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FEATURE



Morice’s art collection includes pieces such as this one.



Kit Morice describes her historic house.



The kitchen is one of the places in the house that has been updated.



This is one of the original hot water heaters in the house.

Peeling back layers of history

Tarble curator works constantly to preserve home

By Robyn Dexter
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Editor’s Note: This is the fourth installment in a series focusing on old, historical houses in and around the Charleston area. The series will feature more houses in the coming weeks.

Layers of wallpaper serve as layers of history to tell the tale of an old house just off the Square in Charleston.

Kit Morice, curator of education at the Tarble Arts Center and a member of the Charleston Historic Preservation Commission, lives in a house just off the Square at 400 Jackson Ave. that is more than 100 years old.

“The house was built in 1902 by a man named George Muchmore,” Morice said. “He worked on a number of buildings and houses around town.”

Morice said her home is a turn-of-the-century house with some elements from the Queen Anne style such as the wrap-around porch and a staircase with turned spindles, but it also has elements of a Colonial

Revival style home.

“Colonial Revival elements of this house include the corner pilasters and the porch with pediments and columns,” she said. “It’s all very classical.”

Charles and Helen Harr were the originals owners of the home and lived in it with their twin daughters, who continued to live in the house when their parents died.

“After that, the house went through many different owners,” Morice said. “A couple in the 1950s and ‘60s used the home as a boarding house and turned the upstairs into a duplex.”

The house, though seemingly quite large because of the wrap-around porch, has about 1,500 square feet of living space on the first and second floors.

Morice said after the house was used as a boarding house, it was mainly a single-family home.

She and her husband bought the house in 2000, and Morice said they had to do a lot of work on it to keep it intact and maintain its historic integrity.

“While this house had a lot of deferred maintenance, it also meant a lot of the aspects of it hadn’t been changed,” she said. “I have original hardwood floors, original woodwork throughout, pocket doors, the fireplace and the staircase.”

Morice said she was originally drawn to the house because of how intact it still was to begin with.

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Kit Morrice stands in front of her 111 year old house at 400 Jackson Ave.

CITY

Council commits \$35,000 for repairs

By Zachary White
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The Charleston City Council members approved a resolution committing \$35,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds for an annual crack, route and seal bid award Tuesday.

The council allocated the money to be awarded once all bid applications are in on July 1.

Mayor Larry Rennels said the money will be spent on a sealer substance that will be used to fill cracks in Fourth, Sixth and Seventh streets.

He said the cracks are being filled to reduce the likelihood that potholes will form after water gets below the pavement and freezes during winter-time then deteriorates when the ice melts.

Rennels said in past years, the city has run into a problem after repairs because the contractors have been filling cracks a little too much.

“The contractors who did it put enough in there that it was above the edge of the pavement,” Rennels said. “And when the snow plows come through, it sheared it off and it threw black stuff all over the sidewalk.”

Rennels said the council is going to make sure whoever wins the bid this year knows not to overfill the cracks.

The council also approved a tax increment financing grant for the Sensible Rehabilitation program.

Jim Wood, owner of Wood Rentals, was approved for a TIF grant in the amount of \$9,124 for his buildings at 219-221 Sixth St.

The TIF grant would make up about half of the cost of the improvements to the front of Wood’s buildings.

Also during Tuesday’s meeting, the council approved five resolutions authorizing expenditures of tourism funds.

The funds that were approved are a \$2,000 grant to the Charleston Chill for May 17-19 and June 21-23, a \$700 grant to the Charleston Baseball Association for the Cal Ripken 11-year-old State Tournament from July 17-21, a \$300 grant to WEIU TV for WEIU Kids Day Aug. 17, a \$700 grant to the Coles County Airport for the Coles County Air Show on Aug. 24 and a \$2,000 grant to the Charleston Riot Committee for the 150th anniversary of the Charleston Riot from March 28-30, 2014.

The council also put an ordinance amending part of the fire department code on a two-week public inspection period.

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LOCAL

Sexual assault reported, men facing charges

Staff Report
@den_news

A criminal sexual assault was reported to the Charleston Police Department by a female victim who said she was sexually assaulted by two men Sunday.

Lt. Brad Oyer of the CPD said the case is an ongoing investigation, and

there was probable cause at the time to make the arrests of the two men.

Jorge Us Lux, 25, and his 17-year-old roommate are both currently being detained at the Coles County Safety and Detention Center.

“Both of the men have holds on them from the U.S. Immigration and Customs and Enforcement Agency,” Oyer said.

The men are both from Guatemala.

“Even if they would post bond, be released or have charges dropped, they will still have the separate process from (Customs),” he said.


Oyer said he does not have information about how old the female who reported the assault is, but he said the detectives might be holding that information for some reason or another.



JORGE US LUX


Local weather

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FRIDAY



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CAMPUS

Girls in government

Participants gain active, political experience on campus

By Cayla Maurer
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The Illini Girls State program brought 388 girls to Eastern's campus to participate in a model government put on by the American Legion Auxiliary.

Girls State is a week-long simulation program for girls who will be entering senior year of high school. The 'citizens' live in Lawson and Taylor halls for one week, with girls from each school district being split up to bond with other girls from other districts.

In the mythical state, 18 cities are created between four counties, which the girls elect a full set of government officials for at city, county and states levels.

The government stays as true to the Illinois political style process as possible throughout the week.

The girls also get to hear a variety of speakers talk about different

political occupations and how to further their own political interests.

Habeeb Habeeb, Champaign County Republican chairman, will be at Friday's closing ceremony to speak to the girls about how he came into politics.

As a function of the A.L.A., Girls State focuses heavily on patriotism and Americanism through flag ceremonies.

The girls learn about flag disposal and retirement as well as raising and lowering the flag at the beginning and end of each day in the South Quad.

The girls also sing the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem.

Girls elect fellow 'citizens' to general assembly to write and debate bills as well as pass or veto bills.

Sarah Wyckoff, dean of education for Illini Girls State, said it is important for the girls to participate in this mock government because it will make them respectful citizens.

"They are citizens of our state. They're going to be voting in the next year," Wyckoff said. "This gives them a jumpstart to understand the election process so they can have hands-on experience."

All girls vote in two primary elections and three general elections in a three-day time period.

Debra Lewis, director of Illinois Girls State, said this is a great opportunity because the girls are busy from 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. with presentations, elections and bonding.

"This is a life-changing event. It's unlike anything you'll ever do in your life because you're all thrown in this mix for a week and you live, breathe and eat it," Lewis said.

School officials recommend most girls to the American Legion Auxiliary while other girls apply and go through an interview process.

Girls State member Olivia Catanzaro, from Arcola, said her favorite part of Girls State is meeting new people and getting closer with them.

"We all support each other even if we're running against each other (for a position)," Catanzaro said. "If one person gets it and the other person doesn't we're still like 'Hey, good job.'"

More than 300 auxiliary units sent girls to participate this year.

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CITY | CIVIL WAR PROGRAM

Log cabin to host reenactment

Staff Report
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The Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site will be taking community members back in time for a "Civil War Saturday" to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Civil War.

Matthew Mittlestaedt, the site manager for the site, said this is one of the first Civil War programs they will host at the cabin this summer.

The program will include an interpretation of the Lincoln family discussing the war and reading letters from family members who served.

Mittlestaedt said an actress por-

traying Sarah Lincoln will put together a care package for her grandson, Alfred Hall, of the 123rd Illinois Infantry, who was in Tennessee at the time.

"We've got his letters that have come back home," Mittlestaedt said. "His brother, John Hall, will talk to folks about how things are going with the war. It's really focused on the Civil War in this one particular family."

Mittlestaedt said even though the program focuses on the Lincoln family, most people felt the effects of the war.

"Almost every family was touched by the Civil War in some way, whether they had someone who was serving in the Army or

the Navy, whether they were involved in production of materials for the war, whether they were trading with the army," he said. Many shop keepers would also follow alongside the Army to keep providing services to them, Mittlestaedt said. "So many people were involve with the war, not just the Army," he said. Mittlestaedt said they are planning on having more Civil War Saturdays in July and August, but he is unsure of the exact dates. The program will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site.

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Triathlon to benefit locals

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The 2013 Redhawk Rampage at Eastern will be hosted on Sunday at 10 a.m. benefitting the Lincoln Trails Council and the Boy Scouts of America.

There will also be a 1 Mile Kids Fun Run and a 5K Run or Walk that will be held beginning at 8 a.m.

Ellen Watkins, senior district executive for the Lincoln Trails Council, said more than 50 runners will be participating in the triathlon from various places.

"We hope to have a large amount of Boy Scout participation in the Fun Run as they work around their summer camp schedules," Watkins said.

Local Boy Scout Troop 141 is also expected to attend and participate in the Fun Runs.

The course of the triathlon will include a 300-yard swim inside of Lantz Arena, a bike course, which includes two hills and a mostly flat run, with two water points that runners and spectators can use.

The triathlon is designed for both beginners and elite racers, and both are welcome.

All participants are welcome to retrieve their packets on Saturday, as well as attend seminars on triathlon techniques throughout the evening.

Race day will begin on Sunday with additional packet pickup time from 6 to 9 a.m., followed by the Fun Runs and triathlon. The expected end time for the Redhawk Rampage is at 11:30 a.m., where the award ceremony and lunch will begin as soon as the races are over.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers. Additionally, prizes will be awarded to the top five finishers per age group, as well as the top five finishing teams for the triathlon. All triathlon runners will receive a medal and T-shirt.

Late entry is still available at an extra cost for both the triathlon and the Fun Runs. Prior to the races, all participants must be registered, marked and pass a bike inspection.

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International librarians visit Eastern

By Robyn Dexter
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Librarians from all over the world gathered at Booth Library Tuesday for a panel discussion about differences and similarities in library systems internationally.

The group of 11 international librarians were part of the Mortenson Center for International Library Programs and were visiting Eastern for the day.

Allen Lanham, the dean of library services, led the panel that included topics such as student workers, the process of obtaining new books, databases, classification systems and other aspects of working in both university and public library systems.

The panel included 23 library affiliates of both Eastern and eight different countries.

Representatives from Colombia, Japan, Pakistan, the Republic of Korea, Bulgaria, Kenya, the Kyrgyz Republic and Brazil told stories of how their respective libraries function.

Silvia Valencia Vivas, a cultural analyst from the Banco de la Republica in Columbia, said the public library she works at is tax assisted, but she is unfamiliar with the collection system Eastern uses.

“I study children’s literature and



ROBYN DEXTER | THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Librarians from around the world gather in the Booth Library conference room Tuesday to discuss differences and similarities in global libraries.

some classes in education, and we don’t have access to these books,” she said.

Lanham talked about bringing high schoolers to Eastern toward the middle of the panel discussion and how they react to the university’s library.

“We have wonderful libraries throughout the state of Illinois, but not every small town has a library,” he said. “There are 4,200 libraries in Illinois, but some of them are better than others because they’re supported locally.”

Lanham went on to explain library funding, and the group talked about

how their respective libraries are funded.

Milena Milanova, an assistant professor at Sofia University in Bulgaria, said there are 4,000 libraries in Bulgaria, but sometimes there are problems with school libraries.

“Our libraries are home to books, along with cultural events and music events,” she said.

Milanova said the library at Sofia University houses 2 million items.

Elvira Niiazova, the office head of cataloguing and acquisition at the

American University of Central Asia in the Kyrgyz Republic, said libraries are grouped in a different way.

“We have national libraries, libraries for children and historical libraries,” she said. “They are all separate buildings.”

Lanham said after the panel was over, he felt refreshed by the new faces and new countries represented at the panel.

“I love to see what excites them about what we do here (at Eastern),” he said. “Sometimes just buying a book can be a major process for them, but it’s

something we take for granted.”

Lanham said that while some libraries are struggling to meet ends meet worldwide, many libraries are far more advanced than the ones United States citizens might know.

“Many of the libraries represented around this table are extremely advanced,” he said. “I get so energized speaking with these people and the energy they have.”

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What has been your favorite part of summer so far and why?

HERE’S WHAT YOU SAID



Getting out of class early...
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 Staying up late...
 Having fun with friends...
 Who can pick just one?

Becky Lawson

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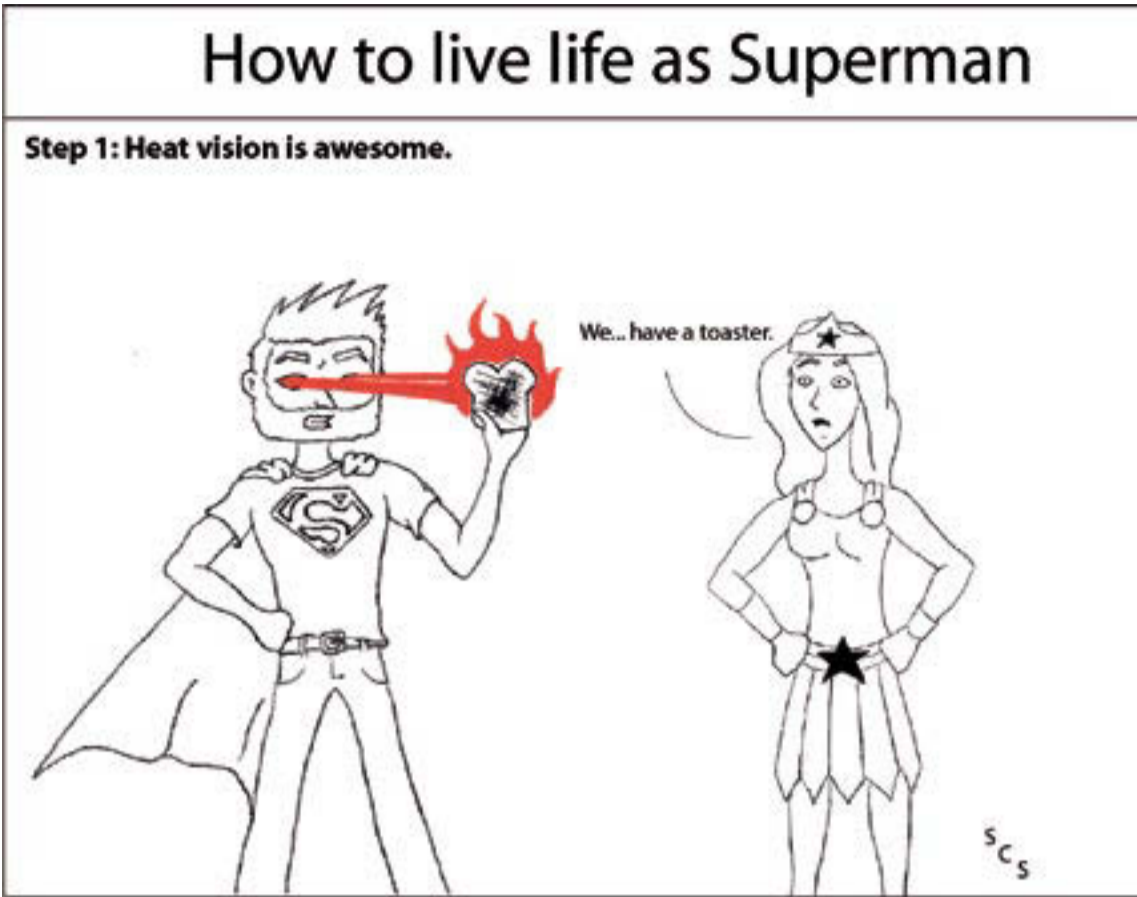
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STAFF EDITORIAL

Girls State promotes leadership, political science interests

As nearly 400 high school girls spend their week on Eastern’s campus, they are gaining priceless skills.

In a world where women are largely underrepresented in government, programs such as the Illini Girls State program help boost numbers for the future.

These girls are spending time listening to speakers about different political occupations and learning how to apply ideas to possible future political careers.

It is never too early to start planning for the future, and Girls State gives high schoolers interested in political science-related careers a jumpstart on their lives.

The girls get excited to vote in the next election, learn about the election process, participate in a mock government and elect a full set of officials for the week.

OUR POSITION

- **Situation:** Girls State has brought more nearly 400 high school girls to Eastern’s campus.
- **Stance:** Programs such as these promote women in government and will help our political system down the road.

Empowering girls at such a crucial time in their lives is so important, and promoting programs such as Girls State is key.

We at *The News* are proud that Eastern plays host to this program and is a major component of supporting the program.

We hope the girls who are attending the program gain valuable insight to the workings of our government and pursue careers in advancing our local, state and national governments when they are done with their schooling.

Having more women represented in our government systems can bring a broader spectrum of ideas and bring a brighter future.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of *The Daily Eastern News*.

Music can unite even complete strangers

Hundreds of decibels of pounding bass. Thousands of watts of flashing lasers. Tens of thousands of sweaty, enthusiastic fans.

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This past weekend, I attended Spring Awakening Music Festival at Soldier Field in Chicago.

My brain still cannot fathom the insanity the weekend featured.

This is the second year Spring Awakening has taken place, and, for three days, it was home to some of the biggest names in electronic dance music and all its loyal fans.

Fans traveled hundreds of miles to fill their ears with the music they love and respect in a way many people simply do not understand.

The atmosphere of the festival is difficult to describe when looking back at it.

The word that comes directly to mind to sum it all up is “unified.”

This group of people is truly there for the sense of community and wants to share their enthusiasm with everyone around them.

They are a unique kind of people – people who truly embrace music and express themselves entirely, not caring what anyone else thinks of them.



Robyn Dexter

Crazy outfits, including an excess of neon, fur, colored sunglasses, flowers and glitter, are normal.

I watched everyday Chicagoans give these “ravers” perplexed glances as they moved in a mass migration from the suburbs and hotels surrounding the city to Soldier Field, creating a sea of creative expression.

They might not understand fully what the electronic dance music (EDM) movement is about.

They might frown upon this generation in a way the adult population frowned upon the young hippies in the days of festivals such as Woodstock.

But they aren’t in the middle of a crowd full of happy fans, dancing and jumping around under diffracted lasers as the Chicago sky opens up during the set of Saturday night

closer Bassnectar and rain pours down.

The rain doesn’t matter. The sheer exhaustion from being outside in the sun all day doesn’t matter.

There comes a time when the physical state is gone, and the mental and emotional state is literally all that matters.

The rain adds to the insanity and the unity felt in the middle of a crowd of people you’ve never met but still feel completely tied to.

It’s pretty much impossible to explain unless you’ve been there, right in the middle, experiencing it firsthand.

Returning to the real world early Monday morning, physically, mentally and emotionally exhausted was rough.

For all the money and travel time the journey cost, the sense of community I gained from the EDM community is completely priceless.

Feeling so close to a group of people – complete strangers, essentially – is something that cannot be purchased.

We might be the biggest group of misfits of this generation, but we’re unified in our oddities, and we’re OK with that.

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CAMPUS

High school camp canceled because of lack of applications

Staff Report
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Eastern Illinois and the Business Solutions Center has canceled their e3 Camp for Interactive Entrepreneurship that was scheduled to take place from June 23-26.

The camp was to consist of 14-18-year-olds and was to be led by members of Eastern's faculty and students.

"It was a hard decision to cancel the camp, but we felt that we had an inadequate number of participants in order to effectively run it," said Jennifer Garren, office administrator for the Business Solutions

Center.

The decision to cancel it stemmed from an inadequate number of participants registered prior to the June 14 deadline.

Camp e3 revolved around campers being placed into groups to create, pitch and organize business ideas. Campers were expected to learn leadership, problem solving, time management and communication skills.

"We will be holding the camp next year, and we expect for a better turnout," Garren said.

The camp is expected to be at the same approximate time next summer.

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"I love the big windows and all the woodwork," she said. "We have hot water radiator heat, which is nice because it doesn't dry out the air."

Working to maintain the historic aspect of the house while doing the required maintenance can be tricky, but Morice said it is worth it.

A foundation wall collapsed in 2008, and Morice salvaged brick from a house built by the same builder to restore it.

"I got 600 bricks for free, but I had to haul all of them and chisel the mortar off one by one in my side yard," she said. "It was such a project, but it saved me a ton of money."

An important aspect of restoring old houses is doing research, Morice said.

While contractors know their trade, many are not versed in the materials used in restoring and rehabilitating old houses, she said.

"These houses require different things than newer houses," she said. "Turn-of-the-20th-century brick is different from modern-day brick."

Morice said she makes efforts constantly to preserve the integrity of her home.

Her current project is her kitchen, where she has taken a wall out.

"It's the biggest thing I've done to the house, as far as alterations," she said. "They always say kitchens and bathrooms are two things you pretty much have to update."

The kitchen has seven different kinds of cabinetry, where she keeps everything from dishes to cook-

books.

Morice's home is decorated with all different kinds of cultural art because she works at the Tarble Arts Center and has always enjoyed unique kinds of art, including Mexican and Haitian pieces.

"I've always been interested in Mexican art, especially Day of the Dead, since the early '90s," she said. "I also saw a Haitian exhibition at the Field Museum in Chicago, and I was just blown away."

Along with decorating her home with cultural art, Morice has worked to keep up the appearance of the house without damaging the historical value.

Much of the work she has done is cosmetic and includes painting woodwork and stripping carpet and wallpaper.

"I've stripped an absolute ton of wallpaper off these walls," she said. "In some places, there are four or five layers."

Morice describes the process as an "archaeological dig" through the history of the house.

She said she has left some of the wallpaper in the closets because it is so unique and shows different time periods the house has been through.

Though not all the furnishings of the house are original, Morice said she is a fan of reusing things.

The window trim in the utility room next to the kitchen is the trim from the door that was taken down when Morice took out the wall.

Her flooring is salvaged 100-year-old pine from a man in Champaign.

Morice said the flooring is perfect for her home.

"A lot of contractors don't want to work with salvaged materials," she said. "They'd rather start new. But I got lucky because my contractor worked with me to reuse and recycle things."

The exterior of Morice's house features columns and dentils, teeth-like features on the trim.

She met with a painter last week to see about getting the exterior repainted.

"You just kind of pick a project a year and revolve around that," she said. "When you get done, you're ready to start the next round."

Morice said she worries about people being "turned off" by old houses because of the amount of work that often needs to be put into them.

"Knowing the history of the place and everything it's been through is so important," she said. "This block without this house just wouldn't have the same feel or the same character."

Morice said though her house has been a lot of work, she knows everything she has done has been worth it.

"This is downtown Charleston, the old part of town," she said. "I knew I was going to put a lot of work (into the house), but in the end, I know I have something unique."

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"Over the years, the organizational structure of the fire department has changed, and this is basically a clean up to the ordinance," Rennels said.

The council also approved two mayoral appointments.

Craig Cunningham was appoint-

ed to the Charleston Carnegie Public Library Board of Trustees, and Brett Lockart was appointed to the Charleston Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.

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Comic Book Review



Zachary White

A new web-slinger in town

He's Spider-Man, but he isn't Peter Parker.

Dan Slott, Spider-Man writer, is taking fans for the ride of their lives with the introduction of a brand new character (well, sort of) in The Superior Spider-Man.

In the final issues of the Amazing Spider-Man storyline, Peter Parker has his mind switched with Doc Ock, aka Doctor Otto Octavius, after Doc Ock sustained fatal injuries.

In the end, Peter Parker dies in Doc Ock's body — but not before good ole' Spidey imbues into Ock's mind all of his memories, his moral code, and of course the most important message of all — “With great power, comes great responsibility.”

As Peter Parker lies dying in Doc Ock's body, Otto Octavius stands over him knowing with clarity that he must become a better man in order to live as Spider-Man.

What he realizes in that instant of clarity is that he cannot live on as a criminal mastermind, but instead he must live to do the opposite — to defeat the crime he was once part of.

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And of course, he doesn't quite understand why a superhero should not kill.

Of course, this is the story's flaw.

An evil Spider-Man is not believable. If anyone saw the movie Spider Man 3, then you know what I mean (can you say utter disgrace and failure?)

Well, at least Dan Slott realizes this, and it can be seen when his secondary characters start to ask themselves why Spider-Man is being so weird. They ask themselves why he keeps beating petty criminals half to death.

In classic style, nobody can figure out what is wrong with him.

But the problem is not that Spider-Man is being evil. The question fans are asking is not will he change.

The question is: can an evil man become a superhero if he has to?

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PERFORMANCE PREVIEW



Singing for a cause

Barbershop quartet prepares for annual show

by Amanda Wilkinson

The Coles County Barbershop Chorus will be hosting their 44th Annual Show on Saturday at the Charleston High School.

Tom Woodall, the co-director for the group and a former Eastern professor and cross county coach, said he and Ron Leathers formed the group in 1967.

The group has about 35 members from around the county and is known for their philanthropic efforts.

Woodall said the group raised more than \$8,000 for local homeless shelters, food pantries and high school music programs.

He said art programs, especially the music programs in high schools, are being cut because of decreasing budgets.

This year, they were able to raise and give about \$2,000 to area high schools from their “Singing Valen-

tines for Hire” fundraiser.

“This happens to be the only real fundraiser we have,” Woodall said. “The rest of the year we sing in churches and try to do community, good will things.”

For their 44th show, the group chose the theme “Music in Mayberry” as a play off of the “The Andy Griffith Show.”

“We have various members of our group who look like or can act like Opie, Sheriff Taylor, Otis, Gomer and Barney,” Woodall said. “It's a musical thing, but there's that little spread of those characters going through it.”

To keep with the theme, a bluegrass band comprised of two chorus members and two community members will play along with the chorus.

“In barbershop singing, everything is unaccompanied — no piano, no guitar, no instruments,” Wood-

all said.

The band includes a five-string banjo, bass and a guitar, he said.

Woodall said the group's name is also a play on the 1960s show.

“If you remember the Mayberry show, there was a bluegrass band called the Dillards,” he said. “We're kind of a play on words, but we called ourselves the Dullards.”

The Forefronts will be performing as a guest quartet.

“For the last two years, they've placed seventh in the international competition,” Woodall said. “They could very well be in the top five in the world. They're extremely good.”

The show begins at 4 p.m., and tickets cost \$12.

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FOOTBALL

Panthers looking past preseason polls, rankings

By Aldo Soto
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The Eastern football team has garnered team and individual accolades in the preseason, but red-shirt senior Erik Lora and senior Jimmy Garoppolo said the team is more concerned with working hard in the preseason.

Lindy's Magazine ranked the Panthers No. 18 in the FCS when the magazine presented its preseason rankings last Friday. This top-20 ranking for Eastern followed a No. 19 ranking that was given to the team by Sporting News Magazine on June 7.

The Panthers enter their second season under the command of Dino Babers and are coming off an Ohio Valley Conference title, sporting a 6-1 conference record and finishing 7-6 overall in 2012.

Garoppolo, Eastern's quarterback, had his best collegiate year running a high-paced offense brought in by Babers. Garoppolo was a second-team All-OVC selection last year when he set the OVC single-season passing yards record with 3,823 yards.

Garoppolo said the team is not paying much attention to any of the preseason polls as the Panthers continue their spring and summer workouts.

"We aren't really concerned with any of the polls that are coming out," Garoppolo said. "We're focused on getting better, winning the OVC and giving ourselves a chance to win a national championship."

Garoppolo's top target in 2012, Lora, also echoed his quarterbacks' sentiments and said he along with the rest of his teammates are going through a rigorous conditioning program that would help the team increase its overall speed.

The OVC Offensive Player of the Year and a consensus first-team All American, Lora, said he does not put any pressure on himself after his record-breaking year.

Lora was picked as the preseason OVC Offensive Player of the Year and was selected as a first-team All-American by Sporting News.

"I don't put any more pressure on myself than there needs to be," Lora said. "I focus on my game and work hard to perform on the field. All of the preseason polls and awards aren't important to us."

Lora set an FCS single-season record with 136 receptions last year and was honored in late May with OVC Male Athlete of the Year.

The upcoming season will bring a new challenge, Lora said. As a senior, Lora said he is now viewed as one of the leaders on the team.



Jimmy Garoppolo, senior quarterback, throws the ball during the game against Austin Peay Oct. 9, 2012, at O'Brien Stadium.



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Erik Lora, red-shirt senior wide receiver, watches the game against Austin Peay from the sidelines Oct. 9, 2012.

Babers said he had never seen a season by any player he has come across like the one Lora put up in 2012. The Eastern head coach also said Lora leaves everything on the field and tabbed Lora a leader by example.

"(Lora) is an extremely hard worker," Babers said. "He plays every play like it's his last play on the football field. He is a leader by example with his work ethic."

Lora and Garoppolo were named to

the 2013 offensive players to watch list on June 12 by the College Football Performance Awards. The honor highlights players whose performance merits recognition heading into the 2013 season.

With his name on the list, Garoppolo said he does not put attention to that and instead is focused on improving his play this season.

"One thing that I have to improve and work on are interceptions," Garop-

olo said.

The Eastern quarterback threw 31 touchdowns but also threw a conference high 15 interception in 2012.

Babers said Garoppolo's leadership has greatly increased since the new coaching staff arrived a year ago.

"As he goes, we go," Babers said of the quarterback. "If I had to describe him in one word it would be aggressive. He is aggressive in everything he does

around the game of football. He always attacks."

The Eastern season opener is not until the end of August at San Diego State, but Lora said the team is expecting big things, adding that the Panthers expect to win the OVC for the second consecutive year.

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COLUMN | FOOTBALL

No pressure, no diamonds for Eastern team

No pressure, no diamonds.

That is one of several slogans Adidas has advertised in its campaign with Washington Redskins' quarterback Robert Griffin III.

Often, that is a true and reckoning statement.

This aphorism, however, was proved false by the 2012 Eastern football team. The Panthers did not feel pressure. They may not have even known what pressure was, for the previous two seasons were bleak.

Back-to-back 2-9 seasons led them to be projected to finish last in the Ohio Valley Conference in 2012.

There was no pressure to win, be-

cause no one outside of the locker room expected it. With a new coach and a new system, it was expected to be the same old losing season.

It wasn't. Finishing 7-5 overall and 6-1 in conference, the Panthers clinched the OVC Championship for the first time since 2009. The Panthers got their diamonds without pressure. But along with a championship ring, the pressure returned.

Immense pressure has found its way back onto the Panthers' shoulder pads for the 2013 season.

Being the defending champions, Eastern will have a target on its head against every OVC team it faces. Ev-



Anthony Catezone

ery team wants to be able to say it took down the defending champions.

"Everybody has circled us on their schedule," Coach Dino Babers said. "Everybody wants a piece of us, and rightfully so. Last year, they didn't know what in the heck was going on. They were bamboozled. Well, now they know, and they're coming."

The pressure does not stop there. Eastern has also been projected to repeat as conference champions in 2013 by both Lindy's College Football Magazine and Sporting News Magazine.

Both publications have also ranked Eastern as the No. 18 and No. 19 team in their FCS preseason polls, respectively.

But much like last year, Babers is not letting the expectations, or lack thereof, influence the Panthers' mindset.

All Babers is focused on is continuing to demand the respect the Panthers have already gained among the OVC teams.

"This year will be a good indicator as

to where we are at," Baber said. "I have no idea what we're going to do this year. But I know this: (teams in the OVC) respect us. So we gained respect, now we need to go out and demand respect."

The Panthers gained respect. They earned the expectations. But will they see the diamonds? They will not know until the pressure takes full form on Aug. 31 when Eastern steps on the field against San Diego State.

The pressure is something entirely new, and after all, no pressure, no diamonds.

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