

POLICE BRIEFS

Arrests

The following persons were arrested or taken into custody by law enforcement agencies in Livingston County and taken to the Livingston County Jail. These persons were either released after posting bond, remain in jail or are serving a sentence imposed by the court.

Kristie J. Drapeau, 35, Dwight, was charged by Dwight Police with possession of a controlled substance and possession of hypodermic needles. She was taken into custody in the 100 block of East Main Street, Dwight.

Tyler A. Garrels, 22, Pontiac, was charged by Pontiac Police with driving on a suspended or revoked license. He was taken into custody in Pontiac.

Sandra L. Davis, 52, Pontiac, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with driving while under the influence. She was taken into custody in Livingston County.

Cody M. Wright, 30, Pontiac, was charged by Pontiac Police with battery. He was taken into custody at the intersection of Madison and Plum streets.

Gregory L. Statler, 54, Cullom, was charged by Livingston County Sheriff's Police with contempt of court. He was taken into custody at the Livingston County Jail.

Daniel E. Boverini, 57, Fairbury, was charged by Fairbury Police with possession of cannabis.

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Grain prices

Closing bids — May 12
Corn/Cash \$3.66
Beans/Cash \$10.27

Grain prices courtesy of Graymont Co-op

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Expansion gets ribbon-cutting ceremony



Pontiac's Family Eye Care had a ribbon cutting Wednesday to commemorate the new addition to its building. Members of Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce were on hand to celebrate the occasion. JOY BUTLER/DAILY LEADER

CLIONIAN SOCIETY

Buddhism is subject of society's May 9 meeting

The Clonian Society met May 9 at the home of Lynn Taylor with 21 members present. Becky Stilwell served as assistant hostess. President Barbara Barton conducted a brief business meeting and then Program Chairman Carol Flessner introduced Virginia Bailey, who gave the program on Buddhism.

Siddhartha Gautama, founder of Buddhism, was born in southern Nepal about 563 BCE (fifth or sixth century) to royal parents. His mother died shortly after his birth. Most scholars that such a man did exist in spite of no authentic information other than oral tradition. According to legend, there were many omens that indicated he would have a significant career which predicted he would grow up to be a conquering king or a great religious teacher. His father protected him, guiding him and raising him in an opulent lifestyle within the palace walls.

The prince married at age 16, which was the custom, and had a son. In his early thirties, he became very discontented with his

present life and was curious about life outside the palace. He made some journeys outside the walls and on one trip into a garden, he saw an old man crooked and bent over. What is that he asked. The reply was that it was old age. The next day, he saw a diseased man lying along the road and on his third journey he viewed a corpse. He suddenly realized there was human suffering in the world. He also encountered a monk with a shaven head, but with a serene expression. Gautama vowed to follow in that teaching, to seek relief from human suffering.

So one night, after saying goodbye to his wife and son, he had the gatekeeper bridle his white horse. When the two of them reached the forest, Gautama changed clothes with the attendant, who returned to the palace with the horse. Gautama, after shaving his head, went into the forest in search of enlightenment.

Six years followed in which he lived the life of a monk, practicing self-denial and almost died from

starvation after only consuming six grains of rice a day. He soon came to the conclusion that this austere life did not bring him enlightenment, but it was the Middle Way, the concept of rationed life in which the body only is given what it needs to function, but no more.

His wanderings eventually led him to the Bodhi Tree or the Tree of Awakening. He sat in meditation and withstood the battle from the evil god Mara, and on his final night, he became enlightened about the Dharma (truth or law) of human existence. Upon this moment, he could properly be called a Buddha or awakened one.

According to legend, he remained there 49 days, meditating and glorifying in his experience. The lotus trees bloomed and he felt he had been transformed.

The story of Buddhism as an organized religion begins with the awakened one telling his story to his disciples in India traveling, teaching and spreading his message of compassion and selfless-

ness over the next 45 years. He founded an order of monks and nuns and not only did he train them, but continued with his public preaching and counseling. He explained the Four Noble Truths and the Eightfold Path, which became the nucleus of the Buddhism religion.

At age 80, after delivering a sermon to his disciples, he died, claiming he had reached nirvana (perfect enlightenment in Buddhist terms). Reaching the stage of nirvana enables a person to escape from a painful, continuous cycle of death and rebirth. Buddhists believe when these cravings for fame, wealth or immortality are eliminated, one can attain nirvana and the cycle of birth and rebirth ends. Buddha also preached that nirvana could be reached by following the Middle Way and adhering to a certain path of principles. The Buddhist tradition continued after his death, but the Buddha was no considered to be a supernatural being, but a man who found

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AROUND THE AREA

SATURDAY

May 14
PONTIAC
 10 a.m. — **Pontiac Healthcare & Rehab** will honor veterans in Livingston County with a flag-raising ceremony and program with PTHS musicians. Event is open to the public.

FAIRBURY
Prairie Central High School will have its annual pops concert, pork sandwich dinner and art show at the high school. Dinner is from 4 to 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. Art work will be on display in the small gym from 4 to 7 p.m. Performances by all PC music groups will begin at 4 p.m. in the big gym and continue to approximately 8:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or from any band or choir member.

TUESDAY

May 17
PONTIAC
 9:30 - 10 a.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a free sitterservice classed for senior citizens.

WEDNESDAY

May 18
PONTIAC
Livingston County Health Department is taking appointments for wellness clinics that are open to all adults in Livingston County. Basic clinic is \$40 which includes all lab fees. Additional services are available at additional

costs. To make an appointment or for more information, call 815-844-7174.

THURSDAY

May 19
PONTIAC
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a senior drop-in center with games, cards and socializing. Free lunch is available. Call the church at 815-842-1157 by 9:30 a.m. if a ride is needed or by 10:30 a.m. if planning to come for lunch.

FRIDAY

May 20
PONTIAC
 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. — **OSF Saint James-John W. Albrecht Medical Center** will host an American Red Cross blood drive in the conference room. For an appointment, call Mary Heath at 815-842-4978 or email Caitlyn.L.White@osfhealthcare.org. All blood types are needed. Bring a photo ID a Red Cross donor card or two other forms of identification.

SATURDAY

May 21
FLANAGAN
 6 p.m. — **Flanagan American Legion** will host dinner and a murder to benefit the Flanagan Flyers swim team. Enjoy dinner and an interactive theatrical presentation. Tickets available at flanaganflyers@gmail.com.

MONDAY

May 23
PONTIAC
 1 - 2 p.m. — **Prime Timers** will meet at Pontiac's First United Methodist Church in the Asbury Room. Dessert and drinks are offered. Event is open to the public for anyone in the area who are senior citizens.

CULLOM
 6:30 p.m. — **Cullom Historical Society** will meet at the Cullom-Beckman Memorial Library.

TUESDAY

May 24
PONTIAC
 9:30 - 10 a.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a free sitterservice classed for senior citizens.

LEXINGTON
 1 - 6 p.m. — **American Red Cross** will have a

blood drive at Lexington Community Center.

WEDNESDAY

May 25
PONTIAC
 11:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. — **American Red Cross** will have a blood drive at Pontiac VFW.

FAIRBURY
 Noon - 6 p.m. — **American Red Cross** will have a blood drive at First United Methodist Church. Call Kathy Fehr, 815-692-4888 or Barb Taylor at 815-692-2496 for an appointment.

THURSDAY

May 26
PONTIAC
 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. — **First United Methodist Church** will host a senior drop-in center with games, cards and socializing. Free lunch is available. Call the church at 815-842-1157 by 9:30

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STREATOR ELKS Streator Elks to host free clinic for kids

STREATOR — Streator Elks 591, in cooperation with the Illinois Elks Children's Care Corporation, will sponsor a free children's orthopedic assessment clinic on Monday, June 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Orthopedic Associates of Streator, at the office of Dr. A. Roy, 205 S. Park St in Streator. The clinics are by appointment only.

School nurses are welcome to refer children.

To make an appointment, call the Illinois Elks Children's Care office at 1-80-272-0074 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Show Times for May 13th - 19th

Marvel's
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 (Also Showing in 3D) (*=3D Shows)
 Fri. (4:10) 7:00 9:45*
 Sat. (10:30, 1:20) 4:10* 7:00 9:45*
 Sun. (11:00*) 1:50 4:40 7:30*
 Mon. & Wed. (4:30*) 7:20
 Tues. & Thurs. (4:30) 7:20*

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 "Mother's Day" (PG-13)
 Fri. (4:30) 7:00 9:30
 Sat. (11:15, 1:45) 4:15 6:45 9:15
 Sun. (12:00) 2:30 5:00 7:30
 Mon. - Wed. (4:45) 7:15
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 "The Angry Birds Movie" (PG)
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