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## Californian finding a home teaching in Stark County schools

By **LISA KENNEDY**  
and **HENRY WHITEHEAD**  
Rural Schools Collaborative

In most rural schools, the teaching and administration team are largely composed of people born and raised in and around the area, drawn together by their love for the communities in which they were raised. These educators often attended regional universities, left the area for work, but returned and now have sunk roots into home ground.

Transplant teachers, for myriad reasons, are often transient, working in unfamiliar rural schools for a year or two before moving on. Sophia Elswick, however, is setting out to buck that trend.

A product of an urban high school in San Diego, Calif., Sophia's first in-



**Elswick**

roduction to rurality came when she continued a family legacy of attending Knox College, located in Galesburg. Once there, she participated in the nascent Rural Teacher Corps program at Knox College. Established in 2023 as part of Rural Schools Collaborative's Catalyst Initiative Grant, a rural teacher corps is a dedicated and intentional effort to prepare aspiring educators to thrive in rural classrooms.

Sophia's experience in the pro-

gram inspired her to put down roots in a rural community as a first-year music teacher at Stark County High School. Sophia says she has found community in the students, staff and families at the school in Toulon.

"Oh my gosh, I hit the jackpot with my first position because the person who had been there for 30 years is one of my mentors," Sophia says of mentor Angie Roark. "She's showing me the ropes of how to do all the

myriad different things that you have to do as a music teacher because I direct both the bands and the choirs."

At Knox College, Sophia was drawn to the concept of teaching the whole child, emphasizing the importance of instilling values and life skills alongside academic knowledge.

"I believe very strongly that in education, I am teaching them music and yes, I am teaching

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### ECLIPSE UPDATE

## Eclipse ahead

Travel needed to see totality of solar eclipse

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Weekly Post

While totality will be limited to parts of southern Illinois, local residents can still witness a unique experience during the solar eclipse on Monday, April 8.

For those not traveling to see the moon block the sun for several minutes, a partial eclipse is expected in central Illinois with totality of about 94%. That's more than during the 2017 eclipse and experts say it will be greater than any partial eclipse in the contiguous U.S. between now and Aug. 20, 2044, date of the next total eclipse.

The partial eclipse is expected to start at 12:47 p.m. in the Peoria



Students in Carbondale watch the 2017 solar eclipse. Carbondale will again be a hotspot for Monday's solar eclipse, since it is in the path of totality. Photo courtesy of Enjoy Illinois.

area and last until 3:18. Maximum sun coverage should occur at 2:03 p.m. During the partial eclipse, the sky will be dimmer, temperature will drop and winds should decrease. Cloud cover can obscure the viewing experience.

Prime viewing in Illinois is in Carbondale, which is in the center of the path of totality and will see an estimated 4 minutes and 9 sec-

onds of complete sunlight blockage. In all, the path of totality will be visible over 128 miles of the state.

Safe viewing of the eclipse can only be done with safe solar glasses or viewing devices. Regular sunglasses are not safe. Some local libraries offer loans of solar glasses for patrons to watch the unique celestial occurrence.

## Under review

Illinois prison review board under fire

By **COLE LONGCOR**  
Capitol News Illinois

After two members of the state's Prisoner Review Board resigned last week following the release of a prisoner who then stabbed his ex-girlfriend and killed her son, Republicans are again calling for reforms while Gov. JB Pritzker says he will order better training.

The PRB voted in February to release Crosetti Brand after it found there was not enough evidence that he violated his parole pertaining to a previous domestic violence charge. Brand was in prison while authorities investigated a claim that he'd violated an order of protection against his ex-girlfriend, Lateria Smith, by threatening her in January.

One day after his March 12 release from Stateville Correctional Center under

the board's direction, Brand attacked Smith, stabbing her and killing her 11-year-old son Jayden Perkins when he tried to intervene.

"Many areas of our criminal justice system failed Miss Smith and Jayden," Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, said Tuesday. "For years we have called for serious overhaul of the PRB. And today we are taking a step forward in that process and introducing reforms that will put victims first, take politics out of the appointment process and hold the board accountable for decisions."

The governor's office announced the resignation of PRB member LeAnn Miller who conducted Brand's hearing, and PRB chair Donald Shelton on March 25. Pritzker on

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# TEACHER: Was student teacher in Galva schools

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 them band, but first and foremost, I'm teaching them how to be good people who can participate in society and be successful later on," she says.

While student teaching in the Galva School District and now in her first full-time position, Sophia discovered that this foundation to her approach was a natural fit for teaching in rural communities, where the connection between education and community is particularly profound.

Her experience at Knox College exposed her to diverse educational backgrounds, broadening her understanding of the complexities of rural education.

"One of the big themes in all of my educational studies classes was how do we teach the whole child?" Sophia recalls. "How do we create a learning environment that is productive and leads to better successes?"

This holistic perspective equipped her to navigate the challenges and nuances of rural schools with em-



Sophia Elswick and a large number of her high school band and choir students at Stark County High School.

pathy and insight. Transitioning from her urban upbringing to rural Illinois, Sophia encountered stark differences in educational settings. She vividly recalls her initial observations in a rural high school, where she was confronted with adversity previously unfamiliar to her.

These ranged from a lack of resources, such as musical instruments, time to play them, or availability of out-of-school tutors, to more serious adverse childhood experiences.

Despite these challenges, she was deeply moved by the resilience and potential of her students, and is motivated to be a consistent figure in the lives of these students.

Similarly, Sophia found invaluable support and guidance from veteran educators within the district. Support has been both practical, such as how to set up field trips, and more personal, offering guidance on how to set ex-

pectations and manage behavior in a musical classroom environment.

This has extended to the unfamiliar of teaching elementary students, which Sophia currently is doing as the district works to hire an elementary music teacher. Mentorship from experienced teachers is essential both to the development of emergent educators, as well as establishing professional relationships and communities that increase retention of rural educators.

Sophia's commitment to her students and the Toulon community is new but unwavering. Rejecting the notion of rural schools as mere stepping stones in a teaching career, she recognizes the outsized impact of teacher longevity on rural students.

"The plan was not to start teaching in January, but I got reached out to by Stark County High School ... I was going to be able to teach with two retired music teachers who are

awesome and have been really awesome mentors," Sophia says.

Sophia began teaching a few days a week under a sub license, until graduating and going full-time in March 2024. Her decision to embrace being a rural educator stems from her love for her students and their community.


In her role as a music teacher, Sophia now gets to put into practice her desire to develop musical skills while also fostering a sense of belonging and pride in her students. She celebrates the unique assets of rural communities, from their rich history to their tight-knit social fabric.


"I love the parades and I love the history and I love the food out here ... I think this is where I need to be," she says.


Her dedication to her students extends beyond the classroom, as she embraces the warmth and hospitality of rural life; she was recently invited to a student's family farm, where she got to meet cattle and harvest corn.

"They've made me cry twice now because I was so proud of them and proud of their performances," Sophia says. "It fills my heart with joy that I'm able to help provide and be the teacher who cares that much about them and can help guide them in that way."

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

**3-24** - Matthew A. Senders - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

**3-29** - Cheryl L. Himlin - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

**3-29** - Dylan T. Collins - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

**3-21** - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 north of County Road 900E. Drivers involved were Mia S.K. Hamilton, 18, Wyoming, and a 16-year-old rural Wyoming teen.

According to the report, Hamilton said she was driving behind a Chevrolet pickup truck when a large group of deer appeared in the roadway. Hamilton struck the rear end of the truck when both drivers reacted to trying to avoid hitting the animals.

No injuries were reported but Hamilton's vehicle had to be towed from the scene due to severe damage to the front end of her 2001 Ford van. No tickets were issued.

**3-27** - A harassment/threats complaint was reported to authorities from a Toulon resident in the 500 block of S. Newman St.

**3-30** - John P. Groter, of rural Wyoming, reported criminal damage to property after he discovered evidence of damage to his vehicle. The incident remains under investigation.

**3-30** - The Stark County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the 400 block of Jefferson and Union streets in Toulon after a resident advised of a possible dog attack involving a pedestrian walking through the area. The dog reportedly was injured in the incident and was transported by a deputy to the Wyoming Veterinary's office where it was euthanized. The incident remains under investigation.

### Galva Report

#### Officer dispatched:

**3-25** - to 600 block of S. Center Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was captured and later returned to its owner.

**3-25** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up call. It was determined the subject was having a mental-health crisis.

**3-26** - Officer met with a resident at the Galva Police Department to give them a freedom of information form.

**3-26** - to help a citizen at the Galva Police Department after the subject missed a court date for a traffic offense. Officer assisted him with making a phone call to get the date rescheduled.

**3-26** - to assist the ambulance with an unresponsive patient in the 00 block of SW 4th Ave.

**3-26** - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a criminal damage to property complaint.

**3-26** - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

**3-26** - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a criminal damage to property complaint.

**3-26** - to the 00 block of NE 1st Ave. for a welfare check on a suicidal subject. As the result, Rochelle Owens, 34, Chicago, was arrested for a Wisconsin probation violation warrant. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.

**3-26** - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a loud-vehicle complaint.

**3-26** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St.



for a domestic disturbance. A subject was given a written banning letter and removed from the property.

**3-26** - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a juvenile having homicidal thoughts and refusing to return home. The juvenile was transported to the Galva Police Department to meet a crisis worker and then transported by ambulance for evaluation/treatment.

**3-27** - to the 00 block of NE 5th Ave. to assist an elderly citizen who needed minor help with an electronic device that wasn't working.

**3-27** - As the result of a traffic complaint in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., Brandi York, 29, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle displaying expired registration. She was released with a court date.

**3-27** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a complaint of a banned subject who forced entry into an apartment. This remains under investigation.

**3-27** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to assist Illinois DCFS.

**3-28** - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for several 911 hang-up complaints. It was determined to be a call about a carbon monoxide detector going off. The fire department was contacted to investigate.

**3-28** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a welfare check on a juvenile. The juvenile was located and was taken home to a custodial parent.

**3-29** - While patrolling, the officer saw a solicitor going door-to-door in the 500 and 600 block of NW 5th St. As the result, Zachary Komorowski, 24, Green Bay, Wis., was issued an administrative warning ticket for soliciting without a permit.

**3-29** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a civil-property dispute.

**3-29** - While patrolling, the officer observed young children playing close to the roadway in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.. Officer spoke to a parent and warned them to keep the children further away from the roadway.

**3-30** - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a complaint involving a neighbor's dog that attacked another dog. The victim dog was transported to an emergency vet clinic and the other dog owner agreed to pay any fees incurred.

**3-30** - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a missing 6-year-old juvenile. The juvenile was found inside a parked car at a neighbor's house.

**3-30** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 open line complaint. It was determined to be a mental-health crisis.

**3-30** - Scott Apodaca, 60, Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

**3-31** - to the 300 block of County Highway 5 for a reckless driving complaint. A subject was reportedly "mudding in the ditch." A report was written and forwarded to the state's attorney for possible charges.

**3-31** - Shauna Gallardo, 54, Atkinson, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

### Property Transfers

**3-20** - K&K Limited Partnership to Matthew David Kieser - Pt. Sect. 8-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$59,520.

**3-20** - K&K Limited Partnership to Greater Valley Farms, LLC - Pt. Sect. 16-12-7 SW and SE - 14543 Township Rd. 300 N, Wyoming - Consideration = \$514,400.

**3-22** - Marvin D. Smith, Jr. to David A. Smith, Jr. - Castleton Block 2 lots 1 and 2 - 9925 N. Castleton Rd., Castleton - Consideration = \$0.

**3-25** - V. Gail Maher, Joni L. Carter Oberlander and Janet L. Quiring to Jacob E. Rewerts - Pt Sect. 10-13-7 SE SW and Pt Sect. 15-13-7 NW - Consideration = \$1,929,816.

**3-25** - V. Gail Maher, Joni L. Carter Oberlander and Janet L. Quiring to Cynthia M. and Dale K. Jackson, Trustees - Pt Sect. 3-13-6 NE - Consideration = \$0.

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**3-25** - Rachel A. Kieser to K&K Limited Partnership - Pt Sect. 11-14-6 SE - Consideration = \$0.

**3-25** - V. Gail Maher, Joni L. Carter Oberlander and Janet L. Quiring to Benjamin O. and Kathryn E. Endress - Pt Sect. 12-13-6 NW and SW and Pt Sect. 13-13-6 NE - Consideration = \$1,976,676.

**3-25** - Barbara J. and David K. Klumpp to Andrew D. and Rachel D. Klumpp - Pt Sect. 15-13-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.

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**3-25** - Ronald L. Baer to Barbara J. and David K. Klumpp - Und 1/2 Int Pt Sect. 21-13-7 NE - Consideration = \$0.

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**3-25** - Annette Atkins, Michael Goforth, Melinda Grier, Co- Executors and Jannie J. Lucas, Estate to Shelly Despain - Vg of Bradford Pt Blocks 21 and 30 - 221 Arbor St., Bradford - Consideration = \$60,000.

**3-26** - Shannon Westphal to Kayla Lynn Ann Powell - Pt Sect. 35-13-6 SE - 408 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$95,000.

**3-28** - Rumbold Valley Farms, Inc. to David L. Rumbold (Und 66.66%) and Julie L. Tuebel (Und 33.34%) - Pt Sect. 12-12-7 NW - 17360 Township Rd. 500 N, Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

**3-28** - Rumbold & Kuhn Incorporated to Brice L. (Und 43%) and Julie L. (Und 57%) Tuebel - Pt Und 66.66% Int Sect. 12-12-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.

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### CryptoQuote

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I'm more worried about being a good person than being the best football player in the world.

- Lionel Messi

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At the evening sort they pulled any cow who even remotely looked or acted as though she might calve in the next couple days. We have space for 10 or 12 cows under cover and it was a full house that night. We felt ready for this storm. Ha!



Jeanne **HARLAND**

Mother Nature often scoffs at the hubris of mortals. All had been quiet during AJ’s late-night check of the herd, but morning presented a very different story. He and Matt discovered that not one, but two cows had had calves in the west lot. These were cows still in the “least likely to calve” group.

But not only did they have calves, they had them in a nine-square-yard piece of real estate about as far from the barns as they could be. There was another problem, as if the steady rain wasn’t enough. The men could find only one calf. Both cows claimed it. Zealously.

Standing in a downpour does nothing to improve one’s reasoning ability, but Matt and AJ quickly concluded that the sodden little black-white-faced calf the two cows were licking surely must belong to the gray-white-faced mama. So Matt got the calf mover and they headed for the barn, both cows keenly following the beloved baby.

Once they had the proper pair in a pen, they secured the very disgruntled and befuddled other cow in the box stall and hastened back out into the rain to search for the missing calf.

The two of them walked every foot of every lot together, then separately. Matt even climbed the fence into the neighbor’s field and searched there. Completely mystified and now discouraged, they refocused their attention to getting the morning’s chores

done and setting out bales of corn-stalk bedding for those cows and calves in the pastures.

AJ got into the tractor, picked up the first bale and headed down the lane to the little pasture. Matt finished securing gates. Both men were devastated to think there was a newborn calf out there somewhere without a mom, in the pouring rain. It was demoralizing, frustrating, and just plain sad. But they needed to care for the rest of the herd.

Matt got into the RTV and headed down the lane that runs along the south edge of the lots, then makes a sharp turn south down to the little pasture. By this time AJ had divested himself of the first bale and was headed back up to get another. He stopped in the turn to allow Matt to go by him.

But instead, Matt suddenly stopped the RTV, leapt out, ran to the tractor and shouted up to AJ, “I think there’s a calf under the spreader!”

From his seat in the RTV, Matt now had a different angle. That plus his keen eyesight allowed him to see the black calf lying in black mud. He was over the gates and back into the muddy lot in two steps. He feared the worst, given the inhospitable conditions.

With great difficulty, but a much lighter heart once he saw the bewildered calf blink, Matt was finally able to extricate the big bull calf from beneath the old manure spreader, parked there in hopes of eventual repair. It had slowly settled into the dirt, now mud.

There wasn’t much clearance underneath it and how that calf got under there so completely that it disappeared from sight is still a mystery. It never occurred to either man to look under there because it doesn’t look like a calf could fit. And it barely did. (I later measured the space: 13 inches.)

We theorized that the cow licked her calf so vigorously on the muddy ground that she inadvertently slid it under the spreader, out of sight and out of reach. Meanwhile, the other cow birthed a baby and Mom 1 thought that was hers, since she knew she had one and that was the only calf visible.

Again, standing in a downpour does nothing to improve one’s ability to think clearly.

Having tugged the calf out and into the rain, Matt hoisted it up and

headed for the barn. Matt is tall, strong and young. I’ve seen him sling a 50-pound bag of feed up onto each shoulder and stride nonchalantly across the feed lot. But this calf was an armload, even for him.

He positioned the calf near its mom and bedded the stall with fresh straw. The cow was still convinced that the other calf was hers, however. AJ and Matt patiently worked with her to get the calf to nurse, and soon enough they bonded and all was well.

While we will never fully solve “The Mystery of the Missing Calf,” we can rejoice that it had a happy ending. And we can feel satisfied that we do our best to take care of these cows and calves, even in challenging conditions.

### ONE POT LASAGNA PASTA

#### Ingredients

- 1 pound ground beef (93% lean or leaner)
- 1 medium zucchini, chopped (about 1-1/2 cups)
- 1 jar (24 to 26 ounces) garden-style pasta sauce
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 6 ounces uncooked mini bow tie (farfalle) pasta (about 2-1/8 cups)
- 2/3 cup reduced-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 cup reduced-fat shredded mozzarella cheese
- Thinly sliced or chopped fresh basil

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375°F. Heat ovenproof 5- to 6-quart Dutch oven or stockpot over medium heat until hot. Add ground beef and zucchini; cook 8 to 10 minutes, breaking beef into small crumbles and stirring occasionally.

2. Stir in pasta sauce, water and pepper. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat. Stir in pasta. Spoon heaping teaspoons ricotta cheese over top of sauce. Slightly swirl ricotta into sauce, not mixing in completely.

3. Cover and bake in 375°F oven 10 minutes. Uncover. Sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Bake 7 to 10 minutes or until pasta is tender. Let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle with basil before serving.

*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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## Pages From the Past - March

Compiled by John A. Ballentine

### 5 Years Ago

• The City of Galva is among 42-44 cities nationwide to be selected for the second year to host the Levitt Amp Music summer concert series at Wiley Park in Galva. Galva placed fifth among 18 competing cities nationwide for a matching grant for the series and was awarded \$25,000.

• Stark County High School presented "Peter Pan!" for its annual musical. Wendy was played by Faith Elsasser and Alayna Steward portrayed Peter Pan.

• The Stark County girls track team placed first in the 1,600 (Olivia Frail); high jump (Riley Messen); and 4x200 relay (Lena Becker, McKenzie Stahl, Riley Messen and Shelby Gibson) all at Wethersfield stadium.

• The Prairie News is mailed to all households in the City of Galva, beginning with its April 5, 2019, edition.

### 10 Years Ago

• Francis Barnes, 75, of Wyoming, was discovered by farm workers in his truck that had entered Indian Creek, south of Toulon. Barnes was pronounced dead at the scene.

• The "Sound of Music" play was presented by Stark County High School and the Stark County Fine Arts Network, on April 10-13.

• The Illinois State Police were asked by the City of Toulon to probe Toulon purchases that were allegedly made at various businesses by a city employee.

• The Stark County Genealogical Society wins a national award for the 2013 Book of the Year from Acclaim Press for "Stark County, Illinois History and Families".

### 25 years ago

• Wyoming resident Mike King wrote a letter to the editor proclaiming the need for an Enhanced 911

telephone system. Twenty-five years later, in 2024, Stark County will finally have Enhanced 911.

• Stark County High School conducts rehearsals for the play "Guys and Dolls" presentation on April 22-25.

• The Stark County Jail was scheduled for construction, with an add-on planned for the west part of the building.

• Wyoming City Hall moves into a new location on East Williams Street.

• Kim Wallace-Becker returns to Augustana College for the CCIW games. She is a 1995 graduate of Augustana and holds a degree in biology. She was a track star for Toulon-LaFayette High School and for Augustana.

### 35 years ago

• Valley voters reject a tax hike by a 2 to 1 margin that could mean the end of the grade school located about two miles south of Wyoming.

• Toulon-LaFayette High School students Cammie Andrew and Laura Clark were to attend Girls State.

• Wyoming's (former) water tower was deemed to be severely damaged by rust and loose spots in the fiberglass liner. The cost of repairs equaled \$21,152.

• Jennifer Brown is Bradford High's salutatorian and Erin Hickey is valedictorian.

• Wyoming High School was to present the play "The Butler Did It."

• Bradford and Wyoming schools hold consolidation talks – Wyoming also talked with Princeville and Toulon-LaFayette high schools.

### 40 Years Ago

• Magnussen Chevrolet, in Wyoming, listed a 1981 Chevrolet Caprice for \$6,795 and a 1980

Chevette for \$2,995. They announced that Ken White, of Toulon, was their new salesman.

• Break-ins were reported at the Bradford and Wyoming legion buildings. A small amount of liquor was taken from the Bradford Legion and \$230 was taken from the Wyoming Legion. A third break-in was reported at the Wyoming Motors business, where thieves failed in an attempt to break into the safe.

• The City of Wyoming hires Steven Sloan (now Stark County Sheriff) as its new city marshal. Sloan was a Stark County Sheriff's deputy prior to this appointment.

• "The Hub" on Route 88 (now Route 40), in Edelstein, advertised the bands appearing there: April 6 was the "Texas Swing Dance" featuring the song Rawhide; April 7 were three bands – "Cactus Jack", "Midwest Playboys" and "River Band Express"; Sunday was the "Champagne Dance" by the Jan Garber Orchestra.

### 50 Years Ago

• Toulon-LaFayette High School posted an ad in The Stark County News asking for properties that could be used in the musical "Oklahoma."

• Andris Waunee Farm Restaurant advertised a Wednesday Only Special Smorgasbord dinner for \$2.50.

• In The Stark County News "Personals" column, West Jersey's Triple J's met April 27 at the Clifton Smith home for a sandwich and salad potluck dinner. The Woodrow Kings were co-hosts.

• A square dance was held at the LaFayette Junior High School gymnasium on April 27. Harold Watson, of Princeton, was the caller: "Chicken in the bread pan kickin' out dough – grab your girl and a Do-Si-Do!"

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Peterson received her bachelor of science from Western Illinois University and her master of science in nursing from Saint Francis Medical Center College of Nursing.

**Bradford School Board OK's new union contract**

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board on March 26 unanimously approved a three-year contract with the Bradford Education Organization through the 2026-27 school year.

Details of the contract were not released.

The board also recognized the following students who recently earned first-place awards.

• Art Show – Klaire Rumbold, Serynity Stutler, Kaiden Rhodes, Isley Shafer, Elowyn Wickenberg, Stella Brady, Molly Wellman, Bailey McDermott and Alyssa Cauthon.

• Solo & Ensemble Contest – Stutler, McDermott, Creighton Stahl, Molly Wellman, Grace Atteberry, Avery Johnston, Aaliyah Heathcoat, Cauthon, Rylee Bowen, Cayden Guerry, Deaken Alexander, Derek Alexander and Dawson Alexander.

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Pictured above are the Galva High School State Scholars for 2024. From left to right are, Kyrsten Hill, John Gravitt and Mia Merkel. Photo by Carol Townsend.

**Bishop Hill Commons hosts weekend of music**

BISHOP HILL – A weekend of live music, art, and fellowship awaits visitors this weekend at the Bishop Hill Creative Commons.

At 7 p.m. on Friday, April 7, Hawaiian-born Mason Jennings, an American singer/songwriter and multi-instrumentalist, will perform at the Commons. Jennings has toured the world for over 25 years. Suggested donation is \$25-\$35.

At 7 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, Acromusical will take the stage at the Commons in a mission to spread the joy of the Afro-Brazilian musical bow, popularly known as the berimbau in Brazil, but largely unknown to North American audiences. Suggested donation is \$15-\$25.

At 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 7, Francisco Fernandez of The Ferocious Few and Tyler Weaver will present their brand of high-paced rock'n roll with a punk edge and rockabilly sensibility to the Commons. Suggested donation is \$15-\$25.

Performances will be preceded by a potluck/social hour at 6 p.m. Con-

certs are open to guests of all ages.

The venue and art cooperative are located at 309 N. Bishop Hill St. in Bishop Hill. The venue also contains artwork in a variety of mediums, made by local and regional artists, available for purchase. The Commons is open Friday to Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Et cetera**

• GALESBURG – The Carl Sandburg Historic Site Association will welcome Austin-based singer-songwriter Cactus Lee to the Songbag Concert Series on April 14 at 2 p.m. at The Barn located at the Carl Sandburg Historic Site: 313 E. Third St., Galesburg. Suggested donation is \$5 per person for this concert.

• BISHOP HILL – On Saturday, April 6, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association is hosting a program called "Singing Bird and the Importance of Native American Women in Illinois History." Speaker Kim Sigafus McIver will give a history of natives in Illinois with a focus on native women in a free one-hour program at 1 p.m. in the Steeple Building Museum.

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# Find the cash rent on farmland

URBANA – One of the most consistently asked questions to University of Illinois Extension offices across the state is, what is the going rate for cash rent for farmland?

Before discussing averages and costs, dig deeper into the impact of determining cash rent.

Most landowners are seeking an average cash rent amount to charge a farmer per acre for one year of land use. Overall, supply and demand determine cash rent levels for a farm. But many landowners don't know whether their farm is below or above average for the area.

### Discovering Averages

One way to better understand cash rent is by consulting a county average survey. The National Agriculture Statistical Service at the United States Department of Agriculture conducts yearly surveys of landowners and compiles the collected data.

Although survey data is collected voluntarily and not verified, it is one tool to help establish averages for the exact county the land is in, as well as the surrounding area.

Other considerations im-

pacting the total include whether a professional farm manager manages a farm, specific average crop yields, supply and demand, soil quality and overall farm returns.

### Calculating Cash Rent

If averages do not meet expectations, individuals and farm managers often use an alternate formula for calculating cash rent using specific land information. The information needed includes a farm's yields of at least three years (up to 10 years is best), a revenue factor, and per bushel prices for what is grown on the land.

The factor is the amount the landowner will capture of the estimated revenue the farm will produce using yield times estimated grain price per bushel. The USDA estimates the average price per bushel for the coming crop year or the next year's delivery at the local elevator prices.

Here are two examples.

### Corn Example

Assume the landowner and farmer are negotiating cash rent for the coming year in late November after harvest.

1. The local grain elevator is offering \$5 per bushel of corn for fall de-

livery of next year's crop.

2. The owner has determined the average yield is 200 bushels per acre.

3. After consideration, the landowner offers a 38% factor or estimate of generated farm revenue, and the farmer counters with 35%. They reach an agreement at 36%. Below are the calculations.

a.  $200 \text{ bushels per acre} \times \$5 \times 36\% = \$360 \text{ per acre cash rent.}$

### Soybean Example

1. Assume an average yield of 70 bushels per acre.

2. The USDA estimates soybean prices to average \$14 per bushel.

3. The negotiated revenue capture factor is 42%.  
a.  $65 \text{ bushels per acre} \times \$14 \times 42\% = \$382 \text{ per acre cash rent}$

In some instances, landowners consider averaging the soybean and corn rents together or prorating the crops by the percentage of the farm in each crop.

In spring 2024, the industry is seeing cash rents varied yet holding steady, with few seeing downward trends.

More information on this topic is available online at [extension.illinois.edu/farm-management](http://extension.illinois.edu/farm-management).

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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 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**

**HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an  
Illinois Municipal corporation,  
Plaintiff, IN CHANCERY  
Case No. 24-OV-12K**

vs.  
KEWANEE PARTNERS, LLC, a  
Colorado limited liability company,  
Defendant

**NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP  
AND LIEN BY PUBLICATION**

The requisite Affidavit for  
Publication having been filed,  
notice is hereby given to you,  
Kewanee Partners, LLC, all Non-  
Record Claimants, and all  
Unknown Owners, Defendants in  
the above-entitled cause, that the  
above-entitled property clean-up  
action was filed and is now  
pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the  
Court in which this action was  
brought, and the Case Number are  
identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of  
record: Kewanee Partners, LLC

3. A legal description of the real  
estate sufficient to identify it with  
reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot 2 of Zang's Re-Plat of a part of  
the East Half of the Northwest  
Quarter of Section 34, Township  
15 North, Range 5 East of the 4th  
P.M., Henry County, Illinois,  
EXCEPT A part of Lot 2 of Zang's  
Re-Plat of a part of the NW 1/4 of  
Section 34, T15N, R5E of the 4th  
P.M., in the City of Kewanee, Henry

County, Illinois. More particularly  
bounded and described as follows  
and bearings are for the purpose of  
description only:

Beginning at an iron rod at the  
Southwest Corner of said Lot 2;  
Thence N 00°13'36" E, along the  
West line of said Lot 2 and also  
being the East line of May Street, a  
distance of 199.31 feet to an iron  
rod; Thence S 87°29'03" E, a  
distance of 141.21 feet to an iron  
rod; Thence N 78°20'48" E, a  
distance of 96.95 feet to the center  
of a ditch; Thence S 45°26'01" E,  
along said center line, a distance of  
94.60 feet; Thence S 84°54'40" E,  
along said center line, a distance of  
389.38 feet to the Northerly  
extension of the East line of said  
Lot 2; Thence S 00°37'27" W,  
along said Northerly extension and  
continuing along said East line, a  
distance of 124.00 feet to the  
Southeast corner of said Lot 2;  
Thence N 88°59'11" W, along said  
South line, a distance of 690.82  
feet to the Place of Beginning and  
containing 2.60 acres, more or  
less. Subject to all easements of  
record.

4. A common address or  
description of the location of the  
real estate is as follows: 1119  
Lake Street, Kewanee, IL

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you,  
all Defendants, Non-Record  
Claimants, and Unknown Owners,  
file your answer to the Petition for  
Judgment and Lien in this cause or  
otherwise make your appearance  
therein, with the Henry County  
Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St,  
Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before  
30 days after the date of this  
publication, or a default may be  
entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley  
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
211 W 2nd St  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
Published 3/22, 3/29, 4/5/24

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
ON LYNN TOWNSHIP BUDGET**  
NOTICE is hereby given that a  
tentative Budget and Appropriation  
Ordinance for the Township of

LYNN, in the County of Knox, State  
of Illinois, for the fiscal year  
beginning April 1, 2024 and ending  
March 31, 2025, will be on file and  
conveniently available to public  
inspection at LYNN TOWN HALL,  
2727 Illinois Route 17, Galva, Lynn  
Township, Knox County, Illinois,  
from and after 9:00 A. M., the 14th  
day of April, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given  
that a PUBLIC HEARING on said  
Budget and Appropriation  
Ordinance will be held at 6:40 P.  
M., the 14th day of May, 2024, at  
the LYNN TOWN HALL, in Lynn  
Township, Knox County, Illinois,  
and that final action on this Ordinance  
will be taken by the Board of  
Town Trustees at the meeting to be  
held following the Hearing.

DATED this 12th day of March,  
2024.

TIM THULINE,  
Lynn Township Clerk.  
Published 4/5/24

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON  
LYNN TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT  
BUDGET**

NOTICE is hereby given that a  
tentative Budget and Appropriation  
Ordinance for Road Purposes of  
the Township of LYNN, in the  
County of Knox, State of Illinois,  
for the fiscal year beginning April  
1, 2024 and ending March 31,  
2025, will be on file and  
conveniently available to public  
inspection LYNN TOWN HALL,  
2727 Illinois Route 17, Galva, Lynn  
Township, Knox County, Illinois,  
from and after 9:00 A. M., the 14th  
day of April, 2024.

NOTICE is further hereby given  
that a PUBLIC HEARING on said  
Budget and Appropriation  
Ordinance will be held at 6:30 P.  
M., the 14th day of May, 2024, at  
the LYNN TOWN HALL, in Lynn  
Township, Knox County, Illinois,  
and that final action on this  
Ordinance will be taken by the  
Board of Town Trustees at the  
Public Hearing.

DATED this 12th day of March,  
2024.

TIM THULINE,  
Lynn Township Clerk  
Published 4/5/24

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**NOTICE OF SALE  
of Property Owned  
by the City of Galva**

**and Invitation to Bid Thereon**  
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the  
corporate authorities of the City of  
Galva will receive sealed bids for  
the purchase, under the successful  
bid, of the fee simple interest in the  
following real property:

The property commonly  
referred to as 118 S.E. 2nd  
Avenue Vacant Residential Lot,  
Galva, IL 61434 which property  
has been assigned PIN # 24-27-  
366-007 and which is legally  
described as: S77 LOT 6 BLK  
50 ORIG TOWN CITY OF GALVA  
said property being appraised  
for \$1,355 (one thousand three  
hundred fifty five dollars) which  
appraisal is on file with the  
Galva City Clerk.

Bids for the purchase of the  
aforesaid interest in the above  
described property are hereby  
invited and will be received by the  
City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4th Avenue,  
Galva, Illinois, during normal  
working days between the hours of  
8:00 AM and 4:30 PM until 22  
April, 2024. Said proposals shall  
be contained within an opaque  
envelope addressed to:

Mayor and City Council  
City of Galva  
c/o City Clerk  
311 N. W. 4th Avenue  
Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend:  
PROPOSAL – SALE OF 118 S.E.  
2nd Avenue

All bids received will be publicly  
opened and read aloud at the  
regular meeting of the corporate  
authorities of the City of Galva to  
be held at 6:00 p.m. on 22 April  
2024.

A contract may be awarded to  
the highest, most responsible  
bidder whose bid is found to be in  
the best interests of the City of  
Galva, so long as that bid meets  
the minimum bid amount which is  
equivalent to 80% (eighty percent)  
of the appraised value or \$1,084

(one thousand eighty four dollars),  
the appraised value being \$1,355  
(one thousand three hundred fifty  
five dollars). The corporate  
authorities reserve the right to  
reject any and all bids and to waive  
any informalities or irregularities in  
the bidding. The corporate  
authorities further reserve the right  
to review and study any and all  
bids and to make a contract award  
within 45 days after the bids have  
been opened and publicly read.

Bidders are encouraged to  
submit proposals for the  
development of the lots upon  
which they will be bidding.  
Development proposals should  
include, but are not limited to: an  
abstract of bidders building plans  
and specifications, a statement of  
financial capacity, a statement of  
other financial arrangements to  
facilitate performance of the  
contract, name of financial  
institution with contact  
information, line of credit  
(personal, special-purpose, or  
otherwise), or other statements  
indicating the financial capacity to  
perform the stated purpose upon  
which the bid proposal is based.

The corporate authorities reserve  
the right to include penalty clauses  
in any and all contracts awarded to  
successful bidders. Penalties may  
include but may not be limited to:  
monetary damages due the City for  
non-performance of the  
contractual terms, forfeiture of the  
lot for non-performance, loss of  
building permit fees and other  
assessments which may become a  
part of a development contract.

Any prospective bidder may  
inspect the "Land Appraisal  
Report" for any and all lots upon  
which they wish to bid at the City  
Clerk's office during normal  
working hours. The City Clerk's  
office may be reached by calling  
(309) 932-2555 or in writing to:  
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4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.  
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# Illinois taxes second-highest in U.S.

By ZETA CROSS  
The Center Square

Compared to other states, Illinois' property taxes continue to be among the highest.

The personal finance site Money Geek gave Illinois the grade of "F" because it ranks second in the nation behind New Jersey for the highest property taxes.

When it comes to the consequences of its tax policy, Josh Bandoch of the Illinois Policy Institute would give Illinois an even lower grade, he said.

"An 'F' is too high. Except for New Jersey, Illinois ranks at the rock bottom when it comes to tax friendliness," Bandoch said.

With property taxes at

over 2% of the average household income, Illinoisans struggle with a huge tax burden, Bandoch said.

"Compare that to Florida, where the taxes are 0.91%," he said.

Bandoch blames high property taxes and high commercial property taxes for pushing businesses and people to leave Illinois.

"Every six minutes and 15 seconds, an Illinois mom, dad, colleague or friend moves out of Illinois to a more tax-friendly state," he said.

The Money Geek survey found that a typical middle-class family in Illinois pays \$9,524 more a year in taxes than a typical family in Nevada pays.

High property taxes contribute to the housing bur-

den that Illinoisans struggle with, Bandoch said.

"Nearly one-third of Illinois households are considered 'housing burdened' because they pay at least 30% of their income on housing," he said. "There is a clear connection there as to why families and businesses are leaving Illinois. It is unsustainable."

High commercial property taxes, particularly in Chicago, are an undue burden on businesses, Bandoch said.

"Even United Airlines is rumored to be moving some of its offices out to Denver. That would be a huge loss," he said.

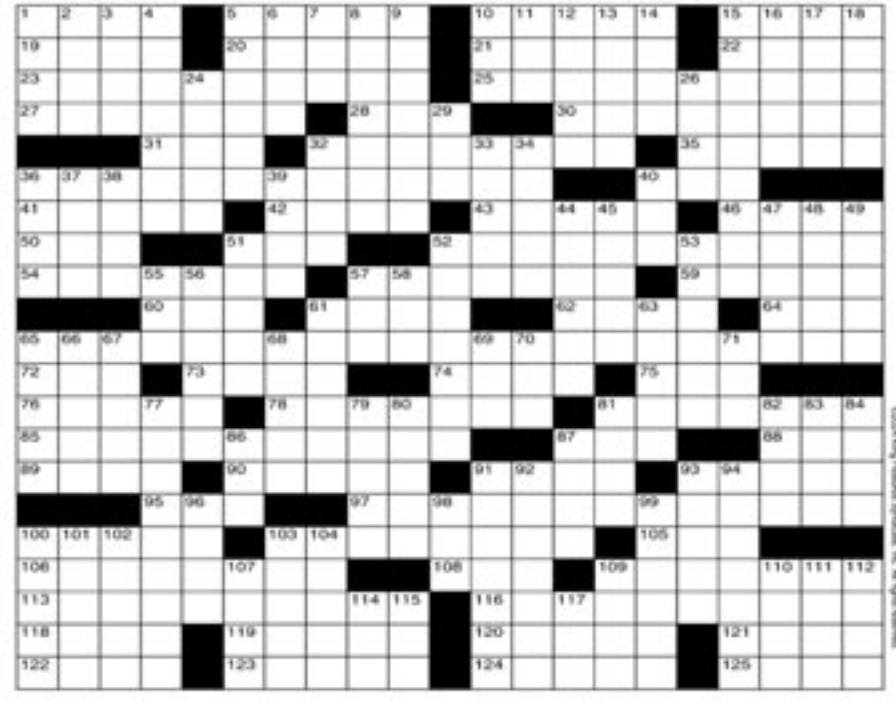
More people and businesses generate more revenue and jobs, Bandoch said.

Answers on Page 3

## Super Crossword

PUTTING ON A GOOD FACE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Very little bit
  - 5 Large Indian city
  - 10 Discover by chance
  - 15 Elegant
  - 19 Liposuction target
  - 20 Take out — (borrow cash)
  - 21 Journalist — Rogers St. Johns
  - 22 Actor Cromyn
  - 23 Initial
  - 25 Printer cartridge contents
  - 27 Still in the future
  - 28 Harsh review
  - 30 Admit defeat
  - 31 Wonder
  - 32 Like bedroom communities
  - 35 Partners of 84-Down
  - 36 Metal sleeve in an engine's piston
  - 40 Slide down a slope
  - 41 Cuts of pork
  - 42 Disney who drew
  - 43 Toot one's own horn
  - 46 Gaius' garb
  - 50 Rand of objectivism
  - 51 "Viva — Vegas"
  - 52 Base coat on a wall, maybe
  - 54 Is a little too fond of
  - 57 Fleet on top of
  - 59 Writer Nin
  - 60 Prefix with conscious
  - 61 Dock
  - 62 Honey liquor
  - 64 Cpl., e.g.
  - 65 Big grant-giving group
  - 72 Totally
  - 73 Granny
  - 74 Dog food brand
  - 75 Places with lots of TVs
  - 76 Mental picture
  - 78 Dictators
  - 81 Row of PC-screen buttons
  - 85 Cabaret where the cancer-originatee
  - 87 Kilmer of "Tombsone"
  - 88 Kitchen utensil brand
  - 89 "Little" actress Rae
  - 90 Decorative tattoo dye
  - 91 Very little
  - 93 Garden pest
  - 95 Mem. of the family
  - 97 Annotation in the text of Christian scripture
  - 100 Server overseer, informally
  - 103 Convention speeches
  - 105 "... law — lecture?"
  - 106 Mixed with cognac, e.g.
  - 108 Flip (out)
  - 109 Clip out
  - 113 Something cast at sunset
  - 116 What you have passed when you square out this puzzle's theme?
  - 118 Hydroxyl compound
  - 119 Cooling, as champagne
  - 120 French gal pals
  - 121 To be, to Livy
  - 122 Really resist
  - 123 Former quarterback Rodney
  - 124 French governing body
  - 125 Letters after ps
- DOWN**
- 1 Not definite
  - 2 "Rolee Poie —" (kids' book)
  - 3 Sour
  - 4 Refrain from drinking
  - 5 Patted lightly
  - 6 Fanning of "Teen Spirit"
  - 7 Baseball's Gehrig
  - 8 Weeds influence
  - 9 Occupy
  - 10 TV's Linden
  - 11 Lupino or Tarbell
  - 12 Actress Thompson of "Creed"
  - 13 Brand of take 69-Down
  - 14 — a one (zero)
  - 15 Go through the motions
  - 16 1/16 pound
  - 17 Aroma
  - 18 — Johnny!
  - 24 Small cities
  - 26 Ankara native
  - 29 Convent sister
  - 32 Span, women
  - 33 Steel support for concrete
  - 34 Grill
  - 36 Dressed (in)
  - 37 "Around-the-world" toy
  - 38 Dryer fluff
  - 39 Actor McGregor
  - 40 Fuel additive brand
  - 44 Strong #1 will
  - 45 Dutch artist
  - 47 Certain Arab
  - 48 State Farm alternative
  - 49 Fieri crime
  - 51 Spa sponge
  - 52 Actress Valerie of "Lenny"
  - 53 Storm-finding systems
  - 55 Cartoon cry
  - 56 Act starter
  - 57 Qatar export
  - 58 Letter #22
  - 61 Take selfish advantage of
  - 63 "It's —!" ("You're on!")
  - 65 "Darkman" director Sam
  - 66 Actor Edward James —
  - 67 Santa —
  - 68 — nous
  - 69 Liposuction target
  - 70 Mantra words
  - 71 "For shame!"
  - 77 In a harshly bright way
  - 79 Pass quickly on foot
  - 80 "To repeat ..."
  - 81 Unweaving cry
  - 82 — chic
  - 83 Pivot point
  - 84 Fishing sticks
  - 86 Devils' org.
  - 87 Dirt Devils, e.g., in brief
  - 91 Nissan car models
  - 92 Reason for extra innings
  - 93 Get — on reality
  - 94 Ceiling coat
  - 96 Terminates
  - 96 Arrow shooter
  - 99 Short-horned grasshopper
  - 100 Differently — (other-skilled)
  - 101 Plovers craft
  - 102 Lead-in to "the cloth" or "the hour"
  - 103 Cartoonist Bill
  - 104 Comic and actor Murphy
  - 107 Breakfast chain, in brief
  - 109 "I — bad moon rising"
  - 110 Meeting period, slangily
  - 111 — buco (veal dish)
  - 112 Map nos.
  - 114 Tenth mo.
  - 115 Very little
  - 117 Cousins, e.g.



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### Amber Waves

HEY FELLAS, THE FARMER FILLED UP THE TROUGH IT'S CHOWTIME WHERE ARE YOU??

GUYS, WHERE ARE YOU? THIS IS THE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR DAY. YOU'RE GOING TO MISS IT.

WHERE THE HECK ARE THOSE GUYS? THERE'S NO WAY THEY WOULD MISS LUNCHTIME.

WELL, AS IT TURNS OUT, THE OTHER GUYS DIDN'T REALIZE WHAT "DOORDASH" WAS.

by Dave T. Phipps

### The Spats

AN APPLE A DAY KEEPS THE DOCTOR AWAY

...ESPECIALLY IF YOU THROW IT AT HIM.

by Jeff Pickering

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

REALLY? YOU JUST EMAILED ME A FACETIME REQUEST TO SEE WHAT I WANT FOR DINNER?

by Dave T. Phipps

GRIN & BEAR IT

MADAME SZALANI

"For 10 bucks more, he's even taller, darker and more handsome!"

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

5			3	2			4
9	6						3
	4			8	1		
1				9		5	
	7	1					9
6				8	2		
7			4				6
4					5	9	
		3	9				8

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 Pivi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: When did April Fools' Day come into being?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which nation is the Great Victoria Desert located?
- MOVIES: What sport is featured in the movie 'The Mighty Ducks'?
- HISTORY: What is the name of the island where Napoleon was exiled in 1814?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest rodent in the world?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of Ron Weasley's pet rat in the 'Harry Potter' book series?
- U.S. STATES: Which letter of the alphabet is not in any U.S. state's name?
- TELEVISION: Which iconic 1960s sitcom inspired two spinoff hits, 'Petticoat Junction' and 'Green Acres'?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for bravery in WWII?
- ANATOMY: How many pairs of spinal nerves exist in humans?

Answers

- Likely in the late 16th century, when calendars changed from Julian to Gregorian.
- Australia.
- Ice hockey.
- Elba.
- Capybara.
- Scabbers.
- Q.
- 'The Beverly Hillsbillies.'
- George H.W. Bush.
- 31 pairs.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAKR 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.

V'U UYTS RYTTVSJ WIYAD  
ISVEK W KYJY FSTLYE DOWE  
ISVEK DOS ISLD BYDIWCC  
FCWNST VE DOS RYTCJ.  
— CVYESC USLLV

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13)
- Dune: Part Two (PG-13)
- Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
- Immaculate (R)
- Arthur the King (PG-13)
- Late Night with the Devil (R)
- Imaginary (PG-13)
- Love Lies Bleeding (R)
- Cabrini (PG-13)
- Bob Marley: One Love (PG-13)

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 229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483  
 Phone (309) 286-2224  
 Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591  
 Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

**LaFayette Methodist Church**  
 Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449  
 Phone (309) 995-3371  
 Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.  
 LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

**West Jersey United Methodist Church**  
 Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty  
 Phone (217) 425-5707  
 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)  
 website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

**Galva Congregational Church**  
 Pastor Marshall Jones  
 211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434  
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 Service Time 10 a.m.

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 Sunday School: 10:00, All ages  
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**First Congregational Church**  
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 Sunday Worship 9 a.m.  
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**Toulon First Baptist Church**  
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 Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.  
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**St. Timothy Lutheran Church**  
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**Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
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 Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

**Galva First United Methodist Church**  
 Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
 214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434  
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[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
[galvafirst@gmail.com](mailto:galvafirst@gmail.com)  
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**Wyoming United Methodist Church**  
 Pastor Rebecca Klemm  
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## OBITUARIES

**Edward E. Eaton**  
 WYOMING – Edward Ernest Eaton of Wyoming, Ill., 76, passed away March 20, 2024.  
 He is survived by his twin sisters, Jane Smith of Broomfield and Janet Peck of Lafayette, both of Colorado; sons Shawn Eaton of North Dakota, Chris Eaton of South Carolina and Edward Eaton Jr. of Centralia; as well as step-daughter Stacey Van Dorn of Henry, Ill.



Eaton

He is also survived by grandsons Austin Reno, Philip Eaton and step-daughter Myla Reno.  
 He was preceded in death by his wife Laramie Eaton and stepdaughter Shawna Olszanowski.  
 He attended the Methodist Church of Wyoming.  
 Ed worked as a welder, propane deliverer and semi driver.  
 He was a member of the Wyoming American Legion, where he had served as commander and chaplain.

A special thank you to Mary and Jeff Trobaugh, Bob King and Phil St. John for their help and support during the time of his illness. A memorial service is pending.

**Lois V. Molln**  
 OHIO – Lois V. Molln, 94, died Sunday March 31, 2024, at Allure of Walnut.

Lois was born on Jan. 5, 1930, in Sublette the daughter of Fredrick and Leona (Spittler) Rempfer. She married Myron R. Molln on Nov. 20, 1949, in Mendota. He preceded her in death April 10, 2010. Lois was a homemaker who enjoyed reading, was a good baker and loved working in her garden. She was a member of the First Lutheran Church in Ohio and was active in her church, including the Rebecca Circle.  
 Survivors include one daughter, Janice (Bob) Williams of Van Orin; two sons, David (Ann Cobane) Molln of Ohio and Kevin (Missy)



Molln

Molln of Toulon; one daughter-in-law, Linda Molln of Walnut; one sister, Mary Horn Michel of Princeton; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two sons, LaVerne Molln and Gary Molln in infancy; and two brothers, Eugene Rempfer and Fritz Rempfer.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at the First Lutheran Church in Ohio. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. with Pastors Jeff and Lori Whalen officiating. Burial will follow at Van Orin Repose Cemetery, Van Orin. Arrangements were completed by the Garland Funeral Home in Walnut.

In lieu of flowers a memorial has been established for the Ohio Fire Department, First Lutheran Church of Ohio and Bache Chapel.

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

### Karen R. Nunez

KEWANEE – Karen R. Nunez, 81, of Kewanee, formerly of Wyoming, passed away at 1:49 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2024, at Kewanee Care Home.

Karen was born on March 1, 1943, in Peoria to Robert and Jessie (Wilkinson) Bawn. She married David A. Nunez on Nov. 2, 1974, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Aug. 27, 2006.

Surviving are three children, Karen (Ronald) Horsley of LaFayette, Lawrence "Frank" Nunez of Galesburg and Aaron (Victoria) Nunez-Claeys of Georgia; seven grandchildren, Alexander Welch, Alexis Welch, David Horsley, Johnathan Horsley, Lena, Lathe and Landen; and a sister, Gleyrafa Page of St. Louis. She is further survived by other relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; foster parents, Jack and Ilene Benedict; and two sisters, Arlene Snyder and Audrey "Jean" Eckman.

Karen was a homemaker and also worked in trucking. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary Wyoming Post 91 and Teamsters Local 627. She showed



Nunez

Ayrshire cattle for many years and loved horses and cows and playing cards. Karen was also a foster parent to many children over the years and cared for their special needs.

Her funeral service will be at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 5, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor David Hamilton will officiate. Visitation will also be at the funeral home from 1 p.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow in Wyoming Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choosing. Condolences for Karen's family may be left on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Jordan Feucht

PRINCEVILLE – Jordan Feucht, 76, of Princeville, Ill., passed away peacefully on March 28, 2024, at Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria, Ill., with his family at his side.

Jordan was born on March 19, 1948, to Rueben and Nathalie (Menold) Feucht in Peoria. He was married to Kathleen (Hinrichsen) Feucht for nearly 54 years. They were wed on May 10, 1970, in Peoria; she survives.

Also surviving is one daughter, Kari (Steven) Beutel of Princeville; one son, Andrew (Brooke) Feucht of Normal; nine grandchildren, Austin (Kya), Ethan, Jacob, Wyatt and Sawyer Beutel, and Annika, Alexa, Eliana and Drew Feucht; one sister, Elaine Paris of Ventura, Calif.; one brother, Roger Feucht of Princeville; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jordan was a member of Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. He lived out his faith in Jesus Christ in devotion to his family, service to the community and countless volunteer driving trips for the Midwest Food Bank, for which he was passionate.

He farmed for over 50 years, served on the Princeville School Board for 12 years and was very active in the Peoria County Farm Bureau. He loved music, participated in the church choir, gathered his family to sing and play guitar and entertained many nursing home residents with his singing and playing music.

His funeral service was Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Burial was in Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Condolences can be left online at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

**ANNUAL MEETING**

**STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES**

The public is invited to attend the annual meeting and election of officers for Stark County Community Services. Stark County Community Services is the umbrella organization for the Stark County Emergency Food Pantry and The Resource House. The meeting will be held at the Stark County Emergency Food Pantry Building located at 322 S. Downend St., Toulon. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9th, 2024

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# TRACK: Orwig posts 3 PRs, wins 3 events

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 won the 3,200 in a PR of 13:32.38. “Dusti Smith is a very talented young lady with lots of options,” Terwilliger said, noting she will run relays and could also be in individual events from the 400 up to the 3,200 this spring. Stark County also swept second through fifth place in the 800: 2. Hamilton 2:47.98, 3. Terwilliger 2:48.11, 4. Kraklow 2:52.58, 5. Martinez 2:52.81.

To complement the distance depth, the Lady Rebels also look to be very strong in the throwing events. At Kewanee, junior Lauren Orwig was first in discus with a throw of 98 feet, 10.25 inches and second in shot put (33-11.5).

Her junior teammate Chelsey Stotler won shot put (35-5.5) and was second in discus (98-6.25).

Freshman Michelle Atchley also shows promise after placing fourth in both throwing events.

Stark County also fared well in its sprint relays at Kewanee. The 4x100 relay was second in 55.15 seconds and consisted of junior Paul’yna Barnwell, senior Kimora Barnwell and sophomores Kelsey Hawley and Claire Bowser. The 4x200 was second in 1:54.9 and was made up of both Barnwells,

Bowser and junior Haylie Moodie. Hawley was also third in the 300 hurdles (1:00.07) and Bowser was third in high jump (4-8).

On the boys side, junior Nolan Orwig had a strong meet at Kewanee, placing first in the 100 with a PR of 11.65 seconds, first in the 200 with a PR of 23.75 and first in the 300 hurdles with a PR of 43.44.

The other Rebels winner on the day was senior Matthew Bowser, who won the triple jump (37-7.25).

Junior Owen Hess was third in shot put (39-1) and sophomore Riley Masters was third in the 200 (24.9) and 400 (57.16).

The Stark County girls are scheduled to compete at the Bureau Valley Girls Invite on Monday and both teams will compete at the Dale Collis Invitational at Galva on Wednesday, April 10.

**Galva track** – A young Galva boys team shows strength in the distance events.

“We are building up our program from the ground up through something we call the ‘Youth Movement,’” Coach Mark Jeffrey said. “We are led by sophomore Ian Pacheco in the 800, 1600 and the 3200. He did a phenomenal job as a freshman and has his eyes set on a state run in the mile.

“Our throwers are led by sophomore Bubb Murphy, who is constantly improving in both the shot put as well as the discus. We have several freshmen that went to state in junior high and are looking to make a splash in high school, including Bryant Jeffrey in the 800, Reid Harris in the high jump and Eli West in the discus.”

Pacheco was second at Kewanee in the 1,600 (5;15.36) and third in the 800 (PR of 2:18.63) and freshman Bryant Jeffrey was second in the 3,200 with a PR of 11:54.27.

Galva also has depth in the throwing events with sophomore Murphy and freshmen West and Randy Collier. Harris shows promise in the high jump, placing fourth at Kewanee by clearing 5-8.

Leading the girls at Kewanee was freshman Kay’Leanna Latcham-Townsend, who was second in the 100 hurdles with a PR of 17.16 and ran third in the 100 (PR of 13.59).

Galva also took third with its 4x800 relay (13:46.07) consisting of freshmen Mia Gazzera, Charlotte Farmer and Alyssa Hudson and junior Makayla Craig.

Galva will play host to the Dale Collis Invitational on Wednesday, April 10, with first events scheduled to start at 4 p.m.

# REVIEW: More experience for PRB called for

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 Monday said at an unrelated news conference that Miller’s resignation “was probably a proper decision on her part.”

Curran said he plans to propose legislation that would require all PRB members to have 20 cumulative years of experience working in criminal justice and to take annual domestic violence and sexual assault training. Under current law, PRB members must have five years of experience in fields like penology, corrections, law enforcement, sociology, social work, law, education, medicine, psychology or other behavioral sciences.

Pritzker’s office said Tuesday he asked the PRB to “engage with experts and advocates to design and im-

plement expanded training for PRB members related to handling domestic violence cases.”

The governor also directed the PRB and Illinois Department of Corrections to “review the current rules and procedures for receiving information related to cases involving domestic violence to determine what changes might be necessary,” according to a spokesperson.

Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, is proposing to increase criminal penalties for violating an order of protection. The proposal would turn the misdemeanor offense into a Class 4 felony for first violation and a Class 3 felony for subsequent violations.

Curran’s proposal would also require the PRB to release notice of their decision including the

member’s deliberation and votes, within 24 hours to the public. PRB would also be mandated to immediately notify victims of prisoner releases.

House Republicans have also proposed reforms.

“Lives were lost because of the lack of responsibility and due diligence at the PRB,” House Minority Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, said in a statement.

McCombie said she will amend her proposed House Bill 4852, dubbed the Community Protection Act, to require the PRB to notify the community when a prisoner with a history of domestic violence is released.

Pritzker, meanwhile, has not nominated anyone to fill the open PRB positions.

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# The Prairie News Sports



## SC track starts strong

Girls 2nd, boys 3rd at Kewanee meet

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

KEWANEE – While recent weather has not felt very much like track season, the Stark County teams made the most of a decent day on March 28 to place solid finishes at a five-team meet at Kewanee Stadium.

The Stark County girls placed second with 76 points, behind only Kewanee's 96, and the boys took third with 45 points, placing behind Kewanee (110) and Farmington (47).

That should be a sign of things to come in what is expected to be another strong season on the track for the Rebels.

The girls squad looks particularly strong despite graduating standout Lindley Johnston. This year's roster shows 19 athletes out including three of the four members of last year's ninth-place 4x800 relay.

Those three returnees are junior Sarah Kraklow, sophomore Cheyenh Smith and junior Keagan



The Stark County 4x800 relay looks for another strong season on the track after placing seventh at the Top Times indoor meet and earning a ninth-place medal outdoors in Class 1A last season. Pictured from left to right are Cheyenh Smith, Paytin Terwilliger, Dusti Smith and Alexis Martinez. Submitted photo.

Hamilton. Also in the mix to be part of the distance relay are sophomore Paytin Terwilliger, junior Alexis Martinez and Dusti Smith, who ran at the indoor Top Times meet last month.

"The 4x800 and 4x400 teams are both looking really strong with girls from the distance crew and look to get down to state," Coach Clint Terwilliger said.

The relays looked strong at Kewanee with a pair of first-place fin-

ishes.

The 4x800 featured the Smith sisters, Terwilliger and Kraklow in a winning time of 10:41.04. The same quartet won the 4x400 in 4:38.63.

The Lady Rebels also fared well in the individual distance events. Dusti Smith was first in the 1,600 in a personal record 5:40.31 and her sister Cheyenh was second in 6:07.08. And junior Alexis Martinez

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## Stark Co. baseball tops Riverdale, 4-3

By NICK VLAHOS and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

The Stark County baseball team picked up a 4-3 non-conference win at Port Byron Riverdale on Saturday.

The Rebels (5-5) scored what turned out to be two very-needed runs in the sixth to hold on. Charley Holstrom hit well for SC in the win with a home run and a double that included three RBI. Connor Wagenbach also recorded a double and Will Rumbold had two hits.

Tim Giesenhausen pitched 6.1 innings. He gave up eight hits, but they were scattered and he walked only one. Dillon Steelman got the key save in the last 0.2 innings.

**Galva baseball** – Galva (1-1) had one game scheduled last week at Midland, and it was rained out.

The Wildcats are at Anawan-Wethersfield on Saturday.

**SC softball** – Olivia Orwig drove in Sophie Finnegan in the first inning with the only Stark County run in an 11-1 loss March 30 at Riverdale, which scored seven in the third to break a tie.

Stark County (0-7) also lost a doubleheader to West Central, 18-0 and 13-3 in 11 innings. A single by Orwig and a double by Brooklynn Ostrowski keyed a three-run sixth that tied the second game. But West Central scored 10 in the 11th.

In an 8-2 loss March 27 to Farmington, Stark County led 1-0 in the first on Payten Hillier's RBI single.

The Rebels also are to play Saturday against Anawan-Wethersfield.

**Galva softball** – Peoria Christian beat Galva 9-2 on March 28. Lilly Wigant had an RBI for the Wildcats (1-1), who have a doubleheader Saturday at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

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