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Chalmer Hinton & Jim Quick of the Bement Ball Park Project, Marilyn Ayers of Bryant Cottage State Historical Site, Michelle Gross from the State Bank of Bement, Peg Bargon of the Piatt County Museum, Angie Corum as choral director at Bement schools and representing Bement Music Boosters, and Pam Jarboe, co-organizer (with Gene Schnierle) of the 50-60's show.

Organizations benefit from Old Glory event proceeds

Bryant Cottage State Historical Site, Bement Music Boosters, Piatt County Museum and Bement Ball Park Project were the recipients of the \$1,900 raised from the 2012 Bement Old Glory Days 50-60's show on June 9.

The State Bank of Bement has sponsored the show for the last 8 years, allowing most of the money to be donated back to the community. This year, money from the ticket sales was split between Bryant Cottage

State Historical Site and the Bement Music Boosters, who received \$750 each. Proceeds from the 50-50 drawing were given to the Piatt County Museum (\$200). The winning proceeds were donated back by the winner to the Bement Ball Park Project (\$200).

The 50-60's show began as a fund raiser for the Bement Sesquicentennial, and has continued each year, with the very generous support of the State Bank of Bement. This

year's performers included the Bement Country Opry House Band, Elaina Wittmer, Jessica Kocher, Alyssa Gustafson, Allison Vaughn, Anna Hendrix, Alyssa Hendrix, Elise Schnebly, Lindsey Herthel, Marie Lincicum, Melissa Lincicum, Elaina Smith, Lindsie Gifford, Jenna Bales, Maddie Sarver, Anna Phillips, Jesse Fay, Tyler Wegrich, Celeste Walsh, Abby Trott, Justin Walsh, Andrea Dodd, Lesley Harper, and Aleshia Gustafson.

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money he (Cox) owed Mr. Hays, along with getting back some personal belongings."

The complaint also accuses Cox of emailing Hays' wife just 90 minutes after the Nov. 1 courthouse meeting saying her husband had been accused by Warren of sexual harassment. Warren also denies that claim.

In a written response, Cox felt the lawsuit was an attempt to derail the possibil-

ity of a judicial appointment. Besides being the Democratic candidate for State's Attorney, he is also on the list of nine being considered to fill the Circuit Court vacancy created with the July 31 retirement of Judge John P. Shonkwiler.

"The Warren complaint was filed through the actions of two disgruntled former employees whose employment was terminated in August 2011. The complaint is frivolous, untruthful, meritless, and is a transparent attempt to impact my judicial candi-

didacy. I have confidence in the judicial system and that the claim will be rejected by the court in short order," said Cox.

Warren claims she voluntarily resigned from Cox Law Office. She is requesting a jury trial, \$65,536 in compensatory damages, an unspecified amount in punitive damages, and reimbursement for any court costs.

Warren also claims to have suffered embarrassment, mental anguish and emotional distress.

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areas will all vote at the Second Story Banquet Center in Bement. It takes the place of the Bement Township Library and the Bement Township Building.

The county clerk said the library did not have enough storage for all of the new voting equipment, which made this a good time to combine the two polling places.

There will still be election judges for both precincts, even though voting will be at the one location this November. Kidd also clarified that, despite the name of the new polling place, voting would take place on the handicapped-accessible ground floor.

Self-insured in September

Board members unanimously endorsed a plan that will use a self-insurance plan to provide healthcare benefits for county employees. County Engineer Eric Seibring, a member of the insurance committee, said workers will now have a choice

between two plans: The one they have had in the past, and a lower-cost, high-deductible plan.

He also said most employees will not notice any change once the self-insurance plan goes into effect this September.

"The only change they will see if they stick to the current plan is a different card. Most will not even know there was a switch," he said.

With health insurance costs rising about 15 percent a year in the county, Seibring said self-insuring is a way to keep those increases down. He also said the county could not pursue other vendors under the current plan, which is administered by the state.

"We haven't been able to shop our insurance because the State of Illinois will not give us our claim history. This is a way to be more in control of our own destiny," added Seibring, who said the state cited healthcare privacy laws in not releasing claim histories.

The county hired the Insurance Program Managers

Group as the third-party administrator for the local health plan. IPMG will review claims and pay them once they are approved by the county.

Annex study underway

An environmental impact study is underway at the former county annex building. County Board Chairman John Lyons said plans are to sell the building by sealed bid once the impact study is complete.

The structure, empty since county offices moved last year to the former Kirby Hospital property, failed to sell at an auction June 15. The minimum bid at that time was \$90,000. Lyons was not sure if a minimum bid would be required for the sealed bid.

The board decided last month to conduct a Phase I environmental site assessment at the annex to allay fears there could be cleanup issues for a new owner.

In other action, a motion to investigate a new electricity carrier for county residents was voted down by a 3-3 vote.

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\$100 per offense if caught without a permit.

Well nearly complete

A \$500,000 well project should be complete by the end of July, bringing added water capacity to the village.

Bement had been operating with little backup on their wells. The main well - #3 - generates about 270 gallons per minute, which can supply enough on a normal day, according to Larry Johnson, project director for Foth Infrastructure and Environment of Champaign. He told the board that the new well - #4 - will provide critical backup.

The village has a third well, but due to sand content only uses it in emergencies.

Board members paid a final pay request of \$25,378 to ERH Enterprises of Westville for the water main work of the project.

A final pay request of \$72,304 was also approved for Brotcke Well and Pump of Court Fenton, Mo., but board members held off on declaring that portion 'substantially complete', since the well is not yet operational.

"There are still a couple



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A new well for the Village of Bement is nearly complete. Seen here is the backup generator that will kick in when needed.

of hoops to jump through," including EPA approval, said Johnson.

Stevens pointed out the clock starts ticking on the one-year warranty as soon as the village approves a certificate of substantial completion.

"I don't think we should start the warranty until the well is done," commented Stevens.

Board members agreed and decided to wait until the August 14 meeting before approving the certificate.

Other action

In other action, the village board decided to advertise for a part-time enforcement officer, who will handle nuisance and public safety violations.

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<p>NEW LIST</p> <p>8 LYNMAR CT, MONTICELLO \$45,000</p> <p>Rural lot in subdivision just 5 minutes from Monticello and 15 minutes to Champaign</p>	<p>NEW LIST</p> <p>6 LYNMAR CT, MONTICELLO \$45,000</p> <p>Nice building site in rural Monticello just minutes from Champaign</p>	<p>NEW LIST</p> <p>7 BREEZY MEADOWS, MONTICELLO \$25,900</p> <p>Nice country lot in rural subdivision with easy access to the highway</p>	<p>OPEN SUN 2-4</p> <p>719 E GRANT, MONTICELLO \$112,000</p> <p>3 bedroom Bungalow on corner lot near grade school w/lots of space, solid wood doors/trim, Oak staircase, fenced back yard & large deck</p>
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