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Sen. Stoller reviews legislative session

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE For The Prairie News

TOULON - After a busy legislative session, State Sen. Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) took time recently to offer his perspective on what took place in the latest General Assembly.

"One of the things that I was really pleased to accomplish this session was honoring a veteran who died in the Iraq War, in 2003. His

name is Lincoln Hollinsaid and he was from Princeton. We named the Main Street Bridge in Princeton over I-80, the four flags of freedom area. It's now named the Staff Sergeant Lincoln Hollinsaid Memorial Bridge," said Stoller, who was elected to represent the 37th Senate district in 2020. "He is a real hero. He requested to be transferred to a different unit in the military so

he'd have a greater chance to serve in combat."

Stoller, whose district includes parts of Bureau, Henry, Knox, LaSalle, Lee, Marshall, Mercer, Peoria, Stark and Woodford counties, was less pleased with how the state spent what he called "an \$8.1 billion bailout from the federal government."

"Instead of using this money to bail out the unem-

ployment fund, [Gov. Pritzker] spent about 78 percent of this money on porkprojects, new programs that increased the size of government, and things unrelated to Covid," Stoller said.

Stoller said the unemployment fund went from a \$1 billion positive balance to a \$4.5 billion negative balance during COVID after unemployment claims

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State Sen. Win Stoller and his wife, Amy, recently spent time in Toulon to review the recent legislative session. Photo by John A.

LIONS CLUB HONOREES



Pictured above, from left to right are Jim Graves, Sean Blair, Jan Entwistle, Don Schmidt, Michael Schott and John Leezer. Graves and Leezer are Melvin Jones Award honorees; Blair and Schott are new Lions members; Entwistle is president of the Lions of Illinois Foundation, and Schmidt is the Toulon Lions president. Photo by Jim Nowlan.

Toulon Lions honor Graves, Leezer

By JIM NOWLAN

For The Prairie News

TOULON – At its meeting April 21, Toulon Lions Club president Don Schmidt bestowed the prestigious Melvin Jones Award on Jim Graves and John Leezer for their longtime leadership and contributions to local, state and international Lions activities.

The Lions also heard from Lions of Illinois Foundation president Jan Entwistle of Macomb, who told of expensive plans to purchase and fit a new vision and hearing van. The \$190,000 dual-purpose vehicle should be available next year to travel the state testing people who might not otherwise receive such valuable services.

Sean Blair and Michael Schott of Toulon were also inducted into membership by Schmidt. Interestingly, both Blair and Schott are sophisticated software developers who work remotely from

their Toulon homes for major companies.

The Melvin Jones Award is named for the founder of Lions, which at present has 1.4 million members in 200 countries. The award goes to Lions who have made significant contributions of effort, skill and money to their local communities through Lions and to the Lions International Foundation.

The meeting was held at the Faith Baptist Church in Toulon.

Galva TIF progresses

Council closes RR crossing, annexes land

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council held a public hearing to close a railroad crossing, passed several items in the process of creating a new TIF and annexed two properties into the City of Galva at Monday's meeting.

A public hearing was held to close the East 2150th railroad crossing, located east of Galva near the Catholic Cemetery. None were present to speak about the crossing so the public hearing was closed.

The council passed a resolution to reimburse certain projects with TIF monies that pertain to the cost of creating the new TIF district.

Keith Moran of Moran Economic Development of Edwardsville was present and led the council through a list of TIF-related tasks. The council:

- Adopted a TIF feasibility resolution, which reviewed the
- Passed an ordinance establishing interested parties regis-

try and rules for TIF.

- Motioned to place the TIF feasibility study on file for 10 days to approve sending the study to all affected taxing dis-
- Passed a resolution in support of the TIF.
- Heard a presentation on the TIF feasibility study by Moran.

Galva's first TIF is expiring and the equalized assessed value (EAV) has increased from \$11 million to \$54 million. The school, park district, Black Hawk College, Galva Library and Galva township were taxed on the \$11 million during the life of the TIF. Now that the TIF is expiring, the taxing districts will tax on the \$54 million dollar EAV for Galva. This will be a significant increase for them.

City Administrator David Dyer gave examples of several other communities who do not have a TIF district. Galva's EAV grew significantly with the TIF. Dyer said that his goal before he retires is to get Galva Continued on Page 2

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GALVA: Legion plans to construct new building

Continued from Page 1 to \$100 million of EAV.

The council passed an annexation agreement for a property across the street to the west of the Galva American Legion. The property goes from U.S. 34 and 17 North to a ranch home. The American Legion is going to construct a new building on the site.

The city said it will not charge the Legion property taxes for 20 years.

The council also unanimously annexed a 5.92acre property between Boock's and JMAC metal along U.S. 34 on the east side of Galva. The annexation also goes behind the building of JMAC metals. The city gave the Baze family 10 years of no property taxes on the land.

It was also reported that JMAC Metals is going to build a lumber yard on the property. Residents will also be able to purchase lumber in small amounts for a project from the yard.

Mayor Rich Volkert

thanked those who participated in picking up litter in Galva on Saturday, About 35 volunteers showed up.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that patrolman Alex Wagner completed his part-time police training and will begin the full time training in June.

He also reported that golf carts, and UTVs can not be on US 34 or 17 in Galva. They can only cross the highway.

It was reported for Superintendent Greg Thomp-

son that the water department will flush hydrants May 9-20. Residents may have rusty water.

The following checks were received: local share of income tax March \$38,857; local share of state use tax February \$7,450; cannabis tax March \$380; telecommunications tax February \$2,776; local share of video gaming tax March \$2,543; personal property replacement tax March \$24,479; MFT \$8,618.

ax increases ahead to fix deficits

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"The end result is that we still have a \$2 billion deficit in the unemployment fund. The result is going to be one of the largest tax increases on employers in state history. Thirty-two other states used their bail out money to fix their

problems a year ago," said Stoller, a lifelong resident of Germantown Hills.

He said the other biggest disappointment of the past session was the record amount of new spending with no underlying re-

Stoller also discussed K-12 education in Illinois.

"More and more political agendas and liberal ideology is infiltrating what we are teaching students in school," he said. "I don't care if it's indoctrination of a liberal or a conservative, it should not be in our schools.

"What we should have in our schools is teaching students to be the best in math, science, and reading and writing - I hear so many of our parents who are very, very concerned about Critical Race Theory and sex education. They said, 'We need to keep that out of our school.' We should push that to local control [school boards] instead of state mandates about what we teach and what goes on in the classroom."

In a Democrat-dominated Senate, Stoller said Republicans are paying at-

tention to pending bills and pointing out flaws in those bills. For example, Stoller said Democrats pushed through a Criminal Justice Reform bill a year ago. Stoller believes that crime has spiked as a result.

Stoller is also critical of temporary tax breaks the Democrats provided.

"Only in an election year do Democrats talk about cutting taxes. When they do so, these are clearly election-year gimmicks. An example is, their socalled tax cut concerning the gasoline tax," he said. "They don't actually cut the tax because it is only delaying the gas tax increase."

That increase would add 2.2 cents per gallon after a six-month delay.

"And it expires – surprise, surprise - right after the election," Stoller said. "The Democrats are requiring every gas station in the State of Illinois to post a 4-inch by 8-inch sticker on every gas pump explaining that this gas tax is delayed by six months. And, if a gas station does not post the sticker, it is a \$500-per-day fine on the gas station. That's like the posterchild of an electionyear gimmick."

Stoller said a goal for the 2023 legislative session is to shine a light on state overspending, which he said is out of control and is a permanent expense.



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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

4-13 - Tyler E. Frisby - Failure to reduce speed.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

Criminal Misdemeanor - Wendy J. Schwigen - Criminal trespass to land. Incidents & Accidents

Stark County
4-19 - Karysa L. Taylor-Morris, 27, no address listed, was cited for driving while her license was suspended, driving without insurance, and for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone. She was also arrested on an outstanding

speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone. She was also arrested on an outstanding warrant from the Galesburg Police Department for failure to appear on an original charge for driving while her license was suspended. She posted \$750 cash bond on a Knox County warrant. She was released with court dates to appear in court for

4-21 - A LaFayette resident in the 200 block of Willow St. reported being the victim of a phone scam. The incident is under investigation.

both Stark and Knox Counties.

4-22 - Herman Sloane, Jr., 54, Lena, was cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a notice to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-18 - to check on an abandoned vehicle parked in the 1100 block of NW 5th Ave. The owner was contacted and the vehicle was disabled due to mechanical issues.

4-18 - to several Galva residents to speak to them about city ordinance violations involving unlicensed vehicles and accumulated junk.

4-19 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a report of lost/stolen medication.

4-20 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose cat complaint.

4-20 - to Northwest 1st Avenue. for a suicidal subject. They were transported by ambulance for evaluation.

4-21 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of SE 2nd St., Dan-

iel Nordeen, 59, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding 26 to 35 mph over the posted limit.

4-21 - to a residence on Trolly Road to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Robert Brooks, 65, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of aggravated battery to someone over 60 years old. He posted bond and was released with a required court date.

4-22 - to the water tower on Northeast 2nd Street for a complaint involving the water tower leaking. It was determined to be "sweating," not leaking

4-22 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SW 2nd St., Justin McCash, 30, Galva, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

4-23 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. for a report of a suspicious person.

4-23 - to the intersection of NW 8th Ave. and West Division St. for a littering complaint.

4-23 - to the 200 block of NE 6th St. for a complaint involving a juvenile riding a minibike in the roadway.

4-23 - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for a hit and run accident involving a parked car.

4-23 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for a utilities complaint involving a low hanging wire. Mediacom was contacted for repairs.

4-24 - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a barking dog complaint.

4-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SE 2nd St., Jessica Polen, 27, Clinton, Iowa, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license, having expired registration, and no insurance. She was released with a required court date.

4-24 - to the 500 block of NW 8th St. for a loose dog complaint. As the result, Robert Kremer, 61, Galva, was issued a city ordinance citation for allowing a dog to run at large.

4-24 - to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a complaint involving threats

through Facebook.

4-20 - Tadd Anderson, 56, Galva, was issued a citation for having an expired driver's license in the 500 block of NE 1st St.

4-21 - Nathan Berry, 20, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

4-22 - Cameron Kelly, 23, Galva, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.

4-23 - Joseph Gaard, 33, Altona, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

4-23 - Laurie Bellmar, 54, Oak Park, Ill., was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.

4-24 - Steven Listwan, 39, Toulon, was issued citations for speeding, no valid trailer registration and failure to yield to an emergency vehicle in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

4-24 - Grant Hutchinson, 19, Brimfield, was issued citations for unlawful display of registration, failure to transfer title, and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 300 block of Market St.

Property Transfers

4-18 - James C. Hinchee to John Costin - Sect 18-13-5 SE - 794 Madison St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$19,000.

4-18 - David Vargocko to Thomas B. Harper - Pt 17-12-6 SW - 7359 Sharkey Highway, Wyoming - Consideration = \$125,000.

4-18 - Eric J. Kraft to EJJNP Properties, LLC - Und 43% Int Pt 36-12-6 SE - Consideration = \$0.

4-20 - Mary L. Sorensen to Mary L. Sorensen, Trustee - Und 1/2 Int Pt 7-12-5 SW NW - Consideration = \$0.

4-20 - Berniece B. Orwig Dec'd by Exec to David W. Orwig - Pt 10-12-6 SW - 4181 Twp Rd 925 E. Wyoming, - Consideration = \$130,000.

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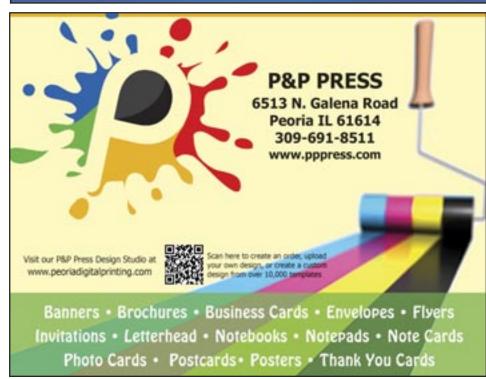
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BRIEFS

Musselman hearing postponed to July

PEORIA - A hearing scheduled for Jason Musselman on April 21 in the Peoria Courthouse has been rescheduled for July 7, according to Musselman's attorney, Kevin Sullivan.

Sullivan said the judge in the case had a jury trial to attend that conflicted with last week's scheduled hearing.



More than 60 people attended the April 24 open house for Bradford American Legion Post #445. Pictured are past Legion commanders: Front row (left to right) - Tim Young, Tom Young, Clem Newton and Dewey Newell and Tom McMahill. Back row (1 to r) - Tom Ashby, Bernie Dunn, Eric Reay, Henry Waldinger, Tom Ryan and Jodi Stotler.









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OBITUARIES

Debra Lynn DeCrane

GALVA – A very special lady unexpectedly left this world April 24, 2022, after a tragic motorcycle accident in Springfield, Mo.

Debra "Debbie"
Lynn DeCrane, 63,
was born and
raised in Galva,
Ill., to Harold
"Oley" and Helen
Olander. She lived
in Galva for many
years and raised
her children there.



DeCrane

Later she moved to Monmouth, Ill., where she worked for OSF Hospital and later Monmouth College. Last year she moved to Bois D'Arc, Mo., where she lived with her significant other, Clayton Andren.

Debbie spent her free time riding their Harley, helping rescue animals, cooking amazing food for her family, spending time with her dogs, Jake, Ellie and Chi-Chi, planting flowers in the yard and crafting. The "Cookie Queen" was known for her legendary sugar cookies, which were always requested at every holiday and special event.

Debbie was best known for being a wonderful mom and an even better grandma. Debbie loved spending time with her five grandchildren. Nothing gave her more joy!

Debbie was survived by her children, Casey (Shawna) DeCrane of Mt. Zion, Ill., and Jessica DeCrane of Galesburg, Ill.; her significant other, Clayton Andren; her siblings, Diane Willer of Galva and Paula Olander of Katy, Texas; five grandchildren: Jada, Sydney, Alex, Claire and Lucas; as well as many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, Harold "Oley" Olander, her mother, Helen Olander, her brother, Dan Olander, her husband, Gary Smith and her significant other, Cecil Pickrel.

During her years, she touched many lives. We would love to have everyone help celebrate and honor her life at the visitation on Monday, May 2, from 5-7 p.m. and at the funeral on Tuesday, May 3, at 11a.m. at Rux Funeral Home in Galva.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Gerald J. Johnston, Jr.

BRADFORD – Gerald "Moose" James Johnston, Jr., 78, born Jan. 2, 1944, the first born son of Gerald James "Jim" Johnston and Doris (McMeen) Johnston went to eternal rest on April 18, 2022, at Heritage Health of Walnut.

Jerry married Carol Diane Hoadley on June 24, 1972, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. She survives along with their daughter, Peggy of Wyanet; his grandson,

Patrick; his granddaughter, Bethany; and great-grandchildren: Avery, Benjamin and Stella, all of Bradford. He is also survived by nine siblings: Mary of Champaign,



Johnston

Donna (Don) Urban of Spring Bay, Francis "Zip" (Sherry) of Peoria, Doyle (Linda) of Wyanet, Nancy Johnston and Cathy Naylor of Albuquerque, N.M., Allen (Julia) of Urbana, Rosalie (Jim) Gerkin of Kokomo, Ind., Joe (Connie) of Mahomet and Paula (Rick) King of Wyoming; 40 nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Sandra Elrick of Virginia.

Jerry worked as a License Examiner for the State of Illinois. Jerry was also a bus driver for over 50 vears for Neponset, Wyanet, and Bradford School Districts and for Team Corn Detassling. Jerry was also a member of Bradford Schools and Bradford Library Boards. Jerry was a member of the Boy Scouts of America for over 50 years and was a member of the Order of the Arrow. Later in life, he joined the ranks of the Santa Maria Assembly No. 0217 Knights of Columbus as a fourth degree knight. As a member of St. John the Baptist Church, he taught several 8th grade classes of CCD. His true love was being a police officer and going camping with the scouts. He was loved and respected by many, including his great-grandchildren.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, both sets of grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

His family would like to thank Her-

itage Health of Walnut and VITAS Hospice for the excellent care that they gave our husband, dad, brother, grandpa and great-grandpa.

Services were Thursday, April 28, 2022, at 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bradford. Visitation was Wednesday, April 27, 2022, from 5-7 p.m. at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, Bradford with rosary recited prior to the visitation. Burial was to be in St. John Cemetery, Bradford. Memorials may be directed to Bradford Public Library or St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Gloria J. Kitterman

TOULON – Gloria J. Kitterman, 78, of Toulon, died at 11:30 p.m., Friday, April 22, 2022, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Cremation will be accorded and private family services will be held at Wyoming Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be directed to an educational fund for her greatgrandson Owen. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is assisting the family with arrangements.

She was born April 2, 1944, in Kewanee, the daughter of Sophie (Dolieslager) Rosebeck. She married Larry J. Kitterman on July 13, 1963, at Visitation Church in Ke-

wanee and he



Kitterman

preceded her in death on Dec. 2, 2020. Survivors include her two sons, Jamey Kitterman of Kewanee and Jeffery Kitterman of Annawan; a brother, Joseph (Ida) Rosebeck of Kewanee; her cousin, Melissa Ramsey of Wyoming; four grandchildren, Hannah, Hunter, Kooper and Leighton; and her great grandson, Owen. She was also preceded in death by her mother Sophie and a brother Jerry Rosebeck.

Gloria graduated from Kewanee High School and went on to work for Breeze in Wyoming. She was a board member for the Wyoming Methodist Church and was active in the Red Hat Society and Lions Club.

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OBITUARIES

Gloria enjoyed fishing and taking car rides in the country. She especially enjoyed time with her grandkids and great-grandson.

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Ronald A. Pankau

GALVA - Ronald A. "Ron" Pankau, 65, of Galva, died at 3:20 a.m. Saturday, April 23, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 30, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Bob Curry and Joshua Ryner officiating. Visitation will be from 8 a.m.

until the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Ron Pankau Memorial Fund



He was born Dec. 24, 1956, in

Evanston, Ill., the son of Ronald and Carol (Brett) Pankau and the oldest of nine siblings who he cared for and loved deeply. He married Teresa O. "Teri" Overbaugh on May 2, 1981, in Galva. She survives, as does a son Matt (Jill) Pankau of Galva; his mother, Carol Pankau; his siblings, Claudia (Paul) Ericson, Brett (Kathy) Pankau, Ted (Mary Jo) Pankau, Jack (Kathy) Pankau, Russell (Marjorie) Pankau, Neil (Betsy) Pankau, Marty (Kelly Hartman) Pankau, Glenn (Katy) Pankau and Carol (Edward) Thompson; many nieces and nephews and now great nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law, Cherie Overbaugh of Galva.

He was preceded in death by his father and his father-in-law, Robert Overbaugh.

Ron graduated from Main South

High School in Park Ridge and then Lake Forest College in 1979. He was an outstanding athlete in various sports in both high school and at the collegiate level. He continued and shared his love for the game coaching everything from high school football to tee-ball and never missed a game that his son Matt played in.

Ron began his professional business career in the early 1980s trading commodities and futures on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME). He remains a seat holder of the exchange and was an advocate for the industry for over 40 years.

Later in his career, he was proud to represent as a member of the CME Board of Directors for nine years. Along the way, in 2005, Ron and Teri acquired John H Best & Sons, Inc, a 130-year-old steel fabrication company in Galva. Over the years, Ron grew the company with the help of incredible employees and a vision for providing and growing opportunities for the town. He always led through the simple principle of always helping and supporting everyone who walked into his office, no matter their background or position.

He was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan and he enjoyed all sports, especially snow and water skiing, boating, golfing, baseball and horseback riding, just to name a few.

He was of the Catholic faith and a member of the First Congregational Church in Galva. He was also a member of the HEAR Foundation and the Federal Economic Council.

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

Gwen J. Wallace

TOULON-Gwen J. (Ballard) Wallace, 88, of Willis, Texas, formerly of Toulon, Ill., passed away on Sunday, April 24, 2022, at

Golden Rule Assisted Living Facility in Montgomery, Texas. Gwen was born on Sept. 3, 1933, in Ottville, Ill., the daughter of Bertram and Susan (Camey) Ballard. She married Mervin F. Wallace on March 11,

1951, in Kewanee. He preceded her in death on Dec. 10, 2019, in Peoria.

Surviving are

two daughters, Vicky (Bob) Heron of Willis, Texas and Debbie Wyant of Toulon: 11 grandchildren;



Wallace

11 great-grandchildren; and one brother, Joseph Bertram (Marianne) Ballard of Kingman, Ariz.

Also preceding her in death were one son-in-law, Jon Wyant; and one brother, Richard Ballard of Vacaville, Calif.

Gwen worked for the Antique Trader newspaper in Kewanee, Home Comfort in Princeville and also helped with the family farm. She enjoyed gardening, camping with her family, and traveling. She and Mervin spent 26 winters in Yuma, Ariz., in their motor home. She loved dancing, country music, playing the piano, organ, and keyboard. Gwen would entertain at places such as The Jug Cocktail Lounge in Galva.

There will be no public services at this time. Gwen's burial will be in Toulon Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Montgomery County Women's Center, The Woodlands,

Condolences for Gwen's family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the Bar Date, and anv claim must be mailed or delivered

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Massie & Quick, LLC Attorney for the Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone (309) 932-2168 Published 4/15, 4/22, 4/29/22

CLAIM NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY In Re ESTATE OF IVAN L. NELSON,

Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of IVAN L. NELSON, on February 19, 2022. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to MARLENE NELSON, of 401 North Elm Street, Toulon, Illinois

No. 2022PR6

61483, and **JEFF NELSON**, of 517 West Thomas Street, Toulon. Illinois 61483, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, **Illinois, 61529-0368.** Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the 4th day of November, 2022 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be

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DATED this 8th day of April, 2022. MARLENE NELSON and JEFF NELSON, **Executors** of the **Estate** of IVAN L. NELSON, Deceased. ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.

WHITNEY & POTTS. LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com Published 4/29, 5/6, 5/13/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING On Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., a meeting will be held at the Henry-Stark Counties Special **Education District Administrative** Offices located at 1318 W. 6th Street, Kewanee, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are a parent of a home-schooled student who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of the Henry and Stark Counties who are districts of the Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District, you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Greg Wertheim, Director of Special Education, at 309/852-5696 Extension 105. Published 4/29/22

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF ANNUAL AUDIT

The City of Wyoming hereby provides public notice that an audit of its funds for the period May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021 has been made by Hjerpe & Tennison, CPA and that a report of such audit has been filed with the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois in accordance with 30 ILCS15/0.01, et seq. The full report of the audit and Annual Statement of Receipts and Disbursements is available for public inspections at Wyoming City Hall, located at 108 E. Williams Street, Wyoming, Illinois 61491 during regular business hours 7:30 - 12:00 a.m. and 12:30 - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. City of Wyoming Published 4/29/22

The Voice of Stark and eastern Henry Counties

The Prairie News Sports

Boys track wins Farmington invitational

By JEFF LAMPE and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

The Stark County boys track team won Farmington's Tuffy Bowen Invite last Friday for the first time by racking up 152 points, 11 gold medals, 9 silvers and 1 bronze.

Winners included the 4x800 relay of Joey Harmon, Lane Moodie, Jared Prindiville and Cole Kinsella (11:20.46); Colby Carroll in the 200 (25.2) and 400 (54.12); Keagan Newton in triple jump (41-4) and 110 hurdles (17.36); Blake Orwig in shot put (50 feet, 9.5 inches); Arvid Steudte with a personal record in the 300 hurdles (46.53); and Alex Welch in the 3200 (12:16.86).

Placing second were: 4x100 relay of Matthew Bowser, Nolan Orwig, Avery Gerber and Carroll (46.84); Carroll, 100 (12.45); Newton, 300 hurdles (46.59); Prindiville, 3200 (12:57.56); Orwig, discus (126-7); and Colby Stotler, shot put (40-10.5).

The boys were second at Monday's Dale Collis Invite in Galva, with wins by: Carroll, 100 (12.09), 200 (24.41) and 400 (58.24); Newton, 110 hurdles (17.42) and triple jump (38-6); Steudte, 300 (47.62); and Orwig, shot put (51-4). Placing second were: Newton, 200 (pr 25.26); Welch, 3,200 (11:49.46); Steudte, 110 hurdles (pr 18.25); 4x100 relay (48.28); 4x200 relay (1:43.46); 4x800 relay (10:13.60); and Stotler,

shot put (42-1).

The girls were second at both Farmington and Galva.

At Galva Monday, Lindley Johnston ran the 300 hurdles for the first time, winning the race in 46.66 seconds and setting a school record.

Other winners were Keagan Hamilton in the 400 (pr 1:08.12) and Ashley Orrick, 800 (pr 2:34.82). Placing second were: Kylee Frisby, shot put (30-5); Koko Kasaya, 1,600 (pr 6:50.65); Paige Rewerts, 800 (2:44.87); and Paul'yna Barnwell, 100 (pr 14.34).

For Galva, Ava Strom won the triple jump with a leap of 29-4.5 and Addie Moore had a pr of 4-6 to place second in high jump.

At Farmington, Johnston won the high jump (5-5), 200 (27.43) and 400 (1:01.48) and Orrick won the 1,600 (5:55.65). Second-place finishers were: Kraklow, Hamilton, Rewerts and Orrick in the 4x800 (10:54.25) and 4x400 (4:38.36); Kasaya, 3,200 (14:51.94); Lauren Orwig, shot put (pr 31-11.5); Rewerts, 800 (2:45.81).

Stark County Softball

Stark County (4-11) swept a pair at Galva Monday, 9-1 and 6-4.

Olivia Orwig went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs and Shanna Peterson added two hits and fanned 11 in 6.2 innings in the first game.

In the 6-4 win, Hayley Gillam and Taylor Masters had two hits apiece and Peterson fanned eight in seven

innings of seven-hit ball.

The Lady Rebels lost to Mercer County on Tuesday, 19-0.

Galva Softball

The Wildcats (3-14) had dropped six straight through Tuesday's doubleheader loss to West Central, which saw 16-0, 10-2 scores. Galva also dropped a pair to Stark County Monday (9-1, 6-4) and lost two to Abingdon-Avon last Saturday (15-2, 16-5).

Ava Anderson had a hot bat for Galva, going 11-for-17 over the six games and scoring six runs.

Stark County Baseball

Stark County lost 14-1 to Peoria Christian at home Monday. Avery Whittle and Ryn Hillan each doubled.

SCHS (1-15) split a twinbill with ROWVA-Williamsfield on the road Saturday in Lincoln Trail action, losing the opener 11-1 and taking the nightcap, 7-6.

Dillon Steelman collected three hits in the first game. Stark County held on after a six-run first to go with one in the fourth. Hillan and Luke Rewerts helped in the cause with a triple and a double, respectively. Daniel Kieser got the win in 4.1 innings.

Galva Baseball

Galva dropped a Lincoln Trail twinbill to Princeville Monday, 21-0 and 13-5. In the nightcap Galva had a 5-2 advantage going into the fourth until Princeville struck for 10. Talon Hull had the lone hit for the Wildcats.









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