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## DROUGHT DAYS

### Fewer beetles, more cherries

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Watering the gardens and patio planters takes priority over all other projects these drought-stricken days. I feel like the watering wand has grafted to my hand.

As I water I make at least two passes, the first to wet the soil surface so it more readily absorbs water on the second and third pass. I use a watering wand with a trigger handle. With the wand I can put



While Japanese beetles are back, their numbers seem to be lower. Ron Dieter says the drought could have a negative impact on them moving forward.

water right where I want it.

Watering perennials and annuals, I place the nozzle at the base of the plant, taking care not to wet the foliage.

On shrubs and large plants, I apply the water not just at the

plant's base, but farther out over the root zone. If the area is protected by a heavy layer of mulch, I'll put the nozzle down into the mulch to force the water underneath.

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## \$263k roof bid for Stark JH

School district joins Discover Peoria campaign

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board approved a \$263,000 roof replacement project for the junior high at its June 20 meeting.

The lone bid for the project was from the Peoria-based Kreiling Roofing Company.

The board also passed a number of routine agenda items and held an amended budget public hearing immediately before the regular meeting. There was no public comment or attendance and the amended budget passed by unanimous vote.

Approved for a \$16,855 total cost is the purchase of a driver's education vehicle from Toulon's Nelson's Auto Sales. With the trade-in value the school receives

a 2019 Kia Optima EX.

A \$1,500 expenditure was approved to join the SCCI – Discover Peoria marketing campaign. SCCI has applied to become a 501-C3 organization. The \$1,500 pays for the first year of a membership, that is designed to have Stark County promoted to the greater Peoria-area region. The school district joins Stark County and its communities in donating \$1,500 each.

Legal counsel for 2023-24 will again be Miller, Hall & Triggs after the board approved per-hour legal fees of \$275 for senior partners, \$250 for junior partners, \$225 for senior associates and \$190 for junior associates.

Also approved were bids for milk, trash pickup and printing and production of the Rebel Re-  
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## Galva to continue clean up efforts

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Each Galva council member was given a sheet of 30 homes in the city that do not meet city standards.

Council members were instructed to each drive around and check out all of the homes. Of the 30 homes, 11 are on a list to be demolished.

The city is ready to demolish, 14 SE First St., owned by Justin West, and 514 E. Division, owned by the late Loren Lambert.

The city will also start proceedings on the first three on the list which are 417 E. Division (Kurt Kempin owner), 410 E. Division (Mary and Mark Nordstrom

owners) and 214 NW First Ave. (bank owned).

The council unanimously approved closing a railroad crossing near the Catholic Cemetery at County Road 2150 East. Galva will receive \$150,000 to be put in their road fund for the closure.

Each council member was also given a proposed ordinance on abandon vehicles, recreational vehicles and farm vehicles in Galva.

"This is an attempt to clean up the town," City Administrator David Dyer said.

An antique tractor can be parked on a property for five days before a parade and five days afterward in the proposed ordinance.

Zack Thompson was present and asked the City of Galva if it would be willing to let him put a crematory in the city owned building behind Subway and the OSF Clinic. The building is currently used for storing Christmas decorations and lawn mowers.

Thompson told the council that there is only one other crematory in Henry County, and it is located in Geneseo. Thompson said that he would only cremate humans and no animals.

Dyer said that he checked on material, labor and concrete for the city to build a new building and came up with a cost of \$40,000 in material and \$40,000 in labor, plus concrete, to put up  
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## DANCERS IN DAHINDA



Native American dancers joined the first Dahinda Days event last Saturday along the shores of the Spoon River. Photo by Robert Haugland.

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## STARK BOARD: Students can now graduate early

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 porter. There was no bid for bread. One bid for milk was received from Prairie Farms for 32 cents for white milk and 35 cents for chocolate and strawberry milk; one bid for trash pickup by Green For Life, which has Area Waste Management as a subsidiary, for \$980 per month; and one bid

for Rebel Reporter from Lampe Publications for \$1,650 per issue. After closed session, the board approved hiring Sarah Nowlan as high school cheer coach, Cole Hartley as head junior high baseball coach, Preston Parrish as junior/senior high agriculture/shop teacher, Lisa Snyder as pre-school paraprofes-

sional and Karen Morrissey as kitchen staff. Resignations approved were from Karen Morrissey (lunch supervisor/copy aide), Brooke Lancaster (teacher/club sponsor) and Jacob Siekmann (elementary PE) plus all supervisor and coaching positions were announced.

## GALVA: Bishop Hill seeking help digging graves

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 a new building for storage needs. No action was taken.

Hometown Consulting was present and said things were going well. A survey of some businesses and residents showed several things: Some people were upset with the demolition of historic buildings; others mentioned salvage yards on the outskirts of town and in the downtown area; a need for family dining and possibly a bed and breakfast downtown; and having school children get involved in downtown proj-

ects. Some of the positive comments were in regard to the Backroad Music Festival, Levitt-AMP concerts, good parks and the neighborly attitude in Galva.

Terri Wigant, clerk of the village of Bishop Hill, was present and asked the council if Galva city workers could start digging graves in Bishop Hill Cemetery. Wigant said someone from Cambridge had been digging graves, but won't be able to do it any longer.

Dyer gave Wigant a list of fees and said there would have to be something added on for taking equipment to Bishop Hill.

Wigant said normally there are only about five burials per year in the Bishop Hill Cemetery. Police Chief Kraig

Townsend told the council the new squad car was in and he is seeing a lot of swimming pools going up that do not have fences around them. He said pools with a depth of 24 inches of water require a fence of four feet in height.

Third-ward Alderperson Jackie Clucas said she would like to see flags downtown stay up for a week for Memorial Day, July 4th and Veterans Day. She said that other towns leave them up longer than one day.

The council went into closed session to discuss real estate. Ward Three Alderman Dougie Anderson said he wanted Chief Townsend to issue several tickets to Bruce Palmer who is the owner of the business in the former Bixby Zimmer location.

He wants Palmer to be ticketed for junk on the City easement and inoperable vehicles. He said to be sure it is enforced.

This correspondent asked what was going on with the halted demolition on Front Street and was told the administration is waiting for a report from the engineers. After that, a company will be called in to fix the wall that it not secure. This will all be at the city's expense.

In regards to a building on Market Street that was to be demolished by July 4, Brown Excavating of Alpha was awarded the bid several months ago, but has been put on hold as Ameren has to move gas lines before the building can come down.

First-ward Alderman Jeff Olson was absent from the meeting.

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### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 6-21 - Korrie L. Marty-Stapel - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 6-21 - James D. Bruketta - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 6-21 - Efrain Corral Rocha - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 6-21 - Daryan D. Konhorst - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 6-21 - Henry G. Vassar - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.



Galva Water Department was contacted and responded.

### Incidents & Accidents

- 6-15 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 near the intersection of 300N. The driver involved was Darien M. Kalley, 26, of Normal, who reportedly was traveling south when the Chevrolet cargo van left the roadway and struck a utility pole. No injuries were reported but Kalley was cited for unlawful use of a cell phone and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.
- 6-20 - Dylan G. Garza, 30, Buda, was cited for driving on a suspended registration for mandatory vehicle insurance. He was issued a notice to appear in court.
- 6-21 - Kevin W. Baumann, Wyoming, reported the theft of a list of items he discovered missing. The incident remains under investigation.
- 6-21 - A theft of several farm equipment items was reported from Nutrien Ag Solutions of rural Princeville. Investigation continues.

6-21 - to the 100 block of NE 6th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint after a subject was reportedly following another subject in a car for a period of time. Officer located the suspect and conducted a traffic stop. The suspect was advised to go home.

6-21 - to meet with a complainant at City Hall in reference to issues with a tenant trying to sell items that belonged to the landlord.

6-21 - While patrolling, officer located a loose dog running in the 500 block of SW 4th Ave. The owner was located and the dog was returned.

6-21 - to 300 block of Main St. for a complaint involving possible child abuse. DCFS was also contacted.

6-21 - to check a residence in the 300 block of N. Center Ave. after an open door was discovered. Nobody was found inside.

6-22 - to the 100 block of Exchange St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.

6-22 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a theft report involving two bicycles being stolen. Case remains under investigation.

6-22 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.

6-22 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a theft over \$500 complaint. Case remains under investigation.

6-23 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a complaint involving an elderly subject running over a ladder and paint. The subjects spoke and agreed to work out payment for damage between themselves.

6-23 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint involving juveniles throwing apples and running into traffic. The juveniles were advised to move along.

6-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 1st Ave., Jonathan Specht, 36, Hooppole, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

6-23 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint involving a subject being attacked. This complaint was unfounded. The caller was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

6-23 - to a residence on NW 8th Ave. for a suicidal subject. The subject left in a vehicle. Officer made phone contact but did not locate subject.

6-23 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

6-24 - to Washington Park for a

subject walking around with a metal fence post. Subject appeared to be having a mental-health crisis.

6-24 - to check on a suspicious vehicle running in the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave.

6-24 - to check on a parked vehicle with open door in 00 block of NW 4th Ave. Owner forgot to shut door.

6-24 - While patrolling, officer heard screaming from a residence on NW 7th Ave. Officer learned subject had been attempting suicide by hanging and was combative. Subject was transported by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.

6-25 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 9-1-1 hang-up call. It was a subject having a mental-health crisis.

6-25 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd St. multiple times during the day for a subject trespassing onto other's properties and screaming. The subject was located and released to a family member.

6-19 - Paul Porter, 47, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

6-21 - Delores Garza, 29, Kewanee, was cited in the 400 block of W. Division St. for not having a valid driver's license.

6-22 - Dustin Brock, 34, Kewanee, was issued a citation for not having a valid driver's license in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

6-25 - Michael Rittenhouse, 56, Pekin, was issued a citation for failure to use a turn signal at least 100 feet before intersection in the 600 block of SE 2nd St.

### Property Transfers

6-12 - Edward L. and Marie E. Smith to Misty L. Turnbull - Culbertson's Western Add'n Block 1 lot 5 - 501 N. Ogle St., Toulon - Consideration = \$16,121.

6-14 - Terry L. Sherbeyn to Jeffrey L. O'Bryant - Vg of LaFayette Pt 20 lots 2,3,4 - Consideration = \$10,000.

6-14 - Kara and Philip Dean Stubbs to Darin Hart and Ashley Kunzle - Original town of Wyoming block 9 lot 9 - 106 W. Smith St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$102,000.

6-16 - Cindi Stone Horrie to Jesse Happ and Christina Moran - Pt Sect 31-12-6 NW and SW - 392 Twp Rd 600 E Toulon - Consideration = \$285,000.

6-16 - Sharon K. McCann to One Schott Properties, LLC - Original Town of Toulon Pt 1 lots 8 and 9 - 206 North Miller Toulon - Consideration = \$32,000.

6-16 - Mark C. and Maureen T. Chitty to Mark C. and Maureen T. Chitty, Trust - Pt Sect 36-13-6 SW - 404 N. Madison Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

6-20 - Sean A. O'Brien to Robert Boatman - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - 223 E. Greenwood St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

6-22 - Brandon D. Burwell to Brandon D. Burwell and Kimberly J. Sherpinskas - Pt Und. 1/2 Int 33-14-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.

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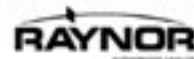
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## GUEST VOICES



## The curious case of Cow 6111, Part 1

Calving season 2023 ended on May 15, two days short of three months after it had begun, with the birth of a beautiful silver-and-white heifer. It is always a relief to be able to get a full night's sleep after checking cows at all hours for so many weeks. We were scheduled to vaccinate cows and calves the next two days, so this was a particularly timely birth.

To be honest, we did have an older Angus cow who had not yet calved, despite having been declared bred when we pregnancy checked the herd at the end of November. It is not uncommon for a cow to suffer a miscarriage, however, and we are seldom aware of it when it does happen. We all agreed that 6111 did not look pregnant, but we would have the vet check her when she went through the chute to receive her annual vaccinations, just to be sure.

On the day we worked the cattle here at home we identified the pretty little silver heifer as the last calf when Dr. Iliff commented on her newness. Soon Matt brought 6111 into the chute and said, "We need to pre-check this one. We don't think she's going to have a calf."

Dr. Iliff looked her over, gave a half-shake of his head as he hummed in a not-hopeful tone and then sang his trademark jingle for open cows: "Two all-beef patties, special sauce..."

The examination had barely begun when the song ended abruptly. Dr. Iliff looked at Matt with a surprised expression.

"She's nine months and holding," he said somewhat incredulously. And just like that, we were no longer done with calving. After our very brief respite, the watching and waiting would resume.

The last possible day this cow could have a calf was the first day of June, based on the day AJ and Matt had pulled the bulls. We proceeded to monitor her excessively. To some degree we had all three lost confidence in our ability to predict an impending birth. Even knowing the cow was pregnant, we didn't think she looked it.

The weather had turned unusually hot, so 6111 spent her days in the cool gloom of the east barn, eating as

much hay as she could get Matt to give her. Collectively we must have looked at her dozens of times each day. We convinced ourselves that she was beginning to look a bit like a cow that might actually have a calf someday. Then on Memorial Day afternoon Matt noticed some discharge. We went to a family gathering, expecting to come home to a new calf.

We were only gone a few hours, and Matt had looked in on her, but when we arrived home and went immediately to the barn, we saw... nothing. Well, we saw the cow eating hay, but nothing to indicate she was trying to have a calf.

By the next day we were beginning to get concerned. Experience has taught us that if a calf is in breach position, labor does not progress. AJ decided to check her. I had just returned home from an appointment and was checking email when I noticed what I thought was one of our Angus bulls running down the driveway toward the road.

By the time I hit the door AJ went flying by it in the RTV, got it turned around and headed back toward the barns. As the animal trotted by me I realized it was not a bull but our 6111 cow. As I flanked her to keep her from running into the north field, I saw the working chute lying on its side several yards from the barn. None of this made sense.

Once we got 6111 back into the lot, I got the story. AJ had put her into the chute to check her, but evidently had not closed the little side door. Instead of sticking her head into the catch, she had reversed direction and then tried to exit through the little door. She didn't quite fit, however, and panicked. The end result was her dragging the chute until she pulled free, toppling it in the process. I admonished AJ for not waiting for someone to help him get the cow in, but this was met with... well, let's just say we were all stressed by this situation. None of it made any sense.

When I went out at first light on Wednesday, 6111 was behind the barn. She had been mooing since before daybreak. I walked out to get a close look at her. She walked purposefully right up to me and stood expectantly. Or not expectantly at all. She really, really did not look pregnant. This did not make sense.

abandoned coffee, then stuck his head around the corner to where I was doing bookwork at the old roll-top desk.

"Did you see the new calf?" he asked nonchalantly. It was a rhetorical question. He knew I had not.

(To be continued next week.)

### GRILLED STEAK FLATBREAD

Ingredients:

- 1 beef strip steak, boneless (about 1 pound)
- 1 8 oz. refrigerated pizza dough
- 1 white onion, sliced
- 1-1/2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/2 cup roasted red peppers, sliced
- 1/2 cup blue cheese, crumbled
- 1/2 cup arugula leaves
- 1 tablespoon balsamic syrup
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1. Pre-heat a small skillet over medium heat; add 1/2 tablespoon olive oil and onions to the pan. Cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until onions are caramelized; Remove from skillet and set aside.

2. On a greased sheet pan, take the pizza dough and form it to the size of the sheet pan. Brush both sides of the dough with a half tablespoon of olive oil. Place pizza dough on grid over medium heat. Grill the dough for 30 seconds to 1 minute on each side being careful not to burn it. Remove the dough and place it back on the sheet pan. Top the flatbread with roasted red peppers and a quarter cup of blue cheese. Bake in the oven at 375°F for 10 minutes; once the cheese is melted slightly remove from oven and set aside.

3. Season both sides of the steak with salt and pepper. Place steak on grid over medium, ash-covered coals or over medium heat on preheated gas grill. Grill according to the chart for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Remove steak and let rest for five minutes. Slice into half-inch strips and set aside.

4. Take the flatbread and top with the caramelized onions, arugula, sliced steak, remaining blue cheese and drizzle the balsamic syrup on top. Cut into six even-sized squares and serve.

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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# CHERRIES: Put beetles in soapy water, and smile

*Continued from Page 1*

I pay special attention to newly planted shrubs and trees. No drought tolerant plant is drought tolerant until it is established. A plant is considered established when its root system has grown out from the nursery root ball into the surrounding earth. For shrubs and trees that's about two years. For perennials it's a year.

One benefit of hand-watering is that you look over the gardens more closely. As I was watering our garden plots and pots, I spied the first Japanese beetle of the season, tucked inside the flower of a white canna. A closer inspection revealed the presence of three more. I gleefully crushed them with my bare fingers. Now my better half and I have at the ready two cottage cheese containers filled halfway with soapy water.

Japanese beetles are late sleepers. They're lethargic and slow moving until the sun warms the air. Drowsy beetles are easy to knock off leaves and flowers into the soapy water in the early morning.

I like to take a cup of coffee with

me as I check out the gardens in the morning, but I give up that luxury to have both hands free- one holding the container and the other flicking the bugs into the water.

So far the beetle yield has been low but the season is just beginning. I'm not expecting a large beetle crop this year. Their numbers were low at our place last year, fewer beetles laying eggs. This year's dry weather and low humidity could put a damper on their numbers for next year.

If you find Japanese beetles at your place, resist the idea of buying beetle traps. Those traps contain a pheromone that attracts the beetles from great distances. You don't want to create a mass migration to your treasured plants.

They say that every dark cloud has a silver lining. One benefit of the current lack of rain and low humidity is less plant disease problems. Most foliar diseases need moist leaf surfaces to grow and multiply. Such diseases begin to take hold in late spring and become a bigger problem as the growing seasons progresses.

This year's dry spring with low

humidity and no morning dew has prevented most foliar diseases from getting started. That's a little bit of good news for area crop producers who would otherwise need to apply costly fungicides. It's bad news for aerial applicators – unless they serve farmers who use overhead irrigation.

Our cherry crop this year is one of the best we've ever had and it's due to the dry weather. We usually lose a significant portion of the crop to brown rot. But this year I've been able to pick beautiful cherries by the handful.

Brown rot is a fungal disease that affects not only cherries, but also peaches, plums, apricots, and almonds. The disease overwinters on any mummified fruits remaining on the tree. Warm spring weather and rains cause the spores to grow and spread. I've seen first-hand how brown rot spreads like wildfire once it appears.

So for the next week or so, I'll be harvesting both cherries and Japanese beetles. Hopefully I'll get a nice homemade pie. Cherry, of course.

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**Troutman due back in Princeville on July 4**

PRINCEVILLE – Dean Troutman was passing through Prophetstown on Monday and is expected back home in Princeville by July 4 after completing his latest fundraiser walk.

Troutman, 92, set off on a 400-mile walk for St. Jude on May 21. He walked to Monroe, Wis., and has been making his way back to Illinois for the past few weeks.

Troutman walked 700 miles in 2014 for his first fundraiser and raised more than \$70,000 for the park he established in memory of his late wife, Dorothy.

Since then, his subsequent treks have raised more than \$80,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

To learn more about his journey, visit his Troutman's Trek page on Facebook.



Dean Troutman took time to pose for a picture outside Prophetstown on Monday. He is expected back in Princeville on July 4. Photo by Rebecca Cook.

**Galva Avenue of Flags volunteers needed**

GALVA – The Avenue of Flags will be put up July 4 at the Galva Cemetery. Volunteers are needed to be at the Legion building on Wallace Street at 6 a.m. to load the flags.

Volunteers are needed again at 4 p.m. at the Galva Cemetery to help take down the flags and to transport them back to the Legion Building.

**Flemish-American club hosts Galva HS reunion**

GALVA – The Galva High School 50 Plus Reunion will be held on Galva Days weekend which is Sunday, Aug. 6, at the Flemish-American Club a 313 N. Burr Blvd.

The reunion starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 and you may stay until 4 p.m.

There is a hot buffet, drinks and cake which includes tax, rent and gratuity for \$15. Please send your

check to your class representative by July 25. There are no reservations or payment at the door.

All classes up to and including the class of 1972 are invited. Each class has a representative and will either mail or email each member an invitation.

Pictures will be available of each class for \$12 for a 5-by-7 and \$15 for an 8-by-10. You must pay that day for the picture if you want one.

**Hunter's safety class set for Princeville**

PRINCEVILLE – A free hunter's safety class will be held at St. Mary of the Woods on July 28 and July 29 from 5-10 p.m. each night. You must attend both nights.

Dinner will be provided both nights. The class is open to ages 9 and up, meaning students must be turning 9 years old by the end of 2023.

To register, contact Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

**College honors**

• Several local students made the



Pictured above, K-Kid Jacob Boston (right) received the Laura Hanson Memorial Leadership Award, given by Doris "Butch" Hanzo (left).

Jacob showed outstanding leadership and received a medallion and his name on the plaque. The Galva Kiwanis Club sponsors the K-Kids who are in grades 4th through 6th grades. Jacob is a 4th grader and the son of Mike and Brittany Boston of Galva. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Carl Sandburg College for the spring 2023 semester: **Chase Williams** of Princeville; **Angelina Adam** of LaFayette (part-time); **Chandler Colgan** and **Samantha Weir** of Toulon (part-time).

**Et cetera**

• **BISHOP HILL** – A presentation on Civilian Conservation Corps in Henry County will be given by Steve Kastorff on Saturday, July 15, at 1 p.m. at the Henry County Historical Museum at 202 Park St. in Bishop Hill.

• **GALESBURG** – The 2023 Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert Series continues on Sunday, July 9, with a performance by Carol Jean & Jera who combine country and bluegrass with rock and pop music. Concert begins at 2 p.m. at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E. Third St. Galesburg. Suggested donation is \$5 per person.



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# Centenarian still farming in Mercer County

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

It's been quite an amazing career in agriculture for Donnie Peterson, 101, whose earliest memories include farming with horses through the Great Depression in the 1930s in western Illinois.

What's maybe even more amazing is he's not ready to hang up his work boots just yet. In fact, when people ask this humble centenarian who farms near Aledo (Mercer County) when he's going to retire, he has a simple, yet straightforward, answer.

"All I've ever done is farm. I don't know of any other occupation," Peterson, who also spent some time in the service, told the RFD Radio Network during an on-farm interview just before Memorial Day.

"I don't have hobbies; therefore, I'm still doing it," he continued of his career in farming, which spans 11 decades counting his childhood on his family's farm in Henderson County. "But I couldn't do it without help."

Peterson was born in 1921 when Woodrow Wilson was president and the price of corn averaged 98 cents per bushel that year, according to USDA.

Since that time, Peterson grew up in ag and operated



Donnie Peterson, 101, poses on his Mercer County Farm. Photo by Denise Hampton, Mercer County Farm Bureau.

his own farm under 18 additional U.S. presidents, from Warren G. Harding to Joe Biden.

Corn prices throughout the veteran farmer's life increased slowly but surely from \$1.05 in 1922, \$2.38 in the post-World War II boom in 1947, \$3.67 in 1974, \$4.58 in 1996, \$7.58 in 2008 and more recently to \$7.81 in May 2022 – with many peaks and valleys in between.

Meanwhile, corn yield averages, stagnant in the 20- to 35-bushel range in the age of open-air pollinated crops from 1866 to 1930, began to improve in the late-1930s with the adoption of hybrid corn.

"It was quite a different method for putting the crops in – we had horses back then," Peterson said.

"Then we graduated up to tractors. But it's basically the same principle putting the crops in."

"Now, with all the equipment we use, the information available and the seed is much better."

Other advancements that pushed yields over the years include improvements in genetics, stress tolerance and the increased adoption of nitrogen fertilizer in the 1950s to the introduction of hybrids with insect and herbicide resistance in the mid-1990s.

Farmers have also refined and improved practices.

"We did a lot more tillage on the ground when I started than we do now," Peterson said. "And the size of the units has changed. It takes less time (for fieldwork) now."

Just last year, Illinois farmers set new state yield records of 214 bushels per acre for corn and 79 bushels for wheat. In Mercer County, farmers averaged a whopping 226.6 bushels per acre for corn and 65 bushels for soybeans in 2022.

Looking back, Peterson has fond memories of raising sheep and training horses when he was in 4-H.

But his formative years were some of his most difficult, as he lived through the Great Depression.

"Living on a farm we had

things – foodwise," Peterson said of the Great Depression. "It was difficult to have money to do anything, so we stayed home most of the time. It was pretty tough getting through that period."

Peterson encourages other farmers to embrace new technology and farming methods, but to research the best ideas for each individual farm.

"I like to read a lot," he said. "There's always something new coming along."

He also owns his own cellphone but comes from a generation in which he prefers doing business with a handshake.

"I don't like to do business on the phone," he said.

Peterson joined the Mercer County Farm Bureau in 1972 which, along with Illinois Farm Bureau, was founded in 1916.

As for advice or tips for a long life, Peterson said there are no magic bullets. He just tries to give his best each day and hopes for a little luck along the way.

"Live your life as you can and go along," he added. "You don't know what will happen."

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# Toulon city approves MFT paving project

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

**TOULON** – Toulon’s City Council held a special meeting June 26 to approve spending up to \$120,000 of Motor Fuel Tax money on street paving and sealcoating of some of Toulon’s streets.

One area of concentration will be around the Historical Society’s property on West Jefferson Street.

This \$120,000 merely increases the amount to be spent by \$20,000 over the original amount approved.

The council also approved \$6,288, without the sales tax added, in order to purchase from Slavish two manholes that are to be located at Turner Avenue.

In conjunction with the previous action was approval of up to \$8,000 for purchasing material to have the

Turner Avenue sewer project near Mark Swank’s property completed.

The council plans to accept Court Money as its collection agency for fines, court costs, etc. People may pay online with a credit card with this service. That item was tabled during the June 26 meeting, but the council is expected to vote on this during July’s monthly meeting.

# Cause of fire in Laura under investigation

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Prairie News

**LAURA** – No injuries were reported in a house fire north of Laura, but the blaze’s origin appears in question.

The Office of the Illinois State Fire Marshal was investigating the incident at 22908 N. Illinois Route 78, which was reported about 6:30 p.m. June 20. The location is just south of the Peoria-Stark county border.

Brimfield Community Fire Protection District of-

officials requested state help because they were unsure if the blaze was set on purpose, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report. By about 7 p.m., when a deputy arrived, the fire was extinguished.

The front porch was charred and there was extensive damage to the house exterior near the front door and to the front entryway, according to a sheriff’s-office report.

Flames burned a large hole in the door. Pools of water

covered the first floor and seeped into the basement.

Nobody was home when the fire started, although two dogs were inside the house. One ran away and the other was unharmed, according to the report.

The homeowner said she left about 4:30 p.m., followed a few minutes later by a friend who helps maintain the property. Security-camera footage

taken about 90 minutes after that revealed a small flame at the base of an end table directly in front of the front door, the report stated.

Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Elmwood, Logan-Trivoli and Williamsfield departments joined Brimfield colleagues in response. No damage estimate was available.

# Grocery tax to resume

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

**SPRINGFIELD** – A new state fiscal year will begin July 1, ushering in the reinstatement of a 1 percent tax on groceries and a second increase to the state’s motor fuel tax in 2023.

Amid record-high inflation last spring, the General Assembly temporarily waived Illinois’ grocery

tax for the coming fiscal year and delayed the annual increase in the state’s motor fuel tax for six months. Democrats introduced both measures as part of a larger tax relief package that drew criticisms for its proximity to the November general election.

The Pritzker administration estimated the pause on the grocery tax would cost the state \$400 million. Most grocery tax revenues are distributed to local governments, so last year lawmakers directed state general revenue funds to reimburse local governments.

The motor fuel tax on gasoline, gasohol and compressed natural gas, meanwhile, will increase by 3.1 cents on July 1, to 45.4 cents per gallon. The tax rate for diesel fuel will also increase by 3.1 cents, to 52.9 cents per gallon.

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JICTB, Inc., Petitioner  
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.  
JICTB, Inc.  
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100  
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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Galva Public Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on August 8, 2023, at the hour of 7:00 P.M. at the Galva Public Library, 120 NW Third Avenue, Galva, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Galva PublicLibrary District for the fiscal

year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Galva Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for The Galva Park District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the office of Barash & Everett, LLC,

Lawyers, 110 Exchange Street, Galva, Illinois, from and after July 6, 2023.  
Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 5:00 o'clock P.M., August 9, 2023, at the Galva City Hall, 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL 61434, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Commissioners of The Galva Park District, Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Galva City Hall, 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL 61434, at 5:15 o'clock P.M., August 9, 2023.  
By order of the Board of Commissioners of said District. Dated this 27th day of June A.D. 2023.  
The Galva Park District  
Henry County, Illinois  
By: /s/ Peter VanDeVelde  
Peter VanDeVelde, President  
Published 6/30/23

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# State-based health insurance bill signed

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed legislation Tuesday that will dramatically alter the health insurance market in Illinois.

The measures establish a state-based exchange for policies sold under the Affordable Care Act and give the Illinois Department of Insurance the authority to modify or reject proposed rate increases.

Under the Affordable Care Act, people who are not eligible for Medicaid but who do not have access to affordable health insurance through their employer can buy subsidized policies through an online exchange operated by either the federal government or their state government.

Illinois, however, was among the states that chose not to set up its own exchange. Instead, it pays an annual fee so Illinois residents can use the federal exchange.

That will change under House Bill 579, which calls on the Department of Insurance to set up a state-based exchange that will be fully operational by 2026.

Dana Popish Severinghaus, director of the Insurance Department, said during an interview after the bill signing that having a state-based exchange ultimately will make it easier for Illinois consumers to shop for insurance.

Pritzker said on Tuesday having a

state-based exchange will give Illinois the flexibility to offer more enrollment periods during the year than the federal exchange offers and to coordinate with nonprofit organizations that help people navigate the marketplace.

But perhaps more importantly, Pritzker said, it will protect Illinois consumers from any potential changes in federal policy. During the Trump administration, funding for advertising and nonprofit groups to help people sign up for insurance were slashed and the yearly number of enrollment days was cut roughly in half.

Pritzker also signed House Bill 2296, which, for the first time, gives Illinois insurance regulators authority to review health insurance rate changes and, if necessary, modify or reject those proposed changes – authority that regulators in 41 other states already have.

Beginning in 2025, companies that offer individual and small group health insurance policies will have to submit their proposed rates for the following year to the Insurance Department, which will post those flings on its website. After a 30-day public comment period, the department will either approve, modify or reject the proposed rate changes.

The bill also calls on the department to publish an annual report on health insurance coverage, afford-

ability and cost trends in Illinois, including such things as cost trends by major service category, including prescription drugs; utilization patterns by major service category; the impact of benefit changes; enrollment trends; and demographic shifts.

State Sen. Laura Fine, D-Glenview, said during a separate interview before the bill signing that those changes will make the pricing of health insurance more transparent to consumers and give regulators the ability to determine whether consumers are being overcharged.

“The insurance industry, they file their plans with the Department of Insurance, and although the department goes through the actuarial process, they can't reject a rate,” she said.

Under the new law, she said, regulators will be able to reject rates that are unreasonably high as well as rates that are so low that they could put the insurance company in financial risk.

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## Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the tallest building in the world?
  2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What does HTTP stand for in a website address?
  3. LITERATURE: Which kind of animals are featured in the novel "Watership Down"?
  4. HISTORY: When was the first iPhone released?
  5. MOVIES: What kind of fish is Nemo in "Finding Nemo"?
  6. GAMES: What is the final course on Mario Kart video games?
  7. ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have moons?
  8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was licensed as a bartender?
  9. MEDICAL: What is a more common term for somnolency?
  10. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?
- Answers**
1. Burj Khalifa, Dubai, United Arab Emirates.
  2. HyperText Transfer Protocol.
  3. Rabbits.
  4. 2007.
  5. Clownfish.
  6. Rainbow Road.
  7. Six of the eight planets.
  8. Abraham Lincoln.
  9. Talking in your sleep.
  10. Seven.
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## Answers on Page 3

**CryptoQuote**  
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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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  6. The Blackening (R)
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## OBITUARIES

### Sandra K. Tooley

MORTON—Sandra K. Tooley (Cecil), 75, of Morton, Ill., passed away peacefully on Friday, June 9, 2023, at Carle Health Methodist Medical Center in Peoria.



Tooley

She was born on April 19, 1948, in Peoria, the daughter of William Harold and Catherine Ely Cecil. She married Curtis W. Tooley Aug. 3, 1994, and he passed away on April 19, 2013. She was also preceded in death by one brother William Don Cecil.

She is survived by one niece Debbie Koelling of Kewanee, Ill.; three nephews William Cecil of Rockwall, Patrick Cecil of Rowlett, both of Texas and Michael Cecil of Kewanee; along with a host of great-nieces, nephews and cousins.

Sandra spent her professional life working in Human Resources at Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria. Her strong work ethic and commitment to her colleagues made her a valuable asset to the company.

She was a big animal lover especially of cats and horses.

Cremation rites have been accorded and no service will be held. Inurnment will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery in Annville, Pa. Affordable Funeral & Cremation Services, Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements.

To share a memory or send a condolence to her family, visit [www.peoriafuneral.com](http://www.peoriafuneral.com).

### Lois A. Weinzerl

INDIANAPOLIS — Lois Ann Weinzerl, 74, of Indianapolis, passed away early Friday morning, June 16, 2023, at her brother's residence surrounded by her pet cats, Binx and Baxter.



Weinzerl

She was born on Jan. 7, 1949, in Peoria, the daughter of Herbert and Anna "Eileen" (Gilles) Weinzerl.

Surviving are her brother, Tom Weinzerl of Indianapolis; sister-in-law, Tracy (Brian) Weinzerl of Wyoming, Ill.; two nephews, Tyler (Jessica Roberts) Weinzerl of Peoria, and Trey Weinzerl of Pekin; and one niece, Brianna (Jamie) Romanowicz of Peoria. Her brother, Brian passed away on June 17, 2023, one day after Lois. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Kevin Weinzerl; and one great-nephew, Maxwell.

Lois retired in 2011 after many years of employment in the banking industry. As a young girl, Lois was in the Girls Scouts and 4-H. She learned how to tat lace from her dad's oldest sister. She enjoyed watching old,

scary movies, reading daily and collecting all types of jewelry. Her hobbies included making rosaries, growing different types of orchids and succulents. She was a cat mom to Binx and Baxter and loved giving them treats before going to bed.

Her funeral mass will be at 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Kickapoo. Fr. Jim Pankiewicz will officiate. Visitation will be from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, June 30, 2023, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Kickapoo. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be left on Lois' tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Dorothy Wilson

KEWANEE — Dorothy Wilson, 88 of Kewanee, formerly of North Palm Beach Fla., Cambridge, and Galva, Ill., was met at the gates of Heaven by her parents and siblings on June 20, 2023, at 11:09 a.m.

Dorothy was born March 8, 1935, in Kewanee to Arthur and Martha (Riggen) Tonn of Galva. Dorothy was reared and educated in Galva, having graduated as co-salutatorian of the class of 1952 after barely turning 17.

During high school, Dorothy was determined to "reform the world," which led her to several years of public speaking at various clubs and organizations within the community. She gained employment during this period at the Candy Shop in Galva, which gave her the opportunity to buy her first car (which was a rarity at that age and time for a high schooler). After graduation Dorothy proudly became employed for city attorney Bill Curtis, and later with First National Bank.

Dorothy married Ralph Anderson in 1954, with whom she had three children. Together they farmed in rural Galva for nearly 15 years before selling the farm and moving the family to Cambridge where they developed a successful Amway business. Dorothy was also employed for many years at WHBF and had an on-air talk show called "Viewpoint" that aired four to six times a day in which she tackled many subjects of interest.

During the 1980s, she joined the Corn Belt Running club and completed several 5K races, but her proudest race was running in the Bix 7 and completing it while in her 50s.

Nearly two decades later a divorce led Dorothy to new adventures in

South Florida. She became licensed in insurance, securities and mortgage insurance. Dorothy also purchased a lucrative private cleaning business and was a personal assistant for the father of a wonderful family. She was very proud to have worked hard to take the trip of a lifetime, backpacking throughout the European countries. Her favorite destination of all was Rome.

In 1995, Dorothy married her partner in adventure, Frank Wilson. Together they enjoyed taking many cruises and trips to different destinations together, cleared land and built a home in Live Oak, later returning to South Florida where they continued trips and especially enjoyed their time with Franks' boys and their families. As Dorothy stated in a recording of her life that she made for her kids, "It's a good life."

Dorothy is survived by her children, Alan Anderson, Sheri Burgoyne and Cyndi (Don) Cook; bonus sons, Keith (Sylvia), John (Ann) and Bruce (Kelli) Wilson; 19 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren and her beloved kitty Jinx.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents Art and Martha Tonn, her husband Frank and bonus son David; siblings Bud (Shirley) Tonn, Betty (Dick) Palmer and Vicky (Francis) Sellers; niece and nephews, Karen Tonn, Michael and Richard Palmer.

Per her wishes, cremation rites were accorded and a family casting ceremony will take place at a later date. The family would like the wonderful staff at Royal Oaks and Compassus to know how appreciated they are for the special care they have given to Dorothy and how much they are loved.

Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.

### Kevin D. Wyant

CHILLICOTHE — After a full and joyful life shared with his beloved family and friends, Kevin "Red Dog" Duane Wyant, 62, of Chillicothe, died peacefully surrounded by loved ones while at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria on Sunday June 18, 2023, at 9:11 p.m.

Born in Pleasanton, Kan., on Sept. 6, 1960, he was the ninth and youngest child of Calvin Chloe and Delores Mable Wyant (Gillespie).

Preceded by him in death are his mother and father, and siblings Kathi Wyant, Joyce Crowe (Wyant), Doug Wyant, Mike Wyant and Jon Wyant.

Kevin is survived by his siblings Joe Wyant, Bill Wyant and Tim Wyant; children Samuel (Amanda) Wyant, Logan Wyant and Skyelin Wyant; grandchildren Jude, Harrison,



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## OBITUARIES

Everett, Isabelle and Rosie Marie; and mother of his children, Heather Huckaba (Sibley).

He leaves behind many nephews and nieces.

He grew up in LaFayette, where he was a volunteer firefighter for many years. He worked construction and planted prairie along many highways and at Waste Management sites in the Midwest as part of the Prairie Restoration Department at LaFayette Home Nursery.

Kevin married Heather Sibley on July 1, 1989, at the Church of Nazarene and they share three children.

Kevin was so very proud when he became a father, and was especially devoted to his grandchildren. His death, having occurred on Father's Day, suitably honors his selflessness and dedication to them.

He is regarded by all who knew him as someone who loved life and was determined to love and support the many people who loved and supported him.

Kevin requested a simple celebra-

tion of his life which will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 12, 2023, at Valley Lakes, 13929 N. Ivy Lake Rd. in Chillicothe, Ill.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Burial of his remains will be in LaFayette Cemetery next to his parents.

Remaining ashes will be given to his children, and scattered on the mountains of Colorado. Cards can be sent from and condolences left at ilinlicremation.com.

### David L. Anderson

**GALVA** – David L. "Dave" Anderson, 87, of Galva, died Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at his home.

Graveside services were June 19 at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Galva American Legion or to a charity of the donor's choice. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Aug. 31, 1935 in Kewanee, the son of Donald and Beulah (Bolin) Anderson. He married Shirley M. Watson on March 25, 1955, in Kewanee and she preceded him in

death on Sept. 27, 2011. Survivors include his son, Brian Anderson of Galva; his daughter, Laurie (Mike) Schmidt of Galva; a brother, Jim (Janice) Anderson of Galva; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren, with one on the way.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, a son, Roy Lee Anderson, daughter, Kathy Brock, two sisters, Patricia Thomson and Susan Goodale, a brother, Douglas and a brother, Larry in infancy.

Dave graduated from Galva High School in 1953. He had worked as a police officer in Galva and Kewanee and had also worked at the Walworth Company and retired as a supervisor from John Deere. He also had been road commissioner for Lynn Township and worked as a security guard at Oak Run.

He enjoyed driving around Galva in his truck and in his early years he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He never shied away from sharing his observations and opinions.

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1 Dyer's partner

7 Neither-here-nor-there states

13 Not straying off topic

20 Get in the way of

21 "You may relax, soldier"

22 One looking something over

23 "The Delta Force" actor

24 Question after a chat interruption

26 Latched on firmly

28 Space balls

29 San Luis —, California

30 Mount, as a jewel

31 "Diane" star

32 "Carrie" star

35 Mutinies

37 2012 Robert Pattinson film based on a Maupassant novel

39 Chou En —

40 Fictional "Warrior Princess"

41 Lax in duty

44 British remake of "That '70s Show"

50 Say for sure

51 Trepidation

53 Fathered, as a horse

54 Start of many rapper names

55 Realities that are tough to face

58 "E-e-ew!"

59 Vodka brand, informally

61 Reply to "You are not"

62 Full#, as standards

65 Wiseacre

69 River to the Rhine

70 Hint at

71 "That's impossible!"

74 Reagan adviser

75 Flooding units

77 "... bug — feature?"

78 Identity before turning over a new leaf

83 City in Oklahoma

84 Trig function

86 Away from the wind, nautically

87 Non-iron club

88 Revealing interference with the contents, as a package

92 Key related to D major

94 Saharan

95 Oct-Dec. link

96 Creek, e.g.

99 Garbage collectors

102 Very easy thing

104 "Back in Black" band

105 Italian monk's title

106 Runner

108 Sebastian

109 Really eager

111 With

114-Across, source of the phrase

16 "— Gang"

17 River to the Rhine

18 Stairway post

19 Low cards

25 Banjoist

27 Genetic helix

33 More cheeky

34 Stuff in sand

36 "Humbug"

122 Places in categories

123 Flip one's lid

124 Plant with prickly leaves

**DOWN**

1 Hot bar food

2 Roman love

3 Fat avoider

4 Sage, e.g.

5 Items of food

6 Closes tightly again

7 Suburb of D.C. in Maryland

8 "Am — late?"

9 Cries weakly

10 In a rebek'd way

11 —Kosh

12 Notice

13 Phone button abbr.

14 Novel kind

15 Not absent

16 "— Gang"

17 River to the Rhine

18 Stairway post

19 Low cards

25 Banjoist

27 Genetic helix

33 More cheeky

34 Stuff in sand

36 "Humbug"

37 Avian creature

38 Boise's home

40 1960s Jaguar model

41 Team booster

42 Actress

43 Longoria

43 Sea, to Gigi

45 "— longa —"

46 Vexes

47 Flew to wed

48 Sediments

49 Writer T.S.

51 Showed rage

52 UFO fliers

56 "— Andronicus" (Shakespeare play)

57 Locomotive supporter

59 Singer Bob

60 Yank

62 Actress West

63 "I'm here to help"

64 Bit of artifice

65 Join, as a table

66 Peak in W. Turkey

67 Happy as —

68 Fish eggs

69 Run out on

72 Tube lover's punishment

73 57-Down vehicles

74 De-leathers

75 Prior to, poetically

76 Team booster

79 Exercise in a pool

80 Long time

81 Leicester liv

82 WWII prez

84 Recoil from

85 Multivolume Brit. lexicon

89 Dawber of "Mork & Mindy"

90 Amazon

91 Dodgers

92 Recuperation by lying down

93 Asian monkey

97 Natural gift

98 Rival of Sory

99 In — (not just sleeping)

100 Big couches

101 Many future kings

102 Long time

103 Tubular pasta

105 Edicts

106 Esther of "Good Times"

107 Photographer

110 Creative work

112 Cl doubled

113 Big brass instrument

115 Sarge, e.g.

116 Sports org. with skaters

117 Scooby- —

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# Drought expanding

## All 102 Illinois counties now engulfed in a drought

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

The expanding drought and crop condition ratings continue to trend in opposite directions as many farmers nervously await what should be the pivotal corn pollination period.

As of June 22, all 102 counties in Illinois were now fully engulfed in drought and abnormally dry conditions, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor released Thursday.

Nearly one-third of the state is in severe drought, mostly from the Interstate 72 corridor to just north of Interstate 74 and along the eastern border of the state from northern Edgar to Lake County. And more than half the state (51 percent) is in moderate drought.

“This is something we haven’t seen in a long time – really intense dryness,” Trent Ford, state climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey, told FarmWeek. “We’re about 8 to 10 inches below normal (precipitation) in some parts of Illinois. We’re flirting with 1988 as far as precipitation totals.”

In fact, average precipitation for the entire state from April 1 to June 10 was the second lowest on record dating back to 1951, according to the state climatologist. The only year it was drier in the past 72 years was 1988.

“The one thing that’s been a saving grace is we had moisture in the ground before this drought started,” Ford said. “It’s been the one thing keeping things alive. The crops are just kind of hanging on in

some places.”

But many farmers wonder just how much longer crops can hang on with no considerable moisture. The portion of crops rated good to excellent in Illinois as of June 20 plummeted to just 36 percent for corn (down 12 points from the previous week) and 33 percent for soybeans (down 14 points), the National Agricultural Statistics Service Illinois field office reported.

Nationwide, just 55 percent of corn was rated good to excellent as of June 20, which is the lowest rating for the week since 1992.

“We’re heading to a catastrophe if it doesn’t rain soon,” said Gary Steward, FarmWeek CropWatcher from Stark County. “I’m more worried about corn than beans, because August rain may make a few beans.”

Early-planted corn that was able to tap into some of the soil moisture generally looks better than later-planted corn in many areas.

But growth of all crops has slowed in recent weeks, regardless of planting date, according to Gabe Glotzbach, crop specialist with Heritage FS in Iroquois County.

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