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Power last hurdle for long-awaited Toulon lift station

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – The end of the sewer saga is in sight. At the Jan. 9 Toulon monthly council meeting, City Engineer Zach Knight said, “Our lift station is finally going to be here on Wednesday [Jan. 11] and I confirmed that with Stark [Excavating]. They intend once it’s delivered to basically complete the installation. Piping and electrical hookups will be done and

the next huge step after that will be the startup.” Water will be sent into the lift station to test the pumps and controls. This step is still being scheduled, Knight said. He added that Stark will likely take five business days to install the station. The problem with all of this “good news” is that Ameren has to supply electrical power to the station for it to function. It was conjectured that it may be sev-

eral weeks for Ameren to start that process. In a related note, Stark has submitted another payment request for \$146,760 for asphalt work completed on the roadway. The council discussed the inflationary prices of this project and concluded that the payments to Stark have to be done even though Stark is over the project’s time deadline. The deadline was extended to the first part of last December. The

board approved the payment request. Cemetery fees will be increasing soon to open and close grave sites in Toulon’s cemetery. The council passed an ordinance increasing the fees and Mayor Larry Hollis said Toulon raised fees because the Wyoming Monument Company recently increased their pricing. Grave openings will be increased \$100 from \$600 to \$700 for Monday to Saturday. Sun-

days and holidays are increased from \$1,200 to \$1,350. Baby grave openings and the burial of cremated remains will be \$350 from \$300 Monday to Saturday and \$650 from \$550 Sundays and holidays. Lastly, if a grave opening or burial is after 2 pm., then a \$100 surcharge is applied to the previous rates discussed. The sewer lines for the new Dollar General store in Toulon on Illinois Route 91 near the
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Stark County board assigns committees

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – The Stark County board assigned board members to committees at its Jan. 10 meeting. Three committees were dissolved and they are Judicial, Buildings and Grounds, and Building Compliance Sub-Committee. Assignments are as follows with the first board member listed as the committee chair: Police – Bill Loane, Jamie Schaffer; Legislative – Tom Howes, Tim McMillen; Economic Development – Joe Orwig, Adam Wilson; Health Board – Kari Bush; Road & Bridge – Robin Nowlan, Bill Loane. County engineer Judd Giffin reported for the highway department that the department is trying to get all the received estimates in concerning this year’s seal-coating of roads. Bids will be let in February with work scheduled for June. Giffin has spoken with both Caterpillar and John Deere about obtaining a grader for the county highway department. He also said that one of the county’s trucks
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PRITZKER INAUGURATION



Gov. JB Pritzker had his second inauguration in Springfield Monday. Photo by Jerry Nowicki.

Pritzker takes optimistic tone

By **NIKA SCHOOVER**
 Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker was sworn in to his second term Monday with the state’s other constitutional officers, promising a bold and ambitious agenda for the next four years. The ceremony was held at the Bank of Springfield Center, the same venue that for several months served as a makeshift House floor during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic to allow for social distancing. Pritzker

recalled that time while reflecting on his first term in his inaugural address. “The hope we share, the hope I expressed at my first inauguration, was born of a truth lodged firmly in my heart – that Illinois has always stood at the intersection of American ambition and human resilience. And that combination is what has made this the greatest state in the union,” Pritzker said. A friendly crowd of supporters and fellow dignitaries was enthusiastic
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Illinois 9th state to pass a ban on assault weapons

By **PETER HANCOCK**
 Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – On the first full day of his second term, Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed a bill banning the sale, distribution and manufacture of high-power assault weapons, .50 caliber rifles and ammunition, and large-capacity magazines while still allowing people who already own such weapons to keep them. Pritzker signed the bill during a ceremony in the Statehouse just hours after the final version of it cleared the House, making Illinois the ninth state in the nation to impose such a ban. “I’m signing this legislation tonight so that it can take immediate effect and we can end the sale of these weapons of war as soon as possible,” Pritzker said. The House had passed a similar bill early Friday morning and sent it to the Senate, where it appeared over the weekend to run into roadblocks. But negotiations continued behind the scenes throughout the weekend and into Monday when a final deal came together just as Gov. JB Pritzker, who cam-
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TOULON: Dollar store sewer to be rerouted

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 Route 17 intersection will now be run on the east side of Route 91 and across the intersection via boring to a Union St. sewer line hookup. Hollis said the original idea was to hook into a sewer line just west of the new store, but that the sewer

line shown on maps actually doesn't exist. That realization led to the change of plans.

The culvert on East Jefferson Street near Union Street that requires replacement has a timeline of a February-March bid letting and a projected construction street date of

April 1.

The city is selling an excess property on Jefferson Street with a March 13 bid opening schedule.

The council also approved a \$1,000 donation to the Stark County Elementary School Parents' Club as its annual contribution.

STARK: County will re-bid E911 building

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 has a major problem and he would report on it next month.

In addition, Giffin is trying to complete the necessary steps for construction of a new county highway department building. Also, he continues to search for a roller for the department. Documentation will be submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for bidding of the North Valley Road project.

Finally, the board approved Giffin's salary at \$120,000, which approx-

imately one-half of it is paid by the county with the state paying the remainder.

Sheriff Steven Sloan said in his report that the county will re-bid the new E911 building because inflation has driven the original cost estimate upward.

Sloan said the white squad cars have extremely high mileage and that new vehicles will be required to replace the aging fleet. He intends to utilize American Rescue Plan funding to purchase a Dodge Durango.

Sloan said that the possibility exists that the county could obtain a K-9 unit German Shepard dog for no charge, as it would be donated. Sloan will have more information concerning this subject for next month's meeting.

A resolution that deals with the 2023 noxious weed work plan was approved.

Also, four planning commission re-appointments of Steve Winslow, Ron Wallace, Lee Hager and Noah Forlines were approved, as well.

PRITZKER: Education will be a main priority

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 about the governor's proposals, applauding and cheering at the mention of banning assault weapons, bringing down the cost of higher education and ensuring reproductive rights

in the state.

Pritzker said education will be a main priority in his second term, and he emphasized the importance of making preschool more readily available and college tuition free for every family with median-income or below.

"I propose we go all in for our children and make preschool available to every family throughout the state," he said, eliciting an eruption from the crowd. "And let's not stop there. Let's provide more economic security for families by eliminating child care deserts and expanding childcare options."

Pritzker discussed the upcoming assault weapons ban that passed Tuesday and he also touted accomplishments from his first term, including Illinois' six credit upgrades, raising the state's minimum wage, legalizing recreational marijuana and passing legislation that targets climate change.

Illinois legislators up their pay

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
 Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Officials at the highest levels of state government will receive substantial pay raises this month after the House and Senate passed a budget bill that also advances a \$400 million business incentive fund proposal pushed by Gov. JB Pritzker.

Under the bill, lawmaker salaries will in-

crease to \$85,000 annually, up from approximately \$73,000 – a roughly 16 percent increase to their base salary.

Lawmakers also receive per diem reimbursements and stipends for leadership positions. Additionally, the measure adds new leadership positions within any caucus that maintains a supermajority that are eligible for stipends.

As he emphasized the importance of protecting reproductive rights, the crowd responded with enthusiastic applause and even shouts.

"The extremists still want to take away a woman's right to choose, and I don't intend to let them," Pritzker said. "That's why yet again, on women's rights, Illinois will lead."

Pritzker was sworn in by Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis, accompanied by First Lady MK Pritzker and their daughter Teddi and son Don. He took his oath on two Bibles. One belonged to Henry Horner, Illinois' 28th governor who held the office from 1933 until 1940.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

12-30 - Jubilee A. Sundell - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

12-30 - Jeremy L. Schmuhl - Driving on a suspended license, registration expiration, and operating an uninsured vehicle.

12-31 - Mercedes M. Smith - Speeding 26-34 mph above limit.

1-7 - Haden T. Lucas - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

1-7 - Joseph J. Kaufmann - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

1-7 - Mercedes M. Smith - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

1-3 - Justin J. Hash - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

1-7 - Steven M. Benavidez - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.

1-7 - Jared L. Lopez - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

1-4 - Criminal misdemeanor - Debra M. Johnson - Electronic harassment.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

12-23 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 approximately a half of a mile south of 800N. The drivers involved were Jessie D. Stone, 36, Williamsfield, and Eric L. Baker, 39, of Walnut. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

1-2 - Michael J. Harmon, 48, Princeville, was ticketed for speeding 68 mph in a 55 zone and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was released with a notice to appear in court.

1-4 - Brian M. Shoen, 38, Galesburg, was arrested by Stark County authorities on a Henry County warrant for failure to register as a sex offender. His cash bond was set at \$2,000. Unable to post bond, he was extradited by the Henry County Sheriff's Department to the Henry County Jail.

1-4 - Kimberly K. Huggins, 38, Kewanee, was charged with driving while her license was suspended and speeding 52 mph in a 45 zone. She was released with a court date to appear.

1-6 - Thomas Gray, no address listed, reported an incident of criminal damage to his property.

1-7 - Brooklyn R. Stabler, 20, Stoughton, was cited for speeding 68 mph in a 55 mph zone, driving with no insurance and illegal transportation of cannabis. She was released with a notice to appear.

1-7 - Carolos F. Baltazar-Aguirre, 22, Peoria, was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was issued a notice to appear in court.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

1-2 - Officer was notified that a



Galva resident had contacted a family member and advised they intended to overdose using heroin. Officer checked several locations in Galva but was not able to locate the subject. She was found in Kewanee.

1-2 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a complaint involving cows out near the roadway. Officer contacted the owner and assisted them with getting the cows back into a pasture.

1-2 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. to check for a suspicious person who had reportedly been screaming. Officer unable to locate anyone.

1-3 - to the 500 block of SE 4th St. for a complaint involving threats through Facebook.

1-3 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a single-vehicle accident with damage only. A vehicle had struck a wooden fence and left the scene without contacting police.

1-3 - Officer was contacted by a subject who lives out of state to attempt to locate her daughter for a welfare check. Officer checked several locations and was not able to locate subject in question.

1-4 - to an accident where a semi-truck went through the railroad gates on Exchange Street as they were coming down and struck the gate, destroying it, before driving away. As the result, Kelly Atchison, 60, Alpha, was cited for disobeying a railroad crossing device and failure to report accident to police authority. He was released with a required court date.

1-4 - Officer was notified that a railroad crossing gate had been struck by an unknown vehicle at the Exchange Street crossing. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

1-6 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be having a mental health crisis.

1-6 - Officer was notified that a set of keys had been turned in to the Kewanee Police Department that had a key tag marked with a Galva business. A deputy brought the keys to Galva and turned them in to the lost and found.

1-6 - to check a large brush fire just north of town. It was determined to be a controlled and supervised fire.

1-6 - to the 500 block of SE 4th St. after the resident reported seeing someone walking through their yard late at night. Officer was not able to locate the subject.

1-7 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for a report of a natural gas odor. The

fire department and Ameren were also contacted to respond.

1-7 - A traffic stop was conducted in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a moving and equipment violation. As the officer was writing a warning notice, the Galva K9 completed a free air sniff of the vehicle and gave a positive indication. The occupants and vehicle were searched, which resulted in the passenger being placed under arrest. Angelica Taylor-Bozarth, 21, Wyandot, was arrested for possession of heroin, unlawful use of weapons, possession of hypodermic syringes and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was taken to the Henry Co jail and during a strip search there, a bag was discovered hidden on her person. The contents of the bag were tested and returned with a positive presence of fentanyl.

1-8 - Karole Bolin Tedin, 57, Altona, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 200 block of SE 1st Ave.

1-8 - Trinity O. Donnell, 18, Galva, was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 200 block of NW 2nd St.

Peoria County report

12-26 - An Edelstein woman was uninjured following a single-vehicle accident southwest of Chillicothe.

Kelsey A. Wakeland was driving a 2015 Mitsubishi Outlander around 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 26 in the 15100 block of N. Old Galena Rd. when the northbound vehicle hit black ice and went off the roadway, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

The vehicle struck a mailbox and continued into a ditch about 50 feet north. The driver's-side front bumper was damaged and undercarriage pieces were broken.

Property Transfers

1-3 - Troy O. Powers to Jennifer Petty - Culbertson's Western Add'n - Pt block 2 lot 7 - 515 N. Culbertson, Toulon - Consideration = \$23,000.

1-4 - Timothy P. Gray to Bobby J. Gorrell - Pt 36-13-5 NW & Pt 25-13-5 SW - Consideration = \$340,000.

1-5 - Robert C. Burns to Dianne L. Burns - Pt 29-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.

1-5 - Dianne L. Burns to MFD, LLC - Pt 29-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.

1-5 - MFD, LLC to Hawkeye Land Investments, LLC - Pt 29-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.

1-5 - Allen E., Carl J., Dale R., Dean A., Wayne A. Blank, and Linda M. Kunzman, Diana L. Walden to Heartland Equities, LLC - John Culbertson's Eastern Add'n - Pt Lots 4 & 5 - 524 E. Jefferson St., Toulon - 524 E. Jefferson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$46,000.

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GUEST VOICES



Give kids a task and they may surprise you

When Thanksgiving Day broke mild and dry instead of the predicted cold and wet, I knew our great-niece and -nephews would want to be outside, so while the potatoes were coming to a boil, I quickly constructed a make-shift scavenger hunt for them. The four cousins range in age from 6-13. Edward, 10, is very much at home here on the farm. The others, less so. I needed to set them up for success, yet provide enough challenges to make it fun.



Jeanne
HARLAND

As soon as they had finished eating but before they became restless, I asked the rhetorical question: "Hey! Do you want to go on a scavenger hunt?" Instead of answering, four energetic youngsters leapt to their feet.

I let them choose their own teams. Landon, thirteen, and Dean ("I'm going to be nine!") formed one; Edward and Harper, six, were the other. I grabbed my lists. Once outside, I pointed out the recently strung electric fence that ran between the edge of the yard and the bean field just north of the house. The cows were out tooling around and didn't pay much attention to us. I handed each team a brand new, bright yellow five-gallon bucket with Wyffels Hybrids emblazoned on the side. Then I ceremoniously handed them the lists. The race was on!

I returned to the adults lingering at the table in our south room. The three walls of windows afforded a good view of the yard and barnyard. As we visited, we periodically caught glimpses of one or the other team scampering around in search of three pine cones, twelve kernels of corn, a flat rock.

Then something else caught my eye. The 22 keeper heifers in the north lots were in full stampede mode, first headed north, then south, along the fenceline. It took a moment for it to register. The buckets. They saw those five-gallon buckets. Every morning and evening they get fed from five-gallon buckets, albeit not bright yellow ones and not carried by children half Matt's height. Every time someone with a bucket walked by the gate, the heifers assumed they were getting corn and came on the dead run.

The hunt was occupying the crew far longer than I had anticipated. I stepped outside to check on their progress. There stood the foursome in the driveway. A few feet away on the other side of the electric fence stood the entire herd of cows that had been

peacefully poking around in the waterways and fencerows of the bean field. The cows were lined up as close to the fence as they dared. All were focused intently on... those buckets. The kids were completely unintimidated, despite being stared down by 37 full-grown cows. Unlike the keeper heifers, these girls just stood there waiting for someone to carry those buckets full of corn to them.

I asked if either team needed any hints. The peanut shells stumped them until I explained I fed peanuts in the shell to my blue jays. They dashed to the bird feeders. Neither team knew what sage looked like, but we were standing next to my herb garden, still thriving in the warm November weather. As I described it, Landon quickly identified the plant.

Just for fun, I had added three bonus items: a soybean, an "Indian bead" fossil, and "something to surprise me." I doubted there was a soybean anywhere, but it would have been possible along the field. I knew the white rock of the barnyard and driveway was full of the fossilized plant stems. And who doesn't love a good surprise?

They were skeptical about the "surprise me" part, but I assured them that I meant it. Off they went again. Soon the door banged and laughter filled the house. I had them bring their troves into the dining area so we could all enjoy the accounting. Before I could begin ticking off the list, however, I was upstaged by insistent mewling coming from the bucket toted awkwardly by Harper. Yep. She and Edward had found the three tiny kittens in the woodshed and the two animal lovers had loaded them gently into the bucket and now here they were in the house. Surprise!

Landon, a bookworm and avid gamer, was the last into the house and came in lugging a vintage Atari game console, packed back into its original box. It was an armful even for him. I was surprised he had found it, and even more surprised that he knew what it was.

Edward asked what "Indian beads" were, so I explained. "Oh! Crinoids!" Another surprise for me.

We started through the list. Three pine cones. Check. Twelve kernels of corn. Check. A flat rock. Wow, that's a big one! The maple and oak leaves came out in unidentifiable crumbs, but check. Surprisingly large chunks of scrap lumber, Purington Pavers, rusty nails. Check. Neither of those branches are willow, so that's a draw. Twine, nice new sorting sticks that I had forgotten we had. These kids are good!

The last item was a feed sack. Ed-

ward's team had brought not one, but several empty Purina sacks. When Matt and AJ dump the fifty-pound bags into the feed bunks they stuff several empty bags into one, then toss them into the granary to be disposed of later.

Landon and Dean exchanged a puzzled look. Landon slowly reached into their bucket and held up... my finch feeder. It is the mesh sock type, a long narrow net bag. A feed sack. The adults convulsed in fits of laughter. It absolutely met the criterion, but I will never look at a finch feeder without laughing about this.

Aren't kids great? Give them a task and leave them alone. They will exceed your expectations every time. They will see things in ways adults never imagine. And they will surprise you in the best possible ways.

STEAK CROSTINI WITH HORSERADISH WHIP

INGREDIENTS

- 1 beef Strip Steak, Boneless
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1-1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 12 slices French bread, cut 1 inch thick
- 12 arugula leaves
- **Horseradish Whip**
- 2 teaspoon horseradish
- 3/4 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 tablespoon chives

COOKING:

1. Preheat oven to 350°F. Heat large nonstick skillet over medium heat until hot. Season steak evenly on both sides with salt and pepper. Add olive oil and place steak in skillet; cook strip steak 12 to 15 minutes for medium rare (145°F) to medium (160°F) doneness, turning occasionally. Remove steak and set to rest.

Cook's Tip: Use leftover strip roast instead of steaks. Slice roast into 1/4 pieces. Reheat in a covered medium skillet over low heat about 4 to 6 minutes.

2. Place sliced bread in single layer on baking sheet. Bake in 350°F oven for about 10 minutes or until lightly toasted but not brown. Set aside.

Horseradish Whip:

Combine horseradish and heavy cream in a medium size mixing bowl. Mix over medium speed for 5 minutes or until you form whip cream. Once formed remove bowl from mixer and fold in fresh chives and parmesan cheese.

Assembly:

Spread 2 teaspoons horseradish whip onto each bread piece. Slice steak in 12 equal size pieces; top with steak and fresh arugula

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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GUN BAN: Does not change FOID age limit

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paigned on a pledge to pursue an assault weapons ban, was being inaugurated into his second term in office.

As recently as Sunday, the House and Senate seemed to be far apart, both on the weapons ban and a bill expanding access to reproductive health services, two of the biggest items being considered in a lame duck session that will conclude Tuesday.

But by Monday night, he, Pritzker and Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, announced that they were all in agreement on a final proposal.

One of the key sticking points concerned a requirement that people who currently own such weapons register them with the Illinois State Police. Those individuals would be required to disclose the make, model and serial number of the specified weapons to obtain a special endorsement on their Firearm Owners Identification, or FOID card. The House had included that in the bill it passed shortly after midnight Friday morning, but an early draft of a Senate plan reportedly proposed dropping it.

The final version of the bill, contained in a package of amendments to House Bill 5471, includes the requirement but extends the deadline for compliance to Jan. 1, 2024, instead of 180 days after the governor signs the bill into law, as the House had proposed.

The Senate language was unveiled during a committee hearing Monday morning, only a few hours before inauguration ceremonies for the governor and other constitutional officers were about to begin blocks away in a down-

town Springfield convention center.

Other changes included a more up-to-date list of weapons that would fall within the banned category along with authority for the Illinois State Police to modify the list through administrative rules to capture new and copycat models as they come onto the market.

The Senate bill also clarifies that any device that makes a semi-automatic weapon fire more rapidly — whether it converts the weapon into a fully automatic one or merely increases the rate of fire — will be illegal. And it defines large-capacity magazines as those capable of holding more than 10 rounds for a long gun or 15 rounds for a handgun.

The Senate version also does not change the age limit to obtain a FOID card, meaning people between the ages of 18 and 21 will still be able to obtain one with the consent of a parent or guardian. The House had proposed eliminating that exception.

“It really is the House structure,” Harmon said of the bill after a Monday committee hearing. “We have been careful to be precise, that we are articulating the list of guns where an endorsement would require the make, model and serial number so that owners know exactly what they need to do.”

In an effort to ease concerns from hunters and sportsmen, the bill also contains a provision authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to adopt administrative rules exempting weapons used only for hunting that are expressly permitted under the Illinois Wildlife Code.

That, however, was not enough to quell the opposition of gun rights advocates who argued that the weapons to be banned are “commonly used” weapons in American society and thus, under standards of recent U.S. Supreme Court rulings, will likely be deemed unconstitutional.

“I think folks at home need to know, and folks here in the chamber, that many of the commonly used semi-automatic shotguns will still have to be registered as assault weapons,” Sen. Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, said during debate on the floor of the Senate. “So even though some may come off, we’re still going to have many commonly used shotguns that will be listed as assault weapons.”

Democrats pushed the bill through the Senate 34-20, sending it to the House, where it passed 68-41 on Tuesday afternoon with two Republican votes: outgoing House Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, and Rep. Bradley Stephens, R-Rosemont.

Otherwise, GOP members echoed Bryant’s sentiments.

“I can tell you that we will not comply, and you’re not going to do a darn thing about it,” Rep. Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, said during House floor debate. “Because the law, the constitution and the founding principles are on our side.”

During the debate, Welch, with his mother seated next to him, spoke of how his aunt was shot and killed in her car while leaving church in the mid-1980s, and how his mother ended up adopting her sister’s three daughters.

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| 5 Blazing star | 46 Mimicking an angry dog | 97 TV journalist | 3 Destructive habit | 45 LGA guest | 85 Kazan of film |
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| 19 Supreme | 56 Spill the info, with "up" | 105 Playwright | 6 Carl Sagan book | 50 Hammond instruments | 89 Bi-bred man |
| 20 Not tending | 58 Region | 106 Vocalists | 7 Roman censor | 51 Potential | 90 "Oh, woe —!" |
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| 23 Very ornate designs of the 1700s | 62 Spring for | 110 McKellen of "X-Men" | 11 See 1-Down | 12 One's wife | 96 Like some trading |
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Princeville's new deputy on the beat

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – There's a new sheriff in town. Well, a new sheriff's deputy in town, to be precise.

Vince Cogdal took over last week as the Peoria County Sheriff's Office regular representative on Princeville byways. He succeeded Gabe Martinez, who moved to another assignment.



Cogdal

Cogdal introduced himself to the Princeville Village Board during its meeting Jan. 3. He'll be the usual officer on duty five days a week, under a renewed contract the board approved last month. That deal reduced regular coverage from seven days a week.

"He's just learning the village and said he's very community oriented, so he's wanting to get out and meet people," Village President Jeff Trout-

man said about Cogdal.

About himself, Cogdal said community policing is his forte. Before his move to Princeville, the 38-year-old spent two years as the sheriff's dedicated officer in Bellevue. When Martinez's spot in Princeville came open, Cogdal applied for it.

"I chose Princeville for a couple of reasons – the schedule and days off, but specifically for how welcoming and police-appreciative (the community is)," Cogdal stated. "I have never seen such a pro-police community in my life, and I appreciate that more than anyone."

A Peoria native, Cogdal served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Western Illinois University. He also worked for the Illinois and Missouri departments of corrections. He became a Peoria Park District police officer in 2016 and joined the sheriff's office in July 2019.

Cogdal is married with two teenage children. He suggested his background might not reflect his current

job.

"I had a very diverse childhood," Cogdal stated. "For all intents and purposes, statistically I should have never become a police officer. ... I enjoy trying to connect with the kids. I believe that is from all of my run-ins with, and breaks given by, the police when I was a kid."

Cogdal told the board he isn't big on issuing citations but will do so for recidivists who receive a warning. He said he'll try to educate first.

Cogdal's appearance might have been the highlight of the board meeting, which Troutman said lasted less than 20 minutes.

A joint meeting among the boards of the village, the school district, the Lillie M. Evans Library District and the Princeville Civic Association has been rescheduled to Jan. 26 at the library, according to Troutman. It was to be held Jan. 19. The twice-yearly meeting provides public updates on what each entity has been doing and what might be in store.

Callahan steps down as IDNR director

SPRINGFIELD – Colleen Callahan, the first woman to serve as director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, will step down from that post on Monday, Jan. 16, after nearly four years leading the state agency charged with managing, conserv-

ing and protecting Illinois' natural and cultural resources.

A resident of rural Edwards, Callahan served as director since March 1, 2019, when she was appointed by Gov. JB Pritzker.

While at IDNR, Callahan oversaw efforts to develop a strategic plan for the agency, with a focus on reducing the state's carbon footprint. A climate action plan is currently under review and set to be released in early 2023.

Callahan also led the launch of Copi – a new brand name for invasive carp designed to spark consumer interest in the plentiful fish found in Illinois waterways.

In 2022, Callahan advocated for IDNR to receive its largest state budget in 20 years to address long overdue improvements at state sites and to increase Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grants.

Also during her tenure at IDNR, Callahan was

named president of the Midwest Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and vice president of the national Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

Callahan previously served as state director of Illinois' Rural Development for the U.S. Department of Agriculture. She was the first female agribusiness director for WMBD radio and television and is a member of the National Association of Farm Broadcasters.

Suspects sought in hit-and-run

SPEER – Authorities were searching for a suspect in a hit-and-run accident at an intersection southwest of Speer.

About 4 p.m. Dec. 31, a Bradford man was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Equinox south on Holmes Road at County Line Road when a westbound pickup driver disregarded a stop sign, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The pickup struck the driver's side of the Equinox, which spun into a ditch southwest of the intersection. The gray-beige pickup continued at high speed. No injuries were reported. The Equinox driver was unable to see the driver and unable to report a license-plate number.

Later, a Stark County Sheriff's Office deputy found a 2000 beige GMC

Sierra pickup truck parked along Duncan Road, a few miles west and north of the accident site.

The pickup had front-end damage. A nearby resident spotted two males leave the vehicle on foot, but the deputy couldn't find them. The vehicle is registered to a Galva man with whom Stark County law-enforcement officials are familiar, according to the report.

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Bradford school board summary will go here

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board at its Dec. 19 meeting approved the 2022 tax levy.

The board held a truth in taxation meeting, at which no comments from the public were voiced. The hearing was required because the levy will increase more than 5 percent due to the continued increase in equalized assessed valuation of homes in the school district.

Superintendent Chad Gripp has said district homeowners will actually see a decrease of \$3 per \$100,000 in their taxes compared to last year.

the board also heard that Gripp plans to apply for a \$50,000 maintenance grant through the ISBE. Funds will be used for a roof project on the junior high.

Galva Chamber will hold annual meeting Jan. 21

GALVA – The Galva Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting and banquet Saturday, Jan. 21, at Midland Golf Club. The social hour is from 6-7 p.m. and the meal is at 7.

Michelle Mersman will be awarded the Citizen of the Year award and Heidi Millender, Colleen Lewis and Deb Meyer will receive the Friends of the Chamber award for their part in the Harvest Day pageant.

The annual meeting will follow the awards.

If you plan to attend, call (309) 932-8181 or (309) 932-2555 or email galvaareachamber@gmail.com with your reservation. You can pay at the door which is \$20.

– Carol Townsend

Marshall-Putnam seeks soil and water directors

Marshall-Putnam Soil & Water

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To be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District.

Interested persons must respond by 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 27. Information will also be available by calling (309) 364-3913, Ext. 3.

College graduates

• **Laura Rouse** of Bradford graduated Cum Laude from Iowa State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Engineering.

College honors

• Several local students made the High Honors List (3.75 gpa or better) at Black Hawk College - East Campus for the fall 2022 semester: **Liberty Anderson, Jacson Cromien, Laura Endress, Abigail Froelich, Holly Hoenig, Michaela Hudson, Olivia Jones, Cheyanne Judd, Sarah Kaiser, Aaron Kendrick, Sarah Kocan, Lauryn Kuehl, Kylee Larson, Courtney Loncka, Brooke Miller, Cheyanne Montano, Eilish**

O'Rourke, Jonas Porsche, Carolyn Raley, Roby Roach, Will Rumbold, Abigail Schuning, Alexis Spivey, Alexia Stone, Ryan Sutton, Chevy-Lynn Vaske, Kali Yelm all of Galva; **Sierra Force and Aleah Wykert** of Princeville; **Olivia Bessler, Ashley Giesenhagen, Abigale Gosnell, Marinda Haga, Isaac Melton and Te'a Olmsted**, all of Toulon; **Eden Basford, Sarah Fairfield, Kylee Frisby, Jacob Nusz**, all of Wyoming.

• Local students who made the Honors List (3.5 - 3.74) at Black Hawk for the fall 2022 semester included: **Nicholas Bosch, Marli Walsh and Carli Wright** of Bradford; **Sarah Alarie, McKenna Bleem, Autumn Cary, Josey Clem, Taylor Haga, Taegan Hanlin, Jaxson Meier, Jett Olson, Makenna Pidgeon, Kennedy Roth and Paige Wexell** of Galva; **Nolan Doran, Tristan Gerber, Chloe Irving and Mackenzie Tilch** of Toulon; **Adeline Coats and Kate Coats** of Wyoming.

Bureau Co. Genealogical Society meets Jan. 26

PRINCETON – The Bureau County Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, at its office on 629 S. Main St. in Princeton. Stephen Watts will present a virtual online presentation about his new book "Searching for Charles, The Untold Legacy of an Immigrant's American Adventure."

To view the program, contact the society to receive the link by Monday, Jan. 23. Send an email to bureaucounty@gmail.com

For any questions, call the society at (815) 879-3133 during regular hours from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday or the first Saturday of the month.

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS
OF STARK COUNTY**

Renewal forms for the 2023 assessment year are being mailed to all Stark County property owners who had previously signed up for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze, Homestead Exemption, Disabled Persons and the Disabled Veterans. The deadline for their return is July 1, 2023.

The following is a list of all exemptions. If you have any questions concerning any of the homestead exemptions, or to obtain applications, contact the Supervisor of Assessments office at 130 West Main St., Toulon, Illinois, or call 286-7172.

Owner Occupied Exemption reduces the final equalized assessed value by the amount the current equalized assessed value exceeds the 1977 equalized assessed value up to a maximum reduction of \$6,000. To qualify a taxpayer must own and occupy a property as his or her principal dwelling on January 1st of the assessment year.

Homestead Exemption is for taxpayers who will be 65 years of age or older anytime during the assessment year and who own and occupy their property. This exemption reduces the equalized assessed value by \$5,000.

Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption is for taxpayers who will be 65 years of age or older during the assessment year, have a total household income of less than \$65,000 for the prior year, and occupy their dwelling on January 1 of the taxable year, own the property and be liable for payment of property tax for the taxable year. Applications must be submitted annually to the Supervisor of Assessments.

Home Improvement Exemption reduces the Board of Review assessed value by the amount of increase in assessed value due to improvements being added to an existing residential structure. The exemption is for four years from the date of completion and is for maximum amount of \$75,000 in market value.

Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption provides a \$2,000 reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owned by a disabled person. Applications must be submitted annually to the Supervisor of Assessments office.

Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption provides a one-time \$5,000 reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying veterans who return from active duty in an armed conflict involving armed forces of the United States. To receive this exemption, the veteran must file an application with the Supervisor of Assessments office upon their return home.

Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption provided a reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owner owned by a veteran with a service connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. A \$2,500 homestead exemption is available with a disability of at least 30% but less than 50% or a \$5,000 homestead exemption with a disability of at least 50% but less than 70%, and a disability of 70% or more, the property is exempt from taxation. The veteran must file an annual application with the Supervisor of Assessments office.

Disabled Veterans Exemption reduces the Board of Review assessed value by up to \$70,000 in assessed value for homes especially built or remodeled to suit a veteran disabled while serving in the Armed Forces. Applications are processed by the Board of Review.
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF
GLEN H. MILLER,
No. 2022 PR 135
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO HEIRS
AND LEGATEES**

TO: GLEN J. MILLER or

UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of
GLEN H. MILLER.

Notice is also given to the above who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on the 27th day of December, 2022, admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on December 27, 2022, to Carol Gutschlag as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC, 211 W. 2nd St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form and of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of the court at the address set out below.

Filings are to be made with:
Henry County, Circuit Clerk
Courthouse, Cambridge, IL
61238

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

ESTATE OF
GLEN H. MILLER, Deceased
No. 2022 PR 135
CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of
GLEN H. MILLER. Letters of
Office were issued on December
27, 2022, to CAROL GUTSCHLAG
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 July 7, 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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circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee, IL 61443
(309) 852-5555

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**NOTICE
OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT**

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Library Trustees of the Galva Public Library District, Henry County, Illinois, as of December 30, 2022 has available a copy of its audit report for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The audit was conducted by the firm of Birkey and Noble, P.C. and may be publicly inspected at the main office of the Library District at 120 N.W. Third Ave., Galva, Illinois, during normal business hours which are: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday 1:00pm to 5:00p.m.
Galva Library District

By: Barbara J. Caravello
Secretary of the Board of
Trustees
Published 1/6/23

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**U-STORE-IT PRINCEVILLE
STORAGE
107 E. CREIG ST.
PRINCEVILLE, IL 61559
NOTICE OF CONFISCATION**

Notice is hereby given, that pursuant to Illinois Lien Law, Rights and Remedies, Chapter 770, Liens, Part 95, Self-Service Storage Facility Act, Sections 770 ILCS 95/3, miscellaneous goods and personal property in the names of:

• **G Martin Senders - 14727 Locust St Princeville, IL 61559-Unit#P35**
• **J. A Forney - PO Box 334 Princeville, IL 61559- Unit#P34**
• **Or any unknown owners of property in the same units**

Will be disposed of at a public auction ending on or after January 18th at 11:00 AM, to enforce storage lien. The auction will be held online.

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TAKE NOTICE

TO: STARK COUNTY CLERK, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, CITY CLERK CITY OF TOULON, BETTY SLIGHTOM, CHARLES D SLIGHTOM, STEFANIE CIARA HARTNETT, MARILIEL JAYCE SLIGHTOM
TAX DEED NO.:2022TX13
FILED: 12/23/2022

County of Stark
Date Premises Sold October 27, 2020
Certificate No. 201900026
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019

Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 311 N Fuller, Toulon, IL 61483

Legal Description or Property Index No. 03-24-404-003

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 02, 2023. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Toulon on June 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Stark County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Toulon, Illinois, 61483. For further information contact the County Clerk 130 W Main St, Toulon, IL 61483. 309-286-5911

Petitioner, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee
Published 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23

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TAKE NOTICE

TO: STARK COUNTY CLERK, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, ERIC M STABLER, NANCY A SZPARKOWSKI, CITY CLERK CITY OF TOULON, JUSTIN A JANEY, MARY GULCZYNSKI, ANDREW W SZPARKOWSKI, WENDY J SCHWIGEN, ANTONIO STEPHEN MARTINEZ, FAYE SCHWIGEN
TAX DEED NO.:2022TX10
FILED: 11/28/2022

County of Stark
Date Premises Sold October 27, 2020
Certificate No. 201900033
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 315 W Jefferson St, Toulon, IL 61483
Legal Description or Property Index No. 04-19-331-007

This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 02, 2023.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Toulon on June 16, 2023 at 9:00 AM. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY

Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Stark County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Toulon, Illinois, 61483. For further information contact the County Clerk 130 W Main St, Toulon, IL 61483. 309-286-5911

Petitioner, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee
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TAKE NOTICE
TO: JOSHUA HEDGEPTH, UNKNOWN OWNERS OR PARTIES INTERESTED, UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS, SPOUSES, HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES, IF ANY, JAMES P RUSSELL, FACI HOLDINGS LLC, VILLAGE OF BRADFORD, VILLAGE CLERK, STARK COUNTY CLERK
TAX DEED NO.:2022TX12
FILED: 12/23/2022

County of Stark
Date Premises Sold October 27, 2020
Certificate No. 201900012
Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2019
Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A
Warrant No. NA Inst. No NA
FOR DELINQUENT TAXES
Property located at 107 South St, Bradford, IL 61421

Legal Description or Property Index No. 02-26-209-005
This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 02, 2023. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property

Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 02, 2023 by applying to the County Clerk, Stark County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Toulon, Illinois, 61483. For further information contact the County Clerk 130 W Main St, Toulon, IL 61483. 309-286-5911

Petitioner, INTEGRITY INVESTMENT FUND, LLC, Purchaser or Assignee
Published 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23

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DELINQUENT PROPERTIES
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2022TX11
To the following named persons (and if deceased, to their unknown heirs and devisees), and to the State of Illinois, and to all interested departments and agencies thereof, including among others Illinois Department of Revenue, Illinois Attorney General, Illinois Dept. of Employment Security, Illinois Department of Human Services, State of Illinois Dept. of Healthcare & Family Services (public aid) General Counsel and Stark County Clerk, Stark County Treasurer, City of Toulon, Stark County State's Attorney, and to occupants, unknown owners and parties interested in the parcels hereinafter named:

| Parcel Number | Owners/Parties Interested | Cert Number | Street Or Common Address |
|---------------|--|-------------|--------------------------|
| 03-17-200-004 | Lumpkin, Joe S. | 201900017 | 1511 TOWNSHIP ROAD 950 N |
| 03-17-200-004 | The Bank Of New York Trust Company, N.A. | 201900017 | 1511 TOWNSHIP ROAD 950 N |

Take Notice That The Abovesaid Parcels Were Sold On October 27, 2020, For General Taxes For The Year 2019 and Prior Years, and that the Period of redemption from such sale expires June 9, 2023. Take further notice that a petition for order directing issuance of tax deeds has been filed in the abovesaid cause as to the above-named parcels by Stark County, as trustee, and that on June 30, 2023 at 11:00 AM, said petitioner will apply for an order that a tax deed issue as to each abovesaid parcel not redeemed on or before June 9, 2023.

/s/ Stark County As Trustee, Petitioner.
For further information contact the County Clerk, Address: 130 West Main, Toulon, IL 61483, Telephone: (309) 286-5911
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS
STARK COUNTY**

LOANCARE, LLC,
PLAINTIFF,
VS.
ASHLEY J HAFFNER; DOUGLAS S HAFFNER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS.
NO. 22 FC 5
211 WEST WILLIAMS STREET
WYOMING, IL 61491
JUDGE
PRESIDING JUDGE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO YOU, Douglas S Haffner Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

THE WEST FORTY-NINE (49) FEET OF LOT FOUR (4) AND LOT FIVE (5) IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN, NOW CITY, OF WYOMING, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 211 West Williams Street Wyoming, IL 61491 and which said Mortgage was made by,

Ashley J Haffner and Douglas S Haffner Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Green Tree Servicing LLC Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stark County, Illinois, as Document No. 2013-99837; and for other relief.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before February 13, 2023, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exemptions. 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](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp) or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. If you are unable to pay your court fees, you can apply for a fee waiver. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
1 N. Dearborn St. Suite 1200
Chicago, IL 60602
Ph. (312) 346-9088
File No. 22-10555IL-809079
I3210827 Published 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23

U.S. food price inflation to remain high

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

It looks like U.S. consumers will have to stomach another year of historically high food prices.

The latest food price outlook from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Economic Research Service projects all food prices could increase 3.5 to 4.5 percent in 2023.

If realized, this year's inflation rate would be much lower compared to 2022, but still higher than average. USDA estimated all food prices increased 9.5 to 10.5 percent in 2022, with the cost of food at home up as much as 11-12 percent while prices of food away from home jumped 7-8 percent.

"Food prices are expected to grow more slowly in 2023 than in 2022, but still at above historical average rates," USDA noted in its December food price outlook.

The 20-year average rate of food price inflation hovered near 2 percent annually prior to the COVID pandemic and war in Ukraine.

Issues with logistics, high transportation costs and freight rates, labor, soaring production costs and weather have all contributed to the recent price surge.

Some of the largest price hikes by category in 2022 include eggs (forecast to increase 30.5-31.5 percent), poultry (up 14-15 percent), fats and oils (up 18-19 percent), cereals and bakery products (up 13.5 percent) and fresh fruit and vegetables (up 7-8 percent).

"The ongoing outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza (HPAI) continues to reduce the U.S. egg layer flock, as well as the poultry flock to a lesser extent," USDA noted in its food price report. "This decrease is expected to increase

wholesale and retail egg prices for the coming months."

In the first two weeks of December, USDA reported 4.8 million birds were destroyed to keep HPAI in check, bringing total losses for the year to 57.3 million birds nationwide.

The majority of bird losses due to HPAI (42.5 million) were table egg layers. Roughly 9.4 million turkeys were destroyed since the first of the year, the CME Group's Daily Livestock Report noted.

"Keep in mind there is a lag in price transmission and retailers likely are operating with compressed margins," authors of the Daily Livestock Reported noted. "Given the trend of the last few weeks, we would expect retail (egg) prices to be sharply higher and unlikely to drop much in January and February."



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

ESTATE OF:
MILDRED I. PECK,
No. 2022-PR-132

Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Mildred I. Peck. Letters of Office were issued on December 15, 2022 to Marvin R. Peck as Executor of the Will, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims

against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before July 1, 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.

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Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
P.O. Box 165
Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2001
everetr@barashlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF:
KEVIN J. COLLINSON,
No. 2023PR1

Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Kevin J. Collinson. Letters of Office were issued on January 4, 2023, to Lisa Collinson as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before July 13, 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.

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Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Administrator
P.O. Box 165
Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2001
everetr@barashlaw.com
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ESTATE OF
Helena Denise Westefer, Deceased
No. 2022 PR 20

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Helena Denise Westefer. Letters of Office were issued on January 6, 2023, to Christian Westefer 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 July 17, 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. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.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 1/13, 1/20, 1/27/23

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| September 1, 2021 | 664,922.75 |
| <u>Receipts</u> | |
| Property taxes | 405,423.18 |
| Donations and fundraising | 50,062.44 |
| Replacement taxes | 6,885.56 |
| Rental revenue | 0.00 |
| Misc. revenue | 3,810.76 |
| Interest | 547.68 |
| Total Receipts | 466,729.62 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | |
| Per Vendor List | 584,594.44 |
| Total Disbursements | 584,594.44 |
| Excess Receipts over Disbursements | (117,864.82) |
| Ending Cash Balance August 31, 2022 | 547,057.93 |
| <u>Vendor List</u> | |
| Alexis Fire Equipment | |
| Total | 15,858.90 |
| Ameren | 9,701.58 |
| Frontier | 2,505.06 |
| Galesburg | |
| Communications | 3,750.57 |
| Illinois Public Risk Fund | 3,605.00 |
| Johnson Food Service | 3,841.00 |
| Kohls | 2,845.00 |
| Leezer Insurance Agency | 13,956.00 |
| Mid State Fire Repair | 7,843.15 |
| Peoples National Bank | 325,680.70 |
| Stark County | |
| Ambulance Service | 162,074.52 |
| Stark County Sheriff | 2,500.00 |
| Turasky Meats | 3,050.00 |
| Wyanet Locker Inc | 7,997.44 |
| Vendors Under \$2,500 | 19,385.52 |
| Total | 584,594.44 |
| Gross Payroll Salary Range Under \$25,000 | \$ |
| Leslie Fehr, Commissioner | |
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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2022

Beginning Cash Balance

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy
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Check us out on Facebook @ Toulon United Methodist Church

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen
7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483
(309) 896-3481
Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
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The Gathering Church

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218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
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OBITUARIES

Arnold D. Ericson

BISHOP HILL – A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023, at Grace Fellowship Church for Arnold Dean “Arnie” Ericson who

passed away peacefully Dec. 23, 2022, after a lengthy illness. A reception at the church will follow the service.

Arnold was born Aug. 10, 1930, in Bishop Hill, Ill., to Emil and Nettie (Lindstrom) Ericson. His family came to Bishop Hill from Sweden in 1846. He married Delores Ethel Ericson Aug. 28, 1955. She preceded him in death in 2009.

Arnold left the family farm in 1952, and joined the Illinois National Guard. After induction, he was moved to Fort Lewis, Wash. For the remainder of his service, Arnold was with the 99th Field Artillery, 1st Cavalry in Okida, Japan, during the Korean War.

After leaving the service, Arnold came to Oregon where he met Delores. Arnold worked at Vancouver Plywood, was a school bus driver and retired from McCracken Motor Freight. Arnold and Delores were big volunteers. Arnold spent many years as a greeter at the Festival of Trees in Eugene and at Santa Clara School. Arnold loved his morning walks, model trains but most of all loved spending time with his family.

Arnold is survived by his three sons, Dennis (Sandra), Bill and Jon (Brenda); his four grandchildren, Chase, Kendra, Sean and Sara; his great-granddaughter, Cadence; and



Ericson

11 nieces and nephews.

Arrangements made by Musgrove Mortuaries and Cemeteries of Springfield. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Willamette Valley Honor Flight Program.

Richard F. Jacobs

TOULON – Richard F. Jacobs, 87, of Toulon, formerly of Sacramento, Calif., passed away at 7:47 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 8, 2023, at his residence.

Richard was born on Aug. 26, 1935, in Nunda, N.Y., to Francis and Winifred Jacobs. He married Virginia Rose Bertolini on Dec. 14, 1957, in Hornell, N.Y. She preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2010.

Richard is survived by his three daughters, Debra Spitzer, Theresa Pelegrino (Tammy Palmer) both of Toulon and Laura Durham of Texas; seven grandchildren, Christina, Jennifer, Michael, Alicia, Trinity, Tamera and Destiny; 13 great-grandchildren, Zander, Aubrey, Mariah, Nathan, Benjamin, Victoria, Alberto, Ameaniah, Alehjandro, Savanah, Asher, Tanner and Savanah Durham; two sisters, Patricia Jenkins and Mary Lou Smith; and one brother, Patrick Jacobs. He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister.

Richard served in the United States Marines and Air Force. He was a bus driver for Regional Transit in Sacramento. Richard was a member of the VFW.

Services will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the



Jacobs

family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to Stark County Ambulance. Condolences for Richard's family may be left at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Lindy S. Hall

BISHOP HILL – Lindy Scott Hall, 65, of Bradford passed away at home on Jan. 3, 2023. He was born in Pekin, Ill. on Aug. 26, 1957, to Lindy and Imogene (Worsley) Hall. He graduated from Pekin High School in 1975. He married Debra (Harris) Hall Aug. 25, 1981.

Lindy is survived by his wife Debra, two sons; Aaron Wiese of Yucca Valley, Calif. and Justin Hall of Pekin and two daughters; Tammi Wiese of Warren, Mich. and Talena Michaels of Pekin. Survivors also include brothers Doug Hall and Kevin Hall; sisters Debbie Villiger and Cathy McMillen.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Lindy worked at Coil Craft in Princeton, Ill. for 13 years. He enjoyed fishing and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of Broken Chains Motorcycle Ministry of Tacoma, Wash.

Cremation rites will be accorded.

Virginia C. Brock

GALVA – Virginia C. Brock, 78, of Galva, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023, at her daughter's home in Woodhull.

Arrangements are pending at Rux Funeral Home in Galva.

Raymond Burnett

PRINCEVILLE – Raymond Burnett, 69, of Princeville died Jan. 3, 2023. Per his request, there will be no services. Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

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Illinois legislators boost abortion protections

By HANNAH MEISEL

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Democrats in the General Assembly on Tuesday approved a wide-ranging measure aimed at shoring up Illinois’ position as a “haven” for abortion access in the Midwest, including legal protections for health care professionals and patients traveling from states where abortion access is illegal or restricted.

Demand from out-of-state abortion seekers – particularly from neighboring Missouri – began accelerating even before the U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade last summer, but advocates expect even more need as Republican-controlled states further clamp down on abortion access.

To meet that future demand, Democrats included provisions in their bill meant to grow Illinois’ reproductive health care workforce, like allowing physician assistants and nurse practitioners to perform vacuum aspiration abortions – the most common type of in-clinic abortions for pregnancies up to around 14 weeks – which do not require general anesthesia.

Under the bill, Illinois would also speed the process for granting tem-

porary permits for all doctors, physician assistants and nurse practitioners to address health care shortages in all areas, not just reproductive health care.

Under the bill, which Gov. JB Pritzker said he will sign, Illinois would join California, Massachusetts and a handful of other East Coast states in establishing “shield laws” protecting information about abortions from being subject to subpoenas and orders for witness testimony from courts in other states.

Like the shield laws enacted by those other states, Illinois’ legal protections would also cover patients and health care professionals engaged in gender-affirming care – a practice some Republican-led states have already begun limiting.

And if a medical professional had his or her license revoked in another state solely for performing abortions or gender-affirming care, he or she would be able to practice in Illinois, pending an investigation by a state licensure oversight authority.

The bill also includes liability insurance protections so that doctors coming from states where abortions or gender-affirming care is illegal can’t be charged higher rates for practicing in Illinois.

Sponsors made clear that these protections are not available to health care professionals accused of genuine malpractice.

In the House, all but three of the 71-member Democratic majority voted for the bill; Rep. Sue Scherer of Decatur has consistently voted against abortion-related bills, while two Democrats were absent.

The bill received unanimous support from all 41 Democrats in the Senate, despite earlier reservations about provisions that would require insurance plans regulated by the state to cover certain medications with no copays.

Those would include abortion medications typically used up to about 10 weeks of pregnancy, the HIV prevention drugs infections PrEP and PEP, as well as gender-affirming hormones.

Removed from the final legislation were provisions requiring university and community college campuses in Illinois to maintain at least one vending machine per campus that sells Plan B emergency contraceptive, as well as regulations for crisis pregnancy centers, facilities often run by faith-based groups designed to dissuade pregnant women from having abortions.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: Which TV game show features a "Daily Double" to increase potential winnings?
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- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many legs do shrimp have?
- HISTORY: How many states did Alabama Gov. George Wallace win as a third-party candidate in the 1968 presidential primary?
- MEDICAL: What is the common name for the human trachea?
- GAMES: How many suspects are in the board game "Clue"?

Answers

- "Jeopardy."
- Apple.
- Cap'n Crunch.
- Theodore Roosevelt.
- CheWBacca.
- The naira.
- Ten.
- Five.
- Windpipe.
- Six.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Astar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
- Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
- Black Panther: Wakanda Forever (PG-13)
- Whitney Houston: I Wanna Dance with Somebody (PG-13)
- Babylon (R)
- Violent Night (R)
- The Whale (R)
- The Menu (R)
- The Fabelmans (PG-13)
- Strange World (PG)

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The Prairie News Sports

Rebels get needed wins

Galva seeded 6th, SC 11th in LTC girls tournament

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Following a difficult stretch, the Stark County boys basketball team earned two much-needed victories.

On Tuesday, Stark County jumped to an early lead at home and beat Knoxville, 52-44. Daniel Kieser had 14 points, Luke Rererts scored 13 and Matthew Bowser added 9.

On Jan. 6, Kieser had 21 points as the Rebels won 55-45 at Mercer County. Stark County used second-quarter scoring from six players to forge a 32-23 halftime lead. Kieser scored 13 in the fourth quarter to help secure the victory.

Stark County had lost five of its previous six games.

"We have been preaching more team and less individual, and for the first time it looked like we were playing for our teammates," Rebels Coach Dusty Browning stated. "Mercer is a tough place to play, and I think it forced our guys to stay together as a group to get the job done."

Ross Saner had 10 points for Stark County, all in the middle two quarters.

Games to follow include one tonight in Kewanee against Wethersfield and another Jan. 17 at home against West Central.

• **Stark County Girls** – The Lady Rebels (5-14) lost three straight in the past week as they head into the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament as the No. 11 seed.

Stark County lost 29-28 to ROWVA-Williamsfield on Monday. Lindley Johnston scored 10 points to lead the Lady Rebels Monday, while Payten Hillier added seven points and Kylee Frisby tallied six.

"Very poor shooting night vs. ROWVA," Stark Coach Bob Bohm said. "Credit their defense adjustments after a 10-0 lead (for Stark County)."

Prior to that, the Lady Rebels fell to Brimfield (57-47) on Jan. 7 and to West Central (61-36) on Jan. 5. Johnston scored 13 points against Brimfield, Frisby had 12

and both Hillier and Lauren West tallied 6. Frisby's 12 points was tops vs. West Central, as Johnston had 9 and West scored 6.

In LTC tourney action at Monmouth United, Stark County was to face Princeville on Wednesday and Wethersfield on Thursday. Despite winning six straight and eight of its last nine games, Princeville (13-8) is seeded No. 2 behind Annawan in the LTC tourney. Games continue Saturday, Jan. 14, and Jan. 16, 18, 19 and 21 depending on results of pool play.

"Key will be limiting empty possessions and team rebounding," Bohm said. "We also need to shoot better from the field."

• **Galva Girls** – Galva (11-10) lost at Abingdon-Avon on Monday, 58-31, and on Jan. 4 dropped a 49-43 decision at home vs. Princeville.

Lexi Stone led Galva with 17 points and five treys vs. Princeville. Kali Yelm added 10, Ava Strom scored 8 and Kendall Rogers tallied 6 in the loss.

Galva is the No. 6 seed in the LTC tourney and opened against Mercer County on Thursday. The Lady Wildcats also play Knoxville Saturday, Jan. 14) at 1 p.m.

• **Galva Boys** – Galva (0-18) lost Tuesday at Monmouth United, 65-29.

The Wildcats suffered a 53-31 home defeat Jan. 6 against West Central. A pair of Jaxsons led the Wildcats in that game – Jaxson Meier had eight points, and Jaxson Willer scored seven.

Despite 17 points Jan. 4 from Blake Stahl, Galva lost 63-55 at LaMoille. Willer had 11 points.

Galva played Tuesday night at United and is host Friday night to Ridgewood.

• **Princeville Boys** – Princeville has won four straight, including a 54-43 defeat of Ridgewood on Tuesday and a 57-50 win at Stark County on Jan. 3.


The Princes (10-6) trailed 28-21 at half-time vs. Stark County, but Parker Melick had 10 points in a pivotal third quarter that ended with his team leading, 40-38.

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