

# NEWS REPORT

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**Legal**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, EFFINGHAM COUNTY, EFFINGHAM, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JEREMY G. RICHARDSON, Deceased. No. 2019P15.

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Jeremy G. Richardson, Effingham, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on March 7, 2019, to Ross Richardson, of 8642 N. 1425th St., Effingham, Illinois, whose attorney is K. Rick Keller of Orr Law LLC, 215 N. Fourth Street, Effingham, Illinois 62401.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk at the Effingham County Government Center, 120 W. Jefferson Avenue, Effingham, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the date of issuance of letters and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Ross Richardson, Independent Administrator, by K. Rick Keller, of Orr Law LLC, his attorney.

THIS INSTRUMENT PREPARED BY: K. RICK KELLER, Orr Law, LLC, 215 N. Fourth St., Effingham, IL 62401. Ph: 217-342-1212 rkeller@orrlawllc.com  
Legal #572(3x) 3-28-19



**Annual St. Anthony Parish "Treasure" Sale**  
One man's "junk" is another man's "treasure"

**Friday, April 5 8am-6pm**  
**Saturday, April 6 8am-12 noon**  
(BAG SALE - Sat. 10am-12 noon)

**St. Anthony Parish Center**  
101 East Virginia (next to church) Effingham, IL  
**Priced to sell: Gigantic SALE**

CLOTHING: Infant to adult, baby gear, Toys, Play house, bikes, shoes, St. Anthony uniforms, Jewelry, purses, linens. FURNITURE: lift chair, antiques, tools, indust. lighting. HOUSEHOLD: Dept. 56, art, books, records, DVDs, CDs, Sporting ETC...

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# Voters can hear Effingham candidates twice next week

**By Herb Meeker News Report Staff**

Voters will have a chance to hear from school board and city government candidates at separate events next week.

A Meet the Candidates event for Unit 40 School Board candidates starts at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19, in the Effingham Elks Lodge, 2102 S. Banker St., next to the southwest corner of the Village Square Mall parking lot.

All candidates for school board have been invited to the event, sponsored by the Effingham Classroom Teachers Association and Effingham Education Support Professionals Association.

The Unit 40 candidates will be asked questions and given time to respond indi-

vidually. Organizers believe this is a great opportunity to meet the candidates before Election Day on April 2.

Effingham Unit 40 candidates are Robin Klosterman, Dannielle Kingery Harden, Jill Wendling, Jane Willenborg and Bradley J. Waldhoff.

Effingham County Chamber of Commerce and the Effingham Elks will present a city government candidate forum, starting at 6 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, in the Elks Lodge.

City commissioner candidates will field questions from a panel, including local journalists, from 6 to 7 p.m. that night. The mayoral candidates will face questions from 7:15 to 8 p.m. Eric Zeller will be the moderator for the forum.

Effingham has Jeff Bloemker, Mike Schutzbach and Scott Ealy seeking the office of mayor. Running for the four city commissioner seats are Kevin Esker, Kevin Willis, Jayne Miller, Merv Gillenwater, Don Althoff, Libby Moeller, Larry Micenheimer and Hank Stephens.

Timing will determine if questions from the public will be asked during the forum for either the city commissioner or the segment set for the three seeking the office of mayor. Any questions from the audience will be screened out of fairness to the candidates.

Both of these events offer voters the opportunity to get informed on what the different candidates have to offer.

# Council approves outdoor café seating for food, drinks

By this fall, residents or visitors to Effingham might enjoy a bite or sip outside with Effingham City Council approving a permit classification for allowing outdoor seating at restaurants and taverns.

Public property café permits will be offered to qualifying businesses in Effingham. The council approved an ordinance amendment adding this classification for cafés to set up seating along sidewalks for food or alcohol sales.

Some planning is ahead on the location of these café venues as work moves ahead along Jefferson Avenue. The goal is to complete the venues before the end of the year, and as that work moves forward, permit applications can be submitted.

The vote recorded on the night of March 5 was unanimously in favor of the café option with Mayor Jeff Bloemker and City Commissioners Merv Gillenwater, Don Althoff, Kevin Willis and Kevin Esker answering roll call.

There are rules for the permits that range from \$1,000 to \$1,500 depending on the type of business. The permits will

be available to businesses eligible for liquor licenses. There will be rules on the seating and even the color of umbrellas attached to the tables. Metal grating will be required to separate café seating areas from the sidewalks and streets adjacent to the license holder's property. There will be no blockage of sidewalks or other public property.

The goal of the ordinance change is to offer a different way to enjoy some of the city's hospitality during the warmer months.

The council members also approved a proposal from Dan's Glass Inc. for improving the west entrance doors to Effingham City Hall. Workers will install automatic door devices to make that entrance more compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The cost will be \$5,625 with payment from the public properties fund.

The council also discussed the two financial requests from the Greater Effingham Growth Alliance and the Evergreen Mini Golf facility.

The Alliance will request reimbursement for its work on expenses related to industrial recruiting. Adam Huston, of Evergreen Mini Golf, is asking for \$814 in city amusement tax money to assist with the purchase of equipment for future events at the course located next to Kluthe Memorial Swimming Pool.

City Administrator Steve Miller also discussed different building types for a storage building to hold the Wonderland in Lights displays that could be located in the cemetery or park district area.

Another construction project ahead involves modifications to the Central Fire Station Mezzanine to comply with city and state building codes. The estimated cost of the work from Swingler Construction is \$25,705, based on a quote filed.

In other business, Baseball Card Connection received the city's Business Appreciation Award. The business is very sports savvy for customers ranging from collectors of memorabilia to diehard sports fans wanting to show their loyalty through banners, flags and other merchandise.



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**Election judges training set for Tuesday**

In preparation for the April 2 Consolidated Election, Effingham County Clerk and Election Authority Kerry Hirtzel would like to remind election judges of training to be conducted on Tuesday, March 19 at the Effingham Public Library.

There will be only three judges used per precinct for this election.

Postcards have been mailed to the judges who will be serving. All judges are invited to the training, even if you have not been notified that you will be working on Election Day.

Hirtzel welcomes any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. Contact him at the County Clerk's office at 217-342-6535; countyclerk@co.effingham.il.us; or at P.O. Box 628, 101 N. Fourth Street, Suite 201, Effingham, IL 62401.

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**Women of Today offer adult scholarships**

The GFWC Illinois Effingham Women of Today is offering an adult scholarship to qualifying adults, both men and women, in Effingham County.

The applicant must have been 25 years of age or older by January 1, 2019. A personal letter outlining the applicant's goals, background and community service must be included with the application. In addition, a letter of recommendation from a professional - i.e. employer, teacher, advisor, etc. - and a personal letter of recommendation must also be included.

The application deadline is Friday, April 5. Recipients will be announced in May. Applications may be picked up from Becky Brown at the Effingham County Chamber of Commerce, located at 903 North Keller Drive in Effingham or by calling 217-342-4147 (daytime) or 217-536-5565 (evenings) to have an application mailed.

**Fundraising fundamentals training set**

The word "fundraising" usually evokes the image of bake sales, trivia nights, Bingo and costume parties.

Many non-profit organizations do not consider having a fundraising strategy that includes year-end giving, corporate gifts, donor stewardship or donor recognition.

Southeastern Illinois Community Foundation is partnering with Forefront to bring an in-depth training on fundraising fundamentals to area non-profits.

"Raising Money for Your Organization: Fundraising Fundamentals" is scheduled for Thursday, March 28, from 10 a.m. to noon at Roy Schmidt Honda, located at 1705 W Fayette Avenue in Effingham. The cost of this event is \$15 for Forefront members (\$25 for non-members). To register, visit [www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Events](http://www.enrichingourcommunity.org/Events).

Attendees of "Raising Money for Your Organization: Fundraising Fundamentals" will learn about gift acceptance policies, fundraiser marketing, how to ask donors for a major gift, special events, corporate gifts, donor recognition and donor stewardship.

For more information, contact Amanda Lessley, President/CEO, at 217-342-4988 or visit [www.enrichingourcommunity.org](http://www.enrichingourcommunity.org)

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Together, we raised a total of 1,680 pounds of food for our community.