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Galva board rewards school staff for pandemic service

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – The Galva Board of Education approved a one-time financial service award to recognize and compensate Galva school district staff members who served the district through the three years (2020-2023) of the COVID-19 disaster proclamation.
 The financial award is provided to honor loyalty, dedication, and sacrifice to the Galva School Community during those stressful times. Each staff member

who finished the 2022-23 school year in the district and served during the time identified received \$300 per year for their service.
 Superintendent Joe Becker said that this includes all employees: secretaries, cafeteria, teachers and custodians. Payment of just over \$68,000 will come from the personal property replacement tax fund.
 The board also approved the following 2023-24 school year personnel items:
 • Assignment of Kyle Schipper

as 7th grade basketball coach and junior high football assistant coach.
 • Assignment of Chance Jones as JH football coach.
 • Assignment of Brooke Jackson as volunteer JH softball coach.
 • Assignment of Timothy Meier as a volunteer for high school 8-man football
 • Accepted the resignation of Darcy Swanson as coach of the frosh-soph girls basketball team.
 Board President Andrew Larson noted that the coaches posi-

tions are all filled in the district, with the exception of the frosh-soph girls basketball coach.
 School fees were approved for the 2023-24 school year. Those include enrollment fees with textbooks and supplies, \$75 per student for K-6 and \$125 for 7th through 12th. The participation fees is a \$50 one time/year fee for extracurriculars. Athletic admission to junior high and high school events for adults is \$5. Students and children are \$2.
 Lunch fees are \$2.50 for ele-
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Superintendent Joe Becker (right), welcomed Marland Rachel, to the Galva School District. Marland was hired as Galva's new dean of students and athletic director and will start work Aug. 1. Marland lives in Galva with his family and has taught in Kewanee for 23 years. Photo by Carol Townsend.

TRAVIS IN TOWN

Busy first year for Weaver

By **NICK VLAHOS**
 For The Prairie News
 WILLIAMSFIELD – Travis Weaver's first year in the Illinois House of Representatives was OK, by his admission. He also might admit things could have been worse.
 Weaver was a Republican rookie legislator in a group where Democrats outnumber his party almost 2 to 1. Still, Weaver was a primary sponsor of three pieces of legislation that passed the House and Senate and were sent to Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker's desk.
 During a visit last week to Williamsfield, the 93rd District representative attributed his ability to work with Democrats. And to play with Democrats, perhaps.



State Rep. Travis Weaver discusses local history with Tom Rice of Williamsfield during a recent visit to that village. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

"I have as many Democratic friends as Republican friends in Springfield," said Weaver, who on Sunday turns 31. "I go to Black Caucus karaoke night. I go to Latino Caucus poker night. I play in the Tuesday-night basketball league. There's just not a lot of Republicans who do that."
 Weaver said he did that by emphasizing the personal as well as the professional. That included

introducing himself to every House Democrat, all 78 of them in a 118-seat chamber.
 "Everybody had their first day in Springfield, where they didn't know anybody," Weaver said. "So when somebody comes to you and says 'Hi, I'm new here,' I had a lot of people say, 'What are your priorities? What are some things we can partner on?'"
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K9 funding OK'd

Toulon will pay \$3,000 for expenses

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – Toulon will soon have its own K9 officer on the beat.
 The Toulon City Council on Monday approved donating \$3,000 to help fund expenses for the new K9 unit – \$500 more than requested by Police Chief Gary Bent and Officer Chuck Demetreon.
 Expenses include continuing training costs, food, veterinary bills, equipment and training for the law enforcement officer who will handle the dog. Businesses have also donated to pay for the expenses that will be incurred yearly.
 The dog is coming free of charge from McDonough County along with discounted equipment associated with the K9 unit. McDonough County's K9 officer took a position with the Illinois State

police and no other officer from McDonough wanted to become a K9 officer.
 Stark County Sheriff's Deputy Adam Henson has agreed to be Stark County's K9 officer and will complete training with the dog in July at a Galesburg training facility. Henson will use a county police vehicle that will be outfitted for the K9, although Henson will be working for the City of Toulon when called out to a situation requiring the K9 unit.
 The K9 unit and officer will attend the July council meeting in Toulon to be introduced. Demetreon said fees collected from the K9 unit arrests and tickets will hopefully pay for a second K9 unit for the county to use to combat illegal drug use.
 The council also discussed a payment dispute with Stark
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WEAVER: Passed three bills to aid constituents

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 And I think that paid a lot of dividends.”
 One of Weaver’s bills is designed to allow bachelor’s-degree holders to become speech-language pathology assistants more easily. Another helps facilitate liability insurance for high school and community-college students who participate in apprenticeships. A third exempts drainage districts from needing a permit to control beavers, muskrats and similar nuisance animals.

Weaver sees those bills as helping constituents in his district, which includes Brimfield, Elmwood, Toulon, Williamsfield, Wyoming and Yates City. His visit to Billtown was part of a program where he and his aides talk with local leaders.

“We kind of fit right into that wheelhouse for him, as far as his interests go for the state,” Williamsfield Village President Robert Johnson said.

According to Weaver, his top four House priorities are agriculture, education, economic development and infrastructure. He believes Republicans can affect those issues in a Democratic-dominated government.

“Those are things that are important to me, that I feel strong on, and I don’t know how anybody can really argue with,” Weaver said. “Those are kind of motherhood, apple-pie things, where I can walk across the aisle and say, ‘Hey, let’s do something good for farmers. It’s good for all of our districts.’”

“I would love to pass tax cuts. I would love to work on things that are going to (bring) new jobs to Illinois. I would love to work on things that support my pro-life beliefs. But I know those are, frankly, things that are not going to get a lot of luck to pass.”

Weaver defeated incumbent Rep. Mark Luft last June in the GOP primary in the newly reconfigured 93rd.

Weaver, whose father is former state Sen. Chuck Weaver, faced no Democratic opposition in the election last November.

According to the younger Weaver, the national election next November could set a tone for the General Assembly between now and then.

Things might hinge on whether Pritzker decides to challenge President Joe Biden for the Democratic nomination. Pritzker has said he won’t, but national reports cited his wealth, his political operation and his left-wing record as reasons for a potential run.

“If he does decide to run for president, I think we’re going to see a very progressive agenda try to get pushed, to bolster his report card,” Weaver said about Pritzker.

“If he doesn’t, I think we’re going to have another year like this year, which I would say was OK. There’s a lot of things the Democrats could have done that they decided not to do.”

GALVA: Meeting schedule set for 2023-24

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 mentary students while junior-senior high is \$3.10. A breakfast is \$1.50, adult lunch is \$3.50 and extra milk is 25 cents.

Driver’s education is \$100. Activity fee/family pass is \$80, yearbooks for grades 1-8 are \$20 and for grades 9-

12 will cost \$50.

The board approved the Galva board of education meeting schedule for July 2023 through June 2024. All meetings will be at 7 p.m. at the Galva Jr.-Sr. High Library,

2023 – July 17, Aug. 14, Sept. 18, Oct. 16, Nov. 13 and Dec. 18, 2023,

2024 – Jan. 22, Feb. 26, March 18, April 15, May 13 and June 17.

While the board typically meets on the third Monday of the month, several meetings listed in the schedule above fall on the second or fourth Mondays.

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<p>PENDING!</p> <p>1100 Western Ave. Kewanee - \$29,900</p> <p>2 Bedrooms / 1 bath. 1 car detached garage</p>	<p>PENDING!</p> <p>403 SE 6th Ave. Galva - \$50,000</p> <p>1 story / big lot / storage shed. 2 bedroom / 1 bath.</p>

TOULON: Payment in dispute

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 Excavating for the sanitary lift station completed in town.

The company was paid \$169,000 and \$106,000, with \$53,000 withheld in contingency until Stark completes all work. There is still seeding and sidewalk repair work to be done.

Stark Excavating wants an additional payment of \$106,000. But the council does not believe any additional costs are outstanding or justified.

In other action, the council approved a \$1,500 donation to the Peoria Area Convention and Visitors’ Bureau to help promote Stark County and the municipalities in Stark. The

partnership would target the Peoria area to bring in new customers to Stark County businesses.

The council passed several ordinances to sell excess equipment that includes two snowplows, a John Deere 210C tractor and a wood chipper. The council approved a \$770 expenditure to purchase a new pole saw to replace one that is worn out.

Approved was the \$2,300 purchase of a soil and rock conditioner that would be utilized to fill potholes;

\$437 for Jake Streitmatter’s schooling costs; \$425 for fall and winter sports programs from Royal Publishing; and up to \$2,400 for two water meters for the new Wins-

low shed and for Rediger’s shed, plus \$8,403 for the water lines.

The council heard that water membranes at Toulon’s reverse osmosis water plant need to be replaced. Up to \$43,390 was approved for this project. A \$10,000 expenditure was approved for the new water tower design.

An agreement was approved to formalize Giffin Engineering as the new Toulon city engineer with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Bids from T&J Builders for \$5,000 to replace sidewalks on East Main Street and for \$7,000 to replace 340 feet of sidewalk on Washington Street were approved.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

6-5 - Austin D. Cirrincione - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

6-11 - Dewan D. Hudson - Unlicensed, operating an uninsured vehicle and head/tail/sidelight violation.

6-11 - Damien D. Murray - Unlawful possession of cannabis, speeding 26-34 mph over limit and operating an uninsured vehicle.

6-11 - Greg D. Leadley - Speeding 26-24 mph over limit and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

6-10 - Ordinance violation - Shane Decker - Maintaining a nuisance.

Incidents & Accidents

6-5 - Amy A. Murphey, 48, of Chillicothe, was arrested on an outstanding Peoria County warrant. Unable to post the \$300 cash bond, she was taken to the Stark County Jail. On June 7, Murphey was released from Stark County and transferred to the custody of the Peoria County Sheriff's Department.

6-6 - Charles A. Morris Jr., 30, of Peoria, was issued notices to appear for traffic violations including improper lane usage, reckless driving, and speeding 103 mph in a 55 zone. His vehicle was also impounded.

6-8 - Brittany N. Carney, 32, of Washington, was issued notices to appear for driving on an expired driver's license noted, driving without vehicle insurance and speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

6-9 - A Wyoming resident reported damage to his garage in the 300 block of N. Main St.

6-10 - Authorities had an abandoned vehicle towed off the roadway along Route 78 and 1075N.

Peoria County Report

5-25 - An Edelstein man declined medical attention following a two-vehicle accident near South Rome, but a passenger required a visit to a Peoria hospital.

The wreck happened shortly after 3 p.m. in the 2300 block of E. Wilkens Drive. According to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, Anthony M. Rowcliff was driving a 2016 Nissan stopped in the westbound roadway when a 2007 Toyota rear-ended it. The other driver was Jeremiah J. Leflore of Peoria.

Rowcliff didn't say why his vehicle stopped, the report stated. Of his two passengers, a male was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, with unspecified injuries. The other passenger, a female, declined medical transport, as did Leflore.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-5 - to the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. for a suspicious vehicle unoccupied and running. Officer located the owner, who was visiting family.

6-5 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for several 9-1-1 calls reporting a disturbance. A subject from Kewanee was at residence trying to pick up a lawn mower that had been entered into LEADS as stolen. Officer seized the mower and ultimately returned it to the owner from Kewanee.

6-5 - Officer spoke to several residents in the 00 block of NW 5th Street about a planned detour.

6-5 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an illegal burning complaint. A burning wooden chair was put out



with a hose and subject was advised of the burning regulations.

6-5 - to the 400 block of SE 6th Ave. for a 9-1-1 call. The resident was advised their concern was not an emergency and they were given the non-emergency number.

6-5 - to the 00 block of SE 8th Ave. for a 9-1-1 open line call. Officer located a subject on a riding lawn mower. The subject was unaware of the pocket dial.

6-5 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a theft and trespassing complaint. This case is under investigation.

6-5 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a complaint of a verbal dispute amongst roommates.

6-5 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. in reference to a complaint of telephone harassment.

6-5 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. to assist a citizen.

6-5 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a complaint of threats.

6-6 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a complaint involving a subject who received an electrical shock from exposed wires. An ambulance was summoned to the scene.

6-6 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a theft complaint.

6-6 - to the 00 block of NE 9th St. to attempt to locate a wanted subject.

As the result, Abbigail Becket, 37, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on several traffic charges. She was unable to post bond and was transported to the Henry County jail.

6-6 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a city ordinance violation for junk/trash accumulation.

6-6 - Officer spoke to a resident in the 200 block of SE 1st Ave. in reference to a parking complaint.

6-6 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a loose-cow complaint. The owner was contacted to handle.

6-7 - Officer, along with the fire dept, Stark County Medic, Henry County Sheriff's Office and Illinois State Police, were dispatched to the SW 6th Ave railroad crossing for a car vs. train accident. Two subjects had gotten out of the car before impact. State Police handled the traffic crash and DUI arrest relating to this incident.

6-7 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of NE 6th Ave., Shawn Tarleton, 52, of Galva, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for failing to appear on a DUI charge. He posted bond and was released with a new court date.

6-7 - to a residence on NW 4th St. for a welfare check. A subject was taken by ambulance for evaluation.

6-7 - to the 300 block of S. Center Ave. for a 9-1-1 open line complaint. It was determined to be a pocket dial from a subject mowing.

6-7 - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a 9-1-1 open line call. It was determined to be another pocket dial from same subject mowing.

6-7 - to the railroad tracks on Exchange Street after a semi truck broke the crossing arm. Officer di-

rected traffic until BNSF was able to arrive for repairs.

6-7 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for a 9-1-1 hang up call. It was determined to be a pocket dial from a motorist passing through town.

6-7 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a battery complaint.

6-7 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for a harassment complaint.

6-8 - Officer received several complaints of a sick or injured red fox in the 200 block of NW 3rd St. Officer checked, but did not locate the fox.

6-8 - Officer checked on and placed a towing tag on a disabled vehicle in the 300 block of Main St.

6-8 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 6th Ave, Damon Weed, 21, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

6-8 - to 00 block of SE 4th Street for a low-speed vehicle inspection.

6-8 - to meet a subject in the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to obtain information in reference to a child abuse case. DCFS was contacted.

6-9 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a loose-dog complaint.

6-9 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a neighbor dispute.

6-9 - to 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

6-9 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for an illegal fireworks complaint.

6-9 - to 500 block of SW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving either gunshots or fireworks. Officer checked was not able to locate a source.

6-9 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving a juvenile subject playing loud music from a vehicle. They agreed to turn it down.

6-10 - to the 100 block of SW 10th Ave for a complaint involving harassing text messages.

6-10 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave for a reckless-driving complaint.

6-10 - assisted Henry County with a complaint of an intoxicated adult subject walking north of town with open alcohol. Subject was looking for a rural Stark County campground.

6-11 - to assist a motorist with a disabled vehicle in 00 block of NE 4th Ave. A tow truck was contacted.

6-11 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave for a loose-dog complaint.

6-11 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave for a domestic disturbance.

Property Transfers

6-6 - DGOG Toulon, Il, 03092022LLC to Realty Income Illinois Properties 1 LLC - Pt 19-13-6 SE - RSBK Toulon Subdivision Lot 1 - 260 N. Union St., Toulon - Consideration = \$1,520,330.

6-6 - Pamela G. Fritzenmeier to Tracy A. Kieser - Sect 8-14-7 SE Und 1/7 Int Pt - Consideration = \$172,936.

6-7 - Peter Chronos to Karla Glurk Munson - Pt 20-14-6 SE - 14330 Elmira Rd., Toulon - Consideration = \$10,000.

6-9 - Dennis G. Hickey to David and Stewart Inman - Pt 24-14-7 SW - 334 E. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$42,500.

6-9 - Donald A. and Laura A. Charvat to Joshua M. Belville and Taylor S. Wesso - Pt Lt 3 Assr's 35-13-6 SE - 311 N. 6th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

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6-9 - Edward Frank Mensen, Jr. and Brie Anna Leigh Fletcher, both of Toulon.

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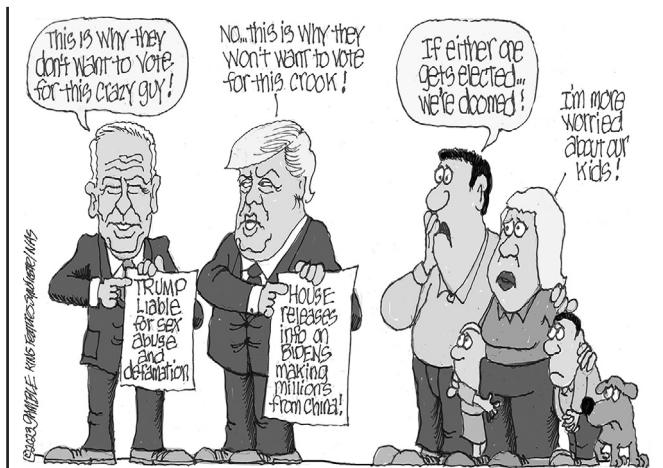
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HOW TO START A PANIC



Unhappy blueberries, and Washington's revolving door

So what do bacon, blueberries, and Capitol Hill's fast-spinning revolving door have in common? Newsies know: All have been covered in this space over the past year, all have ties to Washington, D.C., and all are in the news again.



Alan GUEBERT

Let's go first to the tasty bacon news from the suddenly-very dishy U.S. Supreme Court.

In a 5-4 decision on May 11, the court ruled against the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC), and the Biden Administration and for California's "humanely" raised pork law. The Big Ag plaintiffs wanted the state law declared unconstitutional because, they alleged, its practical effect (was) to control commercial conduct beyond California's boundaries."

In the frying pan was a three-times approved – twice by voters, once by the state legislature – ban on "California businesses from selling 'eggs and uncooked pork and veal'" as noted here last September, "'from 'animals housed in ways' that did not meet the new state standards."

Some of those "ways" – like sow farrowing crates and battery cages for hens – are mainstays of modern livestock production. The NPPC, AFBF, and the White House fought for the crates and cages, claiming the California law violated interstate commerce.

Writing for the court's majority, however, Justice Neil M. Gorsuch rejected their argument to create any "new and more aggressive constitutional restrictions on the ability of States to regulate goods sold within their borders," noted the Washington Post.

Gorsuch punctuated his majority opinion with some uncourtly snarkiness: "While the Constitution addresses many weighty issues," he wrote, "the type of pork chops California merchants sell is not on that list." Boom.

American organic fruit and vegetable buyers would love to have that level of final-word clarity on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ever-shifting organic food rules. Recent rule changes – designed to benefit corporate organic growers – have brought massive changes to the American organic landscape.

For example, USDA's rule to permit soil-free, hydroponic production of vegetables and fruit has, in just a few short years, clobbered small U.S. organic blueberry farmers.

Peru, reports the Real Organic Project (ROP), has largely displaced most U.S. blueberry growers because farmers there can grow blueberries faster and cheaper under USDA's recently changed rules meant to boost American corporate hydroponic producers.

In fact, reported the BBC recently, Peru – a nation that grew virtually no blueberries a decade ago – is now the world's top blueberry exporter, selling \$1.4 billion of the fruit overseas in 2022.

This is just "Another example of how degrading the definition of 'Organic' has real consequences," explained ROP. Had the USDA standard remained soil-based and not opened the market to hydroponically-grown blueberries, it argues, U.S. growers would continue "to sell high-value late-season fruit."

Under the hydroponic rules – rules ROP fought against because "organic," by definition, means soil – "U.S. (blueberry) producers have been hit hard" and "most of that imported production is hydroponic." How did that happen?

Enter Washington's legislator-to-lobbyist revolving door – or, more accurately, open barn door – where it's nearly impossible to distinguish lawmakers from law shakers.

In fact, according to opensecrets.org [1], a non-partisan, non-profit group that tracks money and influence in American politics, a staggering 467 former House and Senate members lobbied Capitol Hill during the 115th Congress to "attempt to influence the very federal government in which they used to serve."

Think about that: Four years ago (the latest published numbers), the 467 former lawmakers asking one-time colleagues for a favor nearly equaled the number of one-time colleagues, 535, they asked.

Why? Because all that grinning, gripping, and greasing works, explained U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree, a Maine Democrat on the House Ag Committee and a certified organic farmer.

"(T)here are 1,200 lobbyists on the Hill that work for the agriculture and food processing industry," she told the ROP podcast. "They spend about \$350 million a year on forming opinions in Washington. And that's more than the defense industry, so don't underestimate their power."

For proof, just look at USDA's organic hydroponics rule; lobbyists pushed that choice, not voters, and American farmers are paying the price.

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Work to commence on North Valley bridge

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Work will start June 26 on the North Valley Road bridge according to Stark County Engineer Judd Giffin.

Giffin told the Stark County Board during its Tuesday evening meeting that the estimated completion date for work is December. In addition, Giffin said most of the inspections of county bridges have been completed.

The last of the county and township MFT sealcoating is currently underway. Penn Township will receive sealcoating and that concludes the project. Patching along county highways continues.

Tami Rouse of Stark County for Continuous Improvement addressed the board and requested a \$1,500 donation from the county that was approved. SCCI intends to partner with the Peoria County Area Convention and Vis-

itors' Bureau to promote Stark County. SCCI plans to produce more videos promoting Stark County.

Sheriff Steve Sloan reported that a bid of \$893,000 was received to construct the new E911 building. A natural gas line has to be capped and a new line run so that the construction site is free of utilities. Construction could start in the third week of July. It will be just east of the current Stark County

jail building. An area east of the courthouse will be fenced off for construction equipment storage.

Three resolutions were passed by the board. First, the Hutchison Agreement calls for a project to remove and replace the Highway 13 bridge over Camp Creek for a total cost of \$199,721. Work will begin June 19 with a Nov. 15 completion date.

Second, a resolution for an Intergovernmental

Agreement Addendum was passed to have Mat Schneppe continue as the appointed Henry-Stark County Office of Emergency Management Service coordinator.

Third, a Stark County Mutual Aid agreement resolution was passed to participate in emergencies or disasters with other counties, townships, municipalities in responding to said emergencies.

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Saturday June 24 @ 4 p.m.

This will be a large 2 ring auction so bring a friend, one ring will sell all the household items the second ring will sell tools and equipment. A loader tractor will be available, we will also have a lunch stand and restrooms. Terms are cash, check or credit card with a 3% convenience fee. Please go to auctionzip or my facebook page for pictures and updates.

Items to be sold include: patio table and chairs, plastic shelving, kitchen table and chairs, roll top desk, Amana refrigerator, Whirlpool electric stove, pots/pans/dishes, crock bowls, step back hutch, end tables, recliners, desk chairs, large flat screen tv, 3 cushion couch, wooden tv trays, small kitchen appliances, 4 gallon water jar, Longaberger baskets, books, dresser w/mirror, linens, queen size bed, Sentry safe, 4 drawer chest of drawers, Samsung flat screen tv, 4 drawer file cabinet, quilts, bedding, 2 cannon Safari combination gun safes, quilt rack, dresser w/mirror, Klipsch KF 28 floor stan speakers, oil lamps, child's roll top desk, 4 drawer file cabinet, box fans, metal shelving, drop leaf table, oil paintings, dry sink, bar stools, rocking chairs, wardrobe, oak tables, cedar chest, toy box, curve glass curio, space heaters, LP's, enamelware, Whirlpool chest freezer, Whirlpool electric dryer, Whirlpool washer, old hand tools, Case 700 Dual Range with NF, gas, 3 point, pto, battery chargers, chop saw, coolers, bench grinder, large bench vise, bench top drill press, scrap iron, cutting torch, long handle tools, step ladders, heavy duty metal shelving, tool boxes, electrical supplies, flat carts, 2 bakers scaffold, extension cords, Stihl HS 46C gas hedge trimmer, Stihl O29 chainsaw (nice), pressure washer, generator, plastic folding tables, painters scaffold, live traps, garden planter, original Kettcar, Case pedal tractor, lawn sweeper, Cub Cadet 2X 945 SWE snowblower w/ dual wheels, lights, hand warmers, and power steering (like new), Craftsman 5hp 25 gallon horizontal air compressor, 2 seat porch glider, Craftsman air tank, garden hose, Fimco pull type sprayer w/ boom, Ingersoll 2hp air compressor, Toro Powerlift snowblower, 30" lawn roller, 3.5hp front tine tiller, Craftsman 5hp front tine tiller, Hinson Weatherall heat houser, pair of Case clam shell fenders, antique John Deere high wheel wagon (always shedded), John Deere 245 hydrostat lawn tractor, John Deere X540 hydrostat lawn tractor, garden hose, dolly cart, Lesco commercial aerator, eagle wood carving, Poulan Pro pushmower, gas cans, log chains, chain binders, Case 730 Comfort King w/ NF, gas, 3 point, PTO, one set of remotes and flat top fenders, Case NF w/ Stan Hoist loader, dimension lumber, 55 gallon barrels, 2 poly picnic tables, 6'X12' single axle trailer w/ rear gate, beavertail and gorilla lift, tractor weights, running gear, much more.

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: When did 'Sesame Street' debut on PBS?
- MOVIES: What is the name of the moon where 'Avatar' takes place?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to a tall rock structure called the Finger of God?
- HISTORY: What was Babe Ruth's real first name?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many of Snow White's seven dwarfs have names ending in 'y'?
- MUSIC: Which country did the band AC/DC come from?
- LITERATURE: How many books are in the primary Harry Potter novel series?
- GOVERNMENT: How many national parks are in the United States?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country was the Caesar salad invented?
- ANATOMY: Where is the uvula in the human body?

Answers

- 1969.
- Pandora.
- Brazil.
- George.
- Five: Happy, Sleepy, Dopey, Sneezey and Grumpy. The other two are Doc and Bashful.
- Australia.
- Seven.
- 63.
- Mexico.
- Throat.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
- The Little Mermaid (PG)
- The Boogeyman (PG-13)
- Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3 (PG-13)
- Fast X (PG-13)
- The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
- About My Father (PG-13)
- The Machine (R)
- You Hurt My Feelings (R)
- Kandahar (R)

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Answers on Page 3

CryptoQuote
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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Midsommar festival returns June 24-25

BISHOP HILL – The Bishop Hill Midsommar Music Festival has expanded to a two-day event for 2023.

Here is the schedule of events:
 • **Saturday, June 24** – Free performances at the village park gazebo include Black Hawk Pipes and Drums at 10 a.m.; Emily the Band at 11 a.m.; Hammer and Pick at 1 p.m.; Idle Oath at 2 p.m.; and Sarah and the Underground at 3 p.m. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

Maypole dressing begins at 4 p.m. and procession to the Colony School begins after dressing. Swedish folk-dancing demonstrations begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Colony School.

• **Sunday, June 25** – Free performances at village park gazebo include Barry Cloyd and Brian “Fox” Ellis at 11 a.m.; Bucky Halker 1 p.m.; Midsommar Quartet 2 p.m.; Chris Vallillo 3 p.m.; Nordland Band 4 p.m.; and Nordland Band free folk dancing workshop from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. in the Dairy Building. No registration is required.

The Vasa National Archives will be offering drinks, snacks and a make-and-take clay sculpture station both days of the festival, a short block south of the park. The public is welcome to view exhibits, enjoy some light refreshments and make a clay sculpture to take home.

The Vasa National Archives will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The Stark County Masonic Lodge presented scholarships with the help of the Illinois Masonic Children's Assistance Program totaling \$833 each to two college-bound students from Stark County High School. Pictured above (left to right) are scholarship winner Andrew Hurd of Toulon, Mike Gray from the lodge and scholarship winner Kylee Frisby of Wyoming. Photo by Angie Stange.



The Shriners' "Tin Lizzy" cars entertained the parade crowd during the Spoon River Days parade Saturday. Photo by John A. Ballentine.



Pictured above is the Maypole dance from a prior year's Midsommar festival at Bishop Hill. Submitted photo.

The Midsommar Music Festival is sponsored by the Bishop Hill Arts Council, Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill State His-

toric Site, Bishop Hill Old Settler's Association, Vasa National Archives, Bishop Hill Vasa Lodge #683, and area businesses. Regional Media is our major media sponsor. Funding provided by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation and the Illinois Arts Council Agency, a state agency.

American Rescue Plan Funds from Henry County, approved by the Henry County Board, were also used to help finance this event. For directions or more information, visit www.visitbishophill.com, or call (309) 927-3899.

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WHEN:
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 From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CT

WHERE:
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NOTE: THERE IS NO FORMAL PRESENTATION DURING THE OPEN HOUSE MEETING

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Maypole dressing begins at 4 p.m. and procession to the Colony School begins just after it is dressed. Maypole decorating at Colony School at 4:30 p.m., followed by supper provided by the Bishop Hill Vasa Lodge Swedish folk dancing demonstration at the Colony School beginning at 5:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 25, 2023

- 11am • Barry Cloyd and Brian "Fox" Ellis
Summer Solstice Program
- 12:30 - 1:30pm • Nordland Band
Free folk dancing workshop in the Dairy Building
- 1pm • Bucky Halker
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GALVA'S CLEAN UP 2023

NOTE: Proof of residency will be required.

The City of Galva will be having a clean-up week beginning June 19 and ending June 24 for Galva residents only.

All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway located between Preferred Home Health Care and Mary's Family Dining and Lounge) to be placed in a roll off which will be provided by Eagle Enterprises.


Anyone who is handicapped or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard can call City Hall and someone will assist them. Assistance will only be available from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday June 19 through Thursday June 22. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up.

Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size.

Televisions and electronic components will be accepted at Eagle Enterprises during their normal business hours.

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours June 19-22 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. June 23 the yard will be open until 3:00 p.m. June 24 the yard will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

If you have any questions, you can call
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Date/Time: June 19 - June 23, 2023 from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. each day.

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Answers on Page 3 - **Super Crossword** - 'TWOULD BE NICE

ACROSS

- 1 "Bluff" City
- 4 Mandible site
- 7 Talks lovingly with dots
- 11 One painting with dots
- 19 Long-popular ISP
- 20 Mythical horses
- 22 Indy 500, e.g.
- 23 Outdoor food party for 11- and 12-year-olds?
- 25 Some very valuable victims
- 26 Old Texas siege site
- 27 Saddlery tool
- 28 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
- 29 Not adorned
- 30 Type
- 31 Identical sibling near some falling rocks?
- 37 Caesar's 106
- 38 Neighbor of Vietnam
- 39 River through Ork.
- 40 "Norma —"
- 41 "Happy Days" star with gleaming eyes?
- 45 Ingredient in Nutella
- 49 A noble gas
- 50 Wedding page word
- 51 Top-notch
- 52 Genetic stuff
- 53 Major exhibition
- 56 Perform gastric bypasses?
- 61 Coastal inlet
- 64 Roof overhang
- 66 Musical sign
- 67 "Say again?"
- 68 One working to promote high-quality serge and denim?
- 75 Fuzzy picture
- 76 Tilted type: Abbr.
- 77 Imitate a lion
- 78 Susan of "L.A. Law"
- 79 Contest to see who has the cleverest taunts?
- 85 Have too much of, for short
- 87 Lance of the O.J. trial
- 88 Paris hub
- 89 Negatives
- 91 "Wonder Woman" star Gal
- 95 CBR's lingo system
- 97 Time of day for muscle spasms?
- 102 That, in Lima
- 103 Any day now
- 104 "I goofed!"
- 105 K-12 org.
- 106 Expert at recognizing the finest strong string?
- 112 Lacking spice
- 113 "— it grand?"
- 114 Tofu source
- 115 Call to squad cars, for short
- 116 Lamp dweller
- 117 Arbitrator
- 120 Super-rich wool cloth?
- 124 Coveted part for an actor
- 125 Big Apple animal attraction
- 126 — Lanka
- 127 It provides product plugs to websites
- 128 Skin malady
- 129 Passports et al.
- 130 IRS form fig.
- 4 Mother of Mars, in myth
- 5 Singer DiFranco
- 6 Golfer Michelle
- 7 Possess jointly with someone else
- 8 Big name in toothbrushes
- 9 Come- — (temptations)
- 10 Old JFK tier
- 11 Of a pelvic bone
- 12 City northwest of Genoa
- 13 Ending for krypton
- 14 Yappy lap dog, in brief
- 15 Predicament
- 16 Oahu porch
- 17 Virtual b'day greeting, e.g.
- 18 Look at again
- 21 Certain dried berry
- 24 911 VIP
- 28 Banned apple spray
- 31 Body pic
- 32 "Amazing!"
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- 58 Furry TV ET
- 59 Small cask
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- 65 Give moral guidance
- 69 Part of MoMA
- 70 Ballplayer Mel
- 71 Not cooked
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- 83 Blasting stuff
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- 92 Stupidity
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- 100 Debtor's slip
- 101 "Says You!" aiser
- 103 Noisy sleeper
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- 109 "— Mio"
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OBITUARIES

Rodney J. Richards

TOULON – Rodney John Richards, age 79, of Kewaunee, Wis., formerly of Toulon, Ill., passed away April 30, 2023 at Algoma Long Term Nursing Home.

Rodney was born April 20, 1944, in Peoria, Ill., a son of John and Iona (Geach) Richards.

Services will be held June 20, 2023, at 2 p.m. at the Toulon United Methodist Church. Internment will be at the Toulon Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Shriners Hospital.

Carol M. Smith

WYOMING – Carol M. Smith, 83, of Wyoming, passed peacefully on June 3, 2023. She was born Aug. 13, 1939, in Danvers, Ill., to parents Oliver and Ruth Washburn.

Carol was blessed with five daughters from her first marriage. She is survived by all of them, Wanda Harper, Melonie (Curt) Rowen, Ruth Harper, Bobbi Harper and Jayne (Bill) Menold. She is also survived by her brother, Roger (Arlene) Washburn.

Carol will be most remembered for her artistic abilities. She was a self-taught artist who mostly worked with oil paints. Her home was full of paintings and murals, and anyone who visited knew to stop by her art studio to see her latest creation. She enjoyed traveling and taking in all the sights and scenery that this country has to offer, especially the mountains and deserts. A special thanks to her caregiving team, Ruth and Jessica.

A private graveside service was

held at Wyoming Cemetery with granddaughter Hannah Rowen Fry officiating.

Memorial contributions may be made to your local American Legion of your choice. Online condolences may be shared on Carol's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services assisted the family with arrangements.

Lawrence R. Streitmatter

WYOMING – Lawrence R. "Larry" Streitmatter, 83, of Wyoming, went home to be with his savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, in Kewanee, after a long battle with cancer.

Larry was born on Aug. 11, 1939, in Peoria, the son of Frank and Lena (Bayer) Streitmatter.

Surviving are his best friend and companion since 2007, Elsie Dunn Leon of Kewanee; nieces and nephews, Steve (Cindi) Streitmatter of Texas, Jonathan Streitmatter and Susan Streitmatter, both of Colorado, Bob (Patti) Duncan of Arizona and Joy Anderson of Washington; and many great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents, sister Marilyn and brothers Frank and Kenny.

Larry was a 1957 graduate of Wyoming High School. He farmed for 50 years and worked security at Kress Corp. for 10 years.



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He was a member of the Stark County Farm Bureau and the Congregational Church in Stark. Larry loved the land and was so proud that he lived in the same house all his life. His parents bought the farm in 1925, and he sold the land to his cousins, Dave, Larry and Jerry, in 1999. He liked nothing better than to drive the auger cart or ride in the big planters and combines. As he drove down the road, he was always commenting on the growth of crops.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 17, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Certified Funeral Celebrant Veronica Haskell will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Streitmatter Cemetery alongside his parents and grandparents.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Junior Fair Building Fund. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Larry's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Larry L. Wexell

CAMBRIDGE – Larry Lee Wexell, 62, of Cambridge, formerly of Galva, died June 8 at St. Anthony's Nursing and Rehab Center in Rock Island.

Cremation will be accorded and a Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date.

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How to care for peonies

By **KEN JOHNSON**

University of Illinois Extension

Peonies are a common sight in many yards. They are typically grown for their showy blooms in the spring but also have attractive foliage that can act as a backdrop in landscape beds.

While peonies are relatively problem-free, a few diseases, powdery mildew and leaf blotch, show up fairly regularly on plants during the summer months. While these diseases typically don't pose a serious threat to plants, they can cause them to become rather unattractive, particularly late in the season.

Powdery mildew in peonies has become increasingly common. Infections will begin as small white spots on the leaves. These spots can quickly grow to cover the entire leaf surface in a white-to-gray powdery growth.

Plants infected with peony leaf blotch (*Graphiopsis chlorocephala*) will develop purplish-brown spots on the upper surfaces of leaves, while the lower sides of the infected areas will be chocolate brown.

This disease can also infect plants' stems, causing red to reddish-black spots to form. These infections are commonly referred to as peony red spot or peony measles.

These diseases will overwinter on diseased plant material, so good sanitation is the best way to manage them. At the end of the growing season, cut peony plants down to the ground and rake out and remove all diseased plant material from your landscape (don't compost it). If you have particularly bad cases, removing the mulch around plants and replacing it with 2-3 inches of new mulch is also a good idea.

Leaf spot diseases, particularly powdery mildew, are more common in plants growing in the shade and in areas with poor air movement, as these conditions

favor fungal growth. Planting peonies in full sun with good air movement around plants can help reduce disease problems.

If peony plants are crowded, they could be divided in the fall and spaced farther apart to increase air circulation. Plants can also be selectively pruned during the growing season to help improve air circulation.

Try not to handle or work in peonies while foliage is wet. This can spread fungal spores to uninfected areas or to new plants. Also, avoid overhead watering, as splashing water will spread the spores, and prolonged leaf wetness can increase disease.

Preventative fungicides can be applied when plants appear in the spring, but are often not needed.

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- 7-9 PM Hindsight music (main stage)

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- 8 AM Flags / Tractor Show opens @ Museum
- 9-11 AM Tractor Games @ Museum
- 9 AM-6 PM Art Show @ LME Library
- 11 AM-1 PM Lunch Drive Into Town
- 1-3 PM Barrel Train Rides & Tractor Demos @ Museum
- 1-3 PM PHM Tours @ Museum
- 4:30-5:30 PM Art Show Opening Reception @ LME Library
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides Open
- 5:30-7 PM Football Auction
- 6pm-12am APFD Beer tent opens
- 7-8:30 PM Cheer, VBS Performs & Talent Showcase (main stage)
- 8-11:30 PM Backstabbin' Betty @ APFD Beer Tent

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

- 7-10 AM Lion's Club Breakfast
- 7 AM St. Jude 5K Run/Walk Registration @ LME Library
- 8 AM Princeville St. Jude 5K Run/Walk
- 8 AM Flags/Tractor Show Open @ Museum
- 9-11 AM Barrel Train Rides & Tractor Demos @ Museum
- 9-11 AM Cub Low Boy Raffle Drawing @ Museum
- 9-11 AM PHM Tours @ Museum
- 9 AM-1 PM Art Show @ LME Library
- 11:30 AM-1:30 PM Food Tent Open
- 1 PM Heritage Days Parade (Grand Marshall: Helen Oertley)
- 1:30-8 PM Axe Throwing near 4-way Stop
- 2-10 PM Carnival Rides Open
- 2:30-4:30 PM Kid's Activities: Tractor pull, face painting, & rock painting
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- 3-5 PM Bingo at the Food Tent
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- 5-6 PM St. Jude Princeville to Peoria LIVE Auction
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