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LaFayette to receive \$600,000 grant for housing rehab

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

LaFAYETTE – The Village of LaFayette is receiving a \$600,000 state grant to rehabilitate up to 10 homes.

The Village Board of Trustees applied for the grant through the North Central Illinois Council of Governments to the state.

This money is part of \$9 million in grants announced on

April 24 for Community Development Block Grant recipients. The funding's purpose is to rehabilitate housing in downstate Illinois.

"We applied for this grant but were not supposed to receive it until this coming fall," said LaFayette Treasurer Nora Williams. "I talked with NCICG and two representatives came in March of 2023 to LaFayette to

present this program.

"The trustee board voted the next month to start the program. Surveys (through NCICG) of residents regarding their homes were completed in approximately two months."

Williams said the village will form a committee and NCICG will select 30 out of 89 houses for rehabilitation. Of those 30 residences, the committee will

vote for 10 homes based on survey information. Each household will receive \$60,000 to complete this rehab project.

In addition to the \$600,000, the village will contribute \$20,000 from its general fund. Also, the village spent \$5,000 initially to develop the grant process as a sort of a seed-money expenditure.

"This will go a long ways" to

help residents, Village President Chris Smith said. "Low to moderate income families were chosen by NCICG. Residents who have moved away but returned to visit have said 'The village looks rundown.'"

Smith, who is in his fourth year as president of this village of 250, said roofs will be repaired or replaced, septic sys-

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Severe weather off to fast start in Illinois

42 tornadoes already in 2024

By RHIANNON BRANCH

FarmWeek

Severe weather season made a bold entrance in the Midwest this year and the potential for more dangerous storms lingers. Frequent rains have delayed planting in some areas. Storms have damaged farm buildings and equipment, and high winds have created challenges for spring herbicide applications.

As of April 24, Illinois had had 42 tornadoes, 127 hail events (greater than 1 inch) and 95 severe wind events, according to the Storm Prediction Center.

Ed Shimon, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Lincoln, told FarmWeek those statistics mostly came from two storms in February, two in March and three so far in April.

"Forty-two tornadoes total in Illinois already is pretty high," he said. "Over the last 30 years, the running average in Illinois is about 56 per year."

He said the active pattern is following the path of 2023 when Illinois had 123 tornados,

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PROM SEASON



Six Galva High School seniors were chosen as the 2024 Prom Court. The prom was held Saturday, April 27. Pictured above (left in front) are Katielynn Clemons, Krysten Hill, Ava Strom, and back (l to r) Spencer Sumner, Michael Blakley and Andrew Mille. Clemons was chosen queen and Sumner was king. Photo by Carol Townsend.



The Stark County High School prom was April 20. Pictured above (left to right) are 2023 Queen Lauren West, Lily Robinson, Sveva Ubodi, Queen Anissia Rucker, King Tim Giesenhausen, Luke Rewerts and 2023 King Jordan McCauley. Not pictured was prom court member Matthew Bowser.

The pie plant

Rhubarb gets nod as official pie of spring

By RON DIETER

For The Prairie News

It seems every season has its pie. Summer is cherry, fall is apple and winter is pumpkin. Maybe you're thinking the official pie of spring is strawberry, but my vote goes to rhubarb.

Rhubarb is the earliest pie ingredient to appear each spring, followed much later by strawberries. Its cherry-red nubbins poke up through the cold ground most years in early March and soon produce long crisp stalks of tart and tasty deliciousness.

As you've probably gathered, I have a fondness for rhubarb, served up preferably as rhubarb custard pie. However, I'll settle for a tart rhubarb sauce drizzled over vanilla ice cream or a warm baking powder biscuit- or both. My mom made a delicious single-crust, rhubarb-custard pie.

She was very meticulous, slicing the stalks into very fine small pieces, just an eighth of an inch or so. The crust, of course, was made with lard. Does anyone use lard anymore?

Rhubarb is most often used in sweet recipes such as pies, tarts, muffins and crisps. But if you do an internet search you'll find interesting recipes for savory items. One salsa recipe calls for fresh-cut rhubarb, onions, green, red and yellow peppers, Roma tomatoes and a jalapeno, along with lime juice, sugar, salt and some cilantro. Sound good?

How about a barbecue sauce that combines rhubarb, Dr. Pepper, onions, vinegar, molasses and a bunch of spices? It's meant to be basted over grilled chicken, pork chops or hamburgers. Grab your computer and do a search

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LaFAYETTE: More info at Monday meeting

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 tems improved and water corrections will be made by contractors. Labor and materials will be paid for through this grant money. Smith said this will allow residents to stay in their homes and will remove architectural barriers that restrict mobility for the elderly or disabled.

Smith said he has heard from residents and that, "Everybody is on

board with this project."

At Monday's monthly trustee board meeting, the residents of LaFayette will learn more about the grant and the upcoming rehabilitation process.

Smith said the overall belief is that this \$600,000 grant is, "great for the community and is huge for everyone."

New trustee Bud McKirgan, who grew up in LaFayette and has re-

turned to live in the village, said, "At least 10 houses will be put back into shape. I've seen a number of houses demolished in the past. I'm new on the board, so the credit goes to the other trustees."

"The board of trustees (Leslie Peterson, Lori Shambaugh, Polly Jackson Cantwell, John McRell and Clifford "Sonny" Preston) did a lot of work to make this happen. This is incredible to occur. It's great."

WEATHER: Jet-stream pattern bringing more storms

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 the most of any state in the country. Shimon pointed out the storm systems have been widespread with tornado activity recorded in the southern, central and northern portions of the state.

"Storms follow the jet stream and

the way the jet stream is buckled in the west and kind of lifting up to the northeast through Illinois on a pretty frequent basis this spring has given us more frequent severe weather," he said.

There was a preliminary count of 68 severe hail reports across the state

in March alone, with another 30 to 40 this month, as of April 22, State Climatologist Trent Ford told the RFD Radio Network.

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DIETER: The Chinese used rhubarb as a digestive aid

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 for "7 Savory Rhubarb Recipes."

My daughter Rebecca is an accomplished baker and has developed quite a reputation for her fruit pies. One of her most crowd-pleasing confectionery concoctions is her blueberry pie. It's hard to say whether it's a blueberry pie with rhubarb or a rhubarb pie with blueberries. But it's not hard to ask for a second helping.

She's has a knack for adding blueberries to a number of fruit pies. Her most popular combo is a peach-blueberry pie, with which she won the pie contest at Williamsfield FFA's Ag Day a couple years back. She also makes a blueberry-cranberry pie, an uncommon but tasty mix of two of three fruits native to North America. That's right, there's only three and the third is not apple, cherry or peach. It's the Concord grape. But I

digest. Rhubarb is native to China and as far back as 2700 BC, the Chinese harvested and dried the roots of rhubarb and ground them to a powder for use as a laxative and a medicine for digestive ailments. Somewhere around the 10th century AD, rhubarb made its way to Persia (present day Iran) where physicians hailed it as a powerful medicine to treat a number of digestive maladies.


Rhubarb traveled to Europe in the 1300s, but it wasn't until the 1600s in England that rhubarb became a popular ingredient in both savory and sweet dishes. It provided a tasty but tart contrast to sweet desserts like pies, jams and tarts. In the American colonies, rhubarb was known as the "pie plant" for obvious reasons.

Rhubarb can have a sentimental aspect too. When your children or


grandchildren settle into a new home, share rhubarb plants with them. Plants passed from one generation to the next are especially meaningful and pies made from them can stimulate conversations and bring back priceless memories of times gone by. I would love to have a plant or two from my grandparents' gardens.

In other news, Sunday, May 5, is International Dawn Chorus Day, when folks across the globe arise before dawn and go outside to listen to the songs of the birds. My lovely partner and I participated for the first time last year. We used Cornell University's free app to identify birds making the merry melodies. It's called the Merlin Bird ID and it's a cinch to use. Dawn in early spring is the best time to hear songbird melodies, especially those of migrating species.

NOTICE
The Galva City Council meeting in Galva will be held one week early on May 20th (rather than the 27th) due to Memorial Day.


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LIFEGUARDS NEEDED
The Village of Bradford is seeking Lifeguards for the 2024 Swimming Pool Season. Lifeguards must obtain Red Cross Certification and must be 16 years of age.
 Applications can be picked up at the Village Hall and returned by May 17th, 2024 to 160 W. Main Street P.O. Box 9, Bradford, IL 61421.
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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 4-18 - Pamela A. Loughe - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-18 - Michael A. McCormick - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-18 - Richard A. Elmore - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-20 - Angelica Estrella - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-22 - Brant R. Knowles - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-23 - Denise A. Gromm - driving 15-20 mph above limit and uninsured vehicle.
- 4-24 - Jessica R. Confair - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 4-24 - Patrick G. Hines - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-24 - Macon J. Nalepka - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-24 - Donovan K. Orr - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 4-27 - Carson S. Sauer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-27 - Daisy V. Leon - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-27 - Roberto L. Ruiz - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.
- 4-29 - Martel D. Bufford - Operating a vehicle with a suspended registration.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 4-24 - Criminal misdemeanor - Christopher Chumbley - Three counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

4-12 - A deer related vehicle accident occurred on Sharkey Highway just west of 650E. The driver involved was Kirsten A. Rhoades, 18, of Toulon. No injuries were reported, and the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

- 4-18 - James R. Cox, 41, Kewanee, cited for speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone and failure to wear a seat belt.
- 4-19 - A traffic stop in Farmington resulted in a Stark County woman's arrest for multiple illicit-drug crimes. Lezlie A. Dowds, 35, of Wyoming was a passenger in a 2021 Nissan Rogue a Farmington police officer stopped about 11:45 p.m. April 19.

The officer discovered Dowds was wanted on two Tazewell County warrants. A small amount of cannabis and a pipe were found in Dowds' purse. So was a clear jar that contained 7 grams of a white, crystal substance that tested positive for methamphetamine. Also found in the purse was a glass pipe with burned residue, as well as a syringe that contained a dark liquid that tested positive for meth.

Dowds was charged with two counts of possession of meth and three counts of possession of drug paraphernalia. The driver, 46-year-old Charles R. Gathard of Peoria, was cited for driving without tail-lights when required and driving with a revoked license.

Gathard is to appear May 17 in Fulton County Circuit Court. The vehicle was impounded. Dowds was transported to the Fulton County Jail.

- 4-20 - Clayton H. Meffert, 18, Sparland, ticketed for illegal squealing and or screeching of tires.
- 4-23 - Nicolas G. Carrillo, 37, Peoria, arrested for driving on a sus-

pending vehicle registration due to mandatory vehicle insurance, driving without a valid driver's license and driving without insurance. His vehicle was impounded. Carrillo was later released with a notice to appear.

4-24 - Donald L. Barks Jr., 62, Wyoming, cited for driving while his driver's license was revoked and violation of a restricted driving permit.

4-24 - Christopher R. Chumbley, 23, Toulon, arrested and charged with unlawful use of weapons and aggravated assault. He was extradited to the Bureau County Jail awaiting a court appearance.

4-24 - Authorities found a vehicle abandoned in a traffic lane on a road near LaFayette. The 2001 light-blue Dodge Grand Caravan van was discovered about 6:30 a.m. April 24 in the 2200 block of Illinois Route 17, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The van had front-end damage and was a traffic hazard.

Stark County Ambulance communicated with a 43-year-old Galv woman who said she owned the van and it had run out of gasoline. She could not be reached again. A deputy requested the vehicle be towed.

4-25 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on E. Main St. and S. Union St. in Toulon. Drivers were Jim D. Moats, 66, Wyoming, and Paul C. Adams, 45, of Toulon. Moats was transported by Stark County Ambulance to St. Luke Hospital in Kewanee. Adams refused medical treatment. According to the accident report, Adams was slowing to make a left turn onto S. Union St. when Moats struck Adams' truck from behind. No tickets were issued, but vehicle damages were over \$1,500.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-22 - Jaden Wilson, 18, Galva, cited for speeding in the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street.

4-22 - Rex McLeren, 62, East Galesburg, cited for expired registration and no insurance in the 300 block of SE 2nd St.

4-22 - to assist Henry Co with a barricaded subject who was injured in a UTV rollover accident in rural Cambridge. The subject ultimately surrendered and was provided medical care.

4-23 - Abraham Duarte-Garcia, 26, Kewanee, cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended and for mandatory insurance. He was released with a required court date.

4-23 - to the 400 block of NW 1st Ave. for a city ordinance violation involving a sump pump flowing into the treet. The situation was resolved.

4-23 - to assist Henry County with a suspicious person lying along the roadway north of town. The subject was located and refused services.

4-23 - to the 100 block of S. Center Ave. for a civil property dispute.

4-24 - Jeffrey Bridgewater, 61, Kewanee, cited for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

4-25 - to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded.

4-25 - to the 300 block of NE 5th St. for a harassment complaint.

4-25 - to the 100 block of SW 6th Ave. for a damage-to-property complaint.

4-25 - While patrolling, an officer

located a suspicious vehicle in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. After a traffic stop, Patrick Hammons, 68, Galva, was issued citations for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and failure to wear a seatbelt.

4-25 - to assist Knox County with a domestic disturbance in the 1900 block of Knox Road 2900 N.

4-25 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a theft complaint involving several juveniles.

4-26 - to a residence north of town for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was returned to its owner.

4-26 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a loose-dog complaint. Two dogs were impounded.

4-26 - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. for a civil property dispute.

4-27 - to a residence on NW 3rd Ave. for a medical emergency involving a subject being unresponsive. The patient was transported by ambulance.

4-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of Commercial St., Terence Gade, 68, Machesney Park, arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, disobeying a stop sign and failure to use a turn signal. He was released with a court date.

4-27 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a disturbance complaint. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental health crisis.

4-27 - Lindsay Kraus, 33, Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd Street.

4-27 - Matthew Whitaker, 45, Leon, Iowa, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-27 - Linda Winkler, 75, Peoria, cited for speeding and no insurance in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

4-27 - Jairo Ojeda, 30, Monmouth, cited for having expired registration in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-27 - Sarah Lucas, 30, Galva, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-27 - Alexandria Pollock, 24, Kewanee, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-27 - John Larson, 87, Galva, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd Street.

4-28 - Leslie Robinson, 38, Putnam, cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 400 block of E. Division St.

4-28 - to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave. for a dog-bite complaint. A subject was bitten by their own dog and suffered minor injuries.

4-28 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving a group of juveniles not playing well together.

Property Transfers

4-22 - Amber and Andrew Burress to A+ Investment Properties, LLC - Foster's Add'n Block D Lot 1 - 327 !st Street, Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

4-23 - Jake Michael Alvis to Violet L. Alvis - Vg of LaFayette Block 34 Lot 6 - Consideration = \$0.

4-23 - Jake Michael and Violet L. Alvis to Violet L. Alvis - Vg of LaFayette Pt Block 34 Lot 5 - 509 Adams St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.

4-25 - City of Wyoming to Nancy Whaley - Pt Sect. 36-13-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.

4-25 - James S., Johanna R. and Meredith Grayce Duncan to Jonathan D. Rediger - Pt Sect. 24-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.



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It will be free to all residential households in the corporate limits of the City of Wyoming. Per state laws they cannot pick up any electrical items. Large nonelectrical appliances and large pieces of furniture as couches, large chairs, mattress, and box springs will require a tag at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tags can be purchased at City Hall. City Hall's hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Anything placed out should be easily picked up by one man and placed into the back of the garbage truck. Bundle items when necessary so they may be picked up quickly.

The following will not be picked up:
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Cow-calf commune working out well

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One calf is an orphan. One cow lost her week-old calf. One cow cares nothing about her calf. One cow has a poorly healed leg, broken then splinted for weeks when she was a calf. It's the pasture of misfit cows.



Jeanne **HARLAND**

All are worthy of and benefit from the special care and easy life we provide them in the little house pasture. It's a complicated, symbiotic set of relationships. The commune began with the Non-Mothering Heifer (NMH). Cows have strong maternal instincts, but something slipped a cog with this one.

We know she had a difficult labor, giving birth unassisted to a huge bull calf. When a cow needs help delivering a calf, she is somewhat more likely to not claim her baby. Heifers, being first-time moms, are more likely than veteran cows to not claim a calf. I think this one was just mad at the calf for causing her so much discomfort. She didn't fight it; she just didn't care for it.

We towed it off for her and Matt steered it up to nurse, but she just wouldn't stand still. She is a gentle heifer and easy to work with, but the big lunker was not aggressive about seeking milk, so AJ and Matt put her in the chute and Matt worked with the calf for several days until it got strong enough to really work at finding the udder. Once it had the hang of nursing, one would simply stand in the stall with NMH and the calf so it could nurse while he kept a hand on NMH's back. After a week or so of that, they could just feed her some nice hay and the calf would eagerly nurse while she ate.

Each morning and evening they would walk the pair into the east barn and open the gates to the center stall. It didn't take long before NMH and her calf would head for the stall and wait to be let in. But she wouldn't let it nurse in the lot. Eventually they were able to leave the pair in the observation lot, where new-

borns and their moms typically spend a couple days before being turned out to pasture. The calf was now strong and aggressive enough to nurse whenever mom was eating hay at the bale ring, which was pretty much all the time.

One day AJ and Matt discovered a cow too ill to stand. They brought her calf up from the pasture for safety and so I could give it a bottle until the cow was well enough to care for it again. It was a busy day, so they just put it in with NMH and her calf. NMH acknowledged it, but barely.

The frightened and confused calf wouldn't take much of the bottle I offered it, and we decided to leave it with NMH overnight.

The next morning we observed that it would nurse NMH. She neither fought it nor cared for it. The men decided NMH could not mother two calves as well as one so left them together. Sadly, the cow did not recover, so we had an orphan calf.

On the second day I walked into the pen to check on the calf lying in the corner. I spoke soothingly to it, petted its head, scratched its ears and rubbed its back. The forlorn little calf stood up and nuzzled me a bit. NMH had watched me the whole time.

When the calf got up, NMH took a few steps toward us and nosed the calf just the tiniest bit.

Over the next several days she was observed paying far more attention to the orphan calf than she ever had to her own. Whether she liked this calf better because it was smaller, because it had never caused her pain or because she instinctively knew it needed mothering, we don't know.

A week later, an older cow lost her two-week-old calf. AJ and Matt brought her to the house and put her in with NMH and the two calves. They intended to graft the orphan calf onto her, but things were busy and that process was put on hold.

About this time Broken gave birth to a nice calf. Because she is lame, she remained in the relatively cushy observation lot with NMH and her calf, the cow who lost her calf and the orphan calf.

Sometimes just letting nature take its course is the best solution. The cow who lost her calf did accept the orphan calf, but she also allowed NMH's calf to nurse. NMH allowed not just her own and Orphan to nurse, but Broken's calf as well. She is equally indifferent to all.

Broken, who spends more time lying down than most cows, allowed all three calves to nurse, as her once-broken leg doesn't allow enough mobility to kick at anyone. The cow who lost her calf has taken a liking to Broken's calf and grooms it frequently, thereby aiding in its care.

All three calves nurse all three cows, singly, in tandem, or as a gang. I have quit trying to keep track of all this activity, but I no longer need to. Watching the calves frolic and race across the little house pasture tells me all I need to know.

HAWAIIAN RIBEYE STEAKS WITH GRILLED PINEAPPLE SALAD

Ribeye steaks are spiced with cilantro, cumin and ground red pepper and served with a simple salad of pineapple, red pepper and lime.

- Ingredients**
- 2 boneless beef ribeye steaks, cut 1 inch thick (about 12 ounces each)
 - 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro, divided
 - 2 teaspoons ground cumin
 - 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon ground red pepper
 - 4 fresh pineapple slices, cut 1/2 inch thick
 - 1 medium red bell pepper, cut in half lengthwise
 - 1 medium lime
 - Salt

Directions

1. Combine 2 tablespoons cilantro, cumin and ground red pepper, as desired; press evenly onto ribeye steaks.

2. Place steaks on grid over medium, ash-covered coals; arrange pineapple slices and bell-pepper halves around steaks. Grill steaks, covered, 10-14 minutes (over medium heat on preheated gas grill, 9-14 minutes) for medium rare (145°) to medium (160°) doneness, turning occasionally. Grill pineapple 8 minutes or until heated through, turning once. Grill bell pepper 6-8 minutes or until tender, turning occasionally.

3. Grate 2 teaspoons of lime, peel and squeeze juice. Set aside.

4. Chop pineapple and bell pepper into 1-inch pieces. Combine remaining 1 tablespoon cilantro, 2 teaspoons lime peel and lime juice in medium bowl; stir in pineapple and bell pepper. Season with salt, as desired. Carve steaks into slices; season with salt. Serve with salad.

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 - April Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago in 2014

- Wyoming's Pin Oak Apartments is granted a restraining order against the City of Wyoming to prevent a water shutoff due to outstanding water bills.
- Toulon contracts with Wyoming's Don McCauley to become the city's certified water and sewer operator.
- Toulon's Jim Langdon places second in the "Fast Pitch" business competition. He proposed using his product of a clear liquid to apply temporary lines on gymnasium floors for events or games.
- Seven businesses in Wyoming are broken into over a single weekend. Victims were Morrissey's Refrigeration, Wyoming Veterinarian Service, Haas Dental, the Rebel Inn restaurant, Stahl Lumber, Streitmatter Land Improvement and Wyoming's City Hall.
- Bradford Village President Adam Wilson resigns. He is followed by Trustee Shane Brown's resignation due to family issues.

25 Years Ago in 1999

- Y2K was a concern for banks, power outages, etc. when 1999 turned into a new century and millennium 2000. The concerns were proven to be unsubstantiated.
- Bradford High School receives a new marquee sign to replace the school's 30-year-old sign that was in disrepair.
- Bradford Village Board seats new members: Steve Wallace, Robert Harris and John Cler. Jill Manning was sworn in as the new village clerk.
- Wyoming swears in new city council board members Ginger Carlisle, Pat Maher and Steve Jackson. Mayor Dan Hardman said new "No Smoking" signs were to be posted, designating the city hall as a no-smoking area.

- Noah Eubank is Bradford High School's valedictorian and Jennifer Stange is salutatorian. Stark County High School has Jillann Bush, Noah Forlines, Sara Goodwin and Geneva Stockwell sharing valedictorian honors, with Aaron Grant as salutatorian.
- ## 35 Years Ago in 1989
- Valley Grade School will operate one more year according to a school board vote. Some area residents favored annexation into the Wyoming Grade School.
 - The long tradition of the Stark County Track Meet was expected to end after this year's meet due to Wyoming High School dropping track as a sport the next year and Bradford High School forming a co-op with Tiskilwa for track. LaFayette High School and Toulon Township High School merged in 1971 to form Toulon-LaFayette High School.
 - The Wyoming High School board of education plans improvements at the football field. New sidewalks are planned around the high school and the crow's nest will get new siding.
 - Toulon's Woman's Club installs new officers: Dorothy Warren, president; Sandy Langdon, vice-president; Grace Cinnamon, parliamentarian; Maxine Curry, secretary; and Isabelle Smith, treasurer.
 - LaFayette suffers another ammonia scare when Stark Ag Services' tanks leak a huge cloud of ammonia into the atmosphere.
- ## 40 Years Ago in 1984
- West Jersey Home Extension will meet at the home of Eleanor Newman; United Methodist Women will meet with Anna Mae Hendrick as hostess and Garna Porter presenting the program.
 - Max Hatfield of Toulon receives a plaque for 30 years of service with

- Kraft Foods. He began his employment with Kraft on April 23, 1954, at the Toulon Cheese Plant.
 - Former Toulon teachers Mr. and Mrs. Guy Davies quietly celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their Toulon home, on May 3, 1984. They both started teaching at the age of 17 by passing the Illinois State Teachers' Examination. They taught 18 years at Toulon Township High School.
 - State Bank of Toulon had a grand opening for its' new building on Main Street. Two thousand people toured the facility. The space for the new bank building used to house the U.S. Post Office, a gas station, a barbershop, a shoe store, restaurants and other businesses.
- ## 50 Years Ago in 1974
- Ben Carmack's Ford dealership in Wyoming listed a 1965 Thunderbird, blue with a white vinyl top, full power, AM-FM radio for \$795.
 - Toulon-LaFayette High School's music department presents the musical "Oklahoma" on May 2 and May 4 at 8 p.m. Admission was 75 cents for students, adults \$1.25 and reserved seats \$1.75.
 - Toulon-LaFayette High School's fresh-soph Trojans captured the Blackhawk Conference Championship. Toulon-LaFayette hosted the Inter County Athletic Conference (ICAC) track meet and took the title for the sixth straight year.
 - Pat Horrie of Bradford was hired as a Stark County deputy sheriff. He is a 1968 graduate of Bradford High School and served two years in the U.S. Army.
 - Some names of former area organizations were: Porkettes, The Ruth Fellowship, the Starkettes, the VFW, the Homemakers' Extension Unit, the Faith Circle and the West Jersey Past Noble Grand Club.

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BRIEFS

IHSA boys basketball tourney staying put

The Illinois High School Association Board of Directors voted to keep the state boys basketball tournament at the State Farm Center in Champaign through 2028-29.

The IHSA is also seeking to negotiate a contract extension for the girls state basketball tournament at Illinois State University in Normal.

First Choice Healthcare offers student physicals

The Henry and Stark County Health Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinics in Kewanee, Colona and Toulon will offer sports and school physical exam services at all their locations throughout the summer.

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For more information visit www.henrystarkhealth.com or on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health Departments.

State Police warn about phone scam

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Police is warning the public about a telephone scam. ISP has received several calls from individuals reporting a person claiming to be an ISP investigator telling them their identity has been stolen. This is a scam.

ISP special agents will not make cold calls requesting personal or financial information, or ask you to confirm personal or financial information.



Judy Anderson (left) was presented a certificate for 65 years as a member of the Galva Beta Sigma Phi. The award was presented by Linda Owens (right), president of the Xi Kappa Gamma Chapter in Galva. Both Galva Chapters celebrated Founder's Day of the Beta Sigma Phi organization on April 24 at the Filling Station in Bishop Hill.

Both Galva groups are working on the annual Beta Sigma Phi craft show to be held on October 19th at Galva High School. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Bradford seniors were honored with numerous awards at the annual Bradford Community Scholarship Fund ceremony.

Lily TerBush received awards from the American Legion, Stark County Masonic Lodge and Bradford Community Scholarship Fund as well as the Margaret K. Poe Award, the Mark Verstraete Leadership Award, the Duane Stewart Music Award, the Verinda Gorman Girls Athletics Award and the Francis Clark Agriculture Award.

Connor Scott received awards from the American Legion and Bradford Community Scholarship Fund as well as the Bradford High School Alumni Award, the Mark Verstraete Leadership Award, the Michael Mootz Boys Athletics Award and the Sally Vanzant Mathematics Award. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

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You can verify if a caller is an ISP agent by contacting one of seven investigative regions in the state, which can be found on the state police website, isp.illinois.gov.

Burns Booster 4-H holds April 21 meeting

BURNS TOWNSHIP – The Burns Boosters 4-H club held its April meeting on April 21. Old business consisted of a visit to Steven's Veterinary Clinic and our day of service cemetery clean-up.

New business consisted of another possible cemetery clean-up for a day of service and ethics training. General projects are June 15.

We had talks and demonstrations by Mara Hamilton, Laura Boelens, Addison Bennett and Emily Boelens.

The next meeting is May 11 at 4 p.m. at the Bishop Hill fire station, weather permitting, for a nature hike around town. If weather is bad, the meeting will be at 5.

Et cetera

- The Stark County Health Department's quarterly meeting of the Stark County Health Board will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, May 7, at the Stark County Health Department, 120 E. Court St., Toulon.

- The Henry County Health Department's quarterly meeting of its Health Board will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8, at the Henry County Health Department office, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee.

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Martin Engineering boosts robotics team

By JEREMY CAIRNS

For The Prairie News

NEPONSET – Martin Engineering has been helping a group of students in rural Illinois discover their inner engineer by sponsoring and mentoring them in a worldwide robotics competition.

Team Martin Motion 6237, a co-ed robotics team for the 2024 FIRST Robotics Competition season, was comprised of 27 students from seven high schools – Annawan, Bureau Valley, Galva, Geneseo, Kewanee and Stark County – plus 10 volunteer mentors.

With an award-winning effort, the team was able to reach the final tiers of the regional competition.

Over a series of weeks, the students built a working industrial-sized robot controlled by a “driver” to accomplish the task of gathering a game piece, traversing an obstacle-laden arena and depositing the game piece into goals for points. This was achieved by collaborating with other teams participating in the competition to create alliances consisting of three robots per alliance.

Robot Creation

With the guidance of Martin’s volunteer mentors and access to the company’s resources, the students (dubbed “Motioneers”) worked together to design, build and program



The 2024 Team Martin Motion 6237 proudly displaying its trophies. Photo submitted by Martin Engineering.



The Motion 6237 robot at its starting point, ready to compete. Photo submitted by Martin Engineering.

their robot in line with strict FIRST competition rules. This was done on evenings and weekends over a six-week period.

Students learned complex mechanical, electrical and design engineering concepts, as well as engaging in computer coding. They also gained experience working on a team project with a deadline.

The Season

To start the season, Team Martin Motion 6237 participated in the Central Illinois Regional robot challenge called Crescendo at Bradley University in Peoria, finishing 2-9 in matches. This gave the robot drivers essential experience, allowing the team to identify areas for improvement, including a new swerve-drive system.

At the St. Louis Regional competition, the team competed in 12 matches, showcasing refined robot and strategic gameplay. Team Martin Motion competed well against former world champions and finished third – not enough to propel them to the world championship tournament.

The team was awarded the prestigious Judges’

Award, recognizing a team’s unique efforts, performance and dynamics, demonstrating the full embrace of the principles of the FIRST program.

“This season has been a resounding success for Martin Motion 6237,” said mentor Seth Mercer of Martin Engineering. “They faced challenges head-on, learned from their experiences, and continuously improved their robot and strategic thinking.”

“But beyond the robot’s performance, their teamwork, professionalism and embodiment of the FIRST spirit truly sets them apart.”

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PLAINTIFF
Vs.
Jeffrey Scott; Mark Scott; Steven Scott; Gary Scott; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Ann Fail; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2024FC2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
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Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
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Charles J. Fail
the Mortgagor(s), to American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stark County, Illinois, as Document No. 2007-93428; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF JAMES M. BAULCH, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of James M. Baulch. Letters of Office were issued on April 10, 2024, to Charity S. Baulch as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF PATRICIA J. WILAMOSKI, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 32

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Patricia J. Wilamoski. Letters of Office were issued on April 22,

2024, to Peter Wilamoski as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF KENT E. GRIFFIN, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 347

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Kent E. Griffin. Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2024, to Timothy R. Griffin as Independent Representative 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 November 4, 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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF MILDRED I. NELSON, No. 2024PR49
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Mildred I. Nelson. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2024, to Steven R. Nelson and Bonita D. Nelson as Independent Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before November 2, 2024.

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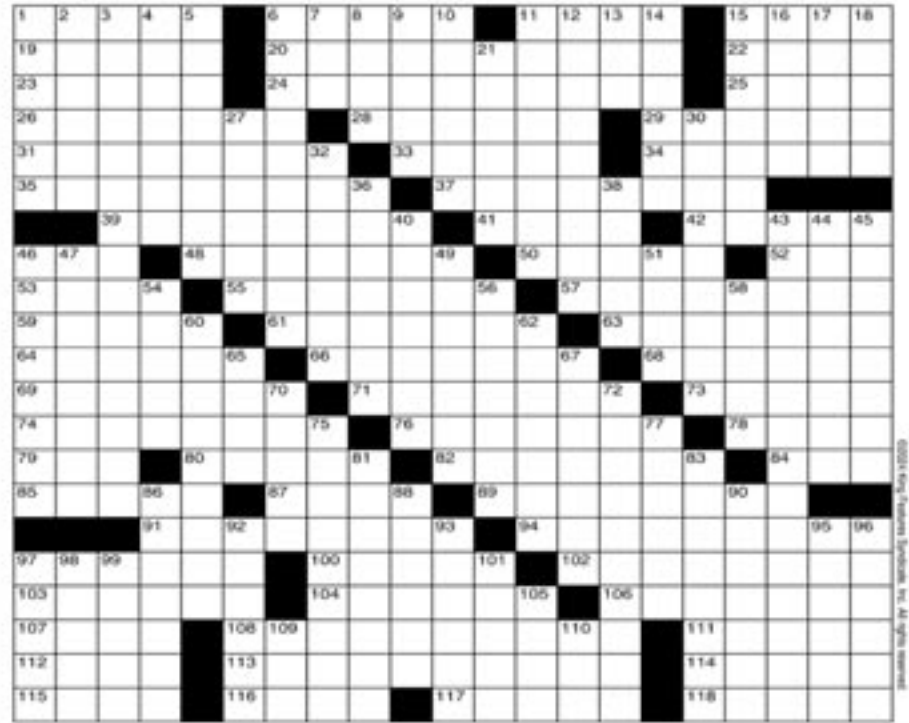
Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Offer hush money to
- 6 Strip of gear, as a ship
- 11 Weight unit for a druggist
- 15 "I am at your -- and call"
- 19 "Elementary" actor Quinn
- 20 Sonata, often
- 22 Mary a cruise stopover
- 23 Unconcealed
- 24 Customized for
- 25 Lee of Marvel Comics
- 26 Like a swine
- 28 Also-rans
- 29 Like a diluted drink
- 31 Parceled out
- 33 "Haven't -- before?"
- 34 Shout of discovery
- 35 Having two hues
- 37 "It could go either way"
- 39 Fival of Delta or United
- 41 Urgent
- 42 Fire residue
- 46 Taxpayer's ID
- 48 Dedicates
- 50 Fender guitar, for short
- 52 Ltd. cousin
- 53 Pot toppers
- 55 Edits for publication
- 57 Conflict
- 58 Sad paper notices
- 61 Say a different way
- 63 Michael who co-hosted "Live" with Kelly Ripa
- 64 Gets broader
- 66 "No outlet" street
- 68 Always, in music scores
- 69 Keyboard instrument
- 71 One of three womb-sharers
- 73 Florida's Key --
- 74 Charges for not paying on time
- 76 Decongestant brand
- 78 Legal claim on property
- 79 Broke a fast
- 80 Filmfam
- 82 Non-PC person?
- 84 Suffix with Taiwan
- 85 Bothersome types
- 87 Thrift type
- 89 Relax after working hard
- 91 Red-tinged jewelry alloy
- 94 Removes hair from
- 97 Second-to-last king of Egypt
- 100 Greeting sent online
- 102 Emily Dickinson's "Much Madness is -- Sense"
- 103 Tropical rabbit lookalike
- 104 Shrink back
- 106 Brings about
- 107 Finger-paint
- 108 The Northwest's "City of Trees"
- 111 Like many allergy sprays
- 112 Robbie Krieger's father
- 113 Remark from the sharp-eyed
- 114 1950s-'70s baseballer Boyer
- 115 Actress Russo
- 116 Deck crew officer, in brief
- 117 Puts in order
- 118 City on the Ruhr

DOWN

- 1 African tree with a very thick trunk
- 2 Italian municipality west of Turin
- 3 Perfect choices to fill positions
- 4 Stereotypical setting for a brawl
- 5 Having a right (to)
- 6 In prison, informally
- 7 Vardalos of "Connie and Carla"
- 8 Toddler bed attachment
- 9 Like a truck ascending a steep hill, gear-wise
- 10 Silly, like a honking bird
- 11 The two dots in "naïve" or "Bronx"
- 12 Fly-catching warblers
- 13 Shakespeare work part
- 14 Imitated a cat
- 15 Small restaurants
- 16 Lauder of fragrances
- 17 Los' partner
- 18 Its capital is Nairobi
- 21 Aspiring doc's major
- 27 Person slashing stuff
- 30 In the buff
- 32 Cracked, as a cryptogram
- 36 Info group to be input
- 38 "Dagnabbit!"
- 40 Bee-luring fluids
- 43 Chief female officers in sacred rites
- 44 Gets bigger
- 45 First division of a 13-Down
- 46 Sparse start of some rounds of applause
- 47 Utter with a hissing sound
- 49 Arena relative
- 51 Crafts' counterparts
- 54 Apple's Jobs
- 56 Pop in a blended family
- 58 Egypt's Nasser
- 60 Detects like a dog
- 62 Intertwined
- 65 Crystal ball gazer, e.g.
- 67 Neutralized, as a bomb
- 70 "The Crooner and the Heath" novelist Charles
- 72 Plares' first fliers, often
- 75 Operations
- 77 Infer (from)
- 81 Like a district bishop's jurisdiction
- 83 Faith
- 86 Difficulty
- 88 Finisher just under the winner
- 90 Beach footwear
- 92 Overalls for hitting the slopes
- 93 Sci-fi automations
- 95 Grand home
- 96 Purloined
- 97 Soundboard control knob
- 98 Mojave plant
- 99 Northern French city
- 101 Inflicted upon
- 105 Actor Bert
- 109 "Well well!"
- 110 Fedoras, e.g.



Amber Waves


by Dave T. Phipps



1. I WISH I COULD SPEAK CHICKEN AND UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING.
 2. YOU ALL CLUCK LIKE CRAZY AT EACH OTHER.
 3. DO ANY OF YOU LISTEN OR DO YOU ALL JUST TALK LOUDLY OVER EACH OTHER?
 4. THIS IS LIKE THANKSGIVING WHEN ONE OF THE RELATIVES BRINGS UP POLITICS.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



1. I'VE GOT STREET SMARTS.
 2. YA, 'SESAME' STREET SMARTS.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



WHAT? THE GUY ASKED ME A QUESTION AND I TOLD HIM THE FIRST THING THAT CAME TO MY MIND.

GRIN & BEAT IT

Someone from the Commission on Honesty in Government is on the phone. ... Are you here?"



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

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 Fil Rodriguez
- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is smallest in surface area?
 - TELEVISION: Which sitcom has the theme song, "Where Everybody Knows Your Name"?
 - ANATOMY: Which part of the human body is involved with ACL surgery?
 - GAMES: What is the victim's name in the U.S. version of the board game "Clue"?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the world's largest species of frog?
 - SCIENCE: What do isobars indicate?
 - LITERATURE: In the novel "Don Quixote," who is the human companion to the title character?
 - MOVIES: In which movie did actor Bill Murray live the same day over and over?
 - THEATER: Who is believed to be the first actor in a Greek drama?
 - MUSIC: What is the name of Beyonce's 2024 country album?
- Answers
- Lake Ontario.
 - "Cheers."
 - The knee.
 - Mr. Boddy.
 - Goliath frog.
 - Atmospheric pressure.
 - Sancho Panza.
 - "Groundhog Day."
 - Thespis, 6th-century poet
 - "Cowboy Carter."
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Answers on Page 3

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

OR YNET RJ DG JDXOJZT,
 GTYGHONQQE OW EJZ
 FNXX N AGYZRNROJK
 WJA TZDRQGRE.
 - OTNNH NTOIJX

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Civil War (R)
 - Abigail (R)
 - Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13)
 - The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare (R)
 - Spy x Family Code: White (PG-13)
 - Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
 - Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13)
 - Dune: Part Two (PG-13)
 - Monkey Man (R)
 - The First Omen (R)
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OBITUARIES

Anne M. Christie

DAYTON – Anna Mae Morrissey Christie, 91 of Dayton, Ill., passed away April 11, 2024. She was the daughter of William and Bertha Morrissey. She has three sisters, Mary Ehnlé, Nellie Ehnlé and Jean Porter and two brothers Patrick Morrissey, deceased, and John Joseph Morrissey, who died in infancy.

Christopher M. Colvin

PRINCEVILLE – Christopher M. "Chris" Colvin, 48, of Princeville, died Monday, April 22, 2024, at his home.

He was born Feb. 2, 1976, in Moline, the son of Donald "Don" L. and Laura L. (Nygren) Colvin. Survivors include his mother of LaFayette; his son, Connor Colvin of New Braunfels, Texas; two brothers, Casey (Sheri) Colvin of Blue Grass, Iowa, and Jeff (Carrie) Colvin of South Beloit, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.



Colvin

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Kelly.

Chris graduated from Stark County High School and he served his country in the Peoria Air National Guard. He worked for Laborers Local 165 in Peoria. He loved hunting and fishing and enjoyed a good game of golf.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, May 11, at LaFayette Cemetery with Rev. Glenn Corbly officiating. A luncheon and time of fellowship will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the LaFayette United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to the LaFayette United Methodist Church. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

James A. Harris

BRADFORD – James Albert Harris, 88, of Bradford, Ill., passed away Friday, April 26, 2024, at the Arc at Chillicothe, surrounded by his family. He was born in Osceola, Ill., on Sept. 15, 1935, to Marion and Arlene (McKeever) Harris. He married Helen C. Finnegan on Nov. 27, 1954, in Camp Grove, Ill. She preceded him in death on June 24, 2012.



Harris

Surviving are three sons, Terry (Shirley) Harris of East Peoria, Gary Harris of Round Rock, Texas, and Doug (Julie) Harris of Bradford; five grandchildren, Emily and Cathrine Harris of Las Vegas, Jimmy (Kimberly), Nathan (Mariah Kraft) and Zachary Harris, all of Bradford; and two great-grandchildren, Paisley and Jaxon Harris.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Marty; his sister, Donna Williams; and his brother, Dennis.

Jim worked at Hotchkiss Steel Company, later known as Bradford Industries, for 45 years.

He enjoyed his family and hunting and fishing, and was a master craftsman. Jim took great pride in his craftsmanship. He also enjoyed going uptown every day to drink coffee with his buddies.

The family would like to thank the staff at the Arc at Chillicothe for taking great care of Jim.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Cremation Specialist of Illinois is assisting the family. A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at the American Legion Hall in Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Diabetes Association.

Online condolences may be left at www.CSOFIL.com.

James C. Henehan

WYOMING – James Christopher "Jim" Henehan, 85, of Wyoming, passed away at 4:35 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center. He was born on Jan. 19, 1939, in Evergreen Park, to William and Meta (Waterstradt) Henehan. He married Sharon (Proctor) Henehan on Dec. 25, 1965, in Staunton; she survives.

Also surviving are his four children, Jim (Lori) Henehan of Normal, Susan (Jason) King of Wyoming, Cindy Eisenbarth of Dahinda and Father Patrick Henehan of St. Jude Catholic Church in Peoria; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and two brothers, Mike (Charlene) Henehan of Peoria and Tom Henehan of Anchorage, Alaska. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Margaret Childs; brother, Jack Henehan; and son-in-law, Scott Eisenbarth.

Jim was a metallurgical engineer at Caterpillar, Inc., retiring after 33 years.

After his retirement, he dedicated his time to others, foremost his family and grandchildren, but also his faith in Christ and service in the Catholic church. He volunteered countless hours at St. Mary's Catholic School in Kickapoo, affectionately known as "grandpa" for many. He also volunteered at the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen, served as an extraordinary minister of the eucharist, was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was an advocate for the right to life.

Jim – Dad, Grandpa, Friend – was a fighter until the end. He will be missed dearly but we find comfort in knowing he is well on his way of



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reaching his ultimate goal of being with our Lord Jesus Christ in peace and comfort.

His funeral mass was April 30, 2024 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. Fr. Patrick Henehan officiated. Burial was in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Missionaries of Charity or Women's Care Center.

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

Peggy M. Sargent

LaFAYETTE – Peggy M. Sargent, 70, of LaFayette, passed away peacefully at 7:21 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, 2024. She was born on Feb. 23, 1954, in Peoria, to Edward L. and Angeline M. (Granko) Simpson.

She is survived by three children, Jerry (Cassie) Sander of La Fayette, Jessica (Roy) Kraft of Wyoming and Jolene (Donnie) Gustaitis of Everett, Wash.; 10 grandchildren, Christian, Mariah, Dalton, Payton, Emma, Olivia, Justice, Jada, Brooklyn and Chase; four great-grandchildren, Gavin, Wyatt, Jayvion and Kohen; a sister, Judy (Ray) Hart of Laura; a step-brother, Jimmy Golden; and two step-sisters, Linda Golden and Polly (Rick) Philbee.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Michael Simpson; and a granddaughter, Summer Petty.

Peggy enjoyed spending time with

her family and was a master of keeping things because "you never when someone might need one." She was lovingly referred to as "Grandma Peg" by all the children in the family and neighborhood.

A celebration of life will take place at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

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Curtis Campbell

WILLIAMSFIELD – Curtis John "Curt" Campbell, 29, of Williamsfield, died April 25, 2024 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria from injuries sustained in a utility vehicle accident. A celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m., Saturday, May 11, at his farm, 1342 E. Knox Rd. in Williamsfield.

Galva, Stark Co. softball earn No. 8 seeds

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

Galva and Stark County are seeded eighth in their respective Class 1A Williamsfield sub-sectionals. Seeds were revealed Tuesday on the Illinois High School Association website, where regional pairings were to be posted later in the week.

Ridgewood and West Central are the top two seeds in Sub-Sectional A, which includes Galva. Princeville is seeded seventh and ROWVA-Williamsfield is seeded sixth. In Sub-Sectional B, Stark County is behind Sterling Newman and Henry, the top two seeds. Each sub-sectional has 10 teams.

The state tournament is to begin May 13 with regional quarterfinals. Semifinals are May 14-15, and title games are May 17 or 18. Sectional semifinals are set for May 21-22,

with finals May 24 or 25. Supersectionals are May 27.

State finals are to be played May 31-June 1 at the Louisville Slugger complex in Peoria.

Galva (3-13) lost in eight innings Tuesday, 6-5 to Annawan-Wethersfield. Kaylyn Gale singled home Addy Yepson in the bottom of the seventh to tie it. Galva had two runners on base in the eighth but couldn't score. Gale and Lilly Wigan were 2-for-3, and Avery Dooley and Amber Plummer each had two RBI.

On April 25, Galva lost 19-0 at West Central, which had 11 first-inning runs. Gale was 2-for-2 and had the Wildcats' only hits. Galva is to play a home doubleheader Saturday against Mercer County.

Stark County lost a doubleheader Tuesday at Ridgewood, 10-0 and 16-

0. Stark County (2-20) had two hits in the first game, one in the second.

Mercer County defeated Stark County 8-1 on April 25. The Rebels led 1-0 in the first inning, when Sophie Finnegan stole home plate. She was 2-for-3.

The previous day, Stark County forced extra innings but lost 8-5 in eight to Peoria Christian.

Finnegan, Emily Demetreon and Kenna Sparks scored on errors in the bottom of the seventh as Stark County tied it, 5-5. Stark County also led 2-0 after one inning, but Peoria Christian scored two in the fifth and three in the sixth to overcome that deficit.

Stark County has a home doubleheader scheduled May 8 against ROWVA-Williamsfield.

SPORTS: Lady Rebels win conference JV meet

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and also placed second in long jump with a PR of 20-3.

The Rebels also got a third-place finish from Nolan Snider in shot put (41-8) and from the 4x100 relay (45.32) and the 4x200 relay (1:35.6).

Princeville senior Joey Bosch broke a 50-year-old school record, winning the 1,600 in a career-best time of 4:35.6 to break the longstanding mark of 4:37.6 posted in 1974 by Mark Van Hoorbeke.

The Princes also won the 4x100 and 4x400 relays and had four second-place finishes en route to a 107-point night that edged Abingdon-Avon (103) and Annawan-Wethersfield (102).

The Stark County girls team also won the Lincoln Trail Conference JV meet on Monday at Galva, while the

boys were ninth. Dusti Smith won the 400 (1:01.36), Claire Bowser won high jump (4-9.75) and triple jump (PR, 30-11.75) and the Lady Rebels won the 4x400 (4:23.59) behind the Smith sisters, Paytin Terwilliger and Haylie Moodie.

At the 78th Brockman Invitational on Tuesday in Kewanee, Orwig won discus (99-3) and Martinez won the 3,200 (13:27.28). Second-place finishes went to Stotler in shot put (35-6.5) and Paul'yna Barnwell in the 200 (PR, 28.15).

Nolan Orwig was second in 300 hurdles (PR, 42.19) to lead the boys and Matthew Bowser was third in triple jump (39-2.75).

Stark County is scheduled to compete at the LTC meet today at Monmouth United.

Galva track – Galva competed at the

United Invite on April 25 and got a win from Ian Pacecho in the 800 (2:17.26) and the 1,600 (5:18.26). Bryant Jeffrey was second in the 3,200 (12:09.68) and Reid Harris was third in high jump (5-8).

Ella Ingels was top finisher for the Galva girls team, placing third in triple jump (24-10). Finishing in fourth were Reese Sumner in long jump (14-2.75) and Addie Moore in high jump (4-4).

The Galva boys were fifth at the LTC JV meet on Monday, as Pachecho was second in the 800 (2:18.31) and third in the 1,600 (5:21.24) and 3,200 (PR, 11:19.96). Reid Harris was second in 300 hurdles (PR, 49.58) and high jump (5-9).

Galva is scheduled to compete at the LTC meet today at Monmouth United.

NOTICE OF TESTING for Patrol Deputy.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for Patrol Deputy. This testing is for new hires and lateral officers.

New applicants will have until June 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to submit applications.

The physical test (Power test) will be conducted on June 8, 2024 at 10 a.m., at the Henry County Jail located at 311 W. Center St Cambridge, IL. Information about the written test will be provided to those applicants who successfully pass the physical test. The written test will be at a later date.

Applications may be obtained at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 311 West Center St, Cambridge, IL 61238. The Henry County Government application can also be printed from Henrycty.com. A completed application can be emailed to bfranklin@henrycty.com or dropped off at the Sheriff's Office.

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The deadline for the applications will be June 7, 2024 @ 4:00pm. Only fully completed applications will be accepted. Questions can be directed to Chief Deputy Charles Ben Franklin @ 309-937-3902 or bfranklin@henrycty.com.

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The Prairie News Sports

Galva, Stark Co. split twinbill

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Galva and Stark County baseball teams split a double-header Monday, with the Rebels winning the opener, 12-1, and the Wildcats taking the nightcap, 4-2.

In the first game, the Wildcats gave up runs in every inning and walked 13 Rebels. Between the walks, Stark County (10-13) got hits too, with Luke Rewerts going 3-for-4 with two RBI and Dillon Steelman hitting 2-for-3 with one RBI.

Tim Giesenhagen was stellar from the mound, throwing five innings, giving up two hits and just one free pass, while striking out nine.

Ty Dowell-Keup drove in a run for Galva (4-12) and M.J. Louck hit a double.

Three scores in the fourth frame, good pitching and solid defense were the winning difference for Galva in the game two. Cyrus Hurd knocked in two runs and hit a

double, K Wood drove in a run and Louck pitched six innings, giving up seven hits, two earned runs and striking out eight.

Stark County had eight hits but couldn't do enough with them. Blair Daum rapped two doubles.

Prior to that, Galva fell 12-2 to Bushnell-Prairie City at home on April 23. The Wildcats struggled with six errors. Louck, Ty Dowell-Keup, Alec Gustafson and Jared O'Brien combined for four hits.

SCHS dropped a doubleheader 3-0 and 6-2 at Ridgewood on April 23. In the first game the Rebels could only muster two hits from Will Rumbold and Steelman. Giesenhagen kept Stark County close from the mound in a complete game, giving up one earned run and one walk, while striking out four.

In the nightcap, Steelman drove in both runs and doubled.

Galva is home Saturday vs. Ridgewood. The Rebels are at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Lady Rebels 2nd at AW Invite

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

Dusti Smith, Chelsey Stotler and Claire Bowser all won individual events last Friday to boost the Stark County girls track and field team to second at the AW Titan Invite in Kewanee.

The Lady Rebels had 103.5 points to 157.5 for the hosts. The boys team was sixth. Princeville won.

Smith won the 400-meter race in a time of 1:01.57, Stotler won in shot put with a throw of 35 feet, 6 inches and Bowser posted a personal record by clearing 5-1 to

win the high jump.

Second-place finishers for the Lady Rebels were Alexis Martinez in the 1,600 (6:11.29) and Lauren Orwig in the shot put (33-10) and discus (104-8). Stark County posted third-place finishes in the 4x100 relay (54.41), 4x200 relay (1:56.86) and 4x800 relay (10:53.18) and got thirds from Bowser in the 200 (29.11), Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:29.56) and Stotler in discus (96-1.5)

Matthew Bowser won in triple jump with a leap of 40-5 to lead the boys team

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