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St. Paris hears CERT update

UU choir to perform spring concert

Village must wait before proceeding with annexation

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ST. PARIS - Village council learned about local CERT classes and renewed a few contracts during session Monday evening.

"I need your help," Ed Corwin, Champaign County Citizen Corps administrator, told council Monday. He said he needs more participants for the next session of CERT classes. CERT is the Community Emergency Response Team.

He said he would like to see at least 10 people from St. Paris attend the classes in order to become first responders for emergency situations. About 60 people in the county have already attended the classes.

The next classes will begin April 25 from 6-9 p.m. and will be held on

Tuesdays and Thursdays for six consecutive days.

Anyone 14 years or older may take the class for free.

Those interested can contact Corwin at the Champaign County Citizen Corps, P.O. Box 245, Urbana or via e-mail at CCCVCERT@aol.com.

Mayor's notes

In other matters Monday, Mayor Joe Braden informed council that several members attended the Local Government Conference last week. A meeting was set for council members to hear what was learned from the conference. That meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. on April 27 in the council room.

Braden informed council that the Sustainable Champaign with the economic development office will be held in the park building in the village on April 10 at 6 p.m.

The mayor also noted that the Graham Youth Athletic Association approached him about possibly adding more ball fields. Braden said council needs to discuss this as council must give consent before it takes place. The GYAA has a 25-year lease agreement

with the village which began in 1994.

Other matters

In other matters, council:

- Renewed an agreement with the village of Christiansburg for police phone service at a cost of \$15 per month for this year.

- Approved to re-enroll with the Ohio Municipal League for Gates McDonald to handle the village worker's compensation rates for a fee of \$806.

- Heard from the clerk that the village insurance company, Summit, has been bought by Medical Mutual of Ohio. The policy will remain the same. New cards will be distributed in May.

- Heard from the mayor that the annexation of over 300 acres to the west of the village was approved by the county commissioners. If no appeals come forward in 30 days, the file will be sent to the village, which will wait 60 days before taking action on the annexation.

- Heard from county health commissioner Shelia Hiddleston who introduced herself and gave contact information for when anyone has any concerns.

- Entered executive session to discuss litigation. No action was taken.

Special to the Citizen

Urbana University's choir, the University Singers, will perform the spring concert on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 11 and 12, on the university campus.

The April 11 performance will be held at 7 p.m. in the Honda Lecture Hall of the Lewis and Jean Moore Center for Mathematics and Science. The April 12 concert will begin at noon in the Presidents Dining Room. Each performance is open to the public. Admission is free.

The University Singers include sophomore Enisia Curry of Mansfield, freshman Andrew Hoban of Springfield, junior Christina Hopkins of Urbana, junior Matt Huffman of Urbana, sophomore Alicia Matthews of Urbana, sophomore Jessica Mills of Bellefontaine, sophomore Jackelyn Mills of Bellefontaine, senior Teresa Myers of Springfield, freshman Chris McCoy of Chillicothe, freshman Christine Ray of Springfield, junior Jarrod Ridenour of Piqua, freshman Heather Shotts of Quincy, sophomore Bob Stimmel of Lakeview and freshman Chris Tuco of Arcanum.

The choir plans to sing a medley of songs from the critically acclaimed opera by Andrew Lloyd Webber, "The Phantom of the Opera." The students also will perform "A Little Mozart," music composed by the 18th century composer arranged in 2004 by Linda Spvacek.

Other songs on the program include "Come to the Music," "The Little Light of Mine," "Get Happy" from "Summer Stock," "I'll Be There," "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" and "Irish Blessing."

The University Singers will perform "Song for Urbana University," the alma mater of Urbana University, written in 1929 by Alice Archer Sewell James and Frank Sewell.

Dog discovers human remains near park

GAHANNA, Ohio (AP) — A dog out for a walk with its owners discovered human remains buried at the edge of a creek near a park, police said.

The dog broke away from its family along a path Sunday, ran toward the creek and began digging fanatically, Gahanna police Lt. Jeffrey Spence said.

Authorities excavated the decomposed skeletal remains about 5 a.m. Monday from an area that is frequently flooded, he said.

Police said the remains are from a woman who was about 5 feet 7 inches tall.

"We think it might have been an

adult or someone in their late teens," Spence said. The remains were taken to the Franklin County coroner's office, where an autopsy was scheduled to begin today to help determine race and weight. Authorities were able to get a fingerprint from a hand that retained some tissue, Spence said.

Lightning damages building near St. Paris

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ST. PARIS - A small utility building at 11783 Possum Hollow Road was struck by lightning and caught fire on Sunday at approximately 11:30 p.m., according to St. Paris Fire Chief Dave Zimmerman. The St. Paris Fire Department responded to the scene, extinguished the fire and left the scene within one hour. The bolt of lightning put a hole in the side of the utility building.

Robert Zerkle is the owner of the building and a home at the address, according to Zimmerman. Zimmerman estimated that there was approximately \$1,000 in damage to the building and another \$1,000 worth of damage to yard equipment and other contents inside the building.

LOTTERY

NIGHT Drawings

Rolling Cash 5

7-8-22-32-33

(seven, eight, twenty-two, thirty-two, thirty-three)

The Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is \$172,000.

Pick 3 Numbers

9-3-2

(nine, three, two)

Pick 4 Numbers

1-7-0-6

(one, seven, zero, six)

DAY Drawings

Pick 3 Numbers

9-1-1

(nine, one, one)

Pick 4 Numbers

1-4-5-5

(one, four, five, five)

The Lot' O Play jackpot is \$2.3 million.

FARM PRICES

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Beans: \$5.62

Dayton

Corn: \$2.265

Career

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"When I got to L.A., I realized that it was going to be rough to make it only as a musician so I figured that I'd better diversify a bit," McLaughlin said.

One look at McLaughlin's resume and anyone can see how far diversification has taken him.

In 1984, he built his first recording studio in order to complete the sound effects editing for a UCLA student film that a friend brought him.

He said he enjoyed the sound effects work so much that he landed another job replacing the sound effects on 256 episodes of a Venezuelan soap opera that was being translated from Spanish to English.

"I finished that project which eventually brought me to the attention of Jim Kellehin, a staff producer for Warner Brothers Films," said McLaughlin. "He liked my work and hired me for other projects, but wanted to keep a closer eye on the projects, so he invited me to move my entire production company onto the Warner lot in Burbank. This was a dream come true. Just driving to work every day past the old Hollywood set of 'The Maltese Falcon' always gave me a thrill. Not to men-

tion having lunch at the commissary each day with every star you could imagine."

McLaughlin edited "The Best of Warner Brothers," which is a film that features highlights of all the legendary movies that the company has made.

This film is shown to thousands of people annually who take the WB Studio tour. He also was in charge of all the WB cartoon characters that were licensed out such as Wile E. Coyote, the Energizer Bunny and Pepe le Pew.

Presidential assignment

As seen in the picture that accompanies this story, McLaughlin has the special assignment of doing audio for President George W. Bush whenever he is in the Hollywood area.

"I had to go through an extensive FBI/CIA clearance process" he said.

As a videographer, McLaughlin recently spent time at Gwen Stefani's house while shooting a segment for Entertainment Tonight about one of Stefani's clothing designs. She designed a lavish, pearl-laden wedding gown for her guitar player's fiancé.

McLaughlin is now running his own audio/video production facility in Sherman Oaks, Calif.

"I've tried to do as many things as possible to keep

myself busy, and keep the 'flow' happening and I enjoy all the excitement, but I often think about coming back to my little 'fairy-tale town' of Urbana. It's getting so crowded and crazy out here in L.A. that I often long for the peace and serenity that Urbana is all about."

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