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## Toulon lift station delayed again, awaiting electronic parts

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

TOULON – After approximately one and a half months of progress on a long-awaited lift station project, action has screeched to a halt.

According to City Engineer Farnsworth Group representative, Zach Knight, Stark Excavating has “completed the mainline excavation and installation” of the sewer sanitary lift station project. Stark began in

late August trenching the line for pipe installation south of the Prairie and Whittaker Streets intersection and also east and north from that point.

Knight stated that Stark Excavating is “held up waiting for [electronic] parts” for the lift station unit. Knight said, “The delay will be until winter [December], but that anything that can be done in regards to restoration – pavement, cleanup, they’ll do everything they can. Pressure test-

ing was done [Oct. 11] and is going very well. There will be a final test where they pull a pre-formed insert through the pipe to make sure it hasn’t settled.”

Residents are not to hook up to the piping yet, although one resident did and it effected the pressure testing negatively. Residents will have to go to City Hall and fill out a form in order to properly hookup to the sanitary sewer system.

In other business at its recent

meeting, the Toulon City Council discussed the new water tower grant, but took no action. A report is needed by today, Oct. 21, that updates the previous reports submitted regarding water pressure readings, etc. The City is planning on meeting that request for the grant application.

If approved, Toulon will replace the current water tower with a new tower that has more storage capacity, which is needed according to past studies.

The council approved Halloween hours for Oct. 31, from 5-7 p.m. Also approved was vacating LaFayette Street to resident Kyle Wallace who lives on West Clinton Street. The property will become part of Wallace’s driveway.

City Attorney Rob McCoy, who filled in for Kate Carter, said during his report that two ordinance violators who were taken to court in the past and found guilty of “maintaining a

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## Wyoming waste water project begins Moonlight Madness parade route changed

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

WYOMING – The City Council heard Monday that work is underway on the water and wastewater plant.

Water and Wastewater Plant Operator Greg McCauley reported that work has started on renovating the plant. McCauley said that the old sand filters are now offline and will be removed in the near future.

The council approved a second payment to Leander Construction in the amount of \$9,342 for work connected with the wastewater treatment plant. Also, a payment of \$61,000 to Farnsworth Group, Inc. was approved for construction engineering costs.

The council also approved changing the route for the Moonlight Madness Celebration Parade, as presented by State Bank of Toulon representative Jodie Dienst. The parade will assemble and line up at Duryea Park and travel west on Williams Street to the four-way

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## BANDITS ABOUND

### Raccoon numbers on the rise

**By GRETCHEN STEELE**  
For The Prairie News

Raccoons: Love them or hate them, Illinois has plenty!

If it seems as though there are plenty of masked bandits in Illinois, that’s because there are. Raccoons are found in every county in greater numbers than when European settlers first arrived.

No wonder almost anyone you talk with – in the city or country – has at least one raccoon encounter tale to tell.

According to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, “The number of raccoons in Illinois has increased dramatically since the 1930s.” Populations of 9-45 raccoons per square mile are common in Illinois, with fall estimates of



A young raccoon attempts to dry off after a rain shower. Raccoon numbers are on the rise in Illinois. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

more than 100 raccoons per square mile in parts of Cook, Kane, and McHenry counties.

Stan McTaggart, IDNR wildlife diversity program manager, tells us that based on survey data for spotlight and roadkill counts from 1981-2022 show a slow and relatively steady increase.

Anecdotally, many hunters, wildlife watchers and folks who have issues with nuisance raccoons might be more inclined to proclaim that there’s a population explosion.

When asked about this perception of a population explosion and any concerns related to the perception of population gains, McTaggart said, “We do not have data at a fine enough scale to show this. Artificially high populations are generally stabilized by disease and/or starvation if animals exceed the carrying capacity of their habitat.

“Some people are willing to tolerate more wildlife than others. Some people love seeing raccoons, etc., and unfortunately, feed

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## Stark CUSD takes on snow removal

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

WYOMING – Stark County School District is considering purchasing a new truck with a snowplow attached to remove snow at the school campuses. The board of education approved Superintendent Brett Elliott’s exploration of “the cost and the purchase of a new truck and plow for snow removal.”

The school district let bids last month for snow removal and received no bids, which prompted the board’s action to approve Elliott’s search for snow removal equipment. If a truck and plow are approved for purchase, then the snow removal would become the responsibility of the district’s maintenance director.

In a related item, the board approved the adoption of the 2022-23 Snow Day/Emergency Day procedures remain the same as last year.

Elliott said that if the tax levy exceeds five percent from the previous year, then the school district would be required to hold a Truth in Taxation Hearing prior to submitting the fiscal year 2023 levy. Elliott pointed out that the district usually

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
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Betty Hoy has moved into an Assisted Living Facility in Normal.

She will be in Bradford to visit on October 29<sup>th</sup>.

An Open House will be held at the Bradford American Legion from 1-4pm.

Come visit and share stories. No gifts, cards are welcome.

# TOULON: Culvert creates weight limits

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 nuisance” have failed to pay their fines and costs. The violators have been turned over to a collection agency.

McCoy said that the property at 413 E. Jefferson St. that was going to be developed has been put on hold. Mayor Larry Hollis indicated that demolition of the house at that location will probably occur.

Bids to construct a maintenance shed at the city’s sewer plant location were opened and Kenny Muselman’s bid of \$27,000 was approved. A 32-foot by 40-foot shed is to be built to house city equipment.

Signs will be posted at and near the intersection of Jefferson and Union streets warning of weight restrictions there because of a col-

lapsing culvert. Recommendations are to replace the culvert as soon as possible.

The farm lease was approved for another three years. Also approved was the purchase of an electrical backup generator from RAB Electric for \$8,700 for the city maintenance shed located at the sewer plant.

# WYOMING: Beautification project approved

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 stop intersection. There the parade will turn to the north on Seventh Street and travel to Park Street. The parade will travel east on Park Street until it returns to Duryea Park. This year’s theme is “Candyland.” The event is scheduled for Nov. 18 with the parade starting at 8 p.m.

According to Superintendent Joe Kinsella’s written report, playground equipment has arrived and been installed at Duryea Park. The council was informed that additional equipment for toddlers has been installed at Thomas Park.

The council approved the Downtown Beautification Program grant of

\$3,000 to be paid to Stark County Assets (Keith Ratcliff). The grant was approved on Sept. 20, 2022. Also approved was an ordinance continuing the health insurance coverage for city employees from H&M Blue Cross – Blue Shield at an 8.02 percent increase.

Land measuring 20 feet by 105 feet has been vacated by the City of Wyoming located at 100 N. Galena Road. The land was sold to Nancy Whaley for \$1,500. She intends to have a ramp built to access her home.

Michael Schott was approved to develop a city website for a cost between \$620 and \$1,040. There will be an annual fee of approximately

\$1,330 to monitor, host and update the website in the future.

Lighting has been completed by Ameren on Main Street and on Van Buren, near the school located there. Also LED light bulbs have been installed at various downtown locations.

The Wyoming City Council has adopted a consent agenda for its meetings. This means that little to no discussion happens during the council’s monthly meetings. Consideration of ordinances are brought forth and voted for approval. Packet information is distributed prior to the meeting to inform council members about ordinances up for a vote.

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**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

**10-8** - Cole M. Merriman - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

**10-8** - Kaleigh B. Hoard - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

**Felonies &**

**Misdemeanors**

**10-7** - Felony - Kenneth D. Curry - Possession of a controlled substance.

**10-17** - Felony - Tex H. Anderson - Reckless discharge of a firearm and aggravated assault/use of a deadly weapon.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

**10-10** - Authorities towed an abandoned vehicle located along 400N east of 1000E and impounded it.

**10-10** - Clayton L. Mullens, 22, Brimfield, was cited for driving on an expired registration.

**10-12** - Randy W. Newton, of rural Toulon reported the theft of several items missing from his residence. The incident remains under investigation.

**10-14** - Jose A. Luna-Hernandez, 30, Plainfield, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended, driving with no insurance, and speeding 56 mph in a 45 zone. Luna-Hernandez was also found wanted on warrants in both Henry County and LaSalle counties. He posted a combined total cash bond of \$950 and was released with new court dates to appear.

**10-14** - Zachary D. Jacobson, 32, Buda, was arrested and cited for failure to stop at a four-way stop intersection, failure to wear a seat belt, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

**10-14** - Tamara L. Schwab, 45, Chicago, was ticketed for speeding 86 mph in a 55 zone and for driving with no insurance.

**10-14** - Tynesha R. Smith, 34, Peoria, was arrested for driving while her license was suspended and was cited for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis and speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone. She was also wanted on a Peoria County warrant. Smith posted \$550 cash bond and was released.

**10-15** - Mauricio Barragan-Tello, 33, Hazelwood, Mo., was taken into custody and cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, driving on a suspended license, driving without a valid registration and speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone. He posted \$250 bond and was released.

**10-15** - Alvin S. Ballard Jr., 44, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding 64 mph in a 55 zone and for driving on a revoke driver's license. Also arrested in the same traffic stop was Elizabeth L. Dailey, 34, Kewanee, charged with illegal transportation of alcohol and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis. She was also found wanted on a Henry County warrant. Ballard posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear. Dailey posted \$250 cash bond on her Stark County charges and \$200 cash bond on the Henry County warrant before being released with court dates to appear.

**10-15** - Tex H. Anderson, 71, Hoopedale, was arrested for unlawful discharge of a firearm and aggravated unlawful use of a weapon. He remains in custody at the Stark County

Jail awaiting a court appearance.

**10-15** - A possible battery complaint was reported to authorities by a resident in the 500 block of N. Galena Ave. in Wyoming. The incident remains under investigation

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**10-10** - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a report involving criminal damage to property.

**10-10** - along with Galva Fire Department to the 500 block of NW 10th St. for a vehicle on fire.

**10-10** - After completing follow up on a motorcycle that fled from Galva officers on Oct. 8, the driver, Barry Cox, 57, Kewanee, was arrested for aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude police, speeding 84 in a 55mph zone, defective exhaust, no eye protection while driving motorcycle, reckless driving, operating a vehicle displaying expired Illinois registration, speeding 118 in a 55 mph zone, violation of classification, operating an uninsured vehicle, speeding 35 in a 30mph zone and resisting or obstructing a police officer. He was released with a required court date.

**10-11** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a welfare check. The subject was transported by ambulance.

**10-11** - to NE 1st Ave. for a suicidal juvenile complaint.

**10-11** - After a traffic stop in the 300 block of SE 2nd St., Mary Booth, 38, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released with a court date.

**10-12** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to check the welfare of a subject. Officer forced entry and found a subject who had fallen several days earlier. They were transported by ambulance.

**10-12** - to meet a resident in the 200 block of NE 5th Ave. in reference to the theft of a catalytic converter from a vehicle parked there.

**10-12** - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for a single vehicle vs tree limb accident with damage only.

**10-13** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to check the welfare of a subject. The subject was found on the floor and was transported by ambulance.

**10-14** - to a residence on Front St. in reference to a subject who thought they may have been drugged. They were transported by ambulance.

**10-14** - After a traffic stop in the 200 block of SE 6th Ave, a 17-year-old juvenile from Milan was arrested for not having a valid driver's license, having an open vehicle title and not using headlights when required. Subject was released to a guardian with a required court date.

**10-15** - to a business on Front St. to remove an unwanted customer.

**10-15** - Officer was advised of a possible water main break in the 300 block of NW 1st Ave. he Galva Water Department was contacted.

**10-15** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to check the welfare of a subject having a mental health crisis. They were transported by ambulance.

**10-15** - to a residence on SE 1st St. to remove two unwanted subjects.

**10-15** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of NE 4th Ave., Dequante Carson, 30, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

**10-15** - to the 500 block of NW 11th St. for a complaint involving harassing text messages.

**10-16** - Officer went to a residence in the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Lacey Nordeen, 24, Kewanee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charges of driving while license suspended, DUI-drugs and speeding. She was unable to post bond and was transported to the Henry County jail.

**10-16** - After a traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Division St., Rashaud Harris, 30, Galesburg, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license, defective exhaust and failure to secure a child in a proper child restraint system. He also had a Stark County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of driving suspended. He was able to post bond and was released with a court date. A passenger, Paige Yocum, 23, Galesburg, was arrested on a Stark County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of operating an uninsured vehicle. She posted bond and was released.

**10-10** - Cash Jenkins, 18, Galva, issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 300 block of NW 1st St.

**10-11** - Casey Brose, 41, Cambridge, issued a citation for operating a vehicle with expired registration in the 800 block of NW 1st Ave.

**10-11** - Joseph Joutras, 68, Joliet, issued a citation for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

**10-15** - Souzannah Bouounis, 39, Oswego, issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

**10-15** - Trimaine Carson, 29, Monmouth, issued a citation for having expired registration in the 100 block of SE 2nd Street.

**10-16** - Ismael Lopez, 54, Neponset, issued a citation for speeding in the 200 block of SE 2nd Street.

**Peoria County report**

**10-11** - Krystopher R. Williams, 31, of Edelstein was arrested at 10 a.m. Oct. 11 and accused of driving on a suspended license, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

**Property Transfers**

**10-11** - Jeffrey C. and Kathleen M. Nelson to Orwig Properties, LLC - Musselman's Subdivision of SE 1/4 19-13-6 - Pt Lots 1 & 2 - 104 S. East St., Toulon - Consideration = \$15,000.

**10-11** - Kelly Garland & Kelly Wheeler to Patrick Allen & Sheila Rose Goforth - Pt 11-14-7 NE - 16920 Township Rd., 1692N, Bradford - Consideration = \$6,000.

**10-12** - Brian and Jeffrey Hanley to Green Gables, Inc. - Pt Lt 48 - 26-14-7 NE & Pts 26-14-7 NW - 16488 State Rte. 40, Bradford - Consideration = \$200,000.

**10-12** - Betty A. Hoy to Jon Warner - Foster's Add'n Block D Lot 6 - 305 First St., Bradford - Consideration = \$20,000.

**10-13** - Jesus Cardenas III to Kandice A. O'Malley - Pt 30-12-7 NW - 12451 S. Valley Rd., Princeville - Consideration = \$166,000.

**10-14** - Beth K. Taheri to Lynville M. & Ruth D. Eberle - Pt 24-12-5 SW - 5147 Township Rd. 800 N Toulon - Consideration = \$182,000.

**10-14** - Jeffery R. Pittman to Douglas W. & Lynda D. Gibreath - Original Town of Toulon - Pt block 8 lots 1 & 4 - 118 N. Miller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$100,000.

**Marriage**

**10-12** - Dustin Eugene Hegwood and Chelsea Nicole Popejoy - both of Kewanee.

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# RACCOONS: Hunting, trapping start Nov. 10

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them. Others see one raccoon around their home and feel that it's a problem. The most common nuisance wildlife concern we hear about is property damage from raccoons. They are pretty savvy, and once they figure out where to find food and shelter near people, especially where they are being fed – the bad behaviors are almost impossible to change.”

The 2018 Nuisance Wildlife Report shows there were 19,043 raccoons handled by individuals with nuisance permits.

Concerns about the steady rise of raccoon numbers go beyond nuisances and property damage. Raccoons may carry diseases such as parvovirus and distemper that could conceivably be transmitted to domestic pets.

“Raccoons are like many wildlife species that can carry zoonosis or diseases found in wildlife that can be transmitted to people (and pets). It is important to take basic precautions when handling or cooking wildlife and to keep all pets current on vaccinations. More information can be found in the Disease and Public Health section of wildlifeillinois.org.”

It's also wise to think about your property and surroundings regarding “raccoon proofing.”

Here are some simple tips courtesy of Wildlife Illinois:

- Remove tree branches that overhang the roof to limit access to chim-

neys or attics.

- Do not leave pet food outside overnight.
- Store garbage in metal or rugged plastic containers with tight-fitting lids. It may be necessary to secure the cover with wire or a clamp.
- Close dumpster lids each night.
- Attach heavy-duty chimney caps at the top of the chimneys.
- Repair holes and close all openings to attics. Make sure all raccoons are out of the building before sealing openings.

If all of your best measures fail, the raccoon will have to be removed. To remove the raccoon yourself, you need a permit from an IDNR district wildlife biologist. If you don't want to trap yourself, contact a nuisance wildlife control operator.

No discussion about raccoons is complete without discussing coon hunting and trapping – which seem to be dying arts.

In 1980 there were an estimated 43,460 coon hunters in Illinois. In 2020 there were just an estimated 4,776.

Coon season opens Nov. 10 and runs through Feb. 15. Hunting is allowed 24 hours per day, except for archery hunting of raccoons, which is limited to one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset during archery deer season.

Trapping license sales aren't quite as low as one might think, despite the disastrous drop in fur prices that has sidelined many would-be coon trappers who say it's not worth the

effort right now.

Even so, in 2021, Illinois sold 6,580 trapping licenses. The all-time high for trapping licenses was 21,407 in 1979, and the all-time low was 2,130 in 2000. Raccoon trapping season in Illinois is Nov. 10 to Feb. 15.

McTaggart stressed that recreational fur-trapping (and hunting when and where it is allowed) is the preferred method to deal with nuisance furbearer issues. Trapping can help control a local population of animals and, in some cases, reduce the number of nuisance complaints.

Legal trapping can occur 100 yards from an occupied dwelling without permission of the occupants, closer with permission, as long as there are no municipal ordinances prohibiting trapping.

To learn more about raccoon hunting/trapping and how to get started, seek out a local coon club by visiting the website coonhuntingclub.com.

The Illinois Learn to Hunt program or the Illinois Trappers Association are also excellent sources of information.

Let's not forget raccoons are also a tasty game animal for some. My own Uncle Leslie was famous for his barbecued coon, and many a roaster full of the secret recipe was consumed at community and family events.

**Marshall-Stark Public Transportation**  
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The Stark County Fine Arts Network would like to inform our supporters that we **WILL NOT** be selling Christmas Greens this year due to our supplier discontinuing their wholesale business.  
We appreciate your support of the Christmas Greens sales the past several years.

**PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF TOULON**  
Notice is hereby given that on **December 5, 2022, at the Toulon Fire Station at 6:00 p.m. a Caucus of the People's Party,** in the City of Toulon, County of Stark, in the State of Illinois will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:  
**Alderman Ward #1 4 year term**  
**Alderman Ward #2 4 year term**  
**Alderman Ward #3 4 year term**  
**Alderman Ward #3 2 year term**  
Anyone choosing not to attend the Caucus may obtain nominating petition packets at the office of the City Clerk - 122 N. Franklin St. Toulon, IL. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 - 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Completed petitions may be filed with the City Clerk during the filing Period, December 14<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The City Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday the 14th for your convenience.  
Barbara J Cantwell  
City Clerk  
City of Toulon

**CITY OF WYOMING TRICK OR TREATING**  
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**Notice to Stark County Voters**  
Early voting for the November 8th, 2022, General Election will begin September 29th and end November 7th 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, November 5th from 9-12pm for early voting.  
**Heather L. Hollis**  
Stark County Election Authority

The Stark County Fine Arts Network is sponsoring a limited number of tickets to **"JOSEPH and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"** at the Eastlight Theatre, 1401 E. Washington St., East Peoria, IL (You provide your own transportation.)  
Evening Show- Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30pm  
Matinee- Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm  
Reserve your tickets no later than Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. The reduced ticket cost is made possible in part by a gift from the Estate of Aleda Wright  
MAIL TICKET ORDER and PAYMENT TO: STARK COUNTY FINE ARTS NETWORK, P.O. BOX 106, TOULON, IL 61483  
Due to the limited number of tickets, please reserve the following tickets to "JOSEPH":  
Evening: Saturday, December 3, 2022  
\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults at \$10 each  
\_\_\_\_ Number of Students at \$10 each  
Matinee: Sunday, December 4, 2022  
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## AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE

**VIRTUAL ONLINE | STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

### LAND & REAL ESTATE AUCTION

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022 AT 1:00 PM<sup>COT</sup>**

**DAY 1**



**641.5 ACRES±  
7 TRACTS**

**TRACT 6 & 7 OPEN HOUSE DATES:  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22 • 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM  
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26 • 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

The Johnson farm is located approximately 8 miles southwest of Toulon, IL, or 12 miles southeast of Galva, IL. The land is further described as being located in Sections 5 & 6, T12N-R5E, West Jersey Township, Stark County, IL. The property contains a total of 641.50 acres (subject to survey) and will be sold in 7 tracts. Tracts 1-4 provide nearly all productive tillable cropland. Tract 5 is a combination of tillable cropland and fenced pasture. Tracts 6 & 7 are improved with 2 story farmhouses and other outdoor buildings.

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### FARM RETIREMENT AUCTION

**BIDDING CLOSES: THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022  
STARTING AT 10:00 AM<sup>COT</sup>**

**ITEMS WILL SELL FROM THE FARM NEAR WEST JERSEY, IL**

**DAY 2**



**INSPECTION DATE:  
TUESDAY, NOV. 8  
9:00AM - 3:00 PM**

**HIGHLIGHTS:** '14 New Holland T8.360 MFWD tractor, 455 hours; '97 New Holland 8670 MFWD tractor, 5,421 hours; '18 Kubota M6-141 MFWD tractor, 550 hours; Hesston 1580 2wd tractor, 5,361 hours; '92 Gleaner R52 2wd combine, 4,033 eng./2,592 sep. hours; Gleaner 6 row 30" corn head; White 8200 12 row 30" planter; 2014 Kuhn Krause 8000 Excelsior 20" vertical tillage tool; McFarlane HDL 30' 8-bar harrow; New Idea 3622 manure spreader; Da-Co MX-10 10-wheel hay rake; New Holland 258 5-bar hay rake; Land Pride RCMS515 15' batwing mower; (7) M&W 4250 gravity wagons; (5) M&W 4200 gravity wagons; M&W 5200 gravity wagon; Killbros 525 gravity wagon; DMI D400 gravity wagon; Kubota RTV500 UTV, 646 hours; Kubota RTV500 UTV, 787 hours; 2015 Honda 420 Rancher ATV, 92 hours/528 miles; '16 JD X590 riding lawn mower, 357 hours; '13 Ford F150 4wd XLT pickup, 59,132 miles; New Holland 555D 4wd backhoe, 4,934 hours

**JOHNSON FAMILY - RLJ FARMING CORP**  
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Representing Attorney: Patrick Egan  
Egan Law LLC | (309) 343-5010  
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### Public Auction

**120 East 6th St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
Sunday, October 30th, 2022  
11:00 A.M. Personal Property  
12:00 P.M. Real Estate**

**Real Estate General Description:**  
A 1.5 story, 6 room, 3-bedroom, 1 bathroom, wood framed and sided home. Walls and ceilings are painted and plastered. Floors are carpeted and includes linoleum tile. Home is GFA heated and has central air. Home includes a basement. Good asphalt shingled roof, a 3 car, heated, garage with an adjacent open front pole building. All are situated on a 100 X 200 ft corner lot.

**Legal to be read day of auction**  
PIN # -20-28-457-022  
Taxes - 2021 \$222.85

**Terms:** 15% down payment is required day of auction. Balance is due on or within 30 days or November 30th, 2022. General warranty deed and title insurance policy issued by the seller. Taxes prorated accordingly. Any and or all announcements day of auction supersedes previous printed information. Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids. Information taken from Henry County Public Records.

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### RURAL GILSON, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

The following 2 story brick home and personal property will be sold on location at 1208 State Rt. 97, Gilson, IL 61458 (The house is located right along Rt. 97 6.4 miles north of Maquon, IL), on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 23RD, 2022 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. sells first)**

**PROPERTY DESCRIPTION:** This 2 story brick home was built in 1929 and is located on 9/10th of an acre on a nice country location. Its storybook charm includes original hardwood floors throughout the home, along with intricate woodwork, partially open ornate staircase, beautiful orig. paned windows and doors, built in cabinets, closets and original woodburning fireplace with a nice mantle. The main level includes a kitchen w/nook area, nice sized dining room, living room and a glassed in sunroom/den area. The 2nd story has 4 bedrooms, all also w/original hardwood floors and woodwork, and a full bathroom. The house also has a walk up attic area and a full basement. The climate of the house is controlled with natural gas forced heat and central air that was installed in 2009. The water heater is new. The brick of the exterior is in good condition and the roof is approx. 10 yrs. old and fine. The 120' well is drilled, water pressure is strong and a water softener is installed. A 2 stall unattached garage is also included. This property is a must see if you are looking for a nice country family home within Knoxville Schools. A non-refundable 10% down the day of auction will be collected from the buyer and a valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale. The balance will be due upon closing in approx. 30 days.

**ANTIQUES:** old International and BMC pedal tractors—sm. old Butcher's block table—very nice ant. drop front oak secretary—very primitive dry sink—French white vintage table/4 chairs—enamel top table—vintage red table w/ booths—nice oak rocker w/leather seat—prim. wooden child's wagon—prim. wooden chairs—old oak desk—mission style dresser w/back mirror—nice china hutch—old white wooden toy chest—2 prim. long cedar chests—wicker pieces—lg. wooden crate—old oak 4 drawer file cab.—kitchen cabinet—3 section book shelf—old oak commode—poster twin size bed—2 BNSF RR plates—plastic Coke stand, phone, signs and misc.—Farmall MD w/loader NB—Ertl wagon—old JD 4 x 4 toy tractor—1586 . JD toy tractors—Case toy tractor—old light fixtures—marble cat bookends—Westbay Equip. and other yardsticks—old books—Abingdon/other pottery—Sure Hit apple crate—wooden planes—old hand sled—ant. Crane paper press—old Union Brewing Co. Peoria, IBW Peoria, Golden Cream, Quaker, Dad's rootbeer and other bottles—ant. oak corner cabinet—Queen iron toy stove—old wooden benches—some holiday—album of old Fleer football cards—vintage Mirror and Maple Woolsey yearbooks—1950's/60's auto manuals and Chiltons—Fostoria and other glass, figurines and smalls—misc. antiques.

**HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:** including a nice Frigidaire Gallery gas stove, and refrigerator/freezer—dehumidifier—Estate electric dryer and washer—basic household items.

**OUTDOOR AND TOOLS:** JD LA175 hydro riding mower w/54" deck, 26 HP, 530 hrs.—old DeVere front mount 48" mower w/Wisconsin motor and rear seat—Stihl Wood Boss chain saw O28AV w/16" bar—2 push garden plows—Craftsman front line tiller, 3 hrs. of use—Century 6 and 12 v battery charger on wheels—sm. air compressor—Kobalt 12" electric saw, weed whacker, hedge trimmer, blower—new sm. and lg. live traps—Gorilla yard wagon—old gas cans—old wrenches—few steel posts—lgloo dog house—Agri Fab lawn sweeper—yard and garden tools and items—sm. picnic table—6' fiberglass and other ladders—hardware, organizers, hand tools, jack, bench grinder, air tank, axes, scoops, old 2 wheeled cart and much more. See pictures online.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION REAL ESTATE

The following described Real Estate will be offered at Public Auction to be held at the property, corner of Grove and Railroad Streets, Camp Grove, IL 61424 on: **THIS AUCTION IS LIVE - IN PERSON ONLY**  
Look for this and upcoming Auctions on [www.redigerauctionservice.com](http://www.redigerauctionservice.com)

**THURSDAY, OCT. 27, 2022 - 5 P.M.**

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**  
Located on Lots 4 & 5 in block 8 of the town of Camp Grove, Illinois. Irregular 140' x 120' lot, approximately .5 acre +/-, including a 60' x 36" Prairie type barn with a steel covered Gambrel roof. Public utilities available.



**TAXES:** #01-30-382-003 2021 taxes paid in 2022 were \$202.96.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1) The successful bidder will be required to enter into a standard real estate purchase contract with 10% of the purchase price due immediately following the auction. The balance will be due and payable on or before November 23, 2022.
- 2) The 2022 real estate taxes will be prorated to the date of possession.
- 3) The seller shall provide a title insurance policy in the amount of the purchase price of the subject property.
- 4) The property is being sold in "AS IS" condition, with no warranties of any kind.
- 5) The information is believed to be accurate. However, we strongly urge all prospective buyers to thoroughly research all pertinent data and to draw their own conclusions.
- 6) All announcements made the day of the sale take precedence over any previously printed advertised terms or conditions.
- 7) To view the property contact Rick Rediger - Auctioneer at 815-699-7999.

**Seller: CAMP GROVE STATE BANK**  
Attorney for Seller: Justin Raver  
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**Leezer FARMLAND SALES**  


**208 M/L Acres of Stark County Farmland - Sold in Three Tracts -**

**FOR SALE BY VIRTUAL AUCTION**

**November 16, 2022 - 9AM**  
 Auction Bidding Only Online: register at [www.LeezerFarmland.com](http://www.LeezerFarmland.com)  
 Location: approximately 4 miles north of Wyoming, IL, off of Modena Rd.  
 Survey: Tracts #1&2 will be surveyed; Tract #3 will be sold as 37 m/l acres.

**Tract #1:** Total Acres: 86; FSA Tillable: 82.8 approx; PI: 135.3  
**Tract #2:** Total Acres: 86; FSA Tillable: 81.6 approx; PI: 134.2  
**Tract #3:** Total Acres: 37; FSA Tillable: 31.19 PI: 118.7

**OWNER:** George Sales  
**ATTORNEY:** Anne Rennieck (Wyoming, IL)  
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# SCHOOL: Board approves audit

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 holds a hearing “regardless of exceeding the five percent threshold.” The district is waiting for the latest EAV estimates from the county clerk.

entation of the Annual Fiscal year 2022 audit from Gorenz Accounting. The overview had no findings and the board approved the audit.

Next month the board plans to award bids for

the Junior High School’s parking lot expansion to the east toward the bus garage and the gymnasium painting bid. The board will also provide a school renovation update and have an update of the levy process.

The district is considering purchasing a 29-passenger school bus because it would cost less than paying mileage overages that between \$14,000 and \$20,000. The increases are due to an increase in students at EXCEL, which increases the daily mileage for a leased 29-passenger bus.

The district planned to honor Mr. Glenn Beall, a Wyoming graduate from the Class of 1952 for his accomplishments in the plastic field. Beall was to be inducted into the Stark County Alumni Hall of Fame yesterday, Oct. 20 at the Glenn Buchert Gymnasium, in Toulon, at the high school campus.

The board approved:

- Rachel Bishop-Carroll and Sam Grigg as Toulon crossing guards.
- The resignation of Jim Langdon as high school assistant basketball coach. He was approved as an assistant coach for high school baseball.

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**Saturday, November 26th**

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**BRIEFS**

**Bradford Market Days deemed a success**

BRADFORD – Volunteers of the Bradford Betterment Committee met Oct. 13 and heard that Market Days in September and October have proven to be greatly appreciated by the community and deemed a success by the committee. The last Market Day for this year is Oct. 22 in Hodges Park.

The committee was informed by a Bradford Village Board member that the BBC recommendation for stump removal on Main Street was denied. The BBC is putting Main Street beautification on hold until spring when the group will remove hostas for sale.

The BBC also heard that a recent bind and music event were successful. Other items discussed were pumpkin decorating at Courtyard on

Oct. 22 at 1 p.m., Christmas decorating of the parks and Main Street on Nov. 19 and BBC events for Bradford's Old Fashioned Christmas Dec. 3.

The BBC meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Bradford Library. Community members are welcome to join.

– Angie Stange

**Stark County musicians accepted to festival**

TOLON – The following Stark County musicians were accepted to the Illinois Music Educators District Festivals through a rigorous audition process:

JH Chorus – Rylee Bowen, Ronan Breese, Coley Johnston, Darilis Knobloch, Julia Kronner, Isaac Macke, Anna Newby, Hallie Newton and Kamiyah Webster.

HS Chorus – Sarah Kraklow, Piper Tyree, Caleb Klemm, Jacob McCau-

ley and Mark Wagner.

HS Band – Lauren Best and Jack Colgan.

Jazz Band – Colgan.

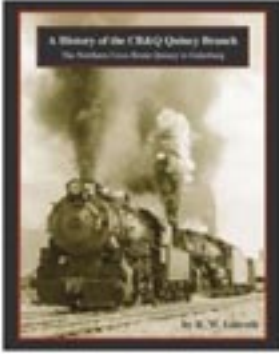
These students will rehearse and perform at the festivals held on Nov. 5 and 12.

**Ellis presents ghost stories in Bishop Hill**

BISHOP HILL – Storyteller and author Brian "Fox" Ellis will take listeners on a tour around the world with scary stories from many lands on Saturday Oct. 22, at 6 p.m. The performance will be held at the campfire in the backyard of the Twinflower Inn, 110 N. Olson S. The program will move to the Commons, 309 Bishop Hill Road in the event of inclement weather.

The event is free, but there is a suggested donation of \$5 for children and \$10 for adults.

**Stark County Genealogical Society**  
presents  
**A History of the CB&Q Railroad and the People who Worked There**  
By Bud Linroth



Bud retired from the BNSF Railroad in Galesburg after a 38-year career as a railman. Bud has written 3 books on Illinois railroad history.

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**Galva Administrative Building**  
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LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ROGER F. MAPES, Deceased No. 2022 PR 108

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of ROGER F. MAPES. Letters of Office were issued on October 5, 2022, to Linda A. Mapes and Andrew F. Mapes as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 22, 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 exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Case No. 22-MR-28K

Plaintiff IN CHANCERY vs.

ESTATE OF MILDRED R. PROPP, LEGALINE, CORPORATE SERVICES, INC. GRANITE LIEN GROUP, LLC, HENRY COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, HEALTH-CARE AND FAMILY SERVICES COLLECTIONS, AND CAROLE DOLIESLAGER Defendants

NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit for Publi-

LYNN TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT 04/01/21 - 03/31/22

Town, Cemetery, General Assistance, and Audit Funds

Beginning Balance 4/01/21 \$114,517.85

REVENUE

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Real Estate Taxes (\$48,992.56), Interest Income (147.21), State of IL (1,675.38), Miscellaneous (346.00), Total Revenue (51,161.15), Total Funds Available (\$165,679.00).

EXPENDITURES

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Accounting/Legal Fees (2,635.00), Audit Expense (3,675.00), Dues & Fees (569.85), FICAMed Expense (2,762.42), Insurance (375.00).

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Local Assistance (1,500.00), Office Supplies & Postage (447.61), Salaries (32,000.00), Utilities (603.86), Trustee Wages (4,110.00), Total Expenditures (48,678.74), Ending Balance 3/31/22 (\$117,000.26).

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Beginning Balance 4/01/21 \$393,039.56

REVENUE

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Includes Real Estate Taxes (\$92,960.36), Interest Income (356.33), State of IL (2,758.78), Miscellaneous (14,919.32), Total Revenue (110,994.79), Total Funds Available (504,034.35).

EXPENDITURES

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Expenditures In Excess of 52,500.

Betcher Trucking Inc \$10,357.47, Cavanaugh, Davies, Blackman & Cramblett Inc \$3,675.00, Compton Accounting LLC \$2635.00, Payroll Taxes \$2,939.52, Martin Equipment \$15,292.39, Ontario Township

\$20,000.00, Rask Transportation, \$4,126.32, TOIRMA \$4,844.00, West Central FS \$7,908.71, Payroll Under \$25,000.00: \$6,425.00

Jim Anderson, Nicholas Appell, Crystal Kitterman, Jeffrey O'Bryant, Randy Rumbold, Kyle Stevens, Timothy Thuline, Scott Walter, Pavroll \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.00: \$32,000.00, Nicholas George

I, Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor of Lynn Township, Henry County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.

Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor Published 10/21/22

ation having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Legaline Corporate Services, Inc and Granite Lien Group, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled action was filed and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of record: Estate of Mildred R. Propp

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The South Thirty-five (35) feet of Lot Twelve (12) of Block Five (5) of Bauer's Third Addition to the City of Kewanee, situated in the County of Henry, in the State of Illinois.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 916 N. Vine Street., Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley Circuit Clerk Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W 2nd St Kewanee, IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 Published 10/21, 10/28, 11/3/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE THIRTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BUREAU COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of Gerald Todd Hinds, deceased No. 2022-PR-71

Notice is given of the death of Gerald Todd Hinds. Letters of Administration were issued on September 30, 2022 to Laurie M. Hinds, 5344 E. Street. Bradford, IL 61421, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, PO Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Bureau County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Princeton, Illinois 61356, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the Bar Date, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 10/21, 10/28, 11/3/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ALBERT H. DAVIS, Deceased No. 2022 PR 111

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of ALBERT H. DAVIS. Letters of Office were issued on October 14, 2022, to Mariellen Davis as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 24, 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 repre-

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HASKELL Funeral & Cremation Services. Bert L. Haskell, Jr. - Owner/Funeral Director • Nicole Reed - Funeral Director (309) 385-4414 • haskellfuneral.com. Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword - AWOL. Includes crossword puzzle grid and clues.

Eighteenth Annual Bratfest Sunday October 30, 2022 St. Timothy Lutheran Church Routes 40 & 17 east of Wyoming 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Brats & Hot Dogs German Potato Salad, Sauerkraut & Baked Beans. NO COST FOR THE MEAL but we are asking for Free Will donations DRIVE-UP & CARRY-OUT 100% of proceeds will go to the ELCA Domestic Disaster Relief. This event is Co-Sponsored by St. Timothy Lutheran Church & Thrivent Financial.



**OBITUARIES**

**Jane Blank**

TOULON – Jane Blank, 95, of Toulon, passed away at 1:24 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, at her residence in Courtyard Estates of Bradford.

Jane was born on Oct. 17, 1926, in Chandlerville, Ill., to Harry and May (Haxton) Newman. She married Wilbur Leo Blank on June 19, 1946, in Princeville. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 1997.

Surviving are five sons, Wayne (Caroline) Blank of Kewanee, Dean Blank of Kewanee, Carl Blank of Peoria, Allen (Mary) Blank of Barrington, N.H., and Dale (Olivia) Blank of Riverview, Fla.; two daughters, Diana (Dennis) Walden of Corona, Calif., and Linda (Kenneth) Kunzman of Granbury, Texas;



Blank

18 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Dory Newman; one sister, Marjorie Harper; and one granddaughter.

Jane was “no plain Jane.” She dedicated her life to raising her family and was a member of the former St. John’s Catholic Church in Toulon. Jane was known locally for her homemade coleslaw and potato salad at the VFW fish fries, and was a contestant on the “Price is Right” game show.

She and her husband, Wilbur enjoyed evenings dancing at The Hub in Edelstein and were nationally known for his invention, the “Qwik Orange Peel.” They were guests on “60 Minutes” with Andy Rooney, where Andy said “it has changed my life” and also appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show.

Jane previously managed the mo-

bile home park in Toulon, and was also a bookkeeper for Blank’s Repair Shop in Toulon. She was a current member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming, where she was a part of their Altar & Rosary Society.

Her funeral mass was at 11 a.m. Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, her 96th birthday, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. Fr. John Cyr officiated. A visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity or organization of the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be left for Jane’s family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

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Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy  
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Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
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web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>  
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218 N. Henderson St., Toulon  
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Email [fcctoulon@gmail.com](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)  
website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

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1-309-932-3346  
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Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2460  
[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
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# SPORTS: Volleyball regional play starts Monday

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country team placed 29th last Saturday at the Patriot Invite at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Paige Rewerts was the top finisher for Stark County, placing 86th in 21:22.6. Other scoring runners were: Sarah Kraklow (140th, 22:58.4), Emily Martinez (192nd, 25:34.6), Nina Longbaugh (193rd, 25:35.1) and Arianna Gerger (203rd, 25:49.8).

Ethan Grinnell (266th, 23:02.1) was the top Stark County boys runner.

Emma Farmer (222nd, 27:47) was top girls finisher for Galva and Ian Pacheco (178th, 19:23.8) was Galva's top boys finisher.

The Patriot Invite is the final tuneup of the season for regionals, which are

Saturday, Oct. 22. Stark County and Galva will run at the Class 1A Seneca Regional, held at the Seneca High School FFA Land Lab. Girls run at 10 a.m., boys start at 11.

• **Galva VB** – Galva (13-17) fell to Lincoln Trail foe West Central 25-16, 25-14 on the road on Monday. Ava Strom scored on four kills. Lexi Stone racked up four kills, six assists and seven digs. Libby Anderson recorded seven assists. Kendall Rogers had 12 digs. Kali Yelm got 12 digs. Sarah Kaiser added six digs.

The Lady Wildcats swept Peoria Heights 28-26, 25-15 on Oct. 13 at home. Yelm dug 16 off the floor, Rogers recorded 14 attacks and Alexis Spivey had 5 kills, 15 attacks and 1 block. Kaiser got six

kills and one block. Libby Anderson served two aces, while blocking one and setting for 11 assists. Stone served two aces, killed five and had 16 attacks. Ava Anderson contributed with five aces and one block in the balanced team performance.

GHS bested LTC rival Monmouth United 25-14, 25-12 Oct. 12 at home. Libby Anderson served one ace and two kills. Stone got three assists and eight digs. Spivey recorded two kills and 12 attacks. Rogers scored on two kills to go with eight digs. Yelm had nine digs.

Galva opens postseason play Monday, Oct. 24, at the Kewanee Wethersfield Class 1A Regional. No. 9 seeded Galva faces No. 8 Peoria Christian at 6 p.m.

• **Stark Co. VB** – Stark

County (2-25-2) lost to Mercer County 25-9, 25-13 on Monday at home.

The Lady Rebels played in an invite at Delavan on Saturday, tying Midwest Central, but coming up short against Tremont, Lexington and the hosts. Kylee Frisby was the kills leader for the day. Lauren West paced the team in digs. Kenna Newton was the blocks leader in the effort.

SCHS lost to Knoxville 25-9, 25-9 on Oct. 12 on the road in a non-conference contest.

Stark County is at home Saturday, Oct. 22, in a non-conference clash with Bureau Valley. The No. 14 seeded Lady Rebels then play Tuesday, Oct. 25, against No. 3 ROWVA-Williamsfield at 6 p.m. at Kewanee Wethersfield.

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Out on a Limb



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by Linda Thistle

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### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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**FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3**

### CryptoQuote

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### Trivia test

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the coldest ocean on Earth?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is represented by the scientific order Proboscidea?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Greek prefix "pan-" mean in English?
4. MEDICAL: What is the common name for Hansen's disease?
5. LITERATURE: Which 1970s nonfiction book begins with the line, "We were somewhere around Barstow on the edge of the desert when the drugs began to take hold"?
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8. ACRONYMS: In photography, what does the acronym SLR stand for?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces a cheese called Manchego?
10. HISTORY: Who was the first House Speaker in U.S. history?

### Answers

1. The Arctic Ocean.
2. Elephants.
3. "All" (panorama, etc.).
4. Leprosy.
5. "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" (Hunter S. Thompson).
6. Wendy Wasserstein.
7. 102.
8. Single lens reflex.
9. Spain.
10. Frederick Muhlenberg.

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Smile (R)
2. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG)
3. Amsterdam (R)
4. The Woman King (PG-13)
5. Don't Worry Darling (R)
6. Avatar (PG-13)
7. Barbarian (R)
8. Bros (R)
9. Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)
10. Terrifier 2 (NR)

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# FOOTBALL: Galva loses to foe it hopes to mimic

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seemed a long shot for the Princeville football team.

Not any more. After a road win over Walther Christian last Saturday, the Princes (4-4, 2-4 Lincoln Trail) head into their season finale at Stark County with a shot to reach the postseason.

“I think we’ve learned and improved throughout the year. That’s what you shoot for, to have a meaningful game in Week 9,” Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. “Princeville vs. Stark County. The winner gets to go to the playoffs and the loser gets to go home.”

Carruthers said his team will need to start faster against Stark County than it did at winless Walther Christian, which was within 8-7 in the first quarter.

Then the Princes came alive, despite losing top rusher Tayshaun Kieser to an ankle sprain that put him in a walking boot and has him questionable for Friday.

Logan Carruthers threw for three scores and 197 yards, Marcel Primera ran for 92 yards and one touchdown on 10 carries and fullback JT Snyder added two TDs for the Princes.

“Stark is much improved from last year,” Carruthers said. “What hurt them the past couple years is they didn’t have much speed. They have that now.”

— Jeff Lampe

## West Central, 60 Galva 8

BIGGSVILLE – According to Galva Coach Mark Jeffrey, his program aspires to be what Biggsville West Central is.

Considered among the top teams in Illinois 8-man football, West

Central dominated Galva (2-6) from the start of this Saturday-afternoon game. The Heat (8-0) scored within the first few plays. By the second quarter, they were well on their way to scoring at least 60 for the sixth time this season.

It’s a long way from the days when West Central was struggling to win two games a year in 11-man football, according to Jeffrey. Arriving there in 2016 as coach was Jason Kirby, who led Manlius Bureau Valley to a state runner-up finish in 2004.

“They’re probably better than advertised,” Jeffrey said. “I remember when Kirby got there and thought, ‘This guy is on to something.’ You could see it starting to develop.

“Around here, a lot of people talked bad stuff about them when they went to 8-man, but I said ‘Those guys are smart. They can see the writing on the wall, and they know the future for a lot of small schools is 8-man.’”

West Central has about 40-50 players compared to Galva’s mid-teens. Among the Galva players is sophomore Alec Gustafson, who had the Wildcats’ only touchdown. It was a milestone for Gustafson, who has missed significant playing time because of injury and illness, according to Jeffrey.

Perhaps players like Gustafson can help Galva approach West Central-like success, Jeffrey suggested. “They were where we are, and now look what they’re doing,” the coach said. “It’s not impossible, but you’ve got to start building that program somewhere.”

Galva plays its final game of the season Friday at home against

Farmer City Blue Ridge-DeLand-Weldon (5-3). Jeffrey hopes the Wildcats can go out with a bang.

— Nick Vlahos

## Annawan-Wethersfield 32 ROWVA-Williamsfield 24

ONEIDA – The Lincoln Trail hosts led early, then fell behind, then staged a rally that came up short.

R-W (5-3, 4-2) went ahead 7-0 after Riley Danner’s 1-yard scoring run around midway through the first quarter at Bill Adams Field. But A-W (7-1, 6-0) then scored 26 in a row. A 21-yard pass from Dillon Horrie to Zeb Rashid just before halftime gave the visitors a lasting lead.

The host Cougars attempted a comeback early in the fourth quarter, behind a safety and Jaxon Sharp’s 65-yard scoring run on the ensuing kickoff. But A-W re-established some distance by scoring with 9:36 remaining in the game to lead 32-16.

Rashid, a sophomore, finished with 148 yards on 18 carries. Bryan Bertlshofer led R-W in rushing, with 53 yards on 17 carries.

The Cougars end their regular season Friday night with a conference game at Knoxville. While hopes for a conference championship are gone, R-W will be part of the Class 1A playoffs, having already racked up 41 points.

Knoxville is 5-1 in the league. So is Aledo Mercer County, which on Friday visits A-W. All three teams have secured postseason berths.

— Nick Vlahos

## SCOREBOARD

### Mercer County 28 Stark County 0

Stark County 0 0 0 0 - 0  
Mercer County 0 6 8 14 - 28

**Scoring Summary**  
**Second Quarter**  
MC - Relander 1 pass from Cox (run failed)  
**Third Quarter**  
MC - Heinrichs 9 run (Lucas run)  
**Fourth Quarter**  
MC - Heinrichs 33 pass from Cox (run failed)  
MC - Lucas 1 run (Relander run)

**Team Statistics**

	SC	MC
First downs	8	18
Rushes-Yds	28-32	46-173
Yds per carry	1.1	3.8
Comp-Att-Int	6-19-2	9-13-0
Passing yds	64	125
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-1

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing - SC: Rewerts 10(-19), Barnwell 5-14, Bowser 2-26, Daum 1(-8), Henry 7-20, Orwig 1(-2), Kieser 1-4, Team 1(-3). MC: Lucas 19-118, Relander 6-26, Cox 6-0, Sandoval 1(-5), Kenney 1(-1), Whitehall 2-0, Estabrook 2-16, Fredrickson 1(-5), Heinrichs 2-37, Team 6(-13).  
Passing - SC: Rewerts 5-17-2 65, Bowser 2-1-0 1. MC: Cox 9-13-0 125, Receiving - SC: Bowser 2-27, Daum 1-1, Kieser 1-18, Wagenbach 2-18. MC: Relander 4-59, Heinrichs 3-51, Lucas 1-3, Long 1-20, Frederickson 1-12.  
Tackles - SC: Barnwell 13, Rouse 8, Baxter 6.

### Princeville 50 Walther Christian 7

Princeville 16 14 20 0 - 50  
Walther Christ. 7 0 0 0 - 7

**Scoring Summary**  
**First Quarter**  
P - J.Johnson 15 pass from Carruthers (Snyder run)  
WC - Run (kick good)  
P - Snyder 1 run (Sennett pass from Carruthers)

**Second Quarter**  
P - J.Johnson 69 pass from Carruthers (H.Johnson pass from Carruthers)  
P - Snyder 1 run (run failed)

**Third Quarter**  
P - J.Johnson 11 pass from Carruthers (pass failed)  
P - Primera 10 run (J.Johnson pass from Carruthers)  
P - Christianson fumble recovery (pass failed)

**Team Statistics**

	WC	P
Rushes-Yds	-	34-187
Yds per carry	-	5.5
Comp-Att-Int	-	8-13-0
Passing yds	-	205

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing - P: Kieser 3-11, Snyder 9-47, Primera 10-92, Dickinson 3-31, Garza 5-3, Lied 3-3, Cunningham 1-0. Passing - P: Carruthers 7-12-0 197, Williams 1-1-0 8.  
Receiving - P: J.Johnson 4-101, Sennett 2-70, Daily 1-26, Bowers 1-8.

**Annawan-Wethersfield 32 ROWVA-Williamsfield 24**  
Annawan-Weth. 0 14 12 6 - 32

### PrairieLand

Overall	Conf			
W	L	W	L	
Macomb	8	0	7	0
Farmington	6	2	6	1
Elmwood-Brim.	5	3	5	2
Rushville-Industry	5	3	4	3
Illini West	4	4	4	3
Havana	4	4	3	4
South Fulton	2	6	2	6
West Hancock	1	7	1	6
Lewistown	0	8	0	7

**Last Week**  
Elmwood-Brimfield 40, Lewistown 0  
Farmington 48, South Fulton 16  
Illini West 30, West Hancock 0  
Macomb 36, Havana 8  
Rushville-Ind. 50, Mon. United 16  
**Friday, Oct. 21**  
Elmwood-Brimfield at Havana  
Lewistown at Farmington  
Macomb at Illini West  
West Hancock at Rushville-Industry  
Oblong at South Fulton

ROWVA-William. 7 0 0 17 - 24

**Scoring Summary**  
**First Quarter**  
RW - Danner 1 run (Miller kick)  
**Second Quarter**  
AW - Rashid 15 run (conv. failed)  
AW - Rashid 22 pass from Horrie (Rashid run)  
**Third Quarter**  
AW - Horrie 5 run (conv. failed)  
AW - Rashid 41 run (conv. failed)  
**Fourth Quarter**  
RW - Safety  
RW - Sharp 65 kickoff return (Miller kick)  
AW - Heitzler 25 run (conv. failed)

### Lincoln Trail

Overall	Conf			
W	L	W	L	
Annawan-Weth.	7	1	6	0
Knoxville	6	2	5	1
Mercer County	6	2	5	1
ROWVA-Williamsfield	5	3	4	2
Princeville	4	4	2	4
Stark County	4	4	2	4
Abingdon-Avon	1	7	0	6
United	1	7	0	6

**Last Week**  
Princeville 50, Walther Christian 7  
Annawan-Weth. 32, ROWVA-Will. 24  
Mercer County 28, Stark County 0  
Knoxville 41, Abingdon-Avon 7  
Rushville-Industry 50, United 16  
**Friday, Oct. 21**  
Princeville at Stark County  
ROWVA-Williamsfield at Knoxville  
Mercer County at Annawan-Weth.  
Abingdon-Avon at United

RW - Ja.Godsil 4 run (Kohl pass from Danner)

**Team Statistics**

	AW	RW
Rushes-Yds	39-238	30-78
Yds per carry	6.1	2.6
Comp-Att-Int	10-16-0	14-25-3
Passing yds	124	135

**Individual Statistics**  
Rushing - RW: Bertlshofer 17-53, Coverdill 5-22, Ja.Godsil 4-13, Danner 4(-10).  
Passing - RW: Danner 14-25-3 135, Receiving - RW: Kohl 7-58, Sharp 3-32, Sams 3-24, Ja.Godsil 1-21.  
Tackles - RW: Sharp 10.5.



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## State champion

### Stark Co.'s Smith wins 2A XC title

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

NORMAL – Dusti Smith capped a remarkable season of running last Saturday by winning the IESA 2A girls cross country state championship.

Smith, a home-schooled eighth grader from Bradford who runs for Stark County, finished the Maxwell Park 2-mile course in 12:00.2. In the process, she completed a rare feat for a cross country runner: Going undefeated for a full season.

“She never lost a race,” Stark County Coach Gary Frail said. “In fact, through sectionals, the closest anyone had been to her all year was 18 seconds.”

Smith was just 1.6 seconds ahead of runnerup Berritt Shure of Chicago St. Benedict, the state champion team in Class 2A, but still ran a strong, smart race according to Frail.

“She got out in front and made them try to catch

her, which is what she has done all year,” Frail said. “She never has been behind.”

Prior to the state meet, Smith had complained of a sore knee on Wednesday and again on Thursday. Stark County High School Coach Bob Rennick Jr. stepped in to help tape Smith’s knee.

“Obviously, it didn’t bother her in the race,” Frail said.

This is the first year for a Stark County junior high cross country program and Frail said he felt fortunate to have a runner of Smith’s caliber.

“She’s a great kid. A little shy but a heckuva runner ... just an amazing talent,” Frail said. “I don’t know how I got so lucky to have a girls like her on my first year team.

“She was a great role model for our girls. They idolized her. I’m looking forward to seeing how she does in high school.”

Smith is also a skilled track athlete, having won



Dusti Smith poses with Stark County coach Gary Frail after Smith won the IESA 2A junior high cross country championship last Saturday.

the 400 state championship last spring as a seventh grader running for Bradford.

The state title capped a good first year for Stark County’s program, which saw nine of 10 runners at the sectional set personal records. The only runner who didn’t set a PR was Smith.

“We forgave her because she qualified for state and ended up winning,” Frail joked.

• **High school XC** – The Stark County girls cross *Continued on Page 10*

## Win and in. Lose...

### Stark County faces Princeville for a playoff berth

By JEFF LAMPE and NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

ALEDO – The defense bounced back from a rough game. The Stark County offense went in the other direction last Friday in a 28-0 road loss at Mercer County.

But even in the midst of a three-game losing streak, the Rebels (4-4, 2-4 Lincoln Trail) will kick off their season finale today at Gary Johnson field with a chance to make the playoffs. With a win over Princeville (4-4, 2-4), the Rebels will be in the Class 1A playoffs again.

“We will be in for sure if we win,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said.

The Rebels already have 39 points (based on opponents’ wins), which will be more than enough to reach the playoffs if they can post a fifth win. For a program struggling to regain its footing, that would be a significant step forward. To make it,

### Playoff Pairings

The IHSA will announce football playoff pairings on Saturday, Oct. 22, from 8-9 p.m. on WEEK-25.1 out of Peoria and on KGCW-26.1 out of the Quad Cities. Pairings will also be livestreamed on the NFHS Network.

Noard sees a few key areas for improvement against Princeville.

“Obviously, you’ve got to score some points and keep their running attack at bay,” Noard said. “They have thrown it a little better, which is probably why they are throwing it more. But I still think the key is keeping their running game in check.”

Stark County did a better job defensively last week against Mercer County, yielding just one touchdown in the first half and keeping the Rebels within 14-0 heading into the fourth quarter.

“The defense defended the short field several times and basically gave

up two touchdowns on the tight-end reverse,” Noard said. “The defense played very well. Our offense didn’t. We just could not get anything going up front.”

The Rebels managed just 32 yards rushing and 1.1 yards per carry.

Quarterback Luke Rerverts returned from injury, but was held to negative rushing yards and was 5-for-17 passing.

“I think half our yards came on the first drive,” Noard said.

Losing guard Tanner Price to a broken hand also impacted the offense, Noard said.

The Stark County JV (6-2) also lost to Mercer County, falling 26-7 on Monday. The JV close out the season Monday, Oct. 24, with a 6 p.m. kickoff at Princeville.

– Jeff Lampe

Princeville 50

Walther Christian 7

MELROSE PARK – At 1-3 earlier this season, talk of the playoffs *Continued on Page 11*

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