

# City Council approves zero fence setback amendment

## Neighbors will have to sign written consent

By Mark Hodapp  
County Editor

The City of Carlyle amended the city ordinance to allow zero fence setbacks at the council meeting on Monday night.

The issue has been the subject of much discussion. One Zoning Board member said most of the cases that come before the board are zero setback variance requests.

Zero setback requests will only be possible if a notarized, signed statement is provided that there is no objection. Aldermen Brenda Johnson and Jeff Taylor voted against that motion.

The council voted to add hotel/motel to the special uses allowed in B-1 areas, with Johnson opposed.

Johnson also voted against allowing public storage buildings in B-1 zoned properties.

That motion passed as did motions to allow public storage building on properties zoned B-2 and I-1, the later being without opposition.

In the above public storage building cases, a special-use permit will be required and it will be subjected to Zoning Board scrutiny.

The council increased the deductible for employee health insurance. The deductible will increase from \$3,500 a year to \$5,500 per year for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, but the employee only has to pay the first \$500.

By raising the deductible the city will save \$27,974.84. Employees will also save on premiums.

A single employee will save \$66 per month (from \$344 to \$278), employee and spouse will save \$101 (\$525 to \$424, employee and children will save \$68 (was \$348 now \$281) and family will save \$164 (from \$851 to \$687).

Last year, the city saved \$91,198.73 by going to a self-insured health care plan, according to City Administrator Jo Hollenkamp.

She also said the Clinton County Health Department will offer services to employees for free.

The city is currently installing water communication modules on top of manhole lids. These units cost \$400

each. The council voted to charge \$250 for accidental damage to the modules, for the second accident damaging such modules. The first incident of damage will be considered accidental and residents will not be charged.

The council approved a \$750 per month lease for Bitle Automotive for 12 months starting June 12 on property at 910 Franklin St. The council also approved leases for Satterfield Sales & Service and the Vipers Softball team, each \$150 per month on a month-to-month basis. Satterfield and the Vipers will pay their own utilities. They occupy portions of the same property.

Mayor Judy Smith commended city crews for their quick response after a storm

on Saturday. Some places received four inches of rain in 30 minutes resulting in flooding. City crews cleaned drains and culverts to get the water to drain in most areas within 30 minutes. Smith said residents should express their appreciation to the city crews.

She and Brenda Johnson both commended a volunteer group that has placed flower planters on the bike trail to the McDonald's restaurant on the city's north side.

Electric Foreman John Hodapp reported the new generator for the power plant will arrive next week.

Boy Scout Landon Dempsey approached the council with a proposal for his Eagle Scout project to paint murals in the downtown area. The city will get a list of possible locations

ready.

Tara Woods, Chris Cox and Whitney Luebbers were each appointed to three-year terms on the Library Board.

Park and Recreation Director Andy Brackett said summer camps are going well, averaging 30 participants a day.

He also reported that soccer registration will remain open until this Friday and registrations are also being made for an adult slow-pitch softball league.

Johnson said there will be no street fair this year due to organizers not being able to get rides for the event.

She said an arts and crafts fair is scheduled for Oct. 20, which is the same weekend as the Crappie Nation Fishing Tournament and the Carlyle Lake Haunted Trail.

# Kyle Matthews now facing federal charges

By Bryan Hunt  
Union Banner Editor

EAST. ST. LOUIS — A Carlyle man facing weapons charges in Clinton County has now been charged in federal court.

Those charges were filed June 7 in the U.S. District Court for the Southern Illinois District against Kyle S. Matthews, 25, of the 21000 block of Emerald Road.

A federal court database shows that Matthews has been charged with illegal possession of a machine gun, unlawful possession of an unlicensed firearm silencer, and unlawful possession of an unregistered short-barreled rifle, all felonies.



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## Storm damage in Carlyle



Union Banner Photo by Mark Hodapp

STORM DAMAGE IN CARLYLE  
A severe storm struck the city of Carlyle about 8 p.m. Monday. Here, a tree fell on vehicles at a residence just north of Case-Halstead Public Library.

# Twelve Oaks Vineyard earns medal in California competition

## Vintner Doug Palm in California this weekend for wine tasting

By Bryan Hunt  
Union Banner Editor

Vintner Doug Palm is a certified gold medalist.

Palm and his staff at Carlyle's Twelve Oaks Winery, on Vogel Road, was so-named for their 2017 Chambourcin rosé — classified as estate grown, produced and bottled — following judging in the 2018 Experience Rosé wine competition held in California.

The international event took place April 18 at the Soda Rock Winery in Healdsburg, California, part of the Wilson Artisan Wineries owned and operated by vintners Ken and Diane Wilson.

The competition was co-produced by Craig Palmer and Allen Habel and led by competition director Debra Del Fiorentino.

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# Schrack on cancer stroll across America to fight colon cancer

## Ohio man begins walk at Arlington National Cemetery, hopes to end in California

By Liz Dowell  
Union Banner News Staff

An Ohio man is walking across the United States in tribute to his wife and his deceased Army buddy to raise awareness for colorectal cancer and veteran suicides. Chad Schrack started out on May 6 in Arlington, Virginia and is headed west. He hopes to make it to Venice Beach, California in September.

"Twenty two veterans a day commit suicide, so I try to walk one mile for each veteran. A friend of mine and I served in Iraq back in 2004-2005. He did a second tour in '08-'09 and he committed suicide in 2010," Schrack said.

Schrack said he started his

walk at Arlington National Cemetery. Since then, he had been following U.S. Route 50 on his cross-country trek. He made a stop in Clinton County last week.

Schrack has heard many stories about how cancer had affected a stranger's life and even more stories about colon cancer especially.

"My wife is a [cancer] survivor, 12 years now. She was diagnosed with Stage 3C and part of her colon was removed. A year of chemo and it has been 12 years later and she is doing fine," Schrack said. "She's gotten me involved with this fight, it's called 'Fight Colorectal Cancer'. It is a non-profit group and I have met

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Submitted Photo

CANCER STROLLERS  
On Chad Schrack's Facebook page this photo was captioned "Big thanks to Albany, Ohio VFW Post 9893. CDR Jeff Havens and Joe 'The Colonel' Mulligan set me up with a great meal and a comfortable dry place to sleep. These guys rock!"

# Beckemeyer talks hiring new part-time police officer

## Talks on officer's hiring to continue at next board meeting

By Liz Dowell  
Union Banner News Staff

BECKEMEYER — Beckemeyer Village Board members discussed on Monday night the feasibility of hiring a new part-time police officer.

According to information provided at Monday's meeting, Keith Wempy was the officer suggested to fill the position.

"I heard a lot of good stuff about Keith. Talking to some other people, they thought Keith would be more of a better fit for Beckemeyer," trustee Lucas Baker said.

Wempy said that he could work Saturday nights and fill in when other officers could not. Wempy works part-time for the Breese Police Department and in other part-time positions.

"He is looking to work some Saturdays nights, filling

in on the weekends when we do not have coverage," Baker said. "Working that late shift on the weekends was a the biggest thing" the village was seeking to address.

Baker said that the consensus from those he spoke with about Wempy agreed that he would be a good officer for Beckemeyer. The board agreed with Baker and will discuss approving Wempy's hiring in next month's meeting.

The board also talked about calling a special meeting with the Beckemeyer Community Development Club [BCDC] park committee regarding the placement of a demilitarized tank at the park that will be co-owned by the Holthaus-Kampwerth American Legion Post 1227 in Beckemeyer and a private family in the community.

The group will have to seek an application for the tank. The whole process can take up to three years, but they hope to have a tank by August 2019.

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### Saturday Weather

■ High: 95°  
■ Low: 74°  
Sunny.



### Lake Info

Wednesday Lake Level: 444.51  
Sunday Level: 444.55  
Weekly Rainfall: 3.87"

■ Week High: 93° ■ Week Low: 64°



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