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## Commodity leaders push for biofuels

**By DANIEL GRANT**  
*FarmWeek*

While the U.S. scrambles to fill the void in the oil market created by the ban of Russian imports, commodity group leaders believe the solution is closer to home than Venezuela or Saudi Arabia.

“If ever there was a time that underscores the need to expand bio-fuels, this is the time,” Steve Censky, CEO of the American Soybean Association and former USDA deputy secretary, said at Commodity Classic in New Orleans.

“We can grow it. We don’t need to rely on the foreign market,” he noted. “It not only will increase the pool of

supply, but we know renewable diesel and biodiesel cut emissions by 60%. Renewable fuels are a win-win.”

Jon Doggett, CEO of the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA), echoed those comments when it comes to ethanol.

“President Biden doesn’t need to call Venezuela or Saudi Arabia to get more oil,” Doggett said at Classic, billed as America’s largest agricultural and educational experience created by farmers, for farmers.

“Why go to them when we have renewable energy here that’s good for the environment?”

Both ag group leaders believe

there’s plenty of capacity to expand production of biodiesel and ethanol despite tightening global crop stocks.

If a third of the E10 gasoline sold in the U.S. was ratcheted up to an E15 blend, the increase would more than compensate for all the oil and energy previously imported from Russia, according to Doggett. The U.S. banned energy imports from Russia this month in response to its invasion of Ukraine.

“There’s enough corn and ethanol capacity,” the NCGA leader said. “Let consumers decide if they want to buy E15 by allowing sales year-round.”

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Photo by Illinois Farm Bureau/Illinois Press Association.

## CONFUSING CRIMSON MUSHROOM

### Not for eating

#### Big Reds unrelated to morels

**By GRETCHEN STEELE**  
*For The Prairie News*

Big Reds, Beefsteaks, Brains, Red Morels, these odd-looking mushrooms that usually flush at the beginning of morel season, go by many different colloquial names.

The truth is they are in no way at all related to morels. These mushrooms are part of the the Gyromitra genus and superficially resemble the morels. Adding to the confusion for foragers, “Big Reds” are often found in roughly the same areas and weather conditions as the true morels. The two generally grow near one another. In Illinois, Big Reds are most

often found at the very base of trees, stumps, or along with fallen logs.

There’s lots of confusion when folks start finding these. Technically, they are NOT considered edible. Yet anecdotal stories abound about how they are considered prized edibles in some areas and some cultures. Now that’s confusing, isn’t it?

So often I am told, “My grandma fixed these for us every spring; there’s no trouble eating them.”

I’ve gotten many an eye roll from fellow foragers who insist they’ve eaten them for years with no effects.

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While Big Reds are cool to photograph and help provide an indication that more desirable morel mushrooms should be emerging, they are not considered safe to eat. Big Reds are not actually morels and can cause poisoning and can damage the central nervous system. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

## Galva council hears from recovery group

**By CAROL TOWNSEND**  
*For The Prairie News*

GALVA – Representatives from West Central Illinois Recovery Oriented System of Care (ROSC) were present at Monday’s meeting of the Galva City Council to explain their operation.

Leann Courson, ROSC system care coordinator told the council one of their purposes is to create a better life for those suffering from substance abuse. ROSC serves Knox, Warren, Henderson and Henry County. The population of this area is 128,443 with no inpatient treatment facilities. ROSC is affiliated with Bridgeway, which has offices in Galesburg and Kewanee, and is tasked with educating

communities in the four counties.

Courson said substance abuse has grown worse since COVID.

“Meth is a huge problem in this area,” Courson said.

Those who need treatment should contact ROSC at (309) 344-2323. The group has Narcan available and can supply it. They distribute 796 doses every month in the counties.

ROSC will be doing a city clean-up in Galva to help the community and make the organization visible. No date was set.

Courson invited Police Chief Kraig Townsend, Mayor Rich Volkert and City Administrator David Dyer to attend the group’s monthly meetings.

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# GALVA: K9 assists police in meth, mushroom bust

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In other business, the council noted that family and friends need to have all decorations off Galva Cemetery graves by April 10 and may put decorations back on April 15.

Galva’s city attorney Elisa Nelson reported she is working on finding three more homeowners of properties in disrepair in Galva.

Chief Townsend reported Galva’s K9 dog is doing a “great job” as they recently recovered 100 grams of psychedelic mushrooms and 100 grams of meth. He also asked that no grass

be blown on “any” street in Galva as mowing season approaches.

It was noted that 40 residences are already on a list started for junk or vehicles needing attention.

Galva received the following checks: Rebuild II MFT, \$28,437; February video gaming, \$3,132; January telecommunications tax, \$2,126; February cannabis use tax, \$363; February income tax, \$18,188; January local share of state use tax, \$11,234; February MFT, \$6,079; January sales tax, \$29,732; Jan/Feb personal property replacement tax,

\$20,374.

Mayor Volkert proclaimed April 19 as Arbor Day in Galva and said the city had ordered 20 trees to be planted.

The council approved to purchase a used 2003 maintainer from the township for \$26,500, the difference from their 1986 maintainer which will be traded in.

The council each received a map with all of the property that will be in the new TIF district.

The council is moving its July meeting to July 18 at 6 p.m.

# BIOFUELS: Ag leaders seek more trade with China

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A bipartisan group of U.S. senators recently introduced a bill, the Home Front Energy Independence Act, which would do that and more.

The Energy Independence Act would make sales of E15 year-round permanent, create a tax credit for higher blends of biofuels, streamline E15 labeling, provide infrastructure funding and extend the biodiesel tax credit three more years.

“The uncertainty of the situation in Ukraine underscores the need for

more homegrown biofuels to displace the oil we import from Russia, reducing our nation’s dependence on foreign oil and improving our energy sector,” said Emily Skor, CEO of Growth Energy.

Ag leaders also called on the Biden administration to work on improved market access for U.S. commodities around the world, particularly China, and maintain risk management tools in the next farm bill.

“They buy more (sorghum and soybeans) than all other countries put to-

gether,” Tim Lust, CEO of the National Sorghum Processors, said of Chinese buyers. China also emerged as the top importer of U.S. corn last year and increased purchases of beef from the U.S.

The World Trade Organization previously ruled against China’s use of tariff-rate quotas for rice, wheat and corn, which the U.S. successfully argued limited market access.

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# FALSE MORELS: Effects of toxins cumulative

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“Just gotta cook ’em right,” fellow foragers mutter, sigh and shake their heads at my cautionary statements.

The difficulties with these often huge mushrooms are many. That’s why I do not recommend them as edible. Photograph them, dissect and explore

them, try to learn as much as you can about them, but don’t eat the darn things!

According to mushroom expert Tom Volk’s, website: “Eight to ten species of Gyromitra exist on the North American continent and about two or three in Europe. Although they are much sought after in Europe as an edible species (Gyromitra esculenta), 2 to 4 percent of all mushroom fatalities are associated with them. It is not clear whether the same species occurs in North America, although we call one species here by that name. The active ingredient is called gyromitrin (N-methyl-N-formylhydrazine), which is metabolized to monomethylhydrazine (rocket fuel!) in the body. Eaten raw, most of the Gyromitra spp. are quite poisonous. In an attempt to prevent poisoning caused by ingesting the mushrooms, they are usually parboiled to evaporate the gyromitrin, which gives off a chocolaty odor. The process is usually repeated twice, with the water being discarded each time. However, the volatile chemical can be inhaled through the nose, and enough can be left in the mushrooms to cause illness when eaten. So just standing near the boiling pot of mushrooms can cause problems, and there is still the possibility of poisoning by ingestion.”

safety and edibility than any other variety.

I have often wondered if the ones that grow in those areas are Gyromitra caroliniana; of all the Gyromitra species, it appears to have the very lowest levels of gyromitrin. But can you be sure that is the species? Can you be certain that it contains low levels of the toxin – no, you can’t. It’s not something you can easily and quickly test in the field. To determine exactly which species of Gyromitra you have in front of you takes some work as well advanced and spot-on mushroom ID skills.

venturous and give it a whirl.

These false morels are not without worth, though. They make for pretty interesting photographic subjects. False morels are also a good indicator that you are in true morel territory. Remember that true morels can often be very close by when you find false morels like the Big Reds.

They buy more (sorghum and soybeans) than all other countries put to-

The other tricky part of consuming these mushrooms is that the effects of the toxin are cumulative, and none of us know when we will hit the threshold. Is it six meals or 66? Maybe even the first one will be the one that gets you.

Indeed, if the Big Reds are flushing, true morels likely are having good flushes well. Use the Big Reds to aid you in your hunt for regular morels.

I’m always interested in historic foods from Illinois, wild foods and their cultural aspects. Food involves so much more than just a recipe or two. This particular mushroom and the long-standing argument regarding its anecdotal edibility fascinate me.

There are so many ifs, buts, and unknowns that go with these mushrooms that I never recommend them as edible. Do I still pick them? Yes. Even I ate them for years after some medications damaged my liver, I decided not to continue to tempt fate.

These mushrooms can also be toxic to the central nervous system. I have enough central nervous system damage from Multiple Sclerosis, so for me, it just didn’t seem prudent to continue eating them.

My best advice – Don’t eat them. If you have always eaten the “Big Reds,” good for you. Be aware that someday it may really bite you in the fanny. If you’ve never eaten this type of mushroom, don’t suddenly decide to be ad-

Let us not forget my usual disclaimer about consuming wild edibles in any class I teach or article I write. Be sure you have correctly identified your foraged goodies. Try only a tiny amount at first. Have an experienced forager double-check what’s in your bag or basket.

Have you eaten Big Reds? How did you prepare them? Is it a mushroom you have long enjoyed? Please tell us! I’m trying to gather experiences and see just how far north false morels are eaten with no difficulty, so tell me about your experiences, please!

*Gretchen Steele can be reached via email at steele-photo@gmail.com.*

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 3-25 - Jimmy C. Robledo - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 3-25 - Abigail K. Clapper - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 3-25 - Steven A. Piquard - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 3-25 - Dawn E. Tuley - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 3-25 - Melissa A. Smith - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 3-20 - Jessica E. Diaz - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

- 3-16 - Criminal misdemeanor - Heather D. Rucker - Disorderly conduct.
- 3-16 - Criminal misdemeanor - Paul R. Carlson - Disorderly conduct..

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 3-21 - A domestic problem was investigated in the 100 block of W. Main St. in Toulon.
- 3-22 - A possible car theft was reported to the Stark County Sheriff’s Office from a resident in Melbourne, Iowa. The incident remains under investigation.
- 3-24 - Renee N. Goff, 51, Kewanee, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance. She was released with a court date to appear.
- 3-24 - Wendy J. Schwigen, 46, Toulon, was arrested for criminal trespass to state supported property. She posted \$297 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
- 3-25 - Dakota L. Williams, 18, of Dayton, Ohio, and a 16-year-old juvenile from Trotwood, Ohio, were arrested. Williams was charged with following too closely, operating a vehicle without evidence of a registration, improper lane usage, driving without insurance, fleeing/eluding police and driving without a valid driver’s license. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear. The minor was released with no pending charges.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 3-21 - to check on a subject walking in the roadway at night. Subject advised to use the sidewalk.
- 3-21 - to a residence on SE 1st Ave. for a welfare check. The subjects were fine.
- 3-21 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of E. Division St., Julie Diaz, 39, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released with a required court date.
- 3-21 - As the result of a traffic stop



- in the 700 block of SE 1st St., Shannon Moler, 48, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, and failure to secure a new Illinois registration upon new residency. She was released with a required court date.
- 3-22 - to assist the ambulance with gaining entry into a residence on SE 2nd St.
- 3-22 - Officer flagged down in the 500 block of NE 1st St. and requested to assist with locating a dog that ran away. Officer checked the area and wasn’t able to locate.
- 3-22 - to the 00 block of Chester St. to check on suspicious person/vehicle.
- 3-23 - to the 500 block of SW 6th Ave. for a property line dispute.
- 3-24 - along with the Fire Dept. and Stark County Medic to the 00 block of NW 5th St. for a natural gas odor.
- 3-24 - to a parking complaint in the 300 block of NE 2nd St.
- 3-25 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a loose dog and cat complaint. Officer was not able to locate.
- 3-25 - to a fight that was reportedly ready to start at Wiley Park. Officer spoke to several subjects there who denied any knowledge of a fight.
- 3-25 - to the 00 block of NE 5th St. for a tree that had fallen in the roadway.
- 3-25 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving subjects there after hours. They were advised to move along.
- 3-25 - Officer located several vehicles at the Galva Park District after hours. They were advised to move along.
- 3-25 - to a physical domestic disturbance in progress in the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. As a result, Bailey Leverette, 22, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
- 3-26 - to the Exchange St. railroad crossing for a broken crossing arm. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
- 3-26 - to the 00 block of James B. Young Rd. for a theft report.
- 3-26 - to check on a disabled vehicle just east of town on Route 34.
- 3-26 - to the 300 block of SW 4th

- Ave. for an attempted theft from a vehicle.
- 3-27 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a harassment complaint.
- 3-27 - to the storage units north of Galva High School for several burglary/criminal damage to property reports.
- 3-27 - Officer checked on a suspicious person in the 500 block of SE 2nd St. The subject had permission to be there after hours.
- 3-21 - Donald Feik, 36, Gerlaw, Ill., was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration in the 700 block of W. Division St.
- 3-26 - Levi Russell, 31, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
- 3-27 - Jacobil Jones, 24, Kewanee, was issued citations for failure to secure a child under age of 8 in an approved child restraint, and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 400 block of W. Division St.

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## GUEST VOICES

KIRK

## Ode to a ‘line-o-type’

As a teen in the 1950s, I worked after school and weekends at my dad’s small-town weekly newspaper. I am reminded of those days of “hot metal type” in the back shop, as I observe the fast-fading institution of the community newspaper. There were 16,000 or so weeklies across our nation back then, in burgs tiny and larger; fewer than half remain.

In my lifetime, printing technology has moved, you might say, from the Industrial Revolution to the Space Age. On the community news side, we have morphed from the straightforward reportage of the city council meeting, and weddings of your neighbors’ kids, to the oft-uncontrolled acidity of Facebook, which often “lights up” with uninformed, kneejerk commentary.

My job was to help put out the paper, not write it, so forgive me as I step through the door from the front office to the back shop. My nostrils fill with the pungent, metallic brew of printer’s ink, gasoline (to clean ink off old forms), paper dust, acrid effusions from the Linotype machine, and tobacco smoke. I gladly take another deep draught. After all, the intoxicating scent of the newspaper shop tells me important work is going on here: The town’s weekly is produced here, with nearly every household a subscriber, even if a farm wife had to barter eggs with Dad.

I don my grey apron, slip a capable, steel make-up rule in the front pocket (to scrape lead tailings off the galleys of fresh type), and put a foot-long, metal line gauge in my back pocket (with its printer’s measure of “ens” and “ems,” six of the latter to an inch). I am ready for work, joining the other two high school “printer’s devils.”

The small back shop (maybe 20x60’) is crammed with dangerous, pre-OSHA machinery – hand-fed “job” presses; saw and router

for shaping ads from cast-lead “guts” for national advertisers like General Motors and Ford; California job cases that held the movable type (you’ve seen the case drawers in antique stores); stone-top tables for making up pages; belt-driven paper cutter, and more.

And, of course, the “big” newspaper press. Ours was a 19th Century flatbed, cylinder press. I stood on a three-step riser to feed sheets the size of four pages of this newspaper (on one side) onto a rotating cylinder, which would meet the moving flat bed of newspaper pages rumbling back and forth beneath me. I used a bit a glycerin to keep the third finger of my right hand sticky, so I could lift a corner of the big sheet, flick it, creating a small rush of air, just enough to loosen the sheet from the stack, which I then slid down to the guides to meet the cylinder.

The aristocrat of the machinery was the Linotype machine. Patented by Otto Mergenthaler in 1884, the roughly 6’x6’ iron-and-steel behemoth may have been the greatest advance in printing technology since Gutenberg. The machine replaced hand-setting of type via a spectacular orchestration of hundreds of moving parts. As a backup Linotype operator, I felt much like a church organist, the grand machine above and surrounding me.

The large keyboard was different from the typewriter, and efficient. Lower-case keys on the left, the vowels all close to the third and fourth fingers of the left hand; upper-case letters on the right. The operator lightly tapped a key, which released a vertical, slender piece of brass, called a matrice, or mat, with a letter indented into one side. The mats came tumbling down on a slender belt, from their temporary storage above, into an expandable metal box, where the mats formed a line of type.

This line of type was transported to a place in front of a pot of liquid lead, where type and pot came together briefly, lead injected into a bar, against the indented, now raised, letters, or type. The bars were ejected, still hot, onto a tray

with other lines of type. Ingenious, until the 1960s, when even more efficient “cold type” and offset printing came along.

Out in the front office, Dad and his one reporter would cover the school board and city council meetings. The news office was located on the town’s main street and had big plate glass windows. So, whenever news broke, Dad would take a large sheet of newsprint (paper) and use a grease pen to write out the news that “Harold Settles died this morning at 7 a.m.” and of course the local election results, hot from the county clerk’s office down the street. Cars drove by our office at a snail’s pace, to read the latest from Dad’s sheets, hung on a wire with clothespins in the front window.

Each week, Eileen Benedict would make endless phone calls to a list of townspeople. “You have any news this week?” This became the page, or more, of “Personals,” e.g.: “George and Effie Bort motored to Peoria Sunday after church to enjoy chicken dinner with his brother, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bort. The Donald Borts reported their son Raymond had just completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood and was expecting orders to Korea.” This was the Facebook of its day. Newsy, civil.

Thanks for letting me reminisce. Dad’s paper was important to our town, the glue that bound us. The paper wasn’t perfect. Dad protected the main street businessmen and their peccadilloes from print – he couldn’t afford to lose their advertising. But overall, the paper was invaluable.

Small town folks today are wrestling with how to replace community newspapers. Paper will likely be gone, as Facebook and digital platforms spew endless “information.” But who will cover the city council? Who will opine with some authority about the best candidates for the school board? Who will provide the glue, and not the acid?

*Jim Nowlan grew up in the Stark County News, Toulon, Illinois. He is a former small-town newspaper publisher, professor, and politician.*

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GUEST VOICES

Double cover crop benefits farmers

By KRIS REYNOLDSN

Midwest Director, American Farmland Trust

URBANA — Farm families like mine know all too well dark days that have little to do with getting up before the sun.

COVID-19 created devastating effects for farm markets. Wetter-than-normal springs limited favorable planting days. Larger storm events and longer heat waves — too much wet followed by too much dry — created too much stress for farmers and crops throughout the growing season. Now, rising input costs for how much we spend to plant our grounds, and persistent weed and pest pressures that threaten crop health create their own challenges.

We persevere and ultimately prevail, keeping our state’s critical agricultural economy working while constantly innovating to improve operations, build stronger soil and reduce nutrient loss. We don’t just plant a few rows of seed and hope for the best. We spend countless hours in the field and making careful decisions for sustainable strategies that help our operations, our communities, and our environment.

The state’s popular cover crop program might be one of our best-kept secrets, even as the secret gets out.

Cover crops wear several hats. They hold soil in place, capturing lost nutrients before they leave the field and protecting carbon stored beneath the surface. Every acre planted, along with other sensible preventive practices, can boost farmers’ bottom lines by decreasing inputs and sustaining yields — good news after dark days.

Many, like me, are recognizing the value. Since 2011, cover crop adoption in Illinois has more than doubled, according to the 2021 Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Biennial Report.

Illinois has created the Fall Covers for Spring Savings (FCSS) program that provides \$5 for every acre worth of discount on crop insurance premiums when cover crops are planted there. More than 100,000 acres were part of the program this past year, and farmers see it as a cost-effective way to support those among them who see firsthand the benefits of protecting soil health and water quality.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture then followed Illinois’ leadership with its own Pandemic Cover Crop Program (PCCP) to give that same \$5-an-acre discount. More than 533,000 acres nationwide saw the discount in 2021, and some farmers see double the benefit by se-

curing funds from both programs.

But the demand and potential benefit far exceeds capacity today. In the state program, slots for funding have sold out in minutes. The federal PCCP reports potentially hundreds of thousands more acres that could benefit but are not enrolled.

USDA is offering PCCP enrollment again this year, and Illinois should expand its state FCSS to provide that essential state match and double the benefit for participating farmers.

We’re calling on the Illinois General Assembly to double the FCSS budget to \$1.3 million in its upcoming fiscal year to reach 200,000 acres with cover crops across the state. This will create exciting new momentum and a snowball effect.

Farmers want to be the solution for healthy soils and clean water. They need some help from Springfield to ease anxiety, show results and build off initial progress. A small, sensible and targeted investment now in the cover crops program will be a strong step for future success in our state conservation programs. It will also give farmers the assurance we will be there to support them doing the right thing through the next set of dark days ahead.

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ACROSS

1 Hero-worship

8 Not — (fair to minding)

13 Gave a prize to

20 Big name in cassette tapes, once

21 Bad booze

22 "Wouldn't it Be —" ("My Fair Lady" song)

23 Start of a riddle

26 Came after that

27 Violin master

28 Library no-no

29 Atlanta

32 "Every day — new day"

33 ET's craft

34 Brief fuzzle

36 Riddle, part 2

44 Not wholly

45 "Cool" mood amount

46 Bottom

47 Pro-school gp.

48 "Hi, Don Ho!"

49 Tease in fun

51 Store window info: Abbr.

52 Smear all over

55 Riddle, part 3

57 — (big wheel; Var.)

58 Reach as far as

59 "On the Beach" novelist

60 Jeremy Donery hit

62 More furtive

63 "Uncle Moses" novelist

66 Riddle, part 4

69 Gen — (millennials)

70 Rental for relocation

72 Flip out

73 Feudal toilers

75 Novelty

77 Miner's title

78 Riddle, part 5

82 Moon of Neptune

83 Be the victor

84 Sci-fi sage

85 Lasso part

86 Suffix with east

87 "Oh, really?"

89 Country singer Tillis

90 Charge to run a promo

91 End of the riddle

97 Firebug's crime

98 Possible reply to "Are you sure?"

99 "That's the guy!"

100 Calendar spans: Abbr.

101 Tehran native

104 Candle parts

106 Dominion

109 Riddle's answer

115 Barbuda's partner island

116 — two (a few)

117 Books filled with maps

118 Most sharp

119 Spacok of "J Women"

120 Pedicure target

DOWN

1 Pal, to Pierre

2 Dict. lookup

3 Thurman of "Old Bill"

4 Ear feature

5 Make — for it (take off)

6 Tautness

7 Aibi, e.g.

8 Like many horse hooves

9 Reaction to a punch

10 Optimistic

11 Leopardlike animal

12 — McAn (big name in footwear)

13 Format of AP Radio Network

14 "Alias"

15 Lemmon/ Wilder comedy

16 Take hold again, as a plant

17 Three, in Munich

18 Yale alumni

19 Bit of force

24 Try, as a case

25 Turkish VIPs of old

29 Wash gently against, as the shore

30 Novelist Calvino

31 Dice loss

32 Infantry division

35 1990s fitness tad

37 Tom Cruise's role in "Mission: Impossible"

38 Get — start (not begin on time)

39 "Sure, put me down for it"

40 Not in the country

41 Neck and neck, scorewise

42 Fix at the vet's

43 Eva, Magda and Zsa Zsa

48 Objects

50 Noble name of Emerson

51 Rhino's pair

53 Canon camera series

54 Under oath legally

56 Roman 100

57 Odists, e.g.

58 Swiss canton or its capital

60 Reject rudely

61 Lay new turf on

63 Her niece is Dorothy Gale

64 Shepherd once of "The View"

65 Sounding like a crow

67 Bad blood

68 Prefix with cuspid

71 Zodiac feline

74 Italian handbag brand

76 Pouty states

78 Shed feathers

79 Composer Camichel

80 On the move

81 Many minors

83 Hot dog, informally

84 Rural assent to a woman

88 Feine in competitions

89 Alment with red spots

90 Confess about

92 Submit, as homework

93 Emergency room sorting

94 Waikiki wear

95 "Alias"

96 Bites lightly

101 "Out of Africa" writer

102 Bit of Viking writing

103 Poker post

105 Corp. money handlers

106 "Climb — Mountain"

107 Make mad

108 Israeli statesman

110 Frat letters

111 Calendar spans: Abbr.

112 Onetime foe of the USSR

113 Waikiki wear

114 Immigrants' class, in brief



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BRIEFS

Bishop Hill readies for Spring Fling April 1-3

BISHOP HILL – Shops, restaurants and museums of Bishop Hill will welcome spring with a Spring Fling Weekend on April 1-3. Participating businesses and restaurants will offer discounts and sale offers. There will also be a book fair April 2 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Easter Bunny crafts and photos, a volunteer fair April 2 from 1-3 p.m. and a \$5 hobby horse make-and-take April 2 from 10-4 and April 3 from 11-3 at the Vasa National Archives.

Visitors who get signatures from six shops or museums enter a drawing for a gift basket at the Colony Store. Forms are at all shops and museums. The April 3 drawing is at 3:30 and you need not be present to win.

First United Methodist holding ham dinner

GALVA – First United Methodist Church of Galva has a Palm Sunday ham dinner April 10 from 4-6:30 p.m. Dine-in, carry out or delivery is available. The meal consists of baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple sauce, rolls, a drink (dine-in only) and dessert. To request a delivery, call (309) 932-2460 by noon on Friday, April 8. To order pickups on April 10, call from 2-3:30 p.m. There will be a free-will donation and proceeds will help repair stained



Pictured above are the 13 newly inducted members of the Bradford CUSD#1 National Jr. Honor Society. Photo by Becki Hoffert.



Pictured above are the current members of the Bradford CUSD#1 National Jr. Honor Society. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

Illinois catchable trout season opens April 2

SPRINGFIELD – The 2022 Illinois spring trout fishing season will open April 2 at 57 ponds, lakes and streams throughout the state. All anglers must have a fishing license and an inland trout stamp unless they are younger than 16, blind or disabled, or an Illinois resident on leave from active duty in the Armed Forces. Sites open include the Hennepin Canal Parkway in Bureau County. Bishop Hill hosts volunteer fair BISHOP HILL – Individuals searching for volunteer opportunities

in Bishop Hill can learn what its organizations have to offer by attending a volunteer fair on Saturday, April 2, at Bishop Hill State Historic Site. Representatives from the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association, Bishop Hill State Historic Site and Henry County Museum will be available to answer questions and provide information. Volunteers are needed for such activities as assisting with events, cooking, demonstrating historic crafts, greeting visitors, historic interpretation, maintenance and more. The Bishop Hill Museum, 304 S. Bishop Hill Road, will host the volunteer fair from 1-3 p.m. No registration or appointment is required.



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# Are windmills coming to Peoria County?

While on a recent drive from Brimfield to Kewanee, I happened to notice two new towers in fields north and west of Brimfield. I recognized them as meteorological towers, temporary structures that appear for a year or two before a flock of wind turbines settles in.

I am familiar with meteorological towers because they popped up around Galva and Bishop Hill when I lived there over a decade ago. They were soon followed by a bevy of giant windmills.

A meteorological tower, “met tower” for short, is set up to measure the wind resources in the surrounding area. Attached to the met tower are wind direction vanes, anemometers – small, twirly things that measure wind speed – and other instruments measuring temperatures and pressures. Wind energy companies set up a number of met towers in an area to see if it’s suitable for a wind farm.

Anyone who has lived around here for any length of time knows there’s plenty of wind. If you live out in the country you’ve no doubt spent a good amount of time raking up corn husks and stalks that the wind has harvested from neighboring fields and dumped in your shrubbery. The met towers will likely confirm what we know. It’s windy around here.

Before the met towers could be erected, Four Creeks, LLC, the company building them, obtained zoning approval from Peoria County to construct three towers, located north and northwest of Brimfield. One is in Princeville Township southeast of the corner of Maher and Laura Roads,

another is in Brimfield Township near the corner of Forney and Brimfield Roads, and a third is south of Laura in Millbrook Township near the corner of Routes 78 and 150.

A public notice regarding the zoning application was published in The Weekly Post on Nov. 18, 2021. Four Creeks is a subsidiary of ConnectGen, a wind farm developer headquartered in Houston, Texas.

Since the met towers are now up and running, I think it’s safe to assume wind turbines will be popping up like dandelions within the next couple years, pending county approval. Word is that several landowners have already signed contracts with ConnectGen.

Peoria County’s code of ordinances, section 7.2, covers the placement, construction and operation of “wind energy conversion systems.”

Although Four Creeks appears to focus on the northwest corner of Peoria County, I wouldn’t be surprised to see it creep into flat open fields of neighboring counties, too.

And the Florida-based NextEra Energy company has shown an interest in developing a wind farm that it says would stretch from western Peoria County into Fulton County.

So what can those huge wind turbines do for us when the wind is blowing? The U.S. government says just one of those big fans can power nearly a thousand homes.

The largest wind turbine in the world, according to Guinness, is in the Netherlands. It’s 853 feet tall with a rotor diameter of 721 feet. Just one rotation generates enough juice to power an average home for two days. For comparison, the tallest buildings in Peoria, the Twin Towers, are a mere 308 feet.

There are already hundreds of wind turbines operating in nearby counties.



This is one of three meteorological towers erected north of Brimfield in recent months.

To the north, the Bishop Hill wind farm, owned by Warren Buffet’s BHE Renewables, has 133 turbines sprinkled over 22,000 acres of Henry County farmland. That field of turbines has been generating power for more than 10 years. At night, looking north from Brimfield, I can see blinking red lights atop those towers.

To the northeast, 100 turbines make up the Camp Grove Wind Farm which occupies farmland in Stark and Marshall counties. And farther north, the Walnut Ridge Wind Farm, another BHE project, covers 14,000 acres of north central Bureau County.

Statewide there are more than 3,000 wind turbines spinning in the breeze producing enough electricity to power 1.2 million homes. Illinois’ wind turbines produce about 8 percent of our in-state generated electricity.

Wind farms are seen as a blessing by some and a curse by others. Critics wonder if the taxpayer-subsidized project will still be profitable when the cost is transferred from our tax bill to our electric bill. Green energy proponents say wind and solar reduce our need for fossil fuels.

Next issue, I’ll delve into what a wind farm means to the local community. Boon or boondoggle? We’ll see.



Ron  
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By **JUDY MAE BINGMAN**  
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URBANA – Legal risks can be fatal to a farm business. Understanding legal issues can dispel anxiety and help farmers realize their power to control their circumstances.

University of Illinois Extension is partnering with Farm Commons for a four-part series on legal issues for farms. Farm Commons is a non-profit organization that assists farmers solve their own business law challenges in a community of support.

Farm Commons Executive Director Rachel Armstrong will provide interactive workshops, including time for questions.

Those interested can register at [go.illinois.edu/protectyourfarm](http://go.illinois.edu/protectyourfarm). If

you will need an accommodation in order to participate, email Kathryn Pereira at [kpereira@illinois.edu](mailto:kpereira@illinois.edu).

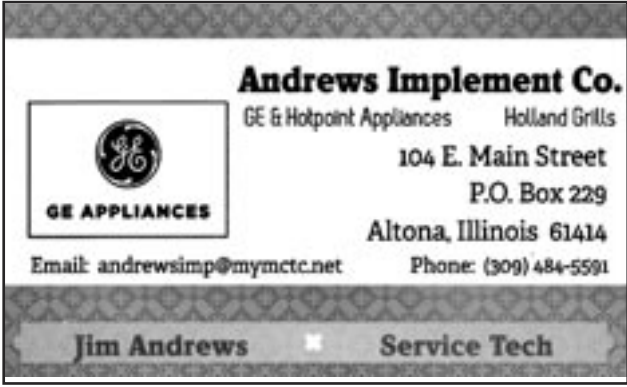
Early requests are strongly encouraged. Each session begins at 7 p.m. and lasts for one hour.

Armstrong leads workshops for farmers nationwide and created the organization’s innovative approach to farm law risk reduction.

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**April 25 – 5 Steps to Protect Your Farm**  
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## LEGAL ADS

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In The Matter of The Estate of  
DONNA L. CURRIER,  
Case No. 22 P 4  
Deceased.

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
Notice is given of the death of DONNA L. CURRIER, of Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued to PRESTON R. CURRIER and ANITA L. MILBURN, Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is DAVID L. COVER of Cover Law Group, LLP, Twin Towers Plaza, Suite 203-456 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, and 107 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Claims must be filed on or before September 26, 2022, or six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred as to the estate. If mailing or delivery of a notice from the independent executor is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, then the date of filing claims shall be the later of the date stated above or three months from the date of mailing or delivery.  
Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Stark County, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the court, a copy of the claim must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Co-Executors and to their attorney and file with the court proof of mailing or delivery of the copies.  
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Dated: March 15, 2022  
Preston R. Currier and Anita L. Milburn, Co-Executors  
  
/S/ David L. Cover  
David L. Cover, their attorney  
David L. Cover  
Cover Law Group, LLP

Attorneys for the Co-Executors  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
CITY OF WYOMING, ILLINOIS,  
Plaintiff,  
IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 2022FC2  
v.  
ETC D. RODRIGUEZ IRA #Z081326  
(C/O PIP-WEST, LLC); UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION**  
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action was filed on March 17, 2022, and is now pending.  
1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.  
2. The name of the titleholder of record is: ETC D. RODRIGUEZ IRA #Z081326 (C/O PIP-WEST, LLC)  
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
A plot of ground beginning at a point 100 feet North of the SW corner of Block “T” in GILES C. DANA’S ADDITION to the City of Wyoming, Illinois; running thence East 155 feet to an alley; thence North 47 feet; thence 155 feet to Galena Avenue; thence South 47 feet to the place of beginning, Stark County, Illinois  
PIN: 04-36-319-007  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 103 N. Galena Avenue, Wyoming IL 61491  
5. An identification of the Demolition Lien sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
a. Names of Respondent: ETC D. RODRIGUEZ IRA #Z081326 (C/O PIP-WEST, LLC)  
b. Name of Claimant: CITY OF

WYOMING, ILLINOIS  
c. Date of Demolition Lien: June 17, 2021  
d. Date of Recording: June 17, 2021  
e. County Where Recorded: Stark County, Illinois  
f. Recording Document Identification: 2021-108226  
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., Toulon IL 61483, on or before April 28, 2022, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.  
/S/ Julie Kenney  
Stark County Circuit Clerk  
Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
211 W 2nd St  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY**  
In Re **ESTATE OF )**  
**DARYL W. PITTMAN )** 2022PR5  
**Deceased. )**  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
**INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION**  
NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **DARYL W. PITTMAN** on June 28, 2021. Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2022, by the above entitled Court to VENETTE S. PITTMAN, of **8675 Grain Bin Road, Toulon, Illinois 61483**, as Independent Administrator, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., of 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk’s Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the Administrator or both on or before the 30th day of September, 2022 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the Administrator is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice.

Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the administrator and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.  
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 Illinois Compiled Statutes 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a copy of a form of petition to terminate independent administration to the Clerk of the Court at the above address.  
DATED this 18th day of March, 2022.  
VENETTE S. PITTMAN,  
Independent Administrator of the  
Estate of DARYL W. PITTMAN,  
Deceased.  
Ashlee E. Stabler, Esq.  
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.  
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**WEST JERSEY TWP**  
Annual Town Meeting  
Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Town of West Jersey in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o’clock p.m. at the West Jersey Township Building for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town and a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. The regular monthly meeting will follow.  
Dated April 1, 2022  
Michelle Webster, West Jersey Township Clerk  
  
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**TOULON TWP.**  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Township of Toulon in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o’clock p.m. at the Toulon Township Building, Toulon, Illinois for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Review annual reports, any other business to come before the voters. Regular monthly meeting to be held immediately following the Annual Town Meeting.  
Dated: April 1, 2022  
Barbara Allen,  
Toulon Township Clerk  
Published 4/1/22  
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**PENN TWP**  
Annual Town Meeting  
Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of Penn in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o’clock p.m. at the Township meeting room, Castleton, Illinois for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town and a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. The Budget Hearing will be held immediately following the Annual meeting.  
Dated April 1, 2022  
Johanna Mueller, Penn Township Clerk  
  
Published 4/1/22  
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**LYNN TWP**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LYNN TOWNSHIP BUDGET  
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of LYNN, in the County of Knox, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection LYNN TOWN HALL, 2727 Illinois Route 17, Galva, Lynn Township, Knox County, Illinois, from and after 9:00 A. M., the 10th day of April, 2022.  
NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 6:30 P. M., the 10th day of May, 2022, at the LYNN TOWN HALL, in Lynn Township, Knox County, Illinois, and that final action on this Ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the Public Hearing.  
DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.  
  
TIM THULINE,  
Lynn Township Clerk.  
  
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DATED this 18th day of February, 2022.  
  
TIM THULINE,  
Lynn Township Clerk.  
  
Published 4/1/22  
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**LYNN TWP**  
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON LYNN TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET  
NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Road Purposes of the Township of LYNN, in the County of Knox, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2022 and ending March 31, 2023, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection LYNN TOWN HALL, 2727 Illinois Route 17, Galva, Lynn Township, Knox County, Illinois, from and after 9:00 A. M., the 10th day of April, 2022.  
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OBITUARIES

**Carol E. Dustin**  
GALVA – Carol E. Dustin, 87, a resident of the Kewanee Care Home, formerly of Galva, died at 5:18 p.m., Monday, March 21, 2022 at the home.

Cremation will be accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, April 4, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Rev. Martin Gutzmer officiating. Inurnment will follow at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in rural Kewanee. Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Galva or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

She was born Sept. 28, 1934, in Moline, the daughter of Maxwell K. and Irene C. (Stenzel) Schneider. She married Wayne W. Hier in 1953, and he preceded her in death. She later married Wilber F. Dustin in 1988, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 21, 2012.

Survivors include her three children, David (Paula) Hier of Galva, Karen (Michael) Dixon of Orion, Ill., and Dan (Traci) Hier of Kewanee; six grandchildren, Amber Ranger Hier of East Moline, Ill., Jennifer (Corey) Peck of Orion, Erica (Mark) Zematis of Alexandria, Va., Jacob (Carissa) Dixon of Reedsburg, Wis. and Daci and Traidan Hier, both of Kewanee; and four great grandchildren, Carson and Dalton Peck and Ava and Adalyn Dixon.

Carol attended Galva Grade School and graduated from Galva High School in 1952, where she was a member of FHA and the National Honor Society. She worked at Schneider Drug Co. in Galva, which her father owned, and also worked as a switchboard operator at the Galva Telephone Company. She was an Army wife at Camp Folk, La., and Fort Riley, Ks., and then became a farm wife in the Saxon area for 21 years. She was a member of the lady’s clubs in the area: En Bon Traine and Crahobbies. She enjoyed her horses, dogs, raising three litters of puppies and gardening. She moved to a new farm home in rural Galva in 1977. She worked at Hier’s Auction Center as a clerk and the Hier Real Estate Office for 19 years.

She was a talented seamstress, loved cooking and baking for family and friends, enjoyed oil painting and



Dustin

performing in plays at the Blackhawk Community Players. She was also a member of the First United Methodist Churches in Galva and Kewanee.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.rux-funeralhome.com](http://www.rux-funeralhome.com).

**Dixie M. Melton**  
GALVA – Dixie Marie Melton, 90, of Galva, died at 9:10 a.m., Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at Hammond-Henry Hospital in Geneseo.

A Celebration of Life was held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, March 30, 2022, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Pastor Don Reul officiated. A time to meet and greet the family was held prior to the service. Inurnment was in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society.

She was born Aug. 22, 1931, in Deport, Texas, the daughter of W.B. and Oleta (Provence) McAllister. She lived her childhood in Arkansas and Texas, moving to Arizona at the age of 14 for health reasons. On July 7, 1950, she married the “boy next door,” Robert C. “Bob” Melton in Phoenix, Ariz., and they were blessed with 69 years together and two children, Randy born on July 16, 1951, and Cathy born Dec. 16, 1952.

Survivors include her daughter, Cathy Merritt of Sun Lakes, Ariz.; daughter-in-law, Nancy Melton of Sun Lakes; 5 grandchildren, Corey Merritt, Brian Merritt, Adam Melton, Megan Bilek and Zach Melton; 10 great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents, her husband on Sept. 14, 2019, her son, Randy on Nov. 3, 2015, her sister, Bobbie Manning of Denver, Colo., and her brother, W.B. McAllister of Mountain Home, Ariz.

Dixie graduated from Phoenix Union High School. In her early years she did accounting for various banks and in later years worked in the bakery at Eagle Foods doing cake decorating. She was of the Methodist faith and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Galva having served and volunteered for many years in the United Methodist Women’s groups and events. However, Dixie embraced family and friends of all denominations.

She loved listening to gospel



Melton

music, curling up with a good book or cross-stitching. When able, she loved to bowl, which she took quite seriously with a strong competitive spirit. She was a great “Southern Style” cook and also enjoyed baking – especially your favorite pie on your birthday. Dixie said she was happiest when she was “digging in the dirt,” and loved gardening and working in her yard. For years she was well known for the beautiful petunias down the driveway. She also shared with Bob a huge heart for all animals, particularly their “pet children,” dogs and cats. In later years, she delighted in feeding and watching the birds in her backyard.

Dixie’s view of her life: “I’m a simple person doing whatever needs to be done.”

**Marjorie P. Turnbull**  
TOULON – Marjorie Porter Turnbull, 96, of Rock Island and formerly of Toulon, Ill., passed away March 5, 2022, at Silver Cross, Rock Island. Services were held March 1 at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, Rock Island.

She was born Aug. 17, 1925, in Toulon to L. Vernon and Leota (Sweat) Porter. She was a graduate of Toulon High School with the class of 1943. She was married to Lee Turnbull on Aug. 17, 1948, in Toulon. He preceded her in death in 1978.

For many years she worked as a second grade teacher in the Rock Island School District. She leaves behind her children Richard Turnbull of Florida, Lynn Turnbull of Geneseo, John Turnbull of Rock Island; grandson Jordan Turnbull of Davenport, Iowa; siblings Lee Porter, Nadene Phillips and sister-in-law, Margaret Blakey. She was preceded in death by her husband Lee and her parents.

**Bryan D. DelSasso**  
BRADFORD – Bryan D. DelSasso, 64, of Bradford died March 22, 2022. He was born Feb. 12, 1958, in Joliet, the son the of Carmen and Marilyn (Wilson) DelSasso.

He is survived by two daughters; three sons; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his father; three sisters; and one brother.

A private service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be sent to [www.grant-johnsonfh.com](http://www.grant-johnsonfh.com).



Turnbull



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OBITUARIES

Byrdena Schuneman-Baugh

BRADFORD – Byrdena Maye Schuneman-Baugh, 98, of Bradford, Ill., passed peacefully into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at her daughter’s home.



Schuneman-Baugh

Byrdena was born in Fayette County, Iowa, on March 22, 1924, the daughter of William Francis and Hazel C. (Gell) Moore. On Oct. 3, 1943, Byrdena married Bernard “Ben” Schuneman in Wadena, Iowa. Together they enjoyed 56 years of marriage until his death on Oct. 7, 1999. She later married Charles L. Baugh on Feb. 9, 2008, and they cared for each other until his death on March 13, 2016.

She graduated from Wadena High School with the Class of 1940. She later earned her Bachelor’s Degree from Huntington College, Huntington, Ind., and her Master’s Degree from Bradley University.

While raising seven children, Byrdena was a teacher for 27 years, last teaching in the Bradford School District. She impacted the lives of countless students over the years. Equally as important to her were the many lives she touched with her Christian witness. After the loss of Ben, she answered a call to become a missionary (at the tender age of 77!) and made four separate trips to China, where she taught English and worked

with Christian ministries in that country. She also traveled to Poland, England, and Kentucky for mission work.

Byrdena was very active in her community. She was a contributing columnist for The Prairie Times newspaper for seven years. She also wrote, edited, and published a book on the history of Bradford entitled “Bradford from 1850-2000.” The proceeds from this endeavor helped to fund a number of community projects.

She was a member of the Bunker Hill Church of God in Buda, Ill., serving in many capacities, but with a special heart for missions.

She was also a member of the Bradford Community Development Council, the Illinois Retired Teachers Association and TOPS.

Byrdena was a loving and devoted daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, and a cherished friend to many. A treasured memory for many of her grandkids was spending time together with their cousins at Grandma and Grandpa Schuneman’s home in Bradford during the summer for Vacation Bible School.

She led a long and meaningful life and will be missed dearly. However, her family rejoices in her home going, with full assurance that she is in Heaven with her Lord.

She is survived by 3 sons, Chris (Debbie) Schuneman of Alton, Ill., B. “Bernie” Joel (Nancy) Schuneman of Sycamore, Ill., and Brian (Andrea) Schuneman of Bloomington, Ill.; 2

daughters, Mary (Gary) Reed of Chillicothe, Ill., and Lorna (Don) Code of DeKalb, Ill.; 2 daughters-in law, Charlene Schuneman of Henderson, Nev., and Julie Schuneman of Jacksonville, Fla.; 19 grandchildren, Kami, Trent, George, Kitra, Benjamin, Keely, Nicholas, Mary, Matthew, Sara, Jeremy, Sara, Andrea, Jaclyn, Hannah, Jeffrey, Tucker, Abigail and Allison; 25 great-grandchildren; one sister, Francile (Robert) Cummings; one sister-in law, Polly Lickhart; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, both husbands, two sons, Stephen Schuneman and Forrest “Frosty” Schuneman, two brothers, and one sister.

Byrdena’s family would like to thank the dedicated and caring team from ProMedica (formerly Heartland) Hospice. There are no words to express our gratitude to Cody, Markeda, Lance, Toni, Sara, and Robin for their compassionate and tender care for our mother.

A memorial visitation will be held from 9-11:30 a.m. Friday, April 22, 2022, followed by a memorial service at 11:30 a.m. at Bunker Hill Church of God in Buda, with Bill Allison officiating. Inurnment will be in the Manlius Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bunker Hill Church of God; Hillcrest Covenant Church of DeKalb for missions; or the Bradford Betterment Community.

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**R.F.D.** by Mike Marland

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BUT I'M STICKING TO MY GUNS.

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS  
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**CryptoQuote**

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PYE'KD VETR TRKYIO DIYEOU  
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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

1. LANGUAGE: What is a demonym?
2. MEDICAL: What's the common name of a condition called otitis externa?
3. GEOGRAPHY: Which large body of water lies to the south of Ukraine?
4. FOOD & DRINK: Which nut is used to make marzipan?
5. LITERATURE: Who is the author of the poem "The Gift Outright," which was read at President John Kennedy's inauguration in 1961?
6. MEASUREMENTS: What is an octant?
7. GEOLOGY: Which mineral is the softest on the Mohs Scale?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the name of a porcupine's baby?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the name of Barbie's younger sister, introduced in 1964?
10. HISTORY: In which country did the Easter Rising take place in 1916?

**Answers**

1. A term used to describe the natives or residents of a country, state or city
2. Swimmer's ear
3. Black Sea
4. Almonds
5. Robert Frost
6. One-eighth of a circle, or 45 degrees
7. Talc
8. Porcupette
9. Skipper
10. Ireland

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

1. The Batman (PG-13)
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3. Uncharted (PG-13)
4. X (R)
5. Dog (PG-13)
6. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
7. Death on the Nile (PG-13)
8. The Outfit (R)
9. The Kashmir Files (NR)
10. Sing 2 (PG)

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Orwig second in indoor state shotput

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
and **PHIL JOHNSON**  
For The Prairie News

BLOOMINGTON – Stark County senior Blake Orwig earned a second-place medal last Friday at the Illinois Top Times invitation-only state indoor track and field meet at Illinois Wesleyan University.

Orwig broke his school record twice en route to finishing second in Class 1A with a throw of 51 feet, 10 inches. That placed him behind only defending outdoor state champion Daniel Lucas of Cowden-Herrick, who had a winning throw of 55-5. Orwig was 10th at the IHSA outdoor meet last summer.

The Rebels had two other medalists at the meet, which was limited to the top 12 qualifiers in each event.

Senior Keagan Newton also medaled, placing 4th in triple jump with a leap of 40-11. Jake Sarver of Warrensburg-Latham won with a leap of 44-5.

In girls competition, junior Lindley Johnston of Stark County won two medals. Johnston was fifth in the 200 meters in a season-best time of 27.31 seconds, just 0.10 behind the fourth-place finisher and behind the top time of 25.93 posted by winner Alyssa Williams of Tuscola.

Johnston, the defending Class 1A champion in the high jump, placed seventh in that event at the Top Times meet. She cleared 5-1 at the indoor meet, where first was 5-3.5.



Stark County senior Blake Orwig tosses the shotput at last year's sectional at Weathersfield. Orwig was second at last Friday's indoor state meet with a throw of 51 feet, 10 inches. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

### Stark County Baseball

Stark County (0-3) dropped a 10-2 decision at home versus non-conference foe Farmington on Tuesday of the past week. SCHS gave up two runs in the first inning and three in the second, then restored order until yielding four in the seventh.

Dillon Steelman got two of the team's three hits for the game.

Stark County's next game is Saturday at Port Byron Riverdale.

### Stark County Softball

The Lady Rebels (0-3) dropped a 17-0 game at Farmington on Tues-

day. Taylor Masters and Lauren West had Stark County's two hits.

On March 21, Stark County lost at home vs. Bureau Valley, 10-6. In that game, Masters had a home run and four RBI for Stark County, which had six hits and scored one run in the third inning, two in the sixth and three in the seventh. Shanna Peterson, Payten Hillier, Kenna Newton, Anissia Rucker and Hayley Gillam also had hits for the Lady Rebels.

Shanna Peterson took the complete game loss on the mound, allowing 8 hits and 10 runs in 7 innings while collecting 6 strikeouts.

Stark County is to play at Riverdale Saturday at 11.


### Galva Softball

Galva (1-1) dropped a 23-1 decision to visiting Sherrard on Tuesday after opening its season with an 8-7 win over Monmouth-Roseville on March 17. Ariel Martinez had a walk-off single in the bottom of the seventh to win the game for the Lady Wildcats.

Galva had 16 hits, led by Lexi Stone's 3-for-4 showing. Taylor Haga, Martinez, Alexis Spivey, Libby Anderson, Sarah Kaiser and Maddie Bates all posted two hits.

### Galva Baseball

Galva (0-1) had its games postponed on Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week due to cold, windy weather. The Wildcats don't play again until Monday at Midland in a non-conference game.




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