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## Spoon River Days gears up for June 10 celebration

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
**WYOMING** – The revived  
 Spoon River Days event returns  
 Saturday, June 10.

This is the second year for the  
 revived celebration and organ-  
 izer Jon Knoblauch said this  
 year the Shriners' Cars will be a  
 part of the parade downtown, as  
 they were in the past.

The parade will start at 11  
 a.m. from Thomas Park, travel  
 north to Route 17/Williams  
 Street and turn right to continue  
 to the four-way stop downtown.

From there it will turn right and  
 head south to Smith Street  
 where it will turn right again  
 and return to Thomas Park.  
 There will be local entries as  
 well as others Saturday.

Before the parade, the Wyom-  
 ington Fire Department will hold  
 a pancake breakfast at the fire-  
 house from 7-10 a.m. Vendors  
 will be set up on Williams  
 Street to sell items and food  
 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Williams Street is the center  
 for childrens' activities, one of

which will be a noon start for a  
 5,000-balloon water-balloon  
 fight, held just beyond the  
 Country Company Insurance  
 building.

Along Williams Street an  
 axe-throwing competition will  
 start at 11 a.m. and run all day.

Williams Street is also the site  
 of a bags tournament at 1 p.m.  
 and a Dunk Tank at 11 a.m.,  
 where rumor has it Stark  
 County Chief Deputy Chuck  
 Demetreon and Stark County  
 School superintendent Brett El-



The Shriners' cars will return to the revived Spoon River Days parade in Wyoming on June 10.

liott will be on the seat to be  
 “dunked.”

From 4-7 p.m. the Barn Door

Burners music group will per-  
 form on Williams Street to close  
 out the festivities.

## Busy with bills

State lawmakers passed  
 566 laws this session

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

**SPRINGFIELD** – Illinois law-  
 makers passed 566 bills through both  
 chambers of the General Assembly in  
 the recently concluded legislative ses-  
 sion – all but one of them in May.

It sets the table for an approximate  
 three-month bill-signing season for  
 Gov. JB Pritzker. That's because the  
 state's constitution gives legislative  
 leaders 30 days from a bill's passage  
 to send it to the governor, who then  
 has 60 days to sign or veto it.

If the governor takes no action in  
 that time frame, the bill would be-  
 come law automatically. Historically,  
 the legislature has sent bills to the  
 governor in batches, allowing his staff  
 ample time to review the proposals.  
 Below are some of the bills that  
 Pritzker will consider signing in the  
 coming months.

• **Noncitizen licenses:** A measure  
 backed by Democratic Secretary of  
 State Alexi Giannoulias would allow

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## BUILDING COLLAPSE



Pictured is the partially collapsed building at 123 Front St. in Galva. Street barricades have been installed in case of further collapse. Photo by Carol Townsend.

## Cause of collapse unknown

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – The west end of a  
 building owned by Branchfield  
 Castings apparently collapsed  
 Saturday night on Front Street.

Galva's Fire Chief Nate Byers  
 said Monday he was out of town  
 and not on the call.

He said that Galva Fire and Po-

lice answered the call.

Ameren was called to the scene  
 to check if there had been a gas  
 leak but nothing was found.

Byers said that the fire depart-  
 ment barricaded the street off in  
 case any more of the building  
 came down.

It is not known what happened  
 to the building.

## Flash drought

Dry weather impacting plants, trees

By **RON DIETER**

For The Prairie News

Some meteorologists are  
 claiming we may soon expe-  
 rience a flash drought. Others  
 are saying we're in the midst of  
 one. One thing's for sure – we  
 need rain.

So what exactly is a flash  
 drought? It's the rapid onset of  
 extremely dry conditions which  
 occur when strong sunlight,  
 low humidity and lack of rain  
 occur simultaneously. That de-  
 scribes pretty well what's hap-  
 pening here in much of central  
 Illinois.

The low humidity is certainly  
 welcome. Working in the garden  
 has been rather pleasant despite  
 the high afternoon temperatures.  
 But the atmosphere is so dry that  
 even morning dew fails to material-  
 ize. Dew, which normally

condenses on grass and foliage  
 overnight, helps plants conserve  
 moisture by reducing transpiration.

According to forecasters, the  
 precipitation outlook for central  
 Illinois is below normal for the  
 first full week of June and near  
 normal for the second. If this  
 forecast comes true, it's not much  
 help. To catch up, we need rain-  
 fall to be above normal. Accord-  
 ing to the prognosticators, that's  
 not in the cards, at least in the  
 near term.

What can we do to minimize  
 drought stress on the garden? First,  
 keep newly planted shrubs and  
 trees well watered. Young trees  
 need special attention moisture-  
 wise the first two years after plant-  
 ing to establish a vibrant root sys-  
 tem.

At least once a week, let water  
 trickle from a hose

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# STATE BILLS: Noncitizen and criminal justice reform

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residents of Illinois to obtain a standard driver's license, rather than the "temporary visitor driver's license."

An applicant would be required to show their U.S. immigration documentation or, if they don't have that, a passport or consular card. They would also have to prove they have car insurance.

A standard license can be used as identification, whereas a TVDL cannot. Under House Bill 3882, noncitizens would still be ineligible to receive a federal Real ID certified license.

It passed the House 67-35 and the Senate 33-18.

**• Noncitizen law enforcement:** House Bill 3751 provides that noncitizens can become law enforcement officers in Illinois if they're authorized by federal law to work in the country or if action on their immigration status has been deferred under the federal Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals process.

Those individuals must meet all other state qualifications.

The measure passed 37-20 in the Senate and 100-7 in the House.

**• License plate readers:** Another measure backed by Giannoulis would prohibit any "user" of an automated license plate reader from sharing data collected by the device with out-of-state law enforcement officers who are investigating activities related to abortion care or someone's immigration status.

House Bill 3326 passed 39-15 in the Senate and 69-34 in the House.

**• Native American repatriation:** House Bill 3413 would streamline the process through which Illinois returns Native American remains and materials.

HB 3413 allows IDNR to establish burial sites for Native American human remains and other artifacts that are closed to the public and protected by the state.

**• Probation drug testing:** Senate Bill 1886 would limit the circumstances under which a judge could order a person to refrain from cannabis and alcohol use and submit to testing while on probation. A judge could still mandate testing.

It passed 75-40 in the House and 31-18 in the Senate.

**• Teacher licensure:** Senate Bill 1488 will temporarily suspend and create a task force to review one of the tests prospective teachers must pass to be licensed in Illinois.

The test is known as the Teacher Performance Assessment, or "edTPA," which would be suspended through Aug. 31, 2025, under the measure.

SB 1488 would also establish a task force to evaluate teacher performance assessment systems and make recommendations to the State Board of Education and the General Assembly by Aug. 1, 2024.

It passed the House 84-19 and the Senate 55-2.

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# DROUGHT: Watering critical for vegetables

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placed at the base of the tree or shrub. Water slowly to avoid runoff. Set a timer so you don't forget the water's running.

A layer of mulch will help prevent the soil from drying out in the hot summer sun.

An established perennial border will benefit from mulching, too. Keep an eye on the border when the sun is high. Plants suffering from lack of moisture will wilt and droop. Give them a drink using a watering wand or a sprinkling can.

Apply the water at the base of the plant and let it soak in. Then water it again.

Watering is critical in the vegetable garden, especially if your garden is in raised beds. For tomatoes and peppers it's important to maintain consistent soil moisture.

Uneven moisture levels are the major cause of blossom end rot in toma-

atoes. A layer of mulch does wonders for keeping moisture on an even keel, ensuring a good yield.

Enough talk about droughts and watering chores. Let's turn to happier thoughts.

The foliage on your daffodils has surely faded and it's time to get some new bulbs for free. Dig up those clumps of daffodils, separate the bulbs and plant them elsewhere.

You've probably received a bulb catalog or two in the past few days. That means it's time to order bulbs for planting later this fall. And while you're at it, look up the prices for the bulbs you al-

ready have. You'll find you have a gold mine in your own backyard.

We have a large area south of the house where we planted 100 'Jetfire' daffodils about 14 years ago. They've multiplied into large clusters. I'm guessing there are at least 30 healthy bulbs in each clump.

Just for fun I grabbed a catalog and checked the price of 'Jetfire' daffodil bulbs. I can buy 100 bulbs for \$60. So let's see ... 100 clumps with 30 healthy bulbs each means I've got 3,000 bulbs worth about \$1,800.

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

**5-23** - Diego Armando Diaz-Gomez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**6-2** - Paul M. Williams - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

### Misdemeanors & Felonies

**6-2** - Criminal misdemeanor - Megan B. Carter - Obstructing identification.

**5-26** - Ordinance violation - James R. Sellers - Maintaining a nuisance.

### Incidents & Accidents

**5-26** - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 approximately a quarter of a mile north of 1700N. The driver involved was identified as Grace E. Merritt, 25, Iowa City, Iowa. Merritt was traveling south on Rte. 40 when she left the roadway after negotiating a curve. The vehicle struck a sign and then an embankment before rolling. No injuries were reported to the driver or two additional passengers. No tickets were issued but the estimated vehicle damages were reported at over \$1,500.

**5-26** - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of 650E and 1750N at 7:40 a.m. Driver Kahla M. Martinez, 30, Wyoming, was traveling north on 650E as she approached the intersection and failed to stop.

Upon entering the intersection Martinez struck a vehicle being driven by Sharece F. Jones, 45, of Kewanee, who was traveling west on the Osceola Road. Upon impact Jones vehicle rolled several times before coming to rest on the north side of the road in a field. No injuries were reported but Martinez was cited for disobeying a stop sign. Estimated damages to both vehicles was over \$1,500.

**6-1** - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 78, about a quarter of a mile north of 1100N. The driver involved was Alex M. Ingle, 29, of Galva. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

**6-3** - Joshua R. Kelch, 25, Edwards, was arrested for speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone and for driving on a revoked driver's license. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

### Peoria County Report

**5-5** - An Edelstein man declined medical attention following a two-vehicle accident near South Rome, but a passenger required a visit to a Peoria hospital.

The wreck happened shortly after 3 p.m. May 25 in the 2300 block of E. Wilkens Drive. According to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report, Anthony M. Rowcliff was driving a 2016 Nissan stopped in the west-bound roadway when a 2007 Toyota rear-ended it. The other driver was Jeremiah J. Leflore of Peoria.

Rowcliff didn't say why his vehicle stopped, the report stated. Of his two passengers, a male was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, with unspecified injuries. The other passenger, a female, declined medical transport, as did Leflore.

### Galva Report

#### Officer dispatched:

**5-29** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 700 block of W. Division St., David Pagan, 37, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while license suspended and speeding 47 in a 30 mph



zone. He was released with a required court date.

**5-29** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a civil property dispute.

**5-29** - Officer spoke to a resident by telephone in reference to a disorderly conduct complaint involving threats through social media.

**5-29** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a subject having a mental health crisis.

**5-29** - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a theft complaint.

**5-30** - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

**5-30** - to residences around town that need repairs or other action taken. Documentation of their conditions were taken.

**5-30** - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a property-line dispute.

**5-30** - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a property-line dispute.

**5-30** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to retrieve property.

**5-31** - After a traffic stop in the 600 block of W. Division St., David Pagan, 37, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a court date.

**5-31** - After a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Brett Pagan, 35, Abingdon, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration for no insurance. He was released with a court date.

**5-31** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a barking dog complaint. The owner was advised of the complaint.

**5-31** - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a call involving a young child walking into a house and sitting down and refusing to speak. The child was removed from the residence and returned to the family, which was looking for the child several blocks away.

**5-31** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of SE 5th St., April Plemmons, 40, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released with a court date.

**5-31** - Officer met with a resident to file a report of items missing in the 500 block of E. Division St.

**5-31** - to properties in town to follow up on city ordinance violations.

**6-1** - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a harassment complaint involving juveniles.

**6-1** - to assist Henry County with a suspicious car that was seen near the junction of Routes 34 and 17. Officer was not able to locate the car.

**6-1** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 2nd St., Annette Krasuki, 35, Springfield, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license, operating an uninsured vehicle, failure to transfer title upon ownership and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was released with a required court date.

**6-1** - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a suicidal subject. The subject was transported by ambulance for treatment.

**6-2** - to a possible prowler complaint in 300 block of SW 2nd Ave.

**6-2** - Officer was advised of a re-possession taking place in the 200 block of NE 7th St.

**6-2** - to the 00 block of NW 4th St. for a trespassing to vehicle, theft complaint.

**6-2** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loitering complaint.

**6-3** - to check on two subjects walking in the 900 block of SE 2nd St. They were walking to Kewanee.

**6-3** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

**6-3** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a suspicious-activity complaint.

**6-3** - to the 200 block of Front St. for a complaint involving a building that partially collapsed.

**6-3** - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a verbal domestic dispute.

**6-3** - While patrolling, officer located two coolers that may have fallen out of a vehicle in the 700 block of W. Division St.

**6-4** - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a complaint involving threatening telephone calls.

**6-4** - to 600 block of NW 1st St. to check the welfare of a subject walking by who appeared to be in distress.

**6-4** - near the intersection of Front St. and N. Center Ave. for a sick or injured fox. The fox appeared to be young and ran away.

**6-3** - Todd Roeder, 20, La Mesa, Calif., was issued a citation for speeding in 800 block of SE 2nd St.

**6-3** - Norman Andersen, 87, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

### Property Transfers

**5-30** - Chad E., Clint A., Kirk A., Kyle E. Plattner to Nathan D. and Timothy S. Shane - Pt 22-12-6 NW - 9298 Sharkey Hwy, Wyoming - Consideration = \$24,000.

**5-30** - Stark County Sheriff and Mark D. Thornton to Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC - Sect 30-13-6 NW - 323 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**5-30** - Lorene & Ronald E. Tuthill to Lorene and Ronald E. Tuthill, Trustees - Pt 35-13-6 NE, Pts 27-13-6 SE NW & NE, Pt 13-12-6 NW, Pt 12-12-6 SW, Pts 23-13-6 SE & SW, Pt 26-13-6 NW NE & SW, Pt 24-13-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.

**5-30** - Diane M. and James L. Sutton to Joshua T. and Kimberly J. Humes - Pt Assr's Sub Sect 35-13-6 SE - 400 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$117,500.

**6-1** - James C. and Jill M. Barto to Beam Bros. LLC - Pt 10-14-7 NE - Consideration = \$150,000.

**6-2** - Connie Kay and Larry Francis Shane to David A. and Marianne Hough - Fair Acres Subdivision Sect. 2 Lot 34 - 404 W. Butler St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$130,000.

**6-2** - Christa N. Franzen and Donald N. Garrison, Jr. to Peyton Garcia - Scott and Wrigley's Add'n - Pt block 4 - 307 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$124,900.

**6-2** - Linda K. Donsbach, Kathy A. Gomes, Sandra J. Orwig and Karen L. Steward to Frank G. Jr. and Shannon E. Westphal - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n block 30 lot 8 - 217 S. Union St., Toulon - Consideration = \$167,400.

### Marriages

**5-30** - Paige Lynn Smith and Dylan Michael Peterson - both of Williamsfield.

**6-1** - Melissa Belle Brady and James Patrick Smith - both of Wyoming.

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**CryptoQuote**  
 answer  
 It is amazing how nice people are to you when they know you are going away - Michael Arien

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## Honor Flight made up for lacking homecoming

To the Editor:

On May 23, I had the privilege to go on the Honor Flight to Washington D.C., thanks to the Greater Peoria Honor Flight Association. My son, Jeff Ralston, submitted my name and he accompanied me as my guardian.

Our journey started at 4:30 a.m. at Peoria International Airport. Free coffee and donuts before boarding at 6:30 a.m. There were 75 veterans on this trip, including three men from World War II who were 94, 94 and 99 years of age. There were 25 men from the Korean War and 47 veterans from the Vietnam era.

I was surprised to learn that there are 140 Honor Flight hubs throughout the United States. Since the inception, approximately 150,000 veterans have made the trip to D.C.

We arrived in D.C. at 9:30 a.m. Eastern time. First stop was at Arlington National Cemetery, 640 acres. They have, on average, 30 burials a day. We witnessed the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. This first stop was the most humbling and respected part of my trip.

coming" I had never received 51 years ago. The cheering, yelling, clapping, hugs, kisses, and handshakes from people I never have met was an awesome feeling.

The best was having my wife, sons, daughters-in-law, grandkids and special friends, Jerry and Sue, in line to welcome me home. All of you are special in my heart. Thanks also to everyone who sent letters of support. All of you are special in my heart.

Most of all, thank you Jeff for making all of this possible. I will forever be indebted. Also, a huge shoutout to the volunteers that put their time and effort into this journey for so many veterans.

Finally, I can say with everything that took place, I have come to peace with myself and my country for getting the homecoming that I missed 51 years ago. Thank you and God bless!

— **Jim Ralston**, Yates City  
 U.S. Navy, 1968-72

that nothing that happens outside of those counties matters to these people.

Next is House Bill 3571, which will authorize non-citizens to be various types of police. I can't think of a better group of people to enforce laws the public doesn't want than non-citizens who may or may not have a real vested interest in our state. These non-citizen police will, subject to federal approval, be authorized to carry firearms.

Please keep in mind that Gov. Pritzker's firearm ban carves out exceptions for police. Effectively, some non-citizens would then have more legal privilege in Illinois to exercise rights than actual citizens!

Both these bills have passed both houses of the General Assembly.

Next up isn't a bad law, but two out of seven of the justices on the Illinois Supreme Court each received more than \$1 million in campaign donations from Gov. Pritzker. The same two justices also each received an additional six-figure donation from Speaker of the House Chris Welch. The court investigated itself and found no impropriety. The Supreme Court, including the two marionette justices, heard arguments last week on Illinois' controversial firearms ban. Gov. Pritzker and Speaker Welch are defendants in the case.

In summary, and assuming the governor intends to sign the bills mentioned, the highest justices in the state are up for sale via campaign donations, you will be forced to travel to kangaroo courts in order to air serious grievances against the state and the state will hire non-citizens and give them full authority to exercise state-sanctioned force.

At what point do we consider the government of Illinois to have become destructive to the ends of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness?

— **Ian Brown**, Princeville  
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The Vietnam Memorial was my second-most inspirational stop, as I found the name of Leonard Allen Moore from London Mills, who died in Vietnam. Allen is buried in Uniontown Cemetery south of Douglas. To his family in the area, please know I paid tribute to Allen.

We stopped at all the branches of memorials, plus the White House and the Pentagon.

What's amazing is this whole trip is free and paid for through donations. Each Honor Flight costs \$100,000. We boarded the plane in D.C. at 9 p.m. after a 12-hour day. Everyone was tired but excited to get back home.

We touched down in Peoria at 9:40 p.m. and what I experienced for the next one and a half hours will forever be ingrained in my head. We were pre-warned of the homecoming, but never in my life did I think I would see what would become the "home-

## House bills, corruption spell trouble for Illinois

To the Editor:

Research in 2014 by two Princeton professors found that public opinion had a near-zero impact on laws the public gets. In Illinois that's not hard to believe. Actually, it serves as more of a stinging reminder of what we face in downstate Illinois year after year. Here are a few laws the state deserves to hear your opinions on.

First is House Bill 3062, which would mean any serious challenges to the constitutionality of Illinois' laws must be brought to courts in either Cook or Sangamon counties. Regardless of where in the state your rights are violated, as long as it's the state violating them they will force you to bring the claim in the courts the state finds the coziest.

Some proponents of the bill tout it as an enhancement of the whole process, streamlining it as these sorts of cases ultimately get decided in Cook or Sangamon counties anyway. I at least appreciate the naked admission

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Joseph Majenske  
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Real Estate includes: Two separate parcels. First parcel is as described in the following. Tax ID #20-21-451-004. 903 square feet, five room, two-bedroom, one bathroom home. Sided with an asphalt shingled roof, including an open front porch, and a one car garage. Located on a .50-acre lot with highway frontage.



Second parcel described in the following:  
Tax ID #20-21-451-005. 790 square feet home, including five rooms, two bedrooms, and one bathroom. Sided with an asphalt shingled roof and includes a two-car garage. Also located on a .50-acre lot with highway frontage.



Both homes include central air systems and gas forced air heat with natural gas. Recent taxes for both properties are as follows:  
1702 North Main Street Route 78, Kewanee, IL 61443, \$750.90 with no exemptions. 1704 North Main Street Route 78, Kewanee, IL 61443, \$458.70 with one exemption.


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### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



HEY, DAD, CAN YOU HELP ME OUT WITH THIS?  
FOR HISTORY WE ARE SUPPOSED TO WRITE ABOUT THE DARK AGES.  
THAT'S GREAT. DO YOU NEED ME TO PRINT SOME STUFF OUT FOR YOU?  
NOPE, JUST TELL ME WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN YOU WERE A KID.

### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



SOMETIMES I FEEL LIKE JUST THROWING OUT THE TOWEL.  
DON'T YOU MEAN... THROWING IN THE TOWEL?  
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN MY TOWEL!!

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



WHAT? WE ALWAYS TALK SPORTS. I JUST THOUGHT MAYBE IT WOULD BE NICE FOR US TO SHARE OUR FEELINGS.

### GRIM BEARD IT



"Don't do that while he's putting!"

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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### Trivia test

by Yif Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which actor voiced the character of Darth Vader in the first three "Star Wars" movies released?
- TELEVISION: Which was the first TV show to react to the 9/11 attack on the United States?
- LITERATURE: Who is the youngest person to win the Nobel Prize for literature?
- HISTORY: Which city did Anne Frank and her family live in hiding before they were discovered?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the tallest breed of dog?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is considered the national dish of Spain?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which is the only city that also is the smallest country in the world?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which holiday is considered the Jewish New Year?
- ANATOMY: What are the bones in the fingers called?
- ASTRONOMY: How many primary phases of the moon exist?

**Answers**  
1. James Earl Jones.  
2. "The West Wing."  
3. Rudyard Kipling.  
4. Amsterdam.  
5. Great Dane.  
6. Paella.  
7. Vatican City.  
8. Rosh Hashanah.  
9. Phalanges.  
10. Four.  
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### Answers on Page 3

### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW  
One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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KGWL YPMZ LMO QAW UMFPU  
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### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Little Mermaid	(PG)
2. Fast X	(PG-13)
3. Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3	(PG-13)
4. The Super Mario Bros. Movie	(PG)
5. The Machine	(R)
6. About My Father	(PG-13)
7. Kandahar	(R)
8. You Hurt My Feelings	(R)
9. Evil Dead Rise	(R)
10. Book Club: The Next Chapter	(PG-13)

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**Wagner receives Mediacom scholarship**

TOULON – Mark Wagner, a senior at Stark County High School, was selected as a recipient of Mediacom’s World Class Scholarship program. The \$1,000 scholarship recognized the Toulon resident for excellence in leadership and academics.



Wagner

This year marks 22 consecutive years that Mediacom has funded World Class Scholarships for students who live in areas where the company delivers high-speed broadband and digital video services. Mediacom annually selects 60 graduating seniors who each receive scholarships to support their post-secondary education.

**College graduate**

• Jack Wilson of Toulon graduated with a bachelor of science, agricultural systems technology and industrial technology, magna cum caude, from Iowa State University during the spring 2023 semester.

**Bradford’s TerBush to attend Girls State**

BRADFORD – Lily TerBush, daughter of Jessica and Randy Peterson of rural Bradford, will be attending the Illinois American Legion Auxiliary Girls State at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

She is sponsored by the Bradford American Legion Auxiliary Unit #445 with financial assistance from the Bradford Beta Sigma Phi.



TerBush

TerBush recently completed her junior year at Newman Central Catholic in Sterling, where she has been active in volleyball, basketball,

**BRIEFS**



The Galva Ready to Grow committee chose Scott and Barb Caravello’s home for the June Property Pride award. The home at 104 NW 5th St. has been occupied by the Caravello family for 31 years. They both like to work in the yard. They have a small greenhouse and raise their own vegetable and flower plants. Scott has worked as the local pharmacist for the past 31 years and Barb works as a cancer registrar for OSF. The couple have two grown children and one grandchild. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Bradford Fire Company personnel barbeque pork chops, pork burgers and pork cutlets last Saturday at the Annual Bradford Hog Roast. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

track, Key Club, Ambassador’s Club, and B.L.I.N.D. which is an organization designed to help incoming freshmen as they adjust to high school. Lily has received high honors all three years of high school and also a 4.0 and above gpa Academic Achievement for the sports conference. In addition, Lily is an active member in the Boyd’s Grove Church, participating in their many activities.

Female high school students who have completed their junior year are competitively selected and sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary units for this program, where they learn about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and actively running a mock government.

**First Baptist hosts yard sale June 16 and 17**

GALVA – The First Baptist Church of Galva will hold its annual More-on-34 Yard Sale on Friday and Saturday, June 16-17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the pavilion at the American Legion, located at 45 Wallace St.

All items except the food are sold by donation only. Fruit pies – rhubarb, strawberry rhubarb, peach, blackberry, blueberry and mixed berry – will be sold for \$15 each.

Also available will be muffins, beverages and a BBQ sandwich meal.



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# Colgan completes flag drop box project

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Jack Colgan has completed numerous projects in earning an Eagle Scout status with his Boy Scout Troop 150. Colgan chose as his final project a flag drop box for torn, worn out and faded United States of America flags.

The purpose for the drop box is convenience for people who have flags that require being retired instead of calling a Legion member for disposal of a flag.

Colgan partnered with Suz Howard and the Aldrich Company in Wyoming to design and fabricate two flag drop boxes, one for the Wyoming American Legion Post 91 and the other for the Toulon American Legion Post 416.

“This project consisted of multiple meetings with Aldrich Company to discuss specifications and blueprint design,” Colgan said. “I also went to Aldrich for two fabrication sessions to learn about welding and to assist with the finishing work such as sanding and painting.”

Colgan thanks Howard for supplying time and materials and also



Scout Jack Colgan (second from left) holds a flag destined to go into the flag drop box that he helped design and manufacturer for the Toulon American Legion Post 416. Colgan and other Scouts from Troop 150 assembled the drop box which is held in place with a concrete footing. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Blake Quart, who assisted the design and fabrication processes. Additionally, Colgan thanks his fellow Scout members who assisted with building forms, mixing, and pouring concrete to be used as a footing for the flag drop boxes.

The boxes will be put to use this Saturday when Toulon’s Legion holds its annual observance of Flag Day with a flag burning ceremony at the Legion’s Post this Saturday, June 10, at 9 a.m.

“I joined the Scouts when I was 11-years-old and quickly made it my goal to achieve Eagle rank,” Colgan stated. “I chose this project because there is a need to have a convenient place to properly dispose of flags any day or time. This provides a service to the local Legion Posts and the communities.”

Colgan is a recent graduate of Stark County High School and the son of Andy and Jackie (Langdon) Colgan.

# Galva demolition work halted at 314 Front St.

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

Mayor Rich Volkert said Monday that the demolition of several buildings at 314 Front St. has been stopped until city engineers can do an inspection and give direction.

Volkert said demolition will probably be delayed. The top story has been removed on all buildings at 314 Front St., but the lower story remains on two of the buildings.

Volkert said at this time, that is all he can say.

The building next door is owned by the Galva Odd Fellows. They rent the bottom out to Country Financial Insurance and Special Kneads Bakery. They use the upstairs for their activities.

The bid of \$268,900 was awarded to Ratliff of Kewanee for taking down the buildings, which were abandoned and in disrepair.



Demolition work on Front Street in Galva has been halted. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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[john@leezeragency.com](mailto:john@leezeragency.com)

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**Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps have been released for Stark County. Attend the Flood Map Information Open House to learn about your risk of flooding and how your property may be impacted.**

**WHEN:**  
 Thursday, June 22, 2023  
 From 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. CT

**WHERE:**  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
 Estate of  
 MURRAY DEAN LINDSTROM, de-  
 ceased

No. 2023PR37  
 Notice is given of the death of  
 MURRAY DEAN LINDSTROM.

Letters of Office were issued on  
 May 16, 2023 to RONALD G. LIND-  
 STROM as Independent Adminis-  
 trator, whose attorney is Michael E.  
 Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115  
 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be  
 filed in the office of the Henry  
 County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse,  
 Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the  
 representatives, or both, within six  
 months from the date of first publi-  
 cation, 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 deliv-  
 ered 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 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/23

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
 ESTATE OF  
 JANICE E. WARNER, Deceased  
 No. 2023 PR 39  
 CLAIM NOTICE  
 (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of  
 JANICE E. WARNER. Letters of Of-

fice were issued on May 18, 2023,  
 to Jerry A. Warner, Jr. and Julie  
 Warner as Independent Co-Represen-  
 tatives whose attorneys are Bar-  
 rash & 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 be-  
 fore November 28, 2023. Any  
 claim not filed by that date is  
 barred. Copies of a claim filed with  
 the Clerk must be mailed or deliv-  
 ered to the representative and to  
 the attorney within 10 days after it  
 has been filed. E-filing is now  
 mandatory for documents in civil  
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 e-file, you must first create an ac-  
 count with an e-filing service pro-  
 vider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC  
 Attorney for Executor  
 211 W. 2nd St.  
 Kewanee, IL 61443  
 (309) 852-5555  
 Published 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/23

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
 In The Matter of The Estate of  
 HARRY L. MALLERY,  
 Deceased.  
 Case No. 2023 PR 68

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 Notice is given of the death of

HARRY L. MALLERY, of 2307  
 State Route 17, LaFayette, Illinois  
 61449. Letters of Office were is-  
 sued to BRIAN L. MALLERY, Inde-  
 pendent Executor, whose attorney  
 is DAVID L. COVER of Cover Law  
 Group, LLP, Twin Towers Plaza,  
 Suite 203-456 Fulton Street, Peo-  
 ria, Illinois 61602, and 107 West  
 Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483.  
 Claims must be filed on or before  
 November 30, 2023, or six (6)  
 months from the date of the first  
 publication of this Claim Notice,  
 whichever is later, and any claim  
 not filed on or before that date is  
 barred as to the estate. If mailing  
 or delivery of a notice from the in-  
 dependent executor is required by  
 the provisions of Section 18-3 of  
 the Illinois Probate Act, then the  
 date of filing claims shall be the  
 later of the date stated above or  
 three months from the date of  
 mailing or delivery.

Claims must be filed in the office  
 of the Clerk of the Court at Knox  
 County, Illinois, or with the Inde-  
 pendent Executor, or both. Within  
 ten (10) days after a claim is filed  
 with the court, a copy of the claim  
 must be mailed or delivered to the  
 Independent Executor and to his  
 attorney and file with the court  
 proof of mailing or delivery of the  
 copies.

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<http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Dated: May 16, 2023  
 Brian L. Mallery, Executor  
 /s/ David L. Cover  
 David L. Cover, his attorney

David L. Cover  
 Cover Law Group, LLP  
 Attorneys for the Executor  
 Twin Towers Plaza  
 Suite 203 - 456 Fulton Street  
 Peoria, Illinois 61602  
 (309) 673-8227  
 ARDC #0528420  
 email: [dcover@coverlawgroup.com](mailto:dcover@coverlawgroup.com)  
 Published 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/23

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
 ESTATE OF:  
 MARJORIE JANE LINDQUIST,  
 No. 2023PR36  
 Deceased

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
 (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of  
 Marjorie Jane Lindquist. Letters of  
 Office were issued on May 15,  
 2023, to Melissa Lindquist as In-  
 dependent Executor 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 November 17,  
 2023.

Any claim not filed by that date is  
 barred. Copies of a claim filed with  
 the Clerk must be mailed or deliv-  
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 talk with your local circuit clerk's  
 office.

Barash & Everett, LLC  
 Attorney for Executor  
 P.O. Box 165  
 Galva, IL 61434  
 (309) 932-2001  
[everetr@barashlaw.com](mailto:everetr@barashlaw.com)  
 Published 5/26, 6/2, 6/9/23

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
 COUNTY OF STARK**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
 A.G.,  
 DOB: 4/18/2021, a minor  
 CASE NO 23JA3

**NOTICE**  
 To: Unknown Father

Take notice that on May 26, 2023,  
 a Petition was filed under the  
 Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by  
 Caroline Borden Campion, Stark  
 County State's Attorney, in the  
 Circuit Court of Stark County  
 entitled "In the interest of A.G, a  
 minor", and that in the Stark County  
 Courtroom on June 16, 2023, at the  
 hour of 2:00 p.m., or as soon  
 thereafter that this cause may be  
 heard, an Appearance with Counsel  
 will be held upon the petition to have  
 the child declared to be a ward of  
 the court under that Act. THE  
 COURT HAS AUTHORITY  
 GUARDIANSHIP IN OF THIS THE  
 PROCEEDING MINOR, TO TAKE  
 TERMINATE FROM YOUR YOU THE  
 PARENTAL CUSTODY RIGHTS, AND  
 GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR TO  
 TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL  
 RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A  
 GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO  
 CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU  
 MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS  
 TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION  
 REQUESTS TERMINATION OF  
 YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE  
 APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN  
 WITH PROPER CONSENT TO  
 ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL  
 PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.  
 Unless you appear you will not be  
 entitled to further written notices or  
 publication notices of the  
 proceedings in this case, be  
 including entitled to the further filing  
 of written an amended notices or  
 petition publication or a motion  
 notices to of the terminate  
 proceedings parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the  
 hearing and show cause against the  
 petition, the allegations of the  
 petition may stand admitted as  
 against you and each of you, and an  
 order of judgment entered.  
 Dated May 30, 2023  
 Stark County Circuit Clerk  
 130 W. Main Street, PO Box 426  
 Toulon, IL 61483  
 Published 6/9, 6/16/, 6/23/23

**ESSEX TOWNSHIP  
 PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023**

**Town Fund Cash Receipts**  
 Property tax \$103723, state replacement tax \$19198, interest \$81,  
 TIORMA dividend \$731, transfers  
 \$2000, and other income \$50. Total cash receipts \$125783.

**Cash Disbursements**  
 Wyoming Cemetery \$10760, Sheets Cemetery \$3560, TIORMA  
 Insurance \$5022, Transfer of Funds \$48000, Compensation \$25000 to  
 \$49999 (M Cox), Compensation under \$25000 (G Goodwin, P Daum, L  
 Eberle, T Shane, M Tracy, S Jackson) \$4978, US Treasury/IL Payroll  
 taxes \$6264, Cash distributions under \$2500: \$9845.  
 Total cash disbursements \$ 116134.

	Town Fund	Gen Assist Fund	Cemetery	Total
Balance 3/31/22	\$64157	\$9662	\$17515	\$91334
Cash Receipts	\$105426	\$10	\$20347	\$125783
Cash Disbursed	\$96734	\$0	\$19400	\$116134
Balance 3/31/23	\$72849	\$9672	\$18462	\$100983

**Road & Bridge District Cash Receipts**  
 Property tax \$70726, state replacement tax \$16664, Interest \$188,  
 Transfers In \$46000. Total cash receipts \$133578.

**Cash Disbursements**  
 Teubel Excavating LLC \$37263, Wagenbach Trucking \$13806, Martin  
 Equip Inc \$3786, Moore Tires Inc \$3529, Compensation under \$2500  
 (L Hartz, T Nelson), Other cash disbursements under \$2500: \$8576.  
 Total Cash Disbursements \$68069.

	R & B Fund	Bridge Fund	Equip/Bldg Fund	Total
Balance 3/31/22	\$51820	\$72864	\$7487	\$132171
Cash Receipts	\$71692	\$9321	\$52565	\$133578
Cash Disbursed	\$62163	\$5906	\$0	\$68069
Balance 3/31/23	\$61349	\$76279	\$60052	\$197680

Subscribed and Sworn to this 5th day of June 2023, I Gary Goodwin,  
 Supervisor of Essex Township, County of Stark, St of Illinois, do certify  
 that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the  
 fiscal year ending March 31, 2023.  
 Gary Goodwin, Supervisor  
 Published 6/9/23

order of judgment entered.  
 Dated May 30, 2023  
 Stark County Circuit Clerk  
 130 W. Main Street, PO Box 426  
 Toulon, IL 61483  
 Published 6/9, 6/16/, 6/23/23

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
 TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
 STATE OF ILLINOIS,  
 COUNTY OF STARK**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
 A.E.,  
 DOB: 11/4/2019, a minor  
 CASE NO 23JA4

**NOTICE**  
 To: Alec Scott and Unknown Father

Take notice that on May 26, 2023,  
 a Petition was filed under the  
 Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by  
 Caroline Borden Campion, Stark  
 County State's Attorney, in the  
 Circuit Court of Stark County  
 entitled "In the interest of A.K, a  
 minor", and that in the Stark County  
 Courtroom on June 16, 2023, at the  
 hour of 2:00 p.m., or as soon  
 thereafter that this cause may be  
 heard, an Appearance with Counsel  
 will be held upon the petition to have  
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 July 7 issue of The Prairie News  
 ADS due Friday, June 30 by noon.



**FATHER'S DAY AUCTION**  
**REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY**  
 6365 North Township Road 1200 East Wyoming, IL  
**Sunday, June 18 12:00 noon**  
 Real Estate Open House: Thursday, June 8 @ 6pm  
**Real Estate:** Offering a ranch style brick home that has 3 bedrooms, large living room, finished basement, 3 season room 2 car attached garage, whole house generator, steel roof, 3 bathrooms, gas forced air furnace, 2 fireplaces, and a 18'X36' outbuilding. This home is in move in condition and has had the best of care. It is convenient to Peoria, Wyoming, Bradford and sits on a good county highway. It is in the Stark County School district and has a good well and the mechanicals are all in good working order. If you are looking for your forever home this is one you want to check out.  
**Terms:** This home will sell in as is condition with no warranties issued. A \$5,000 non refundable earnest money will be due at the conclusion of the auction and the balance will be due on or around July 18. Taxes will be prorated to the day of closing and possession will be given at that time. A title insurance policy for the sale price will issued and this property will sell subject to seller confirmation. Prospective buyer's will be expected to do their own due diligence before bidding and buying this property.  
 If you can't make the open house please contact the undersigned auctioneer to set up a viewing. A virtual tour is online now and for pictures please go to auctionzip.com or my facebook page.  
**Personal Property to sell after the real estate and items to be sold include:** small kitchen appliances, stereo, Coleman stove, Keller 8' fiberglass stepladder, painters ladder, poly garage cabinets, fans, long handle tools, Kubota ZD 321 ZD Pro 60 commercial zero turn mower w/ ROPS, 1025 hours and diesel engine, Stihl PS 56 RC string trimmer, Ryobi sting trimmer, Truper wheelbarrow, dolly cart, Stihl BG 55 gas powered blower, Stihl MS 180 C chainsaw, old bicycles. Garden sprayers, metal lawn chairs, Troy Bilt front tine tiller, Lawn Boy pushmower, gas cans, planters, Reddy Heater, Homelite chainsaw, Master Force cordless tiller, Kuker pull type sprayer, little generator, shop vac, Kubota G 5200 HST diesel lawn tractor, tool boxes, trap thrower, trap thrower w/ seat, electric tools, hand tools, battery chargers, horizontal air compresroe, 5 gallon air tank, bench grinder, bench vise, extension cords, aluminum extension ladder, garden carts, 4' lawn roller, landscape blocks, patio furniture, Montego Bay 24 tanning bed, bowflex, book shelves, flat screen tvs, garden bench, fire place set, pub table and chairs, 3 cushion couch, recliners, Amana gas dryer, Amana washer, Amana 7 cu/ft chest freezer, dining room table and chairs, dry sink, pictures, home décor, queen size bed, child's rocker, 3 drawer commode w/ mirror, double bed, wash stand, queen size 4 poster be, dresser w/tri fold mirror, 6 drawer chest of drawers, Stack On Elite combination gun safe, linens/bedding, night stands, 3 pc computer desk, desk chair, plastic chair mat, double bed, Philips flat screen tv, chest of drawers, rocker/recliner, mantle clock, sofa table, wingback chairs, 3 cushion couch, love seat, Vizio flat screen tv, wicker chairs, curio cabinet, patio table and 6 chairs, electric George Foreman grill, Roper refrigerator, Sharp microwave, pots/ pans/dishes, Frigidaire glass top stove, large mirror back china hutch, dining room table and chairs, wingback chairs, lamps, floral pattern couch.  
 For pictures and updates please go to auctionzip or my facebook page. We may run 2 rings so bring a friend. We accept cash, check or credit card with a 3% convenience fee. A lunch stand and restroom will be available.  
**Denise Westefer estate owner**  
**ORWIG AUCTION & APPRAISAL**  
 Joe Orwig, Auctioneer  
 (309)361-0397  
 7642 Grain Bin Road  
 Toulon, IL 61483

**Real Estate and Personal Property Auction**  
 103 West Grove Street, Wyoming IL  
**Sunday, June 11th at 12:00 noon**  
 We will offer 2 parcels of real estate to be sold at the Grove Street location.  
**Personal Property to sell after real estate.**  
**Parcel 1:** offering a 2 bedroom ranch style home sitting on a large lot. This home features a 2 car attached garage, large front deck, handicap accessible, 2 bathrooms, whole house generator, on demand water heater, and a 14'X14' storage building with overhead door. This home is in move in condition. For pictures and a virtual tour please go to auctionzip.com or my facebook page.  
**Parcel 2:** Offering a 3 car garage sitting a large corner lot located at 605 Elm Street Wyoming. This 26'X 30' garage has vinyl siding 9'6" walls, breaker box, and would be a great building site.  
**Terms:** This home and garage will sell in as-is condition with no warranties given. A \$2,500 non-refundable earnest money deposit for each parcel will be due at the conclusion of the auction with the balance being due on or around July 4. Taxes will be pro-rated to that date and possession will be given at that time. A title insurance policy for the purchase amount will be issued and property will sell subject to seller confirmation.  
**Personal property to be sold:** Toro Clean Power 621QZR snowblower, hard long gun cases, plastic shelving, Coleman stove, hand tools, walkie talkies, router and table, coffee table, Nesco food dehydrator, Shimano men's bike, Craftsman tool box, Kenmore chest freezer, CD's, pots/pans/ dishes, small kitchen appliances, board games, holiday decorations, Maytag washer, Hot Point dryer, pictures, Whirlpool side by side refrigerator, round oak dining room table and chairs, area rugs, flat screen tv's, floor lamps, recliners, 3 cushion recliner/couch, electric fire place, gun cabinet, king size bed, book shelves, night stands, dresser w/mirror, luggage, large amount of costume jewelry, linens and blankets, queen size bed, night stands, computer desk, pantry cabinet, Marcy MWM 990 weight machine, Sandinrayli weight bench, free weights, Stamina 4655 recumbant exercise bike, Suncastr poly storage cabinet, lawn chairs, picnic table, patio table, Char Griller grill/smoker, coolers, Brinkman smoker, wheelbarrow Minn Kota trolling motor, garden hose, tomato cages, Wagner power roller, gutter clean out kit, Craftsman Bushwacker, Scotts spreader, Coleman lanterns, aluminum folding ladder, Mercury 9.9 hp outboard motor, porch swing, Earthquake front tine tiller, Craftsman Z 530 22hp zero turn mower, gas cans, Husqvarna chain saw, long handle tools, 2007 Dodge 4X4 quad cab pickup 190326 miles, 5.7 liter Hemi, Big Horn, tonnaou cover, tow package, Tracker Tournament 18 Bass boat, Tracker Trail Star trailer, live wells seats 4, 2 Humminbird fish finders, Tracker 90 outboard, front mount trolling motor, Harley Davidson Sportster 883 motorcycle, fishing poles, tackle, compound bows, der stands, hunting clothes.  
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**Ken Day owner**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Mildred I. Nelson

GALVA – Mildred Irene Nelson, 98, of Galva, died at 11:10 a.m., Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Courtyard Estates of Galva.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, June 7, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva with Pastor Katie Gallagher officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church. Burial will be at Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Messiah Lutheran Church. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

She was born April 4, 1925, in London Mills, Ill., the daughter of Otto and Gladys (Welch) Brashear. She was first married to Delbert Watkins in the fall of 1942. He was killed in battle during World War II in 1944. She then married John A. Nelson on May 11, 1947, in Galva and he preceded her in death on July 18, 1988.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, three sisters and a child in infancy. She is survived by her children, Ted (Lynda) Nelson, Gregory (Juli) Nelson and John (Linda) Nelson Jr., all of LaFayette, Steven (Linda) Nelson of Galva, Richard (Shelley) Nelson of Dahinda, and Bonita (Ron) Nelson of Juneau, Ark.; 11 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Mildred had worked at Lily-Tulip Corp. in Galva and at Galesburg Research Hospital. She was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church where she had taught Sunday School. She was a member of the Rebekah Lodge and the American Legion Auxiliary. She also helped with a Hospice Foundation in Florida for many years.

She enjoyed embroidery, reading, crossword puzzles and bowling; and in earlier years, she helped with the Cub and Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. Mildred's greatest joy in life was spending time with family and friends. She enjoyed spending the summers in Alaska with her daughter and family. For 30 years she spent her winters in Florida, and was especially surprised on her 90th birthday at a party attended by 90 family members and friends.



Nelson

## David G. Roark

TOULON – David George "Dave" Roark, 76, of Toulon, passed away at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, June 1, 2023, at Hillcrest Home in Geneseo.

Dave was born on Dec. 6, 1946, in Kewanee to George Oscar and Rena Frances "Francie" (Nicholson) Roark. He married Lynne Kaye (Wagner) Roark on June 7, 1975; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, James David (Angela Kristine) Roark of Toulon and their children, Matthew James and Christopher David; one daughter, Megan Lynne (Zachary Hier) Anderson of Rantoul and their children, Cooper Roark and Chase Hier; four stepchildren, Christine Kay (Dean) Anderson, Cynthia Sue (Kent) Kamp, Victoria Ann (Roger) Bates and Michael Phillip (Rachel) Morrell; and cousins, John Roark, James M. Roark, Ruth Nicholson, Steve Church, Nancee Vesp, and Patty Johansen.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Evelyn Frances Roark; and his first wife, Pauline Alice (Mallory) Morrell.

Dave worked at Caterpillar for 30 years before his retirement and was a UAW member in good standing. He was a fourth-generation Masonic Lodge Member and was a member of the First Congregational Church of Toulon. He loved playing football and baseball in his youth, along with hunting, fishing, reading and golfing.

His family hosted a memorial service with Masonic Rites at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at the First Congregational Church of Toulon. A visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Jim Graves will officiate the service. Burial will be in Toulon Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Congregational Church of Toulon, the Toulon United Methodist Church, Saint Malachy Catholic School in Rantoul, or Toulon Public Library.

Condolences may be left for Dave's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



Roark

## Keith R. Schmidt

LAURA – Keith R. Schmidt, 70, of Laura, passed away at 6 p.m. Sunday, June 4, 2023, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Keith was born on March 29, 1953, in Chicago, the son of Elmer and Loretta (Knipstein) Schmidt. He married Barbara (Scholl) Schmidt on Sept 15, 1979, in DeKalb; she survives.

Also surviving are two children, Karl Schmidt and Jennifer Schmidt both of Galesburg; two sisters, RuthAnn (Norman) Ralston of Bolingbrook and Carol (Michael) Fasel of Lewisville, N.C.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Keith has a master's degree in mechanical engineering and a vast professional career. He started his career at Barber Greene Company in 1975, as an associate engineer working his way up to a chief engineer before moving to Martin Marietta in Denver, where he worked as a senior staff engineer developing configuration trade studies and designing blast test hardware.

Keith then took a chief engineer position with CMI corporation developing marking and product functional specifications for a line of asphalt pavers that were branded and sold as Caterpillar. That led to Keith becoming the technical manager for asphalt pavers in Minneapolis, Minn., for Caterpillar. There he would grow his career into quality control management, operations management, and eventually became the velocity manager based out of Minerbio, Italy.

In 2005 Keith moved to Peoria to become the global product source planning manager which took him to several countries including Asia. He has nine patents, served as the National Asphalt Paving Association equipment manufacturers representative to the Department of Labor, NIOSH, Operating Engineers and Labor Unions and served as a NAPA manufacturers member chairman for three years.

Keith was proud to have volunteered on many construction projects with Laborers for Christ in Minnesota, Iowa and Oklahoma. He loved



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helping his son race go-karts when he was young, was an avid outdoorsman, loved building and fixing things, and was a wealth of knowledge on various topics.

His memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, June 9, 2023, at Hill Church in Kewanee. Dr. David Pendergrass will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Friday at the church. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Samaritan's Purse, Hill Church, or Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Online condolences may be shared on Keith's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Mark L. Williams

LaFAYETTE – Mark L. Williams, 65, of LaFayette, died at 7:22 a.m., Friday, June 2, 2023, in the emergency room at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Funeral services were to be held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, June 7 at Rux

Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor David Pendergrass officiating. Visitation was to be held from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 6 at the funeral home. Burial will be in LaFayette Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to his family for a memorial to be established.

He was born March 31, 1958, in Kewanee, the son of Leighton and Sandy (Cantwell) Williams.

He married Traci J. Palmer on June 19, 1998, in Toulon. She survives as do their children, Jeremy Williams of Wyoming, Trent Williams of LaFayette, Ashleigh Williams of East Moline and Kai Williams of LaFayette; four grandchildren, Devin, Envy, Eva and Elisha; and his parents of LaFayette.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Rodney and a sister, Roxanne.



Williams

He graduated from ROWVA High School in 1976. He had worked as a welder at various places. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping and any outdoor activities, but most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family and his kids.

Blair E. Whitman

GALVA – Blair E. Whitman, 71, of Galva, passed away Saturday, June 3, 2023. He was born Nov. 20, 1951, in Kewanee, the son of Dale B. and Betty Nelle (Massingill) Whitman. Raised in Galva, he graduated in 1969. He married Betty L. Stoddard on Sept. 26, 1981.

Surviving is his wife of Galva; his children, Laura K. Warner (Matt) of Sherrard, Stacy Whitman of Connecticut, Kenny (Athena) Whitman of Washington State, Tony Shappard of Galva and Levi (Shanna) Herr of Galva; 10 grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and six siblings.

A Celebration of his Life will be held 3-7 p.m. on Aug. 6 at the Galva American Legion.

Card of Thanks

NEWELL

Thank you to my fellow American Legion members and friends who honored me on Memorial Day on my 70 years as a member. It has been an honor to do so. I told them they should be proud of themselves for keeping the Bradford American Legion legacy alive by the many things they do.

In closing I want to say I am glad I grew up in the Bradford area and although we now live in Metamora, we will be back; we have a cemetery plot in the Bradford Cemetery.

Thanks again,

Dewey Newell



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# The Prairie News Sports

## New football conference

LTC, Prairieland combining; more changes ahead

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

A planned realignment of area football leagues will have at least one season of stability.

The new LincolnLand Conference – a merger of the Lincoln Trail and Prairieland conferences – will create a 17-team football-only league starting in a few months when the 2023 season kicks off on Aug. 25.

For this fall, Elmwood-Brimfield, Farmington, Mercer County, Illini West, Knoxville, Lewis-town-North Fulton, Macomb and West Hancock will make up the LincolnLand's large-school division.

Princeville, ROWVA-Williamsfield, Stark County, Abingdon-Avon, Annawan-Wethersfield, Havana, Rushville-Industry, South Fulton and Monmouth United are the small-school division.

But changes to the league's membership are already afoot. The Mercer County School

Board recently voted 4-3 in late April to join the Three Rivers Athletic Conference for all IHSA events starting in 2024-25. Mercer County will take a spot vacated by Peru St. Bede, which is moving to the Tri-County Conference for most sports and the Chicago Prairie Football League for football only.

The game of musical chairs could eventually see a TRAC member leaving that league to join the LincolnLand.

Sources say Bureau Valley is pondering the switch, although that school's principal Duane Price said no decision has been made.

"Our school board has just asked us to go out and explore options to see what is best for our student-athletes," Price said Tuesday. "At this point we are still in the TRAC and nothing has changed. We are just exploring our options."

Keeping league numbers up is critical in football to avoid scheduling problems and has historically been a reason for many realignments.

Teams in the LincolnLand will currently play one crossover game between the large- and small-school divisions, while large-school teams will also have to find one non-conference game. For Farmington, that will be at Tuscola this year and Decatur St. Teresa in 2024. For E-B, the non-league clash this fall will involve a trip to El Paso-Gridley.

Stark County opens this football seasons at home on

### 2023 Football Schedules Stark County Rebels

Aug. 25 - vs. Rushville-Industry, 7 pm  
Sept. 1 - at Annawan-Wethersfield, 7 pm  
Sept. 8 - vs. Abingdon-Avon, 7 pm  
Sept. 15 - at Havana, 7 pm  
Sept. 22 - vs. West Hancock, 7 pm  
Sept. 29 - at ROWVA-Williamsfield, 7 pm  
Oct. 6 - vs. Princeville, 7 pm  
Oct. 13 - at South Fulton, 7 pm  
Oct. 20 - vs. United, 7 pm

### Galva Wildcats

Aug. 25 - vs. West Prairie, 6 pm  
Sept. 1 - vs. Rockford Christ. Life, 6 pm  
Sept. 8 - at Bushnell-Prairie City, 7 pm  
Sept. 15 - vs. Alden-Hebron, 7 pm  
Sept. 22 - vs. West Central, 6 pm  
Sept. 29 - at Orangeville, TBA  
Oct. 6 - at Peoria Heights, TBA  
Oct. 14 - at Martinsville, 3 pm  
Oct. 20 - vs. Ridgewood, 6 pm


Gary Johnson Field against Rushville-Industry for a 7 p.m. game. That's one of several less-familiar foes on the schedule for the Rebels as part of the league merger. Stark County will also travel to Havana on Sept. 15 and to Table Grove on Oct. 13 to face South Fulton. The Rebels avoid a long trip this year by virtue of West Hancock making the trip north from Warsaw for a Sept. 22 game.

R-W opens at Havana.

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All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway located between Preferred Home Health Care and Mary's Family Dining and Lounge) to be placed in a roll off which will be provided by Eagle Enterprises.

Anyone who is handicapped or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard can call City Hall and someone will assist them. Assistance will only be available from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday June 19 through Thursday June 22. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up.

Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size.

Televisions and electronic components will be accepted at Eagle Enterprises during their normal business hours.

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours June 19-22 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. June 23 the yard will be open until 3:00 p.m. June 24 the yard will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

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