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Elliott: New Stark Co. school will be open by Aug. 17

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

WYOMING – School Superintendent Brett Elliott said the new high school building will be ready to begin the scheduled start of the school year on Aug. 17 “despite the rumors.”

“We will gain access to each floor one week at a time starting in the next week in order to begin moving furniture into the new high school starting on the third floor,” Elliott said.

Elliott said demolition of the former high school building “is a tedious process that requires sorting of debris for the land-

fill.” He also said that the school district has saved enough in the building fund to cover the gap between the \$16.1 million projected cost for the new high school and the actual \$16.5 million cost.

New assistant principal Michael McGovern, hired last March to replace Anne Snyder, is set to start the new school year in the new high school.

McGovern is originally from Chicago, attended Illinois State University earning a Bachelor’s degree in

math education and a Master’s in school administration.

He taught in the Peoria school system as a math teacher for five years, as assistant principal at Glen Oak school in Peoria and as assistant principal at the Lincoln school grades K-8. McGovern is married to Jaclyn and they have no children. He will assist Principal Megan McGann.

The board approved Shirley Striping for \$1,750 to stripe the football fields for 2022-23. The board approved letting bids for a new roof for the Wyoming Sports Complex. In addition, the board approved a five-year (2022-27) contract for Elliott.

After closed session, the board approved Lynne Paxson’s retirement for July 1, 2025, and Jim Langdon’s retirement as high school physical education teacher and driver’s ed instructor after the 2024-25 school year. Also approved were resignations of Trey Swanson as high school softball coach, Mandy Girkin from the Toulon kitchen staff and Rita Meaker as crossing guard. Beth Chapman and Taylor Wilkinson move from freshman class to junior class sponsors. Shannon Westphal was hired as school social worker/interim counselor and David Hatfield as bus driver pending paperwork and licensure.



McGovern

Galva council OKs purchase, appropriations

Several catalytic converters stolen in Galva last week

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Council approved the purchase of a used hydro excavator and 18 new fire hydrants for a cost of \$180,000.

The city is borrowing the money from Community State Bank for six years at a 4.5 percent interest rate.

The council also unanimously approved an appropriations ordinance which was \$2,995,056, a \$65,609 increase from last year’s \$2,929,447.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that five catalytic converters were stolen off of cars and trucks in Galva last week. He said the thieves use cordless sawzalls and seem to target SUVs and trucks because they are easier to get under. He noted that the converters on foreign cars seems to bring more money.

Four of the cars were customer cars at a local service shop and one was parked on the downtown square.

Superintendent Greg Thompson said well

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JUNIOR FAIR AHEAD



Pictured above is Kellen Wall, winner of the first Kaden Wall Showmanship Award, with his champion heifer at the 2021 4-H fair.

Stark Co. Jr. Fair opens July 27

WYOMING – Stark County’s annual celebration of farming, fun, food and more will be held July 27 through Aug. 1 at the Junior Fairgrounds.

The annual Stark County Junior Fair opens on Wednesday, July 27, with set up and a family hot dog roast at 6 p.m.

On Thursday, July 28, the annual

Stark County Fair Queen Pageant will be held starting at 6 p.m.

Action really heats up starting Friday, July 29, with swine weigh-in starting at 7 a.m. and the various swine shows set to start at 9 a.m.

Poultry judging will be done virtually, as required by the State of Illinois, but the rabbit and rodents

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Zerla paid \$175,000 by county board

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

TOULON – Toulon resident Fulvio Zerla received \$175,000 from the Stark County Board’s insurance provider to settle a lawsuit Zerla filed against Stark County and Sheriff Steven Sloan in 2019.

The Stark County board went into closed session at its May meeting to hear particulars of the settlement, which was done at that time. Zerla sought “appropriate compensatory damages” in his lawsuit for intimidation and denial of his free speech rights while he was a county board member in 2017.

The Prairie News filed Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests with the county – in May and June – to receive the settlement details, which were finally provided on July 15. The county board said release of the details could not occur until signatures were obtained from county

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Wyoming Nazarene Church in Wyoming, IL invites children to Rocky Railway VBS: Jesus' power pulls us through.

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Rocky Railway is for kids from Kind thru 5th grade and will run from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Thursday. The dates are July 14th, 21st, 28th, Aug 4th & Aug 11th. For more information, call or text Melissa @ 309-883-3583, message Wyoming Naz facebook page or also call church 309-695-4523

Galva schools start classes on Aug. 16

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva school's first day of classes for students is Aug. 16 with a teacher institute on Aug. 15.

Superintendent Joe Becker said that registration is going online for parents to get children enrolled.

The board approved a pay increase for referees who work in the Galva district. Basketball will be up \$10 and volleyball \$15. This will bring the Galva district more in line with neighboring districts.

The board held a retreat and will pass the following goals in August.

- Galva School District will develop and implement a literacy action plan with a goal to improve student achievement in grades K-12 with a focus on writing across curriculum.

- District projects will be scheduled each year, with project expenses ranging from \$100,000 to \$150,000. Projects will be selected by the board with the input from the Facilities Working Groups.

- The district will keep its community informed about positive accomplishments, events and critical issues.

- The district maintains a responsible budget that provides resources needed to maintain quality education programs while ensuring fiscal responsibility.

The board discussed the Illinois State Board of Education and Illinois Department of Public Health's guidance for COVID 19 for the 2022-23

school year. Guidance is the same as at the end of last school year, making masks recommended but not mandatory.

The board discussed a remote plan for Galva schools. There will be a public hearing at 6:55 p.m. prior to the next board meeting on Aug. 15 before the plan is passed.

The plan requires that the district offers five learning hours per day and there will be packets available for younger students.

The transportation committee will meet and discuss a grant available for rural school districts for electric busses.

The board approved personnel items for the 2022-23 school year:

- Adam Norway as Dean/AD.
- Kelsey Stone as elementary administrative assistant to start in August.
- Heather Nance as Pre-K parent coordinator to start in August.
- Stephanie Humphrey as Pre-K teacher to start in August.
- Charlie Gibbons as junior-senior

high school social science teacher to start in January.

- Mark Jeffrey as assistant high school boys basketball coach and high school boys track head coach.

- Jett Olson as a summer worker.
- Ashton Cramer as a summer worker.

- Darcy Swanson as head high school and frosh-soph girls basketball coach.

- Ryan Anderson as assistant coach for high school boys track.

- Van White as head coach for high school baseball.

- Tony Garcia as assistant coach for high school baseball.

- Brad Jackson as head coach for high school softball.

- Rachel Remmert and Brooke Johnson as co-assistant coaches for high school softball.

- Josh Morris as head coach for girls high school track.

- Taylor Kuenneth as head coach for girls junior high track.

- Josh Harris as head coach for junior high boys track.

ZERLA: Settlement reached in May

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board chair Al Curry, Sheriff Steve Sloan and Zerla.

Zerla received the \$175,000 from the county's "insurer" provider, U.S. Specialty Insurance-Tokio Marine/HCC on behalf of the county and Sloan, who were defendants in the lawsuit.

"In April and May 2022, the parties engaged in settlement negotiations, during which a settlement agreement was reached among Plaintiff, Defendants, and Defendants' Insurer," according to the settlement agreement and release. The parties agreed "to a dismissal with prejudice of the suit..."

JR. FAIR: Beef show set for 11 a.m. on July 31

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show judging will start at 1:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds.

Also on Friday, the Stark County Speed Show will be held at 3:30 p.m., with the office opening at 1:30.

A pedal pull is set for 5:30.

On Saturday, July 30, general 4-H and Junior Fair projects can be checked in starting at 8 a.m. and the speed show opens at 8:30 a.m.

A mud volleyball tournament will be held at 10 a.m., with registration starting at 9.

The goat and sheep show is at 1 p.m., with weigh-in opening at 11.

A rocket launch will be held at noon.

On Sunday, July 31, a beef weigh-in will start at 8 a.m. to prepare for the 10 a.m. bucket calf and dairy show and the 11 a.m. beef show.

Events on Monday, Aug. 1, in-

clude the horse and pony show at 9 a.m., the 4-H and Junior Fair awards ceremony at 6:30 p.m. and the Stark County Junior Fair Sale of Champions to begin at 7 p.m.

General projects must be picked up by Aug. 3, when fair clean-up will be underway. Junior Fair premium checks will be issued after the clean-up.

To learn more, visit the Stark County Junior Fair Facebook page.

GALVA COUNCIL: Road work in early August

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 No. 5 had problems and it is getting harder to get parts. He said repairs cost \$13,000.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reported Henry County has scheduled road work for the first week in August for Galva.

Alderman Jim Hartman reported a complaint in his ward just east of the high rise of a pitbull that gets loose and seems to sneak

up on you when you are in your yard.

City Administrator David Dyer said he will talk to the Galva Park District about the possibility of the city paying for a fence to go around the north and west side of its property. Dyers said it takes city

staff at least 40 hours to put up temporary snow fence around the area.

Dyer said he would like to have a few residents bring in their Ameren bills as he was trying to get the rate reduced for the town.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 7-13 - Terry W. Yelm - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 7-13 - Amanda C. Toum - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 7-17 - Willard L. Bumphrey - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 7-12 - Connor I. Lumgair - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 7-14 - Annette L. Rivera - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 7-13 - Shawn M. Mervis - Speeding 35+ mph over limit..

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 7-9 - Stacy L. Lantz, 42, Wyoming, was arrested for disorderly conduct, breach of peace, obstructing and/or resisting a police officer, and trespass to property. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
- 7-11 - A rural Wyoming resident reported being the victim of threatening and/or harassing phone calls. The incident remains under investigation.
- 7-15 - Miguel A. Garcia-Herrera, 30, Galesburg, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, speeding 91 mph in a 55 zone, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, and failure to wear a seat belt. He posted \$200 bond and was released with a court date to appear.
- 7-17 - Darling Ramos, 18, Peoria, was arrested for speeding 94 mph in a 55 zone, driving without a valid driver's license and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a notice to appear.
- 7-17 - Carlos R. Montoya-Bustamante, 19, Peoria, was charged with speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone. He was released on a promise to comply and a court date was scheduled.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 7-11 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a ferret found in the road. It was not able to be impounded. The complainant was encouraged to post it on social media to locate owner.
- 7-13 - to assist Kewanee police serving a notice to appear in court to a subject who resides in the 400 block of E. Division St.
- 7-13 - to the 300 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a report involving several



catalytic converters that had been cut off and stolen.

- 7-14 - to meet with a subject at the Galva PD for a report involving a "road-rage incident" that happened earlier near the ethanol plant.
- 7-14 - to a business on SE 2nd St. in reference to hypodermic needles in a trash can. The needles were collected and will be disposed of.
- 7-15 - to the 400 block of NE 1st St. for a utilities complaint involving a tree limb fallen on some cable lines. Galva Street Department was contacted to remove the branches.
- 7-16 - As the result of a physical disturbance in the 300 block of Front St., Nicholas Sheehy, 42, Atkinson, was arrested on three counts of aggravated battery-public place. He was taken to the Henry County jail.
- 7-17 - to the 100 block of N. Center Ave. for reported theft of a catalytic converter.
- 7-17 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave for reported residential burglary.
- 7-17 - near the intersection of NE 8th Ave. and Trolley Road for possible drug paraphernalia.
- 7-17 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for a report involving criminal damage to a vehicle.

- 7-11 - Larry Rowe, 70, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
- 7-17 - Jay Rodgers, 46, Deerfield, Ill., was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.

Peoria County Report

Toulon - Kyra D. Comer, 24, of Toulon was arrested about 12:30 a.m. July 8 and cited for failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Property Transfers

- 6-27 - James T. Horsley to Robert S. Horsley - Pt 2-13-5 NW - Consideration = \$0.
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- 6-27 - James T. Horsley to Robert S. Horsley - Pt 2-13-5 SW - Consideration = \$0.
- 6-27 - James T. Horsley to Robert S. Horsley - Pt 2-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.
- 6-30 - Sheriff of Stark County to City of Wyoming - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - Pt Block T - 103 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$17,780.23.

6-30 - David G. and Lynne K. Roark to David G and Lynne K. Roark, Trustees - B.D. Sweet's Add'n Lot 8 - Consideration = \$0.

7-1 - Angela D. and Ronnie P. Vandaele to Jessica K. and Shane M. Carlton - Lt Kraft subdiv. 35-13-5 SE - 4995 Township Road 600 N. Toulon. - Consideration = \$134,000.

7-5 - Diane Lynne Muggge to Diane Lynne Muggge, Trustee - Pt 6-12-7 SW - Consideration = \$0.

7-7 - Alvah McNaught to Jason D. Dykeman - Vg of LaFayette - Pt 6-lots 1 & 2. Consideration = \$0.

7-11 - Tracy A. Bennett to Sean P. Morrissey - Henderson & Whitaker's Add'n - Pt block 22 lots 7 & 8 - 225 W. Thomas St., Toulon - Consideration = \$50,000.

7-12 - Marjorie E. Daum to Craig D. & Lori Grinnell - Original Town of Wyoming - Block 6 lot 1 - 303 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$146,000.

7-13 - Craig & Lori Grinnell to Jason M. Horn & Randy Duane Wieland II - Vg of Speer - block 3 lots 7 & 8 - 310 McKinley St., Speer - Consideration = \$118,000.

7-13 - Lisa E. Glen & Kyle D. Kuhrts to Carol A. & Franklin T. Tisdell - Lts 1,4,5,8,9 Sect 19-13-6 NE - Consideration = \$500,000.

7-15 - Christine A. & Randy W. Newton to Christine A. Newton, Trustee - Pt 22-14-6 SE - Consideration = \$0.

7-15 - Margaret Jane Jaggard to Jacob D. Tebbe - Pt Lt 3 Assr's Sub - Sect. 35-13-6 SE - Consideration = \$90,000.

Marriages

7-1 - Mark Anthony Painter and Courtney Renee Coit, both of Bradford.

Divorces

7-15 - Sarah E. Stieghorst, Toulon and Blake E. Stieghorst, Peoria.

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~ Fireworks Committee

BRIEFS

Thieves stole ATM from Galva bank on July 5

GALVA – On July 5, at approximately 4:30 a.m., the Galva Police Department, Henry County Sheriff’s Department and Illinois State Police responded to a theft in progress call at Community State Bank in Galva.

The bank is located at 625 Southeast 2nd Street. An eyewitness saw two men get out of a truck and hook a chain to the ATM machine.

Various items of evidentiary value were located throughout Galva as well as other jurisdictions.

The truck was stolen from a Galesburg Ford dealership and left at the Galva Cemetery.

Bank officials said Monday morning that they heard from the company which is going to replace the ATM and it will probably be another three weeks before it is back in operation.

There is an ATM for CSB located inside Hathaway’s Ace Hardware and Fresh Market downtown Galva.

As the case remains active, ongoing investigation, and further details will be forthcoming at a later date.

If anyone has any information on this crime, you may call the Galva Police Department.

– Carol Townsend

Bradford Betterment planning activities

BRADFORD – The Bradford Betterment Committee (BBC) has been busy preparing for upcoming events for the Bradford community.

The first is Saturday, July 30, for Outdoor Movie Night starting at dusk in Elsie Hodges Park. Bring your own lawn chairs, blankets, and bug spray as you prepare for a fun evening of free popcorn and water while viewing a free movie on their 20-foot outdoor screen.

Also at Elsie Hodges Park on Sunday, July 31, from 5-7 p.m. is BBC’s first Music in the Gazebo featuring Bradford’s own Chris Stevens. Bring your lawn chairs and relax to an evening of authentic blues music. Donations for the evening’s music are appreciated but the event is free.

The Bradford Snack Shack will be selling ice cream during the evening.

The BBC hopes to be able to provide more music in the gazebo into early fall.

Plans are also underway for special activities to celebrate Bradford’s birthday on Aug. 13.

The BBC is interested in your input so please take the time to fill out and return the BBC survey. In addition, the BBC is collecting donations to help support upcoming Bradford Labor Day activities in-



Pictured is the lane which remains closed at Community State Bank in Galva after a truck left ruts in the grass at the right pulling the ATM from the building. The ATM and stolen truck were left near the Galva Cemetery, which is located south of Galva in Knox County. Photo by Carol Townsend.

cluding Family Fun Day in the Park and fireworks. Donation cans are located at various businesses and can also be made directly at the Bradford Bank.

– Angie Stange

Galva human sundae coming to Wiley Park

GALVA – The Levitt Amp concert will host a Galva Dance/Drill Penny Wars fundraiser on Sunday, July 31. The contest and fundraiser was set up by the Community State Bank, State Bank of Toulon and Anderson Family Coffee.

The participant with the lowest score will be in a kiddie pool between acts and the Galva Dance/Drill team will make them into a human sundae by pouring, chocolate, caramel, whipping cream, nuts, cherries and anything else you would put on a sundae over their head.

All coins put in the cars are positive, but bills count as negative points. A \$5 bill would be 500 negative points. The winner will have the most negative points.

Last year Kevin Gerard was the human sundae.

This years participants are: Galva schools Superintendent Joe Becker; Willie Burford of Rux Funeral Home and Galva Kiwanis; Josh Dunn, owner/operator of Dunn Trucking; Melissa Halsall, City Hall and board member of Galva Freedom Fest; Michelle Mersman, Galva Elementary PE teacher and cheerleader and volleyball coach; Joe Sallee, owner of Locke’s Roofing and Siding and GYSA board member; John Taylor Levitt AMP founder; and Mayor Rich Volkert.

– Carol Townsend

Program on Bishop Hill water tower on July 27

BISHOP HILL – A free program about the history of Bishop Hill’s wooden water tower, one of the few

remaining in Illinois, is scheduled for Wednesday July 27, at the tower on West Knox Street at 11 a.m.

Teri Wigant, Bishop Hill Village Clerk, will conduct the program.

Pritzker picks up COVID at Democrat meeting

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker has tested positive for COVID-19 and is isolating at home, his office announced Tuesday, three days after he spoke at a gathering of Democrats in Tampa, Fl.

Pritzker’s press office said he is experiencing mild symptoms and has received the anti-viral medication Paxlovid, a drug that received Emergency Use Authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in December for individuals at high risk to the effects of COVID-19.

The governor tested positive during “routine” testing after he arrived home from Florida, having had several close contacts with other COVID-19-positive individuals at the gathering of Democrats.

Pritzker’s office said he will work from home and follow the current U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines, which call for at least five days of isolation, regardless of vaccination status.

Galva High School 50-plus reunion Aug. 7

GALVA – The Galva High School 50-year-plus reunion will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Flemish American Club at 313 N. Burr Blvd. in Kewanee.

Reservations and payment are a must. The reunion starts at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. and you can stay until 4 p.m. There will be a hot buffet with drinks included and cake.

Tax, rent, gratuity are included for \$15. Send check payable to your class representative by July 26. No payment can be accepted at the door.

All classes are invited up to and including the Class of 1971.

Class pictures will be taken. Money for the pictures will be collected by the photographer. A 5x7 will be \$12 and an 8x10 will be \$15. There will be no CDs.

– Carol Townsend.

Et cetera

GALVA – Blues artists Harper and Midwest Kind, and Ghalia Volt will perform at Galva’s Wiley Park on Sunday, July 24. The concert is free and begins at 6 p.m. Food vendors will be on site and listeners are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.

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Scouts of Troop 150 earn Eagle Scout rank

By **TIM WAGNER**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Boy Scout Troop 150 of Stark County, sponsored by Toulon United Methodist Church, held a special Eagle Scout Court of Honor for four recent Eagle Scouts in the troop earlier this year at Orwig Auction & Event Center. The Eagle Rank is the highest rank in Scouting.

Eagle Scouts honored by the troop were Jacob Best, Andy Hurst, Gage Williams Newton, and Alex Welch. All four of these Scouts are also members of Order of the Arrow, Scouting's national honor society.

Jacob Best, son of Kurtis and Christine Best, earned his Eagle Rank in October

of 2021.

Andy Hurst, son of Jeff and Cheryl Hurst, earned his Eagle Rank in December of 2021, as did Alex Welch, son of Karen and Ron Horsley and Steve Welch.

Gage Williams Newton, son of Randy and Chris Newton, earned his Eagle Rank in February of 2022.

All four scouts served as Senior Patrol Leader, at various times.

The Eagle Court of Honor included a candle lighting ceremony, an Eagle Rank charge and response, and presentations by troop leaders, parents, and mentors. Troop leaders presented the Eagle Scouts with Eagle Rank insignia, certificates, and plaques.

Special thanks to Ron



Pictured left to right, Troop 150 Eagle Scouts Andy Hurst, Gage Williams Newton, Jacob Best and Alex Welch at their Eagle Court of Honor with presenter Ron Kirchgessner representing the Sons of Union Veterans and the Scottish Rites Masons.

Kirchgessner, who presented certificates to the Eagle Scouts from the Sons of Union Veterans and from the Scottish Rite Masons, and to Joe Tracy

for certificates presented from the Stark County Masonic Lodge #479.

A reception for the Scouts following the ceremony was well attended.

Stark Co., Galva release 2022 football schedules

An opening day show-down at Nokomis on Aug. 26 is the big scheduling change for the Stark County football team.

The Rebels added Nokomis to replace Ridgewood, which dropped out of the Lincoln Trail Conference to play 8-man football.

Galva will now face Ridgewood for its season opener, also on Aug. 26.

Here is the schedule for Stark County, which is coming off a 1-8 season.

STARK COUNTY REBELS

- Aug. 26 - at Nokomis
- Sept. 2 - at Abingdon-Avon
- Sept. 9 - vs. Knoxville
- Sept. 16 - vs. Elmwood-Brimfield
- Sept. 23 - at Monmouth United
- Sept. 30 - vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield
- Oct. 7 - at Annawan-Wethersfield
- Oct. 14 - at Mercer County
- Oct. 21 - vs. Princeville

Galva, which went 0-9 in its first season of 8-man football, will play in the Central 2 conference.

GALVA WILDCATS

- Aug. 26 - at Ridgewood
- Sept. 1 - vs. Peoria Heights

- Sept 10 - vs. Bushnell-PC
- Sept. 16 - at Edwardsville Metro-East Lutheran
- Sept. 23 - at Yorkville Parkview Christian Academy
- Sept 30 - vs. West Prairie
- Oct. 7 - at Ashton-Franklin
- Oct. 15 - at West Central
- Oct. 22 - vs. Farmer City Blue Ridge.

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- 1 Compositions of a classical tradition
- 9 Financial Abbr.
- 13 Toddler girl, to Scots
- 20 16th-century Spanish explorer
- 21 Wind quintet instrument
- 22 Ancient French region
- 23 Low-value red card
- 25 Dangerous current
- 26 20-ounce Starbucks drink
- 27 Body design, for short
- 28 Transmission repair chain
- 30 Adult fellows
- 31 Witches in "Macbeth"
- 37 Apple choice
- 41 Scouting term
- 42 Suffix with Midwest
- 43 Rose petal oil
- 44 1992 Tony nominee for Best Musical
- 48 Seniors' org.
- 52 Tricky pitch
- 53 Big tad
- 54 Pet allergy source
- 56 From days of yore
- 57 Luggage screeners' org.
- 59 Univ. dom overseers
- 62 Listerine competitor
- 63 Deductible-themed Asterix/Lus play
- 69 A-E linkup
- 72 Docs' gp.
- 73 Her's "one"
- 74 Herks of "Big"
- 75 Raised brains
- 76 Instrument players, girded in a Christmas song
- 83 Log house
- 84 Bailing about
- 85 Some PHS work in them
- 86 Make ecstatic
- 90 Figure skater
- 92 "Jack Sprat souk" — Bar
- 96 Aquarium bed material
- 97 Fabled snow beast
- 98 Virginia and Georgia were part of them
- 103 Fried (around)
- 105 Meal crumb
- 106 Raw metal
- 107 Title for Judi Dench
- 108 Hearst bimonthly with beauty and dating tips
- 114 Former U.K. record co.
- 115 Fake
- 116 Muhammad of the ring
- 117 Feudal lord
- 122 Be averse to
- 124 What the starts of the longest answers in this puzzle are?
- 129 One making modifications
- 130 Helper
- 131 Homer with nobody on
- 132 Straightens up
- 133 Red-ink entry
- 134 Upper layers of fertile earth
- 135 Shakespeare play ending
- 2 T. — Plice
- 3 Disney sci-fi film of 1962
- 4 Not worth debating
- 5 Not qualified
- 6 Feeling blue
- 7 Cruel Amin
- 8 People painting, e.g.
- 9 Shoes and boots
- 10 Arabic for "son of"
- 11 Lay turf on
- 12 Romero of "Balmat"
- 13 Grows fond of
- 14 Drew forth
- 15 Wife, to Juan
- 16 Back muscle, for short
- 17 "One Day at ..."
- 18 Supply — certain economist
- 19 Camille Saint- —
- 24 Alluring West
- 29 Eve's partner
- 32 60 minutes
- 33 Solar beam
- 34 Willy Tombeck
- 35 Don Juan's mother
- 36 Seance state
- 37 "In case that's true ..."
- 38 Place for grist
- 39 Rah-rah
- 40 Surrenders
- 45 Heredity unit
- 46 University sports org.
- 47 Actress Laura
- 49 Casa brick
- 50 Drive away
- 51 The "P" of AP
- 55 Hearth refuse
- 57 Score speed
- 58 Escargot
- 60 Moving
- 61 Doesn't go on the month, maybe
- 64 Moving truck
- 65 Grand opening?
- 66 Inspired stuff
- 67 Electees, e.g.
- 68 "Eww, no more!" in a text message
- 69 Mark Twain's Thatcher
- 70 Winter —
- 71 Bodine Luce
- 71 Red-ink entry
- 77 Brand for sore eyes
- 78 Doc using an otoscope
- 79 Look intently
- 80 Menial worker
- 81 Detective Wolfe
- 82 Thyroid, e.g.
- 87 Sports shoe brand
- 88 Overbim
- 89 Otherwise
- 91 "Someone's already claimed that seat"
- 93 Proton holder
- 94 Prefix with byte
- 95 Tennis, volleyball and badminton
- 96 Narrow valley
- 99 Dogs closely following their owners
- 100 15th of the month, maybe
- 101 Most snug
- 102 "... — quit" (threat ender)
- 104 Blazing
- 109 Floozy auto
- 109 Novelist Zola
- 110 Lookout view
- 111 Kathmandu's nation
- 112 Heady drink
- 113 "Tickle Me" dolls
- 118 — tacto
- 119 K thru 12
- 120 Earth science sub.
- 121 Guesses on costs: AZER.
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OBITUARIES

Tracy G. Bibb

PRINCEVILLE – Tracy Glenn Bibb, 86, of Princeville, passed away at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 15, 2022, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria.

Glenn was born on April 18, 1936 in Cullman, Ala., the son of Tracy O. and Clezzell (Terry) Bibb. He married Carolyn Cordes on June 20, 1970, in Eureka; she survives.

Also surviving are one daughter, Glenda (Brian) Jacquot of Dunlap; one son, Bruce (Jenna) Bibb of Wyoming; and three grandchildren, Nicholas Jacquot, Adrienne Jacquot and Silas Bibb. He is also survived by three sisters, Doris (Gene) Arnold of Sylacauga, Ala., Mary Sue Rodgers and Jo Ann Walton of Decatur, Ala.; and two brothers, Wayne (Betty) Bibb of Decatur, Ala. and Wiley (Donna) Bibb of Prattville, Ala. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Shirley Whittaker.

Glenn served in the U.S. Air Force. He was an electrician at Caterpillar until his retirement. He was a member of Woodland Baptist Church in Peoria and led adult Bible studies in several churches over the years.

He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, camping and boating. Glenn was an avid Alabama football fan – Roll Tide! Most of all, Glenn loved Jesus, knew the Bible, was quick to help anyone in need and had a surprising sense of humor. Glenn will be remembered as a loving husband, father and grandpa.

His funeral service was at 11 a.m.



Bibb

Wednesday, July 20, 2022, at Woodland Baptist Church in Peoria. Visitation was in the church one hour prior. Burial was in Princeville Township Cemetery. Pastor Joel Newton officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville assisted the family with arrangements.

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

Judith L. Doubet

WILLIAMSFIELD – Judith L. "Judy" Doubet, 73, of Williamsfield, passed away at 4:45 a.m., Sunday, July 17, 2022, at Seminary Manor in Galesburg.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, July 21, at Williamsfield Cemetery with Pastor Teri Shane officiating. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, at Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to the Williamsfield United Methodist Church.

She was born July 29, 1948, in Galesburg, the daughter of Lester and Gertrude "Trudy" (Briggs) Kronsted. She married Donald L. Doubet on March 18, 1981, in Galesburg. He survives as does a son, Lucas (and fiancée Kursti Cooper) of rural Toulon; four grandchildren, Justin, Gavin and twins, Eleanor and Evelyn Doubet; brother Darryl; cousin Jeanie; brother-in-law and sister-in-law Dave and Pat Doubet; and sister-in-law, Debra Schwarz, all of Williamsfield;

and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; a younger sister, Becky; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dean and Elaine Doubet; and a nephew, Ben Murphy. Judy grew up and attended grade school in Wataga where her folks ran a small grocery store and lunch counter. In 1963, they moved to Abingdon, again opening a grocery store where her dad was known as one of the best meat cutters in the area.

She attended and graduated from Abingdon High School in 1966. After several semesters at Western Illinois University, she entered Carl Sandburg School of Nursing. She was a member of the first class to graduate from CSC School of Nursing. Like her mother before her, she started working at Cottage Hospital in Galesburg. She loved working with the patients and had moved up to evening supervisor and finished her 40-plus-year career at Cottage Hospital as a case manager and in 2004 was named Employee of the Year.


Most of all, she loved spending time with her grandchildren, shopping for them and decorating for the various holidays. She was a member and past president of Williamsfield's Home Culture Club and the Williamsfield United Methodist Church and its Methodist Women.

The family would like to thank the staff and management of Seminary Manor for Judy's kind and compassionate care as we dealt with her end-of-life experience.

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FALL HELP WANTED: Spoon River Valley Farms, located 3 miles North of Princeville is looking for a part-time fall driver/auger cart operator for this fall. We are also looking for a 3rd shift person to watch our dryers (duties include testing grain/monitor general operation of two dryer sites). Class A CDL is re-

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WANTED

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LEGAL ADS

TAKE NOTICE CERTIFICATE NO. 20180040

James L. Stratton; Connie A. Eckermann; William J. Pannier III; Julia J. Pannier; John R. King; Joannie S. King; Stark County Clerk; Current Occupants; and unknown owners or parties interested. A Petition for Tax Deed on premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of STARK County, Illinois, as case # 2022-TX-9

The real estate is described as: Property Index Number #: 04-35-405-009

Said property was sold on OCTOBER 22, 2019, for the General Taxes for the year 2018. The period of redemption will expire on OCTOBER 20, 2022.

On NOVEMBER 18, 2022, the petitioner will make application to such court in said County for an order for Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed. Publicani Investment Corp. Petitioner Published 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on July 11, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-offices addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as GERARD TREE SERVICE located at 113 2nd Street, Bradford, IL 61421. Dated July 11, 2022.

/s/ Heather L. Hollis County Clerk Published 7/15, 7/22, 7/29/22

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Michael Sparks, 102 McKinley, Speer, Illi-

nois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a variance in setback requirements for property described as Village of Speer, Lot 1 Block 1.

The request for the variance is for moving an existing 24 x 36' garage onto a vacant lot that will be 1 foot from the South property line, rather than the 5 foot setback.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Court-house at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, August 8, 2022, at which time and place all persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson ZONING OFFICER Published 7/22/22

LEGAL NOTICE

Stark County CUSD #100 is taking bids for the following surplus vehicles:

- 2006 Ford Cargo Van (255,690 Miles)
2006 Ford Cargo Van (215,953 miles)
1995 GMC Mini Bus (180,590 miles)

Bids must be a minimum of \$700. Deadline for Bids: 12:00 noon, Wednesday, August 10, 2022.

Sealed bids to be delivered to Stark County CUSD #100, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491.

The bids will be presented to the Stark County Board of Education at its regular meeting on August 15, 2022. The Board of Education is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published 7/22/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF No. 2022 PR 11

SHIRLEY A GUSTAFSON, Deceased CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY A. GUSTAFSON. Letter of Office were issued on July 15, 2022, to Julie A. Bral, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 25, 2023. Any claim not filed by 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

Visit: http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/22

ORDINANCE NO. 01-22 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF KNOX AND HENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Galva Public Library District of the Counties of Knox and Henry, State

of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Galva Public Library District.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Galva, Illinois this 12th day of July, 2022 Linda VanDeVelde President of the Board of Trustees of Galva Public Library District Attest:

Barbara J. Caravello PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-22 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF KNOX AND HENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Galva, Illinois this 12th day of July, 2022.

1. The specified number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 228.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 9, 2022.
3. The referendum would be held April 4, 2023. Barbara J. Caravello Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Galva Public Library District c/o Galva Public Library District 120 N.W. Third Street Galva, IL 61434 Published 7/22

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023. Rows include contingencies, marketing, salaries, operating expenses, and special reserve fund.

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Stark County Historical Society Open House
 316 W. Jefferson St., Toulon
 9:00 – 1:00 Saturday, August 6, 2022
 On Saturday of Old Settlers, the Stark County Illinois Historical Society (SCIHS) is going to be open for tours. There is a lot new to see.
 A covered wagon is one of the prized artifacts that will be on display in the new building. Jeanne Ryan, president of SCIHS, has found 40 references in old newspapers of families moving from the East into west central Illinois in covered wagons. The migration journey of the Adams family is one example.

 Samuel M. Adams (1837-1931) of Toulon was born in Ashland County, Ohio. In October, 1852, at age 15, he came with his parents to Stark County. The trip from Ohio was made by means of two covered wagons and one buggy. The long, tiresome journey took seventeen days—an average of 25 miles per day. The family resided in LaFayette the first winter and the following spring moved to a farm eight miles south of Toulon. Samuel Adams was a farmer, Civil War veteran, Stark County Sheriff, and the first president of the State Bank of Toulon. He was the Old Settlers badge honoree in 1930.



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