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IDOT 6-year, \$41 billion plan includes local projects

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Transportation recently unveiled a plan for spending nearly \$41 billion in federal, state and local funds over the next six years to repair and upgrade roads, bridges, airports, rail lines and other infrastructure throughout the state.

At least seven of those projects will impact roads and bridges in The Prairie News area.

The latest version of the plan, which IDOT updates annually, is the largest multiyear plan in state history. It's driven by the state's

2019 Rebuild Illinois capital infrastructure program. The initial six-year Rebuild Illinois plan included \$33.2 billion for transportation, funded largely by increases to the state's motor fuel tax and increases to driving-related licensing fees that took effect in 2020.

"Over the next six years, we're investing over \$40 billion to improve all modes of transportation across our great state," Gov. JB Pritzker said at a news conference in Springfield. "And that means better roads and bridges, modernized transit and aviation, and expanded and faster passenger rail service. It even extends to im-

proved river ports, new sewers and water infrastructure and a huge upgrade to bicycle and pedestrian accommodations."

More than half of the plan, \$27 billion, will go toward road and bridge projects, including \$4.6 billion in the current fiscal year. That will fund repair and reconstruction of 2,866 miles of roadway and 9.8 million square feet of bridge deck on the state highway system, along with another 738 miles of roadway and 1.1 million square feet of bridge deck in systems maintained by local governments.

The project list includes \$611.5 million for reconstruction and im-

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Local IDOT road and bridge projects

- Illinois Route 78 – Cape seal from Henry County line to Illinois Route 17. FY 2024. \$350,000.
- Illinois Route 40 – Crack and joint sealing from Buda to Stark County line. FY 2024. \$60,000.
- Illinois Route 17 – Bridge repair at Senachwine Creek tributary, 0.3 miles west of Township Road 24. FY 2024. \$300,000.
- Illinois Routes 17, 40 – Bridge replacement, at Camp Creek. FY 2025-29. \$2,220,000.
- Illinois Route 40 – BNSF RR bridge replacement south of Edelstein. FY 2025-29. \$5 million.
- Illinois Route 78 – Bridge replacement over Spoon River, 3 miles north of Laura. FY 2025-29. \$11.4 million.
- U.S. Route 34 – Cold milling overlay from 1st Ave. in Galva to Indian Creek. FY 2025-29. \$2,530,000.
- Osceola Road – Overlay from E. Osceola Road to Illinois Route 93. FY 2025-29. \$2.5 million.

SOURCE: Illinois Department of Transportation

HYBRID HISTORY

Hybrid corn finds roots in Illinois

By **DANIEL GRANT**

FarmWeek

DELANAN – Those who drive by the northeast side of Delavan on Springfield Road might notice a carved stone that serves as a historical marker.

But while the field where the marker sits looks quite common for the area, the events that took place there in the 1800s were quite remarkable and had a significant impact on production agriculture that are still felt today.

The Tazewell County farm is where Robert and James Reid just happened to mix two different types of corn that transformed the industry. The site is designated as



Matt Shipton, a seed industry representative and descendant of Robert and James Reid, stands by a historical marker at the Tazewell County farm where the Reids developed Reid's Yellow Dent Corn in the 1800s. Photo by Daniel Grant.

the "birthplace of open-pollinated corn production," according to Matt Shipton, a descendant of the Reids and a seed industry representative.

The historical marker, erected in 1955, was established by the Tazewell County Farm Bureau and other local groups, the Illinois Department of Agriculture and the Illinois Seed Dealers Associa-

tion along with the University of Illinois and Michigan State University.

"It's just fascinating to think of Delavan's place in the middle of the Corn Belt," Shipton told FarmWeek.

Shipton recently discussed the history recorded at the site and his ancestors' role modernizing corn

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Check on hold

Toulon waiting on last lift-station payment

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Toulon's City Council decided at its Monday meeting to hold back on its final payment for an oft-delayed lift station until all work is completed.

The board considered paying Stark Excavating the final installment of \$53,144 for the project, but voted to hold the check until the contractor completes sidewalk repairs and grass reseeding of lawns.

In a related subject, the council heard that water during the recent rains appeared to "flood" piping going to the lift station from the south. It is currently unknown what caused the excessive water in the pipe leading to the lift station.

City employees will try to determine the cause in the next week or so.

Council member Michael Schott presented a report on obtaining a park grant that, if qualified, would bring \$750,000 to Toulon for upgrading the city parks.

Schott said the grant could pay for new playground equipment to replace the existing slide at the City Park, railings for the stairway at the baseball diamond, stairs at the ballpark, a shelter at the ballpark and signage and a splash pad for the new water tower. The cost to the city equals an estimated \$18,900. All council members except Donna Lefler voted yes to the \$18,900 expenditure.

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IDOT: \$135.1 million to expand U.S. 24

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 improvements to portions of Interstate 90 in Cook County that will include improving safety and access to O'Hare International Airport in Chicago. The plan also calls for spending \$135.1 million to expand portions of U.S. Highway 24 to four lanes in Peoria and Fulton counties; \$156 million to replace a bridge over the Mississippi River in Quincy; and \$116 million to replace a bridge over the Ohio River at Cairo.

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The multiyear plan also earmarks \$13.96 billion for other modes of transportation, including \$9.85 billion for transit systems, \$2.67 billion for freight and passenger rail, \$1.25 billion for aviation projects, and \$190 million for ports and waterways.

Among the intermodal projects in the plan are \$100 million for safety and reliability improvements on Amtrak's Saluki service between Chicago and Carbondale and runway improvements at municipal airports in Litchfield and Pontiac.

Transportation Secretary Omer Osman said the \$41 billion six-year plan represents a 10 percent increase over the previous multi-year plan, and the money earmarked for the current fiscal year represents a 25

percent increase over the previous fiscal year. "But that is due in large part to the engineering and planning effort in the early years of capital program (which) is starting to result in more construction activity on work on the street," he said.

Pritzker and other officials at the news conference emphasized that the Rebuild Illinois program is meant to do more than improve safety and efficiency in transportation. The program is also supporting thousands of high-paying jobs in construction, engineering and other fields.

"This is more than just new rail. This is more than a runway at an airport," said Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea. "This is about opportunities. We can see all those physical

infrastructure improvements, but what we don't really see is the opportunities that this program creates for a diverse workforce with high wages, middle class wages, health care, and retirement security."

Through four years of the Rebuild Illinois program, IDOT has completed \$12.1 billion of improvements statewide, including 5,339 miles of highway, 533 bridges, and 762 other safety improvements.

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TOULON: Chicken discussion tabled

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 Court Money was approved to establish a way for residents to pay their water bills online.

A new sidewalk to access the new Toulon Dollar General store remains in progress and discussion was to occur Tuesday concerning sidewalks on West Main Street.

The council approved a \$700 donation to the Police Auxiliary for its annual National Night Out event on Aug. 1.

The council wants to dis-

cuss points with Hometown Consulting, an economic development company, prior to hiring them to spark business.

Approved was a tree removal at the Historical Society property. The tree is split and in danger of falling. Cost is \$1,550 with the city to pay \$775.

Purchase of trench boxes up to \$11,000 was approved. A trench box braces the walls of a trench to prevent collapse and cave-ins to keep city employees safe while working

on water main breaks, etc.

Taitum Villegas revisited the topic of possessing chickens in the city. After a slightly heated discussion, no action was taken and the subject was tabled until next month. The subject was brought before the council last May, but failed for lack of a second on a motion to allow chickens.

Finally, council member Connie Jacobson said Toulon's Old Settlers' Association will name the Badge Honoree on July 19 at 5 p.m. at the city park.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

6-22 - Heather M. Towne - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
6-22 - Andrea E. Poole - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
6-26 - Mavlyud S. Akhmeddy - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
6-27 - Stephen P. Isabella - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
6-28 - Mallory E. Endress - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
6-29 - Austin J. Holley - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
6-29 - Ammeryst T. N. Holms-Hanson - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.
6-30 - Crystel T. Whitehurst - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
6-30 - Alfonso R. Ramirez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-1 - Mandy M. Girkin - Uninsured vehicle.
7-2 - Lonnie W. Rice - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-3 - William G. Gernant - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.
7-5 - Jack E. Hardy - Unlawful possession of cannabis/passenger.
7-5 - Mark P. Finch - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
7-5 - Dotty Ann Carr - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
7-6 - Tylan L. Cook - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
7-6 - Sara A. Harreld - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-6 - Reyno Cano - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-6 - Maria Paredes-Alquezada - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-7 - Owen L. Hess - Disregard of official traffic control device.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

6-30 - Criminal misdemeanor - Stephon A. Brown - Obstructing identification.

Incidents & Accidents

6-26 - A domestic problem was reported from a resident in the 200 block of N. Olive St. in Toulon.
6-26 - Stolen property was reported by a Castleton resident. The incident remains under investigation.
6-28 - Caleb M. Breese, 20, Wyoming, was ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle and for driving on a suspended registration due to mandatory vehicle insurance.
7-1 - William T. Derick of rural Bradford reported the theft of two riding mowers. The incident remains under investigation.
7-4 - David D. DeWolfe Jr., 41, of Pekin, turned himself into the Stark County Sheriff's Office on a pending Peoria County warrant. He posted \$2,000 cash bond and was released with a new court date to appear.
7-5 - Kendra S. Curry, 50, of Christopher, was ticketed for driving on an expired registration, driving with no insurance and driving on an expired driver's license. She was released with a notice to appear in court.
7-5 - April M. Vogt, 47, Kewanee, was ticketed for driving with no vehicle insurance.
7-5 - Sarah D. Hardy, 45, Walnut, was cited for driving on a suspended registration due to mandatory vehicle insurance and for driving an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a notice to appear. Also ticketed in the same traffic stop was Jack E. Hardy, 46, of Walnut, for illegal possession of adult use cannabis as a passenger in the vehicle.
7-5 - Matthew R. Hollis, 30, LaFayette, was ticketed for operation of a vehicle without insurance. He was is-



sued a court date to appear.
7-6 - Donald L. Barks Jr., of rural Wyoming, reported the theft of two Bluetooth speakers along with several vehicle titles. The incident remains under investigation.
7-6 - Steven R. De Pauw, 34, Buda, was cited for failure to wear a seat belt and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was released with a notice to appear in court.
7-6 - Robert A. Lambert Jr., 41, Kewanee, was ticketed for operation of a vehicle with only one headlamp and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was released with a notice to appear in court.
7-7 - Barbara Jean Keske, 49, Toulon, was ticketed for driving a vehicle with suspended registration. She was issued a notice to appear.
7-7 - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of 800N and 900E. Drivers were a 16-year-old from Toulon and Brant R. Knowles, 21, of Champaign. The minor was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign.
7-8 - Judith L. Labruno-Gonzalez, 51, Cunningham, Tenn., was arrested for failure to signal when required, operation of an uninsured vehicle and for illegal transportation of adult cannabis. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date.
7-8 - Aaron A. Warren, 41, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended, driving an uninsured vehicle and speeding 86 mph in a 55 zone. He posted \$250 bond and was released with a court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
6-26 - to a residence on SW 6th St. for a suicidal subject. The subject was transported by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.
6-26 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.
6-27 - Christine Doan, 31, Gladstone, was issued a citation for not having vehicle registration in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
6-27 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. to speak to a resident about a property line dispute.
6-28 - to the 400 block of SW 7th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded.
6-28 - Officer was notified by a Henry County deputy that they clocked a motorcycle traveling well over 100 mph approaching Galva from the west. The motorcycle passed through Galva at very unsafe speeds. Officer did not pursue.
6-29 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of Exchange St., Richard Petty, 38, Toulon, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance and operating of uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
6-29 - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. for a young child who left its house. The child was returned and DCFS was notified.
6-30 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., McKenzie Crummer, 23 Galesburg, was issued citations for operating a ve-

hicle when registration was suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. Passenger, Nathan Eck, 29, Galesburg, was arrested for possession of cocaine as well as a Warren County warrant for burglary and a Henry County warrant for possession with intent to deliver cannabis and possession of cannabis 100 to 500 grams. He was taken to Henry County jail.
6-30 - to a residence east of town for a juvenile suicide attempt.
7-2 - to assist the ambulance on NW 8th St. after a subject accidentally took too much medication.
7-3 - to the 500 block of SW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving a subject sleeping in complainant's yard. The subject appeared to be intoxicated and was given a ride to the correct residence.
7-3 - to the 00 block of NE 4th S. to remove an unwanted subject following a verbal domestic disturbance.
7-3 - Derek Johnson, 35, Kewanee, was cited in 00 block of Chester St. for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended, for no insurance and operation of uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
7-4 - to the 00 block of SW 6th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was taken to impound.
7-4 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a complaint of wires in contact with a tree branch. The wires were phone lines. Frontier Communications was contacted.
7-4 - to several areas of town for illegal fireworks complaints.
7-4 - Ryan Foster, 19, Galva, was issued a citation for not having insurance in the 00 block of SW 2nd St.
7-4 - Jacquelynn Jennings, 57, Galesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in 900 block of SW 2nd St.
7-5 - to the 400 block of E. Division St. in reference to two dogs getting loose. Officer found the dogs and returned them home.
7-5 - to assist Henry County and Stark County Medic with a medical emergency on Trolley Road east of town. A subject was found deceased. The coroner was contacted.
7-5 - to four residences in reference to city ordinance violations for placing furniture on terrace. The residents were advised how to dispose of items.
7-6 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loose-dog complaint. Dog was located and returned to its owner.
7-6 - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. for an unsupervised child outside near the roadway. DCFS was contacted.
7-7 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. to assist a landlord with confirming a tenant had left after an eviction. The subject was gone.
7-7 - to the 00 block of Morgan Rd. for a two-vehicle crash with damage only. A crash report was completed.
7-8 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint. Dog returned home.
7-8 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., Nicole Berry, 40, Galesburg, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine as well as a Warren County warrant for retail theft. She was taken to the Henry Co jail.
7-8 - to various fireworks complaints.

Marriages

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GUEST VOICES



The curious case of Cow 6111, Part 2

Editor's note: This column is continued from June 30 edition.

I leaped up from my chair. What? I had seen that cow less than three hours ago. She was definitely not getting ready to have a calf. I charged out the door. Matt was just coming out of the barn.

"It's nursing now," he said by way of explanation.

I opened the door to the back shed and sure enough, there was 6111 with a sleek black calf nursing enthusiastically at her side.

Thankfully, Matt has an almost supernatural power of observation and keen eyesight. When they had taken corn down to the cows in the pasture earlier that morning, Matt noticed a calf nursing a heifer as she ate corn at the feed bunk. He saw it had no ear tag nor a hole in its ear where a tag had been. It was small and sleek and black.

As he set the bucket back into the RTV he asked AJ, "Do you think that cow could have had a calf?"

That was enough to get AJ to shut the RTV off and get out to look at what had caught Matt's eye.

"Yeah," he said slowly as he pondered the little calf. "I think she could have."

As improbable as it seemed, they hypothesized that 6111 had given birth to this calf sometime Monday night. The calf must have lain down near the corral panels that form part of the pen and somehow gotten under it or perhaps in the process of licking it clean, the cow inadvertently pushed it under. One way or another, it ended up outside the pen.

When the rest of the herd came to drink from the big tank, the resourceful and probably very hungry calf traveled back to the pasture with them. Instinct told the calf it needed to nurse, so it found an inexperienced mom who let the little stranger nurse while she ate corn.

Now confident that the little calf did, indeed, belong to 6111, Matt scooped the shiny little bull calf into his arms and strode back to the RTV with it. He put it in the back

and climbed in to hold onto it on the ride back to the barn. Once there, he set it gently down near the cow in the back shed. She butted it. Then she sniffed it. It smelled like another cow or maybe several other cows. She butted it again. Fortunately, the calf was spunky enough to just go nurse the cow. She stood still. She nuzzled it a little.

We kept the pair in the back shed and the lot for a few days to make sure they were firmly bonded. Then AJ opened the gate to the lane so they could leave when they wished. It's been four days now, and baby has not ventured out. 6111 goes to pasture for several hours each day. But she comes back to nurse the calf and spends the night snuggled up next to it. During the heat of the day she will lie in the cool old barn with the calf.

We'll never know for sure exactly what transpired in this very confusing situation. Always a docile cow, 6111 never exhibited any behavior typical of a cow whose calf has gone AWOL. She never fussed until that day they found her calf down in the pasture. She must have birthed it efficiently and promptly eaten the cleanings, as cows do. We had seen no trace of that calf or that it even existed at all.

In our defense, we were always looking at a black cow in a dark barn while standing in blindingly bright sunlight. Still, we all three felt we needed to hang up our animal husbandry bona fides.

We were all so elated that everything turned out well that it was a couple days before I came to the conclusion that maybe when things aren't making sense, it's because we don't have all the information. We thought we knew something that turned out to be incorrect. Our instincts told us one thing, but the sheer improbability of a newborn calf getting out of the pen and not standing there bellowing at its mother, and the mother not bellowing at it, blinded us to reality.

We never considered that the little calf could have trekked down to the pasture and then had the gumption to steal milk from a random cow to survive.

I certainly hope that we never have a situation similar to this

happen again. But if we do, I hope we can open our minds to all the possibilities, however unlikely they may seem at the moment. For now, however, calving season is finally officially, conclusively over. And that, at last, makes sense.

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Ingredients:

- 1 pound 90% lean ground beef
- 8 ounces deli corned beef
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 8 ounces sauerkraut, drained
- 4 Swiss cheese slices
- 4 tablespoons Thousand Island dressing
- 4 hamburger buns

Directions:

1. Combine ground beef, pepper and garlic in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Lightly shape into four 1/2-inch thick patties.

2. Place patties on grid over medium, ash-covered coals. Grill, covered, 8-10 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 7-9 minutes) until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

About 2 minutes before burgers are done, place buns, cut sides down, on grid. Grill until lightly toasted. During last minute of grilling, top each burger with a cheese slice.

Cook's Tip:

To prepare on stovetop, heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Place patties in skillet; cook 12-15 minutes until instant-read thermometer inserted horizontally into center registers 160°F, turning occasionally.

BURGER BUILD

1. Line top bun with 1 tablespoon thousand island dressing. Next place the burger patty on top the bottom bun and top with 2 ounces sauerkraut and 2 ounces corned beef. Close the sandwiches and serve with sides

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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OSA Badge honoree announced July 19

TOULON – The Old Settlers Association will announce its OSA Badge Honoree on Wednesday, July 19, at 5 p.m. at Toulon City Park. Also announced at that time will be the OSA Queen contestants. Light refreshments will also be served.

Church to show film by director with Galva roots

GALVA – The movie “Stay Prayed Up” will be shown Sunday, July 16, at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Galva. Derek Anderson, who graduated from Galva High School in 2000, was director, producer, cinematographer and film editor of the movie. He now lives in Durham, N.C. The film won awards at the Boulder International Film Festival, the Heartland International Film Festival and the Virginia Film Festival.

The movie is a documentary about Lena Mae Perry, a North Carolina gospel singer. The movie is billed as a fast-paced, foot-thumping documentary that follows Lena Mae Perry and the Branchettes as they prepare to record their first live album.

Everyone is invited Sunday to the movie. The church address is 200 NW Second Ave. in Galva.

– Carol Townsend

Bradford school board adds Joan Mooberry

BRADFORD – Joan Mooberry was sworn in as a new member of the Bradford Board of Education at the group’s June 27 meeting.

In other business, the board approved no change in school fees for 2023-24; discussed committee assignments, which will be finalized

BRIEFS



Tracey and Greg Thompson of 416 SW 5th St. in Galva received the July Property Pride Award from the Galva: Ready to Grow committee. Tracey and Greg have lived in the home for 35 years. Tracey said she comes up with the ideas and Greg does the labor to get the project done. The couple had help recently in putting in a pond and butterfly garden from neighbor Debbie Payne. The couple have two grown children, Zack and Whitney. Greg has worked for the City of Galva for 42 years and Tracey is a school bus driver for Galva. Photo by Carol Townsend.

at the July meeting; and approved an amended Fiscal Year 2023 budget. There was no comment at a budget hearing prior to the regular meeting.

On hand for the meeting was new principal Marlie Heider, who introduced herself to the board.

After executive session, the board approved hiring Jordan Donnelly as a 4th-grade teacher and Mason Thieben for part-time summer work.

College graduate

• **Thomas Pasker** of Wyoming earned a Bachelor Degree in Mechanical Engineering from The University of Wisconsin-Platteville during the spring 2023 semester.

Bushnell man injured in Route 17 accident

GALVA – A Bushnell man sustained a broken back in a single-

vehicle accident south of Galva.

David M. Lemmons, 39, was driving an eastbound 2013 Nissan Altima about 10:30 a.m. May 4 on Knox Highway 4 when he failed to stop at a T intersection with Illinois Route 17, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s Office report released recently.

Lemmons attempted to turn, but the Altima’s brakes locked, then the vehicle left the roadway and struck a ditch on the east side of Route 17. Lemmons’ head struck the windshield. He didn’t appear to be wearing a seat belt, the report stated.

Ambulances transported Lemmons and a 63-year-old female passenger to OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee. Lemmons was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and for no proof of automobile insurance. The vehicle sustained front-end damage and was towed.

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Bradford woman gets jail time, fine for sunglass thefts

PEORIA – Erica L. Hornof, 36, of Bradford, received a prison term and fine for her role in stealing and selling Maui Jim sunglasses.

Hornoff was sentenced Monday in federal court by U.S. District Judge James E. Shadid to 12 months and 1 day in prison and was ordered to pay more than \$125,472.48 to Maui Jim.

Hornoff pleaded guilty on March 23 to three counts of mail fraud and three

counts of wire fraud.

According to a U.S. Department of Justice news release, while working as a lead frame repairer at the Peoria Maui Jim office, Hornof stole parts to make nearly 3,000 pairs of sunglasses on her own. She then sold the sunglasses to two individuals who sold them on eBay and received \$104,860.

The loss to Maui Jim was \$749,000. The company uncovered the theft

during an internal audit.

Mail fraud charges result from Hornof mailing the stolen goods. The wire fraud charges stem from her use of a PayPal account to transfer payments to her bank account.

Hornof is to report to prison by 2 p.m. on Sept. 19. She faces three years of supervised release after serving her sentence.

HYBRID: Open-pollination discovered by accident

Continued from Page 1
production during Kansas State University's Grain Export and Supply Chain Expedition. The tour was organized and led by Guy Allen, senior ag economist at K-State and a Delavan native.

Robert Reid (1813-1888) moved to Illinois from Ohio in the mid-1800s and brought some of his own corn. But it wasn't very good for processing and he had production issues, so he planted some local seeds known as "little yellow" Indian corn in the same field.

"He had missing hills (of corn), so he grabbed some local seed and filled in those missing hills," Shipton said. "And by happenstance those two pollinated at the same time and created the open-pollinated corn."

Then, for the next 60 to 70 years, Robert and James Reid (1844-1910) selected the best ears from this new line of corn, which kept improving its agronomic ability each subsequent season.

"They selected the best plants and best ears as they continued that lineage of the open-pollinated line," Shipton said.

The end result came to be known

as Reid's Yellow Dent Corn. The open-pollinated variety not only dent, but it greatly outproduced most varieties of the late-1800s.

"Common corn yields for that time were around 25 to 35 bushels per acre," Shipton said. "But by 1877 it was documented James reached 125 bushels per acre." Scott Jeckel, a Delavan native currently farming the former Reid property, noted the field produced a yield near 250 bushels last year. But it took nearly 150 years to double the production from what Reid's Yellow Dent Corn achieved nearly a decade after the Civil War.

"We've constantly improved (crop potential)," Jeckel said. "But we're talking a five-times jump (with what the Reids accomplished in the late-1800s). It was enormous."

The Reids entered their corn in grain contests and it eventually became a sensation at the 1893 World's Fair in Chicago. Reid's Yellow Dent Corn took top honors at that event, officially known as The World's Columbian Exposition to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the New World in 1492.



James Reid subsequently began receiving numerous requests for his corn from around the world. It's said he fulfilled many of those requests by mailing Reid's Yellow Dent Corn seed from the local post office in Delavan.

"By 1920 it was grown in every state and by 1930 an estimated 75% of corn grown in the U.S. could be traced back to Reid's Yellow Dent Corn," Shipton said. "Many reported it increased productivity in local areas where it was planted."

"But (James Reid) never became wealthy off the process," he noted. "It sounds like he was more willing to give the seed away to help others have additional yield on their farms."

Hybrid corn varieties were then introduced in the 1920s and overtook their open-pollinated predecessors, constituting nearly 100% of cultivation in the Corn Belt by the end of the 1930s.

But the source of a number of inbred lines used as parents of many present-day corn hybrids still have roots to the accidental discovery of a lifetime, when the Reids inadvertently created their open-pollinated, yellow dent corn.

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Stark Co. board OKs bridge engineering costs

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – In a semi-brief meeting on July 11, the Stark County Board of Supervisors heard a highway report from County Engineer Judd Giffin and passed two resolutions while a third resolution was discussed and tabled to next month.

Giffin said the county and township sealcoating of roads was completed in June, "with a couple of exceptions that will be done this fall."

The North Valley Road bridge is under construction with an estimated completion date of this com-

ing November.

Giffin said that patching continues on county highways; county employees trimmed/cleared storm damaged trees; a new north entrance to the highway department has begun; and Giffin continues to investigate funding and locations for a new county highway maintenance building.

The board passed a resolution re-appointing Dr. Glenn Miller to the Stark County Board of Health for a three-year term from July 11 to May 31, 2026.

Also passed was a construction engineering agreement resolution

"to cover costs associated with the construction engineering contract with Hutchinson Engineering, which is providing construction engineering for the North Valley Bridge project."

Finally, a Utility Task Vehicle ordinance was discussed to allow these vehicles on Stark County highways. A UTV owner would be required to obtain a registration decal, be inspected, be able to maintain speeds up to 55 mph, be 18-years-old, except for a farm provision, and pay a proposed \$100 fee. The board intends to vote on this measure at its August meeting.

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Notice is given of the death of Billy L. Simpson. Letters of Office were issued on June 23, 2023, to Cherie A. Johnson, as Independent Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Billy L. Simpson, deceased, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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ESTATE OF TERRY L. GUTSCHLAG,
Deceased
No. 2023PR44
CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
CHERYL ENDRESS,
Case No. 2023-PR-4
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CLAIMS NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of CHERYL ENDRESS, deceased, City of Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 30, 2023, to Ronald M.

Endress, 619 Park St., Lacon, Illinois, 61540, and Robert D. Endress, 612 Monroe St., Henry, Illinois, 61537, whose attorney is Ryan J. Anderson, 611 Second Street, P.O. Box 174, Henry, IL 61537.

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Dated: July 13, 2023.
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Representative, on or before **JANUARY 14th 2024** and any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 7th day of July 2023.
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Illinois hotels report record revenues

By **ANDREW ADAMS**

Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO – For hoteliers, business is booming in Illinois.

On Monday Gov. JB Pritzker, the state's legislative leadership and representatives of the hospitality industry announced that hotels in Illinois saw record revenues in fiscal year 2023, which ended June 30.

Across the state, hotels brought in \$307.8 million, according to figures from the state's Department of Revenue. That beats fiscal year 2019, the previous record year for hotel income and the last year before the pandemic upended the hospitality industry.

Revenue in 2023 was up 35.8 percent from the prior year and 230.1 percent from fiscal year 2021, when the pandemic was still significantly affecting peoples' travel habits.

Major events have helped bolster Illinois' tourism industry in 2023, according to Kristin Richards, the head of the state's Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity. These include the sold out Enjoy Illinois 300 NASCAR race in Madison and Taylor Swift's Eras tour.

Swift's fans, who descended on Chicago's Soldier Field for three nights over the first weekend in June, contributed to Chicago seeing the highest

weekend hotel occupancy rate in history – an average of 96.8% according to reporting from Bloomberg.

But hotel revenues are only one way to measure tourism's impact. Other metrics have yet to match 2019's records.

The state's tourism office partners with analytics firm Tourism Economics to research visitors' impact on the state's economy. The agency reported to the state in June that Illinois saw 111.3 million visitors who spent \$44.3 billion in calendar year 2022. Calendar year 2019, the highest year on record for both measures, saw 122.8 million visitors who spent a combined \$45.5 billion.

The hotel industry as well has not fully recovered from the pandemic's tourism industry interruptions.

Michael Jacobson, president of the Illinois Hotel and Lodging Association, said that while revenues

have returned, staffing levels and occupancy rates overall have not yet reached pre-pandemic levels, although they were trending toward recovery.

"We look forward to returning to our place as one of the most significant economic engines, employers and taxpayers in the state," Jacobson said on Monday.

The state has made some significant investments in tourism in the past few years, including the \$30.3 million "Middle of Everything" ad campaign. The campaign, which launched in the spring of 2022, stars television actress and Illinois native Jane Lynch.

The campaign's first year brought in an additional 2 million visitors and generated \$1 billion in Illinois hotels, restaurants, small businesses, and attractions, according to the state's tourism office. The campaign recently launched a new set of TV ads this summer that fea-

ture the television star.

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AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF KNOX AND HENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Galva Public Library District of the Counties of Knox and Henry, State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Galva Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Galva, Illinois this 11th day of July, 2023.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 231.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 12, 2023.
3. The referendum would be held March 19, 2024.

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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 Fif Rodriguez

1. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut is used in a satay?
2. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who is the first president to have a telephone in the White House?
3. MOVIES: Which actress won an Oscar for her role in "Mary Poppins"?
4. ASTRONOMY: How many planets in our solar system have rings?
5. LITERATURE: The novels "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" are set in which U.S. state?
6. TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Star Trek" were produced for television?
7. GEOGRAPHY: What is the name of the highest mountain in Greece?
8. SCIENCE: Which plant produces the world's hottest pepper?
9. ANATOMY: Which hormone regulates blood sugar?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a piebald?

Answers

1. Peanut.
2. Rutherford B. Hayes.
3. Julie Andrews.
4. Four: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
5. Missouri.
6. Three.
7. Mount Olympus.
8. Carolina Reaper.
9. Insulin.
10. An animal with irregular patches of two colors, usually black and white.

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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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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13)
2. Elemental (PG)
3. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)
4. No Hard Feelings (R)
5. Transformers: Rise of the Beasts (PG-13)
6. Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken (PG)
7. The Little Mermaid (PG)
8. The Flash (PG-13)
9. Asteroid City (PG-13)
10. Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3 (PG-13)

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Ronald C. Osborn

WYOMING – Ronald C. Osborn, 79, of Wyoming, passed away at 1:28 p.m. Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Ronald was born on Aug. 7, 1943, in Cross Key, Ala., the son of James D. and Susie “Viola” (Madry) Osborn. He married Sharon Kay Head on Aug. 25, 1962, in Harvard Hills, Ill. She passed away on Dec. 22, 2012. Ron later married Diana Hasty.

Surviving are two daughters, Shelly (Walter “Tony”) Hilburn of Guntersville, Ala., and Rhonda (Mike) Liddle of Wyoming; four grandchildren, James “Jimmy” Self, David (Ashley) Self, Rachel Self and Alexis “Princess” (Braden) Hart; three great-grandchildren, Eli J. Self and Kayden and Quinn Hart; one sister, Mary (Charlie) Wells of Ardmore, Tenn.; and Diana Hasty of Roanoke and her family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and seven siblings, Lura Bell, Betty, Bonnie, Sara, Brenda Sue, William and Frank.

Ron was a retired pipefitter from Caterpillar. He was also an interim pastor for several years at the Landmark Baptist Church in Peoria.

Ron loved everything outdoors including horseback riding and camping. He was a gifted singer and guitar player, who performed opening acts for many local concerts. He enjoyed traveling and spur-of-the-moment road-trip adventures. Most of all Ron loved his family and attending their many activities.

His funeral service was July 8, 2023, at the Princeville Baptist Church, where he was a member. Pastor Lee Taylor officiated. Visitation was to be one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was to be in Wyoming Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Princeville Baptist Church or the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Alabama Chapter.

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



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Brian R. LaPayne

URBANA – Brian R. LaPayne, 63, of Urbana passed away Sunday, June 25, 2023, at Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana, due to a brain aneurysm.

Brian was born to Rex and Marcella (Ryan) LaPayne on March 14, 1960, in Peoria.

He is survived by his mother, Marcella Fritch; five siblings, Bradley LaPayne, Susie DeWolfe, Burton LaPayne, Bruce LaPayne and Andrew Fritch; several nieces and nephews; and one special niece, Mara LaPayne, who would visit with him every Wednesday.

He was preceded in death by his father, Rex LaPayne; stepfather, George Fritch; two brothers, Michael and Joseph Fritch; and one sister-in-law, Stella LaPayne (Rund).

Brian worked at Rogards in Champaign for a few years and then went to work at Michaels' Catering for over 15 years before he retired. He enjoyed riding his bike around town and his Camaro, which he was very proud of. Brian was a kind, do-anything-for-you guy and was always there to lend a helping hand when it was needed.

Funeral services for Brian will be held Friday, July 21, 2023, 11 a.m. at the St. Dominic Cemetery, Wyoming. Burial will take place at St. Dominic Cemetery, Wyoming, Ill.

Norma J. Nelson

WYOMING – Norma Jean Nelson, 63, of Wyoming, passed away at 10:42 a.m. Sunday, July 9, 2023, surrounded by her family at home.

Norma was born on Nov. 19, 1959, in Pekin, the daughter of John W. and Patricia A. (McAvin) Fischer. She married Thomas Nelson on Aug. 14, 2008; he survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Joseph L. (Marianne Heider) Collins of East Peoria, Christopher M. (Brittany) Collins of Pekin and Jesse J. (Kelsie) Schlueter of Washington; six grandchildren, Makayla F. Kuester, Norah L. Collins, Lainey J. Collins, Madilyn S. Schlueter, Emery R. Schlueter and Beckham S. Schlueter; one brother,



Nelson



Perrigo

Jonathan A. Fischer of Pekin. She was preceded in death by her parents.

Norma enlisted in the Illinois Air National Guard on Jan. 10, 1981, serving a total of 27 years spanning until her retirement on Jan. 1, 2012. She was active duty for the 182nd Division, and a veteran of a foreign war, serving in Afghanistan.

Norma was a member of the District 76 Creve Coeur school board of education for many years. She was also a member of the Wyoming Lions Club. Above all else, Norma loved time spent with her family and being active in her children and grandchildren's lives.

A service to celebrate Norma's life will be at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Veronica Haskell, Funeral Celebrant will officiate, with prayers by the Rev. John Baptist Uwigaba. Her visitation will be prior to the service from 4-6 p.m., also at the funeral home. Military honors will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or TAPS in Pekin.

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

Jayne A. Morrissey Perrigo

WYOMING – Jayne Ann “Nay” Morrissey Perrigo, 72, of Wyoming, passed away at 2 a.m. July 8, 2023, following a two-year battle with cancer. She was at home, surrounded by her husband and daughters.

She was born March 12, 1951, to Raymond and Mary (Keough) Morrissey. She graduated from Wyoming High School in 1969. She attended Illinois State University and graduated from Illinois Central College's phlebotomy program.

Jayne married Les Perrigo May 5, 1972, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. She is survived by Les and their three daughters, Tina and Jason Howard of Monroe, Wis.; Autumn Perrigo of Wyoming and Nichole and Seth Mercer of Wyoming.

Jayne's four grandchildren were the lights of her life: Clayton How-

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ard, Rhett Howard, Owen Mercer and Chloe Mercer. She was very close with her sisters, Kay Euchaski and Margaret Morrissey. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers Mike and Raymond Morrissey.

Jayne was an amazing artist and did craft shows with her sister Kay. They were also owners of The Country Loft in Moline. She was an amazing cook and loved making desserts. She loved playing dice and cards with family and friends, and hosting family holidays.

Jayne was a proud member of the Pacific Carolers and loved to tell stories about her accomplishments. She was the leader of the Morrissey Marauders. Watching "Survivor" and eating desserts were her favorite things. Tally away Jeff.

Her funeral mass was to be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2023, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. The Rev. John Baptist Uwigaba will officiate. Visitation was to be from 9:30-11 a.m. on Thursday at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to Jayne's husband, Les Perigo, to assist with medical expenses. Condolences may be left for Jayne's family on her tribute wall at

www.haskellfuneral.com.

Betty R. Wagenbach

PRINCEVILLE – Betty R. Wagenbach, 94, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, passed away at 9:30 p.m. Friday, July 7, 2023, at the Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

She was born on Sept. 11, 1928, in Cissna Park to Edward and Helen (Stoller) Knapp. She married Raymond R. Wagenbach on Feb. 18, 1951, in Cissna Park. He preceded her in death on May 9, 2021, after 70 years of marriage together.

Surviving are one daughter, Karen (Kenny) Elsasser of Dunlap; three sons, Daryl (Kenna) Wagenbach, Curtis (Marybeth) Wagenbach and Dennis (Jennifer) Wagenbach, all of Toulon; 21 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; one son-in-law, Jerry Getz of Roanoke; one sister, Shirley (Roy) Wyss of Goodfield; four sisters-in-law, Laura Knapp, Mary Ellen Martin, Bernice Stoller, and Elaine Wagenbach; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her



Wagenbach

parents; one son, Rodney Wagenbach; one daughter, Raylene Getz; three sisters, Edith Stahl, Eileen Greiner and Iola Feucht; and two brothers, Glen Knapp and Larry Knapp.

Betty loved spending time with and caring for all her family. She enjoyed gardening, canning, helping Ray with work on the farm and volunteering for several years at Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Betty had a deep faith and love for the Lord and was a long-time member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Princeville.

Her funeral service was to be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church were to officiate. Visitation was 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Burial was to be in the Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery in Princeville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

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

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Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword - NINE FLEET

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| ACROSS | 52 Give new weapons to | 96 Perceive | 2 "Dies —" | 40 Draft-eligible | 82 French inn |
| 1 By means of | 54 Fluctuate | 99 Imitated a sheep | (Mass hymn) | 41 Coercing | 83 2021 is one |
| 4 Seizes suddenly | wildly | 102 — -pedi | 4 Car radiator | 42 Edifice | 86 Diner list |
| 9 Niche religion | 56 Cole — (shoe brand) | 103 "It's My Turn" singer Diana | covering | 47 "Let's suppose ..." | 87 Sale rack caveat |
| 13 Cousins of rumbas | 59 Curious pet | 106 Small, floating cephalopod | 5 Toon pal of Stimp | 49 Like the study of habitats | 91 Pursued speedily |
| 19 Noah's craft | 60 Gift label | 109 Device used in cardiology | 6 "The Ice Storm" director Lee | 50 County in the Bay Area | 93 Key related to C major |
| 20 Zellweger of "Bee Movie" | 61 Pro — (some tourneys) | 113 Actress Eve | 7 Plastic pail or shovel, say | 51 "Undo" mark | 95 Bungle |
| 21 Assistant of Frankenstein | 64 Sport fish also known as "title tuna" | 114 Everything | 8 Toxin fighters | 53 Bryn —, Pennsylvania | 97 Lead-in to center or dermis |
| 22 Mount where the 19-Across landed | 68 "Them's the breaks!" | 115 Venus do — | 9 Form a rough judgment of | 55 Info that's not up to date | 98 Do lunch |
| 23 1987 comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter | 71 Title word before "Inferno" or "Peak" | 116 9-to-5er's shout | 10 Vanity | 57 Pub spigot | 100 Gift for music |
| 26 Set fire to | 72 Came to rest | 118 Of a junction point | 11 With | 58 Preposterous | 101 Clunker |
| 27 Streisand musical film | 73 Atlanta daily since 2001 | 122 Gazed angrily | 15-Down, filmflaming guy | 63 Hit hard, as the brakes | 104 Wee bit |
| 28 Diner relative | 77 "Game of Thrones" actress | 124 Principle of capitalism | 12 "Lady and the —" | 65 Airline to Copenhagen | 105 Note |
| 29 Portion (out) | 78 Charlotte — (Virgin Islands capital) | 129 Showing on TV | 13 Rum cocktail | 66 Apnea-treating doc | above la |
| 31 Part of "GWTW" | 84 Adobe Acrobat file | 130 Work to make | 14 Evita's land | 67 Abel's brother | 107 Very strong |
| 32 Mosque God | 85 "— believer" | 131 Second-largest city of India | 15 See 11-Down | 69 Blacklisting org. of the 1940s-'50s | 108 One of a bowler's targets |
| 35 Black-and-yellow stinging insect | 88 Almond-hued | 132 — out a win (just prevail) | 16 Big name in faucet filters | 70 Petting zoo animals | 109 "Horrible" cartoon |
| 39 1993-2004 Chrysler sedan | 89 Actress Olin | 133 Distant | 17 Solemn vows | 73 2008-12 Mets pitcher | 110 Access |
| 43 Thing to fly in the wind | 90 Plaintiff | 134 Calif. par exemple | 18 Expensive | 74 Roman 151 | 111 Fire alert |
| 44 Pertaining to | 92 Turns toward | 135 Stellar hunter | 24 Veteran | 75 Suffix with planet | 112 Credit card lure |
| 45 Seat in a bar | 94 Darling child | 136 Abbr. that can precede nine key words in this puzzle | 25 Casual statement of sympathy | 76 Petty quarrel | 117 — -Chinese |
| 46 Seat in a church | | | 30 Comic shriek | 77 Eight: Prefix | 119 God, to Gigi |
| 48 Things | | | 33 Fleur-de- (iris) | 78 Suffix with planet | 120 Inquires |
| | | | 34 Kitchen pest | 79 Petty quarrel | 121 Some blue jeans |
| | | | 36 Fabric flaw | 81 Dated-out share | 123 Brazilian city, in brief |
| | | | 37 Bardic verse | | 125 Hamelin pest |
| | | | 38 Rairy | | 126 Slice of time |
| | | | 39 Juicy gossip | | 127 Yale attendee |
| | | | | | 128 Pi-sigma link |

SUMMER BREAK

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Will not publish a newspaper on July 21st.
 Our office will be CLOSED July 17th - 21st.
 We will reopen again on Monday, July 24th
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Drought limiting corn height

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

If you can still easily look across entire cornfields because the plants are so short, you're not alone.

The height of corn has been greatly limited in many areas of the state by the severe lack of moisture so far this season.

The majority of the state (92.7%) was in drought, according to the latest U.S. Drought Monitor released June 29, while the remainder, mostly in southern Illinois, was abnormally dry.

This includes a pocket of extreme drought in western Adams, Hancock and Pike counties along the Mississippi River and the very western edge of Schuyler County. Meanwhile, most of the northern two-thirds of the state was in severe drought as of June 27. The latest Drought Monitor was released hours before a widespread derecho hit a large portion of the state June 29 and provided much-needed relief.

But, while much of this year's corn crop might not grow to the height of a professional basketball player, many farmers can still score some respectable yields if the recent return of regular showers con-



Lack of moisture in Illinois has limited the height of corn in some areas of the state. Photo by Catrina Rawson.

tinues. And the June 29 storm was a good start in many areas. "There's a lot of concern about height. There's going to be a lot of corn 6 feet tall fully tasseled," Tarochione said. "And it's not going to grow much after it tassels."

"But there's really no correlation between height and yield, although there is some correlation with leaf area and yield," the agronomist noted.

Just 26% of the corn crop and 25% of soybeans were rated good to excellent statewide as of June 26, down dramatically from 70% and 66%, respectively, as of the same date last year.

The key, of course, is the weather pattern for the upcoming pollination season.

"The height of corn is determined in June, but the corn yield is determined in July," Tarochione said.

Soybean growth also remains limited, although

that crop has more time to recover this season as yield potential isn't usually set until August, the agronomist noted.

Rainfall activity increased in the state during the last week of June.

"We got three-tenths (Wednesday, June 28) afternoon, which was our biggest rain in two months (followed by much heavier downpours Thursday, June 29)," Tarochione said. "The forecast is at least more optimistic."

Moisture deficits reached 8 to 10 inches in much of the state through late June, according to Trent Ford, state climatologist with the Illinois State Water Survey. Statewide, topsoil ranked 89% short to very short as of June 26.

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