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GOP Governor race big draw in unusual summer primary

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

The race to run against Gov. JB Pritzker is one of the hottest in Illinois' unusual summer primary being held Tuesday, June 28. Against a backdrop of concern about limited knowledge of the primary hurting turnout, six men are vying to be GOP candidate for governor when the general election is held on Nov. 8.

Recent polls for the Republican race show state Sen. Darren Bai-

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ley, a farmer from Xenia, has pulled ahead of Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin after trailing a few weeks earlier. Both candidates have benefited from mega-donor funding: Bailey receiving a reported \$9 million from Richard

Uihlein and Irvin getting \$50 million from Ken Griffin.

Pritzker and the Democratic Governors Association, meanwhile, have spent \$34 million to boost Bailey in the Republican primary, according to politico.com.

No other race in the primary has generated that much spending and many elections are uncontested or have no candidates on the local level.

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Republican gubernatorial candidate Darren Bailey spoke on June 16 at Bradford's Highlands Restaurant. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

MONUMENTAL BUSINESS

World-class granite Wyoming Monument turns stone into art

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – If you can draw it, the Wyoming Monument Company can make your design come to life in granite.

So says Bebe Groter, whose family has run the monument company since April 1, 1988.

"There are no limits to what can be made in granite monuments. You draw it, it can be done," Groter said.

Monuments come to the long-time Stark County business from far and wide, Groter said.

"We get them from all over – South Dakota, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Norway, China, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Texas," Groter said. "A lot out of Georgia."

She said Italy is a source for marble, if they are asked to do something in that composition.



Shown is a large, winged angel carved for the Wyoming Monument Company that sits on top of a 2 1/2-ton block of granite that is in the Chillicothe Cemetery.

Wyoming Monument also can letter rocks, stones, vases and they reset fallen monuments for a nominal fee.

"Granite is the best type, it's a natural stone and there's no deterioration on them like there is on sandstone or marble. Sandstone and marble are very soft, and granite is forever," Groter said.

Monuments start out as "chunks" of quarried granite, which are cut by the manufacturers using water and diamond-tipped saws.

"Water is the main factor in cutting granite by a machine that can cut at different angles," Groter said. "The monument finishes are polished or left unpolished. The

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Toulon High School demolition July 5

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – July 5 has been set as demolition day for the 1922 Toulon High School Building.

Superintendent Brett Elliott announced the date at Monday's meeting of the Stark County School Board.

Demolition work has already begun on the interior of the school, but the exterior will come down starting at 10 a.m. on July 5.

An area will be marked off near the school for observers to witness the demolition. Music and refreshments will be provided. More information and details will be released closer to the date.

Barb Loane attended her last official school district board meeting on Monday, as she is set to retire at the end of this month. Loane has been in the school system for 37 years, first as elementary school secretary for one year, then in the district office. Danielle Hall assumes the office manager's position.

The board approved awarding bids to Prairie Farms for milk, GFL for trash pick-up and Lampe Publications LLC for the Rebel Reporter. There was no bid for bread products, meaning the district will purchase bread products on the open market.

Also approved was increasing admission costs for athletic events in 2023. The last increase was in 2015. New admission prices will be: High School events, adult \$5, students \$3; Junior High events, adult \$3, students \$2. Also, athletic passes are \$25 for a student, \$50 for an individual and \$100 per family.

The daily substitute teacher rate was increased to \$110. Also approved

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PRIMARY: Seven Republicans vying for Senate

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One competitive local race is covered in this edition: state representative in the 93rd district (Page 5).

In Congressional races, Rep. Darin LaHood faces three foes in the Republican primary: retired Rockford engineer Walt Peters, Rockford attorney JoAnne Guillemette and Minooka businessman Michael Rebresh.

In the General Assembly, state Sen. Win Stoller of Germantown Hills is on the ballot in a newly drawn 37th Senate District. After serving one term, Stoller faces a challenge from businessman Brett S. Nicklaus of Dixon, who has not previously held elected office.

Henry County voters will choose between Henry County Public Defender Lance E. Camp of Atkinson and Henderson County State's Attorney Colby Hathaway of Galva as Republican candidate for circuit court judge in the 14th Judicial Circuit.

Knox County sheriff is also a contested race on the Democratic side, where former Deputy Douglas Sampson and Williamsfield Police Chief James Robertson are competing to face Republican Jack Harlan, a Knox County detective and K9 handler. Also running as an independent is Zachary A. Cox, a deputy with the Knox County Sheriff's Auxiliary and a community service officer with the Galesburg Police Department.

Also in Knox County, voters will chose on the Democrat ballot between Knox County Public Defender David M. Hansen of Galesburg and attorney Jim Harrell of Rio as circuit judge for the Ninth Judicial Circuit.

Ballots also show contested races for precinct committeeperson and for state central committeeperson positions. Otherwise, the main choices voters have are for the following:

• **U.S. Senate** – Seven Republicans are vying to run against incumbent

Sen. Tammy Duckworth in November: Casey Chlebek, Peggy Hubbard, Robert Piton, Jimmy Lee Tillman II, Anthony M. Williams, Kathy Salvi and Matthew Dubiel.

• **17th Congressional District** – Esther Joy King and Charles Helmick Jr. clash on the Republican ballot and six Democrats are vying to replace Cherie Bustos: Angie Normoyle, Eric Sorensen, Litesa Wallace, Marsha Williams, Jacqueline McGowan and Jonathan H. Logemann.

• **Illinois Attorney General** – Three Republicans seek to face Democrat Kwame Raoul. Candidates are Steve Kim, David Shestokas and Thomas G. DeVore.

• **Illinois Secretary of State** – Democrats Alexi Giannoulis, David H. Moore, Chicago city clerk Anna M. Valencia and Sidney Moore are vying for Jesse White's longtime position. So are Republicans Dan Brady and John C. Milhiser.

MONUMENTS: Water used for cutting granite

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 more polished, the higher the price they are.”

Some customers are assisted in monument selection, while others have specific ideas.

“We send a quote to the quarry and the manufacturer if the customer has something they want done,” Groter said. “It depends on their budget, too. I don't want them to buy something that they can't afford.”

Groter estimates about 75 percent of their customers purchase monuments before they die, many while planning funerals. Groter said people should include burial plans in their estate, which includes having a death date added to the monument, which incurs an additional charge if the monument has been previously set in

a cemetery.

The most unusual monument Wyoming Monument has made is a large, carved granite angel with wings that sits on top of a huge block of granite that weighs approximately 5,000 pounds. It was lifted in place using a crane and set on ice, because using tools to set it would have chipped the block. Once the ice melted, the base was set. The angel was likely one of the first sculpted out of granite. Steel rods keep the angel in place on the base.

The Wyoming Monument Company can trace its origin back to 1881 when Mansfield Hummer Teets founded the M. H. Teets Granite and Marble Works Company. Teets ran the business for 58 years until his death in 1939. His son Robert J. Teets as-



The Wyoming Monument building is located at 600 S. 7th St. in Wyoming. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

sumed control of the company in 1939 and ran it until his death in 1958.

In 1960, Louie and Irene Westefer purchased the monument business and ran it 28 years until Louie's retirement, in 1988.

The Groter family, Robert J., Bebe, and son Robert B., purchased the business and renamed it the Wyoming Monument Company on April 1, 1988.

“We appreciate all the people who have come to us and have confidence in us. We've been very blessed to keep our family going here,” Groter said. “It's been a blessing to stay in Stark County and I'm happy that we can give back to the community.”

Wyoming Monument's email address is wyo-mon@frontier.com and the business phone number is (309) 695-2981.

TOULON: Three surplus vehicles to be let for bids

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 was the legal counsel rate for the law firm of Miller, Hall & Triggs.

Three used school district vehicles will be let for bids: a 2006 Ford van (255,690 miles), a 2006

Ford van (215,964 miles) and a 1995 GMC minibus (180,590 miles). The minimum bid starts at \$700 for the vehicles, which are appraised at \$1,000 each.

Approved was an inter-governmental agreement that allows Bradford Junior High students to participate in cross country. Brad-

ford's school board is expected to approve this measure in July.

After closed session, the board approved Jennifer Jacobs as junior high math teacher, Gayle Grundstrom as high school cheer coach, Dave Wallace as high school girls' golf coach, Tyler Jones as assistant

varsity track coach and Mary Streitmatter as district treasurer.

Resignations approved were Gayle Grundstrom as junior class sponsor, Gary Frail as junior high track coach, Sam Grigg as Toulon crossing guard and Sara Streitmatter as school nurse.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 6-10** – Thalia L. Currie – Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 6-10** – Dana N. Eble – Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 6-13** – Gary F. Sierens – Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

- 6-14** – Jacob D. Utenage – Burglary, aggravated assault of peace officer and 2 resisting arrest.
- 6-17** – Michael C. Dougherty, Jr. – Aggravated battery and resisting arrest.
- 6-16** – Justin K. Dozard – Domestic battery.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 6-7** – Ronald L. Roach, 52, Wyoming, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle.
- 6-13** – Jacob D. Utenage, 38, Kewanee, arrested for theft, burglary, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, and criminal trespass to real property in Stark County. Utenage was taken into custody after fleeing from authorities following two separate foot pursuits near Elmira. Authorities from both Stark and Henry counties assisted in the incident and eventual arrest. Utenage was originally booked into the Stark County Jail but later was extradited to the Henry County Jail on pending multiple charges he faces in Henry County.
- 6-16** – Richard E. Busch, 60, Downers Grove, was arrested for operating a commercial vehicle with a canceled CDL, speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone, unlawful display of a registration on a trailer, and unlawful display of registration of a tractor. He posted \$150 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

- 6-16** – Justin K. Dozard, 38, Bradford, was arrested for domestic battery. He posted \$500 cash bond and was released.
- 6-17** – Michael C. Dougherty, 28, Toulon, was arrested for criminal trespass to a vehicle. He was released with a notice to appear. Later that same day Dougherty was arrested a second time and was charged with battery and for resisting and or obstructing a peace officer. He posted \$1,000 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.



- 6-17** – Michael D. Tucker, 24, Chillicothe, was arrested from criminal trespass to property and criminal damage to property. He was later released with a notice to appear in court.
- 6-18** – James L. C. Junker, 22, Castleton, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended and cited for excessive noise and or loud muffler, no rear registration light, no vehicle insurance, and driving while his license was suspended. He was released with a notice to appear.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 6-13** – Officer spoke to a subject by telephone about a possible animal neglect complaint. After hearing the location, the caller was referred to Knox County.
 - 6-13** – to a residence on NE 9th St. to remove an unwanted subject.
 - 6-14** – to the 200 block of Morgan Rd. for an activated fire alarm. Police officer contacted a custodian to check the situation. It was a false alarm.
 - 6-14** – to the NE 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
 - 6-15** – to a resident at the Galva Police Department in reference to an attempted scam involving Publishers' Clearing House.
 - 6-16** – to assist Stark County Medic with a subject who rolled a lawn mower on North Center Avenue.
 - 6-16** – to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a utility complaint involving a power line down. The fire department and Ameren also responded.
 - 6-16** – to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a barking dog complaint.
 - 6-16** – to a residence on NE 2nd St. for a welfare check.
 - 6-17** – to a theft complaint in the 00 block of Wallace St.
 - 6-18** – to the 400 block of E. Di-

- vision St. for a loose-dog complaint.
- 6-18** – along with the fire department to respond to a barn fire on Midland Road south of Route 34. It was a controlled burn that had not been reported.
- 6-18** – to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to retrieve a wallet that had been accidentally left. It was returned to the owner.
- 6-18** – to the 1000 block of SE 6th St. for a 911 call. The caller was not cooperative and refused to answer any questions.

- 6-18** – to a residence on SE 7th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
- 6-18** – to the area around Morgan Road for a fireworks complaint.
- 6-18** – to a fireworks complaint in the 00 block of NE 6th St.
- 6-19** – to an activated fire alarm in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.
- 6-19** – to a residence on NE 9th St. for a welfare check.
- 6-19** – to a residence on NE 1st St. to assist the ambulance with an unruly patient.
- 6-19** – to the 100 block of SE 6th Ave. for a battery complaint. The victim did not want to pursue charges.
- 6-15** – Chad Kubec, 27, Galva, was issued citations for operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 00 block of Chester St.
- 6-19** – Mack Carter, 20, Park Ridge, Ill., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

Property Transfers

- 6-15** – Joan K. Pyse by POA to Trevor Blodgett – Pt Lts 5 & 6 – 24-14-7 SW – 2 Grammas Lane, Bradford – Consideration = \$155,000.
- 6-15** – Maureen T. Chitty to Mark & Maureen T. Chitty – Pt 36-13-6 SW – 404 N. Madison Ave., Wyoming – Consideration = \$0.
- 6-17** – Cynthia K & Harry N. Gephart to Nathaniel D. Cox & Johanna E. Deuchler – Pt 11-12-6 SW – 10246 Township Rd. 450N, Wyoming – Consideration = \$80,000.
- 6-17** – Betty E. Bayer to Sarah Bayer – Pt 1-12-6 NW – Giles C. Dana's Add'n – 309 E. Smith St., Wyoming – Consideration = \$0.

Utenage eluded then arrested in cornfield

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

ELMIRA – A Kewanee man was arrested on charges of burglary, theft and resisting arrest on June 14.

The incident began on June 13 with a call to the Stark County Sheriff's Office that a subject was attempting to steal gasoline in the Elmira area.

Stark County deputies responded but the subject eluded capture that evening and night by running into a wooded



Utenage

area. Deputies set up a perimeter but to no avail until approximately 3 a.m. the following morning, June 14. At that point, the subject was surrounded by two Stark County and two Henry County deputy sheriffs in a cornfield.

The subject, Jacob D. Utenage, 38, of Kewanee was arrested and preliminary Stark County charges against him included burglary, theft and resisting arrest. He was taken to the Stark County Jail for processing but was transferred to Henry County Jail because of warrants issued for his arrest in that county.

Utenage appeared in Stark County Circuit Court June 21 to face charges filed against him. He was charged

with a Class 2 felony burglary, Class 4 aggravated assault and two Class A misdemeanor resisting arrests.

Utenage was assigned Stark County Public Defender Robert M. McBride. After court, Utenage was transported back to Henry County Jail where he is in custody. No bail was set in Stark County because he is in Henry County custody under \$250,000 bail bond.

Utenage has a criminal history of at least seven felonies of aggravated fleeing and criminal damage to government property in Henry County, plus the new ones for Stark. He will return to Stark's Circuit Court on July 22.

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The curtain rises on a vast primitive wasteland, not unlike certain parts of New Jersey.

- Woody Allen

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GUEST VOICES



State snake triggers memories of Milky

Marriage teaches many lessons. With the knowledge gleaned from marriage, a man can adapt to working in an office staffed by predominantly women. As part of that learning process, a man can realize that bringing a pet snake into the office should never happen again.

Oh well. At least we were ahead of the curve in having a milk-snake serve as unofficial mascot here at The Weekly Post



Jeff LAMPE

Last week, Illinois designated the eastern milk-snake as the official state snake. Credit goes to **Gentry Heiple**, a 7th grader at Carterville Junior High School. Heiple worked with Republican State Rep. **Dave Severin** to pass legislation as a way to learn more about state government.

"I decided to do this bill to try and highlight the good and importance of snakes all over," Heiple said in a press release. "And by doing this, I was able to visit the capitol and meet some of the most important people in Illinois."

A cynic might say Heiple also encountered more snakes in Springfield than he could meet in the wilds of Illinois, but this is a feel-good-story, so we'll skip that cheap shot.

Besides, I'll always have a soft spot for milksnakes thanks to memorable experiences with **Milky** and **Milky Jr.**, who for a time lived in the front window of The Weekly Post office.

Back in August of 2014, I offered a

\$20 reward if anybody would bring us a snake. The only taker was my fish biologist friend, **Rob Hilsabeck**, who showed up with **Milky** and a custom-made snake aquarium that actually kept the occupants inside.

Milky was a docile, friendly snake that anyone could handle. He even let me put a **Santa** hat on him for the Elmwood Christmas Walk, though he quickly wiggled through a rock to shed his hat. After 10 months, we deemed he had spent enough time frightening the staff, so he was released at Camp Big Sky under the watchful eye of Elmwood fourth-graders in **Franke Keefer's** class.

Milky Jr. arrived in May of 2016 and provided plenty of memories too, though they were not warm and fuzzy. What we did not know was that **Milky Jr.** came to us as a pregnant mother and would eventually lay a clutch of seven eggs in her tank. No doubt that explains why she tended to bite everybody, since milk-snakes are generally easy to handle.

Or maybe it was just genetic, because the six babies we hatched also bit whenever given the opportunity.

Even so, when we paid state track qualifiers a reward for finding **Burl Ives'** statute on the Eastern Illinois campus, they had to reach past the snake for their money. We never vetted that with our insurance guy – and didn't check with him before asking former Lt. Gov. **Evelyn Sanguinetti** to hold our snake during her lone visit to Elmwood.

Looking back at it, hatching those babies in an incubator ranks among my greatest accomplishments. I still get panicked thinking about the day



A young Elmwood boy enjoys meeting **Milky**.

they emerged. Graphic artist **Lynne Breitbarth** loves all critters and had been keeping an eye on the incubator, where we placed the eggs in a mixture of sand and vermiculite.

"Um, I think the snakes hatched," she said one day, though there was at first no evidence to prove her claim.

But as we stood there watching, tiny heads started poking up, only to slip back under the sand once they spotted us. This set off a panic and a hasty trip to buy Tupperware. Each baby got their own plastic container and on the top of each, along with holes poked to facilitate fresh air, was written a name: **Wiggly**, **Walter II**, **Milky III**, **Squirmy**, etc. I remember the names because those containers have been repurposed as storage for prairie seeds.

Alas, raising baby snakes is no easy task and we eventually released them. **Milky III** was last to go and, true to form, bit my oldest son.

"What great memories," he said.
Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com

Increase in gas prices should come as no surprise

To the Editor:

When the news comes on TV, one of the first things we hear about is inflation in our economy. It is amazing to me how anyone can be surprised. The price of oil effects the price of nearly everything we buy.

The day President Biden took office Jan. 20, 2021, the price of gasoline at Jordan's Mobil in Elmwood was \$2.495. I made not of that because I knew the price was going up. That was a certainty. On March 15, the cost was \$2.995, on Oct. 8 it was \$3.449. Today, June 11, that price is



\$5.289.

When the president came into office he told us some things he was going to do immediately. Stop construction of the Keystone Pipeline,

which would bring petroleum from Canada. Cut back on drilling on federal lands in northern Alaska and offshore.

And, the result of these actions seems to come as a surprise?

– **Richard S. Schrimp**, Elmwood
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Include a phone number.
We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and length.

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NOTICE TO STARK COUNTY VOTERS

Early voting for the June 28th, 2022, Primary Election will begin May 19th and end June 27th at the office of the Stark County Clerk 130 W. Main, Toulon. Voting hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. We will also be open Saturday, June 25th from 9-12 p.m. for early voting. Heather L. Hollis Stark County Election Authority

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Luft faces Weaver in new district

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

The primary attraction among Weekly Post-area state-legislative races in the primary election Tuesday might be the 93rd House District Republican race.

De facto incumbent Mark Luft of Pekin faces Travis Weaver of Edwards for the right to represent the GOP in the general election in November. No Democrats have filed.

The 56-year-old Luft, who also is the Pekin mayor, was elected in 2020 to represent the 91st District. Subsequent re-districting has placed Luft's hometown in the new 93rd District, which extends north from Pekin to outskirts of the Quad Cities.

Among communities in the 93rd are Brimfield, Edwards, Elmwood, Kickapoo, Laura, Williamsfield and Yates City.

Weaver, 30, is a former manager at Caterpillar Inc. He is a son of former Peoria City Councilman and ex-state Sen. Chuck Weaver. Luft also has the General Assembly in his bloodline – his father is Dick Luft, a former Democratic state representative and senator.

The Weekly Post asked both candidates identical questions. What follows is their responses, edited for brevity and clarity.

Question: Why did you decide to run?

Mark Luft: To continue my dedication to improving the direction of our state and my district. We desperately need to stop the bleeding of losing businesses and taxpayers from Illinois. We need to reduce our taxes and raise the quality of life for our citizens in Illinois. My experience in achieving these goals in my community and in Springfield on behalf of my district will help turn Illinois around.

Travis Weaver: Central Illinois is my home. It is a special place with won-

derful people. It is worth fighting for. As I watched (Gov.) JB Pritzker enforce his reckless spending agenda along with 9-month abortion, some of the nation's most strict COVID mandates and education policies that rob our kids, I knew it was time to step up. I have the background necessary to bring solutions to Illinois' financial woes, improve our education environment, grow jobs, support farmers and get our state back on track.

We have a lot of headwinds in Illinois, but our story is not yet written.

Q: What do you consider to be the most important issue Illinois faces?

Luft: Illinois could be described as a state of cascading crises. We need to deliver relief for families at the gas pump. We need better tax breaks so families can afford to put food on the table. Inflation is hurting everyone and everything we consume. Our Unemployment Insurance fund has to be replenished. More than \$2 billion in taxpayer dollars spent was spent on fraud. I just called for hearings into these new audit findings to stop these continued failures by Pritzker and the Democrats.

Weaver: Illinois' financial situation is a crisis-level disaster. A financial cliff is coming, and I worry it isn't far away. Illinois has the nation's largest unfunded pension liability, worst credit rating, and heaviest tax burden. In my seven years at Caterpillar, I was promoted five levels, and in that time I worked on pension funding, issued debt, helped manage the company's financial position and saw the benefits that Trump-era tax cuts provided to businesses, workers and families.

Q: It's almost certain Republicans will be in the minority in the next legislature. How can you work with the majority to implement at least some of

your preferred policies?

Luft: It is not a foregone conclusion Republicans will be in a minority in the Illinois House after this November's election. The decisions the Democrats have made over the past two years have sent a clear message to the people of Illinois, and that message is Democrats are not listening. I believe there will be a clear statement made at the polls and we will finally be able to move needed reforms forward and bring much-needed balance back to our state. I have worked hard and will continue to work with the other side through committees and on the House floor to push much-needed legislation that helps the people in our state. My success working with all sides is reflected in the bipartisan support of initiatives I have supported and sponsored.

Weaver: Last fall I enjoyed opportunities to meet with (gubernatorial candidates) Darren Bailey, Jesse Sullivan, Gary Rabine and Paul Schimpf to hear their plans for Illinois. They are great men of faith and great leaders. I am excited to fight for our Republican gubernatorial candidate so we can defeat JB Pritzker. That said, I am confident in my ability to work across the aisle. I treat people with respect, bring forth sound ideas, and work hard. That has served me well throughout my life, even when dealing with tricky situations with conflicting viewpoints.

Q: What do you think of your opponent, personally and professionally?

Luft: I have major concerns about my opponent's professional ability and lack of experience to walk into Springfield at such a critical time. We cannot afford to lose the experience and the advances we've made to push back the other side of the aisle. The Democrats recognize the

strength of our team and have acknowledged that strength of opposition by their gerrymandering effort. They have made every attempt to create unnecessary primaries in hopes of dismantling the outstanding team House Republicans have in place. Unfortunately, we have some willing accomplices who play right into the Democrats' hands when they put their personal ambition before regional growth strategies. Experience is a must at this critical time. If we send inexperienced individuals to Springfield in this cycle, our region will move backward.

Weaver: Anybody willing to serve their community is worthy of respect. However, in looking at Mark Luft's anti-business voting record and his Democrat-leaning financial backers from Chicago and Springfield, I do not believe he is the best candidate to serve as the representative for this strong Republican district. This district deserves a person who is willing to stand up and be strong on issues like life, agriculture, education, business, voter integrity and fighting inflation. My opponent had a chance to stand up for these issues and he was silent. For those reason, I believe I am the better choice.

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BRIEFS

Follis named Galva July 4 Grand Marshal

GALVA – Carlin Follis has been chosen as Galva's Grand Marshal of the 2022 July 4th Galva parade.

Carlin is involved on the Levitt Amp committee, Galva Freedom Fest committee, Heartland Connection, Crossroad Cultural Connection, Galva Historical Society, Back Road Music Fest, Galva Arts Council and Galva American Legion Auxiliary.



Follis

She has worked at the Galva Pharmacy for 28 years and has a CPhT certification.

She is married to Robert Follis and she has three grown children and nine grandchildren.

– Carol Townsend

Mr., Miss Firecrackers crowned in Galva

GALVA – Two Miss Firecracker's and Mr. Firecracker were crowned at Sunday's Levitt Amp concert at Wiley Park. Contestants had cans at both banks to raise money for Galva: Ready to Grow projects.

Lily Thomson and Arya VanWassenhove had the same amount of money in their cans, so they are both Galva's Miss Firecracker and Knox Glaser is Mr. Firecracker.

Lily is the daughter of Noland and Ashley Thomson, Arya is the daughter of Jason and Debbie VanWassenhove and Knox is the son of Tyler and Bethany Glaser all of Galva. The winners as well of the contestants, Isles McClintic, Henry McBride and Skylar Hardy will all ride in Galva's July 4th parade.

– Carol Townsend



Pictured are Lily Thomson, Knox Glaser and Arya Van Wassenhove, two crowned Mrs. Firecracker and one crowned Mr. Firecracker at the Levitt Amp Concert on Sunday. Photo by Carol Townsend.

College graduates

Several local students completed their respective program requirements this spring at Carl Sandburg College.

- Galva graduates: **Eden Juarez**, Dental Hygiene; and **Cameron Guinnee**, Associate in Arts.
- Williamsfield graduates: **Moriah Fleming**, **Emily Foster**, **Molly Warner**, Associate in Arts; and **Gionna Ott**, Associate in Science.

Wyoming chamber sets scavenger hunt date

WYOMING – The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce is holding a scavenger hunt on July 16 from 4-8 p.m. as a fundraiser for the St. Jude Kewanee to Peoria run.

Participants are asked to start and end at the Paramount Theater and a meal will be served after the hunt. Teams should be five or six people and the cost is \$20 per person, which includes the meal. Register at Yer Kiln Me in Wyoming.

CREP program reopens in 68 Illinois counties

SPRINGFIELD – Farmers, ranchers and agricultural landowners

with property prone to flooding and nutrient runoff will have the opportunity to enroll in Illinois' reopened land conservation program, now available in 68 counties.

The Illinois Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) – administered by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency (FSA) – reopened for enrollments June 15 for the first time since 2015.

Nearby counties open to the program include Henry, Knox, Lee, Marshall and Peoria. Learn more at www2.illinois.gov/dnr/conservation/CREP.

Et cetera

• **BISHOP HILL** – On Saturday, June 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., local artist Amelia Ross will lead a gnome-making workshop at Bishop Hill Creative Commons, 309 N. Bishop Hill St. Allow for approximately one hour to complete a gnome. The cost is \$15 per person for one gnome. Additional gnomes can be made for \$10. All supplies needed will be provided. All ages are welcome; however, some supplies used may require adult supervision

Bradford teen finishes Eagle Scout project

By **ANGIE STANGE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Colby Stotler, son of Jim and Jodi Stotler of Bradford, has completed his Eagle Scout Community Service Project. Colby is a member of Boys Scout Troop 1851 and in his 12th year of Scouting, selected the Bradford American Legion Post 445 as his project beneficiary.

Project details included beautifying the outside of the American Legion home with a perennial flower bed, replacing the wooden ground framing

barrier around the well cap, staining/sealing of wooden picnic tables, re-painting of shutters, installation of parking columns near highway, installation of fence panels to block visibility to garbage burning area and construction of a new Fish Fry advertisement sign.



Stotler

Following attendance at summer

camp, Colby will submit his packet for the lengthy review process for Eagle Scout rank.

A combined total of 115 service hours were included in this service project with 17 volunteers. Colby was joined by fellow troop members, their families and friends in completing these efforts. The public is invited to come see the American Legion improvements Saturday, June 25, during the monthly fish fry.

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Bradford's pastor Ringenberg to retire

By **ANGIE STANGE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD—Reverend Janice L. Ringenberg is retiring after six years of services to local Methodist churches.

Upon her retirement, Ringenberg will have served as pastor for the Boyd's Grove and Leet Methodist Churches from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022. Ringenberg said she found Bradford to be a beautiful and generous community.

"I like the neighborly feel of the town and the wonderful community events and activities we enjoy," she said. "The park is wonderful, too!"

During her service to the churches, Pastor Jan has also served the Bradford community. One of her main passions has been the Bradford Food Pantry and her desire to make sure the community members always had access to food. Halloween was not complete unless the kids stopped by the Methodist church for hot dogs and other refreshments after trick-or-treating.

The Live Nativity at the beginning of the Christmas season that was hosted by the Methodist churches was another joy for Pastor Jan.

Through her tenure in Bradford she has assisted multiple times in the an-



Retiring Methodist Pastor Janice Ringenberg will have more time for catching northern pike like this one after she retires effective June 30.

nual Memorial Day service as well as presiding over funeral services where military rites were accorded. She has

graciously welcomed the Memorial Day services into the church in times of bad weather as well as supporting American Legion activities through the years.

At this year's Memorial Day service, Pastor Jan was presented with a certificate of appreciation in recognition and sincere appreciation of outstanding service which contributed to the advancement of Legion programs and activities dedicated to God and country.

Upon her retirement, Pastor Jan plans to spend more time with her husband, Steve, and spend time with their very large family – which includes numerous grandchildren she seldom sees at present. She also plans to read books for pleasure, dig in the dirt and fish.

For Pastor Jan, "retirement" is a change in status.

"It doesn't take away my continued desire to serve God during this time in our history," she said. "I will watch and listen for God's nudging in how that takes shape."

A combined worship service will be held Sunday, June 26, at 9 a.m. at Boyd's Grove Methodist Church, with an open house following from 10:15-11:30 a.m.

Illinois seeks to rebrand Asian Carp as Copi

By **ANGIE STANGE**

For The Prairie News

SPRINGFIELD – Following more than two years of consumer research and planning, the State of Illinois today unveiled "Copi," the new name for Asian carp.

The new name and brand are designed to address public misconceptions about this delicious top-feeding fish, which is overrunning Midwest waterways.

Copi (choosecopi.com) are mild, clean-tasting fish with heart-healthy omega-3s and very low levels of mercury. Increased consumption will help to stop them from decimating other fish populations in the Great Lakes and restore an ecological balance to waterways down stream.

"Enjoying Copi in a restaurant or at home is one of the easiest things people can do to help protect our waterways and Lake Michigan," said John Goss, former White House invasive carp adviser. "As home to the largest continuous link between Lake Michigan and the Copi-filled Mississippi River system, Illinois has a unique responsibility in the battle to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes. I'm proud of Illinois, its partners and other states for rising to this challenge."



Illinois is attempting to rebrand the name of Asian carp as Copi in an effort to "address public misconceptions about this delicious top-feeding fish." Learn more at choosecopi.com.

The new name is a play on "copious" – as that's exactly what these fish are. By one estimate, 20 million to 50 million pounds of Copi could be harvested from the Illinois River alone each year, with hundreds of millions more in waterways from the Midwest to the Gulf Coast.

Changing a fish's name has been a tried-and-true strategy for other fish. Orange roughy was originally known as slimehead; Chilean sea bass was known as Patagonian toothfish (it's not even a bass); and peekytoe crab was once known as mud crab. This strategy has been used for more than fish: exporters introduced Chinese gooseberries as "kiwi," for instance.

"Copi is a great name: Short, crisp and easy to say. What diner won't be intrigued when they read Copi tacos or Copi burgers on a menu?" said Illinois Department of Natural Resources Director Colleen Callahan. "It's a tasty fish that's easy to work with in the kitchen and it plates beautifully. Every time we've offered samples during the Illinois State Fair, people have walked away floored by how delicious it is."

As part of the new-name launch, 21 chefs and retailers have committed to putting Copi on their menus or in their stores, and 14 processors, manufacturers and distributors are making Copi products available.

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Summer power outages possible in Illinois

By **TAMMIE SLOUP**

FarmWeek

As electricity demand across the Midwest climbs, the amount of power available to the grid servicing a large swath of Illinois has

dipped, prompting regulators to warn of controlled outages during extreme summer weather.

Rolling blackouts or brownouts typically associated with Western states

may be necessary in Illinois and other Midwest states in the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO) footprint. MISO is the regional electric grid operator that oversees power in 15 states, including the southern two-thirds of Illinois.

Several factors are contributing to the heightened risk, including early generator retirements, changes to the generation resource mix and increased demand for electricity, Brandon Morris, MISO adviser-strategic communications, told FarmWeek.

The summer peak forecast is 124 gigawatts with 119 gigawatts of projected regularly available generation within MISO.

MISO generally has access to significant energy imports from neighboring grid operators, and in emergency conditions MISO can also access additional resources including operating reserves, Morris added.

"But this year's summer assessment and capacity auction reflect the potential for the tightest conditions we've experienced," Morris said.

And that assessment has state Rep. Charlie Meier, R-Okawville, worried. Meier, who raises beef cattle, testified during a joint hearing between the Illinois House's Public Utilities and Energy & Environment committees last month, sharing his concerns, especially for farmers.

Aside from logistical issues on the farm during a power outage, Meier pointed out another concern — energy prices.

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general taxes for the year of 2018.

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property was filed on April 5, 2022.

Your right to redeem the
property from the sale will expire
on October 5, 2022. If you fail to
redeem by that date, the court may
enter a judgment granting
petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in
the Circuit Court of this county in
Toulon, Illinois on November 18,
2022 at 9 AM before Judge
Fehrenbacher, or whomever may
be sitting in his or her stead.
JICTB, Inc., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
JICTB, Inc.
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Champaign, IL 61821
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TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CASE NO. 2022TX6
To: Joyce Conrad; Spouse of
Joyce Conrad; Adam Darling;
Tower Loan of Peoria; State of
Illinois Dept of Revenue; State of
Illinois, Kwame Raoul, Attorney
General; Heather Hollis, Stark
County Clerk; Persons in
occupancy or actual possession of
said property, unknown owners or
parties claiming any right, interest
or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:
10200 Twp Rd 62N, Princeville, IL
Property Index No.
07-35-100-015
Tax Sale Certificate No.
201800057

This property was sold on
October 22, 2019 for delinquent
general taxes for the year of 2018.
A Petition for Tax Deed for this
property was filed on April 5, 2022.
Your right to redeem the
property from the sale will expire
on October 5, 2022. If you fail to
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TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CASE NO. 2022TX3

To: Kari Peterson; Spouse of Kari
Peterson; Central Illinois Light
Company; Heather Hollis, Stark
County Clerk; Persons in
occupancy or actual possession of
said property, unknown owners or
parties claiming any right, interest
or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:
504 S Peoria, Bradford, IL
Property Index No.
02-26-213-058
Tax Sale Certificate No.
201800015

This property was sold on
October 22, 2019 for delinquent
general taxes for the year of 2018.
A Petition for Tax Deed for this
property was filed on April 5, 2022.

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TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CASE NO. 2022TX5

To: Mary Jason; Spouse of Mary
Jason; Bayly Junker; Heather
Hollis, Stark County Clerk; Persons
in occupancy or actual possession
of said property, unknown owners
or parties claiming any right,
interest or title in the described real
estate:

Property located at:
9825 S Castleton Rd, Wyoming, IL
Property Index No.
05-16-100-044
Tax Sale Certificate No.
201800050

This property was sold on
October 22, 2019 for delinquent
general taxes for the year of 2018.
A Petition for Tax Deed for this
property was filed on April 5, 2022.

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property from the sale will expire
on October 5, 2022. If you fail to
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the Circuit Court of this county in
Toulon, Illinois on November 18,
2022 at 9 AM before Judge
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TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CASE NO. 2022TX7

To: Estate of Todd Sparks,
deceased; Michael Sparks;
Unknown Heirs/Devises of Todd
Sparks, deceased; Luanna
Griswold; Heather Hollis, Stark
County Clerk; Persons in
occupancy or actual possession of
said property, unknown owners or
parties claiming any right, interest
or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:
213 Railroad St, Speer, IL f/k/a 106
Railroad St, Speer, IL
Property Index No.
08-36-100-019
Tax Sale Certificate No.
201800060

This property was sold on
October 22, 2019 for delinquent
general taxes for the year of 2018.
A Petition for Tax Deed for this
property was filed on April 5, 2022.

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property from the sale will expire
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**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
Estate of)
RAYMOND C. KLUMPP)
No. 2022 PR 9
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the
death of RAYMOND C. KLUMPP.
Letters of office were issued on
May 27, 2022 to David K. Klumpp,
15804 Castleton Road, Wyoming,
IL 61491, as independent executor
whose attorney of record is James
J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso,
Illinois 61738.

The estate will be administered
without court supervision, unless
under Section 5/28-4 of the
Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat.
1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any
interested person terminates
independent administration at any
time by mailing or delivering a
petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be
filed in the office of the clerk of
court, Stark County Courthouse,
Toulon, Illinois, or with the
representative, or both until
December 22, 2022 or, if mailing
or delivery of a notice from the
representative is required by
Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act
of 1975, the date stated in that
notice. Any claim not filed on or
before that date 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.

Dated this 6th day of June, 2021.
Stoller Law Office
James J. Stoller
Attorney for Representative
15 W. Front St.
El Paso, IL 61738
(309) 527-4300
jamesstoller@stollerlaw.com
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS, HENRY COUNTY**
Case No. 2022-MR-19
In the Matter of the Petition of
Ashley Nicole Olin
For: Change of Name Notice of
Publication (Minor)

Public notice is hereby given that
on July 25, 2022, at 9 a.m. at the
Henry County Courthouse, 307
Center St., Cambridge, Illinois, in
Room 3, there will be a court date
on my request to change the name
of minor child Layla Danielle Rawlings
to the new name of Layla
Dylan Olin.

Dated June 9, 2022, at Cam-
bridge, Illinois.
/s/ Ashley Nicole Olin, Petitioner
Published 6/17, 6/24, 7/1/22

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a
petition has been filed by City of
Wyoming, 108 E. Williams St.,
Wyoming, Illinois, directed to the
Stark County Board of Appeals
requesting a change in zoning
from R-1 (Residential) to C-1
(Commercial) for property legally
described as City of Wyoming,
Assr's NW1/4 Section 1, Part Lot 3
Block 14, 1.595 acres.

The request for zoning
amendment is for the construction
of a Family Dollar Store.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that
said hearing on said petition will be
held before the Zoning Board of
Appeals of the County of Stark, at
the Courthouse at 130 W. Main St.,
Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., on
Monday, July 11, 2022, at which
time and place all interested
persons may be present and will
be heard.

Renee L. Johnson
STARK COUNTY
ZONING OFFICER
Published 6/24/22

**LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**
On Annual Budget and
Appropriation Ordinance
Of Bradford Public Library District
Notice is hereby given to the
Public that on July 26, 2022 at the
hour of 5:45 p.m. at the Bradford
Public Library, 111 S. Peoria St.,
Bradford, Illinois, a public hearing
will be held on the annual Budget
and Appropriation Ordinance for
the Bradford Public Library District
for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
2022 and ending June 30, 2021.
Any person interested in said
budget and ordinance may be
present at said time and place and
may be heard in regard to the
budget and ordinance. The tenta-
tive budget is now on file with
the Secretary of the Board of
Trustees, Bradford Public Library
District, at the Library office and
may be reviewed upon request
prior to said hearing by the Public.

Date: June 20, 2022
Hollie Scott
Secretary, Board of Trustees
Bradford Public Library
111 S. Peoria Street
Bradford, IL 61421
Published 6/24/22

Galva school board approves raises, fees

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News
GALVA The Galva School Board handed out pay raises, approved hirings and passed an amended budget in a busy meeting on Monday.

The board extended contracts with Superintendent Joe Becker and Junior Senior High School Principal Kurtis Smyth until June 30, 2025, and gave each of them a 1.5 percent pay increase. The board also voted to approve a 3 percent increase in pay for non-certified personnel.

Those decisions came after a budget hearing to discuss the amended district budget. No one spoke at the hearing.

The board also approved two hirings:

- Jake McClintic as varsity boys basketball head coach;

- Susan Klavohn as high school library aide, starting in August.

The board then OK'd a meeting calendar for the 2022-23 school year as follows: July 18, Aug. 15, Sept. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 14, Dec. 19, Jan. 23, 2023, Feb. 13, March 20, April 17, May 15 and June 12. Meetings will be in the Galva Jr./Sr. High School Library,

The board approved a restraint and time out (RTO) reduction plan that is mostly for elementary students.

The board will vote in July on a new STEM lab geometry credit. This would be taken after Algebra I and could count as a geometry credit or a third-year math credit.

The board approved fees for the 2022-2023 school year as \$75 for elementary

and \$125 for Jr./Sr. high school, \$50 participation fee, \$100 driver's education, \$18 for elementary yearbook, \$50 for high school yearbook, \$2.50 for elementary lunch and \$3.20 for Jr./Sr. high school lunch.

Students are encouraged to submit an application for free and reduced lunches, which will be on the district website at the time of registration. The district has also applied for a waiver for Jr./Sr. high school lunch fees to be \$3.10.

The board approved En-year Distributing and Martin Brothers as food suppliers.

The board received a TIF map from the city and submitted several questions to their district attorney.

The board also approved the high school girls bas-

ketball team to play in a tournament in the Wisconsin Dells on July 11-13.

The board indicated it plans to take action in July on increasing pay for officials at sporting events.

In other news, high school teacher Josh Morris was awarded a \$4,000 grant by Katherine Hawes of the Galva Foundation for Educational Enrichment. He will purchase drafting tables, structure sets, sensors and other materials to be used to create an alternative geometry course and other CTE classes. This will provide another hands-on opportunity to earn state-required geometry credit.



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WYOMING, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

The following nice home and personal property will be sold on location at 205 N 3rd St. Wyoming, IL, on **SUNDAY AUGUST 7TH, 2022 AT 12:00 NOON**

REAL ESTATE: This very nice 2200 sq. ft. ranch style home sits in a beautiful quiet neighborhood in Wyoming, IL. The house consists of a nice sized kitchen, dining room, utility room w/half bath, large living room, 3 above average sized bedrooms, remodeled bathroom w/walk in shower and ample closet space. The basement is full and partially finished. One side of the basement is a large 14' x 50' room. The other side of basement has been used for a 12' x 17' wood working room. The rest of that side measures 12' x 21' for storage and has blocked shower, toilet and sink and another shelved 12' x 12' storage area. There is a one stall attached garage w/overhead auto. door. This home's climate is controlled by forced heat and central air. Furnace was new in 2017 and a new roof was put on in 2019. Siding and a partial brick front is in good condition. A nice 12' x 12' shed with cement floor sits in the back yard, along with patio area. This is a very appealing property that you don't want to miss the opportunity to own. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of the auction with the balance to be pd. In full in approx. 30 day. A valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale.

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OPEN HOUSE: The open house is scheduled for Thursday July 7th from 5-6 p.m. Watch for the full ad of nice personal property, including appliances, doll collections, antiques, tools and more soon.

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ATTORNEY FOR SELLER—Reynolds Rip Everette, Galva, IL

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON ILLINOIS

Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper Plaintiff, vs. Kyle Goodin, AKA Kyle W. Goodin; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. Case No. 2022FC1 607 East Main Street, Lafayette, IL 61449 Judge Michael P. McCuskey

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on May 6, 2022, Steven V. Sloan will on July 6, 2022, at the hour of 10:00AM at the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

Commonly known as 607 East Main Street, Lafayette, IL 61449 Parcel Number(s): 03-18-422-002 The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in 'AS IS' condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than the mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-001612.

Andrew K. Weiss
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Real Estate Auction

July 13 @ 4 p.m.
Because I have moved a public auction of real estate will be held at **1089 Maple Avenue Galesburg IL**
Open House: June 29 @ 6 p.m.
Offering a charming 2 story 3 bedroom home. This property features a 2 car detached garage, newer roof, concrete driveway, fenced in yard, good mechanicals, and has been well maintained. This a great opportunity to buy a great home in a great neighborhood and it works for just about any buyer.

This home will sell as is and there will be a \$2500 non refundable earnest money deposit due at the conclusion of the auction. Balance will be due on or around August 13. Taxes will be pro rated to the day of closing and possession will be given at that time. This property will sell subject to seller confirmation and all prospective buyers will be expected to do their own due diligence before bidding on this home. For private showing please contact the undersigned auction company.

Inelda Hopping, owner - James Skinner, attorney
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Joe Orwig, Auctioneer
(309)361-0397
7642 Grain Bin Road
Toulon, IL 61483

Larry Lock, Kewanee historian, will present "When Farmers were Heroes: The Era of National Corn Husking Contests."
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Stark County Genealogical Society
SATURDAY, JUNE 25 AT 1:30 PM
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Answers on Page 3 — **Super Crossword** — COMING-OF-AGE MOVIES

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|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| 1 Binary | 55 Puzzles | 109 Affront, to a hip-hopper | 13 Ten squared | 46 Austrian "a" pianist John | 85 Horse's gait |
| 5 GPS guesses | 56 Not abridged | 110 Java is one answer | 14 Transplant, as a perennial | 48 New Age | 86 Mistreatment |
| 9 White stuff that falls | 61 Hack off | 112 Riddle's answer | 15 Of yore | 49 In a frenzy | 87 Nulity |
| 13 Gum rub-on for toothaches | 62 Prez after HST | 117 Money in the form of coins | 16 Knighted actor Derek | 50 Stare stupidly | 88 — Stanley Gardner |
| 19 "One-liners" poet | 63 See 42-Down | 118 Author Wesel | 17 Of national origins | 51 37th president | 92 A bit weird |
| 21 Spotted | 64 Noteworthy periods | 119 Player of multiple records, of sorts | 18 Alain-René — ("Gil Blas" author) | 52 Abject fear | 93 Place to be pampered |
| 22 Nulity | 65 Riddle, part 4 | 120 "Mad" one in Wonderland | 20 None at all | 53 Feudal laborers | 94 Egg-based dish |
| 23 Start of a riddle | 66 Riddle, part 4 | 121 Star student's sci. | 24 Lead-in to lateral | 57 Former baseball boss | 96 They follow |
| 25 Noteworthy periods | 69 Bakery buy | 122 Figure skater | 28 "Orlando" novelist | 58 Brand of pasta sauce | 97 Subject of a 2016 U.K. referendum |
| 26 Crony | 70 Lulu | 123 Leisure tops | 30 Actress Virginia | 59 One of the boxing AIs | 98 With 115-Down, she sang "All Alone Am I" |
| 27 Fisher of "Star Wars" | 71 Prevention | | 31 Certain steel grider | 60 Meadow mother | 101 Lamp spirit |
| 28 U.N. medical agcy. based in Geneva | 72 Flier of myth | | 32 Taiwan tea | 62 Meadow mother | 102 Frisky water animal |
| 29 Words before roll or tear | 74 Bogs, e.g. | | 33 Feudal estate | 66 Guess | 103 Bakery buy |
| 30 Hockey glove | 77 Ice homes | | 34 2010 Super Bowl MVP | 67 Qualifier "Tank Girl" | 104 Put up, as a tent |
| 32 Riddle, part 2 | 79 Tel Avivian, for one | | 35 French for "stop" | 71 Pillage | 105 "I — think so!" |
| 36 "Washboard" muscles | 82 Used to be 83 Riddle, part 5 | | 37 Horse, when running | 72 "Uncle" | 106 Cloning stuff |
| 37 Cut of beef | 89 Skitt tobaccies | | 41 Organic part of soil | 75 Collegately stylish | 109 Cloning stuff |
| 38 2001 bankruptcy company | 90 Put turf on | | 42 With 63-Across, boomer's kid | 76 44th president | 111 Make believe |
| 39 Sushi bed | 91 Give a new hue to | | 43 Mile High Center architect | 79 Pocatello's state | 112 Briny deep |
| 40 Squalid room | 92 2004-11 Laker Lamar | | 44 Some Christians | 80 Psyche part | 113 Outroded TV accessory |
| 42 4.0 is a good one, for short | 95 Place to "dry out" | | | 81 Went first | 114 "I solved it!" |
| 45 Golden ager | 96 Be a sign of 99 Small, as Abner | | | 84 Have a link with | 115 See 96-Down |
| 47 Riddle, part 3 | 100 End of the riddle | | | | 116 Soon-to-be grads: Abbr. |
| 54 Tom, Dick and Harry, maybe | 105 Guy | | | | |
| | 106 Give a new hue to | | | | |
| | 107 Rock producer Brian | | | | |
| | 108 Hit the sack | | | | |

OBITUARIES

Jason Calef

WYOMING – Jason Calef, 45, of Wyoming, passed away at UPMC Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 11, 2022, after a six-month battle of complications with COVID-19.

Services will be held on Sunday, June 26, 1 p.m. at first Congregational United Church of Christ, 202 N. 7th St.,

Wyoming, Ill. Burial will follow immediately after at Wyoming City Cemetery.

Jason was born June 28, 1976, in Kewanee, Ill., to Erwin and Kathy Calef. They preceded him in death, along with an infant brother. He was also preceded in death by his paternal grandparents and maternal grandfather. He married Craig Cox on Sept. 1, 2018; he survives. He is survived by his son Alex, his sister Chrissy Calef (Alec Rabas), and brother Jeremiah Calef (Amber Bowyer), and several nieces.

Jason ran Calef's Cleaning with his son and was number one on Angie's List. Jason loved helping others. He loved doing home improvements. He loved their three dogs (Buster, Lucas and Sammy) very much. Jason donated much of his time at Habitat ReStore before being hired full time. He enjoyed making the store a success. He also enjoyed helping his aunt run her church's food pantry. He loved his family and spending time with his relatives. Most important to Jason was his son Alex.

In lieu of flowers, donate to Habitat in Jason's memory, please visit www.habitatpeoria.org. If you would like to volunteer at Habitat, please call (309) 676-6729.

Roger C. Gray

TOULON – Roger C. Gray (86) from Toulon, Ill., passed away to meet his Heavenly Father on Sunday, June 19, 2022.

The funeral service for Roger will be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, June 23, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Visitation will be open from 9-11

a.m. prior to the funeral service. Pastor Don Reul was to officiate. Burial



Calef

will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kewanee where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers.

Following the funeral will be a memorial luncheon at the United Methodist Church in LaFayette. For those family and friends too remote to attend, the services will be streamed at www.facebook.com/events/1675058626182345/.

Roger was born Oct. 15, 1935, to Raymond L. Gray and Eva (Behnke) Gray. Both have preceded him in death. Roger married Peggy L. Robinson in the First Baptist Church of Galva on Oct. 30, 1955. Roger is survived by Peggy and their two sons, Alan R. Gray (Sally) of Monroe, N.C. and Michael D. Gray (Amy) of Chesterfield, Mo. There are six grandchildren, Amanda Elizabeth Porth (Mark) of Kansas City, Mo., April Jillian Gray of Kansas City, Mo., Abigail Rose Richey (Paden) of Oak Harbor, Wash., Nicole (Chad) Hall of Lancaster, Ky., Michael David Gray (Charity) of Hardinsburg, Ind., Gabriel A. Gray of Monroe, N.C. and three great-grandchildren, Trinity, David Roger and Eleanor Grace.

During grade school, Roger went to one room schools. From grade 1 through grade 5, he attended the West Jersey Hickory Grove School, then to the School in West Jersey, followed by grade 7 and 8 at the Pleasant View School two miles east of West Jersey. Roger completed all four years at the Toulon Township High School in Toulon, graduating in 1953.

After graduation, he took several agriculture short course classes at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Some of his civic endeavors were being elected to the West Jersey Township Board, the Toulon High School Board of Education and being president of the Toulon Stark County Board.

He enlisted in an Artillery Unit of the Galva National Guard in March of 1954. There he was promoted up the ranks to first sergeant. Then in 1970, he transferred to the Kewanee National Guard, operating the maintenance shop for the battalion, retiring in 1995 as a Veteran Chief Warrant Officer CW4 with over 40-1/2 years Army military service. He performed duty in several of Illinois' flooding assignments and took part in quelling the 1968 Chicago Riots. He was also assigned military duty

in both Germany and Egypt.

Roger held several positions in the West Jersey Methodist Church, the Lafayette United Methodist Church and, most recently, the Baptist Church of Galva.

For 15 years he and Peggy were snowbirds going to Florida, and while there, were active in the Sunny Breeze Christian Community Church. Roger and Peggy celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary on Oct. 30, 2021. He so much loved his family, enjoying the times that could be spent together, fishing and enjoying the wonders of Mother Nature.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church of Galva or to the Stark County Ambulance Service.

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

Sherrill L. Webber

GALVA – Sherrill Lynne Webber, 78, of Galva, died Sunday, June 19, 2022, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Cremation will be accorded and private graveside services and inurnment will be held Tuesday, July 5, 2022, at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

She was born April 5, 1944, in Galesburg, the daughter of Harry Van DerVeer Wilson Sr. and Gladys Louise (Ramp) Wilson. She was first married to Robert L. Zook and then to Larry Dale Swedeen in 1962. She then later married Richard L. Webber on May 19, 1979, in Galva and he preceded her in death on Jan. 22, 2021.

Survivors include 6 children: Robert Barry Swedeen, Tracy (Ceasar) Interrial of Galva, Stacey (Chris) Kendall of Kewanee, Kacey (Hans) Hoelzel of Washington, Ill., Krystal (Donnie) Pridemore of Port Byron, Ill., and Melissa (Landon) Horrie of Kewanee; 18 grandchildren; and 8 great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Sherrill had worked as a truck driver along with her husband, Richard. She also worked at the Admiral Division of Maytag in Galesburg and at Breeze-Illinois Inc. in Wyoming,



Webber



Gray

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OBITUARIES

Ill.
She loved her dogs and especially loved her family and spending time together.
This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Michael E. Hockett

TOULON – Michael Edward Hockett, 69, of Toulon, died Monday, June 13, 2022, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Michael was born on Jan. 28, 1953, in Bangor, Maine, the son of Lloyd and Betty Hockett.

Surviving are sons, Stephan, Chad, Patrick and James; daughter, Michelle; step-son, Tom; step-daughter, Kathy; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Michael was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Danny and John; and life-partner of 26 years, Barbara Fogarty.

Michael served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-72. He loved na-

ture, dogs and his family. Michael also enjoyed taking pictures of the nature around him.

There will be no public services at this time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Jerry Gene Klein,

GALVA – Jerry Gene Klein, 80, of Wyoming passed away Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Allure of Geneseo Skilled Nursing.

He was born Jan. 21, 1942, in Peoria, Ill. the son of Wayland and Nevelyn (Meyer) Klein.

Jerry married Barbara Ferris June 15, 1960, at the Snareville Methodist Church. They shared 62 years together. She survives in Wyoming.

He is also survived by one daughter, Elizabeth (Ralyn) Hepner of San Angelo, Texas; one son, Timothy Klein of Williamsfield; two grandchildren, Dillyn and Sabrina Hepner of San Angelo, Texas; one brother,

Gary (Karlene) Klein of Galva; one sister, Elsie (Gary) Heaton of Toulon; one uncle, Robert Klein of Hanna City; five sisters-in law; two brothers-in law; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his in-laws.

Jerry was self employed all his life. He ran Klein's Autobody in Castleton from 1963-71. He moved to Texas in 1973, and opened Custom Cabinet and Trim until 1994, when he retired back to Illinois.

He was a member of the Central Faith Baptist Church in San Angelo, Texas. He liked gardening and reading western books. He was very proud of both of his grandchildren and loved them very much.

A graveside service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022, at Osceola Grove Cemetery, rural Bradford.

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CARLA, WHY DON'T YOU GET ME IN THE FOOD COURT LIKE WE AGREED?
WELL...
WHY DO WE BOTHER TO MAKE PLANS IF YOU WON'T SHOW UP AND YOU LISTENING TO ME NOW?
YES, BUT...
CARLA? WHY IS IT EVERY TIME WE ARGUE IN PUBLIC YOU HAVE TO MAKE A SCENE?
WHAT IT'S LIKE BEING MARRIED TO A PAINTER.

R.F.D.
by Mike Marland
STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS...
STOP.
HUH?
YOU TOLD ME TO STOP YOU IF I'D HEARD IT.
I'VE HEARD "STOP ME IF YOU'VE HEARD THIS" HUNDREDS OF TIMES.

The Spats
by Jeff Pickering
I GET BETTER WITH AGE...
...I'M JUST LIKE A BOTTLE OF FINE WINE!!
MAYBE I SHOULD KEEP YOU IN THE CELLAR?

Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle
7 5 3 1
9 1 9 5
1 3 2
8 2 6
9 8 1 7
8 4 1
7 8 4
3 6 5
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!
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Answers on Page 3

CryptoQuote
AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.
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RTAP INEVEPERY BTAPYCTDL
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Trivia test by Tiff Rodriguez
1. TELEVISION: Which TV show is set at UC-Sunnydale?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is an affogato?
3. MOVIES: Which famous movie features a character named Almira Gulch?
4. HISTORY: Which U.S. state was the first to legalize marijuana for medicinal use?
5. ENTERTAINERS: What rapper/songwriter's real name is Calvin Cordozar Broadus Jr.?
6. SCIENCE: What part of the brain controls hunger?
7. GEOGRAPHY: The Gulf of Cadiz lies off the coasts of which two countries?
8. LITERATURE: Who are the best friends of Nancy Drew in the mystery series?
9. LANGUAGE: The archaic term "grippe" was used to describe what common ailment?
10. ASTRONOMY: What kind of star is the sun in our solar system?
Answers
1. 'Buffy the Vampire Slayer'
2. Italian dessert of coffee and ice cream
3. 'The Wizard of Oz'
4. California, 1996
5. Snoop Dogg
6. Hypothalamus
7. Portugal and Spain
8. Bess and George
9. Influenza
10. Yellow dwarf
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TOP 10 MOVIES
1. Jurassic World Dominion (PG-13)
2. Top Gun Maverick (PG-13)
3. Doctor Strange, Multiverse (PG-13)
4. Bob's Burgers (PG-13)
5. The Bad Guys (PG)
6. Downton Abbey: A New Era (PG)
7. Everything Everywhere at Once (R)
8. Firestarter (R)
9. Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)
10. Ante Sundharanki (NR)
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