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NATION/WORLD

Obama seeks ground between intervention, isolation

Seeking to redefine America's foreign policy for a post-war era, President Barack Obama on Wednesday declared that the United States remains the only nation with the capacity to lead on the world stage but argued it would be a mistake to channel that power into unrestrained military adventures. **A3**

Ukraine sees Russia as source of insurgent threat

As separatists conceded that militants from Russia's province of Chechnya had joined the rebellion, a Ukrainian government official cautioned Wednesday that its borders had become a "front line" in the crisis. **A3**

Assad's supporters abroad vote in Syrian election

Tens of thousands of supporters of Syrian President Bashar Assad voted Wednesday at embassies abroad, clogging entrances to the Lebanese capital for hours and clashing with soldiers overwhelmed by their sheer numbers a week before national elections widely expected to give him a third seven-year term. **A3**

LOCAL

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

Bark in the Park

■ **What:** Guardian Angels Humane Society's annual Bark in the Park.
■ **When:** Saturday, Registration 8-9 a.m., walk at 9 a.m.
■ **Where:** Lincoln Park (pavilion by kiddie pool).
■ **Details:** \$15 per dog. Doggie contests, pet pictures, free doggie and people snacks. Information, call 344-1164.

DEATHS

■ **Nancy S. Collis/** Galesburg
■ **Kimberly Eilenstine/** Magnolia, Del.
■ **Ginny Lacy-Brown/** Knoxville
■ **David Lanfier/** Galesburg
■ **Lynn Palmer/** Knoxville
■ **Maxine Reimer/** formerly of Abingdon

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SILAS RECONSTRUCTION

Construction creates concerns

Some activities may be relocated to address potential parking problems

By Allison Goodrich
The Register-Mail

GALESBURG — Several Silas Willard-related issues were discussed despite a slim turnout at Wednesday's meeting,

which was scheduled to facilitate questions from the public given the upcoming reconstruction.

As District 205 moves forward with plans to reconstruct Silas Willard, Assistant Superintendent

for Finance and Operations David Black called the meeting to answer lingering, as well as new, questions among the public.

"Only two showed up, but there have been a lot of questions," Black said.

Aside from the few District 205 officials, only one Silas parent and one grandparent showed up for

Wednesday's informational session.

Jennifer Hendrix, who has a second-grade student at Silas, said she attended to voice concerns about present and future issues regarding parking space.

"I came basically because I was concerned with pick-up," Hendrix said, citing already limited space.

While construction is going on, students will continue to attend school at the current Silas building. That said, Black explained parking space will become much more limited once ground breaks for the project in the fall.

Half of the lot between

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CAFE IN THE PARK

Dancing and dining

Weekly lunch program returns to downtown

By Allison Goodrich
The Register-Mail

GALESBURG — Light blonde pigtailed flopped about as 3-year-old Isabella Spray twirled tirelessly for Wednesday's Cafe in the Park crowd.

"She dances all the time," laughed Isabella's grandma, Lisa Spray. "She likes to dance for all the people."

Onlookers sitting in Park Plaza downtown chuckled and smiled appreciatively at the added entertainment supplementing the musical stylings of Charlie Hayes. "She's just not stopping," Hayes exclaimed, strumming his guitar and laughing into the microphone between verses.

Scheduled from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Wednesday through Sept. 3, Cafe in the Park is hosted by the Galesburg Business Association.

This week's event kicked off with hundreds local employees and residents, enjoying music and grub from the Pizza House, 132 E. Simmons St.



Isabella Spray, 3, of Galesburg dances to the music of Charlie Hayes during Wednesday's Cafe in the Park Plaza. The event, which was the first of the year, was sponsored by Blick Art Materials, and featured food from the Pizza House and music by Hayes. Cafe in the Park is presented by the Galesburg Business Association and is from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Wednesday through Sept. 3. STEVE DAVIS/THE REGISTER-MAIL

While the entertainment and food vendors are set to change every week, the whole point of the event remains the

same, said Tourism and Marketing Director Bill Morris.

"It's just a way to give back," Morris said, "plus,

it brings people to the beautiful downtown area."

Cafe in the Park began

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ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

2015 budget talks continue

Budget acknowledges 'big unanswered questions'

By Sara Burnett and Kerry Lester
The Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers continued to grapple Wednesday with a new state budget, as Republicans ripped majority Democrats for spending beyond their means with a plan even Democrats acknowledge leaves "big unanswered questions" about the state's finances.

A Senate committee debated the \$37.5 billion budget approved by the House on Tuesday. But no votes were held as of early Wednesday evening because House Speaker Michael Madigan waited to send the bills to the Senate.

The spending plan was put together after House Democrats were unable to get enough support prior

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MAYA ANGELOU

Celebrated poet and author dies

Angelou loved 'the music in language'

By Hillel Italie
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Maya Angelou's story awed millions. A childhood victim of rape, she broke through silence and shame to tell her tale in one of the most widely read memoirs of

the 20th century. A black woman born into poverty and segregation, she recited the most popular presidential inaugural poem in history.

"I'm not modest," she told The Associated Press in 2013. "I have no modesty. Modesty is a learned behavior. But I do pray for humility, because humility comes from the inside out." Angelou, a renaissance

woman and cultural pioneer, died Wednesday at her home in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She was 86.

"She lived a life as a teacher, activist, artist and human being. She was a warrior for equality, tolerance and peace," said her son, Guy B. Johnson.

Tall and regal, with a deep, majestic voice, she

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In this Nov. 21, 2008, file photo, poet Maya Angelou smiles at an event in Washington. Angelou, author of "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," has died, Wake Forest University said Wednesday. She was 86. (AP PHOTO/GERALD HERBERT, FILE)



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