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More than 300 new Illinois laws take effect Jan. 1

By **PETER HANCOCK**
 Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – Minimum wage workers in Illinois will see a boost in their hourly pay to \$12 per hour starting Jan. 1, while tenants in affordable housing units can keep pets.
 Those are just some of the more than 300 new laws that take effect in the new year.
 The minimum wage increase is actually the result of a 2019 law that phases in a state minimum wage to \$15 an hour by 2025.

This year, it will increase by one dollar to \$12 an hour.
 The law allowing public housing tenants to keep pets provides that tenants of multifamily housing units that are acquired, built or renovated with money from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund may keep up to two cats or one dog weighing less than 50 pounds.
 It applies to residents of housing units that are designated as affordable housing for low- and very-low-income families.



Other new laws include:
 • **Vehicle taxes:** SB58 raises the private vehicle tax by \$75 for each model year where the purchase price is less than \$15,000 and by \$100 for vehicles priced

above that amount. However, the registration fee for trailers weighing less than 3,000 pounds will drop to \$36 instead of \$118.
 • **College admissions:** HB226 prohibits public colleges and uni-

versities from requiring applicants to submit SAT, ACT or other standardized test scores, although prospective students may choose to submit them.
 • **Drug prices:** SB1682 requires pharmacies to post a notice informing consumers that they may request current pharmacy retail prices at the point of sale.
 • **FOID card:** HB562 enacts several changes to the Firearm Owner Identification card law. Among other things, it provides
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NEW FOUNDATION POURED

Stark CUSD raises tax rate to 5.58 percent

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News
 WYOMING – Prior to the regular school board meeting, Stark county School District 100 held a Truth in Taxation hearing. School superintendent Brett Elliott presented a “rationale for the levy and any increase.”
 The equalized assessed value [EAV] for 2020 was \$123,023,423 and was compared to the 2021 EAV of \$127,944,360. The actual tax rate for 2020 was 5.0792 percent compared to the 2021 rate of 5.5757 percent. The estimated increase therefore was 0.4965.
 Elliott said the school district is anticipating the \$40,000 minimum salary for teachers, which will occur in the next few years, plus meeting the \$15 per hour minimum wage for noncertified employees that will be enacted in the coming years.



Work is continuing on the Stark County High School renovation project.

During public comment, Keith Webster presented a 10-year tax overview of his family’s farm property and operation and requested that the board make cuts in taxes, rather than raise them.
 Also, Dale Jackson asked about local and state tax percentages. Elliott said 59.7 percent of taxes are local, 12 percent come from the state, 9 percent are federal and the remainder are from grant sourcing.

Later, during the regular meeting, the board approved the tax levy.
 Dan Joos of CORE gave an update on the high school building project. Joos said a new foundation is nearly complete and walls of the building will go up in January. Joos and Farnsworth Group representative Scott Burge said there are supply chain issues, but steel is “on site.” Also, the “budget is on
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Galva school board approves tax levy

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – The Galva school board on Monday approved reducing its tax levy from \$4.84 to \$4.71 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total levy is \$4,215,450.
 In other business, the board unanimously voted to accept a bid from East Moline Glass in the amount of \$197,330 for new windows at the Galva Junior Senior High School.
 The board also approved a bid from Ideal Environmental to remove 74 windows that contain asbestos containing glazing and/or caulking from 46 openings in the original 1960s building. Windows will be removed from the exterior.
 The board recently attended a state school board convention and members gave a brief report on seminars they attended

Some ideas were installing UVC fixtures in the buildings to eliminate viruses and allergens, and working to get a share of tax agreements with city government for TIFs, cannabis taxes etc.
 “It is expensive to attend, but it is well worth the taxpayers money to get new ideas,” said John VanDeVelde, board president.
 The board approved the following hirings and volunteers for the 2022-23 school year:
 • Krystal West as high school volleyball coach;
 • Tayler Kuenneth as junior high and high school cross country coach;
 • Tyler Nichols as head football coach;
 • Casey Miller and Jeff Little as assistant football coaches;
 • Mike Boston as the head golf coach;
 • David Trigg as assistant
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track.”

Board President Ann Orwig said the Henry-Stark Special Education Cooperative has hired 13 new employees, most of whom are paraprofessionals. Additionally, Stark County High School graduate Brooke Rennick will graduate in May having earned a bachelor’s degree. She plans to pursue a master’s degree in social work and will work for the Coop.

The board set its next meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. due to a Monday holiday.

After executive session, the board approved the retirement of Barbara Loane as the school district’s payroll and board secretary effective June 30, 2022. Also, Elizabeth Gibson resigned as Stark County Complex supervisor and will be replaced by April Hall-Sies.

Katelyn Rumbold has resigned as high school cheer coach and is replaced by Casey Musselman. Trey Swanson resigned as junior high softball and football coach and was hired as a varsity football assistant. Lastly, Cheryl Daum resigned as prom sponsor effective immediately.

GALVA: Board approves coaches

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coach for golf;

- Darcy Swanson as 8th grade girls basketball coach;
- Sarah Townsend as 7th grade girls basketball coach;
- Brandon Owens as junior high baseball coach;
- Brad Jackson as junior high and high school softball coach;
- Emma Lindquist as volunteer for junior high cheerleading;
- Ellynah Olson as volunteer for junior high volleyball;
- Matthew Bersell as long-term substitute;
- Charlie Brooks as cook.

LAWS: No more SAT, ACT requirement

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for a streamlined renewal process for FOID cards and Concealed Carry Licenses for people who voluntarily submit fingerprint records. It also allows the Illinois State Police to issue a combined FOID card and Concealed Carry License to qualified applicants, and establishes a new Violent Crime Intelligence Task Force to enforce revoked FOID cards.

- **Mental health:** HB576 and SB1577 allow students in Illinois up to five excused absences to attend to their mental or behavioral health without providing a medical note. Those students will be given an opportunity to make up any work they missed during the first absence and, after using a second mental health day, may be referred to school support personnel.
- **Official flags:** HB605 requires state agencies and institutions to buy Illinois and American flags made in the U.S.
- **Hair styles:** SB817 prohibits discrimination in schools against individuals on the grounds of wearing natural or ethnic hairstyles, which include dreadlocks, braids, twists and afros.
- **Juneteenth:** HB3922 recognizes June 19, or “Juneteenth,” as an official state holiday.

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Felonies & Misdemeanors

12-13 - Criminal Misdemeanor - Daphne F. King - Domestic battery.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

12-17 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 approximately one mile west of 750E. The driver involved was Sandra J. Phillips, 63, of Toulon. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

12-13 - Daphne F. King, 20, Wyoming, was arrested for domestic battery. On Dec. 14, she was released with a notice to appear in court.

12-13 - Luke A. Washburn, 23, Kewanee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for driving on a suspended license. He was released the following day with a notice to appear.

12-15 - A 14-year-old Toulon teen was reported missing to authorities. The minor was later located and released to a family member.

12-17 - Daphne F. King, 20, Wyoming, was arrested on an outstanding Henry County warrant.

12-17 - Patricia A. Grant, 61, of Wyoming, was arrested on an outstanding Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge of driving while under the influence of alcohol. She later posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a new court date.

12-18 - A 16-year-old Chillicothe girl was arrested by the Stark County Sheriff's Office on an outstanding Woodford County warrant. She was later released with a court date to appear.

12-18 - Brandon M. Magnussen, 49, Wyoming, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on two charges of driving on a suspended license. He was released with a notice to appear.

12-19 - The Stark County Sheriff's Office received a report of several sheds and campers that were broken into at the Allendale Conservation.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

12-13 - to NE 2nd St. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.

12-13 - to attempt to locate an intoxicated and suicidal subject who

PUBLIC RECORD



ran from the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. Officers, along with the Galva K9 searched but were unable to locate. A family member called two days later and said the subject was fine.

12-14 - to the 400 block of North Center Ave. for two 911 calls. A male subject spoke to dispatch, but would not answer the door for the officer.

12-14 - to the railroad crossing on SW 6th Ave. for a crossing arm that had been struck and damaged. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

12-14 - to NW 1st Ave. for an out-of-control juvenile complaint. A juvenile was taken from the home and released to Bethany social services.

12-14 - Officer drove the ambulance during a medical emergency at a residence on NW 1st Ave.

12-14 - to the 900 block of NW 5th Ave. for an injured opossum.

12-15 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department to pick up property that had been found.

12-15 - to Wiley Park to check on a suspicious vehicle.

12-15 - to Sentry Estates to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Nicholas Davis, 38, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. He was released with a court date.

12-15 - to a two-vehicle accident with damage only in the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave.

12-15 - to Sentry Estates for a child custody dispute.

12-15 - to the 900 block of West Division St. for a loose dog complaint.

12-15 - to remove a large limb that fell in the 600 block of North Center Ave. during a storm.

12-15 - to Wallace St. for a power wire that was sparking. Ameren was contacted.

12-15 - to the 1000 block of SE

2nd St. for an activated panic alarm. It was caused by a storm.

12-16 - to the intersection of SE 3rd Ave. and SE 2nd St. for a large tree limb that fell in a wind storm.

12-16 - to the 00 block of NW 2nd St. for a utility wire down across the roadway. It was determined to be a phone line. Frontier was notified.

12-16 - to meet with a subject at the police department in reference to a child custody exchange. Officer went to a residence and the child was returned to the other parent.

12-16 - to a residence on NE 1st Ave. to assist the Illinois DCFS. During the standby, the officer arrested John Podgorski, 28, Galva, on a Woodford County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of battery - causing bodily harm. He posted bond and was released.

12-17 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. for a complaint involving an unwanted subject.

12-17 - Officer located a wanted subject walking in the 300 block of SE 2nd St. As the result, Madison Palmer, 20, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on traffic charges. She was released with a new court date.

12-17 - to a residence in the 100 block of SE 3rd St. to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Dylan Hopkins, 25, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on traffic charges. He was released with a court date.

12-17 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for an aggressive dog.

12-18 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject. As the result, Leianne Fabry, 61, Galva, was arrested for criminal trespass to property. She was released with a notice to appear.

12-18 - to the 800 block of NW 4th St. for a verbal domestic dispute involving a juvenile.

12-18 - to the 1000 block of North Center Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a possible impaired driver. The suspect vehicle was stopped for a minor traffic violation. Report unfounded.

12-19 - to the 00 block of NW 4th St. for a suspicious person complaint. Officer checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

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COVID vaccine clinic scheduled in Galva

GALVA – The Illinois Department of Public Health will hold a free COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic for all persons 12 years of age and older at the First Baptist Church of Galva on Tuesday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All three vaccines and boosters will be offered.

Please call Pam Konstanty at the church at (309) 932-2713 to pre-reg-



Pictured is part of the group of Lions Club members, River Valley employees and community members who helped with the assembly and delivery of the Christmas food baskets. Approximately 130 food baskets were delivered to Galva families on Saturday. The Elementary school children collected food and 2 pick-up loads were collected. The Junior High and High school also collected food items and 4 pick-up loads were hauled to River Valley where the baskets were put together. This is the 2nd year that River Valley Co-Op has partnered with the Galva Lions Club for the project. Photo by Carol Townsend.

ister by Dec. 23.

The church needs 40 people to register or the event will have to be rescheduled. Walk-ins are also welcomed. The church is located at 211 NW 4th Ave., Galva.

Et cetera

• GALVA – First Baptist Church of Galva, 211 NW 4th Ave., will have a candlelight worship service on Christ-

mas Eve at 7 p.m. The service will feature Christmas carols, scripture readings, choir music, a homily by Pastor Bryan Griem, and a singing of “Silent Night” by candle light.

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12. And this shall be a sign unto you; ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
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15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger.
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18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
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1 Examined by
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8 Smart —
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14 Alpha's
opposites

26 All across the
region

21 Indian city on
the Yamuna
River

22 "Old Blue"
novelist Alan
Rend

23 Sternish-
resistant bar
seat?

25 Male flower
part

26 Earth lighter

27 Autumn chili

28 Serily
allowing
nobody to
nap?

30 Monet, say
34 iterations

36 — roll (hot)

37 Shoulder-
hugging,
non-honking
driver?

42 Thin and
supple

47 Duck cousin

48 Actress
Messing

49 More plucky

50 LL's interior

53 "I see mice!"

56 Ear-related

58 Indian city on
the Yamuna
River

59 Vehicle
in a chase
scene

63 Decorative
pins worn by
jockeys?

67 Yellow-and-
black bird

68 18-Down, to
Jacob

69 Flagged auto

70 Mao —-sung

71 Bit of pasta
that's really
hard to find?

77 Bodily pouch

79 Spanish for
"thief"

80 Big pet food
brand

81 "Infinte"
rapper

84 Have pain
from bending
forward too
sharply?

89 Two type
90 Tolkien
terrorizers

91 Up —
(stymied)

92 — Lanka

94 Butter holder

95 More hideous

97 —-iver (meat
product)

100 Harvestable

104 Work layoff,
slangily

105 Dive to attack
with perfect
form?

111 Texter's "I
think ..."

113 Neeson of
"Darkman"

114 GMC pickup
brand?

115 Domino's for
driver?

122 Taylor of
"Crooklyn"

124 Los Angeles'
Plays —- Ray

125 Regular
practices

126 Bolting an
April 1 prank?

131 Crops up

132 Icky sticky
brand

133 Enlarge

134 Quick

135 In any way

136 Power-
supplying
socket

DOWN

1 Volkswagen
model

2 Messing
Toscanini

3 Simple shed

4 —- gow
(casino
option)

5 Grain beard

6 Up to,
informally

7 Paradise

8 Blueprint

9 TV spots

10 "Show me!"

11 College town
in North
Carolina

12 Toy train,
when
doubled

13 Quantity in a
nan's bust

14 Former
NFLer Martin

15 Annual
city NYC
fundraising
event

16 Biblical
birthright
seller

17 Explorer
Vasco da —

18 Antiquing aid

19 Ship off, say

24 Petty quarrel

29 Sordide of
the screen

31 "— so you!"

32 Ham, e.g.

33 Lilled syllable

35 Prof's dog

36 United

39 Israel's Abba

40 Opate, e.g.

41 Hairment

43 Apple option

44 Close, as a
community

45 "— to you!"

46 Put out

49 Person
rubbing it in

50 Profile with
warrior

51 And not

52 First washer
phase

54 Noted Deco
master

55 Furry fruit

57 Pocket pathe

60 Pigeon nose

61 Barn plants

62 Bolognese of
Artemis

64 Clangor

65 How balloons
float

66 Trump
replaced him

72 Thief's bagful
73 "Bail —"

74 Autos such
as Gremlins
and Pacers

75 Belgian river

76 Spain's El —

77 Yeaport part

78 "I'm so
frustrated!"

82 Water, to Gigs

83 Rangers' and
Rays' go

85 Bronx locale

86 Mean whale

87 High point

88 One-named
sports legend

89 Lyric penner
Gershwin

96 Lived
of mad
chickpeas

99 —- (8 movie
silly

101 Election,
silly

102 Greek letter

103 She boss

105 Swath

106 Film score
composer
Schtein

107 Iago's wife

108 Hard trial

109 Bully's threat
ender

110 Warehouse
platform

112 Hardy lady

113 Cartoonist
Adams

116 Celestial
instrument

117 Off Broadway
prize

118 French
river or
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119 TV actress
Swenson

120 —- suit
(1940s dude)

121 Reverse
alphabetical
order

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With Stark County on their board, we will have our own PSAP. (Public Safety Answering Point) which E911 will get dispatched from our dispatchers.

The equipment we will need for the PSAP will come from a grant to pay for the equipment from the State of Illinois.

Stark County Citizens will not be taxed more for this project.

The reason we must be on an ETSB Board is that Stark County had to have an ETSB Board by the end of 2015. Stark County didn't start talking about the ETSB until January 2016 and at that point we had to join an ETSB Board.

Peoria County will do all the grant writing for Stark County and the E911 coordinator for the State of Illinois has been fantastic to work with and Peoria County has been great to work with.

It will probably take 1 1/2 years to get the E911 up and running.

With the E911 we will know exactly where you are calling from, which will make our response time quicker. With the E911 we will have all places in the county mapped out, even if it is a grain bin.

If anyone has a question, please feel to call the Stark County Sheriff's Office (309-286-2541).

Thank you,
Sheriff Steven V. Sloan
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OBITUARIES

Robert C. DeSchepper
ANNAWAN – Robert C. “Bob” DeSchepper, 85, of Annawan, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, at his home. A Funeral Mass celebrating his life was to be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 23, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Annawan. Father S. Stephen Engelbrecht was to be celebrate. Burial will be in the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Annawan, with military honors. Visitation was from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, at the church.



DeSchepper

Memorials may be made to the Toulon American Legion or the Annawan/Alba Fire District. Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services, Annawan, is assisting the family with the arrangements.
Robert Charles DeSchepper was born July 21, 1936, in Mineral Township, Bureau County, Ill. the son of Charles and Irene Christian DeSchepper. He was educated in Neponset schools and graduated from high school there in 1954. His marriage to Darlene VanDeRostyne took place

on Sept. 12, 1959, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Annawan. They spent their first two years of married life in Germany from 1959 to 1961 while Bob served in the U. S. Army. Their first child, Michael, was born there.
Bob continued his inactive reserve status until being discharged in September of 1965, at the official start of the Vietnam War. After returning home, they lived in Kewanee and Neponset before moving to Toulon to raise their family. Upon retirement they move to Annawan. She passed away on Feb. 16, 2017.
He worked for Martin Engineering, Kraft Cheese Company, Pearson Bros., IME, Pine’s Trailer and Mutual Electric. Bob was the Toulon Township road commissioner from 1983 to 2005, farmed, and volunteered for several community organizations, including membership with the Old Settlers, Boy Scouts of America for over 30 years, earning the honorary award of Silver Beaver, Lions Club (president) and served as pancake breakfast chairman, Toulon American Legion, and was part of the color guard, and helped run several pedal tractor pulls, big wheel races and soap box derbies. He enjoyed camping with family, going to craft shows, and restoring his ’47 Studebaker, which won several car show awards. He also liked to take Rich’s Case SC tractor on rides and in parades. He thoroughly enjoyed watching Andrew’s figure 8 races.
Those surviving are five children, Michael (Laurie) DeSchepper, Dixon, Julie (Gary) Frail, Toulon, Douglas (Chris) DeSchepper, Davis, Richard (Beth) DeSchepper, Altona, and Todd (Jodie) DeSchepper, Kewanee. Other survivors include 11 grandchildren, Larissa (Adam) Frantz, Kelsey (Andrew) Sarver, Sarah (Jerry) Ehrnthaller, Emily and Andrew DeSchepper, Kaitlyn (Renee) DeSchepper, Kiley DeSchepper, Kyra DeSchepper, Olivia Frail, Abigail and Nathaniel DeSchepper; and 5 great grandchildren, Ben and Lucas Johnson, Addison Frantz, Chloe Ehrnthaller and Kinsley Sarver.
His parents, his wife, Darlene, a sister Elaine Carr, and several close extended family preceded him in death.
Online condolences may be expressed at stackhousemoore.com.

Date: December 15, 2021
Nora Williams, Village Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December. 2021
Notary Public
Published 12/24/21

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF) MERLE E. WALKER Case No. 2021-P-22 Deceased.
WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given of the death of **MERLE E. WALKER** of Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on **December 10th 2021** to **PATRICIA K. WALKER** as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.
Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on **December 10th 2021**, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main, Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the representative's, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: **June 17th 2022**, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative's and their attorney of record and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat., Ch 755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by
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LEGAL ADS

*** Village of LaFayette P.O. Box 116 LaFayette, IL 61449 Bond Interest and Reserve Account May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020	April 30, 2020 \$5,324.46 Nora Williams, Treasurer Water Department Account May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$11,749.05 Transfers: 0.00 Interest: 11.79 Total Cash to Account: 0.00 Disbursements: 0.00 Ending Balance April 30, 2020 \$11,760.84 Nora Williams, Treasure	Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$26,649.28 Receipts: Water: \$51,622.25 Trash: 8,401.25 Returned Checks (71.50) Interest: 34.89 Total Cash to Account: <u>59,986.89</u> Disbursements: Salaries: \$8,375.00 Electricity: 5,308.87 Insurance: Supplies & Chemicals: 3,910.33 Equip. Repairs: 205.68 Office Supplies: 450.76 Legal Fees: 4,048.42 Water Tower: 1,200.00 Depreciation: 1,324.68 FICA: 309.85 Medicare: 265.59 Unemployment: 113.03 Federal W/Holding: 260.44 State W/Holding: 322.20 Misc.: 8,748.00 Trash: 3,344.50 Water Analysis: 826.04 Improvements: 2,605.44 Bank Loan – Hydrants: Total Disbursements from Cash: <u>\$41,618.83</u> Ending Balance April 30, 2020
Motor Fuel Tax Fund May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020	
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$32,972.29 Receipts: \$8,061.26 State of Illinois Interest: \$ 36.89 Total Cash to Account: <u>8,098.15</u> Disbursements: <u>\$.00</u> Ending Balance April 30, 2020 <u>\$41,070.44</u> Nora Williams, Treasurer	
Depreciation Account May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020	
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$4,119.68 Transfers: \$1,200.00 Interest: 4.78 Total Cash to Account: <u>1,204.78</u> Disbursements: <u>\$.00</u> Ending Balance	

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2019TX1 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND STARK COUNTY CLERK, STARK COUNTY TREASURER, CITY OF TOULON, STARK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:			
Parcel Number	Owners/ Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
02-26-206-003	WOLFORD, PATRICIA	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
02-26-206-003	WALL, TIFFANY	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
02-26-206-003	WOLFORD, TROY	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
04-19-303-013	DAILEY, RICHARD R	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.
04-19-303-013	CITY OF TOULON	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.
04-19-303-013	DAILEY, SAMANTHA	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.
TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE SAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 22, 2019, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2022. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVE SAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY STARK COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON JUNE 24, 2022 AT 9:00 AM, SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVE SAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2022. /S/ STARK COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.			
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 130 WEST MAIN, TOULON, IL 61483 TELEPHONE: (309) 286-5911			

*** Village of LaFayette P.O. Box 116 LaFayette, IL 61449 CERTIFICATION	April 30, 2020 \$45,017.34 Nora Williams, Treasurer General Funds Pool/Special Project Account May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020
Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$11,014.34 Interest: 2.91 Total Cash to Account: 2.91 Disbursements: \$10,917.00 Ending Balance April 30, 2020 \$100.25 Nora Williams, Treasurer	Beginning Balance May 1, 2019 \$28,140.47 Receipts: Insurance: \$10,983.47 Park Expenses: 10,917.00 FICA/Medicare: 1,597.68 Audit: 5,021.93 State Income Tax: 9,654.85 PPRT: 278.68 Real Estate Tax: 16,452.23 Sales Tax: 359.35 Use Tax: 5,972.32 Road & Bridge: 1,084.72 Corporate Tax: 2,144.50 Street Lights: 990.00 Interest: 32.91 Total Cash to Account: <u>66,209.64</u> Disbursements: Street Lights: \$3,357.36 Insurance: 8,685.78 Salaries: 7,144.22 Office Supplies: 1,011.14 Legal Fees: 3,093.25 Garbage: 112.50 Advertising: 609.00 Street Repairs: 6.01 Park Expenses: 15,030.00 Bldg. Maintenance: 286.97 Misc.: 5,807.86 Audit: 3,600.00 Snow Removal: 290.63 Library: 4,000.00 Equipment Repairs: 290.46 Truck/Plow Loan: 325.16 Tree/Brush Removal: 1,882.86 Ditch/Culvert Repair: 736.50 Total Disbursements from Cash: <u>\$56,269.70</u> Ending Balance April 30, 2020 <u>\$37,947.01</u> Nora Williams, Treasurer
Village of LaFayette P.O. Box 116 LaFayette, IL 61449 CERTIFICATION	
I, the undersigned, Nora Williams, Treasurer of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, hereby certify that the foregoing Treasurer's Report is a true and accurate report of the receipts and disbursements relating to General Funds of the Village of LaFayette, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Water Collection Account, Depreciation Account and Bond Interest & Reserve Account and Special Project Account for the fiscal period beginning May 1, 2019 thru April 30, 2020.	



CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy
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(812) 698-9294
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Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life/
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The Prairie News Sports

Holiday hoops ahead

Teams travel across state for post-Xmas games

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The Stark County boys basketball team struggled on the road last week, dropping a pair away from home. The Rebels (5-4) sandwiched a Dec. 18 home win over North Fulton (82-43) between losses at Brimfield on Dec. 15 (51-25) and Elmwood (72-47) on Tuesday.

Junior post player Joey Harmon had 23 points against North Fulton and Blake Orwig added 11 as SC dominated inside and had five players in double figures.

“I was very pleased with our scoring. We did not shoot 3-pointers well, but found other ways to score,” Coach Dustin Browning said.

Harmon led against Elmwood with 10 points, but the Rebels gave up 34 points to Elmwood senior Andrew Marincic.

The loss at Brimfield came in the Indians’ first game back in action since senior player Jacob Look died in a tragic drowning accident.

The Rebels play at the Cliff Warkins Memorial Classic tournament in Erie Dec. 27 and 29. SC plays two games on Dec. 27: facing Morrison at 1 p.m. and then playing against Fulton at 4 p.m. Games on Wednesday, Dec. 29, depend on how well the Rebels do in pool play on Dec. 27.

Galva Boys Basketball

The Wildcats lost to Sherrard last Saturday at the Great Western Shootout, 63-25, and then fell to Bureau Valley on Tuesday, 67-50.

Galva is back in action at the Princeville Holiday Tournament as the No. 8 seed. The first game is Monday, Dec. 27, at 6:30 p.m. vs. top-seed Midland. Play continues Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Stark County Girls Basketball

The Lady Rebels (1-10) dropped a 53-42 decision at Lewistown on Monday. Stark County was to play Peoria Manual at home on Wednesday. The girls resume play Dec. 27-29 in Monticello at the Holiday Hoopla tournament, which was cancelled last year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Stark County plays Monday, Dec. 27, at 3:30 p.m. vs. Tuscola and then has a doubleheader on Tuesday, Dec. 28: vs. Paxton-Buckley-Loda at 10 a.m. and vs. Ridgeview at 7:30 p.m. The game on Wednesday, Dec. 29, is determined by standings during pool play, with games starting at 10 a.m. and ending at 7:30 p.m.

Galva Girls Basketball

After having several games cancelled, Galva resumed play on Monday with a win over DePue at home. Galva will be back in action starting Monday, Dec. 27, vs. Midland in Princeville at the Lee Westerman Tournament. Galva plays two games on Tuesday, Dec. 28: vs. Elmwood at 9 a.m. and vs. Tremont at 4:30 p.m. Galva ends tourney play with a 9 a.m. matchup vs. Bushnell-Prairie City on Wednesday, Dec. 29.



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