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Musselman pleads not guilty to federal porn charges

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Prairie News
 PEORIA – Facing a federal indictment that could send him to prison for up to 30 years, Jason Musselman of Toulon entered a plea of not guilty to seven charges at a hearing in Peoria’s U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday.
 U.S. Magistrate Judge Jonathan Hawley released Musselman, 34, without bond into the supervision of his father, Ron Musselman, who will act as third-party custodian.
 According to Jason Mussel-

man’s attorney, Kevin F. Sullivan of Peoria, the decision to release his client came despite “vigorous objection” by Assistant U.S. Attorney Sarah Holst Schryer, who is representing the government in the prosecution.
 As a stipulation of his release, Musselman is on home detention with electronic monitoring, he can’t have contact with anyone under 18 years old without court approval and can’t use devices with Internet connections.
 Sullivan said Musselman is not allowed to go into his home or to

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leave the family farm near Toulon, except to help with farming operations.
 “He can work on the family farm and assist his father in the planting of crops and whatever has to be done, including on their farmland,” Sullivan said. “Other

than the allegations, I think the court was impressed by Jason’s and his father’s credibility. [Jason Musselman] has no criminal history.”
 In addition to serving as an alderman, Musselman has been affiliated with the Toulon Fire Department, the Toulon Civic Association, the Toulon Old Set-



Musselman

tlers Association and was an announcer at Stark County High School football and basketball games and a football statistician. He also worked as a DJ and farmed. He is former publisher of the Stark County News weekly newspaper and is a former Stark County ESDA Director.
 Tuesday’s hearing capped a busy four days for Musselman, who was arrested on March 11 by Illinois State Police and charged in a 14-page criminal complaint with multiple in-

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KEEPING THE SOIL ALIVE

Cover crops

Use of ground covers helping more farmers improve soil

By JOANIE STIERS
 Illinois Farm Bureau

After farmer Lucas Roney spends the fall season gathering crops, he likes seeing his fields greening with new growth as he parks harvesting equipment in the shed.
 “As farmers, we always like to see things growing,” said Roney, who grows corn and soybeans with his family in Moultrie County. “Whenever you can look out there in the winter and see there are plants growing in the field, it makes you feel good about what you are doing. You feel like you’re keeping the soil alive.”

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 Environmental benefits abound, including reduction of both soil erosion and nutrient loss into rivers and streams. By spring, farmers terminate



Matt Boucher uses a soil compaction tester in the fields where he planted cover crops. Photo by Jeff Adkins, Farm Flavor Media.

the cover crop and plant corn and soybeans directly into the residual blanket that naturally gives yield-robbing weeds less space to grow.
An unharvested benefit
 An early adopter of cover crops, Livingston County farmer Matt

Boucher remembers neighbors asking if he was growing hay or planned to harvest a field of rye before planting it to soybeans.
 Instead, he planted right into the green cover on his field, contrary to the

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Resignation, reports occupy Toulon council

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – In addition to dealing with the resignation of Alderman Jason Musselman, the Toulon City Council heard reports on various city projects at its Monday meeting.
 Mayor Larry Hollis said he has 60 days to appoint a replacement for Ward Two Alderman Jason Musselman, who tendered his notarized letter of resignation. The council voted to approve his resignation on Monday.
 City Engineer Ed Andrews of the Farnsworth Group reported on the sanitary sewer lift station project; the Uptown Sidewalk Project; and about MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) pertaining to this year’s street sealcoat program.
 Streets designated for sealcoating and rock chipping are: Veteran’s Parkway, north Downend, parts of Jefferson Street, and east Turner Avenue from the Stark County Food Pantry to Route 17. The council approved a \$50,000 resolution for this project that will commence this summer.
 Also discussed under MFT was the remaining 2021 street refurbishment program – especially Washington Street, which requires being redone after refurbishing of it was deemed unacceptable.
 The Prairie Street Lift Station project was discussed and Andrews stated that updates from

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MUSSELMAN: Retired as alderman on Monday

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stances of sexual exploitation of minors and the production, possession and distribution of child pornography. He was detained by U.S. Marshals until Tuesday on the order of Hawley.

Monday evening, Toulon Mayor Larry Hollis announced at the Toulon City Council meeting that he received Musselman’s notarized letter of resignation as Ward Two Alderman. The city council voted to accept the resignation. The letter was not read in the open meeting.

The mayor now has 60 days to appoint a replacement to the council. Musselman’s term started in 2019 and runs through 2023.

On Tuesday, Sullivan filed a motion to dismiss the state’s charges against Musselman that were heard on Jan. 21 in the Stark County Courthouse. Sullivan said that since the case had moved to the federal courts, “charges should be prosecuted in a single prosecution in one court.”

Sullivan’s filing also seeks a refund of the \$25,000 bond posted on Jan. 21.

Stark County State’s Attorney Caroline Borden Campion said Wednesday in a press release that her office, “will not be able to prosecute charges in state court that are also being prosecuted in federal court, and consequently will be dismissing state charges with the right to re-file if necessary.”

The federal charges include five counts of sexual exploitation of a child, one count of distribution of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography.

If convicted of the federal charges,

Musselman faces maximum penalties of up to up to 30 years in prison, a fine of up to \$250,000 and up to a lifetime of supervised release. The possible federal penalties are more onerous than those that could have resulted from the original nine state charges.

Next up for Musselman is a pre-trial conference scheduled for April 21 at 9:30 a.m.

A federal jury trial has also been scheduled for Monday, May 2. Sullivan said he expects that jury trial will be continued due to the “hundreds if not thousands of pages of discovery” that has to be assembled.

The Illinois State Police (ISP) investigation into Musselman started on Aug. 21, 2021, after a report was submitted to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children by MediaLab.ai Inc., which owns the mobile messaging app called Kik. According to the federal affidavit filed March 10, that report was about an incident of child sexual abuse material being transmitted using Kik.

On Jan. 19, special agents from the ISP and the Department of Homeland Security executed a search warrant on Musselman’s home, his three vehicles, his electronic devices and his person.

In response to questioning at the time, Musselman reportedly told officers “he may have clicked on a few wrong things but denied searching for child pornography.”

Investigators say while searching Musselman’s cell phone they found a folder with 226 digital images of nude individuals on or near a tanning bed. The images were also

found on a computer storage card located in Musselman’s bedroom. Investigation is ongoing into the identity and age of some of the individuals shown in those pictures.

The storage card also contained other pictures and videos of a pornographic nature, according to the complaint. Images included those of a partially-clad woman taken by “someone using a camera to view the inside of a second-story window on a home.” Investigators used GPS coordinates to determine the pictures were of a Toulon home near Musselman’s residence.

The federal affidavit alleges that from April 2010 to March 2013, Musselman gathered sexually explicit photos and videos of minors. Eight adults – who were minors at the time the pictures were taken – told investigators Musselman invited a group of 13 to use a tanning bed at his Toulon home. They said they were not aware they were being photographed.

The affidavit also alleges that on or about Dec. 21, 2021, Musselman distributed child pornography and that on or about Jan. 19, 2022, he committed the offense of possessing material containing child pornography, including images of children age 13 and under.

Agencies participating in the investigation include the Stark County State’s Attorney’s Office, Illinois State Police, the Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Washington Police Department.

John A. Ballentine also contributed to this report.

TOULON: No work on sewer lift yet

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contractor Stark Construction have been requested.

Councilmember Donna Lefler inquired about the deadline on the contract. Andrews said that it was mid-March. Nobody commented on the fact that is is currently mid-March.

To date, no lift station and sewer line construction has begun. The contractor blames material supply delays as the reason that they have not started work.

The Uptown Sidewalk Project and re-vamping of the city’s codifications are both still in progress. City Attorney Kate

Carter reported that the codifications are close to being completed.

The council approved making the sewer connection fee \$350. That fee applies to new sewer line hookups to the city’s sewer system. An ordinance will be composed and presented for formal acceptance at April’s council meeting.

There was no action taken on the Stark County Student Council Hope Week donation request; the Hazardous Mitigation Plan; or the sale of a property at 413 E. Jefferson.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

3-7 - Patricia J. Grant - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
3-9 - Barbara J. Norris - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
3-9 - Katy I. Enloe - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
3-6 - Alfonso D. Duff - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
3-10 - James B. King - Disregarding an official traffic control device.
3-12 - Ashton J. Potter - Operating an uninsured vehicel and failure to reduce speed.
3-9 - Christine L. Clewell - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

3-9 - Felony - Delisa F. Simmons - Possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and driving 11-14 mph above the speed limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

3-8 - Noah M. Gibson, 20, Toulon, was arrested for disobeying a traffic control device.
3-9 - Chloe M. Wheadon, 22, East Peoria, was ticketed for driving with no vehicle insurance.
3-9 - Delisha F. Simmons, 60, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone. She was also arrested for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Simmons was also found wanted on a Peoria County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for possession of a controlled substance. She posted \$2,825 cash bond and was released with court dates to appear in both Stark and Peoria Counties.
3-9 - Erica M. Salisbury, 43, Kewanee, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
3-10 - Justin A. Williams, 30, Wyoming, was ticketed for disobeying a traffic control device.
3-10 - James B. King, 23, Wyoming, was cited for disobeying a traffic control device.
3-12 - Antonio S. Martinez, 34, Toulon, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for criminal trespass to a vehicle.
3-13 - Paul R. Carlson, 51, Neponset, was arrested on a Bureau County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for domestic battery. He was taken into custody and later extradited to the Bureau County Jail.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
3-7 - to the 300 block of NE 5th St. for an attempted scam com-



plaint.
3-8 - Officer was advised of a high-speed vehicle pursuit southbound from Atkinson. The Galva officer staged near the high school with stop sticks. Suspect vehicle went east on Page Street and was apprehended in Kewanee.
3-9 - Officers executed a search warrant at a residence in the 100 block of NE 7th St. As the result, Alan Yelm, 32, Galva, was arrested for two counts of child pornography and one count of grooming a child. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
3-10 - As the result of a battery that occurred at the Galva Jr./Sr. High School, a 17-year-old student was issued a juvenile court referral for battery.
3-10 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.
3-11 - to the 800 block of N. Center Ave. for a city ordinance violation.
3-11 - Officer, along with the fire dept. and Stark County Medic were dispatched to the 1000 block of W. Division St. for a possible structure fire.
3-11 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a harassment through Facebook complaint.
3-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Joseph Evans, 41, Springfield, was arrested for armed violence (Class X felony), possession of a weapon by a felon, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, no valid registration, improper use of registration and no insurance. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
3-12 - Officer checked on an occupied vehicle sitting in the 300 block of Front St. after all businesses had closed. The occupants were advised to take their extracurricular activities elsewhere.
3-12 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a domestic disturbance.
3-12 - back to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for another domestic disturbance. As the result, Robert Brimhall, 55,, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery and resisting a police officer. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

3-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of N. Center Ave., Victor Lilly, 31, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while license revoked, operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.
3-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of NE 2nd Ave., Kimberly Kirwan, 46, Galva, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. She was released with a required court date.
3-7 - Melvin Mayes, 58, Chicago, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St.
3-8 - Chad Sanders, 45, Woodhull, was issued an adminstrative warning ticket (AWT) for parking beyond the time limit (15-minute parking) in the 100 block of N. Exchange St.
3-13 - Anita Orwig, 52, East Peoria, was issued a citation for no insurance in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.
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3-10 - Lynville M. Eberle, II to Katelynn J. Gibler - Original Town of Wyoming - Pts block 7 lots 8 & 9 - 204 W. Elm St., Wyoming, - Consideration = \$83,000.
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Indeed, almost every school of economic thought, from John Maynard Keynes’ demand-driven economics on the left to Arthur Laffer’s supply-side economics on the right, is crowded with disciples defending their leader’s theories and just often, if subtly, attacking their theological foes.



Alan GUEBERT

One such fistfight broke out in, of all places, the Feb. 28 editorial pages of the New York Times. In it, writer and editor David Dayen undressed one of the most famous economists of the last 40 years, Lawrence Summers, for his role in building one of the most efficiency-centered, imbalanced and fragile economies in history.

“For decades, economists like Mr. Summers advanced policies like globalization, deregulation, and markets that valued efficiency over competition,” says Dayen. “They promised that these trends would deliver lower prices. And they did, for a time. But they also left the system vulnerable.”

Vulnerable to what we see today – broken global supply chains impossibly slow to repair; a domestic economy that, somehow, is both quickly growing and mired in inflation; and a consumer culture so treasured that we gladly trade regulation and competition for lower prices and higher economic growth.

It’s the manifestation of Nobel Prize-winning economist Milton

Friedman’s “marketized economy,” explains Dayen. “(T)he sole social responsibility of business is to increase profits. Cut regulations, cut taxes and allow companies to structure markets, people like Friedman maintained, and watch the economy take off.”

In short, markets are most important and government – regulation, taxes, antitrust – are far less important.

That’s been a solidly bipartisan tenet for 50 years. While Republican administrations – Reagan, Bush II and Trump – cut taxes and nearly eliminated antitrust, Democratic administrations, especially Carter and Clinton, deregulated trucking, airlines, railroads, banking and agriculture.

And most of this was accomplished by the early 2000s to lay the foundation for globalization – ever bigger free trade deals; the rapid rise of unregulated financial derivative markets; easy access to cheap, plentiful labor; and sophisticated, just-in-time supply chain management.

A Summers’ acolyte, Dayen reports, once likened it to how Walmart initially impacted the U.S. economy. The giant retailer might not have been good for local communities or local job markets, but there “is little dispute” Walmart’s cutthroat business model helped the other 120 million Americans not employed in local retail.

As such, “The trade-off was clear: sacrifice resiliency, wage security, and community for the promise of a five-dollar pack of tube socks.”

We may not like the comparison but we know it’s spot-on because, by golly, a pack of tube socks for \$5 – even if the socks were made by children working 70 hours a week

in a pollution-riddled sweatshop – is still an easy, smart buy, right? Until this year, when those socks, like our long-ordered television, new dishwasher, or car, were trapped somewhere in a global supply chain with too few manufacturers, too few shipping companies, too few ports, too few railroads, too few truck drivers, too few retailers, and too few solutions on how to fix the whole bloody mess.

American farmers and ranchers know the feeling. Two years ago a global pandemic, predicted though it was, fouled the food system because no one thought it could happen so no one had any plans for when it did happen.

And when it did happen, what was our first instinctive reaction? Give market giants like exporters and meatpackers even more market power; power it will take decades, if ever, to get back.

Today, war is ripping through integrated markets from Odessa to Omaha. No tax cuts, fewer environmental rules, more deregulation or less antitrust enforcement will lower crude oil prices or cut U.S. potash costs.

But none of this should be news because, as Dayen reminds us, “Broken systems raise costs far faster than resilient ones.”

America’s too few farmers and ranchers, too many broken rural communities, and too much cheap food are testament to that inarguable economic fact.

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Council approves Bradford murals

BRADFORD – The BCUSD #1 Junior High Student Council and National Junior Honor Society made a proposal to the Bradford Village Board asking permission to paint murals on public buildings to help beautify the town.

Haylie Moodie made a slide presentation on behalf of both organizations. The board was very receptive to the idea and will be moving forward to approve it at the next scheduled meeting. In the meantime, the Student Council and NJHS will be researching paint and supplies needed for the project.

Rye Davis performs on Sunday at Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL – Rising country act Rye Davis will perform a live concert Sunday, March 20, at Bishop Hill Creative Commons.

The show will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m., and is open to guests of all ages. A \$10-20 donation is suggested.

For more information please visit HeartlandConnections.com.

Volunteer opportunities offered at Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL – Join representatives from the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill Old Settlers’ Association. Bishop Hill State Historic Site and Henry County Museum on April 2, from 1-3 p.m. to learn more about volunteer opportunities in Bishop Hill.



The annual Bradford Community School District #1 4th-8th grade spelling bee was held on Friday, March 4. The top spellers are as follows: 1st Place – Gracie Atteberry, 2nd Place – Bailey McDermott, 3rd Place – Erik Knobloch. Photo by Becki Hoffert.



Bradford CUSD#1 recently received memorial donations from the family of Punk Loudenburg. The district chose to use the funds to create a new student library at Bradford Junior High. The students have already begun to enjoy the books and are very grateful for the donations. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

This free event is located at the Bishop Hill Museum.

Et cetera

• Illinois hunters and trappers bagged 290 bobcats during the

2021-22 season, down 49 from last season. Hunters took 56 percent of the bobcats while trappers accounted for 37 percent and 7 percent were salvaged by permit holders from road kills or other circumstances.

Prevent avian flu in your small flock

URBANA – In the past three weeks, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) has been detected in wild birds in the central U.S. flyway. The HPAI strains being detected are Eurasian H5 and Eurasian H5N1. Cases of HPAI have been confirmed in commercial and small flocks in Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky and Michigan.

So far, no cases have been reported in Illinois, says Doug Gucker, University of Illinois Extension local food systems small farms educator. He provides several management practices to protect flocks from infection.

First, keep infected wild waterfowl, such as ducks and geese and gulls

from interacting with your poultry flock. Avian flu circulates in the wild waterfowl and gull populations without affecting them; yet, it is deadly to domestic poultry flocks.

“It is important to separate your birds from the wild birds,” Gucker said. “Using enclosed outdoor areas and shelters will allow your birds to have some outdoor time without the risk of coming in contact with possibly infected wildlife or wild birds.”

Ensure that wild birds do not have access to your flocks feeders and waterers.

“Keep the poultry coop clean to reduce the risk of your birds coming in contact with their waste,” Gucker said.

Any new birds being brought on the property should be kept separate from the flock for 30 days to ensure that they are healthy and disease-free. Any crates or cages that have been off the farm should be disinfected before using.

“It is recommended not to share equipment with neighbors until the current avian flu situation has passed,” Gucker said.

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Superintendent Joe Becker presented the Wildcat Pride award to four students at Monday night's school board meeting. The award is for exhibiting the Wildcat values of respect, honesty, responsibility, positivity and a commitment to success the Wildcat way. Pictured from left to right are Hailee Dunn, Hallie Anderson, Olivia Jones and Kinsley Gale. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Superintendent Joe Becker presented two Galva High School Seniors the Illinois State Scholar award at Monday night's school board meeting. The award is for outstanding academic achievement. State scholars Taylor Burke and David Mock are pictured above. Photo by Carol Townsend.



From left to right are the senior candidates for the King and Queen of the Spring Fling Dance on March 19 at Galva Junior Senior High School: Damien Enuenwosu, Hailee Dunn, David Mock, Savannah Platt, Caden Morse and Samantha Wisecup. The dance will be held in the cafeteria from 9-11 p.m. with the coronation at 9 p.m. Photo by Carol Townsend.



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COVER CROPS: Setting environmental goals

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most popular practice of planting into a field considered “clean,” or free of growth. Today, his farm primarily uses a drill to sow cover crops on about 70% of the family’s farmland. He also has hired aerial application, which involves showering cover crop seed above standing corn or soybeans just before fall harvest to grow by late fall. Sometimes, fertilizer-spreading trucks have broadcasted cover crop seed across a harvested field.

Boucher’s most common cover crop choices include annual rye, cereal rye, buckwheat or radish. “We’ve gone from a straight single product to 12- to 15-way mixes of cover crop varieties, and we’ve seen

good results” said Boucher, who grows corn, soybeans and wheat. Boucher doesn’t measure the results of cover crops in bushels or the boost to his corn and soybean production. Instead, his family sets environmental goals for the cover crops to accomplish. He finds that cover crops and their various root systems loosen the soil and produce a suitable seedbed without relying on mechanical tillage. Cover crop adopters recognize the investment in management, time and expense creates the largest barrier to wider adoption. “We are putting something out in the field that isn’t going to be harvested, that we are not necessarily going to get a direct financial result

from year one,” Boucher said. “It can be a challenge for some farmers to see the return on their investment.” After about seven years of cover crops, his family now sees improvements in the soil structure. Roney’s cover crop practices are enrolled in the Conservation Stewardship Program, a U.S. Department of Agriculture initiative that helps with its costs. “I really think there is going to be increased adoption in cover crops,” Roney said. *This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit www.ILFBpartners.com.*

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Beginning Balance	
May 1, 2020	\$41,070.44
Receipts:	\$15,259.37
State of Illinois	
Interest:	\$39.33
Total Cash	
to Account:	<u>\$15,298.70</u>
Disbursements:	<u>\$36,213.39</u>
Ending Balance	
April 30, 2021	<u>\$20,155.75</u>

Nora Williams, Treasurer

Bond Interest and Reserve Account
May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	
May 1, 2020	\$11,760.84
Transfers:	0.00
Interest:	11.77
Total Cash to Account:	0.00
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	
April 30, 2021	<u>\$11,772.61</u>

Nora Williams, Treasurer

General Funds Pool/Special Project Account
May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	
May 1, 2020	\$100.25
Interest:	0.00
Total Cash to Account:	0.00
Disbursements:	<u>0.00</u>
Ending Balance	
April 30, 2021	<u>\$100.25</u>

Nora Williams, Treasurer

Water Department Account
May 1, 2020 thru April 30, 2021

Beginning Balance	
May 1, 2020	\$45,017.34

Receipts:	
Water:	\$46,492.11
Trash:	8,778.75
Returned Checks	0.00
Interest:	38.74
Total Cash	
to Account:	<u>\$55,309.60</u>
Disbursements:	
Salaries:	\$6,529.72
Electricity:	7,021.70
Insurance:	
Supplies & Chemicals:	6,594.99
Equip. Repairs:	18,510.38
Office Supplies:	1,033.27
Legal Fees:	0.00
Water Tower:	0.00
Depreciation:	1,200.00
FICA:	0.00
Medicare:	0.00
Unemployment:	156.63
Federal W/Holding:	2,490.20
State W/Holding:	766.43
Misc.:	2,279.91
Trash:	8,748.00
Water Analysis:	10,818.71
Improvements:	0.00
Bank Loan - Hydrants:	2,605.44
Total Disbursements	
from Cash:	<u>\$68,755.38</u>

Ending Balance
April 30, 2021 \$31,571.56
Nora Williams, Treasurer

AFFIDAVIT

State of Illinois)
SS
County of Stark)
I, Nora Williams, am the Village Clerk of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, and on oath after being duly sworn, state as follows:
1. Attached is a true and correct copy of the Village Treasurer's Report – Annual Account which was filed with me.
2. That the Treasurer's Report – Annual Account was published in The Prairie News on March 18, 2022 as provided by 65 ILCS 5/3-10-5.1.

/s/ Nora Williams
Village Clerk

Subscribed and affirmed this 18th Day of March, 2022

Notary Public

Published 3/18/22

Annual report of Supervisor;
Annual report of Road District Treasurer;
Audit of Accounts;
Permanent Fund Transfers;
Determine time of the next Annual Town Meeting;
General Business; and,
Adjournment.
DATED this 8th day of March, 2022.

TIM THULINE,
Lynn Township Clerk.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RE: Illinois Department of Transportation State Fiscal year 2023 Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Application.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in Marshall County along with a virtual hearing where all requests and comments are to be submitted by March 30, 2022. Please email your request for information, questions, or comments to either Hannah Fuchs, Marshall County PCOM, at pcom@marshallcountyillinois.com or Traci Dowell, MSW Projects of Henry Executive Director, at tracimswprojects@gmail.com
Date: March 30, 2022 **Time:** 11:00am **Place:** St. John's Community Center, 1301 Second Street, Henry, IL.
For the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from Illinois Department of

Transportation, pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants.
I. Description of Project:
Application for financial assistance to provide transportation services to the general public, elderly and individuals with disabilities in Marshall and Stark Counties.
II. At the Hearing:
Marshall County will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the Project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said Project.

III. Marshall County requests that any hearing impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing notify Traci Dowell at 309-364-2287 at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing date so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.
IV. Copy of the application for the state grant for the proposed project will be made available for public inspection at the MSW Projects office, 1301 Western Avenue, Henry, IL.
Traci Dowell
MSW Projects of Henry
P.O. Box 140
Henry, IL 61537
Published 3/18/22

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Primary ballot fills up as deadline passes

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD — Seven teams of Republicans and one team of Democrats have lined up to challenge Gov. JB Pritzker and Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton in the 2022 elections.

Monday was the deadline for candidates to turn in their nominating petitions to the Illinois State Board of Elections to get their names on the June 28 primary ballot.

Candidates who were in line at 8 a.m. on the first day of filing, March 7, will enter a lottery for a chance to have their names listed first on the ballot. But those who filed in the final hour before 5 p.m. Monday, March 14, have a chance to be listed last on the ballot.

Some studies have suggested being listed first or last in a crowded field of candidates improves a candidate's chances, especially in races where the candidates have low name recognition.

The State Board of Elections has another week, until Monday, March 21, to certify the petitions. In the meantime, candidates and party officials may try to challenge other candidates' petition signatures. Among the last to file in

the governor's race were Republicans Jesse Sullivan, of Petersburg, and his running mate Kathleen Murphy, of Warrenville.

"To be honest, it's not a beautiful day today and any day I don't have to be next to a bunch of other politicians and we get to be outsiders stepping into this race, it's a good, day," Sullivan said to reporters outside the State Board of Elections office in Springfield just before turning in his petitions.

"Yeah, we're not looking for a photo op with Gov. Pritzker. We were looking to turn in the best petitions possible to represent the people who worked so hard to help us get them," Murphy said.

Sullivan, a political newcomer and owner of the venture capital firm Alter Global LLC, and Murphy, a former spokeswoman for former state Rep. and 2018 GOP gubernatorial hopeful Jeanne Ives, will face formidable competitors for the 2022 nomination.

Those include Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin and his running mate, state Rep. Avery Bourne, of Morrisonville.

Another late filer Monday was GOP gubernatorial candidate Max Solomon, of Hazel Crest,

and his running mate, LaTasha Fields, of Chicago. According to his website, Solomon is a native of Nigeria who now practices law in the Chicago area, while Fields is the founder of Christian Home Educators Support System.

They join other teams of candidates who filed earlier: state Sen. Darren Bailey, of Xenia, and his running mate Stephanie Trussel of Lisle; Bull Valley businessman Gary Rabine and his running mate Aaron Del Mar of Palatine; former state Sen. Paul Schimpf, of Waterloo, and his running mate Carolyn Schofield of Crystal Lake; and the team of Emily Johnson, of Wheaton, and Bret Mahlen, of Orland Park, members of the group We Are the People Illinois, which has called for investigations into unfounded claims of voter fraud in the 2020 elections. The website for the group identifies it as consisting of "over 200 people."

One other GOP candidate, Keisha Smith, of Country Club Hills, filed for governor without a running mate, something that a State Board of Elections spokesman said could be grounds for objection and disqualification because state law requires candi-

dates for governor and lieutenant governor to run as a team.

Pritzker and Stratton also face one challenge from within their own party, Beverly Miles, a nurse and U.S. Army veteran from Chicago, and her running mate Karla Shaw.

Illinois voters this year will also choose candidates for other constitutional offices. The most contentious of those will likely be for the office of secretary of state, where incumbent Jesse White is stepping down after six terms in office.

On the Democratic side, former state Treasurer Alexi Giannoulas and Chicago City Clerk Anna Valencia appear to be the leading candidates, while Chicago Alderman David Moore and charity director Sidney Moore, of Homewood, are also in the race.

On the Republican side, former U.S. Attorney John Milhiser, of Springfield, and state Rep. Dan Brady, of Bloomington, are competing for the nomination. Also in the race is former Chicago police officer Michelle Turney, of the group We Are The People Illinois.



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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Passengers
7 It's used for swimming
14 Good for farming
20 Texas wildcat
21 Huffington of HuffPost
22 Hooded snakes
23 Noted Wild, eaks whistblower [E42]
25 Potato, yam and rutabaga
26 Impressionist painter Mary
27 Toaster waffle brand
28 Ancestry
29 Not needing an Rx
30 Unkempt sort
33 Swimmer who won six Olympic gold medals [K36]
35 It has triceps
38 Radical type
40 Work units
41 Author of the Edgar-winning novel "New Orleans Mourning" [K37]
45 "TFL, Top 10" channel
46 Wig makeup

50 Not similar
51 2014 Olympics host city
54 Poch and Roo's creator
57 Erudite class
59 Actress called "The Queen of Technicolor" [E40]
61 The "Y" of YSL
62 UFO pilots, presumably
64 Surveyor's map
65 Caught in a lasso
66 Whom each of this puzzle's featured women have as a namesake
70 Like hot stuff
74 State of mind
75 Always, to Keats
76 Dismounted
80 "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" actress [K36]
83 Black or red candy
86 Grow to accept
87 High-stick billiards shot

89 Make sizzling sounds
90 Stag, e.g.
91 Nondairy milk source
93 2006 U.S. figure skating champion [E44]
95 — Pet (1960s sat)
97 Petrol unit
99 Astros, on sports tickets
100 She played Dharma on "Dharma & Greg" [E43]
105 Deep drink
108 Have life
111 How Earth rotates
112 Born under — sign
114 Hosiery milk source
117 Person "from around here"
118 "The Last O.G." actress [E45]
121 Close to a dozen
122 Many an allergy sufferer
123 Make happy
124 Tension
125 Runty ones
126 Michael who once headed Disney

DOWN

1 "The Famous Teddy Z" actor Alex
2 Old Apple instant-messaging app
3 Reduce in intensity
4 Pipe bends
5 Civil rights figure Parks
6 Leaves in, to an editor
7 On the — (feeling)
8 "... boy — girl?"
9 Claret, e.g.
10 Plane houser
11 Mystery
12 Ink
13 Dog's jingler
14 Role-playing
15 Bowens' units
16 Nuns' place
17 Period of rest
18 Jumbo-sized
19 Ruhr city
24 Fla.'s ocean
28 Future flies
31 Yes, to Pierre
32 Deli classics, for short
34 Critics' doc
36 Ink
37 Israel's
39 — McCain (shoe brand)
41 7, monthwise

42 Part of UCLA: Abbr.
43 Faggote grew from it
44 Taxi ticker
45 Saharan illusion
46 Longtime Ritz rival
47 "How sad!"
48 As to
49 Enjoy a book
52 Ice — (longtime skating show)
53 Netflix alternative
55 Crooner
56 Heathland
58 "You know who I am"
60 Merman of old musicals
63 Full of tumult
66 Fedora fabric
67 Still having a shot to win
68 Gatar's capital
69 Van Devere of "The Changeling"
70 Hoodwink
71 "There, I did it!"
72 Said aloud
73 Bound along
76 — Detoo ("Star Wars" droid)
77 Neighbor of a Pole
78 Frozen drink brand
79 Beach bird
81 In a prying way
82 Admin. side
84 W-2 pro
85 "Yeow!"
88 Hearing pair
92 Clumsy ox
94 Suture
95 Baby whales
96 Mount St. —
97 Add-on coat for a science course
98 Shortly, informally
100 Fonda and Austen
101 Really praise
102 Gunpowder component
103 Deep-eyed
104 The Pine Tree State
106 "... bin em Berliner"
107 Totally lose it
109 Charlotte — (rich dessert)
110 Anesthetic of old
113 Flabbergast
115 451, to Ferro
116 Keats poems
118 Dosage amt.
119 Fly birth
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OBITUARIES

Gordon J. Collinson

GALVA – Gordon J. Collinson, 89, of Galva, formerly of Champaign and Delavan, died at 2:10 p.m., Saturday, March 5, 2022, at Courtyard Estates in Galva.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial visitation will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Saturday, March 19, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Private inurnment will follow at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 2102 S. Prospect Ave., Champaign, IL, 61820.

He was born March 24, 1932, in Galva, the son of Joseph I. and Doris A. (Smith) Collinson. He married Marie G. Anderson on Sept. 7, 1950, and she preceded him in death on Sept. 20, 1984. He later married Joan Countryman on May 11, 1985. Survivors include his wife of Galva, his children; Cathy (Rick) Colbert of Mansfield, Ill., Doug Collinson of Couer d’Alene, Idaho, James (Bonnie) Headley of Galva, Carlin (Robert) Follis of Galva, Cherrie (Richard) Rosander of Cambridge, Jeff (Brenda) Puckett of Vinita, Okla. and Brian Headley of Galva, a brother, Leo (Virginia) Collinson of Galva, 15 grandchildren; Codi (Jamie), Roth (Kristina), H.R. III, Jake (Hailey), Mia, Jill, Andy, Scott, Laurie, Nicole, Carson, Hank, Alison, Mollie and Jesse and 23 great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Harold Dean and Lyle, a sister, Leotta and two sons, Greg Collinson and John Headley.

Gordon worked as a union electrician. He was a charter member of the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Champaign. He was also a member of the Elks Lodge, a collector of treasures and enjoyed fishing, gardening, hunting and spending time at the family cabin.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Don E. Ehnle

DUNLAP – Don Errol Ehnle, 82, of Dunlap passed away peacefully at 10:20 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, Ill., where he was surrounded by his loving family and caring staff.

Don was born April 7, 1939, at home in Dunlap, Ill., to Chris and Lydia (Eberle) Ehnle.

He married the love of his life, Nellie Jo Morrissey, on Nov. 17, 1962, in Wyoming, Ill., at Saint Dominic’s Catholic Church. She survives, and they shared their love together for almost 60 years.

Also surviving are his children Tony (Laura) Ehnle Edelstein, Suzette (Mark) Swanson Dunlap, and Steve (Tammy) Ehnle Brimfield; 11 grandchildren Erin (Garret) Brown Laura, Paige (Jon) Heaton Toulon, Christian Ehnle Dunlap, Kelsey (Jeremy) Bassett Pittsburg, Pa., Taylor Ehnle Chicago, Sierra Swanson Dunlap, Brock (Paige) Swanson Princeville, Ridge Swanson Edwardsville, Slade Swanson Dunlap, Ethan Ehnle Brimfield, and Emily Ehnle Brimfield; 3 great-grandchildren Hugh Brown, Landon Brown, and Julian Bassett; sister Eleanor (George) Dunn, brothers Eldon (Mary Jane) Ehnle, Dean (Carol) Ehnle and Joel (Nora) Ehnle; sister-in-laws Anna Mae Christie, Jeanne (Bud) Porter, Sharon Morrissey and Carol Ehnle; and his reliable sidekick Roxie the Rottweiler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Roland Ehnle, sister Alice Williamson, son Douglas Ehnle, brother-in-law Patrick Morrissey and John Cox, as well as nephews Joe Cox and Kevin Ehnle.

Don graduated from Wyoming High School in 1957, and played football for four years. He was an all-conference end his senior year and earned a scholarship to college. Instead of going to college, Don stayed home to support the family and attended Bradley University in Peoria at a later time.

He worked at Stahl Lumber Company for two years, Al Baer Lumber Company for six years, was superintendent at Noah Herman and Sons for 18 years and was part owner of Trimco for a good number of years before selling out to focus on his construction business. He was self-employed for 40 years. In 1997, due to a job injury, Don became a paraplegic, but that did not derail his ambitions as he continued his construction business and taught himself AutoCAD allowing him to design and draw plans for residen-

tial homes and commercial buildings throughout the Peoria area.

He taught us many life lessons and skills.

Don was a member of St. Clements and St. Jude Catholic Church where he was the trustee for a number of years and on the building committee. He had a great passion for sports and loved teaching others how to play. He was involved in the Dunlap Recreation Association, coaching the kids for 15 years and helped bring JFL to the Dunlap Community. He helped build concession stands and the original Eagles Nest at Dunlap High School. Don was a lifelong fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Fighting Illini. He enjoyed watching football and college basketball. During the summer he enjoyed boating, fishing, gardening, and setting off fireworks. One of his most adventurous vacations was packing up the motor home with the whole family going to Colorado skiing at Breckenridge and Keystone.

Don’s family is very appreciative of the thoughts and prayers from family and friends during this time. They invite you to share fond memories or a message of support by visiting csmico.com

In honoring Don’s wishes, there will be no public visitation or services. Private burial services will be at a later date at St. Dominic’s Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital at Memorial giving 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, Tenn., 38105 and OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home Peoria, IL.

The Cremation Society of Mid-Illinois Co. Pekin/Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at csmico.com.

Fred J. Hefner

BISHOP HILL – Fred James Hefner, 70, of Bishop Hill, born April 26, 1951, passed away at home on March 15, 2022.

He will be missed by Joanne Hefner; three children, Jeanine (John) Sarnacki, James (Casi) Hefner and Jillian (Heath) Rodseth; and five grandchildren, Gabriel, Dominic, Mikayla, Landon and Sebastian.

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Lincoln Trail picks basketball all-conference

The Lincoln Trail Conference has announced its 2021-22 boys and girls basketball all-conference teams.

GIRLS ALL-CONFERENCE First Team

Shelby Bowman, West Central; Ashley Jones, A-town; Caitlyn Thole, Princeville; Brooke Pieper, A-town; Kynlee Stearns, Knoxville; Cassidy Miller, Annawan; Olivia Goodley, Annawan; Hanah Maher, Ridgewood; Lexi Stone, Galva; Carolyn German, ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Second Team

Kiersten Cox, Mercer Co.; Paige Leander, Ridgewood; Luci Kane, United; Jesenia Horton-Meza, Princeville; Alexa Tuthill, Knoxville; Destinee Alwood, Princeville; Kenady Anderson, Wethersfield; Elaina

Manuel, Annawan; Reece Bertelsen, United; Karragan Sperry, United.

Honorable Mention

Kali Yelm Galva; Kylee Frisby, Stark County; Bella VanOpdorp, Annawan; Bailey Dickerson, A-town; Brynna Seitz, West Central; Hallica Warren-Anderson, Ridgewood; Jady Walker, Knoxville.

BOYS ALL-CONFERENCE

First Team

David Hise, Sr., Knoxville; Ethan Schisler, Sr., A-town; Cormaic Flynn, Sr., United; Owen Relander, Jr., Mercer Co.; Lucas Kessinger, Sr., Ridgewood; Graham Wight, Jr., R-W; Abel Wilson, Jr., United; Josh Mahe, Sr., Ridgewood; Braden Downs, Jr., Knoxville; James Groter, Sr., Stark County.

Second Team

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BASEBALL: ROWVA-Williamsfield could surprise

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excited to continue to build on.

Pitcher Seth Stewart, first baseman Brodie Secrist and outfielder Hunter Ramage have moved on, but seven starters return.

Logan Kuberski pitched big last year, and he works with all R-W

pitchers as a catcher. Infielders Jake McGary, Wyatt Self, Adam Kohl and Graham Wight (also designated hitter) contribute experience. Out-fielders Dylan Tucker and Parker Sornberger are also returning starters.

“I think we will be competitive and could surprise some people if we can

play some good sound baseball,” ROWVA-Williamsfield coach Arnie Gonzalez said. “I like our makeup of solid veterans and younger players. If we can find defensive combinations, since everyone will have to pitch, that will keep us solid defensively, then we’ll be alright.”

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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Trivia
test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Adriatic Sea located?

2. MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?

3. MOVIES: Who was the famous person portrayed in the movie "The Aviator"?

4. FOOD & DRINK: When did the first self-serve grocery store open?

5. FAMOUS QUOTES: Which 19th century author once wrote, "It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold: when it is summer in the light, and winter in the shade"?

6. TELEVISION: Frank Costanza was the dad in which 1990s TV comedy show?

7. LITERATURE: Sir Walter Scott wrote novels about which country?

8. ART: What kind of stone did the Renaissance artist Michelangelo like using in his sculptures?

9. ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product did the "Most Interesting Man in the World" advertise on TV?

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What unique sense do butterflies have in their feet?

Answers

1. Between the Italian and Balkan peninsulas

2. 254 centimeters

3. Howard Hughes (by actor Leonardo DiCaprio)

4. 1916, Piggly Wiggly store in Memphis, Tennessee

5. Charles Dickens

6. "Seinfeld"

7. Scotland

8. Marble

9. Dos Equis beer

10. Taste

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Batman (PG-13)

2. Uncharted (PG-13)

3. Dog (PG-13)

4. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)

5. Death on the Nile (PG-13)

6. Sing 2 (PG)

7. Jackass Forever (R)

8. Cyrano (PG-13)

9. Gangubai Kathiawadi (NR)

10. Scream (R)

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The Prairie News Sports

Play Ball: Baseball teams ready to start

By PHIL JOHNSON
For The Prairie News

Veteran coach Scott Paxson will again lead Stark County baseball into 2022. The team has been practicing and begins play this Saturday at Monmouth-Roseville.

Seniors returning to this year’s Rebels team are first baseman and pitcher Avery Whittle, pitcher/outfielder/infielder Jacob Best and outfielder Matthew Shipp.

“I am cautiously optimistic about this year’s team,” coach Paxson said. “We’re really happy about the numbers we have in the program. This includes 16 kids working out as pitchers.”

“Our strengths will develop as the season progresses. Competition for playing time should really help the team,” Paxson said.

Galva

Galva lost team leader and catcher Cal Clucas to graduation and four freshmen, who started varsity last year, moved out of state or out of the district.

While the quantity on the team is low, the quality could make for a competitive campaign. Top pitcher Tyler Piester returns. Jaxson Meir will move from shortstop replace Clucas as the team backstop. He could also do some pitching. Johns Burrell will return to play third and also pitch.

Team MVP from 2021 as a fresh-



Jacob Best is one of two seniors returning to lead this year’s Stark County baseball team. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

man, Braxton Rylander, will lead the outfield in center.

Josh Dunn returns at first base. TJ Conner will again play at second. Summitt Ouart and Jared O’Brian are back to play in the outfield.

“We have good talent. Pitching will probably be an issue, as we just don’t have the arms are yet ready for this level. However, we do have an exceptional freshman, Talan Hull, who we expect to progress along the way, and Tyler Piester is a proven arm,” Galva Coach Van White said. “Offense was a struggle for us last year,

with a lot of our freshmen hitting against upper classmen. Our guys spent a great deal of time hitting in the offseason, so we feel this part of the game will be vastly improved for us.”

“With a rough schedule starting out, we’re going to compete and look to build confidence so our players know they can compete,” White said.

Princeville

After struggling through an uncharacteristically down season in 2021 (4-18), Princeville looks to get back to winning ways with a returning crew that saw varsity action in ’22.

First baseman, pitcher and team MVP Gage DeVries, who hit .490 leads the returning group. Shortstop and pitcher Kasey Juskiv, pitcher and infielder Griffin Crear, pitcher/infielder Conner Freres, and catcher Wyatt Pitman are among key contributors to this year’s Princes team.

“We were very young last year, and the bulk of our players this year really learned how to play varsity baseball on a trial by fire basis,” Princeville coach Chris Delbridge said. “We have more pitching depth than last year, are looking to solidify our defense in key positions, and our hitting lineup looks to be much deeper this season.”

ROWVA-Williamsfield

Following ROWVA-Williamsfield’s 18-7 and regional championship season of 2021, the Cougars are

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