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**BEST BETS
THIS
WEEKEND**



1 Sunday blues concert benefits Al Sears festival: At 2 p.m. Sunday Patrick Hazell will perform at WIU's COFAC Recital Hall. He will be accompanied by Sally Weisenberg. Admission is \$10 and proceeds benefit the Al Sears Jazz Festival in September.

2 Summer Cinema Under the Stars: At 8:45 p.m. Sunday a series of short animated cartoons will be shown in the parking lot of the Western Illinois Museum. Admission is free.

3 White signing books at New Copperfields: Local author and WWII photographer Wayne White will sign copies of his new books from 10 a.m. to noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday.

4 Bobby Schilling to appear at AARP event Saturday: From 4-5 p.m. Schilling will speak at Macomb's City Hall.

5 Historic walking tours of downtown Macomb: Tours leave at 1 p.m. Saturday from the Western Illinois Museum and last about one hour. They are free and open to the public.

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4-H Fair wraps up



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Kendra Watkins, 11, of Industry shows one of several entries in this year's McDonough County 4-H and Junior Horse Show Friday morning. Watkins won first place in the Pony Halter category and second place in the 2- and 3-year-old Halter category.

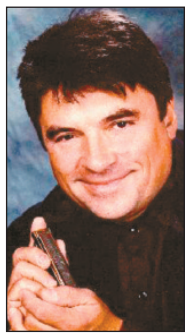
Sunday concert to benefit jazz festival

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The Al Sears Jazz Festival is presenting a blues concert on Sunday, at 2 p.m. in WIU's COFAC Recital Hall.

The concert will feature the music of Patrick Hazell, hailed as one of the world's most creative harmonica players and named, "a legend in Iowa music," according to the Des Moines Register.

Sally Weisenberg, See **JAZZ - Page A2**



Patrick Hazell

WWII photographer keeps story alive

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A concise and detailed account of his time in World War II, Wayne White's new book, "It Wasn't My Time," depicts his experience as an aerial photographer with the 15th Army Air Force.

New Copperfield's Book Service will host a book signing for White on Saturday, from 10 a.m. to noon, and from 1 to 3 p.m. White's photos were used to determine how well American bombs hit their targets and if re-



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The Elms to get added revenue

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The McDonough County Board's building and grounds committee voted Thursday to recommend approval of a resolution endorsing an Illinois Department of Public Health agreement with The Elms Nursing Home. Elms Administrator Charles Ackers said the state would share some federal matching funds with the county on a 55/45 percent split.

Ackers said The Elms could receive an initial payment of \$123,000. Then the facility would earn between \$40,000 and \$50,000 per month, payable on a quarterly basis.

The administrator said IDPH currently

owes The Elms \$154,000 in payments, and the new money would supplement the nursing home's basic charges. Ackers reported that 82 residents are currently living at The Elms.

County Board Chairman Scott Schworer expressed some concern at that number. "All facilities in the county are down right now," Ackers responded. "Expenses are within budget. The question is the revenue side."

Schworer also reported to the committee that agents of the Illinois Attorney General's Office inspected the McDonough County Courthouse on July 7. They were escorted by Scott Adair, county maintenance supervisor, who also reported on the visit.

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Harry Potter mania hits the Rialto

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The eighth and final installment of the Harry Potter film franchise, "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows Part 2," opened Friday at midnight and for many, especially those who grew up reading the J.K. Rowling books upon which the films are based, it's the end of an era.

Since the first film, "Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone," was released in 2001, three years after the book, the films have grossed \$6.4 billion, according to Forbes magazine.

Larry Jarvis, Rialto Cinema manager, said it's safe to say "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows-Part 2" would do well at the box office.

The Rialto's 315 tickets for the midnight showing, shown on two screens, sold out days in advance.

Jarvis said he expected the film to be shown on two screens at least through the weekend.

Those who were waiting in line several hours before the midnight showing said they had high expectations for the film.

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LAINIE STEELMAN/THE VOICE

Devon Hennig, 19, of Macomb, dressed as a Death Eater for the midnight showing of "Harry Potter & the Deathly Hallows-Part 2." Hennig arrived at 4 p.m. Thursday to be first in line.

New staffing in place at county animal shelter

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Vicky Vantrump is the new McDonough County animal control officer. She gave her first report Thursday to the county board's Human Resources and Planning Committee.

After the meeting, Vantrump explained that her interest in animals began while she was growing up on a farm. She lives in the LaHarpe area.

"The volunteers have been great," Vantrump told the committee. An assistant has been hired for Vantrump, and he is expected to begin his duties July 25.

Kathy Chambers, animal shelter liaison for the McDonough County Humane Society, told committee members the volunteers appreciate Vantrump's ideas for the shelter and her sense of organization. "The improvements are amazing in such a short time," Chambers said.

Committee Chair Linda Jani praised the Humane Society volunteers who ran the shelter during the period when the county had no animal control staff.

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