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Photo by Deb Fowlks

Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited the Phil and Mary Jane Buchen farm located just east of Avon on Tuesday, April 3. The governor discussed his proposal to provide every Illinoisan with affordable healthcare.

Blagojevich visits Avon farm

By **DEB FOWLKS**
Argus Sentinel Editor

"I will not raise taxes on working men and women." Those words came from Gov. Rod Blagojevich as he stood in the dining room of Phil and Mary Jane Buchen at their family farm, located just east of Avon, on Tuesday, April 3.

Blagojevich's "Investing in Families" bus tour made a stop at the Buchen farm where he promoted his plan to provide every Illinoisan with access to affordable health coverage, boost funding for education, provide property tax relief and fix an unfair tax system.

Blagojevich told those gathered at the 700-acre farm his budget proposal will benefit small businesses and

farmers. Mary Jane and Phil Buchen raised seven children on their farm and have health insurance through Medicare. Their son Denis Buchen works on the family farm and spends about 20 percent of his income to pay for insurance coverage for himself and his daughter.

"Farmers like the Buchens work to put food on our tables," Blagojevich said. "They are growing the corn and soybeans that fuel our cars and they deserve quality, affordable health care."

"In Illinois we are leading the nation in providing access to health care for everyone. I am proud to introduce a plan that will make sure

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Experts predict rise in milk prices

Could top \$3.30 per gallon

By **JONATHAN MOHR**
Eagle Staff Writer

Wearing a white moustache could get more expensive this summer as experts predict the price of milk will rise by roughly 10 percent to about \$3.30 per gallon over the next few months.

Dr. William Bailey, WIU agriculture department chair, said a number of factors are driving up the cost of milk production, including higher energy and feed prices, greater international demand for dairy products, a dwindling domestic dairy herd, stricter environmental regulations and an increased demand for organic milk.

Jim Fraley, a manager for the Illinois Milk Producers Association (IMPA), a marketing organization representing more than three-fourths of the milk sold in the state, said consumer demand for dairy products has also increased nationally.

"When that happens, prices are going to respond, and it's responding to the positive for a dairy producer right now," Fraley said.

It's not a perfect world for dairy farmers, however, which is another reason for the price increase. With corn prices flirting with the \$4 per bushel mark, it has become more expensive for dairy farmers to feed their herds.

Last week the USDA announced U.S. farmers plan to plant an extra 10 million acres of corn this spring. Futures markets are also down so the price per bushel should eventually drop.

International demand for skim milk powder, dry whey and whey proteins is increasing, though, especially in Europe, the Middle East and Africa. That could keep milk prices up, said Ed Mullins, CEO of Carlinville-based Prairie Farms Dairy.

"Normally there's been a huge surplus of those products, but now there's a shortage," Mullins explained.

Demand is up, but the number of dairy farms is shrinking. According to the IMPA, one-third of

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WIU art professor writes fictionalized biography

By **JONATHAN MOHR**
Eagle Staff Writer

PublishAmerica has published "An Artist's Life," the aptly titled fictionalized biography of retired WIU associate professor Eugene Solot, a Colchester artist who paints a picture of western Illinois life through his writing.

Solot tells his story through the person of Lenny Goldman, a pseudonym he began using years ago. He decided to fictionalize the 640-page story rather than write a straight-up account in order to enhance continuity and bring together characters that never actually met.

"It didn't make any sense to have these characters in the book and not meet each other," Solot said. "I fictionalized some of it, but basically it's the truth."

Solot also changed the

names of most of the other main characters, including his late wife Mary, who became Elaine, and friends like Neil Chassman (Alex) and Randy Caranno (Roger DiGiorgio).

The finished work, which is available online at PublishAmerica.com and Amazon.com, contains extensive information about art, music, literature, cooking, chess, fishing on the Mississippi River and other areas of interest to Solot.

What may interest local readers most are his detailed accounts of life in western Illinois during the late 1960s and '70s, including the political and educational climate at WIU.

Solot spent his childhood in big East Coast cities, including Philadelphia and Washington D.C., studied at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts and Tufts



University and explored art in New York City and Europe.

When he moved to rural Illinois to teach at WIU in 1967, he noticed a definite difference in "the sort of attitudes and

thoughts and philosophies of the farmers and the ... workers that live in this area." He included those observations in his book.

Solot also included his recollections of the counterculture movement and WIU students who lived the "hippie" lifestyle.

"Things were really different then," Solot recalls. "You could pass by student housing and see them canning tomatoes. You would never see that today."

Music also played a prominent role in local

culture during that time, Solot said.

"In the '70s, you could have five or six bands playing in Macomb every weekend," he explained. "It was exciting. There was all different kinds of music."

Solot became acquainted with several local musicians and developed a long-lasting friendship with Douglas Maguire, aka "Toga," who played keyboards in the Morning Morning band, along with Ken Pitlick, aka "Kenny Carlyle" of Cadillac Cowboy fame.

After Toga left the area, he and Solot exchanged tapes in lieu of letters. Solot included transcriptions of some of the tapes in his manuscript.

"An Artist's Life" also contains accounts of fishing for catfish on the

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Support groups

Monday, April 9

- 3:30-5 p.m., Depression Therapy Group - Finding Hope (8-session adult depression group), MDH Health Services Building I, Behavioral Services, lower level, pre-registration and session fees required, 309-836-1582
- 6:45 p.m., Overeaters Anonymous, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman St., use the rear door
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.N.H.

Tuesday, April 10

- 9 a.m. to noon, Senior Health Insurance Program (S.H.I.P.), MDH first floor, front entrance, walk-ins welcome, 309-836-1579
- 3:30-5 p.m., Women's empowerment group and children's activity group, call Cindy or Jessica for location, 309-837-6622
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.S.H.

Wednesday, April 11

- 10:30 a.m. to noon, Chronic Pain Therapy Group, Behavioral Health Services, lower level, MDH Health Services Building I, pre-registration and session fees required, 309-836-1582
- 12:10 p.m., AA Midday Group meets at University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman, C.N.H.
- 3:30-5 p.m., Getting Sober Therapy Group, Behavioral Health Services, lower level, MDH Health Services Building I, pre-registration and session fees required, 309-836-1582
- 3:30-5 p.m., Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families Therapy Group, MDH Health Services Building I, Behavioral Health Services, lower level, pre-registration and session fees required, 309-836-1582
- 6:30-8:30 p.m., Divorce Care support group, Argyle Bible Church, 309-776-3073
- 7 p.m., Macomb Weight Loss Surgery support group, MDH Auxiliary Workroom, 309-772-3839
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.N.H.
- 8 p.m., AA Meeting, Health Services Building, 505 E. Grant, lower level, N.C.H.
- 8 p.m., Alanon meeting, Health Services Building, 505 E. Grant, lower level
- 8 p.m., AA meeting, 101 Main St., Industry, C.N.

Thursday, April 12

- By appointment, S.H.I.P. (Senior Health Insurance Program, MDH Auxiliary/Volunteer Room, lower level, 309-836-1579
- 5:30 p.m., AA Women's Group, 314 N. McArthur, O.S.H.
- 5:30 p.m., TOPS weight loss support group, University Baptist library, 315 N. Sherman
- 6:30 p.m., Boundaries Seminar and Support Group, Wesley UMC, 309-833-2153
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.S.H.
- 10 p.m., NA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, O.S.H.

Friday, April 13

- 12:10 p.m., AA Midday Group, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman, O.C.N.H.
- 3:30-5 p.m., Anger Management Therapy Group, MDH Health Services Building I, Behavioral Health Services, lower level, pre-registration and session fees, 309-836-1582
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.N.H.
- 10 p.m., NA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, O.S.H.

Saturday, April 14

- 6 p.m., Macomb Movement Disorders Support Group, The Elms, 309-833-3670 or macomb-movementdisorders@yahoo.com
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, O. N. H.

Sunday, April 15

- 3 p.m., AA Women's Group, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman, O.N.H.
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.S.H.
- 8 p.m., AA meeting, 101 Main St., Industry, O.N.

Monday, April 16

- 3:4-30 p.m., Bereavement Support Group - New Horizons, Room 103, McDonough District Hospital, Macomb, 309-836-1543
- 3:30-5 p.m., Depression Therapy Group - Finding Hope (8-session adult depression group), MDH Health Services Building I, Behavioral Services, lower level, pre-registration and session fees required, 309-836-1582
- 6:45 p.m., Overeaters Anonymous, University Baptist Church, 315 N. Sherman St., use the rear door
- 8 p.m., AA Red Door Group, 314 N. McArthur, C.N.H.

Around the county

Monday, April 9

- Noon, Housing Authority, Eisenhower Tower
- 4-6 p.m., Horn Field Campus art exhibit, follow South Johnson Street, turn right on China Road and follow the road one-quarter of a mile to the Horn Field Campus entrance, 309-833-5798
- 5 p.m., Macomb City Committee of the Whole, City Hall
- 5:30 p.m., McDonough County Humane Society meets, Room M114 at Spoon River College
- 5:45 p.m., Alliance of Empowerment meeting, WIU University Union Board Room, 309-298-2220
- 6 p.m., Macomb Airport Authority Board of Commissioners, Airport Authority office, Terminal Building, Macomb Municipal Airport, 16190 E. 1300th Rd.
- 7 p.m., Good Hope Village Board, Village Hall
- 7 p.m., "Paradise Now" viewing, part of the Al-Musharaka film series, WIU University Union Sandburg Theatre, attendance free with provided popcorn and soft drinks
- 7 p.m., McDonough County Human Resources and Planning meeting, McDonough County Courthouse Law Library, Macomb
- 7:30 p.m., Prairieland Barbershop Chorus rehearsal, four-part harmony singing, Macomb Presbyterian Church, Dudley and Carroll, 309-837-1388
- 7:30 p.m., jazz guitar ensemble concert, WIU COFAC Recital Hall
- 8 p.m., Guster with The Format concert, WIU Western Hall, tickets available at the door
- 9 p.m., Todd Carey concert, WIU University Union Billiards Room

Tuesday, April 10

- Noon, Mike Scanlon, discusses smoke-free restaurants, WIU University Union Lamoine Room
- 3-4 p.m., "Cultural Cooking Done Light," Knoblauch Hall Corporate Dining Room Room 239, WIU students will instruct how to cook healthy international foods
- 6 p.m., Community CPR Class, MDH Auditoriums A and B, \$20, pre-registration required, 309-836-1584
- 7 p.m., McDonough County Building and Grounds committee meeting, The Elms

Wednesday, April 11

- 1:30 p.m., PEO Chapter K meeting, Wesley Village
- 3-6 p.m., early childhood screening, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 235 W. Grant, Macomb, sponsored by The Macomb District #185 Early Beginnings and McDonough County Health Department
- 7 p.m., Macomb PC Users Group, Stipes Hall 322, homepage.macomb.com/~pcclub
- 7 p.m., Macomb County Finance/Insurance Committee, third floor McDonough County Courthouse
- 7 p.m., Good Hoppers 4-H Club meeting, Good Hope firehouse
- 7-9 p.m., free Child Safety Class, MDH Health Services Building 1, class will focus on car seat safety, poison and choking prevention, immunizations, child proofing your home and Shaken Baby Syndrome, 309-836-1570.
- 7 p.m., mock rape trial, McDonough County Courthouse Room 201, Macomb
- 7:30 p.m., The Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center Dance Troupe performance, WIU University Union Grand Ballroom
- 7:30 p.m., Order of the Eastern Star, Macomb Masonic Temple
- 7:30 p.m., jazz band concert, COFAC Recital Hall, WIU campus

Thursday, April 12

- 8 a.m. to noon, Stroke PLUS Screening, MDH,

Cardiopulmonary Department, screening will provide non-invasive, painless tests that can quickly detect arterial abnormalities which can cause irregular blood flow leading to stroke, aneurysm and vascular disease, cost will vary, pre-registration required, 309-836-1584.

- Noon, Lamoine Valley Human Resource Association meets, Red Ox Restaurant, 1302 W. Jackson, Macomb, Jim Brakefield speaking
- 1:30 p.m., Dancing Seniors meeting, YMCA Macomb Senior Center, new members needed, 309-836-7412 or 309-833-2766
- 3-6 p.m., early childhood screening, MacArthur Early Childhood Center, 235 W. Grant, Macomb, sponsored by The Macomb District #185 Early Beginnings and McDonough County Health Department
- 6 p.m., Colchester Community Connections, Colchester City Hall
- 7 p.m., West Prairie School Board meeting, West Prairie High School, Sciota
- 7 p.m., Alice McLerran, book reading, WIU Malpass Library.
- 7:30 p.m., vocal jazz concert, COFAC Recital Hall, WIU campus

Friday, April 13

- 2 p.m., GIS committee meeting, Tillman 301F, WIU campus
- 4:30 p.m., Park Board Finance Committee meeting, Macomb Park District Office, 1406 N. Randolph
- 4:30 p.m., disc golf course, Everwood course in Everly Park, pre-registration required
- 5 p.m., bass studio recital, COFAC Recital Hall, WIU campus
- 7:30 p.m., chamber winds concert, COFAC Recital Hall, WIU campus

Saturday, April 14

- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Bernard Women luncheon, 376 W. Hail St., Bushnell, tickets are \$5 in advance, \$6 at the door, 309-772-2347
- 7 p.m., Kingston Falls concert, H20 Youth Center, 101 North Side Square, Macomb
- 7:30 p.m., Jazz Studio Orchestra concert, COFAC Recital Hall, WIU campus
- 9 p.m., Hypnotist Jim Wand performing, WIU Grand Ballroom, admission is \$3 for public, \$2 for WIU students

Sunday, April 15

- 2 p.m., Colchester Sesquicentennial planning meeting, Colchester City Hall Community Room at Friendway Park, all interested individuals, representatives of churches, businesses and organizations are encouraged to attend
- 3 p.m., organ studio recital, First Presbyterian Church, Dudley and Carroll

Monday, April 16

- 5:45 p.m., Alliance of Empowerment meeting, WIU University Union Board Room, 309-298-2220
- 7 p.m., Bushnell City Council, City Hall
- 7 p.m., Macomb School Board, MHS library
- 7 p.m., Macomb City Council, Macomb City Hall, second floor
- 7 p.m., McDonough County Genealogical Society meets, Western Illinois Museum, 201 S. Lafayette St., Macomb, Dr. George Hopkins and Jim Haynes speaking
- 7:30 p.m., MDH Board, MDH Board Room
- 7:30 p.m., Prairieland Barbershop Chorus rehearsal, four-part harmony singing, Macomb Presbyterian Church, Dudley and Carroll, 309-837-1388


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Blandinsville child injured after fire

At approximately 3:20 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, the Blandinsville-Fire Fire and Rescue squad responded to a call at 515 Walnut St., Blandinsville, involving a child about 2 years old being burned on the legs. Before the firemen could get there, they received the second call that the house was on fire. Upon arrival, they found the house to be involved in a heavy working fire. Also they found a mother holding the child with burns to his left leg.

Due to high winds and the size of the fire, a call was immediately put out for the La Harpe Fire Department to assist in mutual aid. Firemen were able to make a quick attack and knock down the fire in short order but not before the house suffered major damage from heat, smoke and water.

The child was transported to McDonough District Hospital by ambulance after being treated by the rescue squad at the scene. The Red Cross also responded to help the occupants with housing needs.

The house is owned and occupied by Janet Bond, Blandinsville. It was reported other family members had been living with her and her son recently.

At the time of the press release, there is no dollar loss estimate and no cause listed, but the fire department said the fire marshal's office had an investigator on the scene. Some firemen were still on the scene approximately four hours later.

MAAPJ continue weekly peace rally

The Macomb Area Alliance for Peace and Justice (MAAPJ) has committed to stand for peace on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon at the northwest corner of Chandler Park.

The local group decided at the meeting Sunday, April 1 to adopt the

action of other groups who demonstrate weekly to raise public awareness of the continuing violence that is taking lives in Iraq.

This action was motivated by the March 2007 final column of recently deceased award-winning journalist Molly Ivins who urged "every single

day every single one of us needs to step outside and take some action to help stop this war ... to hit the streets, bang pots and pans."

Concerned citizens are invited to join the group at the weekly vigil and to bring signs expressing their views.

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Now that the NCAA tournament is over, I learned an important lesson. Not that gambling is wrong or anything like that, but the win just reinforced the old saying - what goes around comes around.

I came in first place in the Macomb Eagle's NCAA tournament. Quite an accomplishment considering I don't know the first thing about basketball, let alone college ball and could not name one player if I tried.

Picking the winning teams was easy. My strategy was not based on a team's skill or merit, but rather states I prefer, universities that friends went to, teams I've heard are good, uniform colors and other nonsensical strategies. I picked Xavier for nothing more than there aren't a lot of words that begin with the letter "X."

In addition, I factored in a team's seed. I would not have picked a 15-seed team over a No. 1-ranked team - no matter what color they wore to the game.

In all my glowing glory, I told the men in the office they could learn a thing or two from me and lectured them about never erring on the side of logic.

I made sure they knew I won. I danced around with my winnings in hand and joked I was going to frame the sheet of paper with my winning bracket. I even

From the
Editor

Chelsea
McDougall



went as far as to photocopy my winning bracket and slip it into Matt's and Jonathan's mailboxes so they could be reminded of how well I did. Here is when every one reading shakes their head in disappointment.

More important than the money I won, was the fact I had earned bragging rites. Rites I took a little too far.

I was shortly brought back down to earth.

I spent the first half of my lunch break that day cooking a grilled cheese sandwich and thinking about how I would spend my winnings. I sat down with a warm sandwich, cold glass of iced tea and fresh salad. I had just taken my first bite when out my window I saw the UPS lady pull up. Knowing Ryan was expecting a package, I went to meet her at the door.

The door to my apartment locks automatically, so I usually am very careful about grabbing my keys. But this time I decided to leave the door cracked. When I opened the second door leading outside, a gust of wind came and forced the first door to slam behind me.

My immediate reaction was to curse very loudly, prompting the UPS lady to ask if she scared me. "No, I just locked myself out of my apartment," I said.

She gave an awkward laugh and just said, "Sign here."

On top of being locked out, I had no shoes on and no cell phone. Thankfully, my neighbor was home on his lunch break and let me use his phone. Ryan was at work so I called the next person I knew would help, Everett, an Eagle graphic designer, and Ryan's long-time friend. I called him at the office and asked if he could come help me, which he did. He even grabbed the slippers sitting under my desk so I could have something to walk in other than my argyle socks.

He also made sure to tell Matt about my fiasco. I can only imagine the smile that must have crawled across his face at his moment of vengeance.

By the time I got back from getting my keys, my sandwich was cold, iced tea was soggy. "That's what I get," I thought.

I came back to the office with my head hung low and realized the moral of this story: I did not mention my big win again.

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Danny Glover comes to encourage, motivate Macomb

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Passionate about the topics that affect everyone, award-winning actor Danny Glover will be speaking at 6 p.m., Wednesday, April 11 in Western Hall.

If you are not familiar with the name, then you may remember him from the "Lethal Weapon" film series, "Dreamgirls," "Saw" or even "Angels in the Outfield."

Glover is a bona fide genius and is remarkably impressive in his ability to tackle situations on screen as well as off. His enthusiasm and grace has proven to be successful in earning numerous awards, including humanitarian and lifetime achievement awards.

While screening a recent preview video, I noticed Glover's ability to control the audience with strengthening dialogue and a presentation that was authoritative, but enjoyable.

His acting skills are top notch. To actually see him in person is the icing on the cake.

Playing a wide range of completely different characters, Glover has a great personality and is not afraid to speak up and voice his opinion on unpopular issues regardless of whether or not he is criticized. Glover has continued to work toward the betterment of society after people have boycotted him and his films over issues, such as the death penalty.

His Hollywood career may have suffered some what, but despite it all,

film series will be showing "Paradise Now" at 7 p.m., Monday, April 9 in the University Union Sandburg Theatre. Attendance is free with popcorn and soft drinks provided.

- The International Film Series will present "Pan's Labyrinth" at 3:30 p.m. and 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 11 and Thursday, April 12 at the Cinema I and II. Admission is \$5.25; R.

- The WIU Jazz Concert will be Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the College of Fine Arts and Communication (COFAC) Recital Hall. Admission is free.

- The Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center Dance Troupe will perform Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the University Union Grand Ballroom.

- The WIU Chamber Winds Concert will be Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the COFAC Recital Hall. Admission is free.

- Hypnotist Jim Wand will be performing Saturday, April 14 at 9 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom. Admission is \$3 for public, \$2 for WIU students.

- Kingston Falls will perform at 7 p.m., Saturday, April 14 at the H2O Youth Center. Admission is \$5.

Have a tip for an evening of entertainment? E-mail suggestions to Le at sl-alexander@wiu.edu.

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DVD Review

'Happy Feet' brings out the child in you

I wonder if penguins taste like chicken. After movies like "March of the Penguins," "Farce of the Penguins" and now "Happy Feet," I really feel like I should know.

After all, Hollywood has been force-feeding audiences these South Pole blubber-birds like they're going extinct.

Still, that doesn't mean "Happy Feet" left a bad taste in my mouth.

In a mood for something without blood, gore and ratings beginning with the letter R, this 108-minute tale of PG proportions was exactly as advertised.

And when that advertisement has the phrase "Oscar winner for best animated feature," that's a good thing.

The film is packed with famous voice-overs from Mork, Frodo, Wolverine and Fat Joe, aka Robin Williams, Elijah Wood, Hugh Jackman and, well, Fat Joe. Brittany Murphy, Nicole Kidman, Hugo Weaving and the late Steve Irwin are also featured.

Here's my gripe: instead of seeing the penguins as little CGI bundles of guppy-guzzling cuteness, I heard Robin Williams going "nanu, nanu" and Elijah Wood crying for his "one ring to rule them all."

Personally, I'd rather hear characters voiced by a bunch of unknowns instead of established thespians with recognizable vocal cords.

Beyond that, however, I can't complain. "Happy Feet" centers around Mumbles (Wood), the only penguin born without an angelic singing voice. Mumbles' talent lies in his dance steps, something regarded by the rest of the community as highly unpenquin.

As an outcast, Mumbles eventually drifts away and befriends a clique of Spanish-accented, free-wheeling, stubby penguins headlined by Ramone (Williams) and Nestor (Carlos Alazraqui - "Reno 911!").

From there, the adventures begin. Children will love it.

I don't want to give anything more away, but I will say this: be prepared to feel guilty for being human because we are not portrayed as humane - initially, at least.

Jackman and Kidman voice Mumbles' parents, Memphis and Norma Jean, and Murphy is Gloria, the object of Mumbles' affection.

While I typically try to avoid romantic, penguin comedies, how could I pass up a movie with morals, mating and a soundtrack featuring Prince, Pink and the Brand New Heavies?

So yes, it felt weird renting a kid's movie as a 6-foot-5, 185-pound, 24-year-old.

But it was worth it because "Happy Feet" let the cliché kid in me come out.

It was definitely mini-Muilenburgable.

By Matt
Muilenburg



Film Review

Ferrell's 'Blades of Glory' too dim-witted

By
Le Alexander



world what they have despite their competition's plans to dominate.

I will admit the film does make you laugh but mainly because it's so dim-witted. The comic gags are somewhat clever, but only for a moment until something else unintelligent happens. This happens often since there is just gag after gag.

With many Ferrell films, you can always tell the actors are just begging for laughs regardless of whether or not the film is good. It serves the purpose of being completely entertained.

There is a moment of suspense as the audience anticipates Michaels' head getting sliced off by a remarkable sharp skate blade during a created-specifically-for-movie skate technique. As to whether or not blood gushes out all over the white and crystal arena, you will just have to find out for yourself.

The film does feature cameo appearances by Scott Hamilton, Sasha Cohen, Nancy Kerrigan, Brian Boitano and Dorothy Hamill but it does not make the film any better. Even Kerrigan, who dealt with competition behavior, does not get the slightest recognition in dialogue but only a mere panning through transitions as if she was just like an extra off the street.

Herder does not get

much screen time or it just gets swallowed up and is stolen from Ferrell, who becomes the center of attention in every sequence. How can you miss an out-of-shape brute who enjoys showing off his hairy body for most of the film? I certainly couldn't.

It seemed as though Herder actually put some thought into his character instead of Ferrell, who looked as if he had just previously picked up the script and began to recite the lines.

Although Herder's acting abilities continue to increase, Ferrell has certainly left behind good comic acting that not only entertains but keeps your attention. In this case, I probably could have done without Ferrell's presence.

FINAL GRADE: C

DVD Recommendation

By Le Alexander
Eagle Correspondent

An all-star cast for "Bobby" will predominantly be the main motivation for viewing this film. If you have ever seen "Crash," you will witness the small underlying issues that boldly relate to issues in America.

The film focuses on the

campaign of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as he delivers messages of peace and tolerance based on the aftermath of the murder of Martin Luther King Jr. and the increasing drama that unfolds in Vietnam. Racing against the clock and highlighting the lives of each character, audiences will witness the bold cinematography techniques, fervent

screen transitions and affective components of acting and directing. The visualizations hook the audience and are nothing comparable to similar films of the same genre.

Emilio Estevez wrote, directed and costarred in the film and adds definite high status. Prejudice, racism and injustice are all strong themes that

take audiences to higher levels of understanding for a world that has difficulty putting aside their differences.

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Blagojevich

that the hardworking people of Illinois - the small business owners, farmers and anyone struggling under the costs of their current health insurance - will have access to quality, affordable health care."

Blagojevich said his proposal would have a tax fairness program. He said the average person in Illinois pays \$1,500 in taxes while big corporations pay as little as \$151 with some companies paying nothing in income tax. "Eighty percent pay little or nothing," he added.

The governor's proposal contains three key elements: Illinois Covered, his plan to expand access to quality, affordable health care to all Illinoisans; Helping Kids Learn, his plan to invest \$10 billion into Illinois schools; and Tax Fairness, a plan to make wealthy businesses pay their fair share instead of placing the burden on working families.

The governor's Tax Fairness plan implements a Gross Receipts Tax (GRT). Other states that currently have a GRT in place are Washington, Delaware and Hawaii. Ohio and Texas have recently adopted a form of the tax. The GRT will only apply to businesses that make more than \$2 million each year, which means 85 percent of all businesses in Illinois



Photo by Deb Fowles

Gov. Rod Blagojevich visited the Phil and Mary Jane Buchen farm Tuesday, April 3. From the left are: Denis Buchen, Mary Jane Buchen, Blagojevich, Amy Blagojevich, Patricia Blagojevich and Phil Buchen.

will be exempt. The GRT will tax service industries as low as 1.95 percent while manufacturers, construction, retail and wholesale companies will be taxed at a lower 0.85 percent rate. Exports will not be taxed and the plan mitigates cost being passed on to consumers by excluding certain goods, such as retail food and pharmaceuticals.

Blagojevich said he knows getting his proposal passed will not be an easy task. "This is a fight," he added. "You guys have the ability to persuade those in Springfield. I'm hearing from my campaign contributors; some that aren't happy about it. If we could abolish all taxes I'd be for that. We can't do that, but we can make them (taxes)

low and fair. Call your legislators and get this passed. They're hearing from the lobbyists."

Blagojevich was asked if costs would go up because of the proposal. "Yes, some costs will go up," he added. "But, I would prefer that over a 66 percent income tax increase. There is no perfect solution to provide health care, fund schools and grow our economy. This seems to be the best option. They're not going to get it done in Washington."

Critics of the governor's proposal say the GRT will force businesses to leave the state or the costs will be passed on to the consumer.

Among those accompanying the governor were First Lady Patricia Blagojevich and daughters Amy and Annie.

Milk

Illinois dairy farms ceased operations during the past seven years. Incidentally, there are currently 103,000 dairy cows in Illinois, compared with 1.2 million during the 1930s.

Despite the loss of dairy farms, however, the IMPA also reports milk production in Illinois has actually stabilized since 2000. The dairy operations that have stayed in business have expanded.

During his 26 years in the dairy business, Mullins said the trend has been dairy farmers either get bigger or give up.

Expanding operations isn't easy, though, because environmental regulations keep tightening. Compliance can be expensive, which can discourage investment, Bailey noted.

Illinois has fairly stable environmental regulations, Fraley said, which has attracted interest from out-of-state investors.

"We are really on the cusp, I think, of really bringing back the dairy industry here to Illinois," Fraley added.

For the moment, however, consumer demand is such that milk must be imported from other states.

"We only produce about 20 percent of what our state consumes," Fraley said. "We have milk from as far away as New Mexico coming into Chicago every day."

Consumers also want a different type of milk than in the past. Bailey noted there is an increased demand for

"organic" milk from cattle that have not been injected with hormones such as bovine somatotropin (BST), a naturally occurring growth stimulant that increases milk production by 15 to 20 percent.

That's good news for Tony and Sheila Huls, owners of Huls Dairy in Hancock County. They make their living raising cows the old-fashioned way, free from antibiotics, genetically modified feed and hormone injections.

Tony Huls said demand for organic milk increased 10 to 20 percent per year for the past four or five years, "and (it is) expected to maintain that for at least another six to eight (years)."

Consumers also seem willing to open their wallets a little wider for milk that many believe tastes better and is healthier for the body.

"My product is nationally-ranked as one of the top five in the country," Huls said. "Therefore, you pay for it."

So when will the price of an ordinary gallon of milk come back down? The answer ranges anywhere from six to 18 months, depending on who is talking.

In the meantime, consumers will have to pony up an extra 30 cents or consume less, which may make them think about the various factors that affect production.

"We take food for granted," Bailey noted. "The only time we pay attention is when there's a drought or prices go up. But it's something we all depend on."

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Century 21 Purdum-Epperson earns Quality Service award

Lorraine Epperson, broker and owner of Century 21 Purdum-Epperson, announced Century 21 Real Estate LLC, franchisor of the world's largest residential real estate sales organization, recently recognized the Macomb office with the Century 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Award for 2006.

"The Quality Service Pinnacle Award is an integral part of the Century 21 System's commitment to excellence and recognizes Century 21 Purdum-Epperson's dedication to making each client interaction a positive one," said Thomas R. Kunz, president and CEO of Century 21 Real Estate LLC.

The annual award is based on results from the Century 21 Quality Survey (QSS), which is e-mailed to consumers immediately after the purchase or sale of a home through a Century System office.

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tions from Jan. 1, 2006 to Oct. 31, 2006 with an average survey score of at least 95% over the last two years.

"Century 21 Purdum-Epperson not only provides its clients with knowledge and advice related to their real estate transaction, it also offers them peace of mind and confidence during what may be the most significant purchase of a lifetime," Epperson said.

Century 21 Purdum received a customized glass trophy at the Century 21 St. Louis Regional Awards dinner earlier this month. The office was also recognized at the Century 21 International Convention.

"We are thrilled to recognize the work of Century 21 Purdum-Epperson for the significant achievement," Kunz said. "The Century 21 System commends the dedication, professionalism and commitment to quality service exemplified by Century 21 Purdum-Epperson that is the hallmark for our franchised offices."

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Malpass Library brews something different

By **CHELSEA MCDUGALL**
This Week Editor

For years, libraries have frowned on food and drink within the library walls. The WIU Malpass Library was no exception but that was until new Dean of Libraries Phyllis Self took over. She is looking at the library not from a librarian's familiar horn-rimmed glasses but from a student's perspective. Self wanted to make the library a more hip, college-friendly environment where students may actually want to go, rather than out of dread.

"I want the students to use the library and I encourage them to come in and make it their place," Self said.

Faced with cutting edge renovations, the first level of the Malpass Library just added a coffee bar called Malpass Mocha Café.

The café will serve Sodexo finger foods, salads, sandwiches, pastries, fruit juices, water and Seattle's Best Coffee, espresso, tea and hot cocoa. The students are not encouraged

to take food or drinks up to different floors of the library, but Self said drinks are not limited to the first floor.

Malpass Mocha Café opened Monday, April 2 and will be open from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Self's long-term goal is to make the previously unutilized first floor a "media and digital common" with hi-tech equipment and state of the art resources. The first floor also has special rooms for collaborative work and meeting spaces. In the future, she said she hopes the library will become a home for student art shows, poetry readings and other student-orientated activities.

"It (was) the most underutilized area of the building or even on campus," Self said.

The name was selected as part of a campuswide competition. Students Matthew Clark, Allison Marcum and Lauren Ott had the winning name.



Photo by Chelsea McDougall

Dean of Libraries Phyllis Self (right) poses behind the new coffee bar at the Leslie F. Malpass Library on the WIU campus with student worker Priscilla Villagran.

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Step back in time with 'Radium Girls'

By LE ALEXANDER
Eagle Correspondent

Remember the time when watch dials glowed in the dark? If so, radium was most likely used to give it that extra glow. Based on the 1999 play written by D.W. Gregory, "Radium Girls" will inspire audiences as true events from the 1920s evolve in front of their eyes.

Witness past events that still haunt individuals today as Macomb High School's production of "Radium Girls" opens Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellheimer Auditorium.

The play will also run Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door.

"I loved the subject matter," said director Cathy Sheagren, who has been directing at MHS since 2001. "It's a good strong play for women and portrays perseverance in doing the right thing."

Grace Fryer (Lauren White), Kathryn Schaub



Photo by Le Alexander

From left: MHS senior Lauren White and juniors Makayla Trotter and Mary Ann Carlson rehearse a scene from "Radium Girls." The play will be performed Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellheimer Auditorium.

(Makayla Trotter) and Irene Rudolph (Mary Ann Carlson) were all employed at the U.S. Radium Corporation where they were instructed to point their brushes in their mouths to make the dials' tips finer. In doing so, they ingested the deadly disease that caused hundreds of young girls to die.

Imagine the nightmares endured when symptoms of a bleeding mouth, rotting jaw and a glow when blowing your nose. The girls suffered through the trauma and their story continues to make the headlines

through this remarkable production.

Led by Fryer, the girls fight for justice and sue the corporation in an effort to enlighten those around her about this mysterious disease, one that was thought to serve as a miracle cure for cancer.

"Grace needed the courage and many thought she would not take on the corporation but she stayed with the program," Sheagren added. "They lose everything. Money, their homes and then, their lives."

"The play relates to

health hazards today," Sheagren said. "There are things that we use today that we don't know the potential dangers and we use them without knowing."

"It is also a wonderful acting challenge for high school students," Sheagren added. "The play is written as an ensemble piece with 18 actors playing around 30 characters."

With this production, Sheagren mentioned the double casting of actors will not be disguised but simply reflected in other acting methods.

"We're not hiding that fact but using dialects to differ. I have the students using Polish, Irish, Brooklynes and Southern dialects," Sheagren said. "It's really a nice challenge."

Other students in the cast include Alexis Fulkerson, Erica Lawver, Amanda Axley, Arthur Roeder, Brendan Best, Sean Kirwan, Sam Krehbiel, Julie Bunch, Kate McGowan, Joe Deveraux, Stacy Fosu, Kellie Thornton, Tyler Icenogle, Josh Connor, Chris Martin and Kyle Pickett. Susan Wood is the student stage manager.

The play will also run Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m., and at 2 p.m., Sunday, April 15. Tickets are \$3 and may be purchased at the door.

Blandinsville changes water provider

By RUDY KEMPPAINEN
Eagle Correspondent

A change in the village's water testing provider and the year's street expenditures were top items of the Blandinsville Village Board meeting Tuesday, April 3.

During board discussions, it was revealed the village's use of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for water testing was destined to become considerably more expensive. Previous three-month costs are now becoming monthly instead and triple the municipality's cost. An alternative, PDC, was presented for consideration with a projected annual cost of \$5,308 as opposed to \$7,464 with the EPA.

After minimal discussions, the board voted to change to the lower cost provider.

McClure Engineering, street project engineer, presented the details of the proposed micro-seal project for village streets, including an estimated total cost of \$86,325.55. Completion was projected to be one week before the village's annual Farmers' Picnic celebration.

After discussions, the board voted to appropriate \$90,000 for the project, providing allowance for slight cost over-runs.

Police Chief Scott Hainline presented the police department's monthly report, indicating it had been a "pretty quiet month." In subsequent discussions, board members centered questions on the

department's ammunition budget.

Hainline defended the department's costs in that area, stating the department used ammunition for qualifying officers under the department's direct supervision. Hainline stressed this would allow him, if litigation were ever to occur, to be able to testify in court about an officer's skills based on direct personal observation.

Board members asked whether certification by another agency would be just as good. Hainline reiterated his position, stating he would not be able to testify based on his own observations if that policy were pursued.

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Macomb pool committee talks finances

By **ROBBIE ARROYO**
Eagle Correspondent

The Citizens Pool Committee met with a team of investment bankers from A.G. Edwards to discuss the future of Glenwood Pool on Tuesday, April 4.

Although there is no immediate problem with the pool, there will be major repairs necessary in the next few years and the committee members would like to be ready to make them or be prepared to build a new facility if they so decided.

Committee member Chuck Wrenn explained why the foresight is necessary.

"If you build a new pool today, maybe 10 years down the road you're going to have major repairs," he said. "Historically, what we've done is we've waited until that occurs and then we try and scramble to come up with the money."

He said the issue then becomes a question of whether or not they can set up a program to put money aside in the event of repairs.

The members discussed all the options for financing a project, either building a new pool or to making the

necessary repairs to the current pool.

Wrenn turned the floor over to City Council member and finance committee chair Charles Gilbert for his opinion. Gilbert suggested the possibility of a small increase in an infrastructure sales tax and said it might be a good idea because the increase would not only fall on homeowners but everyone including the non-permanent residents. If they were to go the way of implementing a raise in infrastructure sales tax, Gilbert said, that money would not have to be used for the pool forever, it could be prioritized throughout a wide array of expenses.

Two of the possible scenarios Gilbert worked out were a one-quarter cent increase that could possibly earn \$450,000 annually or a one-half cent increase that could potentially earn \$840,000 annually.

Park District Director Ray Peterson suggested possible grants from the State of Illinois for the necessary improvements. At best, around \$800,000 is available in acquisition and developmental grants from the state. However, grants are competitive, Peterson said, and not something

to be relied on.

City Administrator Mike Hayes voiced his opinion that local personnel and business establishments should have an opportunity to make a donation to the project. A Pella representative was in attendance.

A three-person team of investment bankers from A.G. Edwards traveled from St. Louis to explain to the board their options relating to a variety of bonds.

Tom Crabtree, an A.G. Edwards representative, discussed several different bonds that would be available to the city or the park district, such as general obligation bonds, alternative revenue bonds and issues relating to possibly raising property taxes and sales taxes to help fund the project.

Wrenn explained options must be explored before making any decisions.

"Maybe the answer is we don't build a pool at all," Wrenn said, "Maybe we go without one. Maybe we put up sprinkler parks, which are easier to do, easier to maintain, your cost is lower, overhead's lower."

After the meeting, Wrenn explained what is next for the committee on the issue of finance. "Next we see what the community wants, at what level does the community want to support their project and for how long."

The board is set to discuss several issues relating to costs, locations and funding. At the next meeting, members will discuss the costs and other aspects of building new sprinkler parks.

Wrenn said the board will be meeting every two weeks for the next few months to discuss this issue.



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Believe it or not, its spring! The dolphins in Citizens Park were spraying water, but it froze on the ground due to unseasonably cold temperatures last week.

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The Worm Hole opens in Colchester

The Colchester Business Recognition Committee welcomed The Worm Hole to the Colchester business community. Owners Michelle Anderson and Buffy Hart opened the business Monday, March 26.

As the name implies, a large portion of the store is dedicated to fishing supplies, such as bait and tackle. Also available are new and used gift-type items and specialty knives and swords. Tucked between the fishing tackle and the curios, knives and swords is a book nook featuring hundreds of used books.

The business is located at 118 W. Depot, Colchester, 309-776-3488. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. The store is closed Tuesdays.

The committee presented a certificate congratulating Anderson and Hart on opening their new business.



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The Colchester Business Recognition Committee presents a certificate congratulating Michelle Anderson (center) and Buffy Hart (right center) on opening their new business, The Worm Hole.

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From left: Bradley Buss, Christina Bostrom, Tyler Osborne and chaperone Les Fowler. The students were chosen to represent McDonough Telephone Coop in Washington, D.C., in June.

Buss, Bostrom, Osborne earn trip to Washington, D.C.

Tyler Osborne, Bushnell, Bradley Buss, Media, and Christina Bostrom, Dallas City, were selected to represent McDonough Telephone Cooperative at the 2007 Youth Tour to Washington, D.C., scheduled for June 8-15. Abigail Edwards, Monmouth, was designated as alternate.

They were chosen by a panel of judges from a field of 14 area students who represented McDonough Telephone at the Illinois Electric and Telephone Cooperatives' Youth Day on

March 28 in Springfield. McDonough Telephone Cooperative sponsors three outstanding high school students each year for the trip to Washington, D.C., where the McDonough Telephone representatives join other young delegates from cooperatives across the United States in a week of specially planned activities.

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Heritage Days committee, MACVB plan float workshop

The Heritage Days Committee, in conjunction with the Macomb Area Convention and Visitors Bureau (MACVB), will be hosting a parade float workshop. The workshop will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 18 at the MACVB office, 201 S. Lafayette St., Macomb.

During this workshop, the parade rules and guidelines will be provided along with safety standards for float construction, flame proofing, fire

extinguishers and towing units. Attendees will also receive literature to help in making their floats.

The Heritage Days Committee would like to encourage everyone to create something special for this year's "Music and Memories" theme. There is no charge to attend the workshop but an RSVP is requested. Call 309-833-1315 or email macvb@macomb.com to make a reservation.



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Brett Ackers and the Bombers will play on O'Brien Field, Peoria, on April 29 after selling the required amount of tickets.

Ticket sales end for Peoria Chiefs game

Macomb High School baseball coach Max Kreps has announced ticket sales have ended for the April 29 Peoria Chiefs baseball game. The Bombers were selling tickets for the game but have now exceeded 400 tickets sold to the community.

The Chiefs will celebrate "Macomb School District and City of Macomb Day" at O'Brien Field. Any fan who wishes to purchase tickets for the game can do so by visiting the Peoria Chiefs website at www.peoriachiefs.com.

'Winds season fruitful

With a youthful roster, the WIU women's basketball team completed the 2006-07 season with a 10-19 record, including a fifth place, 6-8 mark in the Mid-Continent Conference.

The Westerwinds season ended with a 56-51 loss to IUPUI in the quarterfinal round of the Mid-Con Tournament on March 4.

Junior Gina Hugelier earned her first conference postseason honor with a spot on the All-Mid-Con Second Team. Junior Stephanie Lovingood was the second member of the Westerwinds to earn postseason honors on the conference honorable mention.

Western has had play-

ers named to the Mid-Con all-conference teams for 12 straight seasons, including all nine of coach Leslie Crane's tenure.

Lovingood and Hugelier become the 19th and 20th all-conference players to be coached by Crane.

Crane earned her 150th career victory with a 46-34 win over Southern Utah University on Feb. 24. Crane began the season with WIU's record for most wins (140) and winning percentage (.614).



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Medlock showed the amount of water needed to keep two people alive for two or three days, mentioned that one can live only that long without water as opposed to two or three weeks without food. He showed a stove made from a coffee can, using Sterno, and a weather band radio that is useful in predicting a disaster such as a tornado or flood.

Other important items for a disaster kit are a manual can opener and plastic tableware, canned food, especially rice and beans, packets of water flavoring, which will help make bottled water more palatable, coffee bags, paper towels, thermal blankets and sleeping bags.

President Rosemary Aten led the business meeting following the demonstration. She welcomed a guest, Nita Brewer. Marcia Hamilton gave a report on plans for memorial gardens in Chandler Park in memory of Madge Howe-Cooper. She said variations of color would be evident as suggested by purple sedum, Kousa dogwoods, Evergold Carex, boxwoods and Crazy Daisies, which

were Cooper's favorite flower.

Paul Nollen reported the plans for the North Randolph cemetery entrance and Victoria Engnell mentioned ivy geraniums will be planted in the depot window boxes.

Atten mentioned the beauty of crocuses that are planted on the south side of the courthouse. Plans for the annual Macomb Beautiful Plant Sale on Saturday, May 5 will be discussed at the next meeting April 18 at 11:30 a.m. at The Old Dairy. Victoria Engnell won free lunch.

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Isabella Ann McFadden

Isabella Ann McFadden was born at 4:41 p.m., March 26, 2007, to Melinda A. O'Connell and Bryan McFadden Jr. She weighed 7 pounds 8 ounces, and was 19 3/4 inches long.

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The Macomb Kiwanis Club recently joined other Kiwanis Clubs in Division 19 to compete in a friendly competition in the name of spastic paralysis research. The bowl-a-thon took place, as it does annually, at Abbe Lanes, Abingdon.

This year, Abbe Lanes saw Kiwanis teams of all ages. The adult Kiwanis teams were from Abingdon, Monmouth, Macomb and Galesburg. Also bowling for a good cause were Key Clubs, high school Kiwanians, from Galesburg and Abingdon, and one Builder's Club, junior high Kiwanians, from Galesburg.

The Macomb Kiwanis Club walked away with first place for the highest bowling scores and received an engraved plaque commemorating



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Bowling for Spastic Paralysis from left: Jane Morrow, John Moon, Dennis Morrow, Salvation Army Capt. Owen Thompson, Debbie Vandemark and Jay Carter. They won first place and brought home a commemorative plaque.

the event.

Former Kiwanis Division 19 Lt. Gov. Jim Lee was the featured speaker and gave an educational presentation on the need for spastic paralysis research and the impor-

tance the Kiwanis Illinois-Eastern Iowa District plays in funding research for the debilitating neurological disease that affects children.

The Illinois-Eastern Iowa District, realizing this

endeavor was too large for any one club or even division, chose to undertake the spastic paralysis project at the district level in 1952. It was designated districtwide as "Our Finest Project." Each club in the Illinois-Eastern Iowa District participates by doing an annual bowl-a-thon fundraiser in addition to weekly collections taken at meetings. Funds raised by Kiwanis over the years have also aided in pioneering research on spinal bifida and pre-natal surgery.

GBCC offers AIDS, HIV education program

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. Nu Omicron Omega Chapter, Illinois Department of Public Health Center for Minority Health Services and the Gwendolyn Brooks Cultural Center (GBCC) present Sister Informing Sisters on Topics about Aids, an educational program for women of color at risk for HIV/Aids and STDs. The program will be held from 6-9 p.m., Sunday, April 22 and Wednesday, April 25. Come join us for a fun-filled educational experience.

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Lorraine Epperson, broker/owner, and Steve Silberer of Century 21 Purdum-Epperson, Inc. earned the Century 21 System's Centurion Producer Award following their 2006 sales success.

The Centurion Producer Award honors Century 21 System realtors who earn \$209,000 Adjusted Gross commissions or 60 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. Both Epperson and Silberer were presented with a Centurion Award statue and lapel pin, in addition to being recognized at the Century 21 International Convention.

Epperson is also a member of the Centurion Honor Society based on earning Centurion Producer status for a minimum of five years within the system. Epperson was inducted into the Centurion Honor Society at the 2005 Century 21 International Convention, and will maintain membership in the Centurion Honor Society as long as she is a member of the Century 21 System.

Epperson is a Past President of the Lamoine Valley Board of Realtors and named on three occasions as the Realtor of the Year. She served as Chair of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees for three years and a member of the Board for 12 years. Other awards include being named recipient of the Western Illinois College of Business Distinguished Alumni Award in 1988 and named Western Illinois University Distinguished Alumni in 2006. She currently is President of the Performing Arts Society, a member of the Western Illinois University Foundation Board, member of Maedco Board of Directors and the Community Quality of Life Committee.

Silberer has eight years of experience in the real estate industry and has been with the Century 21 System for his entire real estate career.

Steve is a past president of Lamoine Valley Board of Realtors and currently serves on the Board of Directors. He received the Realtor of the Year award in 2003. He is also a member of the Macomb Country Club and avid golfer. He serves on many committees in the community assisting with benefit golf outings.

Steve was also awarded an additional honor at the St. Louis Awards Ceremony. He was named 1st runner-up for number of units sold in the St. Louis Regional Council.

"Achieving Centurion Producer status is a great milestone in my professional career and with a continued effort and focus on my clients, I hope to continue on this path of success," Steve said.



Nancy Badord with Mark Westphale



Sue Hayes with Rob Richter

Impressive sales earn Century 21 Purdum-Epperson Realtor one of the Century 21 Systems top awards

Nancy Badord earns Master Award for 2006 sales production. Century 21 Purdum-Epperson is pleased to announce that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently recognized Nancy Badord, Realtor with the office, as one of the System's Top Producers nationwide when it honored her with the coveted ruby level Century 21 Master's Award.

The Ruby level status is awarded to an agent who has a minimum sales production of \$110,000 or 30 closed transaction sides within a calendar year. A gold-plated lapel pin with ruby accent was awarded to Nancy during the Awards Ceremony in addition to a trophy and personal invitation to a Century 21 Top Agent Retreat.

Nancy is completing her second year as President of the Lamoine Valley Board. She is also a Graduate of GRI and received her Broker's license in January. Nancy also serves on the United Way Board and is an Ambassador for the Macomb Area Chamber of Commerce. She was named 2005 Realtor of the Year.

"It is truly an honor to receive the Masters Award and be recognized among such talent and dedicated group of real estate sales professionals," said Badord.

Sue Hayes, Realtor with the Century 21 Purdum-Epperson office was honored by the Century 21 System as a Million Dollar Producer based on 30,000 Adjusted Gross Commission or one million in volume. Sue was honored at the St. Louis Regional Awards Dinner and received a plaque for this designation.

Sue has been with the Century 21 Purdum-Epperson, Inc. office for 16 years. She has earned her GRI designation and continually does graduate work with GRI. Sue also received her Broker's license several years ago.



Marilyn Pruitt

Marilyn Pruitt receives Million Dollar recognition with Century 21 system

Lorraine Epperson, broker/owner of Century 21 Purdum-Epperson, announced today that Marilyn Pruitt received the Million Dollar Producer Award for sales volume over \$1,000,000. Since she was unable to attend the St. Louis Awards ceremony, her award was presented at a later date.



Charlie Cox

Charlie Cox received Award Of Excellence from Century 21 System

Broker/Owner Lorraine Epperson, Century 21 Purdum-Epperson said today that Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently announced that Charlie Cox had achieved the Award of Excellence for 2006 for achieving Adjusted Gross Commissions of \$60,000. Charlie received his plaque at a later date since he was unable to attend the St. Louis Awards ceremony held March 3.

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Death notices

Lorraine Nixa

Lorraine Nixa, 88, Macomb, died at 7:55 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at The Elms Nursing Home, Macomb.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 2007, at St. Paul's Church, with Monsignor Richard Pricco officiating.

Cremation was accorded.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer Foundation.

Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb, was in charge of arrangements.

Please sign guestbook at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Harrison E. Boden

Harrison E. Boden, 88, Bushnell, died at 1:14 a.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007, at McDonough District Hospital, Macomb.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 2007, at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, Bushnell, with Pastor Terry Broady officiating.

Burial was in Bushnell Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Bushnell Rescue Squad.

Cynthia Jean Grate

Cynthia Jean Grate, 63, Blandinsville, died at 1:15 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007, in Macomb.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 2007, at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Blandinsville, with the Rev. Bruce Goettsche officiating.

Burial was in Glade City Cemetery, Blandinsville. Memorials may be made to the Blandinsville-Hire Rescue Squad or the Blandinsville Library.

You may leave condolences or sign the guestbook online at www.clugston-tibbittsfh.com.

Thomas Gregory Waters

Thomas Gregory Waters, 57, Sciota, died at 8:15 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2007, in Macomb.

Funeral services were held Wednesday April 4, 2007, at Clugston-Tibbitts Funeral Home, Macomb, with Harry Hall officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Burial of ashes will be held at a later date at the Harris Cemetery, Table Grove.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or MDH Hospice Program.

You may leave online condolences or sign the guestbook at www.clugston-tibbittsfh.com.

Vera H. Hutchins Utescher

Vera H. Hutchins Utescher, 86, Winnsboro, S.C., died Thursday, March 8, 2007.

Her body was donated to science.

Roberta Ilene Marquis

Roberta Ilene Marquis, 75, Rushville, died at 6:30 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2007, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at Worthington Funeral Home, Rushville, with the Rev. Dr. Clark Killingsworth officiating.

Burial was in Rushville City Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to St. John's Hospital Hospice Program, 800 E. Carpenter St., Springfield, IL 62769.

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Full obits are in the Macomb Eagle or online at
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Verla B. Bryan

Verla B. Bryan, 94, Macomb, formerly of Bushnell and rural Marietta, died at 6:13 a.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007 at McDonough District Hospital, Macomb.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 2007, at Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, Bushnell, with Pastor John Douglas officiating.

Burial was in Point Pleasant Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Point Pleasant United Methodist Church or Wesley Village.

Larry G. Moon

Larry G. Moon, 57, Good Hope, died at 1:18 p.m., Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at his residence.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 3, 2007, at Dodsworth-Piper-Wallen Funeral Home, Macomb, with the Rev. Ron Green officiating.

Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Macomb, with military rites.

Memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Please sign guestbook at www.dodsworthfh.com.

Roy L. "Dode" Hollenback

Roy L. "Dode" Hollenback, 75, Table Grove, died at 7:30 a.m., Sunday, April 1, 2007, at Heartland Health Care Center, Macomb.

Graveside services were held Friday, April 6, 2007, in Table Grove Cemetery, Table Grove, with the Rev. Wayne Matheson officiating.

Military rites were conducted by the Ipava American Legion.

Burial will be held in Table Grove Cemetery, Table Grove.

Memorials may be made to the Table Grove Cemetery.

Kost Memorial Home, Vermont, was in charge of arrangements.

Kathleen Haacke

Kathleen Haacke, 78, Lewistown, died at 1:35 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, 2007, at The Elms, Macomb.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Shawgo Memorial Home, Astoria.

Burial was in Waterford Cemetery, Lewistown.

Memorials may be made to the Lewistown Rescue Squad.

Jeanette E. Shannon

Jeanette E. Shannon, 87, Windermere, Fla., formerly of Charleston, S.C. and Macomb, died Monday, April 2, 2007 at Florida Hospital, Orlando, Fla.

Funeral services were held Saturday, April 7, 2007, at Adams Funeral Chapel, Charleston, with the Revs. Dennis Prichard and Ray Allen officiating.

Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery, Charleston.

Memorials may be made to the Old State Road Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Charleston. Gifts may be mailed to Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Drive, Charleston, IL 61920.

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William J. Brooks



William J. Brooks, 79, Macomb, died at 10:20 p.m., Sunday, April 1, 2007, at Countryview Care Center, Macomb.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Graveside burial of ashes was held Saturday, April 7, 2007, in Avon Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Countryview Care Center, Macomb.

Martin-Hollis Funeral Home, Bushnell was in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Z. Lewis

Margaret Z. Lewis, 79, Tennessee, died at 5:30 a.m., Tuesday April 3, 2007, at The Elms, Macomb.

Funeral services were held Friday, April 6, 2007, at Jones Mortuary, Colchester, with the Rev. Donald Long officiating.

Burial was in Friendship Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the moving of the Friendship Church, Threshers or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Evelyn J. Forrester

Evelyn J. Forrester, 87, died at 9:13 p.m., Thursday, March 29, 2007, at the Belleville Memorial Hospital, Belleville.

Funeral services were held Monday, April 2, 2007, at Gent Funeral Home, Alton.

Burial was in Pine Tree Cemetery, Patterson.

Memorials may be made to the Godfrey First United Methodist Church.

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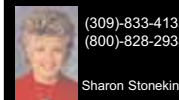
Keaton Laine Murdock

Keaton Laine Murdock was born Feb. 28, 2007, to Kara and Dan Murdock, Cary. Marilyn and the late Dale Hopper, Macomb, are the maternal grandparents. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Gretchen Murdock and Candis Murdock.

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"It's great to work with such an established team," Walters added. She can be contacted at 309-837-1200, or in person at 1221 W. Jackson St., Macomb.



Dr. Jill Brody

Singing with the MCS

By Dr. Jill Brody

I remember singing from early on as a child and started piano lessons at age 5. My group singing career began in third grade in the children's choir at church. I survived junior high choir and orchestra (playing the violin and string bass) to eventually join the West Waterloo, Iowa swing choir in high school for three years. It was fun to sing and dance.

Moving on to college, then medical school, my only singing performances were during the Med School Follies when we did old musicals but made them humorous by changing the words.

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Biography

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Mississippi River. Solot's "fishing buddy," Bob Haislip (called "Joe" in the book) still lives in Carthage and the author describes how the two met and what he learned about fishing.

Solot said he believes the best parts of "An Artist's Life" are the descriptions of people, places and events. He admires writers such as Thomas Wolfe and Walt Whitman who gave readers long descriptions and he attempted to follow their example.

"That sort of suits a painter - to describe, to paint a picture of something," he noted. "Probably the strongest writing is descriptions of New York, descriptions of the Midwest landscape and people and things."

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Industry board reminds citizens to have dogs on leashes

By SHAWN M. HAUKE
Eagle Correspondent

At the monthly meeting Wednesday, April 4, Industry Village Board trustees reminded citizens that dogs are not allowed to run loose. A dogcatcher has been called numerous times in the past month to capture dogs. Signs will be posted around town to help everyone remember.

John Loudon, of Loudon Sign Studio, Macomb, reported the welcome signs would be delayed. The letters the board chose have not come in yet. Also, it was decided the new signs would be hung from the current signposts because the signs are the same size. Local deputies will be told to keep an eye out for

people operating golf carts on city streets. Citing a prior instance, where the council had to enforce the law, it was decided to turn this issue over to the proper authorities.

Two bids were received for a tractor. It was sold to an individual in Stronghurst.

In other business:

- Recently-purchased park equipment was discussed. A new four-sided picnic table will be added to the park as well as a glider swing. A concrete slab will be poured near the current benches for the table. Space will be cleared between the horseshoe pits and the children's swings for the glider.
- New cubes for the water tower aerator are to be purchased.

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