



SERVING ALL OF SOUTHERN CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

**South County
SPOTLIGHT**

- Lenten Soup & Salad Supper
Wednesdays @ 5:30 pm at
Immanuel Lutheran Church
- Zion Lutheran Church
Lenten Suppers served
Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45
pm during Lent
- Fish Fry Fridays @ St
Thomas 6:20 pm during Lent
- UHS Student Council Week
3/19-3/23
- VGH BB @ Sullivan
3/21 at 4:30 pm
- Heritage Book Fair
at Homer
3/22 from 5-7 pm
- Heritage SB @ BH
3/22 at 4:30 pm
- UHS SB @ Tri Valley
3/22 at 4:30 pm
- VGH BB vs BH
3/23 at 4:30 pm
- VGH JV BB @ Salt Fork
3/23 at 4:30 pm
- HJHS solo & ensemble
@ Homer
3/24 from 10 am -2 pm
- UHS Boys and Girls T&F
@ Illinois Prep Top Times
Indoor Meet at IWU
3/24 at 9 am
- UHS SB @ Westville
3/24 at 11 am
- UHS BB @ IVC
3/24 at 12 pm
- SPRING BREAK
Heritage No School
3/26-3/30
- UHS BB vs BH
3/26 @ 4:30 pm
- UHS SB vs Oakwood
3/26 @ 4:30 pm
- UHS JV BB @ Charleston
3/26 at 4:30 pm
- VGH JV BB @ Okaw Valley
3/26 at 4:30 pm
- UHS BB @ Fisher
3/27 at 4:15 PM
- VGH BB vs Judah
3/27 at 4:30 pm
- Heritage SB @ Salt Fork
3/27 at 4:30 pm
- VGH boys and girls t&f
@ Arcola
3/27 at 4 pm
- UHS Clubs/Organizations
Spring Pictures
3/28
- Unity Schools Improve-
ment Day
3/28 11:30 am dismissal
- UHS JV BB vs Salt Fork
3/28 @ 4:30 pm
- UHS Freshman Orienta-
tion
3/28 @ 6:30 pm
- Heritage SB vs Urbana
3/28 @ 4:30 pm
- NO SCHOOL @ Unity
3/29-3/30



Heritage CUSD School Board Agenda

HERITAGE COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
March 19, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
Homer Building – Band Room
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
I.CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
• Approve/Amend Agend
• Recognition of Public
• Heritage Education Association Monthly Report/Update
II. MONTHLY BUSINESS
A. Read and approve minutes 369
B. Financial reports
1. Examine and approve bills 373
2. Treasurer’s Report 379
3. Activity Accounts Report 381
4. Revolving Fund Report 385
5. Budget Summary – Financial Report 387
6. Investment Report 405
III. FOR ACTION
Report #36 Employment of Personnel / Resignations 407
Report #37 IHSA & IESA Annual Renewa 407
Report #38 Administrative Costs Line Item Transfer per ISBE 407
Report #39 First Reading PRESS Policies Update Jan/Feb 2018 407-411
IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
• Principal Reports
• HS Student of the Month – Freshman Malani Smithenry
• 2017-18 & Proposed 2018-19 School Calendars Update
• Bus Stop Changes for 2018-19 – US Post Office Postmaster Communication
• School Safety Discussion – Open & Closed Session Discussion Expected
• Maintenance Update – Nextera Energy Lighting Proposal, HS Lockers, Cabinets, Bus Fleet
• Teacher & Bus Driver Shortage Communication from ISBE
• IASB Dinner Review Unit 4 Champaign March 1st
• FFA Banquet April 8, 2018 5:30 pm Heritage HS
• Other
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
– To discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. 5 ILCS

120/2(c)(1).
Security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(8).
Student disciplinary cases. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(9).
VI. ADJOURN
Report #36
A motion is requested to approve the Honorable Dismiss Reduction in Force pending Early Childhood Grant renewal for school year 2018-19 of Julie Humphrey, Spectrum Bus Route driver and Brandy George, Spectrum Bus Route aide (pending grant approval, this part of action may be tabled), the resignation of Alan Sorensen as Junior High Girls’ Basketball Coach, the resignation of Mindy Simpson, Junior High Special Education Teacher, and the employment of Clint Howard VGH Assistant Baseball Coach (withdraw provisional action on Kit Brown from February 2018) and the provisional employment of a HS Softball Volunteer Assistant and a JH Track Assistant.
Report #37
A motion is requested to approve annual membership renewal for 2018-2019 in the Illinois High School Association (IHSA) and Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA).
Report #38
A motion is requested to approve the transfer of \$15,000 of amount budgeted for line item 10-2320-110 Superintendent salary to line item 10-2410-110 Principal salaries in order to comply with Section 17-1.5 of Illinois School Code (105 ILCS 5/17-1.5).
Action per direction of Michelle Henniger ISBE from communication by letter sent to district February 15, 2018 and phone consultation March 2, 2018. Passage of action item and subsequent communication to ISBE will comply with code.
Report #39
A motion is requested to approve the First Reading of the January/February 2018 PRESS Policies Updates listed below. Additionally, district was informed that all policy updates and the policy manual will be going fully electronic and online replacing paper copies in near future. Board will take action on approval of all-electronic transfer at that later date.
<http://www.illinoishomepage.net/news/>

local-news/how-school-threat-investigations-work/1035289154
<http://www.illinoishomepage.net/news/local-news/heritage-school-threat/1026986454>
Public Act 099-0235 HB1498 Enrolled LRB099 07377 JLK 27493 b
AN ACT concerning government. Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois, represented in the General Assembly:
Section 5. The Open Meetings Act is amended by changing Section 2 as follows: (5 ILCS 120/2) (from Ch. 102, par. 42)
Sec. 2. Open meetings.
(a) Openness required. All meetings of public bodies shall be open to the public unless excepted in subsection (c) and closed in accordance with Section 2a.
(b) Construction of exceptions. The exceptions contained in subsection (c) are in derogation of the requirement that public bodies meet in the open, and therefore, the exceptions are to be strictly construed, extending only to subjects clearly within their scope. The exceptions authorize but do not require the holding of a closed meeting to discuss a subject included within an enumerated exception.
(c) Exceptions. A public body may hold closed meetings to consider the following subjects:
(1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity.
(2) Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.
(3) The selection of a person to fill a public office, as defined in this Act, including a vacancy in a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public office, when the public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance.
(4) Evidence or testimony presented in open hearing, or in closed hearing where specifically authorized by law, to a quasi-adjudicative body, as defined in this Act, provided that the body prepares and makes available for public inspection a written decision setting forth its determinative reasoning.
(5) The purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired.
(6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
(7) The sale or purchase of securities, investments, or investment contracts. This exception shall not apply to the investment of assets or income of funds deposited into the Illinois Prepaid Tuition Trust Fund.
(8) Security procedures, school building safety and security, and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public, or public property.
(9) Student disciplinary

cases.
(10) The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students.
(11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
(12) The establishment of reserves or settlement of claims as provided in the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act, if otherwise the disposition of a claim or potential claim might be prejudiced, or the review or discussion of claims, loss or risk management information, records, data, advice or communications from or with respect to any insurer of the public body or any inter-governmental risk management

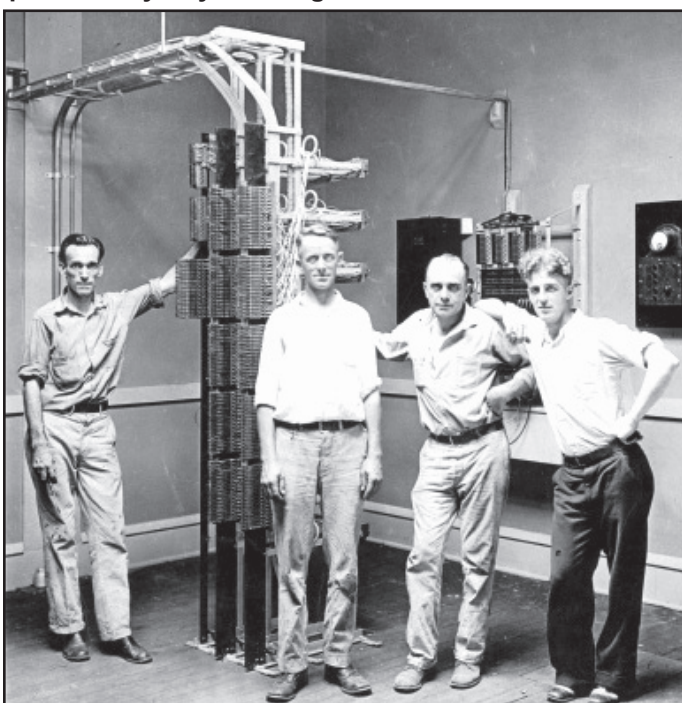
What's Up With This?
By Jim Balmer



Old Gas Pump located in Philo, IL. Photo by Jim Balmer. Readers Response; The caboose (published 3/14) was obtained by the Village of Homer in 2001 and arrived on a siding in July. It was moved into place November 2, 2001. This became the center of what is known as the Caboose Park with a gazebo. This is on the former site of a hardware and grocery store that existed for nearly a century at the corner of Main and East First Street. The Douglas Telephone Company office (published 3/7) was constructed in the fall of 1915. The chocolate-colored face brick was adorned with red Spanish tile. This was constructed on the site of the Gray building, which burned on December 26, 1910. Ray Cunningham



Photo Above: Construction of the Telephone Company building. Photo Below: Interior of phoen exchange. Photos provided by Ray Cunningham.



Sidney Library; Offering options for checking out your next book

Well, we did it...winter is officially over and spring is officially here! It’s time to start enjoying the great outdoors and make plans for lots of spring activities. Keep the Sidney Community Library on your “to do” list. After a long day of yard work, spring sports, or rained out plans...stop in to check out some books, movies, and magazines.
If you are too busy to browse our shelves, but still want a good book to read, try our online catalog. All you need to do is: go to ILLSHAREIT.com, sign in with your library card number, enter your PIN (the last four numbers of your phone number), begin searching, request the item(s), and pick up your item(s) at the Sidney Community Library when they arrive! If you are interested in ordering digital material, go to MyMediaMall, sign in with your library card

number, enter your PIN, select Illinois Heartland Library System, begin searching for Ebooks and/or audio books to read or listen to on your personal devices, and complete your request.
We have books for sale! These gently used items are available for just .50 for hardbacks and .25 for paperbacks. What a bargain! All proceeds go toward the purchase of new books, movies, and library programs.
It may be a few months away, but we are so excited about our Sidney Fun Daze Bike Raffle! Tickets are \$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20. We have two bikes: one for girls and one for boys (courtesy of Walmart). For more details, stop in the library. All proceeds benefit the library. We appreciate your support so much!
Our first Family Movie Night of the spring season

was lots of fun and laughs last Friday, March 16th. We all enjoyed the animated movie, “Ferdinand”. We will announce the date for next month’s movie night very soon! Check our Facebook page and this weekly article for more details.
The next monthly Sidney Library Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 2nd at 6pm. Board meetings are open to the public. Full meeting minutes are always available to read at the library.
Join us on Tuesday, April 3rd at 9:30am for our monthly Coffee and Conversation. It’s always fun to relax and share stories with friends over a hot cup of coffee.
Library hours are: Monday – Friday; 9am – noon, 4pm – 7pm. Closed Saturday and Sunday. Follow us on Facebook at Sidney Community Library. Phone: 688-2332.