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Youth showcase

Students from Hosanna Homeschool Choir, Peoria Christian Elementary School and Middle School, St. Mark Grade School and Whittier Primary School will show off their artistic talents during the Arts in Education Spring Celebration from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Peoria County Courthouse in Downtown Peoria.

Discussing Afghanistan

"Afghanistan: The War on Drugs and More," a panel discussion featuring Colleen Callahan, Dr. Lisa Zaynab Killinger, Dr. Shah Tarzi and Doug Bandow of the Cato

Institute, will be at 7 p.m. at Bradley University's Romeo B. Garrett Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Admission is \$5 for students and PAWAC members and \$10 for the general public.

British award-winning film

A showing of the 1987 film, "Whithnail and I," will be at 7 p.m. at Arbor Hall Auditorium on the Illinois Central College North Campus, 5407 N. University, Peoria. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$4 for students with ID.

Evening of music

Peoria Lunaire, the Bradley University Ensemble for New Music, will present its spring performance at 7:30 p.m. at Dingeldine Music Center, 1417 W. Barker Ave. It's free.

Galileo programs

"Is Galileo Still on His Knees? Teaching origin stories in high school biology classes," a free presentation by Dr. Eric Weber, Dr. Griffin Hathaway and Professor Tom Pilat, will be at 9:30 a.m. at Illinois Central College's Lecture/Recital Hall, Room 127F, on the East Peoria campus.

Retired professor speaks

Retired Bradley University professor James Ballowe, author of "A Man of Salt and Trees: The Life of Joy Morton," will present a reading and lecture at 7:30 p.m. in the Wyckoff Room of the Cullom-Davis Library at Bradley University. Admission is free.

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On this date

- In 1789, President-elect George Washington left Mount Vernon, Va., for his inauguration in New York.
- In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a bill ending slavery in the District of Columbia.
- In 1879, St. Bernadette, who'd described seeing visions of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes, died in Nevers, France.
- In 1912, Harriet Quimby became the first woman to fly across the English Channel.
- In 1917, Vladimir Ilyich Lenin returned to Russia after years of exile.

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- New policies aimed at stopping festival fights

In 1935, the radio comedy program "Fibber McGee and Molly" premiered on the NBC Blue Network.

In 1947, the French ship Grandcamp blew up at the harbor in Texas City, Texas; another ship, the High Flyer, exploded the following day. The blasts and resulting fires killed nearly 600 people.

In 1962, Walter Cronkite succeeded Douglas Edwards as anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

In 1972, Apollo 16 blasted off on a voyage to the moon.

In 1996, Britain's Prince Andrew and his wife, Sarah, the Duchess of York, announced they were in the process of getting a divorce.

In 2007, in the deadliest shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, student Seung-Hui Cho killed 32 people on the campus of Virginia Tech before taking his own life.

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- Today in Central Illinois (04/26/09)
- Arts calendar (04/25/09)
- Today in Central Illinois (04/24/09)
- League of Women voters set biennial convention (04/24/09)
- Informational fair on youth activities is Thursday (04/24/09)
- Senior Olympics torch relay, lighting is April 30 (04/24/09)
- Alzheimer's group hosting Kentucky Derby events (04/24/09)
- ICC holding adjunct faculty job fair on Tuesday (04/24/09)
- 'Celebration: A Gift to Life' is May 8 at Pere Marquette (04/24/09)
- 'Call to Catholic Men of Faith' march is Saturday (04/24/09)

Girls Night
The Musical

A touching and brilliantly funny 'tell-it-like-it-is' look at the lives of a group of five female friends. Female anthems include *Girls Just Want to Have Fun, I Will Survive* and more!

Friday, May 8

Tickets available at the Peoria Civic Center Box Office, all Ticketmaster outlets, or call **800-745-3000**

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