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## Learning Pavilion Wayne City Considering Three Phase Design

by Jarrod Pruitt

The Wayne City unit board was given a presentation for a three-phase project to build an outdoor learning pavilion for students at their March 21 meeting.

From Farnsworth group, Jacob Heck and Ryan Reu said the project would include recreational and playground areas, and would be located directly east of the school's back parking lot.

At the February meeting it was noted that that Farnsworth, the new architectural firm being used for the project was working on designs for the space.

Discussion for the project may continue at their regular meeting scheduled for 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 18.

Before then, the board congratulated Kelli Keen and recognized her for receiving the W. Manion Rice Yearbook Advisor of the Year Award for 2024.

Mrs. Keen is the journalism instructor, and teaches special education at the school.

Keen was nominated and committee-reviewed for the award, and represents Wayne County in the Southern Illinois Student Press Association (SISPA) conference.

### Personnel

The board accepted coach resignations from Nyle Musgrave, as the varsity/junior high boys' basketball coach, and Hunter Clark as the high school girls' basketball head coach.

For fall and winter sports, motions also passed to hire the following:

- Brianna Anderson as a junior high softball coach.
- Angie Kelly as a junior high cross-country coach.
- Lamar Choate as high school volleyball head coach.
- Matt Griswold as high school assistant volleyball coach.
- Rick Hays as junior high girls' basketball coach.
- Daniel White and Tommy Lewis as junior high girls' basketball volunteers.
- Ashley White as junior high cheer coach.
- Jake Talbert as head coach for varsity boys' basketball.
- Jessie Harrison as junior varsity boys' basketball coach.
- Chad Dickey and Kelsey Gregory for boys' basketball volunteers.

The board hired Stacy Taylor as a junior high special education teacher, and accepted the retirement of James Reynolds, who worked as a bus mechanic.

### Dates

Screening for preschool and Kindergarten registration was announced for April 25 and 26 at the Baptist Church in Wayne City.

High school and grade school graduations are set for Sunday, May 19, at J. Conrad Allen Gymnasium.

High School graduates will begin walking at 2 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. for grade school.

## IEPA Gives Wayne City Green Light On Burning

by Jarrod Pruitt

Since last November, the Wayne City village board has been asked by a resident to stop burning at its 30-year-old brush pile, but at Monday night's meeting announced they received a go-ahead to continue burning at the site.

The green light to burn came after a city employee spoke with an Illinois EPA agent in Springfield this past month that purportedly found the site to be legal.

### Gave Village Ultimatum

The legality of the site was challenged openly in January by resident Troy Seidel, who gave an ultimatum to stop burning at the site

that sits within 300 feet of his business or be turned into the IEPA.

Seidel said the pile could smolder for days and that commercial businesses were using the site to get rid of their own debris inappropriately.

Smoke from the pile would seep into his building and would disrupt the businesses inside, said Seidel.

In January, Seidel said he would not take the village to court over the issue and asked the village to move the site. By February, the village had been turned in to the IEPA and board members began to seek another location.

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Fairfield photographer Kaitlyn Bejda captured this shot of the moon hiding the sun during Monday's spectacular solar eclipse. Thousands gathered all over Southern Illinois for the show.

## Eclipse Did Not Disappoint; Huge Crowd In Total Darkness

Monday's Solar Eclipse, which had been much anticipated for months, did not disappoint as thousands were enthralled in Wayne County and all over Southern Illinois.

The spectacular celestial show drew huge crowds of onlookers, packing into the Wayne County Fairgrounds and Leo French Park.

### Lawn Chairs, Viewing Glasses

Many brought lawn chairs and set up shop hours before the 2 p.m. main event. They were equipped with special viewing glasses. It was a family affair.

The main event Monday was preceded by a full weekend of activities, planned in Fairfield by a special Eclipse committee.

It started off Friday night at the fairgrounds with a concert featuring the country music band, Little Texas. But the crowd size was harshly minimized

by chilly, inclement weather.

Saturday featured activities in downtown Fairfield on the city parking lot east of the Fairfield Post Office. Music was offered at a variety of locations including the Fusion Coffee House and the Fairfield Elks Lodge.

A special non-denominational church service was held at Leo French Park Sunday.

### Bathed In Total Darkness

But the main event was the Eclipse itself, and viewers in and around Wayne County witnessed a spectacular show that lasted for over an hour as the moon blocked the afternoon rays of the sun gradually leading up to total darkness at about 2:05 p.m. Total darkness lasted for about five minutes when the moon's position gradually shifted, allowing the sun to return to its full brightness on a virtually cloudless day.

Some of the largest crowds were reported in the Carbondale area, which many considered to be ground zero for viewing. Carbondale officials were turning away traffic.

## Attendance Less Than Expected At Carmi Solar Eclipse; Same For Dozier Event

The weather was perfect, music was great, but the attendance was significantly less than expected at the weekend Solar Eclipse music event at Burrell Woods park in Carmi. Officials said there were approximately 250 in attendance, not including volunteers and stage crew members.

The main event took place Friday evening, featuring Eddie Montgomery of Montgomery Gentry along with Anabel Whitley, Sarah Brewer and Pez & the Dispensers. Sunday's event featured Ryan & Candi Stocke, Lucas Nelson, Matt Sneed & Luke Simon, Bryan Dowler, Cam Thompson and Josh Cronin. Observers said that only about half of those in attendance were from Carmi with the rest from out of town. There were no tickets sold at the gate, officials said.

Similarly, low attendance was reported at Dozier Farms solar eclipse event near Mill Shoals. Weather only partially cooperated for the event with rain falling on and off Sunday.

## Terrabis Expanding Further Into Illinois

Terrabis, the operator of the adult use cannabis dispensary in Grayville is expanding its business further into Illinois.

This week, the Chicago-based firm announced plans to open a dispensary on Illinois Route 59 in the Will County community of Plainfield. This will be the firm's second dispensary in Illinois.

"This development is part of Terrabis' larger Midwest expansion strategy, which began with the establishment of five dispensaries and a marijuana-infused product manufacturing facility in Missouri," said Terrabis CEO Dan Ambrosino.

"The Plainfield dispensary follows Terrabis' successful opening of the largest dispensary in Southeast Illinois in June of 2023, located on Ill. Route 1 in Grayville."

The Plainfield dispensary is expected to create an estimated 40 jobs.

## Another Mexican Restaurant For Grayville

by Len Wells

Grayville is getting a second Mexican restaurant. During Monday night's city council meeting, commissioners approved a restaurant liquor license for Martin Maldonado who plans to open La Fiesta Grill next to the Super 8 Motel.

The building once housed the Guadalajara Mexican restaurant, which closed late last year. Operators of the Guadalajara restaurant built a new facility just west of the town's cannabis dispensary. Commissioner Don Baldwin voted no on the liquor license request.

Grayville commissioners approved two TIF District funding requests. The owners of the Smokin' Bong Head Shop received approval for \$28,300 in TIF funding to replace the HVAC system in their downtown building. The TIF fund is half of the actual \$56,600 cost to replace the system.

Rick and Terry Conner received TIF funding in the amount of \$1,750 to help pay for the demolition of a house they own that was destroyed in an arson fire earlier this year. The total is half of the estimated \$2,500 to raze the property. Commissioner Don Baldwin abstained.

### Approve Annual Budget

Grayville's 2024-2025 budget was approved at Monday night's meeting. A synopsis of the budget provided by City Clerk JoEllen Seil shows budgeted revenues of \$4,053,695.00 and budgeted expenses of \$4,549,663.79. Within the budgeted revenues, the city anticipates \$67,500 in motor fuel tax, \$300,000 in the town's TIF District #1 and \$100,000 in TIF District #2, \$101,575 in its Revolving Loan Fund and \$50,000 in Motel Tax.

Within the general fund, the City of Grayville has budgeted \$200,000 in expected revenue from the town's cannabis tax. In the detailed budget, it shows \$100,000 from cannabis tax going to the police department and \$100,000 for the town's Revolving Loan Fund to continue demolition clean up efforts of abandoned structures.

### Swimming Pool Update

At Grayville's next council meeting, commissioners are expected to set the admission fees for the public pool. The existing fees are \$2 for one swim, \$50 for a season pass for one person, \$90 for a family of two and \$125 for a family of four. For families larger than four, the price goes up \$10 for each additional swimmer.

The pool party rate is currently set at \$50 per hour and can be scheduled for 6 - 8. Normal pool hours are 12 to 6 with an adult swim available from 11 to noon. Free swimming from 1-6 will be offered with various clubs and organizations providing sponsorship. The pool is expected to open Memorial Day with a free swim.

## Spring Cleanup For Fairfield Apr. 13

The City of Fairfield will conduct a city-wide Spring Cleanup on Saturday, April 13, from 8 to 12 at the Street & Bridge Department at 908 East King Street. This service is for City of Fairfield residents only.

Commercial contractors will not be allowed - this is a residential cleanup only.

Dumpsters will be available for general waste, tires, and metal and appliances. Items that will not be accepted are construction/remodel debris, yard waste, electronics, liquid paint, batteries and items considered hazardous waste.

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**Eclipse Crowd**

Eclipse onlookers packed into Leo French near the lake with lawn chairs and special viewing glasses.

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### Weather Forecast

Day	High	Low	Cond.
Wednesday	65	55	Rain
Thursday	59	51	Rain
Friday	64	46	Windy
Saturday	75	43	Sunny
Sunday	79	58	Cloudy

# Diane Feather, 91, Dies; Homemaker

Diane (Clark) Feather, 91, of Wayne City, died on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at Fairfield Memorial Hospital. Diane was a homemaker and worked on the family farm. She was also a member of the Arrington Prairie "Bailey" General Baptist Church in Wayne County.



DIANE FEATHER

**Funeral Service**  
A celebration of life service will be held from 1 - 3 p.m. on Sunday, April 14, at Young Funeral Home in Wayne City, with Bro. Rob Greenwalt officiating.

Graveside services and interment will follow immediately at Hopewell Cemetery in Wayne City, after the celebration of life service.

Diane was born on July 2, 1932, in Carmi, to Harry & Inez (Cariens) Clark.

On November 26, 1953 she married Olen W. Feather, who preceded her in death on August 3, 2005.

Diane was a lifelong St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan, and loved to watch Cardinals baseball games. She also enjoyed reading and watching classic television shows.

Most of all, she loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**Survivors**

Diane is survived by son Nick (Barbara) Feather, of Wayne City, son Kenneth Feather, of Wayne City, daughter Rita Swan, of Mt. Vernon, and son Gary W. Feather, of Wayne City; grandchildren Jill (Kyle) Campbell, Cathy (Ben) Blair, Mark (Bianca) Feather, Randall (Renee)

Feather, Brandi Jo Swift, Jeremy Swan, and Jeffrey (Cassie) Swan; great-grandchildren sister Karen Bruns of Defiance, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Harry and Inez Clark; husband Olen W. Feather; brother Mike Clark; son-in-law Dale Swan; and family member Alice Mayberry.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hopewell Cemetery Fund and will be accepted at Young Funeral Home in Wayne City.

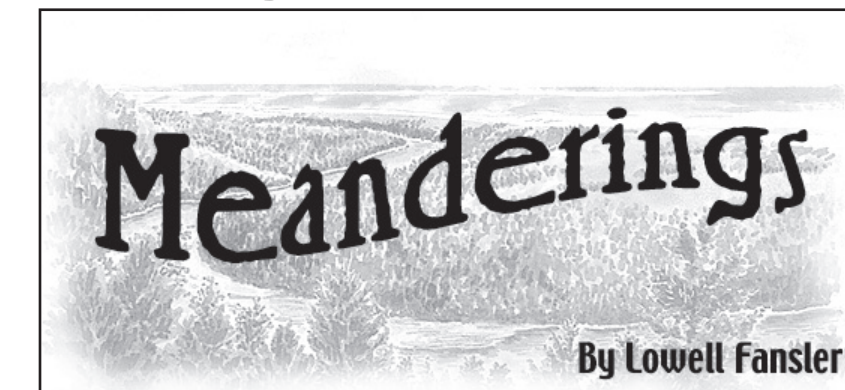
Online condolences, memories, and words of encouragement may be shared at [www.youngfuneralhome.com](http://www.youngfuneralhome.com)

One of my favorite authors when I was younger was Jack London, who wrote several best selling books over the years. Many of them were about the Arctic and the gold rush days, telling stories about the lives and hardships of those hardy souls who ventured to the Klondike and Nome gold fields.

He also wrote at least two books regarding sled dogs and about the same area as the gold rush days, where and when extremely cold winter weather and primitive lifestyles dictated how the inhabitants moved from place to place and hauled their supplies to and fro.

We might explain how dogs became so important to the natives of those frigid areas, in Alaska, Northern Canada, Greenland, and other polar countries, and why they were used as beasts of burden by many travelers, including those explorers who were the first to find the North and South Poles. History tells us that using dogs for pulling sleds goes back at least 8000 years, for evidence has been found to prove this. The reason? There was no other domesticated animal available and able to handle such needs. The dog apparently, like the wolf, can cope with such frigid conditions.

In Mr. London's books about sled dogs, White Fang and The Call of the Wild, he goes into explicit explanations regarding some of the dogs used for this purpose, many of which were vicious



as wolves and very difficult to train. Some were so difficult to domesticate that extreme methods had to be used to "break" them, including clubbing them into insensibility at times to "get their attention." Once they were broken in spirit, many of them became faithful servants to their owners, and a good sled dog was very valuable.

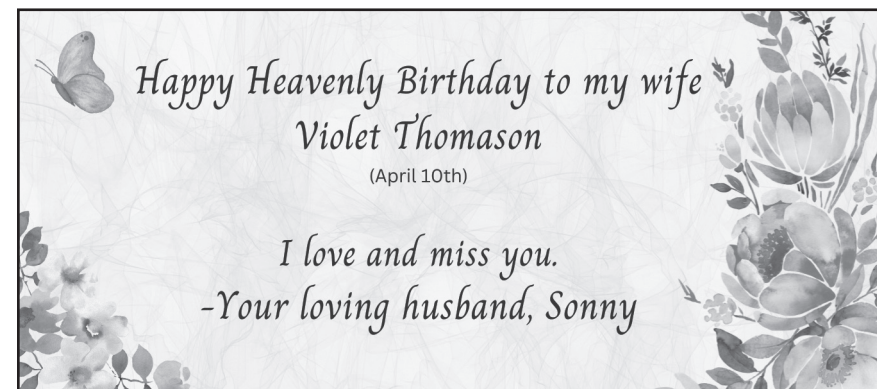
Dogs are still used for moving supplies from place to place, because at times, there is nothing else, especially in deep snowfall. Snowmobiles have become popular, obviously, but there is still a huge demand for sled dogs, and some enterprising individuals specialize in raising and training them for sale - a big business.

Several breeds have been used from time to time for this purpose, including the various husky breeds, and the malamute, and through the

and even though there was a medical doctor there, he had just a small amount of the serum for treating the disease. The word went out that if serum was not made available, that many children would die very soon. Because of the heroic efforts of several sled dog teams and their owners, traveling over hundreds of miles, this serum was delivered in time to save those children. Perhaps because of this heroic event, Alaska now has an annual sled dog race, after winter sets in and snow is heavy on the ground, going from Nome for hundreds of miles, called the Iditarod. This is a very difficult area of travel, impossible except when snow covers everything, and is one of the most anticipated sports events in Alaska. Extreme hardships are involved, and good sled dogs are a must to make this trip.

Several of the articles over the years

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## Senior Pool Tournament

The Senior Pool Tournament is held at its new time of 8:30 a.m. every Wednesday at the new Senior Center, located at 302 W. Main St. in Fairfield. The tournament is open to those 55-and-up.

For Wednesday, April 3, this week's doubles champions were Dennis Cropper and Duke Andrews, who held off runners-up Kenny Stallings and

Alan Bland.

Charlie Harl was the single titleholder for the week, keeping back Duke Andrews who continued into singles competition as runner-up.

Sharon Lewis, Nancy Stallings, Bill Irvine, Dave Bell, Dave Lewis, Bob Watson, Loren Adams, and Larry Williams also participated that day.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR 04 2024 April

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
Geff Ruritan will be hosting their monthly breakfast from 7 - 9AM Menu is sausage, biscuits & gravy, hash browns, scrambled eggs, pancakes, white milk, chocolate milk, juice, & coffee. This is a serve yourself, all you can eat. Cost is by donation and everyone is welcome.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
Orchardville Church, located at 137 Co. Rd. 815 E. Wayne City, IL, will be hosting a "Don't Let Go" Women's Conference starting at 10AM. Brunch will be served at 10AM and then Sara Hays will deliver a message. Worship will be led by Megan Mays.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
Well Bar & Grill LLC, located at 1476 IL-15, Fairfield, IL, will have live country music from 9PM - 12AM. Southern Grit Band will be the featured artist.

**MONDAY, APRIL 15**  
The Wayne City Ruritans will hold their monthly meeting at 6:30PM in the Wayne City Community Building.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 16**  
The Mill Shoals Ruritan will meet on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:30PM at the club building. New members are always welcome.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**  
RJ On Main and The Humble Homestead will be hosting a Sourdough Bread Workshop from 1 - 3PM, located at 200 East Main Street, Fairfield, IL. Tickets are \$55 and can be purchased online at [www.simplerix.com/e/sourdough-workshop-tickets-165476](http://www.simplerix.com/e/sourdough-workshop-tickets-165476).

**TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23 & 24**  
The North Wayne schools are conducting Child Find/Preschool Screenings for Birth to 5 years old children who are not yet enrolled in public schools and who will not be eligible for Kindergarten in the fall. The screening checks each child's progress in hearing, vision, speech, language, and coordination skills. This will give parents a better idea of how their child is progressing at this very young age before he/she begins school. The screening program is free and parents will receive immediate feedback on how their child is developing. Johnsonville will hold their screening from 8:30AM - 2:30PM. The screening will take about 45 minutes and the appointment must be made by calling (618)673-3044.

**FRIDAY - SATURDAY, APRIL 26 & 27**  
Fairfield Community High School's Horticulture class, located at 300 W. King Street, Fairfield, IL, will be holding a plant sale starting at 10:30AM.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
The Bluford Ruritan will host their monthly all-you-can-eat biscuits and gravy, pancakes, sausage patties, scrambled eggs and grits. There will also be coffee, orange juice, milk and water. Cost is by donation.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**  
Skillet Fork Ruritan will hold its monthly birthday breakfast at Steph's Coffee Shoppe in Mill Shoals from 7 to 9AM. Menu will be sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, biscuits and gravy. Milk, chocolate milk, orange juice and coffee will be offered to drink. Cost is by donation.

### WEEKLY EVENTS

- SUNDAYS** - Wayne City AA meets at 7PM at the Wayne City Community Building.
  - MONDAYS** - Life Recovery, a faith-based recovery meeting, meets every week at New Beginnings Church east of Fairfield. Food served at 6PM; meeting starts at 6:30PM. Childcare is available. Meetings are dismissed on major holidays.
  - TUESDAYS** - Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Tuesday including holidays at 7PM at the Cornerstone Community Church at the corner of First and Delaware streets in Fairfield.
  - THURSDAYS** - Narcotics Anonymous is now meeting at 7PM at Cornerstone Community Church in Fairfield.
  - FRIDAYS** - Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Friday including holidays at 7PM at the Cornerstone Community Church at the corner of First and Delaware streets in Fairfield.
  - SATURDAYS** - The Mt. Erie Ruritan Club community breakfast is served on the first Saturday of each month (except January) from 6 - 9PM Menu is biscuits, sausage gravy, sausage, eggs, hash browns, pancakes, coffee and orange juice. Cost for adults is \$7 and children 10 and under is \$3. Profits are used for community service projects.
- Fairfield Memorial Hospital's Multiple Sclerosis (MS) support group meets the first Saturday of each month. For more information contact Carol Ann Greenwood RN BSN at 618-847-8253.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	April Fools	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	1	2	3	4

**IF YOU HAVE AN EVENT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE ON THE CALENDAR PLEASE EMAIL LAMBRI MORSE!**  
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April 9th, National Unicorn Day

### BLOOD DRIVES

Fairfield Memorial Hospital will host a community blood drive with the American Red Cross on April 19 from 10:30AM - 3:30PM. For more information or to make an appointment to donate, call (618)847-8242 or sign up online at [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) with the sponsor code: FairfieldMemorial. If you donate blood you will receive a FREE meal ticket to FMH Cafeteria.

### TOWN-WIDE RUMMAGE SALES

The Village of Wayne City has scheduled the Spring Town wide rummage sales for Friday & Saturday, May 3rd & 4th. Call the Village Hall by Tuesday, April 30th at 895-2241 to be put on the sales list. These will be available at the Village Hall & at local businesses on Wednesday May 1st.

Cisne will be holding townwide rummage sales on May 4th.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

- WAYNE CITY VILLAGE BOARD** meets the first Monday of each month at Village Hall.
- EDWARDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS** meet the first Monday of each month at 9AM unless otherwise noted.
- ALBION CITY HALL** meets the first Monday of each month at 7PM at City Hall.
- VILLAGE OF CISNE** meets the second Monday of each month at Village Hall. The meetings begin at 6PM
- AMERICAN LEGION POST 176** & the American Legion Auxiliary meet the second Monday of each month at the Legion Hall. Meal is provided.
- WAYNE CITY RURITANS** meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30PM at The Wayne City Community Building.
- FAIRFIELD CITY COUNCIL** meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 6PM in City Hall.
- NORTH WAYNE BOARD OF EDUCATION** meets the third Wednesday of the month at 6PM at Cisne Middle School, unless otherwise noted.
- FCHS BOARD OF EDUCATION** meets the third Thursday of each month at 6PM in the Library.
- FMH COFFEE CLUB** meets the third Thursday of each month at the FMH Cafe from 9:30 to 10:30AM
- WAYNE CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION** meets the third Thursday of the month at 7PM
- FAIRFIELD DISTRICT #112** meets the third Monday of the month unless otherwise noted.
- WAYNE COUNTY BOARD** meets the second Thursday of each month in the Wayne County Courthouse Court Room at 7PM
- FAIRFIELD PARK BOARD** meets the second Thursday of each month at 6PM

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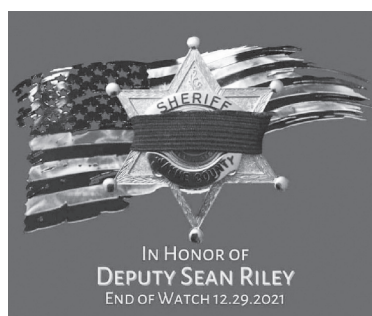
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# REPORT

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Finding

**Jared McCulloch**



## Missing Person

A 33-year-old Louisiana man, Jared Michael McCulloch, disappeared after visiting his son in Salem, Marion County, in early November 2023.

Family members and friends are still looking for him, whose white GMC Sierra was found abandoned, with his dogs still inside the cab, in Vincennes, Ind.

On November 5, security footage spotted McCulloch at a Huck's gas station at 8:30 a.m. in Salem, and the following morning (Nov. 6) at 1:30 a.m. McCulloch was last seen leaving a Phillips 66 station in Central City at 5:30 a.m., later that morning. His truck was found that day, deserted in

### Controlled Substance

Blake D. McKnelly, 23, of Louisville, was arrested on a Wayne County warrant for unlawful possession of a controlled substance at 12:02 p.m. last Thursday.

McKnelly was later processed at the Wayne County Jail and lodged on a \$50,000 bail, associated with a 2023 case against McKnelly.

An April 18 court date has been set.

### Plea To Amended Drug Charge

Zachary S. Henson, 31, of Olney, pled guilty to felony possession of drug paraphernalia, an amended charge from meth possession, in Wayne County Court last Thursday.

Judge Michael Valentine sentenced the Olney man to complete 18 months probation, credited him two days for time spent at the Wayne County Jail, and ordered Henson to pay \$2,811 in fines and court fees.

Vincennes.

McCulloch is 5' 9" and 175 lbs., with dark blonde hair and blue eyes. He was seen last wearing a Carhartt coat, a blue t-shirt, and blue jeans.

Leads in the case may be directed to the Knox County Sheriff's Department, in Vincennes at 812-882-7660.

### Two Years For Meth

Fairfield resident, Ronald D. Stark, 34, was sentenced to serve two years with the Illinois Department of Corrections and six months of parole upon his release, last Thursday in Wayne County Court.

Judge Michael Valentine handed down the sentence associated with a possession case from 2019. Stark made an admission of violating the probation he had been on.

The judge ordered Stark to pay \$1,230 in court fines and fees, and credited him with 23 days he had served at the Wayne County Jail.

Five cases were dismissed for Stark's plea, charging him with meth possession, driving with a suspended license, and driving with no valid registration.

### Carmi Woman Arrested After Police Chase

Jayla D. Goff, 36, of rural Carmi was arrested last Thursday night by Carmi police following a police pursuit. The incident occurred shortly after 9:30 Thursday night at 6th and Elm in Carmi.

In addition to charges of attempting to flee or elude a police officer, Goff was served with a White County misdemeanor warrant. She was booked into the county jail pending a detention hearing.

## Weekend Jail

Taylor J. Mayes, 23, of Fairfield, was sentenced to serve every other weekend at the Wayne County Jail for the next three months by Judge Michael Valentine, in Wayne County Court last Thursday.

The sentence came after Mayes made a negotiated plea for misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol.

Mayes was also charged in the case with two counts of aggravated assault, possession of ammo without a FOID card, and two counts of electronic harassment, charges that were all dismissed for Mayes' plea.

Judge Valentine ordered Mayes to pay \$2,906 in court fines and fees and attend a victim impact panel.

Mayes will report to the jail on April 12.

### Three IDOC Sentences

Michael R. Smith, 34, of Wayne City, was sentenced to serve three concurrent sentences by judge Michael Valentine, after Smith pled guilty to aggravated fleeing/eluding an officer, criminal damage to property, and felony theft.

Handed down last Thursday in Wayne County Court, Smith must serve five years with the Illinois Department of Corrections (IDOC) for theft, three years for aggravated fleeing, and two years criminal damage.

Smith must complete six months to a year of mandatory supervised release after the sentences are served.

A financial sentence against Smith is pending, awaiting a future hearing for restitution.

### Four Two-Year Sentences, Meth

Eddie L. Morton, 38, of Wayne City, pled guilty to meth possession and two counts of unlawful possession of titles without a complete assignment in Wayne County Court Thursday, and received a two-year sentence for each.

Judge Michael Valentine allowed Morton to serve the Illinois Department of Corrections sentences concurrently, with six months of parole for each sentence upon his release. His parole will be served together as well.

Six other charges were dismissed for Morton, including two counts of fleeing or eluding a peace officer, reckless driving, driving with a suspended license, and use of a property for meth.

Judge Valentine ordered the 1999 Chevy Silverado seized during the arrest of Morton to be forfeited to the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

#### Second Case

In a second case hearing for Morton, the defendant was sentenced two more years for possession of meth, an admission to violating his probation from last August.

Morton received 102 days of credit for time that he served at the Wayne County Jail for both cases.

A financial sentence for Morton was pending at the time of reporting.

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Tow hands work to remove an overturned truck in the rain last Thursday, near Kings Chapel Church, north of Fairfield. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)

## Truck Rolled On Thursday

Ella P. Thompson, 18, of Fairfield, 1850 East when for unknown reasons the vehicle left the roadway and overturned at 4:35 p.m. last Thursday afternoon.

Emergency medical services and both Wayne County Sheriff and Fairfield Rural Fire departments

responded to the 2012 GMC 1500 that had rolled with two passengers inside, near Kings Chapel Church in Grover Township.

Thompson and one passenger were removed for treatment of minor injuries at Fairfield Memorial Hospital, and the vehicle was towed away with damages that were estimated over \$1,500.

### Harrisburg Man Busted At Carmi Solar Fest

A Harrisburg man was arrested Saturday evening after he attempted to bring a cooler into the Carmi Solar Festival event at Burrell Woods.

Leonard W. Gauthier, Jr., 68, was stopped by Carmi police shortly before 4:30 p.m. as he tried to bring a cooler into the event. Instead of taking the cooler back to his vehicle, he and his wife opted to leave the event angry.

Gauthier ripped his event tickets and scattered them onto ground as he returned to his vehicle. Once in the vehicle, he is accused of disobeying those directing traffic and left at a high rate of speed. Police say Gauthier nearly hit three vehicles head-on as he was leaving before swerving onto the walkway, knocking over about a dozen safety cones.

Police eventually stopped Gauthier's vehicle east of the Enfield intersection where he was issued citations and released pending a court appearance.

### Crossville Man Jailed For Meth After Chase

Albert R. Rogers, 38, of Crossville has been jailed on multiple felony charges following a police pursuit last week.

Rogers has been formally charged with aggravated fleeing or eluding resulting in bodily injury, a Class-4 felony, possession of less than five grams of meth, a Class-3 felony, possession of a controlled substance, a Class-4 felony and misdemeanor charges of reckless driving and driving on a suspended license. Other charges include driving without insurance and three counts of disregarding a traffic device.

After being booked at the county jail, Rogers was released with pretrial conditions pending an April 24 preliminary hearing in White County Circuit Court.

### Enfield Man Arrested; Drug And Traffic Charges

Jacob S. Rowe, 26, of Enfield was arrested in the early morning hours Saturday on drug and traffic charges. Carmi City Police arrested Rowe at 3:40 in the morning at Burrell and Oak Street in Carmi.

Following an investigation, Rowe was jailed on charges of possession of methamphetamine and a controlled substance, unlawful use of property, possession of cannabis in a motor vehicle and driving on a suspended license. Rowe was taken to the county jail where he was held pending a detention hearing before a judge.

## More Court On Page 5

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# Wayne County Press Society News

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Members of the Vermillion Frisky Fillies, who recently enjoyed dining at Cracker Barrel in Mt. Vernon, are (seated l to r) Susie Marsh, Dean Jelley, Betty Harrelson, and Carolyn Bland. Standing are Karla Morse, Mary Paul, Pat Frankland, and Beverly Rister.



## Eclipse Royalty Named

Royalty has been chosen to represent Albion's Eclipse on the Bricks solar event. Little Miss Eclipse Hadley Harris and Little Mister Eclipse Gavin Heindselman were chosen during the weekend celebration. Hadley is the 7-year-old daughter of Patrick and Kristen Harris of Albion. Gavin is the 7-year-old son of Chad and Jaime Heindselman of Albion. Pictured with Hadley and Gavin is Miss Edwards County Fair, Kaylie Land.

## Frisky Fillies Dine At Cracker Barrel

The Vermillion Frisky Fillies met for their regular monthly meeting at Cracker Barrel in Mt. Vernon. The only birthday girl this month was their queen. She made strawberry cupcakes with pink icing and a bunny rabbit top for everyone and served them to the

ladies. The ladies had one guest, Nicole Severs, who joined them as a pink hatter. Karla Morse was this month's door prize winner, and Pat Frankland was the February door prize winner. After the meeting, the group en-

joyed a meal and then shopping before returning home. Those attending were Mary Paul, Pat Frankland, Beverly Rister, Dean Jelley, Betty Harrelson, and Carolyn Bland, all from Fairfield; Susie Marsh, Golden Gate; and Karla Morse, Mt.

Erie. There were several members missing due to illness. The group hopes to see everyone at the next meeting, which is scheduled to be in Grayville at the Family Diner, where they will be celebrating two birthdays.



## Girl Scout Troop Donates Cookies

Girl Scout Troop #8779 donated 50 boxes of Girl Scout cookies to Aperion Care in Fairfield this year in appreciation of the healthcare workers and staff that keep their facility running. Pictured (l to r) are Larissa Doty, Activities Director at Aperion Care, and troop representative Cadette Ashlynn Blevins.

## Blood Drive Results

The recent blood drive held Wednesday, March 13, at the Community of Christ Church in Fairfield, and sponsored by Aperion Care of Fairfield, resulted in the collection of 50 units.

First time donors were Ruby Clevenger, Jonathan Paul, and Diana Reed. Door prize winners received gift cards to Bullard's Farm Market donated by Aperion Care of Fairfield. The winners of the gift cards were Rick Thomason and James Rodgers of Fairfield.

Next drive will be held on May 8, 2024 at the Community of Christ Church. Appointments can be scheduled online @redcrossblood.org or by calling Diane Vaughan at 618-838-9873.

## Blue Point Blood Drive

Blue Point Free Will Baptist Church, located at 1141 County Road 1975 N, Cisne, will host an American Red Cross blood drive on Tuesday, April 16, from noon to 6 p.m. in The Link Gymnasium.

Call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: BLUEPOINT to schedule an appointment.

For questions or additional information call Connie McGrew at 618-839-1981 or Bro. Ernie at 618-838-6708.

## Geff Ruritan Breakfast

The Geff Ruritan Club will host their monthly all-you-can-eat, self-serve buffet breakfast Saturday, April 13, from 7-9 a.m. Cost is by donation. The menu will consist of sausage patties, scrambled eggs, hashbrowns, sausage gravy and biscuits, pancakes, white and chocolate milk, orange juice, and coffee.

## Birth Announcements Printed Free of Charge

Had a new addition to your family tree? The Wayne County Press will print a birth announcement, with or without a newborn picture, free of charge.

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## North Wayne Preschool Screening

The North Wayne Schools will conduct Child Find/Preschool Screenings April 23 and April 24 for birth to five-year-old children not yet enrolled in public schools and who will not be kindergarten eligible in the fall.

The screening checks each child's progress in hearing, vision, speech, language, and coordination skills. This will give parents a better idea of how their child is progressing at this very young age before he/she begins school. This screening program is free, and parents will receive immediate feedback on how their child is developing. Head Start personnel may also be present to explain their program and

services.

The Child Find/Preschool Screening will be held at Johnsonville on April 23 and 24 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The screening procedure takes about 45 minutes, and appointments must be made so that children do not have a long wait period. Parents should call 618-673-3044 to make an appointment or to get more information.

Remember! The service is a free check of your child's progress in the development areas, but appointments are needed. If you live in the North Wayne School District call 618-673-3044 today to make an appointment for your preschooler.

## Relay For Life Event To Honor Survivors

Relay For Life will host a Survivor Brunch honoring cancer survivors on Saturday, April 20, at 10 a.m. at McLeansboro Christian Chapel Church, located at 14397 State Route 242.

"We invite cancer survivors from Hamilton, Wayne, and White Counties and their caregivers to join us for this celebration in their honor. Whether you have recently been diagnosed or are a survivor for many years, we extend a warm welcome and encourage you to attend this event in your honor," said Janice Crow, Event Chair.

The complimentary meal will be provided by Humble Beginnings of Christian Chapel. Volunteers have requested a count for the number of

meals to prepare. Anyone attending is asked to RSVP by April 12 to the Survivor Committee, Janice Crow (618-927-2970) or Sandy Burke (618-499-4892).

The guest speakers will be Art and Connie Saunders of Carmi. They will be sharing Art's cancer journey and educating us on their experience at the Hope Lodge in St. Louis.

"We look forward to sharing this special event with those who are special to us, our survivors. We hope you will join us to register for your 2024 Relay Survivor shirt and enjoy a complimentary meal," added Crow.

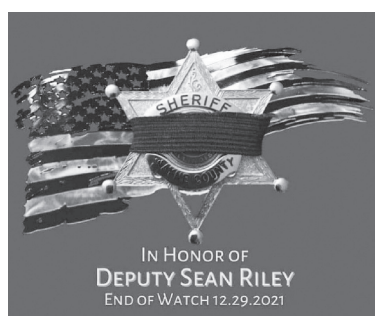
The 2024 Relay For Life Event will be held on Saturday, June 1, from 5-10 p.m. on the Hamilton County Courthouse lawn.

## We Want Your News!

Have you taken a trip, visited with friends, former classmates, etc. We would like to share your news with our readers.

Call our Society Editor, **Debbie Xanders**, at **618-842-2662** or email her with the details (and picture when applicable) to [society@waycopress.com](mailto:society@waycopress.com).





Police, Fire & Court

# REPORT

## White County Deputies Arrest Four

Eric L. Garrett, 41, of Grayville was arrested last Friday night on charges he bought alcohol for an underage party in Mill Shoals.

White County deputies responded to a report of an underage drinking party on an old bridge west of Mill Shoals and found several juveniles standing on the bridge. Police determined the party had just started, and none of the juveniles were under the influence of alcohol. The teens were instructed to call their parents to come pick them up.

When a deputy shined his light inside a nearby car to look for booze, he found Garrett laying in the back seat. When questioned, Garrett admitted he

was the one who bought the booze for the kids, stating "Yes - I'm a dumbass. I shouldn't have done that". After being booked at the White County jail, Garrett was given a notice to appear in court and was released.

Jacob S. Rowe, 26, of Hickory Street in Enfield was arrested last Sunday afternoon on a Hamilton County warrant for failure to appear in court on a charge of driving without insurance. After being booked, he was given a notice to appear in court and released.

Stormy Baker, 25, of Norris City was arrested last Thursday morning for driving on a suspended license and possession of cannabis in a vehicle. Baker's arrest came on Illinois Route 1

at County Road 1800 N. after she was pulled over for speeding 83 in a 55 mph zone. Given a notice to appear in court, she was released after being booked at the county jail.

Kenneth L. Ripley, 28, of Norris City was cited for being in possession of cannabis in a vehicle following a traffic stop on Rt. 1 near Crossville. He was given a notice to appear in court after being processed at the county jail.

## Car Fire

Fairfield firefighters responded to a car fire last Saturday morning at 520 N.W. 7th Street. A local resident was working on a car that was on a trailer when the vehicle caught fire.

Fairfield firemen extinguished the blaze without incident. The vehicle was heavily damaged. No injuries were reported following the 8:42 a.m. incident.

## Enfield Man Arrested For Stealing Drinks

Wesley W. Pierce, 34, of Enfield was arrested Tuesday morning by Carmi police for shoplifting.

Pierce is accused of stealing two Red Bull energy drinks from the Hucks convenience store on Oak Street in Carmi. After being booked at the county jail around 5:20 Tuesday morning, he was released with a notice to appear in court.

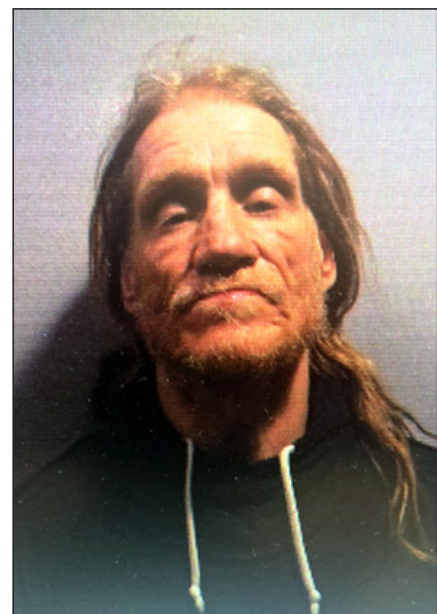
## Felony Drug Arrest In Enfield

Dustin L. Pierce, 48, of Equality has been jailed on three felony drug charges following his arrest last Wednesday in Enfield.

Pierce has been formally charged with possession of more than 15 but less than 100 grams of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance in jail, both Class-1 felonies. The controlled substance found on Pierce at the county jail tested positive for fentanyl, police said. He has also been charged with possession of a controlled substance, a Class-4 felony.

Enfield officer Justin Titzer made the collar, noting the suspect was riding an electric bicycle at the time of his arrest.

Pierce remains in the White County jail pending an April 22 preliminary hearing in White County Circuit Court.



DUSTIN L. PIERCE

## Sarah Frey To Speak At UE Wednesday

Sarah Frey, founder and CEO of Frey Farms, will speak at the University of Evansville (UE) from 7 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10. The event will be held in Eykamp Hall, located on the second floor of Ridgway University Center.

Afterwards, a meet and greet will be held and 25 copies of Frey's books will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis. Those who already have a copy can bring their book to have signed. This is free and open to the public.

Sarah Frey oversees the diverse operations of Frey Farms, including land acquisition, regenerative agriculture initiatives, raw ingredient manufacturing, and a full-scale beverage business. The Sarah's Homegrown brand of produce and beverages are distributed across the U.S. from over 200 cold-chain distribution centers across both retail grocery and food service. Frey Farms is best known as being America's largest producer of fresh pumpkins, but watermelons are, in fact, their top commodity.

In 2020, Frey authored the best-selling book "The Growing Season: How I Built a New Life - and Saved an American Farm." Her entrepreneurial spirit was nurtured at the age of eight while accompanying her mother on a summer produce route selling direct to grocery retailers in southern Illinois. When she turned 16, Frey took over the route and eventually expanded it to more than 150 stores. At age 19, she negotiated with Walmart, turning her vision into reality and bringing her four older brothers back to the family farm.

This event is part of UE's Patricia H. Snyder Concert and Lecture Series, created in 1997 to bring speakers or performers of national renown to Evansville at no cost to the public. The series spans a wide variety of topics, and previous speakers and musicians include Doc Severinsen, Daymond John, Barbara and Jenna Bush, and Eileen Collins.

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## Spring Revival At Faith Holiness

A Spring Revival will be held Apr. 12-13 at the Faith Holiness Church at 912 W. Delaware starting at 7 p.m.

Bro. Adam McCloud is scheduled to preach. There will be special singing.

On Sunday there will be Sunday School at 9:30, following by the morning worship at 10:30 and an evening worship at 6 p.m.

Carl Waters is the pastor.



Three Fairfield Mule seniors signed Wednesday to continue their football careers at Greenville University next year. Signing was, front, from left: Bronson Rilea, Nick Tribe and Trey Mason. They were joined by parents Sean and Jaime Rilea, Greg Tribe and Donnie and Christina Simpson, and Trisha and Steve Mason. (Photo by Brian Turner)

## Fairfield Trio Signs To Play Football For Division III Greenville Panthers

by Brian Turner

A trio of Fairfield Community High School athletes signed letters of intent Wednesday to continue their football careers at Greenville University next year.

Trey Mason, Bronson Rilea and Nick Tribe held a joint signing in the FCHS lobby, signing to play for the Panthers. Greenville is a Division III school that plays in the SLIAC. They went 5-5 last football season.

Mason was an all-conference and all-south running back/defensive back for the Mules, who went 5-5 last year. He led the Mules with 830 rushing yards and was second on the team in receiving yards with 356 for a team-high 1,186 total yards. He also led the team with 14 touchdowns.

Mason is the son of Steve and Trisha Mason.

Rilea was a second-team all-conference defensive selection, playing both ways in the trenches. On the defensive

side, he was second on the team in solo tackles with 44 and second in tackles for loss with 12. He led the team with four sacks.

Rilea is the son of Sean and Jaime Rilea.

Tribe was a four-year player who also played both sides of the lines, spot starting on both offensive and defense. On defense, he had five total tackles, with one for loss.

Tribe is the son of Greg Tribe and Christina and Donnie Simpson.

## King Pleased With Tribe's Energy, Effort On Diamond

After a cold, nasty week of weather that allowed limited practices, the Wayne City High School baseball team still gave Coach Jaxon King reason to be proud in a 5-0 loss to visiting Mt. Carmel on Friday.

"We were mostly in the gym or in the classroom watching film all week; we got outside to throw when we could," said King, whose team fell to 0-5. "Having four indoor practices followed by a game the next day gave me worries, but the boys came out and gave a full effort, so I was happy with how we played."

"I liked the energy and enthusiasm we brought to the table Friday," he added. "I think if we'd have cut down on the errors (they made five) and had manufactured a couple of runs, we'd have been in a good position against

Mt. Carmel."

King tipped his hat to Aces pitcher Dakota Mounts, who went the distance. He threw 51 strikes out of 77 pitches and struck out eight Indians.

"We struggled to find hits. We put balls in play, but none of them were able to find a hole," he said. "Mt. Carmel played really well defensively, and having one of their top guys on the mound made it a nice challenge for our boys."

"The effort was there from our guys," King added. "We just need to execute better."

Mt. Carmel pounded nine hits, with Mounts going 3-for-3 and Asher Coston going 2-for-4 with a pair of ribbies. The Aces improved to 4-5.

The Indians, who are 0-1 in the Midland Trail Conference, will try to even

up their league record this Thursday when they travel to Webber Township in Bluford.

"It should be a fun game," King said, adding that his goal is simple. "Right now we're just trying to compete for seven innings every time we show up to the field. If we can do that, we can hang in some ball games."

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# Mules Get BDC Win Before Road Nonconference Loss

by Brian Turner

Ten games into the season, the Fairfield Mules got conference play underway Friday, rolling to an easy 15-3 win over the visiting Eldorado Eagles at Lakeside Park.

The Mules scored in each of their four at bats, and scored four runs or more in three of those four, piling up 13 hits, while the Eagles also committed five errors that helped the Mules pile eight unearned runs on top of their already ample offense.

Fairfield jumped out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning, getting a two-run single from Creson White and an RBI single from Karson White as well as a passed ball run.

Caleb King added a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the second for a 5-0 lead, scoring Jake Easton on the play.

Eldorado got on the board with one run in the top of the third, but then Fairfield answered with five runs in the bottom half of the inning. The Mules strung together five straight singles, followed by a fielder's choice and an error that put them up 10-1.

The Mules built a double-digit lead with five more runs in the bottom of the fourth, including Dylan Fleener's second double of the game and a three-run home run by Landon Harrelson, his third homer of the year.

Harrelson finished the game 1-for-2 with three runs and three RBIs. Fleener led the Mules in total bases with five, doubling twice and adding a single. He scored three times as well. Easton also went 3-for-3 with three singles.

On the mound, Ian Puckett got the win. He held the Eagles to one earned run on one hit, while striking out seven and walking five. Talen Hixenbaugh closed out the game pitching the final 1 1/3 innings with two hits allowed and three strikeouts.

Fairfield improved to 6-4 with the win.



Fairfield righty Ian Puckett got a win over Eldorado Friday at Lakeside Park, holding the Eagles to one run across 3 2/3 innings. It was the league opener for the Mules. (Photo by Brian Turner)



Mule sophomore Jake Easton leads off third base in front of the watchful eye of coach Chris Fleener. Easton would score three times in a 15-3 Mule win. (Photo by Brian Turner)

**Fairfield 15, Eldorado 3**  
E—0-0-1-0-2—3  
F—4-1-5-5-x—15

	AB	R	H	BI
Harrelson	2	3	1	3
CKing	3	0	0	1
Tullis	2	1	0	0
CWhite	3	2	1	2
Fleener	3	3	3	0
KWhite	3	0	3	2
Puckett	2	0	1	1
Hixenbaugh	0	0	0	1
Easton	3	3	3	0
JKing	3	1	1	1

BB—Harrelson 2, Tullis. 2B—Fleener 2. HR—Harrelson. SF—C. King, Hixenbaugh. SB—Harrelson. E—C. King, Tullis.

**Pitching**

	IP	ER	H	K	W
Puckett	3.2	1	1	7	5
Hixenbaugh	1.1	0	2	3	0

Despite outpitching host Altamont 8-6 and leading going into the bottom of the sixth, the Mules took a 5-2 road loss Saturday to the Indians, dropping to 6-5 on the year.

The first five innings were a pitching duel, with a lone Altamont run into the bottom of the first accounting for the entire production in that time frame. That run was unearned even, as a one-out error allowed an Indian runner to reach and eventually score on a sacrifice fly.

Otherwise, Creson White was lights out on the mound, not allowing another run through five innings. He was in line for a win after the Mules plated both of their runs in the top of the sixth inning. They also got help from an error. Logan Tullis singled before C. White reached on that error. Fleener singled in Keegan Downen, courtesy running for White, and Tullis both for a 2-1 lead. Fairfield had two men on with one out but could not get another run across with Altamont getting a fielder's choice and a strikeout to escape further damage.

The Indians regained the lead in the bottom of the sixth, and pulled away with a four-run frame, again helped by an error. With one down, Altamont got a single and then an error to allow two runners. Dillan Elam doubled in the tying run before a walk to load the bases. Nathan Stuemke then doubled in two for the lead. They would tack on one more run with a two-out single for a 5-2 lead.

The Mules challenged again in their final chance, getting singles by Caleb King and Tullis, but could not get a run across.

C. White took the loss, despite holding Altamont to one earned run over 5

1/3 innings. He struck out four, walked four and allowed three hits. Altamont's Kade Milleville got the win, going the distance. He struck out 10 and walked none, allowing eight hits.

Tullis had three of Fairfield's eight hits, going 3-for-4. Fleener extended his hitting streak to five straight games with a single.

Fairfield (6-5) will host Edwards County Tuesday. They travel to Salem Wednesday and Edwards County Thursday.

**Altamont 5, Fairfield 2**

	F	A	R	B	E
Harrelson	4	0	1	0	0
CKing	4	0	1	0	0
Tullis	4	1	3	0	0
CWhite	4	0	0	0	0
Fleener	3	0	1	2	0
KWhite	3	0	1	0	0
Easton	2	0	0	0	0
Puckett	3	0	1	0	0
RMarshel	3	0	0	0	0

HBP—Easton. E—C. King, C. White.

**Pitching**

	IP	ER	H	K	W
CWhite	5.1	1	3	4	4
Hixenbaugh	.2	2	3	2	1

# Runnin' Lions Drop 4-3 Loss To 3A Centralia On Diamond

Coach Justin Carson has been telling his Cisne High School baseball team all season that they'll be competitive as long as they put the ball into play.

Those words couldn't have been truer last Thursday when Cisne, a 1A program, dropped a 4-3 loss to 3A Centralia, falling to 3-2 on the season. What speaks well of Cisne is, those same Orphans turned around and beat a 4A team, Belleville West (9-4), on Saturday by that same 4-3 margin.

"Centralia is a tough downstate team," said Carson. "They had a good, solid pitcher and their fielding was phenomenal, but we just kept putting the ball in play. I told our guys, just keep doing that and something will happen."

Sure enough, it did. Trailing 4-0 heading into the top of the seventh inning, the Runnin' Lions drilled three line drives in a row starting with the leadoff hitter, Hagen Howard, and followed up by Cooper Bowen and Gavyn Harrell. That series drove home two runs, and with no outs and a man on second, Noah Legg and Kaden Baker both grounded out, scoring Harrell. But then the game came to a frus-

trating end for Cisne. Trailing by a run with two away, Josh Biggs hit a hard grounder to third, which was fielded cleanly and delivered to first. However, the ball hit the first baseman's glove—then fell to the ground. The base umpire called Biggs out, even though the player didn't pick the ball back up.

"We got a rough call to end it, but I'm glad the boys fought hard," Carson said. "I was proud that we hung in there with a 3A school."

The Orphans' seven hit-effort was led by junior Drake Fahringer, who was 2-for-3 at the plate (both doubles) with all four of his team's RBIs. Senior Lane Griffin went the distance, walked no one, and was credited with the win.

Harrell absorbed the loss, but struck out seven in a little over four frames. Howard threw in relief.

"Our two pitchers did well enough to win on a typical day," Carson said, adding that an uncommon outfield error led to a pair of Centralia's runs in the fifth frame. "But I told our guys that, even with the loss, this was something to build on. Our pitching was outstanding, and if a couple of rough plays had gone the other way..."

hard this season on their two-strike approach at the plate, with the goal of cutting down on strikeouts. So far, that work is paying dividends while their defense has remained solid.

"I wish we had two or three plays back, because I know we can make 'em, but that's okay," Carson said. "If we keep putting the ball in play, we can compete with anybody."

Cisne welcomes the opportunity to face some challenging opponents this week: at North Clay Tuesday (today), at home vs. Red Hill on Wednesday in a Midland Trail Conference (MTC) game, and at Dieterich on Friday. Cisne is 2-2 in the loop.


"These are solid teams," Carson said. "It will be a week of good competition for us."

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	R	H	E
Cisne	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	3	1	
Centralia	0	0	0	1	3	0	X	4	7	0

Hitting: (Cis.) Howard 1-3, Bowen 1-3, Harrel 1-3 (rbi), Legg (rbi), Baker (rbi). (Cen.) Harlan 1-3, Griffin 1-4, Fahringer 2-3 (4rbi), Koch 1-2, Snow 2-3. 2B: (Cis.) Harrell, Howard; (Cen.) Fahringer 2. WP: Griffin (7.0 inn., 3h, 3r, 3er, 0w, 3so). LP: Harrell (4.1 inn., 5h, 4r, 3er, 3w, 7so), Howard (1.2 inn., 2h, 0r, 0er, 3w, 1so).




## PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



**Grant Halbert**  
is a senior on the tennis team.  
His parents are Patrick & Carrie Halbert



**Trenton Mason**  
is a senior on the track team.  
His parents are Steve & Trisha Mason



**Trey Mason**  
is a senior on the track team.  
His parents are Steve & Trisha Mason



**Karson White**  
is a senior on the baseball team.  
His parents are Rick White & Sara Schnepfer



**Jackson Lamczyk**  
is a senior on the track team.  
His parent is Jackie Gray



**Jack Gacek**  
is a senior on the track team.  
Her parents are Christian Gacek & Erin Carter



**Ronald Olson**  
is a senior on the baseball team.  
His parents are Troy & Angela Olson



**Olivia Smith**  
is a senior on the softball team.  
Her parents are Tim & Emily Smith



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# Solar Eclipse Weekend



The solar eclipse as viewed in totality over Wayne County after 2 p.m. on Monday. Totality lasted over four minutes and will not be seen in Illinois until Sept. 14, 2099. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)



For Eclipse viewing, having the right equipment is essential, as this lady illustrates at the Wayne County Fairgrounds. (Photo by Tom Mathews Jr.)



The Wayne County Fairgrounds was filled with people and families from all over to view the eclipse. (Photo by Tom Mathews Jr.)



The busy south entrance of Leo French Park is pictured an hour before the eclipse at 2 p.m. on Monday. The park was full from entrance to exit, and visitors began parking at Maple Hill Cemetery. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)



Country band, Little Texas, entertained area residents at last Friday night's concert to open the eclipse weekend. The grandstand event was opened by Beau Tatum and the Dirt Devils, and included a popular beer tent run by members of the Fairfield Elks Club. (Photo by Jarrod Pruitt.)



The Wayne County Fairgrounds provided plenty of space for viewing the eclipse. Hundreds ended up there for several hours. (Photo by Tom Mathews Jr.)



Taken through the trees, Boyleston had a good view of the eclipse as it went into totality. (Photo by Lambri Morse)



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WHITE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In The Matter Of The Estate Of JAMES ERIC MILLER, Deceased.

**IN PROBATE 2024-PR-9 NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION (NOTICE OF PUBLICATION - CLAIMS)**  
Notice is given of the death of JAMES ERIC MILLER. Letters of Office were issued on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024, to RYAN ERIC JAMES and KERRY ANN ROY, whose attorney is McArthy Law Office, LLC, 1220 East Main Street, Suite D, P.O. Box 519, Carmi, Illinois 62821. Claims against said Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in the Courthouse in Carmi, Illinois 62821, or with the representatives, or both on or before October 10, 2024, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of this notice to each creditor whose name and post office address is known or reasonably

ascertainable by the representatives whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
DATED: April 4, 2024.

/s/ Matthew L. McArthy  
Attorney for Estate  
McArthy Law Office, LLC  
1220 East Main Street, Suite D  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT WAYNE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In The Interest Of KEYTON ALEXANDER BILLBERRY, A Minor.

**NO. 2019-JA-55  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**  
Respondents, and to all whom it may concern, a "Motion for Termination of Parental Rights" in this case, to wit, "In the Interest of Keyton Alexander Billberry, A Minor" filed on July 13, 2023 and that at the Wayne County Courthouse, 307 E. Main, Fairfield, Illinois, on Tuesday, June 18, 2024 at the hour of 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition and motion, THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO

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/s/ Pamela F. Southerd/SS  
Clerk of the Court  
(Seal of the Court)  
Dated: 4-3-24

## To Host NRA Women On Target Shooting Clinic

The Carmi Rifle Club, a not-for-profit organization in Carmi, will be hosting its annual NRA Women On Target instructional shooting clinic on Saturday, May 4th. The day will begin with registration at 8:30 a.m. followed by firearm safety orientation and instructional sessions for shotgun, .22 caliber handgun in the morning. Attendees will have the added opportunity to shoot rifles and centerfire handguns in the afternoon.

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In an industry that has yet to develop, Illinois transportation, manufacturing and agricultural sectors are exploring opportunities with sustainable jet fuel. The inaugural Sustainable Aviation Fuel Conference brought together several stakeholders this week in Lisle, including the Illinois Corn Growers

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aviation fuel could grow into the largest new market for the U.S. and Illinois manufacturers have the opportunity to be at the forefront, creating jobs and taking the lead in efforts to reduce global carbon emissions." Gov. J.B. Pritzker said Illinois farmers could play an integral part in the sustainable aviation fuel industry. "Everything you need is here," said Pritzker. "We are the nation's number one producer of soybeans, number two producer of corn, and we are responsible for 90% of the U.S. oil seed production."

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No Utility Bills and Maintenance Free  
Live worry free at Fair-Way Apts., Hi-Rise Apts. in Fairfield and Golden Acres Apts. in Wayne City. Rent based on income with maximum rents for higher income residents. Apartments are available all with discounted cable TV. For more information call 618-842-9008.  
Wayne County Housing Authority  
"Equal Housing Opportunity"

The Edwards County Housing Authority is accepting applications for income based apartments in Albion and West Salem. All utilities are included with charge for electric overages. Pick up applications at 125 West Cherry Street in Albion.  
**EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY**

## SALES

**Rummage Sales**  
**AD DEADLINE**  
All classified ads must be into the Press by 9:00 a.m. on the date of publication. Ads may be emailed to [classifieds@waycopress.com](mailto:classifieds@waycopress.com), faxed to 618-842-7912, or brought in.

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## HELP WANTED

**Help Wanted**  
Jasper Grade School is seeking a boys' basketball coach and a bus driver for the 2024-2025 school year. Please contact Jasper Grade School for an application at 618-842-3048.

Western Wayne Water District is now accepting resumes for a Water Maintenance position. Resumes must be turned in by April 20. Mailing address: PO Box 336, Wayne City, IL 62895. Office: 620 County Highway 12, Wayne City, IL 62895

Geff Grade School is seeking applicants for the following positions for the 2024-2025 school year: Speech Language Pathologist, Jr. High Science Teacher, Jr. High Language Arts Teacher, one-on-one Paraprofessional, Jr. High Classroom Paraprofessional, K-8 PE Teacher, head baseball coach, and head basketball coach. Interested applicants should email Principal Matt Shreve at [mshreve@geffgs.org](mailto:mshreve@geffgs.org) for more information on how to apply.

Jasper Grade School CCSD #17 is accepting applications for a Junior High Science and Social Studies teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. Professional educator license and appropriate endorsements are preferred. Salary and benefits as stated in the teacher contract. Submit cover letter, resume, transcript, three letters of recommendation, PEL, and application to Shari Berger, Supt., 2030 County Road 1020N, Fairfield, IL 62837. Position open until filled.

## AUCTIONS

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## AUTO & TRUCKS

**Trucks**  
The Edwards County Sheriff's Office is selling by sealed bid, a 2012 Ram 1500 pickup truck. This was a patrol vehicle for the Sheriff's Department. The truck runs and drives, it needs the AC charged. The truck can be inspected Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Bids can be dropped off or mailed to the Sheriff's Office, 50 East Main Street, Suite One, Albion, IL 62806 commencing Monday, April 8, 2024 through Thursday, May 8, 2024. Bids will be opened Thursday, May 8, 2024 at 3 p.m. in the Sheriff's Office. The Edwards County Sheriff's Office retains the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

For Sale  
Red and white 1994 Ford F150 extended cab pickup, 5.0L, loaded up, new tires, new brakes, camper shell. Make a good work or second truck. 234,000 highway miles. \$1,850 OBO drives it home.  
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## NOTICES

### Announcements

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Support ARF's Lifesaving Efforts at [www.arfcares.com](http://www.arfcares.com) or call 618-599-1107

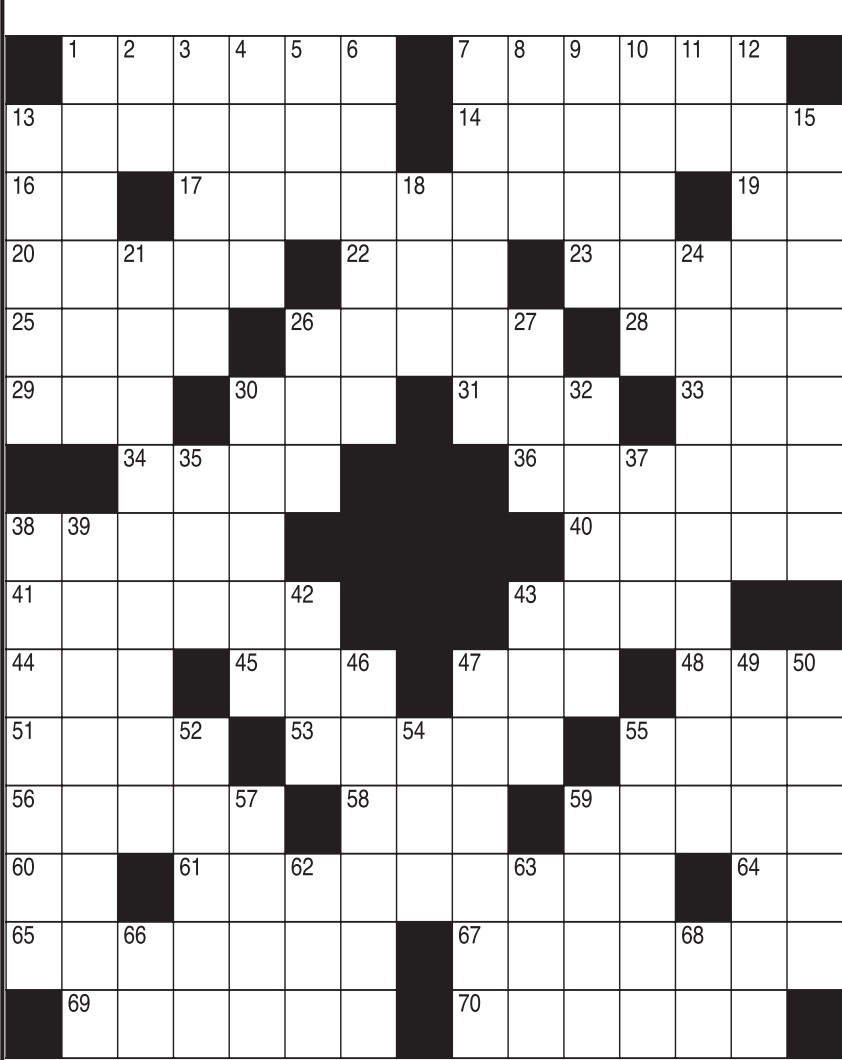
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## CLUES ACROSS

- Island nation
- Platforms
- Project plan
- French fishing port
- South Dakota
- Oakland's baseball team
- Military policeman
- Ornamental stone
- Garland
- Process that produces ammonia
- Mousses
- Music notation "dal \_"
- Fail to win
- Peyton's little brother
- Not near
- Some cars still need it
- Lizard genus
- An idiot (Brit.)
- Postponed
- African country
- Gazes unpleasantly
- In a way, traveled
- Ukraine's capital
- Appropriate
- Dash
- Twitch
- Swiss river
- Data file with computer animations
- City in S. Korea
- Particular region
- They have eyes and noses
- Tear
- Large Madagascan lemur
- Not out
- Ornamental saddle covering
- A driver's license is one
- Latin term for charity
- Rechristens
- Objects from an earlier time
- Hindu male religious teachers

## CLUES DOWN

- Used as a weapon
- Yukon Territory
- Makes a map of
- An established ceremony prescribed by a religion
- Unnilhexium
- Merchant
- Playing the field
- Folk singer DiFranco
- Something to scratch
- Mexican agave
- Equal to one quintillion bytes
- Session
- North American people
- Ranches
- Electroencephalograph
- A type of compound
- Avenue
- High schoolers' test
- A type of meal
- Gradually disappeared
- Ancient Frankish law code
- Popular pickup truck
- Buzzing insect
- Deal illegally
- Lying in the same plane
- Obstruct
- Related
- Challenge aggressively
- Nocturnal hoofed animals
- Bird's nests
- Forays
- \_\_ B. de Mille, filmmaker
- Title of respect
- One-time name of Vietnam
- Self-immolation by fire ritual
- Private school in New York
- Political action committee
- A way to fashion
- Email reply
- "The Great Lake State"

# IEPA Gives Wayne City Green Light...

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Board members and village workers had said they had spoken with IEPA agents out of both Marion and Springfield, and it was after the Springfield conversation that considerations for a new site stopped.

"We can burn," Mayor Rocky Hedden said, who mentioned a lawyer regarding potential issues that may come in the future.

The mayor said the burns would be controlled where possible and those caught dumping the wrong materials will be cited by police.

The village garage and the area of the pile is monitored 24/7 by security cameras purchased from Seidel, who owns a technology business near the burn site used by villagers for decades.

## Ordinance Repeal

With two no votes from trustees, the Wayne City board passed a motion to repeal an ordinance that prohibited cargo and shipping containers to be set inside village limits.

The discussion began at last month's meeting when Mayor Rocky Hedden stated a resident, Bill Dagg, intended to install 20 containers to be used as storage units inside village limits.

A domino effect was eluded to of businesses bringing in their containers, leading private individuals to follow suit.

The consensus of trustees then was to do away with the ordinance entirely.

A trustee reminded the board they had previously voted to keep the ordinance two years ago when a non-profit attempted to bring containers in as an alternative structure for therapy animals. That 501.3c has since left the community, unable to properly keep animals.

The motion passed Monday night with no votes coming from trustee Josh Green, and Board Treasurer/Trustee Roger Noe.

## Bids

Three bids for water tower maintenance came in and were tabled for consideration by village trustees.

The bids for contractors to make repairs and repaint the southwest water tower in Wayne City ranged from \$360,000 - \$420,000.

Bids also came in for two derelict properties within the village, the old Shell station and an empty house called the Mary Neff house.

A bid of \$30,000 from Derek Hooper is being considered for the station, and a bid from Rob Greenwalt is being considered at \$26,000 for the Mary Neff house that sits near the village's park.

Decisions for those properties may likely come at the May meeting.

Prior to the bids, trustees passed motions to donate \$1,000 for the next three years to the Wayne County CEO Program at Wayne City High School, and donated \$250 to Western Wayne Little League.

# Spring Cleanup...

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Light truck tires can be disposed of for \$3 each; passenger car tires \$2 each; and bicycle and ATV tires \$1 each.

Residents are asked to line up on East King Street. Gates will open at 8. Residents are asked to unload their own items, but City personnel will be available to assist with heavy items as needed.

Any questions or concerns may be directed to the City Hall at 842-2294.

# Meanderings...

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have referred to our family's camping trip to Alaska back in 1995, and I have referred to the different sights we saw, and some of the places we went, but I have not mentioned the time we saw the sled dogs.

I can't remember exactly where they were, but they were part of the tourist attraction. We drove to the place where they were housed and found at least a couple dozen of them, housed in individual boxlike houses, all on a leash. We approached them, and I found immediately that my feeling of fear about their being vicious was completely unfounded, for each one met us with a wagging tail and a friendly dog smile. I was absolutely amazed at their beauty, all clean as a whistle, beautiful coats, and eyes that looked as if made from glass. They loved being petted, and I really thought at the time that I had never seen such pretty dogs anywhere else.

One of the rangers then told us she would give a demonstration of the dogs pulling a sled, and as she was making preparations, it was obvious all the dogs knew that sled time was coming up, for they all began barking and jumping with joy and with anticipation that they would soon be hitched to the sled. Unfortunately, it took only a half dozen or so, and when put into the harness, they could hardly wait until time to "go," for they were barking and wagging tails in anticipation. When she finally gave the command to "mush," away they went, and each one acted as if pulling this sled was the absolute apex of their being, joyful beyond expression. They took a short route before returning to the site and being unhitched and returned to their boxes.

Dog sleds are still very important to that part of the country. In viewing certain TV programs regarding that part of our world, we find that almost every person living there depends on them. Many of the natives go to the waterways and catch enormous numbers of fish, which they freeze and feed their dogs when extreme cold sets in.

Many of those husky breeds have coats so heavy and thick that they sleep outdoors, especially when deep snow has come, for they simply cover up with the snow, curl themselves into a ball, and sleep warmly.

Man's best friend, they are called. And in places like Alaska, I can understand that.

## PET ADOPTION

**Jagger**  
This kitty is available for adoption along with many others.

**Geff**  
Hey there, my name is Geff. Will you be my new family?

**Blondie**

**WAYNE COUNTY Humane Society**  
618.847.4012  
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## PUZZLE SOLUTION

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