collect canned and other non-perishable foods 9 a.m.-noon Nov. 10 at the Kroger and Save-A-Lot stores. Scouts collected 64.5 pounds of food and \$200 in donations for the local food pantry during the November 2017 food drive. Left to right, Deb Trowbridge, JJ Hawkins, Jacob Slater, Max Hayes and Cindy Whitt.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS



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Paris recently hosted a group of international social workers from Germany and a psychologist from Columbia as participants in The Council of International Programs, Chicago. The guests visited Arthur with stops at the Amish Haiti Relief Auction and the home of the Amish family of Verna, Ray and Neil Hostetler. The visitors met their Paris host families at a dinner at Carolyn and Reid Sutton's home. All of the guests live with families in Chicago and work in their chosen fields from three months to a year while in the U.S. Seated, left to right, local programmer Barbara Dick, Uta Dahlem of Germany, Anna Steil of Germany, Katrin Bechhold of Germany and Maria Asevedo of Columbia; and standing, left to right, Director of The Council of International Programs George Palamattam, Larry and Nancy Hansel, Carolee Hicks, Carolyn Sutton, Roz Knox, Mick Michels, Joan Brown, Connie Michels, Dave Brown, David Dick and John Knox.

HAPPY HALLOWEEN



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Don Brinkerhoff and Betty Brinkerhoff enjoy the trick or treaters at the Paris Healthcare Halloween festivities.



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The Village of Brocton celebrated Halloween Oct. 27 with a community weiner roast and costume contest at the American Legion Post.

PARIS DISTRICT 95 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Paris Union School District 95	300 E Wood St	217-465-8448	8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
School District/Joint Agreement Name	Address	Telephone	Office Hours

Also by **January 15**, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2018, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2018

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	1,769,725	676,364	518,029	157,196	403,643	372,862	36,389	59,467	0
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	7,207,100	649,091	0	126,873	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	951,957	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		9,928,782	1,325,455	518,029	284,069	403,643	372,862	36,389	59,467	0
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		9,226,617	1,155,844	549,825	331,016	352,357	143,518		286,654	0
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		36,389	0	0	0	0	0	(36,389)	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2017		1,191,548	2,087,828	43,121	904,188	302,820	0	0	608,275	2,884
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2018		1,930,102	2,257,439	11,325	857,241	354,106	229,344	0	381,088	2,884

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL AND NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
Alexandere, Aaron; Allen, Candice; Archer, Tabitha; Ball, Michelle; Barrett, Elizabeth; Bosc, Kristi; Brann, Janine; Camp, Clella; Cash, Marian; Cearlock, Jami; Curl, Kimberly; Dayton, Deborah; Dixon, Peggy; Downs, Kimberly; Drake, Cathy; Eads, Carol; Faulk, Vickie; Furgeson, Kelli; Goodwin, Kelsey; Grimes, Denise; Hardie, Heather; Hendrickson, Jessica; Higgins, Cayla; Huffington, Ashley; Johnson, Brenda; Johnson, Gustav; Kennedy, Rebecca; Kirby, Anne; Lowry, Joel; Magers, Mary; Mattingly, Marian; Miller, Samantha; Moody, Stephanie; Ogle, Melanie; Patrick, Page; Poynter, Janet; Ray, Carolyn; Sanders, Haley; Sedletzec, Mary Ann; Shay, Kyle; Snyder, Mary; Stanley, George; Strader, Mailey; Trotter, Crystal; Tyler, Jana; Whitacre, Martha; Whittington, Marilyn; Wiseman, Drake; Witmer, Jane; Witmer, Russell; Wright, Sharon	Beeman, Cayleigh; Boren, Jonathon; Bulthouse, John; Davis, Faith; Farley, Christina; Fonseca, Rebecca; Garver, Jacob; Jeffries, Kalen; Kays, Laurie; Miller, Jessica; Tarr, Creighton; Temples, Kaitlin; Woods, Kimberly	Allen, Michele; Barker, Kendra; Blair, Jessica; Brimmer, Kori; Brouwer, Michael; Brown, Ashlee; Burch, Annette; Camp, Kaatje; Carroll, Megan; Cary, Melissa; Clark, Christina; Clawson, Adam; Cook, Michelle; Craffets, Dana; Emberton, Sheryl; Fessant, Bradley; Foor, Neil; Freeze, Amy; Gorman, Karla; Grant, Shiela; Hanson, Ryan; Hernandez, Natalie; Hollis, Erika; Holloway, Natalie; Kahl, Nancy; Karges, Brittany; Larson, Jaime; Mayhugh, Jessica; McCluskey, Heather; Mitchell, Andrea; Muchow, Robin; Payne, Amy; Ramsey, Kathi; Redman, Taylor; Sanders, Nicholas; Schmitt, Stephanie; Smith, Monica; Snedeker, Tiffany; Stites, Dana; Tarr, Lucy; Thomas, Julia; Wagoner, Jody; Wimssett, Marie; Wooten, Melynda; Young, Melinda	Barbee, Cynthia; Clawson, Christine; Doughan, Gary; Gates, Daniel; Henson, Jo Ellen; Hibschman, Amy; Lewsader, Kim; Roberts, Mick; Sanders, Robi; Vaughn, Emily; Wilson, Cynthia; Wirth, Alison	Larson, Jeremy; Perry, Amy

GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

Salary Range: Less Than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
Alexander, Kyle; Andrews, Eilyn; Ashley, Debra; Bailey, Brooke; Beaven, Hayden; Bradley, Melissa; Branson, Zara; Campbell, Amy; Cary, Danielle; Collier, Sarah; Craig, Denise; Davidson, Darla; Davis, Sandra; Deckard, Hillary; Downs, Michael; Erwin, Mary; Evard, Michael; Evitt, Sharon; Foes, Andrews; Francis, Tonya; French, Vonda; Frisz, Mary; Garvin, Matt; Gosnell, William; Haddix, Sheryl; Harris, Brandon; Havercroft, Kathleen; Henson, Patrease; Hill, Amy; Hires, Ivan; Hodgson, Brianne; Hoffman, Carr; Hollis, Shelby; Horsley, Georgia; Huddleson, Chasta; Johnson, Heather; Justice, Karen; Keppy, Breeze; Kerrick, James; Kile, Steven; Kirk, Michael; Linnaberry, Megan; Marlow, Lisa; McCollough, Lisa; Melton, Diana; Mihalko, Cheryl; Miller, Kayla; Moody, Jeffrey; Morris, Michael; Muchow, Cynthia; Perry, Caleb; Porter, Kathy; Reed, Caprice; Rich, Marcia; Ring, Bethany; Roberts, Regina; Rodrick, Rodney; Rogers, Andrea; Sanders, Laura; Sly, Allyn; Steward, Janice; Stuck, Marnita; Sutton, Connie; Sutton, Judy; Switzer, Bobbie; Switzer, Mary; Tingley, Pat; Tyler, Sheri; Whiteman, Jennifer; Williams, Megan; Willoughby, Patti; Wiseman, Renate; Wright, Carrie; Wooten, Abbie; Wright, James; Wright, Patricia; Wright, Tiffany; Youngblood, Sharon	Arrasmith, Trudy; Bell, Amanda; Brouwer, Suzannah; Burns, Victoria; Drake, Lori; Graves, Deborah; Henness, Jennifer; Hollis, Joshua; Johnson, Sandi; Keller, Sally; Redmon, Austin; Redmon, Dylan	Bell, Nathan, Thurman, Jerry	Collier, Anna, Julian, Evelyn; Roberts, Samuel

Payments over \$2,500, excluding wages and salaries.

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Action Pest Control, Inc	8,902	Garaventa USA, Inc	9,762	Pools True Value	5,087
AEP Energy	129,912	Getz Fire Equipment Co	5,892	Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc	32,666
AFLAC	27,712	GHR Engineering and Assoc. Inc	6,966	Prospect Bank	862,415
Alpha Baking Co	4,025	Gordon Construction	2,766	Quill Corporation	9,542
Ameren Illinois	12,045	Guardian	7,002	Ramza Insurance Group, Inc	76,442
APT Dues	46,433	HOH Water Technology, Inc	5,044	Reliable Plumbing and Heating Co	137,913
B & B Food Distributors, Inc	51,642	HP Products	5,564	Renaissance Learning, Inc	16,230
B & B Tree Removal	8,000	IASB	3,848	Ricmar Industries	3,510
Bacon 7&Van Buskirk	8,619	Ideal Environmental	2,560	Robbins Schwartz, Ltd	18,787
Baltimore Aircoil Co	13,732	IASA	15,160	Roehm Refrigeration, Inc	16,999
BCBS of IL	699,088	IL Teachers Retirement	10,692	Rogards	10,139
Bell Techlogix	9,271	Illini FS, Inc	34,278	RP Lumber Co., Inc	2,824
Benjamins Office Supply	12,813	IDER	253,340	Specialized Data Systems	4,992
Bennett Electronic Service	12,343	Imprest Fund	35,822	STS Education	95,691
Bushue Human Resources, Inc	8,700	IMRF	193,682	Sysco Central Illinois, Inc	104,302
Capital Bank & Trust Co	2,750	Industrial Supply	9,155	Teachers Health Insurance System	85,543
Card Services	67,035	Ingrum Waste Disposal, Inc	19,985	Teaching Strategies	5,408
Cardinal Lot Cleaning and Maintenance	12,957	Insight Public Sector SLED	13,970	Technology Management Fund	7,120
City of Paris-Crossing Guards	16,200	John Deere Financial	5,902	Teklab, Inc	2,500
City of Paris-Water Department	23,874	Kemmerer Village	4,141	The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Co	317,518
Computer Resources LLC	24,282	Kemper CPA Group	17,500	The Master Teacher Co	4,425
Computer Wares	6,119	Lakeshore Elementary	32,764	The Music Shoppe, Inc	2,957
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	30,532	Lorenz Supply Co	13,204	The Pavilion	3,966
Continental Research Corp	5,293	Masco Packaging & Industrial Supply	15,434	Total Funds	5,175
Cornel University TCI TXT	4,400	McGraw Hill Education	171,153	TRS	449,154
Crestwood School	12,083	Metlife	4,131	Tyco SimplexGrinnell	4,030
Curriculum Associates LLC	30,216	Moby Max LLC	2,590	U.S. Bank	117,856
D I Supply	3,193	MSB Transportation, Inc	241,271	United Refrigeration, Inc	2,972
De Lage Landen Public Finance	21,996	Mystery Science, Inc	2,997	US Bank Trust N.A.	116,956
Delta Dental	35,226	NCS Pearson, Inc	6,004	Vadas Auto Parts	2,506
Detection Security Co	4,747	Newwave Communications	6,017	Valley Electric Supply Co	7,369
Dirt Poor Landscaping	6,584	Nextera Energy Services	19,431	Vision Service Plan	8,954
e2e Exchange LLC	3,500	Nixon Insurance Agency	4,207	Water Walkers, Inc	10,125
Frontier	22,647	Paris Cooperative High School	2,557,123	Watts Copy Systems, Inc	22,856
		Phillip E Wagoner	2,526		