



**South County
SPOTLIGHT**



UHS GBB @ Pontiac
1/24 at 5:30 pm

HJHS VB @ Oakwood
1/24 at 6:00 pm

VGH GBB vs Oblong
1/24 @ 6:00 pm

UJHS VB vs Shiloh
1/24 @ 6:00 pm

UHS Wrestling @
Shelbyville
1/25 at 4:30 pm

UHS BBB @ Olympia
1/25 at 5:30 pm

St. Thomas JHVB @ St.
Johns 1/25 at 6:00 pm

Unity Rockettes @ IHSA
State Competitive Dance
Finals at Grossinger Mo-
tors Arena in Bloomington
1/25-1/26

St. Thomas BBB @ IESA
8th grade regional vs Next
Generation at St. Malachy
1/26 at 10:00 am

HJHS BBB @ IESA 8th
grade Regional at Chris-
man vs Schlarman
1/26 at 10:00 am

UJHS BBB @ IESA 8th
grade Regional at St Joseph
vs Hoopston
1/26 at 10:00 am

UHS Frosh BBB @ Cen-
tral A&M (Assumption
MS) 1/26 at 10:00 am

UHS BBB vs MF
1/26 at 5:00 pm

VGH BBB @ LOVC tour-
ney Final at Arcola 1/26
Time TBA

UHS GBB @ Monticello
1/28 at 5:30 pm

VGH Frosh BBB vs Tri
County 1/28 @ 6:00 pm

VGH GBB vs Tri County
(Sr night) 1/28 @ 6:00 pm

UJHS VB @ Tuscola
1/28 at 6:00 pm

St. Thomas JHVB @ St.
Malachy 1/29 at 6:00 pm

UHS BBB vs STM
1/29 @ 5:30 pm

HJHS VB vs PVO
1/29 @ 6:00 pm

St. Thomas JHVB @ St.
Johns-Mattoon
1/30 at 6:00 pm

UHS BBB vs Mt. Zion
1/31 @ 6:00 pm

VGH GBB @ Martinsville
1/31 at 6:00 pm

Frosh BBB @ GRF
1/31 at 6:00 pm

If you have an upcoming
event that you would like
to see featured in Spotlight,
email us at vgnews@mchsi.com
or call us at 832-4201



Heritage CUSD Regular Board Meeting Minutes

HERITAGE COMMUNITY
UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
NO. 8
Tuesday, January 22, 2019
– 7:00 p.m.
Homer Building – Band
Room
REGULAR BOARD MEET-
ING
I. CALL TO ORDER AND
ROLL CALL
• Approve/Amend Agenda
• Recognition of Public
• Heritage Education As-
sociation Monthly Report/Update
II. MONTHLY BUSINESS
A. Read and approve min-
utes
B. Financial reports
1. Examine and approve
bills
2. Treasurer’s Report
3. Activity Accounts Re-
port
4. Revolving Fund Re-
port
5. Budget Summary – Finan-
cial Report
6. Investment Report
III. FOR ACTION
Report #35 Employment of
Personnel / Resignations
Report #36 Final Reading of
School Board Policy Updates –
November 2018 PRESS
IV. SUPERINTENDENT’S
REPORT
• Principal Reports
• Discuss Proposed Pub-
lic School Calendar 2019-20
School Year & New State
Guidelines
• 5Essentials Survey Status
Update
• Maintenance Report –
Winter Break Projects Update
• Homer TIF Funds Appli-

cation Planning
• School Board Planning
Meeting Rescheduling
• Statement of Economic
Interests – Champaign County
• IASB Illini Division Din-
ner Meeting February 28, 2019
Mahomet – February Meeting
for Reservations
• Next Regular Board Meet-
ing – Tuesday February 19,
2019 After President’s Day
Holiday
• Other
V. EXECUTIVE SESSION
–To discuss the appointment,
employment, compensation,
discipline, performance, or
dismissal of specific employ-
ees 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 deter-
mine its validity.
VI. ADJOURN
Report #35
A motion is requested to
approve the employment of
Jodi Bear as High School Aide,
_____ as Heritage
Assistant Softball Coach, and
_____ as VGH As-
sistant Baseball Coach.
Report #36
A motion is requested to
approve the Final Reading of
Illinois Association of School
Board Policies from PRESS
Circular November 2018:
Governance
2:70, Vacancies on the
School Board – Filling Vacan-
cies
2:80, Board Member Oath
and Conduct

2:80-E, Board Member Code
of Conduct
2:150, Committees
2:150-AP, Superintendent
Committees
Employee Benefits
2:250-E2, Immediately
Available District Public Re-
cords
and Web-Posted Reports
and Records
2:260, Uniform Grievance
Procedure
3:40-E, Checklist for the
Superintendent Employment
Contract Negotiation Pro-
cess
5:10, Equal Employment
Opportunity and Minority
Recruitment
5:10-AP, Workplace Accom-
modations for Nursing
Mothers
5:20, Workplace Harass-
ment Prohibited
5:60, Expenses
5:200, Terms and Condi-
tions of Employment and
Dismissal
5:300, Schedules and Em-
ployment Year
Safety
3:60-E, Event Reporting and
Notice Requirements for
Building Principals Con-
cerning School Safety and
Security – RENAMED &
REWRITTEN
4:170, Safety
4:170-AP1, Comprehensive
Safety and Security Plan
4:170-AP2, Routine Com-
munications Concerning
Safety
and Security
5:30, Hiring Process and
Criteria
5:30-AP2, Investigations

7:150-AP, Agency and Po-
lice Interviews – REWRITTEN
7:190-AP7, Student Disci-
pline Guidelines
7:190-E3, Memorandum of
Understanding
Teacher Licensure & Re-
cruitment
5:190, Teacher Qualifica-
tions
5:220, Substitute Teachers
5:220-AP, Substitute Teach-
ers
Instruction & Curriculum |
School Calendar & Day
2:20-E, Waiver and Modi-
fication Request Resource
Guide
5:230, Maintaining Student
Discipline
6:20, School Year Calendar
and Day
6:60, Curriculum Content
6:60-AP, Comprehensive
Health Education Program
6:60-AP, E1, Notice to Par-
ents/Guardians of Students
Enrolled in Family Life and
Sex Education Classes –
RENUMBERED
6:60-AP, E2, Resources for
Biking and Walking Safety
Education – NEW
6:310, High School Credit
for Non-District Experiences;
Course Substitutions; Re-
entering Students
7:190, Student Behavior
7:190-E2, Student Hand-
book Checklist
7:200, Suspension Proce-
dures
Student Health
4:45, Insufficient Fund
Checks and Debt Recovery
4:130, Free and Reduced-
Price Food Services
4:130-E, Free and Reduced-
Price Food Services; Meal
Charge Notifications
5:100, Staff Development
Program
6:120-AP1, E1, Notice to
Parents/Guardians Regard-
ing
Section 504 Rights
7:100, Health, Eye, and Den-
tal Examinations;
Immunizations;

and Exclusion of Students
7:190, Student Behavior
7:260, Exemption from
Physical Education
7:270, Administering Medi-
cines to Students
7:270-AP1, Dispensing
Medication
7:270-AP2, Checklist for
District Supply of Undesig-
nated
Asthma Medication, Epi-
nephrine Auto-Injectors, and/
or Opioid Antagonists –
RENAMED
7:270-E1, School Medication
Authorization Form – RE-
NUMBERED
7:270-E2, School Medication
Authorization Form – Medical
Cannabis – NEW
7:285-AP, Implementing a
Food Allergy Management
Program
7:290, Suicide and Depres-
sion Awareness and Preven-
tion
7:290-AP, Resource Guide
for Implementation of Suicide
and Depression Awareness
Prevention Program
7:305, Student Athlete Con-
cussions and Head Injuries
7:305-AP, Program for Man-
aging Student Athlete Con-
cussions and Head Injuries
Student Attendance & Tru-
ancy
2:120, Board Member De-
velopment
5:100, Staff Development
Program
7:70, Attendance and Tru-
ancy
7:190, Student Behavior
Miscellaneous
3:40, Superintendent
4:15, Identity Protection
6:50, Wellness
6:220, Bring Your Own
Technology (BYOT) Program;
Responsible Use and Con-
duct
7:250, Student Support Ser-
vices
7:250-AP2, Protocol for Re-
sponding to Students with
Social, Emotional, or Mental
Health Needs Problems

**Rockettes Heading to ISHA
State Finals**



The Unity Rockettes Dance Team will be heading to IHSA Semi Finals on Friday, January 25 in Bloomington, IL to compete for the State Title after placing 3rd in the State Sectionals Saturday, January 19 in Mascotah, IL. Photo courtesy Rockettes Facebook.

**New additions added to
Philo Library Collection**

Two weekends in a row is
too much bad weather! But,
it’s been good for business.
We have had a run on mov-
ies and books as well. What
better way to wait out the
weather than entertainment.
Whether it’s curling up with
a good book and an afghan to
keep you warm, or cuddling
up on the couch with the
family to watch a movie, maybe
even with some popcorn, it
certainly beats trying to go
out when the weather is harsh.
Hopefully, everyone is safe
and warm after the inclement
weather. Remember Spring is
only two months away - some-
thing to look forward to, don’t
you think?
Two new adult fiction books
were added this past week.
Lisa Jewell’s “Watching You”
The setting is Bristol, England,
home to doctors, lawyers and

professionals. It’s the sort of
place everyone has a secret.
According to People Maga-
zine this book will keep you
guessing until the very last
page, so don’t look ahead if
you want to be surprised. The
other book is Robyn Carr’s
“The Best of Us”, a Sullivan’s
Crossing novel. I’m not sure
where Sullivan’s Crossing is,
or if it is, but the place is de-
scribed as “a place where good
people, powerful emotions,
great humor and a healthy
dose of common sense are the
key ingredients to a happy
life.” Sounds like a good place
to be. There are four Sullivan’s
Crossing books, so if you read
this and like it, there are more
where this one came from.
New videos for this week
are: “Once Upon a Dead-
pool” ...a fairy-tale twist on
“Deadpool 2” the whole gang

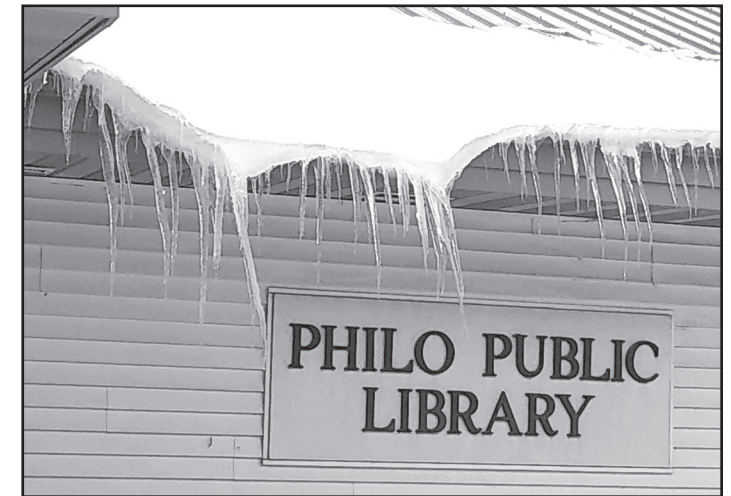
can enjoy. “Goosebumps
2” two boys with an after
schooljunk business hope to
find treasure in other people’s
trash. While cleaning the old
Stine house they open an old
book that frees a supernatural
nightmare. “Halloween” Jam-
ie Lee Curtis returns to her
iconic role as Laurie Strode
and confronts the masked
figure who has haunted her
since she narrowly escaped
her Halloween killing spree
four decades ago. And, “The
Old Man and the Gun” with
Robert Redford, Casey Affleck
and Sissy Spacek, star in this
mostly true story of Forrest
Tucker - his prison escape at
age 70, his bank heists, the
detective pursuing him and
the woman who loves him.

**Awesome After School
Program now available at
Unity East**

Awesome-After-School-Art
has started and is scheduled to
run January 4 - May 17. The
program will be at Unity East
from 2:45 - 3:30 pm on Fridays.
I am going to keep the same
method again this year. K-2nd
grade students can attend
the first two Fridays of every
month and 3rd-5th can attend
the last two Fridays. If there is
a 5th Friday, then anyone can
attend that day.
A permission slip must be
turned in for students to at-
tend. (A copy of the letter and
permission slip is here) Teach-
ers will keep a list of students
signed up for after-school art
and send them to the art room
at the end of the day. If your

child is signed up but will not
be attending a session, please
contact the school to let us
know in advance.
Students will be walked to
the main door after the pro-
gram is over where you may
meet them. Please make sure
that you and your child make
arrangements for a ride home
before they come to school.
Transportation is the parent’s
or guardian’s responsibility.
If you have any questions
or concerns about anything
in this letter, please email me
at hannersk@unity.k12.il.us.
Ms. Hanners
UE & UW Art Teacher

**"Signs of the Season"
By Jim Balmer**



Ice crystals formed on the Philo Public Library Last week in Philo, IL. Photo by Jim Balmer. To comment on any of the photos featured in Signs of the Season email us at vgnews@mchsi.com or send a letter to Villa Grove News PO Box 20, Villa Grove IL 61956. Comments may be published in future editions of the newspapers.