



## IW Students Mark Prom—End of Year In Sight

Iroquois West High School students held their prom this past weekend and named Kaylen Cote and Dave Alvarez as queen and king. Members of the court included queen candidates (from left) Cynthia Melgoza, Destiny Thomas and Alyssa Regan. King candidates were Tony Espinosa, Jimmy Andrade and Lucas Frank. Our thanks to Kathy Northcott for this wonderful coronation photo.

Don't forget the Iroquois County Chamber of Commerce is holding its annual townwide garage sales this Friday, Saturday and Sunday. The garage sale sites can be found on the Chamber's website. If you're old like us and like the written word on paper, we have been told that lists of sales will be available at The Star, Hometown Shop and Save and the post office.

As the year comes to an end for high school athletic teams we want to thank folks like Trixie Pankey, Kathy Northcott, Zach Monk for giving us pictures of sporting events. We have lost our desire to venture out on rainy nights to shoot sporting events, especially if it's a cold winter night in January and you could slip on a sidewalk and break a camera lens....that's because we did that a few years ago. We're still trying to talk Bob and Joanne Eimen into taking pictures since they don't miss any games but so far no luck.

Mayor Rick Theesfeld said at Monday night's council meeting that he was hopeful construction could start on Gilman's downtown Streetscape project soon and we hope that's the case. We have our fingers crossed in that several years ago the city replaced the main drag for one reason because there was an Old Boys and Girls celebration coming up. As luck would have it one of those old water mains in the business district went bad and the new surface had to be dug up; thus the logic behind replacing the rest of those old lines before this new project starts.

We were watching crews working on the utility lines in front of The Star a few months ago when a worker came up with a piece of plumbing that resembled a trident.

We saw a small brief in the Kankakee Daily Journal inviting the public to assist in placing flags at the graves of veterans in preparation for Memorial Day. Legionnaire Matt Kreeb asked us to mention that the Gilman Legion and Auxiliary will be placing flags at the graves of veterans on Saturday, May 21 in preparation for Memorial Day starting at 10 a.m. and the public is invited to help, all ages welcome. I may have mentioned that a good friend and classmate, Jim Vadbunker was killed in Viet Nam in 1967. I had written to him and asked him if there was anything I could send and at first he said no, then said how about a big double bag of Kelly's potato chips. He was killed before I could send them but I did take a bag when we went on an Honor Flight to Washington and we could place the chips at the foot of his name.

## Onarga To Survey Alleys, Establish Property Lines

The situation is common in a number of towns where surveying was done years ago and points of origin might not have been quite as exact as they should have been and with that in mind the Onarga village board voted Monday night to resurvey alleys to establish property lines and to hire a surveyor.

The roof at the village hall is in need of repairs so the board also voted to seek bids for the job.

In other action on a relatively quiet night, the board:

—Heard that pool rates will be the same for this summer. It was also noted that there is a tear in a pool liner. The pool will open May 27.

—Set permit fees at \$25 for July 4 festivities at the park and heard a circus would be there Aug. 5.

—Set raises for the new fiscal year.

—Voted to donate \$2,000 for the July 4 fireworks by the firemen.

—Briefly discussed liquor sales in the village with no further action.

## Gilman Council Starts Process For New Water Treatment Plant

The city of Gilman has been put on notice by the Environmental Protection Agency that the town's water treatment plant, pictured here on U.S. 24, has seen its better days and needs to be replaced, a process which the council voted to put in motion Monday night.



The current treatment plant dates back to the time of the Works Project Administration in the 1930s, about the same time a lot of

Gilman's infrastructure was constructed.

At Monday night's council session, aldermen voted to approve an engineer's proposal for a new water building and start the process of getting loans from the EPA for the project.

It is expected the whole process will take about three years and the council is hoping to obtain some loan forgiveness for the project.

Mayor Rick Theesfeld told council members Monday night that a pre-construction meeting for the downtown renovation project is being held Wednesday and added there is no start date as of this time.

Theesfeld said he is hopeful

work on the project can start before June.

In other action, the council:
 

- Voted to contribute \$2,500 to the Iroquois Economic Development Association, the first contribution in several years.

Theesfeld said it was feeling that the group is trying to be more active.

Theesfeld also informed the council that Incobrasa has asked the town to run some sanitary sewer water through Gilman's sewer system although the soybean plant is located out of the village limits. There will be more discussion on the request.

## 50 Eighth Graders To Be Promoted To High School

Fifty Iroquois West eighth graders will be promoted to the high school ranks next Wednesday morning at 9:00 when a student awards ceremony is held.

There will be an address by student council Leah Honeycutt followed by the presentation of math awards and the DAR American history award.

Student of the month recognition awards will be presented as will perfect attendance awards and academic awards.

The American Legion award will be presented followed by the President's Award for Educational Excellence and Educational Achievement.

The winner of the citizenship award will be recognized and the winner of the Ron Vogrich Outstanding Student award will be recognized followed by the presentation of diplomas.

Parents, siblings and grandparents are welcome to attend the ceremony.

Students being promoted include:

- Massiel Alvarado
- Joel Arechiga
- Camren Bork
- Corbin Bull
- Aubrey Chandler
- Kaylynn Cremer
- Adalyn Daugherty
- Aidan Davis
- Selma Devous
- Evan Dines
- Kate Ficklin
- Christian Gaytan
- Haylie Gomez
- Audrey Griffin
- Christopher Guffey
- Leah Honeycutt
- Owen Horn
- Elizabeth Izquierdo
- Theodore Johnson
- Regan Kanosky
- Lillie Keagle
- Chloe Latham
- Lillie Martin
- Riley Martinez
- Judith Matthews
- Julian Melgoza

- Kylee Meyer
- CJ Murray
- John Netzbund
- Rylan Norton
- Nayelli Ochoa
- Oliverio Ochoa
- Ivan Ontiveros
- Kairi Rossi
- Bryanna Santoyo
- Emily Schalk
- Amelia Scharp
- Tyler Schmidt
- Joel Short
- Hunter Spiers
- Brennon Syharath
- Sophia Tammen
- Johanna Tapia
- Parker Thompson
- Arturo Trujillo
- Arik Vega
- Leland Waselewski
- Gretchen Willms
- Lona Wilson
- Shelby Zirkle

