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Seed genetics helped corn, beans withstand stress of drought

By **DANIEL GRANT**

FarmWeek

Widespread drought issues in May and June likely put a significant dent in corn-yield potential. But all is not lost due in part to advancements in seed genetics along with some timely rain, according to Mike Kavanaugh, director of product development for AgReliant Genetics.

“It’s all about genetic improvement and adaptation,” Kavanaugh told FarmWeek at the AgriGold specialty products conference in Ivesdale. “This year in particular will be about yield compensation. We had a very challenging first half of the

season.”

USDA in July lowered its national corn-yield estimate by 4 bushels to 177.5 bushels per acre, which would still be a record, and left its soybean yield estimate unchanged at 52 bushels despite the drought. Many traders believe those estimates could decline later this season as impacts of the drought come into light.

Looking back at previous drought years, Illinois corn yields averaged just 73 bushels per acre in 1988 (when the trend line was near 129) and 105 bushels in 2012 (when the trend line was near 173). Last year, small portions of eastern

and western Illinois battled drought, but the state corn yield still averaged a record 214 bushels per acre.

Kavanaugh believes genetic improvements in the crops are part of the reason for better performance in challenging environments over time.

“Twenty-five years ago, the germplasm may not have had the drought tolerance, that aggressive root system and maybe the tropical germplasm in the background to withstand some of these conditions,” he said. “That’s not to say we haven’t had the top end of the yield knocked off (this season).

“But, when you compare the



Though the true test will come when combines start rolling, corn in most of the area looks far better than it did two months ago. Photo by Ken Black.

germplasm we had 25 years ago to what we had 50 years ago, it was a major step change,” he continued. “That’s where adaptation and improvement continue to come in.”

Corn-yield potential continues to grow at an annual clip of 2 to 2.5 bushels per acre since the introduction of hybrid varieties, according to Kavanaugh.

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Native American protections expand

By **PETER HANCOCK**

For The Weekly Post

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker has signed a package of bills extending cultural protections to Native Americans in Illinois and requiring the teaching of Native American history in public schools.

At a bill signing ceremony in Schaumburg, Pritzker highlighted three historic sites that were significant in Native American history in Illinois – the Buel House along the Cherokee Trail of Tears in Pope County; the Pierre Menard Home in Randolph County; and the Kincaid Mounds that contain the remains of a Native American city – and said Illinois needs to acknowledge its role in a dark chapter of history.

House Bill 3413, the Human Remains Protection Act, establishes procedures for handling human remains and gravesites that are uncovered in Illinois. It also authorizes the Department of Natural Resources to work with the Illinois State Museum and

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NEW SUBDIVISION

Galva buys ground for development

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The City of Galva will have a new subdivision on its southeast side.

The City of Galva purchased the land, 44.3 acres, at a recent auction for \$981,903 – or \$22,100 per acre. The land is located just east of the Galva Park District along SE 6th St. and SE 8th Ave.

City Administrator David Dyer said Tuesday morning that the city hopes to meet with some developers in the near future.

Dyer said the council hopes to have homes available in the



Pictured above is a portion of the land recently purchased by The City of Galva for a new subdivision. Photo by Carol Townsend.

\$250,000 range for sale.

The land was owned by the late Marilyn Matticks McFarland who passed away April 10, 2022, in Alabama.

Her parents, Ted and Mildred Matticks had owned the land sold recently and also the land where the Park District is located today. The farm had been in the Matticks family for many years.

Stark board rejects purchase of grader

Citizens speak against CO2 pipeline

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors did not act on a resolution to buy a new road grader during an Aug. 8 meeting.

Stark County Highway Engineer Judd Giffin made a presentation on the new 2023 John Deere 672GP road grader, which has a price tag of \$432,772 from Martin Equipment of Peru. The new grader would replace a 1999 model grader.

Giffin proposed a 10-year loan from Speer County Bank to help pay for the grader. He noted the highway department has

purchased attachments for the grader from LyCox Enterprises, Inc., of Billings, Mont., for \$22,090. That brought the total loan request to \$454,862.

Board member Tim McMillen made a motion to purchase the grader and secure the loan, but the motion died on the table as no other member would offer a second. Other board members hesitated because of the high cost to the county.

Several citizens of Stark County spoke their opposition to proposed carbon dioxide pipelines that would traverse Stark County. Les-

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COUNTY BOARD: Resolution passed for UTVs

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lie Carroll and Dale Jackson spoke about the detrimental effects of CO2 pipelines and the dangers should one present an emergency disaster for the county. The citizens warned of possible broken pipelines and CO2 leakage.

Also during the public comment portion, Keith

Webster voiced his concerns about the Utility Terrain Vehicles and regulation of said vehicles in Stark County.

The citizens asked the board to reject proposed CO2 pipelines in the county and said that Knox County has recently implemented a measure about these pipelines. Board members said they need more information and would like to read Knox County's measure. The board requested more time to gather the information.

Treasurer Paula Leezer reported no significant changes to the county's budget.

There was no Sheriff's report, but the agenda listed the coroner/animal control budget, the E911 building update and an ARPA request for \$15,000

for repairs of a Sheriff's Office 2020 Chevy Tahoe that had its oil pump fail.

Brief budget presentations were given by the county's assessor/zoning officer Renee Johnson, circuit clerk Julie Kenney and treasurer Paula Leezer. All three proposed an increase in salaries for themselves and their deputies who assist them. A 1.6 percent salary increase was requested for both the county assessor and the county's circuit clerk. The treasurer did not specify a percentage increase, but just that she would like to have a salary increase.

The board voted for a resolution to keep the closed executive session minutes closed and not for release to the public. All members approved this resolution.

Also, resolution was passed that regulates Non-highway vehicles on county roads, plus, the fees associated with UTVs and other requirements governing UTVs.

Under the requirement drivers must be at least eighteen with a valid driver's license; Stark county permit displayed on the rear of the vehicle; and possess and carry proof of insurance. Passengers 10 years and under are not allowed. Drivers are subject to all traffic laws, including driving under the influence. Vehicles are not to exceed 55 mph and are not allowed on sidewalks, bike paths, cemeteries, parks, or roads under the jurisdiction of IDOT, except to cross from one authorized road to another.

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STATE: 130 acres to be returned

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representatives of tribes to establish a cemetery for the reburial of repatriated Native American remains and materials.

Senate Bill 1446 requires school districts to allow students to wear items of cultural, ethnic or religious significance at their graduation.

And House Bill 1633

mandates instruction in Native American history in all social studies courses that teach American history.

Among those attending the bill signing Friday was Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick, chairman of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation.

That nation was once based in DeKalb County but the U.S. General Land

Office seized that land in 1849 and sold it at auction.

Legislation pending in Congress would return more than 130 acres to the Potawatomi and provide them with about \$50 million in settlement funds that could be used to reacquire additional land on or near the original reservation.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

- 8-4 - Bradley A. Davis - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 7-29 - Melvin D. Rodriguez-Espinoza - Driving/Operating a non-highway vehicle.
- 8-2 - Mohammed S. A. Megdad - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 8-6 - Gerry L. Rohn - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 8-6 - Shawn L. Hall - Driving on a suspended license & operating an uninsured vehicle.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 7-28 - Domestic Violence - Jacob D. Tramutolo - Domestic battery / physical contact.
- 8-5 - Domestic Violence - Roger E. Hochstetler - Domestic battery/physical contact.

Incidents & Accidents

- 7-31 - A possible scam complaint was reported by a Wyoming resident in the 1000 block of N. Galena Ave.
- 8-1 - Athalia M. Empson, 20, Toulon, was arrested for resisting and obstruction of a peace officer. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
- 8-2 - Paul M. Williams, 62, Toulon, cited for failure to wear a seat belt.
- 8-4 - Anthony D. Thomas Jr., 28, Kewanee, was arrested by Stark County authorities on a Henry County warrant. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a new court date to appear.
- 8-4 - Matthew R. Hollis, 30, LaFayette, was arrested by Stark County authorities on a Henry County warrant. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a new court date.
- 8-6 - Shatiqua S. Stone, 28, Peoria, was ticketed for driving with no insurance and for driving on a suspended registration.
- 8-6 - Roger E. Hochstetler Jr., 42, LaFayette, was arrested for domestic battery. He was taken into custody and transported to Stark County Jail.
- 8-6 - Parker R. Mitchener, 19, Galesburg, was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone. Also ticketed in the same traffic stop was a passenger Adrienna M. Pomroy, 26, of Galesburg, charged with possession of adult cannabis and illegal transportation of alcohol. Both were released with notices to appear in court.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 8-1 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving a pocketknife that had been found. The knife was collected and disposed of, due to its poor condition.
 - 8-1 - to a residence in the 900 block of W. Division St. for a city ordinance violation involving accumulating trash. Subject agreed to dispose of it.
 - 8-2 - to the 400 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a civil complaint involving labor that hasn't been completed. The complainant was referred to a private attorney for guidance.
 - 8-2 - to the Galva Park District for an altercation involving several juveniles. Victim's guardian declined to prosecute. Suspects were turned over to parents.
 - 8-2 - to check suspicious vehicle parked in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. Officer spoke to two occupants, talking after a verbal dispute.
 - 8-2 - to assist Henry County on County Highway 5 north of town for a hit-and-run accident involving a vehicle striking a gas line, fence and damaging a field. Driver left the



scene but turned themselves in the following morning.

- 8-3 - to the 300 block of Main St. after a diaper bag was dropped and then taken by an unknown person. Officer located the suspect and the diaper bag was returned to its owner.
- 8-3 - to 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for attempted scam through Snapchat.
- 8-4 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check on several children. They were fine.
- 8-5 - to the north edge of Galva to assist Atkinson Police Department with a high-speed chase involving a motorcycle that fled southbound from Atkinson. It ended up going towards Kewanee and then Bureau County. Galva did not have any involvement.
- 8-5 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., Joseph Neece, 42, Galva, cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
- 8-5 - to a residence on NE 2nd St. to check the welfare of a young child who walked away from the house without adult knowledge. DCFS was contacted.
- 8-5 - to a residence on NW 2nd St. for a suicidal subject who reportedly ingested a large amount of pills and had a knife. Subject was transported by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.
- 8-6 - to the 00 block of Wallace St. for an injured bird complaint. The bird was relocated.
- 8-6 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Jeremy Payne, 43, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended and uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
- 8-5 - John Caulkins, 34, Warsaw, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

- 7-5 - Courtney and Seth S. D. Draminski to Braedon C. and Shai M. Starberg - Pt 36-13-6 SW - 508 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$38,600
- 7-5 - Bryan L. and Sharon A. Scott to Amy Stutzman - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - Pt block 1 - 115 E. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$100,000.
- 7-7 - Mary B. Groter to Robert B. Groter - Pts 36-13-6 SW John Wrigley's Add'n - Pt lots 6 and 7, block S lots 8,9,10, block 7 lots 3 and 4 - 103 E. Wrigley, 308 E. Williams and 508 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-7 - Wanita Owen to John E. Hodges - Pt Sect 21-13-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-7 - George W. Sales to George Dana & Patricia A. McCurdy - Pt Sect 6-13-7 SW - 12468 Township Road 1100 N., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-10 - Marjorie A. Loudenburg, Exec. to Marjorie A. Loudenburg and David & Joni Rumbold, Co-trustees - Und 1/4 int 18-14-7 NE, Und 1/3 int Pt 7-14-7 SE, Und 1/2 Pt 23-14-6 SW, & Und 1/2 int Pt 23-14-6 SE - 14419 S. Osceola Rd., Bradford
- Consideration = \$0.
- 7-10 - Jenna M Loudenburg Clark, Nancy Heaton, Jason L. and Jeffrey L. Loudenburg, and Jean Rohrig to Jeffrey L. Loudenburg - Pt 18-14-7 NE - Consideration = \$600,000.
- 7-10 - Jenna M Loudenburg Clark, Nancy Heaton, Jason L. and Jeffrey L. Loudenburg, and Jean Rohrig to Jenna M. Loudenburg Clark and Jason L. Loudenburg - Pt 18-14-7 NE - Consideration = \$667,368.
- 7-10 - Jenna M Loudenburg Clark, Nancy Heaton, Jason L. and Jeffrey L. Loudenburg, and Jean Rohrig to Jean A. Rohrig - Pt 18-14-7 - NE - Consideration = \$679,704.
- 7-10 - Jenna M Loudenburg Clark, Nancy Heaton, Jason L. and Jeffrey L. Loudenburg, and Jean Rohrig to Nancy J. Heaton - Pt 18-14-7 - NE - Consideration = \$600,000.
- 7-10 - Timothy J. Haas to Andrew and Jessica Jackson - Original town of Wyoming PT block 8 lot 2 - 103 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$15,000.
- 7-10 - Jerry L. and Wendy C. Miller to Wendy M. Adams - Castle's Add'n - Block 3 lots 14,15,16 - 810 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-11 - Kenneth L. Day Jr. to John T. Disharoon - Gene Good subdivision Lot 2 - 103 W. Grove St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$95,000.
- 7-11 - Kenneth L. Day Jr. to Daniel E. and Trisha J. Berchtold - Orig town of Wyoming - Pt Block 2 lots 1 and 2 - 605 W. Elm St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$31,000.
- 7-12 - Glen E. Ganser to Emily A. and Robert B. Sharkey - Pts 21-14-7 NE - Consideration = \$140,000.
- 7-13 - Kelly Banz to Barbara A. Peterson - Und 1/6 Int Pt 10-12-6 NE - Consideration = \$212,016.
- 7-14 - Jade Noard to Christine M. and Rodd K. Winscott - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - Block 21 lots 13 & 14 - 303 N. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$102,500.
- 7-17 - Gary T. and Gloria L. Foley to Diana T. Foley - Pt 26-14-7 NE - 215 2nd St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-19 - Cheryl Sellers to Martha J. Macy - Roger's Sub of Pt of Blk 4 Giles C. Dana's Add'n - Lot 3 - 404 S. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$140,000.
- 7-20 - Christian Westefer, Exec. and Helena Denise Westefer by Exec to Tyler Shafer - Pt 35-13-7 SE - 6365 N. Township Rd. 1700 East, Wyoming - Consideration = \$305,000.
- 7-24 - Daniel Berchtold III and Daniel Berchtold Jr. to Christopher Craig - Pt 35-14-7 SE - 12311 State Rte. 40, Bradford - Consideration = \$200,000.
- 7-25 - Ashley J. and Douglas Haffner and Sheriff of Stark Co. to Federal National Mortgage Association - Original town of Wyoming - Pt block 7 lots 4 and 5 - 211 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
- 7-25 - Kathryn E. Davidson, Danell M. Nixon and Karen A. Turk to Kevin Klumpp - Pt 26-13-7 SW - 16249 State Rte. 17, Wyoming - Consideration = \$80,000.
- 7-28 - Nancy J. Heaton to Nancy J. and Rickey L. Heaton - Pt 18-14-7 NE - Consideration = \$0.

Marriages

- 7-28 - Randall Lynn Brown and Ta-bitha Sue Brown, both of Bradford.

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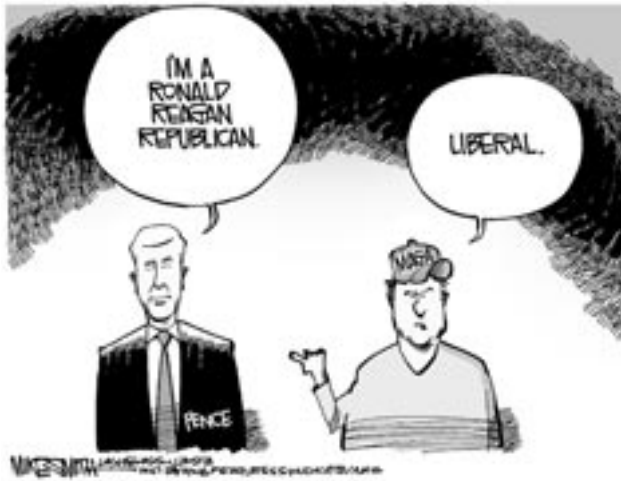
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GUEST VOICES



Illinois ag industry resilient in face of drought

This summer growing season has brought a whirlwind of challenges for Illinois farmers, from severe drought to a devastating derecho and flash flooding.

When it comes to how farmers are faring under such conditions, my friend and colleague said it the best: "It depends on what cloud you're under."



Richard GUEBERT

Every farmer's situation is different. How drought affects profitability and yield depends on numerous variables, including crop variety and location, making it difficult to generalize how farmers will end up after this rollercoaster ride of weather patterns.

In a single county, one farmer's field of corn or soybeans might look completely different from another's 5 miles down the road.

Illinois closed July with some of the warmest temperatures so far this year, with drought conditions spottily disrupted by pop-up thunderstorms across the state.

While some areas were lucky enough to see rain, we're not out of the woods yet. To quote the Illinois State Climatologist office, "drought is a complex physical and social phenomenon, usually with no clear beginning or end."

At the end of the day, farmers want to produce a good crop. Drought and unpredictable weather are discouraging for farmers planning for a bountiful harvest, but we are still a long way from the bin. We are hopeful for good, timely rains in the coming weeks.

While we wait for the upcoming harvest, now is a good time to remind consumers to take full advantage of their local farmer's markets. Illinois ranks second in the nation for the number of farmer's markets, which offer fresh, locally produced vegetables, meat and other food products at affordable prices.

Sweet corn, a summertime favorite, is now available, so be sure to grab a few ears to grill on your next farmer's-market visit.

It's hard to believe the dog days of summer are nearly over. I am eagerly looking forward to another lively Illinois State Fair.

Some of my favorite memories are the years I spent showing dairy cattle owned by family friends. Now as a spectator, I am energized watching the youth exhibitors take to the ring during the Master Showmanship competition, which Illinois Farm Bureau proudly sponsors.

Ag Day at the Illinois State Fair is an annual event celebrating all that Illinois agriculture has to offer. This year's celebration will take place on Aug. 11 and is a great opportunity for Illinoisians to connect with agriculture at every level, whether it's

stopping by the commodity pavilion for a pork chop sandwich or grabbing a refreshing cup of frozen apple cider and other fresh produce from the Illinois Specialty Growers tent.

Amid the excitement of fair activities, however, Ag Day is also an opportunity for farm leaders to work collaboratively on agricultural issues. Such conversations are increasingly important as lawmakers hammer out the details of the next Farm Bill, which extends beyond the farm by protecting our nation's food supply, access to nutrition and advancing conservation efforts.

Later this August, hundreds of farmers and agribusinesses from across the globe will travel to Decatur for the 70th annual Farm Progress Show. This event will showcase the latest agricultural innovations and emerging technologies.

There is no better way to end a busy summer than celebrating Illinois agriculture, whether it is at the State Fair or Farm Progress Show.

I encourage everyone to take a day or two to spend at the fair and learn more about how Illinois agriculture touches their everyday life.

RICHARD GUEBERT is president of the Illinois Farm Bureau. This op-ed was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

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ESTATE AUCTION
 The following Real Estate and Personal Property will be offered at Public Auction on **Thursday, August 24 beginning at 4:30 p.m.** (Note Time) Real Estate at 6:00 p.m.
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ILICA hosts trap shoot and golf Sept. 8

KEWANEE – The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association is hosting its Area 3 - Trap Shoot and Golf Outing on Sept. 8 in Kewanee.

The event begins with a morning trap shoot (50 clays) at the Izaak Walton League Trap-Skeet Grounds, followed by lunch at Baker Park Golf Course. At noon, the 18-hole golf outing kicks off with a chance to win door prizes, cash hole prizes, and a 50/50 raffle.

Crowley awarded OSF Saint Luke scholarship

KEWANEE – OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee awarded health career scholarships to five area students, including Patrick Crowley of Wyoming. Each student received \$1,000 to help with educational expenses.

Crowley is a Wyoming native and student at St. Ambrose University. He is pursuing his doctorate in physical therapy and looks forward to working with patients to improve their health and wellness.

Galva Masons donate fire suppression tool

GALVA – The Galva Masonic Lodge donated a new Fire Suppression Tool (FST) to the Galva Fire Department on Sunday, July 30, during the LevittAmp Galva Music Series Concert.

“The FST is basically an anti-fire hand grenade,” said Adam Jaquet, Junior Warden of the Masonic Lodge, who made the presentation. “It is a very simple tool to use in an



A Galva couple were honored at Monday nights Galva City Council meeting. Al DeCrane (at right) was awarded Director of the Year and Shelly Sunquist (at left) was awarded Conservation Woman of the year for the entire State of Illinois by the Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The couple live just about two miles West of Galva on Bonham Road. DeCrane said he has planted 10,600 tree on the farm. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Pat and Sue Ann Conner of 804 SE First St. received the August Property Pride Award. The award is given each month by the Galva: Ready to Grow committee. The couple moved into the home in 2008 and work together in the yard. Pat has driven a semi for Galva Iron and Metal for 30 years. Sue Ann is a scale operator for the Galva Ethanol Plant. They have one daughter, Kristin Spiegel and one grandson, Westley Purl. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Pictured above is Adam Jaquet, Galva Masons; Nate Byers, Galva Fire Chief, Marlin Rachel, Galva Masons and Paul Jaquet Galva Masons.. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Travis Spivey, transportation director for the Galva School District, was the human sundae for an annual Penny Wars contest held by the Galva dance and drill team. Spivey was made into the sundae between acts at the 9th Levitt AMP concert. Photo by Carol Townsend.

enclosed space, and can save lives, buy time for first responders and victims, and protect property,” Jaquet said.

The Lodge funded the purchase of the FST through proceeds from their annual Golf Outing, which also supports their scholarship program, contributions and programs.

The Galva Masonic Lodge’s 16th Annual Golf Outing will be held on Sept. 16, at Baker Park Golf Course. All are welcome to attend and play.

To help purchase more of the FSTs, or play in the golf outing, contact Jaquet at adam_mm32@yahoo.com.

The event concludes at the clubhouse with awards announcements and a grill-your-own dinner. Anyone can participate; ILICA membership not required. Full event registration includes trap shoot, lunch, golf and dinner for \$105. Partial registration options are available. For more information, visit www.illica.net/events or call (309) 932-1230.

GENETICS: Short-stature corn next in line

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“I think we’ll continue to see that with the technology and breeding we have,” he said. “It’s all about finding the germplasm that adapts to the environment.”

AgReliant recently launched new hybrids with next level germplasm that offer a potential yield boost of 5 bushels per acre compared to a year ago, Kavanaugh said.

AgReliant seeks to develop germplasm with higher yield capability, but also better hybrid characteristics such as emergence, standability and greensnap tolerance. Disease screen-

ing also helps AgReliant develop seed products that better withstand pressure from diseases, such as tar spot.

“We’re really excited about our pipeline right now,” Kavanaugh said. That pipeline includes additional development and testing of short stature corn, which Kavanaugh believes could be widely available at the commercial level by 2026 to 2030.

Short stature corn varieties produce corn at an average ear height of 20 to 24 inches as opposed to the common height now of 32 to 48 inches.

“There’s definitely a lot of benefits

(of short stature corn) – better standability, less greensnap and more season-long access to deliver nutrition and pesticides to these plants,” Kavanaugh said. “The industry is in a major testing phase right now. It has to learn how to manage it.”

AgReliant will spotlight its latest crop advancements during its innovation tours next month in Champaign along with stops in Westfield, Indiana and Ames, Iowa.

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Red crown rot emerging issue in Illinois

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

Farmers have reported cases of yellowing soybeans in patches of fields in recent weeks.

And, while much of it could be tied to outbreaks of root rot, phytophthora, soybean cyst nematodes or recent findings of Septoria brown spot on lower leaves, a new issue has emerged that can also result in leaf discoloration.

Carl Bradley, University of Kentucky plant pathologist, said isolated cases of red crown rot continue to move from the southern U.S. into parts of Illinois, southern Indiana and Missouri.

Red crown rot, which is caused by a soil-borne fungus, spread to an estimated 22 counties in Illinois last year, mostly in western and southwest Illinois. It causes chlorosis and necrosis of the leaves and a reddish coloration of the lower stem.

The tell-tale sign of red crown rot is the appearance of little, spherical

features on the soy plants.

“If you think you have this for the first time, it’s important to send plant samples to the University of Illinois lab,” Bradley told Illinois farmers at the field day. “It’s very important you know what you have in your field.”

Red crown rot can take down soybean plants and cause yield loss. But findings of the disease so far are generally limited to small portions of fields.

“We’ve got hot spots in fields,” Bradley said. “The good news is the fields affected are still yielding OK. The majority of fields are not affected.”

Seed treatments do provide some protection against red crown rot with at least one fungicide, Salstro, labeled for red crown rot in Illinois. So far, it appears the greatest risk for red crown rot is in later-planted and double-crop soybean fields, Bradley said.

Corn rootworms popping up

Farmers should also keep an eye

out for corn rootworms, according to Nick Seiter, U of I Extension field crop entomologist.

In general, rootworms aren’t a major problem in areas with wide-spread crop rotations. Seiter noted he could hardly trap any rootworms in the Orr Ag Center research fields.

However, there are areas with continuous corn, particularly in northern Illinois, experiencing significant rootworm outbreaks.

“There’s a very high chance if you’re in a (crop) rotation, you won’t have a major rootworm issue the next few years,” Seiter told farmers at the field day. “What’s concerning is when we find it and screen the insects, we find more with resistance to below-ground traits. So, if you have corn on corn, you’ll need an insecticide.”

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Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot No. Three (3) in said Block Fifteen (15), and running thence North to the Northwest corner of said Lot Three (3); thence North 4 degrees 30 minutes East to a point One hundred and Twenty-eight (128) feet North of the South line of said Block Fifteen (15); thence East to a point on the East line of said Lot Two (2) on the West line of Washington Street, One Hundred and Twenty-three and one-half (123 1/2) feet North of the Southeast corner of said Block Fifteen (15); thence South to the Southeast corner of Block Fifteen (15); and thence West on the North line of Commercial Street to the place of beginning; situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of MARY J. SPIVEY, deceased No. 2023PR58

Notice is given of the death of MARY J. SPIVEY. Letters of Office-Independent Executors were issued on July 17, 2023 to Stephanie J. Giertz, of 5212 Knoxville Rd., New Windsor, IL 61465, Steven P. Spivey of 5528 Knoxville Rd., New Windsor, IL 61465, and Teresa M. Mrocka of 4247 Sundance Mdws., Howell, MN 48843 as Independent Executors, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of DAVID L. ANDERSON, deceased No. 2023PR53

Notice is given of the death of DAVID L. ANDERSON. Letters of Office-Independent Executor were issued on July 11, 2023 to Laurie Schmidt, of 24 NE 3rd St., Galva, IL 61434, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF SHANNON M. PRICE and HEIDI J. PRICE

Case #2023AD12 Petitioners, To adopt REMI JO PRICE, a Minor

V UNKNOWN FATHER and ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, Respondent

PUBLICATION NOTICE ADOPTION

Take notice that a petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Henry, County, Illinois, Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, for the adoption of a child named Remi Jo Price. Now, therefore, unless you, and all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Henry County, Circuit Clerk's Office, Henry County Courthouse, in Cambridge, Illinois, on or before the 28th day of August, 2023, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

Dated: July 20, 2023 at Kewanee, Illinois. Barash & Everett, LLC

Attorneys for Petitioners Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys at Law 211 West Second Street Kewanee, IL 61443 Telephone: 309/852-5555 Fax: 309/853-8135 Published 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Vernon J. Vancil, Deceased No. 2023PR55

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Vernon J. Vancil. Letters of Office were issued on July 11, 2023, to Mark Vancil as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 22, 2024. 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 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/23

CLOVER TOWNSHIP FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

Statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the year beginning May 1, 2022, through April 30, 2023.

SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS EXPENDITURES

Cash Balance, May 1,2022	\$289,135.88
Cash Receipts, Schedule I Total	\$267,393.10
Cash Disbursements, Schedule II	\$556,528.98
Balance, April 30, 2023	\$247,600.13
April 30, 2023	\$308,928.85
SCHEDULE I	
Henry County Treasurer, Taxes	\$204,605.02
State of Illinois, replacement taxes	8,606.32
Deposit from Savings	20,000.00
Farmers State Bank, checking account interest	201.88
Farmers State Bank, Savings account interest	104.67
Farmers State Bank, C.D. interest	847.31
Firemen	54.00
Fire tax	3,040.90
Grant	19,542.00
Hazmat-reimbursement	1,592.00
Invenergy	3,000.00
Memorial	25.00
Rescue Van Sale	5,774.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$267,393.10
Cash Balance:	
Farmers State Bank, checking	\$121,344.98
Farmers State Bank, savings	\$75,726.88
Farmers State Bank, CD # 34203	\$101,005.65
Farmers State Bank, CD # 33955	\$10,851.34
TOTAL	\$308,928.85
SCHEDULE II	
ABC Fire Extinguisher Sales	280.70
American Express / Visa	5,071.04
Ameren Illinois	6,053.17
Alexis Fire Equip. repairs, parts & testing	8,843.22
Architects/Repairs/	

Maintenance	66,521.65
Bank Orion- loan payment	60,730.47
Barash & Everett, LLC attorneys' fees	1,895.75
Barman Seed	208.00
Berry, Mike	300.00
Blaine, Tim, trustee	500.00
Carlson, Harvey, trustee	400.00
Cowser, Larry	400.00
Deisel, Nicholas	792.78
Donation	150.00

Gabriel, Dan, mowing	340.00
Fuel	1,636.26
Henry County Advertiser, publications	372.20
I.A.F.P.D. dues	625.00
McDowell, Don Jr. stipend	650.00
MES, turnout gear and testing, SCBAS, maint	21,144.80
Misc-repairs	2,341.26
Motorola	240.00
Pest Control Service	949.13
Public Risk Underwriters, property insurance	8,667.00
Supreme Radio	4,755.62
Transfer to Savings	20,000.00
Tri County Ambulance	22,107.04
U of I - Caring Fund - memory of Jon Jordan	50.00
USPS, box rental and stamps	318.00
Vickery-accounting	50.00
Water	1,108.80
Woodhull Firemen	9,060.00
Woodhull Telephone	1,037.68
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$247,600.13

Tim Blain, Treasurer Subscribed and sworn to me the 3 day of August, 2023 Jerri Ann Bumphrey Notary Public Published 8/11/23

Ordinance No. 23/24-BA BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT WYOMING, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WYOMING, ILLINOIS:

It is hereby proposed to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Wyoming Public Library District, Wyoming, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, for the library purposes and objects hereinafter more particularly specified and which expenses and liabilities are to be paid and discharged from revenues anticipated by the District hereinafter set forth, to wit:

SECTION I. ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

a) General Fund:	
Taxes:	\$100,600.00
Interest, Fees & Misc.	\$4,350.00
Total:	\$104,950.00
b) Building & Maintenance Taxes:	\$13,500.00
c) Insurance:Taxes:	\$11,000.00
d) Social Security: Taxes:	\$5,000.00
Total Special Funds	\$29,500.00
Total Budget:	\$134,450.00

SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL LIBRARY PURPOSES:

a) Personnel Expenses: Salaries, etc:	\$66,000.00
b) Operating Expenses: Telephone:	\$1,300.00
Postage:	\$100.00
Professional Fees:	\$100.00
Legal Fees:	\$2,000.00
Travel:	\$350.00
Books & Ebooks	\$12,100.00
Supplies:	\$1,500.00
Public Relations	\$1,000.00
Programs:	\$1,800.00
Periodicals:	\$700.00
Videos:	\$2,000.00
RSA/OCLC:	\$3,700.00
Gifts:	\$400.00
Utilities:	\$5,000.00
Audio:	\$900.00
Miscellaneous	\$2,000.00
Contingencies	\$4,000.00
Total:	\$104,950.00

SECTION III APPROPRIATIONS FOR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PURPOSES:

Building & Equipment: Purchase &

Maintenance:	\$13,500.00
Total:	\$13,500.00

SECTION IV. APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES

Insurance:	\$6,500.00
Risk management and loss control	\$4,500.00
Total:	\$11,000.00

SECTION V. APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES:

Social Security & Medicare Taxes	\$5,000.00
Total:	\$5,000.00

SECTION VI.

That the Total Appropriations for the Wyoming Public Library District for Fiscal Year 2023/2024 is \$134,450.00, and that portion to be raised by Levy is \$130,100.00.

SECTION VII.

That the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby applies for a specific fund to be accumulated from the unexpended balance of the proceeds received from library taxes, said fund to be accumulated and set aside as a reserve for the purchase of sites and for construction and furnishing of buildings, or remodeling and improvement of existing buildings and to furnish necessary equipment for said buildings, for library purposes in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/35-5(b) or may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/30-95 & 15/30-35.

SECTION VIII.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by Law. PASSED by roll call this 1st day of August, 2023. AYES:4 NAYS:0 ABSENT:3 Approved this 1st day of August, 2023.

Marsha Goodwin President, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District Attested and filed this 1st day of August, 2023.

Lynne Knobloch Secretary, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK,)

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, in the County of Stark and the State of Illinois, does hereby certify that the attached and foregoing 23/24- Wyoming Public Library District Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is a true and accurate copy of said Ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District on the 1st day of August, 2023, after a Public Hearing held thereon.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof and that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having

voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, at Wyoming, Illinois. Dated this 1st day of August, 2023.

Lynne Knobloch (CORPORATE SEAL) Secretary, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District

CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATED REVENUES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK,)

The undersigned Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby certifies that the revenues, by source, shown for each fund of the District in the foregoing Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance 23/24-____, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, are the revenues anticipated for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Dated this 1st day of August, 2023.

Susan Howard Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer Wyoming Public Library District Published 8/11/23

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 23-BM

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 BE IT ORDAINED, that the Wyoming Public Library District of the County of Stark, State of Illinois, shall levy a tax of .02 percent 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 resolution, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Wyoming Public Library District. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Wyoming, Illinois this 1st day of August, 2023 to be effective immediately upon posting.

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 138.

2. The petition must be filed on or before September 12, 2023.

3. The referendum would be held March 19, 2024.

Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District c/o Wyoming Public Library District 119 North Seventh Street Wyoming, IL 61491 Published 8/11/23

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 1, 2023, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as SMICE CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS located at 575 State Route 91, Princeville, IL 61559

Dated August 1, 2023. /S/ Heather Hollis County Clerk No. 2023ASN-11744 Published 8/4, 8/11, 8/18/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of MICHAEL J. TARLETON, deceased No. 2023PR56

Notice is given of the death of MICHAEL J. TARLETON. Letters of Office-Independent Administrator were issued on July 11, 2023 to Debra L. Tarleton, of 302 NE 4th St., Galva, IL 61434, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 7/28, 8/4, 8/11/23

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING UNDER THE GALVA ZONING ORDINANCE NO. 668

Notice is hereby given that an application has been made to the Galva Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois by Baptist Foundation of Illinois to allow for a

special use permit for the following described property. The property affected by the application for the said permit request under the zoning Ordinance of the City of Galva as follows:

LTS 10 & 11 SUB OF BLK 44 ORIGINAL TOWN CITY OF GALVA [TIF]

Common address: 204 Front St., Galva, IL 61434

The purpose of this request is to allow for a special use permit to allow for a consignment shop with living quarters on the first floor.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said application for a Special Use Permit will be held before the Galva Planning Commission of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois at the hour of 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday August 30th, 2023 at the City Administration Building at which time and place any interested party may appear to be heard on this application for a special use permit under the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

Chad Morse Secretary of the Planning Commission of the City of Galva, Illinois Published 8/11/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF DIANA L. MURPHY, Deceased No. 2023PR59

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Diana L. Murphy. Letters of Office were issued on August 2, 2023, to Lacey Nordeen as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 12, 2024. 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 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois, that the Budget for said School District for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2023, is on file beginning August 12, 2023 and is conveniently available for public inspection at the Unit Office, 115 High Street, Bradford, Illinois.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 26th day of September 2023, at the Grade School, 345 Silver St., Bradford, Illinois. Dated this 1st day of August, 2023.

By: Jessica Peterson, Board Secretary SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN me, a Notary Public, on the 1st day of August, 2023. Notary Public Stark County, Illinois. My commission expires: 05-27-2024 Andrea Scott Published 8/11/23

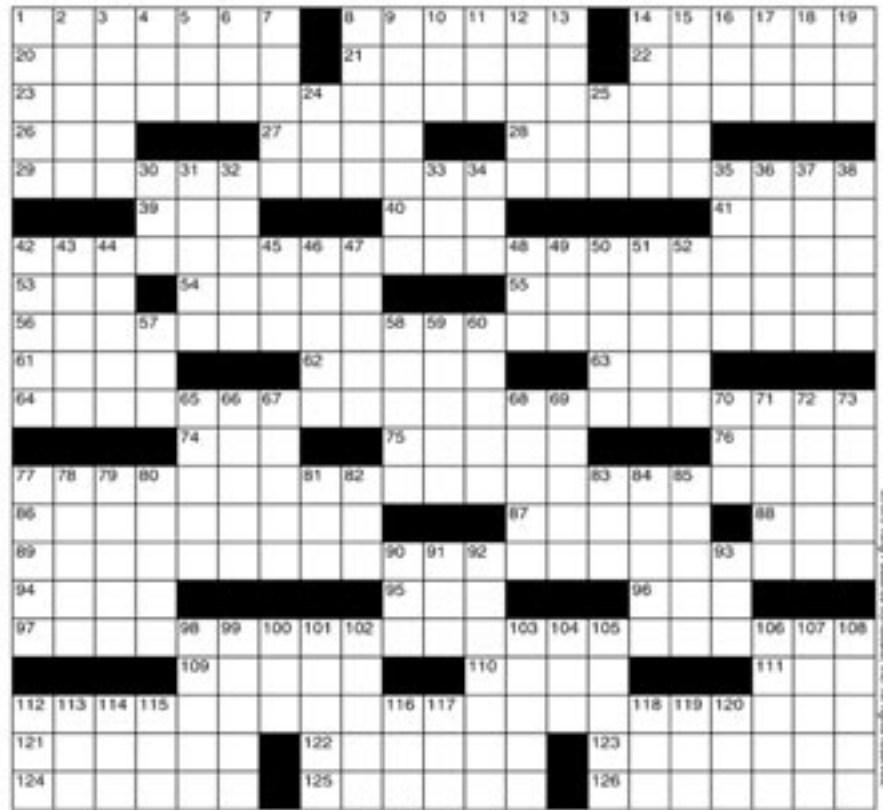
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Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword

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- ACROSS 1 Upside-down-sleeping mammal 8 Economizes to a fault 14 Untrustworthy sort 20 One way to serve apple pie 21 Very solitary sort 22 Monkey (with) 23 Frigid-weather readings 26 Military missions, in brief 27 Old Ford div. 28 Tennis great Chris 29 Classic Coca-Cola slogan 39 "Son of," in Arabic names 40 Thurman of "Kill Bill" films 41 Volcanic flow 42 Watershed draining dozens of U.S. states 53 Busy crawler 54 Make sport of 55 Cocktail party 56 School in England's East Midlands 61 The Emerald Isle 62 Play -- in (contribute to) 63 Heap 64 Graduate student's position that might include conducting experiments 74 "Give -- ring" 75 Plantain lily, familiarly 76 Actress Ward of "Sisters" 77 Polite cut-in words 86 Drains of color 87 Heaps 88 Tulsa-to-Topeka dir. 89 Metropolises, e.g. 94 Climb 95 -- pro nobis 96 Flight guess, in brief 97 "In time the reason shall be made 109 Furnish with new weapons 110 Roman emperor 111 Kung -- chicken 112 "The Magic Flute" composer 121 Stylish filmmaker 122 Made giggle 123 Active, as a law 124 Out of sight 125 San Fran football team 126 Music scorer 17 Mo. in spring 18 Final letter 19 Hosp. triage sites 24 Riddle-me -- 25 KO counter 30 Some sorority letters 31 Grab -- (eat quickly) 32 AI who won four Indy 500s 33 French buddy 34 Driveway-topping goo 35 Stingy hits 36 Lays into 37 Something to RSVP to online 38 More stable 42 Longtime Twins catcher Joe 43 Navel type 44 Swizzles 45 Airline to Oslo 46 Basketball -- Thomas 47 2014 Wimbledon winner 48 Sickly 49 Compete (for) 50 "Don't Cry for Me Argentina" musical 51 Military mission, in brief 52 Spinner of "Star Trek" films 57 Neckline shape 58 Dinosaur in Nintendo games 59 Actress Kaitlin 60 Singer with the 2007 hit "1234" 65 Whac -- (reflex-testing game) 66 Of kidneys 67 Styly spiteful 68 Engraved stone pillar 69 Divining card 70 Old JFK jet 71 "Die Lorelei" poet Heinrich 72 Actress Massey 73 Window segments 77 Baseballer Martinez 78 Stayed home for a meal 79 Washer cycle 80 Gave two pills to, say 81 Cool, in jive talk 82 That, in Peru 83 Singer Carly -- Jepsen 84 A cow miker lugs on it 85 H.S. juniors' exams 90 Campaigning pro 91 Net address 92 Wash clothes 93 Untrustworthy sort 98 Have a spat 99 Pine (for) 100 "Can Cook" (old culinary show) 101 Brain, for one game 102 Food taste associated with MSG 103 Must have 104 Actress Joanne 105 Red lab dye 106 Divided 107 Drug dealer 108 Overly fond sort 112 Baby's cry 113 Yes, to Gigi 114 British "inc." 115 Govt. agent 116 Of city govt. 117 Enzyme suffix 118 L-P center 119 Frequently, to poets 120 Suffix meaning "animals"



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Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle. A 9x9 grid with numbers 7, 4, 3, 9, 1, 5, 4, 5, 9, 8, 2, 8, 3, 1, 2, 6, 4, 3, 9, 7, 8, 5, 5, 6, 1, 2, 3, 7. Includes difficulty level: Moderate, Challenging, HOO BOY!

Trivia test by Fili Rodriguez. 10 questions about animals, movies, geography, television, food & drink, U.S. states, chemistry, mythology, literature, and music. Includes answers at the bottom.

Answers on Page 3 CryptoQuote AXYLBAAXR 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. XF XO SJJZ FJ INRD NW DWZ FJ HJVUWDB FJQNUZ. LVF XF XO FID HJVUWDB FINF ENFFDUO. -- VUOVAN M. AD SVXW

TOP 10 MOVIES 1. Barbie (PG-13) 2. Oppenheimer (R) 3. Haunted Mansion (PG13) 4. Sound of Freedom (PG13) 5. Mission: Impossible -- Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13) 6. Talk to Me (R) 7. Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13) 8. Elemental (PG) 9. Insidious: The Red Door (PG-13) 10. Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse (PG)



CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon, LaFayette & West Jersey United Methodist Church

Rev. Pablo Marty
229 W. Main St., PO Box 538, Toulon, IL 61483
(217)425-5707
Sunday Worship: LaFayette - 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday
(Pastor), 2nd & 4th Sunday (Lay Speaker);
West Jersey 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday (Lay Speaker), 2nd & 4th
Sunday (Pastor); Toulon Sunday School: 9:15 a.m., All Ages.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 am
Check us out on Facebook @ Toulon United Methodist Church

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen
7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483
(309) 896-3481
Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fcctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones
211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434
(309) 932-3733
Service Time 10 a.m.

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Sunday School: 10:00, All ages
Sunday Worship: 11:00
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204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491
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First Congregational UCC of Wyoming, Illinois

Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon
(309) 286-4611
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com
www.ToulonBaptist.com
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St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491
threesaints.org

Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL
Casual, family friendly
Rev. Katie Gallagher
Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)
Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Worship
Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2460
preachinghope@gmail.com
galvafirst@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:00

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.
309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

The Oaks Community Church

1868 Congregational Road, Dahinda, IL
(309) 879-2042
Pastor Marty Briney and Pastor Dean Lane
Worship Service 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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OBITUARIES

Mary Allen

KNOXVILLE – Mary Allen, 78, of Knoxville died July 26, 2023, at her home.

She was born on Aug. 9, 1944, in Victoria, the daughter of Clarence and Jeannett (Lapham) Allen.

She attended grade school in Stark County and graduated from Toulon High School. She received her bachelor's degree in education from the Illinois State University.

Surviving is a sister, Florence Emma Allen; niece Kelly (Weed) Sedwick; and a great-nephew, Dammion (Brianna) Sedwick.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Nancy Allen; sister and brother-in-law, Betty (Ray) Peeler; and a brother and sister-in-law, Keith (Carolyn) Allen.

A memorial service was Aug. 9. Condolences can be left online at hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com.

Thomas E. Dehler

GALVA – Thomas E. "Tom" Dehler, 69, of Galesburg, formerly of Galva, died Aug. 6, 2023, at his home.

Funeral services were to be held at 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 10, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Cremation was accorded following the services and private inurnment will be held at Galva Cemetery at a later date.

He was born April 25, 1954, in Moline, the son of Harold and Elsie (Tarrant) Dehler. He married Connie Freed on Nov. 27, 1982, at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva.

Survivors include his wife of Galesburg; his children, Geoffrey (Nicole) Dehler of Mahomet, Nikki (Andy) Lanxon of Sheffield and Whitney (Nick) Hanlon of Dunlap; his siblings, Fred (Brenda) Dehler of Bishop Hill and Marcia (Steve) Johnson of Galesburg; a sister-in-law, Becky (Tim) VanDeVelde of Dahinda; his seven grandchildren, Morgan, Caleb and Lydia Dehler, Owen Lanxon and Brooks, Caden and Cameron Hanlon; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Tom grew up in Galva and graduated from Galva High School and attended Illinois State University.

Donald D. Dowell Jr.

KEWANEE – Donald D. Dowell Jr., 75, of Kewanee, died July 31, 2023, at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Monday, Aug. 14, at Galva Cemetery. Military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers.

He was born Oct. 3, 1947, in Kewanee, the son of Donald and Phyllis (Workheiser) Dowell Sr. He married Blanca E. "Stella" Interrial on Feb. 10, 1973, in Galva and she preceded him in death on July 10, 2023.

Survivors include his son, Alexander (Erin) Dowell of Orion; a brother, Daniel (Delaura) Dowell of House Springs, Mo.; three sisters, Donna Fuller of Florida, Sandra (Joseph) Kimbrough of Galesburg and

Patti Estes of Kewanee; and three grandchildren, Hannah, Hayley and Alexander II.

He was preceded in death by his father, Donald D. Dowell Sr., his mother, Phyllis Camey and four children in infancy.

Diana L. Witte

KEWANEE – Diana L. "Dee" Witte, 64, of Kewanee died July 25, 2023, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington.

Private services will be held at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Linnea Gustafson officiating. There will be a Celebration of Life starting at noon on Saturday, Aug. 19, at Catalapa Grove in Toulon.

She was born July 21, 1959, in Elkhorn, Wis., the daughter of Gary and Vivian (Way) Krause. She married Carl W. Witte on June 17, 1978, in Kewanee.

Survivors include her mother of Toulon; her husband of Kewanee; her two daughters, Mandy (Josh) Leezer of Kewanee and Emily Witte of Madison, Wis.; two brothers, Gary (Machele) Krause of Princeville and Bob Krause of Kewanee; a sister, Janine (Kenny) Streitmatter of Toulon; her two grandchildren, Kaiden and Raylei Leezer; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, a sister, Karen Roberts, and a brother, Michael Krause.



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OSA: 'Some of just got here earlier than others'

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Amanda. Pete and Amanda were married. They had a large family and were poor. Some of the sons made their way north harvesting crops as a way to earn money. One of these sons was my father, Franklin Wilbur Dunn.

Frank Dunn and Mildred Tjaden married. Frank only had a 5th-grade education, but he was smart. He worked several years for George Roberts and for Joe Colgan at the John Deere company in Wyoming. He then went down to Caterpillar and retired from there. He could fix an engine, do woodworking or anything else he set his mind to do.

Mildred canned our food and made our clothes from chicken-feed sacks. She crocheted and did all the things that women did at that time. Mom would kill a chicken every Saturday and we had fried chicken for dinner every Sunday after church.

Mom and Dad started their family in 1932. Franklin Wilbur Jr. was first born. We called him Frankie and he went to Jefferson School and graduated from Wyoming High School. He started working at Caterpillar, but was drafted and served in the Army, in Alaska. After the Army, he returned to Caterpillar where he retired from. Later he married Betty LaHa. He passed away in 2008.

Alice Ellen came next. We always called her Sis. Sis also went to Jefferson School and graduated from



Shown are some of the high school memorabilia on display from Toulon, Wyoming, LaFayette and Bradford high schools. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Wyoming High School. She married Ralph Town and they had four daughters Beverly, Christine, Jayne and Sandra. She got her nursing degree and did home care for many years. She passed away in 1992.

Elsie Marie was next and she went to Sandham School then graduated from Wyoming High. She married Phil Leon and had three sons, Terry, Jonathan and Matthew. Elsie was a top selling realtor in Kewanee for many years. She is retired and lives in Kewanee.

Margaret Faye is next and that is me. Lastly, our brother George Kenneth came next. We called him Georgie-Porgie a lot, just for fun. George followed Elsie and me to Sandham and graduated from Wyoming High. He married Eleanor Ehnle and they had a son Kenneth and daughter Kim. George was a wood pattern maker at Caterpillar for over 30 years. He and Eleanor live in Peoria. My dad passed in 1992 and Mom in 1995. That's my side of our story. Now I will get to the

married Clarence in 1916 and they started a family. At some point they came to the Toulon area. They had 11 children. I married number nine, Nupe. His real name was Clifford Eugene Cantwell.

I am a very lucky and blessed person. I am 81-years-old and have most of my wonderful family nearby. I am a 26-year survivor of two bouts with ovarian cancer. I am the librarian for the Stark County Genealogical Society and hope to stay there until they lock the door and take away my key. I am a granddaughter, daughter, sister, wife, mother grandmother and great-grandmother. And I did it all right here in Stark County. It's been a good time. Thanks for listening.

Toulon connection.

James Cantwell was in 1876 and from Tennessee. That's all I know of him. James descended down through Reuben, Adolphus and Thomas Henry Benten Cantwell. Thomas Henry married Ona Elizabeth Walser, in West Salem, Ill. The Walsers were from Switzerland. Thomas and Ona had six children. Two sons Marion and Clarence came to Henry and Stark Counties. Marion married Opal Sweat who was from West Jersey and lived in Kewanee.

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Margaret Cantwell's OSA speech a highlight of Old Settlers'

By MARGARET CANTWELL

For The Prairie News

Editor's note: This is a condensed version of OSA Badge honoree Margaret Cantwell's speech during the Old Settlers' festival.

TOULON – Good morning. Before we get started, I want to thank everyone for their good wishes and congratulations for this honor. Thank you to the OSA for choosing me and to my family for helping and supporting me. It is an honor to be here today.

This has been quite a weekend. When I agreed to do this, I thought that this sounds a lot like Disney. You remember Cinderella and her godmother? How Cinderella got to ride in a golden coach pulled by six big beautiful horses?

Well, Connie said that wasn't going to happen. First, my golden coach wouldn't even be ripe until sometime in October and the six beautiful horses, well they got into the D-Con and they are just six little stinkers now.

Connie said that I could talk about anything I wanted to up here, so I think I will talk about my family. You know we talk about someone being a native of Toulon or Wyoming or someplace. Well, we all came from someplace else. Some of us just got here earlier than others.

The first ones of my family who I know of who came to Stark County were the Merna family. George and Mary Wild Merna came to America from England in 1852 with their four children – Alice, George, Betsy and Washington. They landed in Massachusetts and stayed there for a short time, then settled in Clinton, Iowa.

The father George died



Margaret Cantwell addresses the OSA crowd during her Badge Honoree speech. Photo by John A. Ballentine.



The Toulon-LaFayette Class of 1973 on their float celebrating 50 years after graduation. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

there in 1859. Son George joined the Army. He was in Company E 13th Regiment Iowa Volunteers. They were part of the famous Crocker's Brigade in the Civil War.

After the war, the family moved to Stark County. By 1871 George married a Civil War widow named Mary Francis Bateman Dixon who had two small sons. George and Mary Francis had five children of their own. The fifth child, Alice Merna, was my grandmother.

In 1892 a lady named Theda Jeanette Tjaden arrived in Baltimore with her two children. Rudolph was 10 and daughter Jeanette was four. Theda and the children stayed with family in Golden, Ill., for a short time then moved to the

Peoria area where Rudolph grew up. In 1908, Rudolph met and married Merna. In 1912 they had a daughter named Mildred Jeanette. She was my mother.

Mildred grew up on a small farm south of Castleton. She played the violin and "Greensleeves" was her favorite song. But her real love was her animals. In 1926 when she was 14-years-old, she joined 4H, so her parents bought her two Aberdeen Angus calves she named Dick and Tom. The next summer Mildred showed the calves at the LaFayette Fair. Dick won a blue ribbon.

In 1927 Mildred was the first female to win first place in livestock in Stark County. Mildred attended the one-room Jefferson School and graduated from



The OSA Queens are (left to right): OSA Ambassador Charlotte Stoops, Junior Miss Piper Tyree, Miss Teen Lily Leach, Mini Miss Emma Newell and Little Miss Evangeline Kuster. These queens were crowned Friday evening during the OSA Pageant. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Wyoming High School in 1931.

The Fudge family (like the candy) had settled in the colonies in British Colonial America. They migrated to South Carolina and then to Missouri.

Elisha Omesimus and wife Mariah Louisa McNeil Fudge had a daughter Nancy in 1954 in Dent County, Mo. Nancy married John Dunn from Kentucky and they had a son, Burlo Nesnus Dunn. They called him Pete.

A man named John Lockmiller, who was supposedly half Indian, and wife Elizabeth had a

daughter Mary Ann. She married Leander Brown and they had a daughter, *Continued on Page 11*

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