



# Kewliverse Horizons

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## RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

*KEWANEE LSRC* has agreed to allow us to engage in more *Restorative Practices*. In the Horizons newsletter you will see the terms *RESTORATIVE JUSTICE* and *RESTORATIVE PRACTICES* very often.

The aim of *Restorative Practices* is to develop community and to manage conflict and tensions by repairing harm and building relationships. *Restorative Justice* in general, is a process involving the primary stakeholders in determining how best to repair the harm done by an offense. The three primary stakeholders in *Restorative Justice* are: the victims, the offenders, and their communities of care; their needs are respectively: obtaining reparation, taking responsibility, and achieving reconciliation.

The *Kewanee Horizons* team believes creating a better community here is *Restorative*. By indirectly repairing damages and by giving back to our current community and with greater communities at large, we are engaging in *Restorative Practices*.

**Community: A group of people with a common characteristic  
Or interest living together with in a larger society.**

## MISSION STATEMENT

**Kewanee Horizons** has adopted the **Restorative Justice** and community theme. Partly because this has been the fight of our lives, those of us who have sought not only freedom in its many forms, but, also a way to give back, rebuild, and uplift our communities.

We give back because of what we have been given. We rebuild, by restoring back to a state of before our offenses. We uplift, by a conscious and consistent effort to better ourselves as well as those around us.

**Kewanee Horizons** will work to highlight the achievements of our community both on campus and off, inside facilities and outside. Whether individually or collectively and no matter the uniform we wear. We're going to look into the daily lives on our campus and across the state to other facilities on a regular basis. We are hoping to open the eyes to the limitless potential there is in our population, to advocate for more participation in programming, and to give recognition to those who succeed. We want to remain as interactive as possible so **Kewanee Horizons** will be picking your brains for ideas and accepting submissions to make this as interactive as possible. This publication is put together for the purpose of uplifting mind, body and spirit.

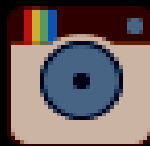
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## TIK TOK: I SEE YOU

By: Timothy Youngblood @ Lawrence CC

We all wish to be seen, and many perhaps most of us, are not. The rise of the Facebook era, Instagram, and Selfie craze, the many blogs and Tik Tok, all point to a desperate need to feel valued, seen, and hopefully affirmed. As Andy Warhol observed several decades ago, in America, sooner or later everyone is famous for about fifteen minutes. The Selfie and Tik Tok preoccupation is all about being seen in some context. Ghetto fabulous, “lit or litty”, a celebrity, an influencer, a hustler, a drug dealer, and even a neighborhood killer. Many of those shots and videos our children and some of us adults are taking are compensations for not feeling inherent value. I have two teenage sons and a possible third adult son (DNA test needed) who are likely flicking it up and making Tik Tok videos just like most of the young men their age. However, I have always believed that successful parenting is found not in the splendiferous achievements of the Child who may only be compensating for the un-lived life of the (incarcerated) parent, but in the child who understand that he or she is seen and valued for who they are, not what they are supposed to do, achieve, and become. It sounds so simple yet so rare.

Each of us has a gift. The essential gift of being who we are, with the flaws, shortcomings, mistakes, and fears of which we are all so aware. In the end, we are not here to fit in, to be well adjusted, acceptable to all, or to make our parents or society proud of us. We are here to be ourselves. Often that is not pretty, and sometimes we end up incarcerated but it is honest. Our gift to the world is our uniqueness. Each of us has something to bring to the mosaic of time that is unfolding in and through us whether we are aware or not. Some will



possess a particular talent or capacity that is meant to be shared. I find myself never envying others or wanting to be someone other than myself. Knowing how flawed I am and how many mistakes I have made in life, I still feel that who and what I am is my humble gift to others. If there is any exception to my lack of envy, it would be only to those capable of making music such as the late great Luther Vandross and 2pac, for music seems to me to be wholly transcendent and a symbolic gift to the universe. When we think of the gift of ourselves, we usually revert to what is accepted, what is exceptional, or what might win approval. The flip side of this impulse may be seen in the desperate acts of the disenfranchised to become something notable through assassinations, acts of terror, or other egregious behaviors. For every thousand selfies, there is one Lee Harvey Oswald or Charles Manson who makes his mark on history. Each act is the same: I wish to be seen, to be valued, to be someone. As understandable as this desire surely is, how delusive the goal, how precarious the purchase of fame, importance, celebrity. Rather our gift will best be found in the humble abode in (“The free society”) which we live every day. Who I am, who you are, is the gift. No pretensions, no selfies, no Tik-Tok videos, no magnification necessary. They are merely compensations for self doubt in any case. We can be seen, valued, and affirmed just by moving to the sound of our own drum beat. I am and you are already somebody. Everybody’s a Winner!



## KEYS

By Jon Metter @ Graham C.C



I hear the incessant rattle of the keys I lay here and wonder are they now coming for me to take me away or to release me to be free, what exactly do all these people with keys want from me?

Every half hour I hear the same noise as the guard walks by my cell with his look of sick joy as the sense of control he has with these keys in his hand. The staring and leering, sometimes at my door he just stands,

I am like some animal in a zoo locked in a small cage to be gawked at and examined with expected fits of rage. For all hours he comes with his keys day and night when you least expect it, he remains just out of sight,

Keys, dangling and jangling on the way back and forth sometimes motionless like a ghost, a floating spirit of sorts I lie in my bunk and wonder is this imagined or is this real or is this really just a nightmare I am reliving, God help me to feel,

To feel like a human being again, the way I once felt before all this key business came to be, before I came to jail but then I open my eyes and listen, here he is with his keys once again will he stop by my door, walk by, or just take my mail to send,

I am the main attraction you see in this circus of every thirty minutes I'm on stage, please don't be late to see my nightly show of pacing, getting up and then getting back down for if he ever takes his keys and opens my door, just maybe, up close he will see the tears of a clown.





## REBIRTH

By: Patrick Comi

Let me ask you, Dear readers: Do you think about death often? You may think I'm being a wise @\$\*; maybe it sounds insensitive, even odd to ask such a question to readers who are incarcerated, which feels like death at times. Now that I've got your attention with the word "Death" let me ask you another question. Do you believe in a "Rebirth" (born again)?

Being born again in this environment is vital to our becoming our best version of self. We can't be so dead in our hopeless, that we surrender entirely to the fact of it's sovereignty. I am not talking about Jesus dying for our sins, not that born again, which is also important to some readers who are Christians. First we must understand that in order to be born again, we must know that it is in our hopelessness that we find our true selves, and in our frailty we find strength. At this moment we may think we are dead and buried in the grave but trust me my brothers and sisters we are not.

It is imperative to now focus on what you want to do and who you want to become on this plane of existence. So, my death before my 'Rebirth' began 32 years ago when I was charged, convicted, and sentenced to 90 years in prison. I used the word death to illustrate the importance of dying... No my brothers and sisters not on the physical plane but on a mental, spiritual or let's say killing off our old ways. When I got sentenced in 1994 I had a lot of anger towards people who I blamed for my actions in life. That old self truly stagnated my "Rebirth". Not being aware that I could have a "Rebirth" in a place such as prison caused me years of unnecessary stress, which compromised my health and well being. It also made my bid harder.



You must be ready to burn yourself in your own flame. How could you rise anew if you have not first become ashes. –Friedrich Nietzsche–

My brothers and sisters in custody, every day, we have the choice to accept or reject thought patterns that pull our attention to what we've lost, what we lack or pull attention to the B.S. After years of stressing and being angry it finally caught up to me in the manifestation of a heart attack. Here I was looking physically fit and healthy, while spiritually and emotionally dead on the inside. When I look back on how blessed I am to have a second chance at life. I must give God all the praises for a "Rebirth". Bear with me my brothers and sisters. So let's look at the born again "Rebirth" concept from the stand point of being in custody, incarcerated, which came about due to our death and dying lifestyles! Our old self must die in order for us to be born again, a kind of transformation from our lower selves to our higher selves (i.e.) becoming the best versions of our selves. Whether you have a long or short sentence this moment in your life is primed for a "Rebirth". My brothers and sisters whether you have a drug case, sex crime, pill poppin' or even an anger addiction problem. That part of you must die, burn and perish in order for you to be born again..."Rebirth". I know it's easier said than done but take it from me, "It can be done". Before I sign off always remember that every day, we have the choice to accept or reject thought patterns that pull our attention to what we've lost or what we lack. Sometimes these addictions are a way of putting a band aid on a wound that's far more deeper than we know. We try to numb the pain or numb a situation but the numbing is temporary. Be born again my brothers and sisters and allow the old self to die. Our new character will be an example for these kids and the world to see that we are deserving of a second chance. It has been said: "If we cannot be awoken to see our danger, we cannot be saved".

It's time for a 'Rebirth'.





## REMINDERS

By: Earl Milton J.R. @ Centralia C.C.

In the past, we've all made mistakes  
Many inerascable errors  
While we're striving to move on  
While we are pressing through  
There are reminders of what we regret  
There are reminders of that which we wish to eradicate  
From our timelines  
Sometimes its people trying to bring you down  
Sometimes you just remember  
And wonder  
How in the world did you make such a mistake  
Reminders sometimes hurt  
Yet since the past can not be erased  
Let these reminders be a guide  
To help you to make better decisions  
In the future.



# UNTITLED

By: Viola Reeves @

I'm down here as Shirley Reeves but my real name is Viola Reeves. I've lived a long life but here I am. I'm fighting my way to victory and a new life. When I got to prison I was very angry at myself and angry at my family. Fighting my way on the streets for survival. The people that were supposed to love me, protect me and teach me, didn't once I got to prison, I found people cared enough about me to help me and teach me the things that I needed to know to get past all of my anger and become the woman that I am today. I'm here, in a new place. I'm learning more. The learning has never stopped. I know that I'm near the finish line, I can feel it. All because God put all of the Angels to care for me and to guide me on my path. He gave me the family that I always deserved. Most importantly he gave me a good roommate, He gave me good friends, He gave me good sisters and a brother. He put it in a few good people with heart's to work here and they have been patient and kind while helping me win this battle.





## THE CROSSROADS OF SUH

By: Andrew Suh

written 4 days before his release

Now I am at the crossroads of my life. For those who do not know my story, I will provide you with the broad strokes. I was a 19-year old kid who committed murder and I have spent the past 30 years locked up in a metal cage. If you are doing the math I am almost 50 years old, so I am technically called Old School. After a very long and arduous journey through the depths of incarceration I managed to navigate my path to the Kewanee Life Skill Reentry Center. According to all of the brochures and advertisements this place will prepare you for home. As of writing this I have approximately six years left on my sentence and yes, I am EPSC eligible. So if anybody is keeping track I should be able to make it out of prison give or take a few months, about 3 years? So there is a light at the end of this tunnel.

During my time here I have really grown a great deal. I do not know if it is completely due to the, per se “**Kewanee Experience**” but I will not discount the fact this place has definitely affected me. After my arrival here I made some serious life altering changes. The biggest thing being I excised a toxic relationship. At one point in time I thought she was the right person, but the cracks began to show and inevitability, it was not meant to be. I realized she was NOT the person I needed and because of this we parted ways; it was messy. We



will save that soap opera for a different essay. As I was saying I began to focus on me and my new direction and this has made all the difference. When I made the conscious decision to take control of my life, I began to speak things out loud. I actively declared what I wanted and what I thought was needed in my life. Once I started to declare things, I discovered certain aspects of my life beginning to change. Talk about the old adage of, “ask and you shall receive”. Well, I started to ask; speaking things aloud and things started to happen.

At first I could not make the connections, it all seemed like coincidence. In the beginning there was some denial then I started connecting the dots. OMG...My eyes were opened and I saw it. The laws of attraction speak it into existence, or divine intervention, whatever you want to call it; it is real. I spoke things into existence, I put it out there and the universe started to make it a reality. Since this epiphany, I have seen my life change and turn for the better. You, the cynical reader may think I have drunk too many pop bombs (a disgusting concoction of instant coffee, jolly ranchers, Kool-Aid and pop) but no I am of clear mind and body. I am not reaching and grasping at straws; I truly feel as though the universe is finally telling me that it is my turn at receiving blessings. Case in point, in the past nine months with this truth I have decided to place my faith in God, the universe and I am speaking things into existence, ergo this Laws of Attraction Essay. I am sure you have heard about those Hollywood actors who write themselves million dollars checks and carry them around in their wallets for years, waiting for their big payday. Well, here goes my attempt. This is my version of that million-dollar check. I am writing my **EXIT ESSAY**, so I am speaking things into existence because I believe that my **Executive Clemency**





Petition was granted or HB 3026 gave me so much EPSC goodtime that I was kicked out and I am home right now. FYI, if you are reading this article my dear brothers and sisters, the laws of attraction, speaking things into existence, and the power of prayer is all so very real! Either Governor J.B. Pritzker just granted me clemency or HB 3026 was a miracle game changer. Thank You, Governor Pritzker, the PRB and or the legislators who drafted HB3026 for giving me a second chance. Oh yeah, special shout out to **Candace Chambliss** the best attorney ever from the **Illinois Prison Project!**

As I write my exit essay, I want to share with all of you still years away from the front door facing daunting odds. I know what you are going through. I was there in your shoes 30 years ago, sitting in a segregation cell at Pontiac, still on the new, with a 100 years prison sentence after getting slammed with a year across the board, for a bunch of shanks. Talk about starting off on the wrong foot. I was in a really dark place but after a lot of hard work I managed to crawl my way out. I know it does not seem like it right now, but it will get better. I promise you, it will get better. Do what you must for now and keep fighting the good fight. Speak things into the universe, keep praying, and keep the power of hope alive. If you keep pushing good things will happen. You just need to believe. I cannot say this enough, **IT WILL GET BETTER**. I placed my belief in a better tomorrow and my better tomorrow is here. It is my turn and I promise you, if you keep pushing and fighting the good fight you will have your turn also. It may not happen all at once but it will happen when you least expect it. So with this I say good bye for now. I have a good feeling you will read about what I will be doing for all my brothers and sisters that are still locked away. I have not forgotten about you. I will keep fighting for you and I hope to share some good news with you shortly. As my nickname conveys: **Be On the Look Out, B.O.L.O.**

# JETTISON YOUR PESSIMISM

By: Ernesto Alonso @ Danville C.C.

Perspective, the way we perceive the world is usually reflected in the choices we make. Like you, I am a collection of my choices. For apparent reasons, some worse than others. Over time you learn to discern between good or bad choices with consequences as impetus. I made a choice upon incarceration to do everything within my power, in tandem with resources provided by IDOC, to become to be a better human being. I got to Danville C.C. in the fall of 2021. I obtained my Bachelors of Arts Degree-two years later in the fall of 2023. I graduated and walked on stage with my cap and gown and was accepted into honors society with my parents present this past May. I graduated with a major in Interdisciplinary Studies and a Minor that me and some of my fellow classmates advocated for. In considering programming options for school, Danville got it. Whether by the grace of God or the IDOC placement administrators I was sent here after county.

I was baffled to find out that prison had such access to educational programming: Danville (EJP) from the University of Illinois, Bible College, ABE and GED., and Vocational programs like Construction, Mechanics, and Megatronics. Disclaimer: Albeit Danville is a unique place but I am no way shape or form romanticizing Danville, it is still very much a medium security prison. Certain classes are not transferable and wait lists can be brutal. You need a medium of 40 credit hours of 100 and 200 level classes to be accepted



into EIU or EJP and you cannot get there if you are not accepted into DACC, which in turn you can not get into unless you score an 6\* on your TABE test and pass an assessment test. Yeah, I know. But you can do it. Where there is a will there is a way.

Prison is what you make it. Attitudes dictate your actions. You can choose whether you participate in programs or workshops offered at your facility. Granted, not everyone is offered certain opportunities due to the time restriction. Regardless, you can self-educate. Reading and writing are paramount to rehabilitation and growth. With an emphasis on reading.

I chose education as the pathway towards my redemption. I also chose positivity and gratitude; optimism and pessimism are only separated by the caprice of choice. In a Hyper-masculine and virulent environment like prison, positivity is an act of resistance. I'm often asked "why am I always smiling? We're in prison!", I retort solemnly, because it's who I am.

Education has given me the gift of language to intellectualize my emotions and understand the different dynamics of power always at play. It allowed me to conceptualize my position as marginalized person of color in relation to the hegemonic culture. Education bestowed opportunities that would otherwise had been absent. Most importantly, it had given me the credibility that society needs to reassure that I'm less of a risk for recidivism. Statistics corroborate that individuals in custody who graduate with a post-secondary degree (any degree after high school) have a less than a 10% chance to come back to prison.

Aristotle once said when you change the nature of something, you change it's purpose. In changing the way I thought changed my goals. Education changed my life. I'm not quite sure what my exact purpose is just yet, albeit it will be one filled with compassion and integrity. Perspective.





## PEER LED SHOWCASE

The Lady and Gentlemen that you see pictured above are the very people that help make our vision come to life. These individuals dedicate their time and effort to help teach our fellow peers things that are much needed in their personal development in life, which we anticipate will inspire us all to step up and do the same. We are beyond appreciative for the submissions we've received from other facilities, and other peer educators, and it's truly a wonderful thing to see. We all lead by example, and the example that we've set with these peer-led classes show that we are more than determined to prove our worth. We are all leaving behind a roadmap to success, and for all of those that are involved, to everyone that makes this possible, our gratitude cannot be expressed in simple words.

However, thank you to **Everyone**, and please, keep up the good work!

**Trust me, it's not going unnoticed.**

## KEWANEE HORIZONS THROWBACK CARTOON EDITION

What's going on every- body? So not too long ago we here somehow got into a conversation about some of the great shows from our child-hoods and that sparked a idea that we should put together a volume of some of these shows. We literally stood inside the Dietary and as every person came into eat we asked "if you could pick one cartoon from your childhood what would it be?" obviously there were many repeats but also people started saying shows that a lot of us had forgotten about. Seeing some of the excitement and joy on some of these guy's faces really brought a great conversation amongst not only us that are incarcerated but also staff members were coming up to us saying "hey don't forget about"! We know as we grow older we unfortunately lose a lot of our imagination and joy in our day to day lives but it's these moments that we can really become nostalgic and remember the 'good ol days'. These shows and cartoons were an escape for us then from whatever we had going on in our child-hoods. We hope that for whatever you're currently experiencing maybe this Volume will bring a smile or an escape for you now, even for just a moment.

Sincerely,  
Kewanee Horizons



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## Ninja Turtles

Born of a radioactive accident, raised by a talking rat, and named for Renaissance painters, the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles—cool-headed leader Leonardo, fun-loving Michelangelo (misspelled as “Michelangelo” in early stories), bookish Donatello, and hot-tempered Raphael—delivered vigilante justice to the streets of New York City.

The series and its characters were created in 1983 by cartoonists Kevin Eastman and Peter Laird, who published the first *TMNT* comic book (1984) in black and white, financed by a tax refund and a family loan. They also put together an inexpensive press kit and mailed it to a number of media outlets. Their kit generated a surprising amount of coverage, and the series became one of the early success stories of the burgeoning direct-retail comic-book market.

The TMNT brand spawned a popular animated television series (1987–96) and a handful of live-action movies, as well as video games, toys, and other merchandise.



**Flintstones.** "The Flintstones" was a Hanna-Barbera Production that originally aired on ABC-TV in prime time from 1960-1966. It was network television's first animated series to which there were 166 original episodes. The original name of the series in which a pilot was even made, was "The Flagstones".

American animated television sitcom that aired on ABC from September 30, 1960, to September 2, 1966. The show is notable for being the first original animated series to air in prime time and for its appeal to adults as well



as children. The original series aired a total of 166 episodes and led to a theatrical Flintstones motion picture, a spy satire titled *The Man Called Flintstone* (1966), following the sixth and final season, as well as numerous new series and spin-offs.

*The Flintstones* experienced a merchandising bonanza almost from its very first season. Over the years the main characters have appeared on an eclectic array of toys, apparel, posters, comic books, games, dolls, lunch boxes, and much more. Flintstones vitamins, developed by Miles Laboratories, hit the market in 1968, and Cocoa Pebbles cereal and Fruity Pebbles cereal, named after Pebbles Flintstone and manufactured by Post Consumer Brands, debuted in 1971.

### ***Thunder Cats***

Originally released in the 1980s and twice rebooted in the 2010s, *Thunder Cats* is a cartoon featuring a group of humanoid cat aliens and their adventures on a planet called Third Earth. The show was schlocky but beloved during its original run and has since kept up nostalgic value.

*Thunder Cats* followed a group of cat-people fending off their mummy antagonist, inventively named Mumm-Ra. Not that the main characters' names weren't great: Lion-O, Tygra, Cheeta, and Panthro, and their adorable but nebbish sidekick, Snarf. The feline do-gooders always bested Mumm-Ra episode after episode, which predictably closed with a moral lesson about teamwork and virtue.

After ending, the show enjoyed considerable popularity in the 2000s when Cartoon Network aired reruns. This apparently prompted Cartoon Network to reboot the show in 2011 in an anime style, shortly cancelled in 2012 due to poor ratings.



## Fat Albert

The character Fat Albert first appeared in Bill Cosby's stand-up comedy routine "Buck Buck," as recorded on his 1967 album *Revenge*. The stories were based upon Cosby's tales about growing up in inner city North Philadelphia.

The show premiered in 1972<sup>[1]</sup> and aired until 1985 (with new episodes being produced sporadically during that time frame). The show, based on Cosby's remembrances of his childhood gang, focused on Fat Albert (known for his catchphrase "Hey hey hey!"), and his friends.<sup>[2]</sup>



## He Man

**He-Man** is a superhero and the protagonist of the sword and planet *Masters of the Universe* franchise, which includes a toy line, several animated television series, comic books, and a feature film. He-Man is characterized by his superhuman strength and in most variations, is the alter ego of **Prince Adam**. He-Man and his friends attempt to defend the secrets of Castle Grayskull, the planet Eternia, and the rest of the universe from the evil forces of his archenemy Skeletor. He-Man is also the twin brother of She-Ra.

The television series *He-Man and the Masters of the Universe* rapidly increased the selling of Mattel's toys and was a hit success in the 1980s, gaining 9 million viewers in its first year in the USA alone and being broadcast to at least 37 countries.<sup>[6]</sup> The massive success of the series led to a feature-length movie in 1985, *He-Man and She-Ra: The Secret of the Sword*, from the same production team, and a shared continuity, spin-off/sister series *She-Ra: Princess of Power*. There was also a primetime, hour-long Christmas special, *He-Man and She-Ra: A Christmas Special*.





**Transformers** is a media franchise produced by American toy company Hasbro and Japanese toy company Takara Tomy. It primarily follows the heroic Autobots and the villainous Decepticons, two alien robot factions at war that can transform into other forms, such as vehicles and animals. The franchise encompasses toys, animation, comic books, video games and films. As of 2011, it generated more than ¥2 trillion (\$25 billion) in revenue,<sup>[1]</sup> making it one of the highest-grossing media franchises of all time.

The franchise began in 1984 with the *Transformers* toy line, comprising transforming mecha toys from Takara's *Diaclone* and *Micro Change* toylines rebranded for Western markets.<sup>[2]</sup> The term "Generation 1" (G1) covers both the animated television series *The Transformers* and the comic book series of the same name, which are further divided into Japanese, British and Canadian spin-offs. Sequels followed, such as the *Generation 2* comic book and *Beast Wars* TV series, which became its own mini-universe. Generation 1 characters have been rebooted multiple times in the 21st century in comics from Dreamwave Productions (starting 2001), IDW Publishing (starting in 2005 and again in 2019), and Skybound Entertainment (beginning in 2023). There have been other incarnations of the story based on different toy lines during and after the 20th century. The first was the *Robots in Disguise* series, followed by three shows (*Armada*, *Energon*, and *Cybertron*) that constitute a single universe called the "Unicron Trilogy".



*Inspector Gadget* is an animated superhero science fiction comedy series co-created by Andy Heyward, Jean Chalopin<sup>[2]</sup> and Bruno Bianchi,<sup>[3][4]</sup> and was originally syndicated by DIC Audiovisuel and Lexington Broadcast Services Company. The show revolves around the adventures of a clumsy, dim-witted police officer from Metro City named Inspector Gadget—a cyborg with various bionic gadgets built into his body—who is sent on missions to thwart plans by his nemesis Dr. Claw, the leader of an evil organization known as "M.A.D.", while unknowingly being assisted by his niece Penny and their dog, Brain.<sup>[5]</sup>

The series stars the voice of Don Adams as the titular character, and it first premiered on December 4, 1982, as an exclusive pilot. It is the first cartoon show to be syndicated by DIC, who specifically created the series to help expand into the North American market, and the first animated series to be presented in stereo sound. The program originally ran from 1983 to 1985, broadcasting 86 episodes over two seasons, and remained in syndication into the late 1990s. The TV series proved to be a success for DIC, not only launching the *Inspector Gadget* franchise, including additional animated productions, such as a 2015 sequel series, and two live-action films, but also encouraging the company to produce additional programs such as *Heathcliff*. In January 2009, IGN named *Inspector Gadget* as the 54th best in the Top 100 Best Animated TV Shows.<sup>[6]</sup>

Since 2012, the rights to *Inspector Gadget* have been owned by DHX Media through its in-name-only unit, Cookie Jar Entertainment. Cookie Jar had purchased DiC and its library of shows in 2008 and was itself acquired by DHX Media in 2012.





## I HAD GIVEN UP

By Nathaniel Johnson

I had given up on being transferred to Kewanee. It had been over two years since my application was sent to Kewanee. Then it happened out of nowhere “I heard from the C.O. “you are being transferred to Kewanee on Wednesday”. All I said was “Thank you Jesus”. I really felt like the guys were joking with me when they were telling me about my transfer, but it was true. So my time here at Graham has come to an end. It had been 14 years and 4 months I was in Graham C.C., now it was time to turn the page on my journey. However, I felt sad to leave my brothers behind because of the bonds we’ve built over the years. This was a bittersweet moment for me.

On February 14, 2024 on Valentines day around 9:30 a.m. I left Graham C.C. and was headed to Logan were I would change buses, being excited is a understatement. The day started off great until we arrived at Logan C.C. where one of the transfer buses was over 2 hours late. I thought to myself “Nate you’re going to a better place so just be patient”. After a long wait that seemed to take forever the bus arrived and we were finally on our way. But before we reached Kewanee there were three more stops that had to be made. By this time your boy was thirsty, hungry, and asking once again “was this truly worth it?”





We finally arrived at Kewanee at around 7:30 and the only thing that I kept telling myself “I am somewhere better”. Normally the warden would meet all the transfer buses and intakes but today was different because it was Valentines day.

He did not want any trouble from the wife. (Happy Wife Happy Life), smart Warden! By this time, it is late and your boy is crazy hungry and thirsty. The meal we received was **HOT** at 8:00pm that evening. **Unbelievable!** And guess what men, 5 months later the meals are still **HOT**. In addition, that was just the beginning of so much more to come. The very next day my life would change and would I be ready for it all?

Early the next morning we were given a tour of Kewanee by Kelly and he taught us a lot of things that would be coming our way. Thanks Kelly! Next up and true to his word the Warden came into the class that we were in and spoke to us. Warden Carothers talked to us as men **NOT** inmates and what he expected from us and his staff. I immediately felt my stress level and my shield that I had up for over 2 decades starting to crack some. He told us what his staff would do to help you to accomplish what you need to become a better you. Brothers 5 months later the staff here is still unbelievable . You will not find any staff in the State of Illinois that truly cares for your wellbeing. The staff here addresses you by your name, so at this time I would like to say thank you to all the staff and my instructors, everyone has been a true blessing to Nate. Brothers this warden is a man of his word and what I respect the most, he takes chances on us no one else would dare to do. Men the classes that I have taken here so far has changed my life for the better and I thank God for it all. So my brother's do not stop doing what you are doing. Try to get to Kewanee and please hang it there because your turn is

coming.

When you get to Kewanee you will know, it was all worth it. To all my Graham Vets, brothers continue to move forward and leave no man behind. I miss you all..!

To the Praise team and Brother Maurice “continue to do Gods will and change men's lives. Like mines was and I'm still changing for the better.

I send a special thank you to Chaplain Spring, I truly appreciate all your time and effort that you gave to me that has allowed me this great opportunity to be here at Kewanee, I'm truly grateful. May God pour out a special blessing upon you and your family! Last but always first C/O Benton, and Chaplain B it was an honor to know you for 14 years. First for not treating me like any old inmate but like a Man/Friend and trusting me to work for you and to be a service to the men there at Graham. I pray that we have changed and touched some lives for the better and God get all the Glory. May our Lord Jesus pour out a special blessing upon you and your families.

Guess what my brothers? I did come to a much better place and wishing you all Peace & Blessings and hope to see you soon here at Kewanee. There is room for you as well.

Your brother Nathaniel Johnson.



## UNTITLED

By: Jodeci Commer

My time here still doesn't feel real. I'm not big on sharing my feelings to strangers, but I also know it's growth. I'm still happy from my Day with Dads experience, where I was able to spend the day (one on one) with my daughter as we had fun with games. I've spent time with her in the past, but never like that. She was 2yrs. old and now she's 14, (I know crazy right). It's a blessing to have been given that chance, when I thought that moment would never come while I was still in jail. Kewanee, has changed my life in so many ways, and I'm proud to say that.

What's even better is that as I write this, I'm in my CDL

class, watching video clips and thinking about my future. It's a beautiful thing knowing that everything I dreamed of is getting ready happen in a few years or less. Oh, and I can't forget the fact that I'm also in GED class chasing that too. I couldn't come home without that knowing that it was places I was at that didn't allow you the chance, unless you had a shorter outdate. Here, it's like if you want it you can get it. I understand that this is still prison, but brothers

and sisters, Kewanee is unlike any other prison. I call it, "The Place of Goal Chasing". Until next time, "Allah, got us!"





## MY KEWANEE EXPERIENCE PT 2

By: Nicolas Wotton

So here it is 10 months later... I have gotten settled in here at KLSRC to say the least. Let me tell you all what I have been able to accomplish in the short 10 months I have been here. I did my mandatory classes, interpersonal skills, keyboarding, financial Lit 1, and communications 1&2. shortly after my first month my homie 40 asked me to take over is F.L.I.P. class so I did, I jumped in head first into leading a Peer Led class and I was off. I then went on to finish the curriculum to F.L.I.P. 2. I also got a position in the maintenance department and became a TA to Mrs. Trigg's Service Learning class. I also took Mrs. Scotts Criminal and addictive Thinking and found out I was a "Blue" who knew? Right? Along with Mr. Stumphy's Socialization, Relapse Prevention, Preparing for Release and Alcohol and Drug Addiction. I'm also a welcoming committee member. I participated in Mr. Ebersole's Cat Simulator class and Danville and New York's Horticulture class. But the most I have learned here is that in can be a good person again. I can be helpful to others and I can be a better father, son, and friend. I have a good friend who reads Kewanee Horizons, I want to send a shout out to, her and I are on the road to recovery that I know without the help of KLSRC and some good people in my life, I know I wouldn't be on. Her and I have been in some bad situations together, I am grateful to here she is on this road to recovery as well. Chelsea keep your head up and keep doing good, I enjoyed hearing about your success.

Everyone here has our best interests at heart, I cannot explain how human treatment is here. For those reading this, getting to this place is winning! As I stated in my 1st Kewanee Experience entry, I said Mr. Carothers told us you got Willy Wonka's ticket. Was that not the realest statement the Warden made that day. I was accepted to the Day Release Program here at KLSRC. Its not been a short process but its finally here! I made it! I went from one of the

worst facilities being treated like a Rabid dog but just human with a number, to this prestigious program where I will be able to finally make some real money. To be trusted around civilians, and to become the best version of myself in my community, it is possible. I will feel human again, with real job experience to prepare me for this world again. This is what Re-Entry looks like, its me. Not shamed or ridiculed for my crime but repairing things. I'm needed again. It came to me once again. I have been given this opportunity to shine and thrive all thanks to KLSRC. Had I not been selected to come here I would have had to do more time. Being a 50% case get day for day here, I also would have been taught the skills I have learned here, and would probably been released with no help with my addiction, character defects, and criminal and anti social behavior. I wouldn't have been given this opportunity at day release. So thanks KLSRC. All my fellow brothers I left behind I encourage you to contact your counselor and fill out the application to come here. Hard work and dedication can get you far here. I'm grateful to have this opportunity and grateful KH gives us a platform to express our feelings and accomplishments. It's a great place to be if you incarcerated. I start my day release program on the 8th of July, so I'll give it a few months and write another entry to let you know how the journey is going. Again thanks to all those who have helped me get this far.





## THE PARTICIPANT

By: Malcolm Russell



Today was one of those days you say to yourself “Today was a great day”!!!. I mean it is really is hard to sit here and write this because it’s so many emotions that I’m feeling. Well today is June 1,2024 and Kewanee held their annual Day with Dads and I was their to take pictures and film the event. What I saw was the interaction with the community and how the guys interacted with their children. When I tell you their was such an amazing energy in the air you could feel the emotions and happiness in the place. It made me feel so good I was so happy for the men and those little boys and little girls in the way they interacted with their family and their smiles became infectious and it would been hard for anybody not to feel what was in the air and to not bask in the glow of everything that was happening all around us. What I can tell everyone that’s reading this is that to see a bond between a man and his child is like watching a miracle unfold right before your eyes. You really understand how important and how vital the father is to the dynamic of a family.

To conclude I hope I can have my son, grandson, and my nieces and nephews here so I can enjoy the full experiences of such a wonderful day.



# Adult Living

By: Raaid

Hey everyone, I hope everyone that is on their way out the door is doing their best to prepare for release. I've learned preparing for release is something that needs to begin the second your sentence starts. No matter what your circumstances are because you never know what may happen. My realization of that is owed to my peers and staff here at Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center. I want to give a shout out to Mrs. Cambron for giving me the opportunity to take her adult living class. Our class learned how to use the computer software Microsoft excel to organize monthly expenditures with the income you earn using the envelope method. This is a great way to budget. We learned how to shop around for a vehicle that fits your budget. We also learned how life is going to be for you when you go home and begin to get established in our current economy. Which is completely different from when most of us left, and is constantly changing. A few major take-a-ways for me are: to always have a 6-month rainy day fund or emergency fund and not to be a victim of consumerism. We do not have to have flashy expensive things. We should research products before we purchase them and try to get the best bang for your buck. Finances are an important factor in our lives. We do not need to keep up with the Jones'. What we need to do is understand the value of hard-earned money and appreciate the amenities that are in place that will allow us to get the most out of our dollars.

Again, I would like to thank Mrs. Cambron and strongly suggest taking the time to research how your living situation is going to be before you go home. I want to thank the education department and everyone here at Kewanee Life Skills Re-entry Center.





# Are you unsure of your career PT.2

By: Jermaine Brown

## Highway Construction

The Highway Construction Careers Training Program is an intensive 12-week program to learn the skills necessary for acceptance in the trades and the opportunity for a career with high-wage earning potential.

Qualified applicants may have tuition and fees paid for while earning a credential. At the end of the program, participants will have received the education, experience, and connections with the local employers to dive into a new career.

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What Will You Learn in the Highway Construction Program?

## Math and Trades

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measurement and conversion, and algebra and geometry. The math concepts will be supported with practical applications, on the job program solving, and job related tasks through communication.

## Job Readiness

The job readiness curriculum is designed to add to the overall success in the work environment. The workers of the future need skills that will allow them to communicate effectively with team members as well as adapt to a diverse workplace. Program will include special speakers and field trips from area IDOT contractors and trade unions.



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Attendance and Punctuality

Fundamental Job Skills

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Teamwork and Conflict Resolution

Interviewing Techniques

Attitude

Job ready attire consultation

Motivation & Self-esteem

Resume Preparation

### **Technical Skills:**

The Technical skills curriculum will allow students to practice the principles learned in the classroom portion of the program. This part of the program will include tool usage, blueprint reading, labor extensive community service projects throughout the community, and hands-on activities at various trade unions.

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**Program Requirements:**

Valid Illinois driver's license

18 years or older

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Interest in working in the construction trades

The Highway Construction program has two 12 week class sessions, Monday-Friday, in the fall and spring. The program allows for 12-15 participants in each session. Classes are held at ICC Peoria Campus, Hickory Hall.

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# Wake up

By: Anonymous

Wake up my Brothers and Sisters in Prison and on the streets,  
Because Times for us now are looking Real Bleak.

We say to ourselves how can this be? As though we are in total disbelief.

I see self hate and deep despair, I see my Brothers and Sisters growing up learning not to care.

Wake up my Brothers and Sisters in Prison and On the Streets,  
Because Times for us now are looking Real Bleak.

I smell the stench of hopelessness Riding on this awful breeze, Rushing through our neighborhoods Cutting us down like misplaced trees, It cares not about the young nor old, It just keep Saying laydown and just grow cold.

Wake up my Brothers and Sisters in prison and on the Streets, Because Times for us now

are Looking Real Bleak.

We cry for help and it say nay, And it seems we don't know how to find or make our on way. I stop and I ask myself in the back of mind, Why don't we see this at such a crucial time. Why do we close our eyes to truth that we see, And then with a sigh of relief we say I Thank God it's not me.

Wake my Brothers and Sisters in Prison and on The Streets, Because Times for us now are looking Real Bleak.



Rd: 3



## My First Challenger



By: Keith Roberson

(Announcer) He's against the ropes!

There's no light at the end of this tunnel! He bobs! he weaves! slips a right! he counters! Quick left Jab! He's off the ropes! My God!!!! that was great defense; it was looking bad.

(2nd announcer) yea boy that footwork was his saving grace... Ding Ding

(Corner man) Life wants blood for blood! It's a blood debt! You willing to pay it and get paid! You wanted this! Go get it! Be smart! Unforgiven! You in it now! Go get it!!! Accept the challenge!! Bring it to his front door!!! Bring it to his front door!

(Corner man) Give some! (Me) Get some! (Corner man) Get some! (Me) Give some! Ding Ding.

Not understanding the benefit of fear and not knowing what courage was/is. So recklessness; was I not fearless? Knowing and feeling like I had no choice; was that not courage? My first challenge was trial by fire. The hood made Muhammad Ali's, Mike Tyson's and those fluky type Busta Douglas type. I got it out the mud, one foot inside the tire & life had one foot inside the tire. Blow for blow; give some get some. There was no ducking or slipping the punches jumping off the porch thrown at me; you're either built for it or get KO'ed. Mom didn't get the memo

cause our whole family rep one way but the hood we stayed in was on the other side; opp-land. (Hand up) jumping rope and shadow boxing wasn't part of my training regimen...Nall; missing meal and scrapping the bottom of the barrel was my day to day routine that kept me in shape. Guess I was a light weight trying to go pro cause my weight class was hitting licks...When I first jumped off the porch I landed in my neighbors living room. Ding Ding...Heart beating; situation got me ducking and side stepping; adrenaline pumping; Anticipating landing that first blow. My first challenger; Senses on high alert, running out of time, feeling the walls closing in; I see an opening! Light at the end of the tunnel; I take it! Running away with the win; Bam! Knocked it right out it's sock's...Ding ding! And you winner by K.O.; (Me)...By any means baby! My first belt was a 27 inch T.V in my room sitting in my closet under some blankets. Later, taking a victory lap; the sight of victory was lit up with Red & Blue lights, mean mugs and the crowd's eyes seeing everyone as the victor. Licking the side of my mouth tasting that salty copper rust-like taste; "ummm" euphoric.... Success & Victory was blurry but I can see it now. (Fist Clench) It's a fight to the top... Ding ding!

End of Rd: 3

Results: Winner by K.O. (me)

Rd: 4 #1 contender (my title run)



# Adult Swim

BY: Julian Alequin

**“You will be sentenced to serve 18 years inside the department of corrections.”** As impossible as it may sound that sentence gave me a sense of relief. Sounds crazy right? At the time, I didn’t think so, after sitting for two years in the county fighting for my freedom, stressing about my environment, and questioning my existence that statement was the only thing to free me from my current torment. We don’t realize how corrupted our minds have become because of the environments we live in. When every week someone is receiving life in prison, anything under 20 years seems like a blessing. As much as we like to think we are not affected by everything that we come across, we must also realize that it is impossible to swim and not get wet. The reality is that once we are touched by incarceration, our version of normal becomes very subjective. I didn’t realize it then but I was changed. When I said, I was given 18 years without batting an eye I couldn’t understand why people kept asking me why I was so calm. They kept saying that they would be “bugging up” or acting out if they were given half that amount of time. Their reactions were a lot more commonplace and probably should have shaken me but returning to a deck where you’re showered with congratulations for making it home validates your thinking. That is not the only way that our environment affects us and there is an ever-growing list of ways that these waves and currents of incarceration change us and mold us into what this beast wants us to be. We may like to think that we are stronger than social conformity or can ALWAYS best peer pressure but we cannot. I know we like to think that we could swim lap after lap within this ick and step right out without having a drop of it



on us but it is impossible. There are the naïve that will read these words and think they can do exactly that, yet their necks are almost snapped every time they hear keys jingling or the squeak of a sneaker. The reality is that everything about who we are is shaped by everything we have been through. Our every thought is subconsciously affected by some past experience that then affects what we say and what we do. The greatest example is the fact that none of us exited the womb automatically wanting to call a woman a b@#\$h, yet the majority of us do it! That ignorant thought is something that was taught to us by someone in our past or somewhere in our lives. Where did you get it from? Family? Friends? Music? I know you would love to think so but that is not an independent thought my friend. Now imagine all of the different thoughts and ideas that flow within these evil fences that are not beneficial or are a direct threat to your mental well-being. We must start to realize that we may not be able to choose whether we want to swim or not but we can choose what pool we swim in. Whatever is around us will have an effect on us whether we like it or not. It is up to us to decide what stays with us and what doesn't, but it takes time and discipline to do so. As weird as it may seem we must constantly inventory everything that goes on around us. Whether it is event-by-event or day-by-day, we must do a mental "drying" of the ick that has stuck and still sticks itself to us throughout our lives. When we don't do this mental cleansing we allow our thoughts to be shaped by anyone or anything but ourselves. Think about where all your decisions come from. Are you a democrat? Why? Are you a republican? Why? As superficial and basic as those questions may be they can lead you to your deeper ideas and beliefs. Do you think a certain group of people are more lazy or violent? Think about where these thoughts came from and realize they're not accurate? Don't allow people places or things that surround you make your decisions for you. Question your thoughts and core beliefs and know whom you truly are so you can know where you want to go. The why is always just as important as the what. Why am I doing what I'm doing is a question that should be a constant thought, especially in an environment that feeds off of negativity. We may have not wanted to end up in this murky water but we did. Therefore, you can either think about where you're swimming or make your own pool.





## Kickball



## 4 House vs 5 House







**5 House  
KickBall Winners**







Congratulations

Graduates of Summer 2024

N.R.C.A. Roofing Certification

## NRCA university Graduates Cohort 2

Recently a set of 11 men have pushed through the NRCA (National Roofing Contractors Association) Universities TRAC (Training For Roofing Application Careers) Curriculum. The NRCA sets the minimal standards for installation methods of roof systems across the nation. We (Chad and Jesse) would like to congratulate all of these men for their hard work and perseverance. The curriculum will hopefully equip these men with enough knowledge to present themselves to a roofing employer as a potential asset to the future of their company and make a great impression on an employer when they start their career. Roofing work is laborious yet fulfilling. You get to provide a home owner or business owner with a vital piece of protection for their home or business. We start by introducing various roofing systems and ways to be a **Great Employee**. We talk about the characteristics of **Consistency, Curiosity, and Initiative**. The curriculum stresses safety throughout because it is the most important aspect to consider when stepping on a job site. Like Troy says you cannot work if you are badly injured or worse if you perish due to an accident. Work related injuries cause serious problems for employees, employers, and families. **So Safety, Safety, Safety!** We then dive into Decks and Underlayment's for various systems and roof slopes. The curriculum also teaches us about the importance of identifying slope in order to select the proper safety techniques and equipment for the job and the proper roof system or covering. We discuss Steep Slope Roofs, and discover the #1 covering for steep slope roofs is Asphalt Shingles. Then we dive into various installation techniques and rules for this system. We finish steep slopes by discussing flashing concepts and various installation methods. The second half starts with Low Slope Systems. We discover that the #1 system for low slope is Thermoplastics better known as TPO. We discuss the difference of Thermo plastics and Thermosets. Then we dive into the installation methods of TPO. We finish off with Flashing Concepts and installation methods for the various flashings involved in low slope systems. Congratulations to Troy Jestis, Christopher Rodriguez, Alan Lugo,



Edwin Neal, Zach Zielinski, Pedro Arroyo, Brandon Wilds, Mike Jennings, Keith Roberson, Damien Hodges, and Radoslaw Markowicz for completing this course we wish you success in your roofing career and your future in general. Congrats to Troy Jestis for his move into the role of our new Roofing Facilitator. His vast knowledge and years of experience will no doubt be an asset to our mission in helping our fellows. We continually thank Ms. Rowan for her hard work in helping us move along. Thanks to Warden Carothers, Mr. Warnsing, and the rest of the staff here at KLSRC for their assistance in our progress. We always thank the NRCA for being a part of our mission, providing us with this great curriculum and the opportunity to be a part of their mission.

*By Radoslaw Markowicz*

Hello, everyone. First I would like to give a big thank you to the peer led facilitators for making this thing possible. Obtaining a Roofing Certificate was an great achievement and something that I can be proud of. I feel like I am more prepared for the outside world while learning a new skill. It was four months of hard work but it was definitely worth it.

*BY Christopher Rodriguez*

Firstly, I would like to thank Jesse, Chad, Troy, Ms. Rowan, and Warden Carothers for each of their part in this amazing program. The peer facilitators did an amazing job walking me step by step, watching the NRCA videos for the TRAC program. We learned about Thermoplastics and Asphalt shingles. With this certificate and knowledge, I can seek a career in roofing. The best part is that this type of work is “Felon Friendly.” I am looking forward to putting my newly learned skills to use when I get home. For all of you Kewaneeiers that have not taken this group yet, please get around to doing it. This can make a big difference in your life when you go home. Once again I would like to thank all the powers to be that made this group possible.

*By Pedro Arroyo*

I am very thankful for the appreciative opportunity given to gain valuable knowledge and training for Roofing Application Career. This acquired education allows people to learn a high-in demand trade, a trade to be used for many purposes. I understand many might not want to be Roofers, some are afraid of heights, others feel too old. However, think beyond the possibility of having a great job. Think about the knowledge you can gain when you decide to be a Homeowner or if you decide to invest in Real Estate. How much money and how many headaches will you save by knowing what to look for when you inspect a roof, its Asphalt Shingles, or when you want to add new fixtures like a skylight or chimney. These are practical assets important to continue a Roofing Career. Most Thankful for the peer led facilitators.

*By Mike Jennings*

N.R.C.A. has given me a skill set that will always be relevant in today's society. Being that I am a convicted felon, roofing is a job that is felony friendly that provides me with health insurance, 401k, and a pension plan. This is a realistic opportunity for me. I have learned several type of roofing systems like low slope, steep slope, and thermoplastic. It is one of a few accredited certifications that you can receive at K.L.S.R.C. The only downside to the group was the lack of hands on learning. But it was compensated by allowing us to observe actual videos of Roofers at work.

*By Edwin Neal*

I want to say Thank You to all of the Peer led facilitators who helped to make this group possible. Being introduced to a trade like roofing gave me so much appreciation and understanding for a trade that I can really consider. I came into roofing thinking about the risk and dangers of being on a roof. The more I learned, the more I understood the details and importance of the trade. There's so many styles to the design of a roof and the systems that are built to protect it. NRCA gave me more to think about and look at when it comes to preparing for a career.

*By: Brandon Wilds*

Learning the intricacy's of what the N.R.C.A actually does and what their a part of was more than well taught through the facilitators. I feel like the knowledge I was given throughout this course more than prepared me for a potential job opportunity or even a career in the roofing field. I can honestly say that I feel like I can get on a roof right now and provide some sort of help to a company without being an embarrassment. I hope that more people can take this course to maybe give them another "tool in their tool belt" for when they are released to hopefully return to society and never return to any type of incarceration. Thank you once again to the facilitators and the staff for giving us the opportunity.



## STORY BOOK







Congratulations July 2024 Graduates of Kewanee's CDL Class





## FEAR OF THE MARKET

By: Kenji Haley, Co-Editor of THE MARKET CORNER

So, the market has taken matters into its own hands. With the economy in shambles (the FED, inflation and the price of goods) the market is showing that if rates are not cut, that the consumer will lead the strike. As of August 1st, Jerome Powell decided that it would be best that the FED would apply a rate cut in the September meeting. He never shows his hand as to the amount, but the market responded, in-kind. The last two days of that trading week (August 2nd and 3rd), the Dow, S &P and NASDAQ tanked to the tune of 2%, 1.9% and 3.4%, respectively. This led to major selloffs in all industries, but none like that in the Tech sector. NVDA, TSLA, AAPL, AMZN and others fell sharply to lows that many haven't seen. AMAZN fell from near \$190 to \$165 (down 13%). NVDA also took a nose dive (in the sector, of course) by shedding from its \$120 high to a low of \$92 (on the bright side, that is nothing compared to its' 250% gain in the last year and a half!). Let's be clear, the market has been pretty damn good over the last year and a half, especially when the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) "changed" the definition of RECESSION. So, many people headed for the hills and were selling



**Fed holds rates at 22-year high, signals three cuts in 2024**



on their gains. Here is a little known fact in our community - between August 2nd and August 6th, the Magnificent 7 (MSFT, NVDA, AAPL, AMZN, TSLA, GOOGL and META) lost \$7,000,000,000,000 (or \$7 Billion to be exact) in trading. But since then, it has recouped 70% of that loss since.

The market is full of surprises and hopefully you, as the individual in custody, are taking steps to prevent any losses in this market. REMEMBER: A goal without a plan is only a DREAM!!!



## THE MARKET CORNER



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# BRAIN FACTS

1. Lincoln Logs were created by John Lloyd Wright, son of famous architect Frank Lloyd Wright, in the 1920s. They were named after Abraham Lincoln, who grew up in a log cabin.
2. In the 1940s, a retired schoolteacher came up with Candyland to entertain children who were hospitalized from polio. Because its color system required no reading, young kids could easily play.
3. At Medieval Times dinner attractions, you eat with your hands because people didn't use utensils in the middle ages.
4. Freelancers originally referred to self-employed, sword-wielding mercenaries: literally "free lancers."
5. We shake hands to show we're unarmed.
6. Although no longer connected to the beer company, Guinness World Records was founded by the managing director of Guinness Brewery in the 1950s. ([guinnessworldrecords.com](http://guinnessworldrecords.com)).
7. Michelin stars are highly coveted by elite and upscale restaurants the world over—but they're actually given out by the Michelin tire company, the same one whose mascot is the

marshmallow-like Michelin Man. If you want to get fancy, pronounce it in the original French, “mich-LEH.”

**8.** More people visit France than any other country (Spain is second; the US third).

**9.** You can still stay at the world’s oldest hotel, Nisiyama Onsen Keiunkan in Japan, which was founded in 705 AD.

**10.** The longest place name in the world, at 85 letters, is

“Taumatawhakatangihangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu,” New Zealand. Locals just call it Taumata Hill.

**11.** The coldest temperature ever recorded occurred in Antarctica, -144 Fahrenheit, as reported by researchers in a scientific journal in 2018.

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**12.** The hottest temperature ever recorded occurred in Furnace Creek, Death Valley, California, at 134 degrees Fahrenheit on July 10, 1913.

**13.** Japan records the most earthquakes of any country in the world; but the most earthquakes actually occurs in Indonesia.

**14.** Each year 16 million thunderstorms happen around the world, and at any given moment, there are about 2,000 thunderstorms in progress.



## HOROSCOPES



**Aries:** Feeling the pressure of achievement? The Capricorn full moon highlights all you want to become in this world.

**Translation:** You only have to do a very few things right in your life so long as you don't do too many things wrong.



**Taurus:** The long game is coming into view. During the Capricorn full moon, strategically plan a vision you want to build.

**Translation:** No matter how great the talent or efforts, some things just take time. You can't produce a baby in one month by getting nine women pregnant.



**Gemini:** Get a handle on resources. Taking action to boost your security? The Capricorn full moon puts you in business mode.

**Translation:** The most important thing to do if you find yourself in a hole is to stop digging.



**Cancer:** Expand your vision of what partnership can be. The Capricorn full moon may bring issues. Ready to work through it?

**Translation:** You only fail if you stop trying.



**Leo:** Working hard to get the job done? The only problem is there may not be much juice in the tank.

**Translation:** Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.



**Virgo:** Your self-expression is lit under the Capricorn full moon. Make progress on your passions.

**Translation:** You make a choice, continue living your life feeling muddled in this abyss of self-misunderstanding, or you find your identity independent of it. You draw your own box.



**Libra:** Taking care of your inner world is the secret to your professional success. How are you feeling at the core?

**Translation:** At the end of the day, whether or not those people are comfortable with how you're living your life doesn't matter. What matters is whether you're comfortable with it.



**Scorpio:** Take the lead on learning what you want to know. Motivated to become an authority on a passion of yours?

**Translation:** Don't try to lessen yourself for the world; let the world catch up to you.





**Sagittarius:** The Capricorn full moon lights up your monetary world. Initiate financial plans that support security.

**Translation:** Rule No.1 is never lose money. Rule No.2 is never forget Rule No.1



**Capricorn:** Speak up about your needs. Do the people closest to you know how you feel? Lay it on the line.

**Translation:** A closed mouth doesn't get fed right? A lot of people are afraid to say what they want. That's why they don't get what they want.



**Aquarius:** Take a break from the grind to rest and reflect. Meditation is productive under the Capricorn full moon.

**Translation:** Tell yourself "You've been through so much, you've endured so much, time will allow me to heal, and soon this will be just another memory that made me the strong person I am today.



**Pisces:** A group can benefit from you taking the lead. Do you have a creative vision? Show them the way.

**Translation:** If you don't see a clear path for what you want, sometimes you have to make it yourself.

# STATEWIDE CALL OUT



Everyone here at Horizons would like to take the time to express our sincerest gratitude for all of the viewers, supporters, and participants of Kewanee Horizons. Our approach is different from other material that has been of benefit to us all, especially in regards to highlighting the successes of our fellow peer's, as well as highlighting the fact that we have an outstanding amount of friends, family, and loved ones that contribute to our overall success. Horizons is more than just a platform for us to use to spread content throughout I.D.O.C., it's also valuable to us all to show that we are indeed a community made up of "real" people, striving to make it through this journey. With Horizons, we are experiencing amazing things. Things that weren't the norm just a few years ago, and that's the evolution of "US", (the incarcerated individuals), and our desire to spark an already contagious thing, which is a change in the utmost positive direction. Change begins with us, and that's exactly what's been shown, as well as proven.





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Being able to see some of the Peer led groups is something that is a blessing for us all. For so long, some of us didn't have the courage to teach what we knew, and quite possibly, the issue was that we didn't know what we knew would help anyone. Kewanee doesn't make Horizons, we "ALL" make Horizons. It's about all of us. The things we do during this incarceration not only impacts us, but our community as well. If we want people to believe in us, we first have to believe in ourselves. The entire Horizons team is honored to be able to be a voice for some of those that feel that you don't have one. Our focus is on positivity and how any occurrence that you've encountered since being incarcerated has impacted you in a positive way. Our driving force is positivity with a Restorative Justice mind-set. We don't look to focus on anything negative, we don't want anyone dwelling on yesterday's bad decisions, we want everyone focusing on tomorrow's goal of productivity, positivity, and finding ways to help one another in the best way possible. Please don't shy away from submitting your article to Horizons. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

