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Galva citizens speak against proposed ordinance at meeting

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News GALVA – Monday's Galva City Council meeting attracted a room full of citizens organized in opposition to a proposed ordinance.

John Wirth presented himself as spokesperson for the citizens and said the group is called "Galva Citizens United." Wirth presented the council with a petition that is in opposition to a proposed ordinance.

The council has drafted an ordinance concerning campers, lawn mowers, tractors and trailers sitting in the yards of residents. The council has been working on the ordinance for months and several of the items that Wirth spoke about had already been changed or taken out. One item Wirth mentioned was that all trailers, campers, boats and etc. had to be parked on a hard surface such as rock, asphalt or concrete. That stipulation is no longer in the ordinance.

"If you are going to go after the citizens, businesses need to be accountable too," Wirth said.

Wirth also stated that there was a \$750 fine as part of the ordinance. But Police Chief Kraig Townsend said under the ordinance, violators would first get a letter allowing 15 days to correct the problem. After that, they would receive an administrative ticket for \$50 and then could receive a fee of \$50 per day for up to 15 days for a maximum fine of \$750.

The council has said cars and other items are blocking the views on terraces. There have also been complaints concerning weeds growing through the items. One person told the council that there are rotten boards on a trailer bed with trees growing through it.

Another person brought up,

that Galva has a beautiful dental office that spent a lot of money putting in nice landscaping which is always maintained and has many patients coming through. But this person said there are junk vehicles across the street. "Paopla want their paighbor's

"People want their neighbor's properties to look good," Mayor Rich Volkert said.

Resident Joe Novotny thanked the council for working on a new ordinance.

It was noted that 29 properties need help. Also, the Kiwanis Club and First United Methodist Church have offered to assist residents who ask for help.

Volkert said the City of Galva is already mowing 17 yards and charges \$75 per hour. In those cases, a lien will be put on the property for the bill.

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Volkert also said that surrounding towns have ordinances in place that are much stricter than those in Galva.

No action was taken on the ordinance at the meeting. And action may not be taken for months.

"We are not going to vote on this maybe until the first of the year until everybody gets on the same page," Volkert said Wed-*Continued on Page 2*

NEW CLINIC

Health clinic to open soon in Toulon

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE For The Prairie News

TOULON – After going two years without a health clinic of its own, Stark County is expected to again have a multiservice clinic by late fall.

Stark County has been without a medical clinic since the 2021 closing of Aunt Martha's Health Center, which had operated in Toulon since 2008.

A partnership between The State



Pictured above is the planned location of Toulon's new health care clinic, a joint effort of The State Bank of Toulon, First Choice Healthcare and Onero RX, Inc. expected to be completed in late fall. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

former location of Aunt Martha's at 120 E. Court St. in Toulon.

The new health clinic will offer health, primary care, mental health care, tele-psychiatry, WIC (Women, Infants and Children certified pharmacy technician onsite who will virtually contact a registered pharmacist to verify and approve prescriptions that can be filled onsite in Toulon. According to Duane Stevens, health de-

Five felony charges for ex-Toulon man

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News TOULON – A former Toulon man faces five felony charges in Stark County.

Joshua Allen Williams, 38, was arrested on Nov. 12, 2022, when he allegedly attempted to burglarize the Wyoming house of Peter Hawley. Williams tried to enter the house through one of the residence's windows.

Charges entered in court against Williams include burglary, possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl, intent to deliver fentanyl, intent to deliver methamphetamine and manufacturer of fentanyl. The last two charges are Class X type. Upon his arrest, law enforcement officials charged Williams with a Class 4 possession of fentanyl, a Class X felony intent to deliver fentanyl, a Class X felony intent to deliver meth, and a Class 1 felony possession of meth. Class X felonies have a minimum of 6-30 years in sentencing each.

Williams was initially charged with a \$75,000 bond with 10 percent to apply. He was denied a bond reduction on Jan. 27 and had a bench trial set

Bank of Toulon, the Stark County Health Department, First Choice Healthcare and Onero Rx, Inc.-Local Health, Inc. will bring the new clinic to Stark County for available local healthcare. The new clinic will be located in the

food supplemental program) and pharmacy services. No dental health will be offered.

Stark County resident Amanda Rediger will be a nurse practitioner at the clinic.

The tele-pharmacy will have a

partment administrator, the pharmacy will accept prescriptions from surrounding medical offices.

"The days and hours of the new clinic will (tentatively) be Mon-*Continued on Page 2* for last March. Though he lists his address as Clinton, Ky., Williams has been in Stark County Jail ,unable to post \$7,500 bond.

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TOULON: Facility will have staffed tele-pharmacy

Continued from Page 1 day through Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m." said Raeann Tucker of the Henry-Stark Health Depart-

Name of the new clinic is uncertain, but could be "First Choice Healthcare."

"We built and opened the medical facility for Stark County in 1994 to provide medical services for our communities," said Doug Parrott, president and CEO of the State Bank of Toulon. "We entertained many offers to rent office space since Aunt Martha's left in January

2021, but we felt strongly that Stark County deserved, and very much needed, medical care. We are very excited to partner with our local health department to provide those services and to bring in a pharmacy included in the facility is a bonus."

GALVA: Half-price trees available to residents

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If anyone would like to see a copy of the proposed ordinance, they can contact city hall.

In other business, Zack Thompson asked the city about its building behind Subway, saying he would like to have it for a crematory. Volkert told Thompson that, at this time, the city can't build a new building but helped find two other sites that might be acceptable.

As part of a new fall tree program, the city can order a \$50 tree and a

resident can get it for half price. Plus the city will plant the tree. Call city hall if interested.

Third-ward Alderman Jackie Clucas said she talked with Alderman Dougie Anderson about having a curbside clean-up day twice a year, with one on April 1 and another at the end of October. No action was taken.

Volkert reported that Wyoming Monument will dig graves in Bishop Hill Cemetery. Bishop Hill had originally asked Galva to dig graves and Galva had approved a

plan.

The city is waiting on a bid from Heim Company to build an inside wall on the east side of the Odd Fellows building on Front Street before any more demolition is done. Volkert said he talked to Ameren and hopes to get the gas line removed to allow for destruction of a building on Market Street between Rux Funeral Home and Road Trip Bar.

Don Collinson has been appointed to building inspector. He also is the electrical inspector for the city.

WILLIAMS: Previous robbery failed

Continued from Page 1 Continuations has moved the bench trial date to Oct. 27. Williams has entered a plea of not guilty.

On Aug. 25, Williams had a 402D conference scheduled, but a continuance of his case occurred instead. A 402D conference is a court setting in which the judge, defense attorney and state's attorney meet in private and the defense attorney attempts to negotiate the best possible deal for the

accused.

Williams' history shows that in 2013 he unsuccessfully attempted to rob the State Bank of Toulon by placing a plastic bag over his head, without having any air holes cut in the bag.

When he demanded money from a bank teller, she said "No!"

Williams then removed the bag from his head and stated that he wasn't "very good at this."

Williams left the bank empty handed. Several

hours later bank employees observed him walking around in the bank's parking lot, recognized Williams as the attempted bank robber and notified the Stark County Sheriff's Office. A deputy sheriff arrived at the bank parking lot and arrested Williams for the bungled robbery.

He was sentenced to probation several times but eventually was discharged from probation as unsuccessfully completing the sentence.



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Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

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8-21 - Joshua R. Petty - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-21 - Laura J. Everhart - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-21 - Randal A. Richardson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-22 - Zachery L. Hunter - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-26 - Jeffrey A. McNaught - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-26 - Raechel A. Pfahl - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-26 - Michelle L. Miller - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents

8-26 - A two-vehicle accident occurred at the Allendale Conservation Club. Driver Michael G. Wright, 61, Wyoming, reportedly was backing out of a camping area when he failed to see a vehicle behind him owned by Ronald K. Wright, 57, of East Peoria, and struck it. No injuries were reported, but damages were estimated at over \$1,500.

8-20 - Alecia D. Dozard, 38, Bradford, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance.

8-21 - Nikole L. Walters, 36, Kewanee, was arrested for possession of meth under 5 grams, obstructing and or resisting arrest and illegal adult use cannabis in a vehicle. She was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail. She was later released with a notice to appear in court. Also charged in the same traffic stop was a 16-year-old Peoria teen cited for possession of cannabis under the age of 21, obstructing and or resisting arrest, failure to dim vehicle headlights when required, driving without a valid driver's license and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. She was issued a court date to appear.

8-22 - Harassment and or threats were the source of a complaint reported from the block of West St. in Bradford.

8-24 - Beth A. Wheelhouse, 46, Toulon, was cited for driving while her license was suspended and or revoked, driving a vehicle with no insurance and driving on a suspended registration. She was also wanted on a Stark County warrant for failure to appear on the original charges for driving under the influence. She was taken into custody but posted \$425 cash bond and was released with two



Young Road, Mikayla Nelson, 27, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for no insurance. She was released with a rcourt date.

8-22 - to the 800 block of NW 7th Ave. for a 911 hang-up complaint. It was determined to be a misdial.

8-22 - to the 400 block of NW 9th St. for an audible alarm going off. Officer contacted the homeowner, who responded and ultimately found a faulty smoke detector that was going off. The batteries were removed.

8-22 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of S. Center Ave., Nicholas Rudd-Wild, 25, N. Henderson, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and not having valid registration. He also was arrested on a Galesburg Police Department warrant for no valid registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

8-23 - to check on an abandoned vehicle just north of town.

8-23 - to the 300 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer was transporting dog to impound it, when owner contacted police. The dog was returned.

8-23 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving animal neglect. A dog was tied outside without food or water in extreme heat. The owner arrived home within five minutes and took dog back inside. The dog did not appear to be in any distress.

8-23 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a property line dispute.

8-23 - to the NE 6th Ave. railroad tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

8-23 - to the 700 block of NW 2nd St. for a 911 open-line complaint. It was determined to be a pocket dial.

8-23 - to the 00 block of SE 4th St. for a suspicious car complaint. Officer determined it was a resident who parked there due to fresh oil and road work.

8-23 - to the 1200 block of NW

wanee.

8-25 - to the Exchange St. railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

8-25 - to the 200 block of Morgan Rd. for a complaint involving a vehicle that had been idling and unattended for several hours. The car was turned off when the officer arrived.

8-25 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Sean Hobson, 44, Princeton, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

8-26 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a possible prowler complaint. This report was unfounded.

8-26 - Officer was flagged down about a loose dog in the 100 block of NE 1st St.

8-26 - to the 600 block of NE 1st Ave. for an illegal-burning complaint. The resident put the fire out.

8-26 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint involving an abandoned vehicle.

8-27 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a harassment complaint.

8-27 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a reckless driving complaint.

8-27 - to a residence on Swank Street for a complaint involving a juvenile communicating online with an unknown subject from out-of-state. Officer tried to speak to subjects about internet safety.

8-21 - Ramiro Arteaga, 47, Monmouth, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-23 - LuAnn Hammons, 66, Galva, was issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to use a turn signal in the 300 block of SW 7th St.

8-24 - Lee McClay, 38, Altona, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-24 - Todd Kaiser, 54, Woodhull, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-25 - Amy Steward, 48, Wyoming, was issued a citation for



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8-21 - to the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave. to recover a set of keys found there. They were returned to their owner.

8-21 - to the 400 block of NW 9th St. for an audible alarm going off.

8-21 - to the Galva Park District for a vandalism complaint involving damage to the pavilions.

8-21 - Officer was notified that the railroad crossing gates were activated at the Exchange St. railroad tracks and no trains were present. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

8-21 - to a residence on NW 4th Ave. for a welfare check after a subject sent concerning text messages.

8-21 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for an activated burglar alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.

8-22 - As the result of a traffic stop on North Center Ave at James B

3rd Ave. for a 911 hang-up call. It was determined to be a complaint involving a suspicious vehicle. A juvenile was told to move along.

8-23 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint of a subject yelling and nobody else around. The subject appeared to be having a mental health crisis.

8-24 - to the 400 block of E. Division S. for a civil property dispute.

8-24 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving identity theft.

8-24 - Officer was flagged down to assist a citizen in the 200 block of Morgan Rd.

8-24 - to the Lincoln House for a 911 open-line call. It was determined to be a medical emergency. An ambulance was requested.

8-25 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving a transient digging in the dumpster. The subject was given a ride toward Ke-

speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

8-26 - Nicole Brockett, 40, Alpha, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-26 - Sean Davis, 20, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

8-23 - Denise Arlene Mercer and Janet B. Vermeire to Sarah Reay -Fair Acres Subdivision Lot 1 - 100 N. 4th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$107,000.

8-24 - Randy D. Catton to Orwig Properties, LLC - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n block 14 lots 7 and 8 - 400 N. Fuller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$36,000.

Marriage

8-24 - Terry James Hand and Terri Lee Meyers, both of Bradford.

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Even before Congress returns from its five-week, no-work period to its usual three-day weeks of little work, Republicans in both chambers are already signaling global markets, the White House, and Congressional colleagues that their return will bring no 2023 Farm Bill and no 2024 federal budget by the two laws' drop-dead date, Sept. 30.

It's not news that both efforts were bumping against hard dead-

lines. It is news, though, that any attempt at either has been preemptively rejected six solid weeks before both expire. In short, this

Congress isn't saying it might not do its job on

Alan **GUEBERT**

time; it's saying it won't do its job at all.

To be fair, it's not both chambers. Senate budget boss Patty Murray, the Washington Democrat, pushed all 12 spending bills through her Appropriations Committee by July 27. The House, on the other hand, approved just one.

Worse - if it's possible to have a "worse" at this late date – neither chamber has a draft Farm Bill before their respective Ag Committee, let alone a Committee-approved one anywhere.

With those high hurdles still ahead, an even higher hurdle - an approved joint Senate-House version of the bill – lays somewhere in the distant mist.

The mist grew thicker Aug. 21 when the fractious, deeply divided House Freedom Caucus announced that, "its members will not support a stopgap funding bill to keep the government running past the end of next month," reported the Washing-

ton Post, "...unless several conservative policy priorities ... are attached."

Some of those "policy priorities" aren't so much conservative as they are burn-the-barn-down revolutionary. Defund the "weaponized" Department of Justice and reform the "woke" Pentagon are two of the big changes sought by the Freedom flamethrowers.

While neither is remotely doable, say observers, both are gear-grinding monkey wrenches that the 36or-so-member caucus will use to make September's must-pass legislative effort a 24/7, month-long nightmare for Speaker Kevin McCarthy.

That's a self-inflicted disaster, however, because McCarthy gave the revolutionaries an unlimited supply of monkey wrenches when he traded key House committee seats for member votes in his ugly intraparty fight for the Speaker's post.

That deal continues to cost McCarthy dearly. With a wafer-thin, five-vote majority, his legislative successes - and, since January, mostly failures - swing on keeping almost every House Republican in line, a difficult task in good times. With 36 Freedom Caucus members acting as independent contractors for a puritanical political hit squad, though, it's downright impossible.

The ag side of the House is just as tied up by the GOP's monkey wrenchers as the budget side.

mIn early June House Ag Chair Glenn Thompson, a Pennsylvania Republican, let it be known that he would have no trouble if the House voted "to strip the Inflation Reduction Act's spending for climatefriendly agriculture practices" from any new Farm Bill. But, Thompson noted, his plan would only apply to "... the dollars (that) have been authorized but the

checks haven't been written yet ... "

That brief whiff of budgetary blood was sniffed out by the Freedom Caucus almost immediately and they began to bay for repeal of the entire \$19.5-billion IRA.

"A lot of the IRA green energy stuff that we sought to repeal (earlier)," that non-farm, non-ranch, and non-environmental standard bearer Rep. Matt Gaetz, a Freedom Caucus member, told the Washington Post, "... probably wouldn't be spared" in any new Farm Bill.

What might be spared, however, is a GOP plan to use the Farm Bill to overrule 15 states that have instituted local "public health, food safety, and humane standards for the in-state production and sale of products from egg-laying chickens, veal calves, and mother pigs."

The effort, coming mostly from Senate Republicans, is a reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court's May decision that allowed California's "humane" pork law to stand. The GOP sponsors say the ruling allows "liberal" states to undermine the much-needed, industrial model of food production.

Baloney, say small farm advocates and more than 90 House members; the GOP effort is antifamily, anti-farmer and anti-local control.

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Succulents can add interest to planters

By RON DIETER

For The Weekly Post Our patio is bordered on one side by a low stone wall punctuated with four short pillars. Atop each pillar is a low-profile stone urn. It had been our custom each spring to plant them with red Dragon Wing begonias. The urns are in full sun most of the day and the begonias made a great show all season.

A few years ago we opted for a trendy new look. We had accumulated a variety of succulents in our greenhouse and decided to try some.

That was four years ago, and today those same planters are still looking good. The plants are much larger, of course, but have grown into beautiful succulent garden specimens. We set them out in the spring, when the danger of frost has passed, and move them indoors to sunny windows when cold weather approaches.

Succulents make up a group of plants that have fleshy leaves and stems that store water. Aloe, sedum and agave are succulents as are kalanchoe, sempervivum and cacti. What makes succulent plants attractive to gardeners is their wide variety of leaf shapes and colors, as well as their easy care.

Perennial gardeners are surely familiar with numerous hardy sedums such as 'Autumn Joy' and 'Brilliant', and the sempervivums, commonly called hen and chicks. But hundreds of other succulent varieties can make attractive container plantings.

The secret to successfully growing a succulent container planter is benign neglect. It takes special effort to kill a succulent plant, and the leading cause of succulent murder is overwatering. Unlike other potted plants, succulent planters need to dry out between waterings. This is especially true while the plants are indoors. To put together a succulent planter, start with a shallow planter. Most succulents have a shallow root system and have no need for a deep planter. The containers we used for our patio are plastic shallow bowls about 6 inches deep and 14 inches across. They fit nicely into the low concrete urns atop the pillars. Experts tell us to mix sand into the potting soil to improve drainage, and



that's probably a good idea. We didn't do it and the planters get along fine. I think that's because our planters are shallow and don't hold a lot of water.

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tablishing a succulent planter is deciding which plants to use. That's going to take some research and some experimentation. Nevertheless, the same rules you use to make a container garden of annuals or perennials apply to creating a succulent arrangement, aiming for a contrast of forms, textures and colors.

Putting together a combination of plants takes trial and error. Many young succulents look quite different when they grow larger. Some get tall while others spread out laterally.

To create your own succulent container, I suggest spending time on Pinterest and Google. Check out Jades, Mother-of-Millions, Ice Plant, String of Beads and Burro's Tail, to name a few. Make note of those that catch your eye and visit local garden centers to see the plants in the flesh. Then get to it.

Succulents are durable and relatively disease free. One nemesis experts warn about is the mealybug. If you see little clumps of white fluff tucked into the crevices of stems and leaves, you, or rather your plants have contracted mealybugs.

You can try to eliminate them but it will be a futile endeavor. My advice and that of the horticultural cognoscenti is to discard the plants and thoroughly clean the container. Put it in the dishwasher if it'll fit.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON ILLINOIS Bank of America, N.A.

Plaintiff, vs. Jimmie D. Boatright; Unknown

Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. Case No. 2023FC2 526 North Oak Street, Toulon, IL 61483

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that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 4, 2023, Steven V. Sloan will on October 4, 2023, at the hour of 10:00AM at the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: Commonly known as 526 North Oak Street, Toulon, IL 61483 Parcel Number(s): 03-24-400-007

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and

PUBLIC FARM AUCTION OF TRACTORS, EQUIPMENT AND MORE

This amazing live auction will be held at 7109 West Legion Hall Rd. Dunlap, IL 61525 (Take Rt. 91 to the south edge of Dunlap, then turn west on Legion Hall Rd. at the BP gas station 1.2 miles to sale site), on

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9th, 2023 AT 10 AM (Tractors will sell around 11 AM)

This is a condensed ad of this amazing, clean live auction. See the full ad and pictures online at www.folgersauctionservice.com TRACTORS: John Deere 4640 wl6540 hrs., hub mount duals, quad range transmission, 1000 PTO, clean cab, cold air #020595R—John Deere 4430 wl6516 hrs., front wts., dual PTOs, clean cab, cold air, #072292R, quad trans.—John Deere 4440 wl6313 hrs.,quad trans., clean cab, cold air #017024R—McCormick Farmall Super M-TA, good torque, power steering, narrow front, parade ready, #820555—IH Farmall 806 diesel turbo, 7230 hrs., dual PTOs, 2 sets hydraulics, dual PTOs, #9601S-Y. Tractors will sell at approx. 11:30.

EQUIPMENT: 2625 Legend 15' batwing, 1000 PTO, front and rear chains, big gear boxes, solid, VG cond.-Unverferth 530 gravity wagon, brakes, lights, tarp, good tires, like new-DMI Big-Little D470 gravity wagon, brakes, lights, side dump-2 DMI Big Little 350 BW center dump wagons, good tires, lights, nice-JD 50 3 shank 3 pt. ripper w/coulters-good Case IH 4300 24' field cultivator coil harrow-John Deere 7000 12 row 30" planter, finger pickup w/bean meters and monitor wing fold, good cond .-- John Deere 7000 6-11 splitter planter, bean meters, fingers pickup, new cylinders and hoses-Krause disc chisel 12'wlleveler-11' Van Brunt drill, double disc openers, w/sm. seed-34' McFarlin 8 bar harrow-10' box blade leveler on wheels w/cylinder--IH 550 5 bottom semi mounted plow-12' cultimulcher, new tires and rims-JD 3 pt. 4 row rotary hoe-6' Bush Hog Squealer 3 pt. rotary mower, 540 PTO-JD bottom pull plow-3 pt. 65 gallon sprayer w/pump and spray bar-15 Buster Bar for tillage tool-8x12 tandem axle flat bed trailer-6.5x8 snowmobile trailer frame, axle, no deck-3 pt. 2 row cultivator-3 pt. 2 bottom plow-7x11.5' snowmobile tilt bed trailer w/winch and title-DUALS AND TIRES (set 18.4-38 clamp on duals, fair-set radial 18.4-38 clamp on duals, very good-18.4-38 hub mt. duals w/hubs-2 new 155S R 14" tires-2 10:00-16 tires on rims-new 11:00-16 rib tires on 6 bolt rims-wagon spare 16.5-16.1 tire-TRACTOR ACC. AND PARTS: 10 IH front weights-2 JD 3 pt. quick hitches-new JD filters-JD steps and cab step-JD L parts, radiator, steering sector, heads, water pump, breather, pan-Seeders (electric Model 92 grass seeder and Seed Easy 3 pt. PTO spreader-2 walk behind garden tractors, one wiplow, one wicultivator-new Chevy full sized topper-12 Hp AC 716 H garden tractor, 48" deck, bar tires, 3 belt driven tillers-tire changer, electric over air-nice hog roaster on trailer-misc. ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Webber high wooden wheeled wagon wispring seat, original paint, very nice-bob sleds for running gear of high wheeled wagon, sold separately--rear mount seeder for wagon wism. seed attachment, sold separately-wooden box corn grader. Peoria, IL-8 hole metal milk bottle carrier-very old pull type road grader on steel wheels-old pull type potato plow wigauge wheels-cider press w/containers-Bud Dry metal beer sign-very old kid's wagon-adv. inflated old Good Year Blimp-Martin 40" 4 HP outboard boat motor-much misc. MISC: 2 metal bolt bins, one full of misc. bolts-new cases power fluid, new 2.5 gallons 15-40 oil, new cases of grease tubes, rolls of copper tubing, 2 heavy duty loader cylinders, speedway 20 ton jack press on stand, tools and more misc. listed on full ad. ROGER AND DIANA MADDOX-SELLERS FOLGER'S AUCTION SERVICE, INC. WILLIAMSFIELD, IL (JIM AND CATHIE GIBBS, JIM FOLGER)-PH. 309-337-2150 AND 309-368-6314 LIC. # 440000040 EMAIL: FOLGERSAUCTIONSERVICE@GMAIL.COM LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. Cash, check or credit card. LUNCH SERVED BY ROOKIES



without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection.

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE **RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSES-**SION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601. Phone number: 312-651-6700. Attorney file number: 22-004727. 13227378 Published 8/25, 9/1, 9/8/23 ...



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FREE OUTDOOR DOUBLE FEATURE on 50 ft. screen at Bradford Ball Park. FREE POPCORN & WATER (BBC)! Kids movie starts at Dusk! 2nd feature immediately following kids movie!! FOOD: 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. at the Snack Shack ENTERTAINMENT: My Place & Main St. Tap

SATURDAY, SEPT 2

BRIEFS

First Baptist's Awana Club begins Sept. 6

GALVA - Awana Club will begin at First Baptist in Galva on Sept. 6 from 5-7:30 p.m. The event will start each night with music videos and then a meal, Bible stories, crafts and play time in the gym.

There will also be fun theme nights every week. Awana will be held every Wednesday throughout the school year. Also on Wednesday nights, adults will have a meal at 5:30 p.m. Attendees are asked to bring a side dish to pass; a main dish will be furnished each week.

An adult Bible study will follow the meal. The adult study will focus on the same topics as the children's study, each night. Children and adults will come together afterward for an overview of what they have learned, making it truly a family affair. Beginning at 7:30 p.m. the food pantry will be open to all.

The church is located at 211 NW 4th Ave., across from Wiley Park. For more information, call the church at (309) 932-2713.

Sandburg Songbag features Irwin Sept. 10

GALESBURG – The 2023 Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert Series continues with a performance by Tom Irwin on Sept. 10. A musical artist for over 35 years, Tom is known as one of the most popular singer-songwriter-guitarists in Central Illinois. Irwin will play traditional folk and country tunes.

The concert begins at 2 p.m. at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E



Bradford CUSD #1 welcomes new staff members for the 2023-24 school year. Pictured above, from left to right, are Tom Miller - Music, Band, Chorus; Julie Pierce -1st Grade; Jordan Donnelly - 4th Grade; April Risch - Paraprofessional; Sayde Tapia - Paraprofessional; Marlie Heider - Jr. High Principal; and Jared Code - Jr. High Math Assistant.



Pictured above, Larry Roth of Colona won the Best of Show trophy at the Galva Freedom Fest Car Show held Sunday in Galva's Wiley Park. He is shown with his 1969 Chevelle SS 396. Photo by Carol Townsend. Third St., Galesburg. Suggested donation is \$5 per person

U of I Extension holding drone seeding Sept. 6

GALVA - University of Illinois Extension invites the public to a Field Day on Sept. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Brian Corkill Farm, 22804 Walter Payton Memorial Hwy, Galva.

There you can watch an aerial drone and robot perform cover crop seeding, led by Dennis Bowman, Illinois Extension Specialist-Digital Agriculture. Also, host farmer, Brian Corkill, will share his knowledge of soil health principles and discuss his



Pictured above, Jim Robison of Bradford was recently presented with a Flag Award " In Recognition of exemplary Patriotism in display of the American Flag of the United States of America" by the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). Photo by Angie Stange.

challenges and successes in planting cover crops. In addition, Rachel Curry, Illinois Extension AGRI and Agribusiness Educator, will share insights into the role of cover crops in nutrient loss and in the Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

Representatives from Precision Conservation Management will also highlight some of the programs they offer to help offset cover crop input costs.

Contact Rachel Curry with questions or for accomodations at (217) 265-0851 or via email at rccurry@illinois.edu.



MK Parties | Mikes Kiddie Train | Minion Bounce House | U-turn Obstacle Course | DunkTank | Carnival games with prizes | H&M Petting Zoo | Face Painting | Martin JD Equipment Tractor | PNB Paint a Rock | Leet Methodist church-Temp. Tattoos | Boyd's Grove Church - Free water & popsicles. 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. The Unique Twist Balloon Artist.

2 - 4 p.m. Magic by Cory.

5 - 7 p.m. Free Music at the Ballpark by Bradford's native Chris Schuneman. * Watch for Sponge Bob & Winnie the Pooh strolling through the park. BAGS TOURNAMENT on Main St. - 10 a.m. check-in | 11 a.m. start sponsored by Main St. Tap FOOD: 11 a.m. - 6 p.m: Bradford Snack Shack. ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - at 8 p.m., My Place FREE LUNCH & GAMES FOR EVERYONE at Bradford First Baptist Chuch 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Birth to Five Illinois will have FREE popsicles from 2:30 - 5 p.m. on Family Fun Day. SUNDAY, SEPT 3

8 a.m. - 11 a.m.: Bradford Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Bradford's 16th Annual Car Show Sponsored by Main St. Tap FOOD: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.: Bradford Snack Shack 3 p.m.-7 p.m.: American Legion Fish Fry & Auxiliary Bake Sale ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - "303" at 8 p.m., My Place CRATER FIREWORKS: Bradford Ball Park at Dusk

MONDAY, SEPT 4

11 a.m.: Bradford Lions Club Parade FOOD: After parade - 2 p.m.: BFD Pork Chops at Fire Station 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.: Bradford Snack Shack ACTIVITIES AFTER PARADE ON MAIN ST. Kiddle Tractor Pulls sponsored by Gentle Seeds & Bradford Betas. Kiddle Water Fights: sponsored by Bradford Fire Department **Frog Jumping Contest** * *

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Bradford library receives grant, donation

BRADFORD - Bradford Public Library District recently received a \$10,000 grant and a \$2,000 donation that will be used to assist in an ongoing renovation.

The library was one of 240 libraries selected to participate in Libraries Transforming Communities: Accessible Small and Rural Communities. The competitive grant program is an American Library Association initiative that provides community engagement and accessibility resources to small and rural libraries to help them better serve people with disabilities.

The \$10,000 grant has helped the library with a renovation project which includes installing a lift and enlarging the restroom.

"We are so proud to be chosen for this amazing opportunity," Library Director Sarah Boehm said. "This grant will allow our library to get to know our residents with disabilities better. It will help us improve our services to ensure this population feels welcome and comfortable in our space."

As part of the grant, li-

brary staff will take an online course in how to lead conversations, a skill vital to library work today. Staff will then host a conversation with residents about accessibility and describe how the grant funds have been used to make the library handicap accessible.

"In 2024 we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Bradford Library," said Boehm. "These past 99 years patrons have used the narrow staircase to access the upper level. What a great way to celebrate by now having the library accessible to all. We are so pleased that now all patrons will have the opportunity to come to the library and enjoy all we have to offer."

In addition to the grant monies, the library held a Renovation Fund Campaign. The Bradford community has been very generous in bringing the library closer to its goal. In addition, the library has been saving for over 20 years to be able to complete this project.

One of those community donations came on Aug. 21, when representatives



Representatives of Stark County Lodge #479 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons present a check for \$2,000 to the Bradford Library Board. Pictured above, seated or leaning left to right, are library board members Reva Young, Hollie Scott, Mary Robbins, Dave Atteberry and Barb Fehr. Standing, from left to right, are Masons Jim Robison, Tom McMahill and Mike Gray and Library Director Sarah Boehm. Photo by Angie Stange.

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& Septic Services

of Stark County Lodge #479 of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons presented a check of \$2,000 to the library board of directors for the new lift.

The donation came from the Illinois Masonic Children's Assistance Program of the Grand Lodge of Illinois through its Board of Managers.

Lodge members have al-



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LEGAL ADS

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Plaintiff, vs.

Jimmie D. Boatright; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. Case No. 2023FC2 526 North Oak Street, Toulon, IL

61483 Judge James A. Mack

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Part of Lot Seven (7) of Block Three (3) in John Culbertson's Western Addition to the Town of Toulon, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a gas pipe at the Northwest corner of said Lot Seven (7), said Block Three (3); thence in an Easterly direction, along the line between Lot Seven (7) and Eight (8), said Block Three (3), 151.95 feet to a gas pipe; thence in a Southerly direction, 70.0 feet to a gas pipe: thence in a Westerly direction 151.95 feet to the Easterly line of Oak Street; thence in a Northerly direction along the Easterly line of Oak Street 70.0 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois. Commonly known as 526 North

Oak Street, Toulon, IL 61483 Parcel Number(s): 03-24-400-007

The real estate is improved with a Single Family Residence Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. The property will NOT be open for inspection

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For information call Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski LLC, One East Wacker, Suite 1250, the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within IO 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 provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble efiling, visit www.illinoiscourts.gove/FAQ/gethelp .asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 8/18, 8/25, 9/1/23 ...

REQUEST FOR FUEL BIDS

The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education is seeking bids for the following petroleum products: • Unleaded gasoline (w/110% eth

anol, 87 octane) beginning December 1, 2023, and extending through November 30, 2024.
Diesel (#2 ULS clear w/5% bio) beginning December 1,2023, and extending through November 30,2024.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Superintendent's Office, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois 61491. Outside of envelope should be marked "FUEL BID". Deadline for submitting bids: 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 20,2023. Interested bidders may contact Superintendent Brett Elliott at 309-695-6123 or belliott@starkZ00.com for more information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Stark County CUSD #100 is an equal opportunity employer. Published 9/1/23

ORDINANCE 2023-3 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2023 AND ENDING

THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2024 WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District of the counties of Stark Marshall, and Bureau, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on July 20, 2023 notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bradford Public

4. For office supplies \$2,000.00 5. For libary supplies \$2,500.00 \$400.00 6. For postage 7. For telephone \$1.700.00 8. For utilities \$7,000.00 9. For legal \$1,100.00 10. For library dues and fees \$4,200.00 11. For education \$500.00 12. For library materials a. Books \$12,500.00 b. Audio Visual \$6,000.00 c. Online Subscriptions \$2,750.00 D. Library of Things \$200.00 \$21,450.00 13. For travel expense \$300.00 14. For programs \$7,000.00 TOTAL \$102.300.00 FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110: 21-110.11: 1. For Social Security \$3,100.0 2. Contingency \$766.00 TOTAL \$3.866.00 FOR MEDICARE FUND [40 ILSC 5 1-110.1]: 1. For Medicare \$1,035.00 2. Contingency \$<u>99.00</u> TOTAL \$1,134.00 FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 AND 50 ILCS 310/9]: 1. For Contractual Services \$2,500.00 2. Contingency \$212.00 TOTAL \$2,712.00 FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, [745 ILCS 10/9-107]: 1. For Insurance \$4,500.00 2. For Safety \$2.500.00 3. For Unemployment Insurance \$350.00 4. Contingency \$100.00 TOTAL \$7,450.00 FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]: 1. For Building Repair and Maintenance \$3.000.00 2. For Janitorial/Lawn/Snow \$3,000.00 3. For Office Equipment Repair/Maint. \$1.000.00 TOTAL \$7.000.00 FOR BUILDING FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-5]: 1. For Building \$70,000.00 2. For Furniture and Fixtures \$<u>3,000.00</u> TOTAL \$73,000.00 FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]: 1. For Contractual Services \$10,000.00 2. Contingency \$ · \$10,000.00 TOTAL FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 116/40-50]: \$ -1. Contingency

Section 2 : Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year Projected cash on hand June 30, 2023 \$ -Special purpose grants \$3,800.00 Interest \$100.00 Fines and Fees \$400.00 Gifts and Memorials \$18,000.00 Tax for General Corporate \$89,003.00 Purposes Tax for Social Security Purposes

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Tax for Medicare Purposes \$940.00 Tax for Audit Purposes \$2,244.00 Tax for Insurance Purposes \$5,445.00 Tax for Building Maintenance \$6,433.00 Purposes Tax of Building Purposes \$6.514.00 Tax of IMRF \$8,520.00 From the Special Reserve \$40,000.00 Expected cash on hand 6/30/2024 \$20.000.00 Section 3 : Any unexpended balances in the General Library

Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes. Section 4 : The Secretary of the Bradford Public Library is hereby authorized and directed to have this ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5 : This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District and approved by the President this 20th day of July 2024.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT By Dave Atteberry, President ATTEST: Hollie Scott, Secretary Published 9/1/23

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working hours. 1. Each bid shall be submitted in figures and words. In case of any discrepancy in the amount bid, the prices expressed in written words shall govern.

2. The bid must be delivered to the City Clerk, City of Galva, 311 N.W 4th Street, Galva, IL, on or before 4:00 PM, prevailing time, 25 September, 2023. Proposals received after this time will not be considered.

3. Bids will be publicly opened at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Galva City Council to be held at 6:00 PM on 25 September, 2023 in the Council Meeting Room located at 311 NW 4th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

4. The proposal shall be submitted in an opaque, sealed envelope on or before the time stated and shall bear the name of the individual, firm, or corporation submitting the bid. 5. By submitting a bid, the bidder

understands and agrees that if that proposal is accepted and the bidder fails to enter into a contract forthwith, the bidder shall be liable to the Owner for any damages the Owner may thereby suffer.

6. Bids may not be modified after submittal. Bidders may withdraw proposals either personally or by written request at any time before the hour set for the bid opening, but may not resubmit them. No proposal may be withdrawn or modified after the bid opening except if the award of contract has been delayed for a period of more than 45 days.

7. The City of Galva reserves the right to waive any informality in or to reject any or all bids and to accept any bid deemed most favorable and in the best interest of the City after all bids have been examined and tabulated.

Published 9/1, 9/8, 9/15

PUBLIC NOTICE Invitation To Bid for The Cash Rent Lease of Farm Ground

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Galva will receive sealed bids for the cash rent lease of the following real property: Parcel Identification Number:

Parcel Identification Number: 24-34-176-001

A tract of land located in a part of vacated Wiley, Fleming & Davis Addition to the City of Galva, a part of Outlot 3, and a part of Outlots 1 and 2 in the Subdivision of a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Four (4) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; Henry County, Illinois. More particularly bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest

corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34; thence in an Easterly direction, along the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34, a distance of 1103.4 feet to an iron rod at the Southeast corner of the Galva Park District; thence in a Northerly direction, along the East line of said tract, 1247.7 feet to an iron rod on the South line of SE 6th Street in said City; thence in an Easterly direction, along said South line, 989 feet, more or less, to the East line of SE 6th Avenue; thence in a Northerly direction, along said East line, 30 feet, more or less to the South line of said SE 6th Street; thence in an Easterly direction, along said South line, 535 feet, more or less to the West line of SE 8th Avenue: thence in a Southerly direction, along said West line, 1290 feet, more or less, to the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34; thence in a Westerly direction, along said South line, 1500 feet, more or less, to the Place of Beginning.

Said parcel includes 44.43 acres, more or less.

Bids for the cash rent lease of the parcel identified above are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM until 25 September, 2023. Said proposals shall be contained within an opaque envelope addressed to:

Mayor and City Council City of Galva c/o City Clerk 311 N. W. 4th Avenue Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend: Cash Lease Rent.

The parcel identified above will be cash leased for three (3) years and the City reserves the right to enter into a contract with the successful bidder that includes an option for two (2) one year extensions. Bids should take the form of "I am bidding for the cash lease of farm ground in the amount of \$XXX.XX PER ACRE for a total of \$XXX.XX over three years.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva to be held at 6:00 p.m. on 25 September, 2023.

A THREE YEAR CONTRACT may be awarded to the highest, most responsible bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City of Galva, said contract taking the form of a cash lease agreement for three years, beginning the 1st day of March, 2024 and ending the last day of February, 2027. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 45 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read should they so choose

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: BOBBY D. GERARD,) No. 2023PR64 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Bobby D. Gerard. Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2023 to Donald W. Gerard 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 February 13, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with Library; and WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE BRADFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT IN THE COUNTIES OF STARK. MARSHALL AND BUREAU. STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS: Section I : That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-wit: FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]: 1. For wages \$52,000.00 2. For miscellaneous \$500.00 3. For advertising and publishing \$1,650.00



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Mental health grants offered to FFA

By ANDREW ADAMS

Capitol News Illinois Farmers and residents of rural communities often face stigma when it comes to mental health challenges, but state leaders hope to change that. Governor JB Pritzker announced Tuesday that chapters of FFA-the group once known as Future Farmers of America will be eligible for \$1,000 grants to fund mental health awareness programs in schools and rural communities. Up to 20 such grants will be available through the Illinois FFA Foundation starting this fall.

Pritzker and other state leaders made the announcement at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, an annual exposition of

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farm technology and other agriculture industry advancements.

> The program is being overseen by the Illinois FFA Foundation in partnership with the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine's Farm Family Resource Initiative.

Karen Leavitt Stallman, an ag resource specialist at SIU Medicine who coordinates FFRI, said she hopes the partnership with FFA will help direct attention to the resources available for farmers.

"There is a stigma. It's hard for someone to reach out for help..." Stallman told Capitol News Illinois. "In the agriculture community, it's particularly difficult. As farmers, we're a stoic bunch."

FFRI began in 2019 the

late state Sen. Scott Bennett, D-Champaign, advocated for its launch. After a pilot in six counties, the program expanded to offer mental health and stressmanagement resources to the entire state, with increased state and federal funding.

The SIU program offers professional development, webinars and online resources to help farmers and their families manage stress and mental health challenges. They also offer up to six free telehealth counseling sessions to those in the agriculture industry and their families.

The inspiration for the FFA partnership came from a similar program at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, according to Stallman.





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Robert A. Donaldson

GALESBURG - Robert Allen Donaldson, 82, of Westfield Center, Ohio, formerly of Galva, died Dec. 11, 2022, at Northwestern Hospice Care in Berea, Ohio.

A Celebration of Life/callng hours will be held on Sept. 7, 2023, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. at Cerno's, (213 W

3rd St, Kewanee, Ill.). Please come and share a story, or two, have some cake, and join us in remembering Robert on what would have been his 83rd birthday.



Donaldson

Robert was born in Kewanee, Ill., on Sept. 7, 1940, to Robert and Margaret (Hamilton) Donaldson. Robert graduated from Galva High School with the class of 1958, and went on to attend, and play football

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for Western Illinois University. He was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi fraternity.

In 1961, Robert joined the United States Air Force and was stationed in Crete, Greece as a radio operator and as a photographer for the 344th Aerospace Reconnaissance Wing at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha, Neb.

After the Air Force, Robert returned home to Illinois where he worked for the Kewanee Police Department, General Telephone, and the Galva Police Department.

Robert joined the Kewanee Post Office in 1972, where he worked until his retirement in 1999.

Robert was a member of the Galva National Guard and the American Legion Hagburg Hamiln Post 45. He coached both high school and middle school football in Galva and middle school football in Kewanee. Robert is survived by his daughter Susan Stairwalt, Westfield Center, Ohio; two grandchildren, Anthony Francis, Chicago, and Rhonnie Stairwalt, Westfield Center, Ohio; two sisters Margo Tunnicliff, San Bernardino, Calif., and April (Bob) Holmes, Kewanee; and two nephews, Dan Holmes and Preston Tunnicliff.

Robert enjoyed target shooting, rebuilding guns, leatherworking, riding bike trails, reading and listening to good music loud.

A brief interment ceremony will be held on Sept. 8, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. in Pleasant View Cemetery, Kewanee

In lieu of flowers, donations in Robert's name may be made to any of the following: The Galva American Legion, 45 Wallace St, Galva, IL 61434. Galva Athletic Boosters, 1020 N. Center Ave, Galva, IL 61434.

teams struggle at Hall tourney **Sports:** VB

Continued from Page 12 Stark County were sophomore Chevenh Smith (10th, 21:03.4), junior Alexis Martinez (23rd, 22:27.9), sophomore Paytin Terwilliger (28th, 22:38.8) and junior Sarah Kraklow (52nd, 24:47).

Top runner for the Princeville girls was freshman Bethany Sennett (15th, 21:32.4).

The Princeville boys placed third overall and were led by senior Joey Bosch (8th, 16:53.9) and junior Tucker Sennett (9th, 17:06.4).

Sophomore Ethan Grinnell (88th, 23:31.8) was the lone boys runner for Stark County.

Next up for the Stark County cross country teams will be a trip to the First to the Finish race on Saturday, Sept. 9, at Detweiller Park at 9 a.m.

The team's first two meets were cancelled due to heat: Aug. 21 at Farmington and Aug. 25 at Chillicothe IVC.

- Jeff Lampe • Galva volleyball – Galva (1-5) was topped by Putnam County 25-17 and 25-12 on Monday at home in a non-conference game. Addison Yepsen had two kills and 25 assists for GHS. Ava Strom scored on two

aces. Kendall Rogers had two aces, one block and nine digs for the game.

Maddie Bates scored two aces. Addie Moore blocked one. Chloe Ruhl contributed five digs. Reese Sumner had five attacks for the Lady Wildcats.

Galva competed at Spring Valley Hall in tournament play on Saturday, falling to Sherrard, Roanoke Benson and Princeton. Galva got its lone win of the one-day event by besting Stark County 25-13,25-18.

Rogers recorded three ace serves, nine attacks and three kills. Yepsen scored four ace serves. Chloe Ruhl had three aces. Strom collected six kills and three blocks.

The Lady Wildcats fought hard but came up short in three sets in a home match versus non-conference opponent Henry on Aug. 23.

Yepsen recorded 10 assists and seven digs. Rogers contributed seven kills and 17 attacks. Strom collected 10 digs.

Sumner had two kills and 14 attacks. Ruhl dug six. Kaylyn Gale added five digs for the game.

Galva's next game will be Tuesday, Sept. 5, on the road versus Lincoln Trail rival ROWVA-

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Williamsfield.

• SC volleyball - Stark County (0-5) scuffled against good competition on Saturday at the Spring Valley Hall Tournament but came up empty to Hall (25-11 and 25-10), Fieldcrest (25-11 and 25-10), Peru St Bede (25-15 and 25-12) and Galva (25-13 and 25-18).

- Phil Johnson

Claire Bowser collected nine kills in the tournament. Kimmie Salisbury had five kills. Payten Hillier scored with six ace serves and had eight assists for the day.

The Lady Rebels were defeated 25-7 and 25-12 by non-conference opponent Peoria Christian last Thursday at home. Hillier scored on four kills. Bowser recorded two kills. Hannah Allen blocked two. Emily Demetreon assisted on four scores in the effort.

SCHS next travels to another tournament, this Saturday, at Midland.

- Phil Johnson

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FOOTBALL: Galva faces for in midseason form

Continued from Page 12 Nolan Orwig in his recovery from an elbow injury.

Defensively, Noard had praise for lineman Tanner Price and linebacker Avery Gerber.

"But I don't know that anybody was a super standout," the coach said. "They just played very well at getting to the football and doing their job and making sure they didn't make big plays.

"We're very happy to see that our kids really responded."

Another test comes immediately, as the Rebels must travel to to Kewanee to face preseason small-division favorite

Annawan-Wethersfield. The Titans opened with a 28-0 win over South Fulton that saw Zeb Rashid run for three TDs and Tommy Covington add another.

"We go from a strong rushing attack in Rushville to another one, but completely different," Noard said. "They're going to spread you out, but I think they want to run the ball."

Noard said in addition to Rashid, quarterback Dillon Horrie is a strong runner.

- Jeff Lampe

West Prairie 56, Galva 6 GALVA – The visitors from western McDonough County didn't appear to be playing an 8-man season opener, according to Galva Coach Mark Jeffrey.

"They looked phenomenal," he said about West Prairie. "They looked like they played seven games already. No mistakes. They had no penalties. I've got to give it up to that coaching staff. Those guys looked like they were ready for the playoffs."

West Prairie led 50-0 at halftime. Points came off two Galva fumbles and two interceptions, according to Jeffrey, who this year has more players than last season but few with much experience. Galva has four freshman and sophomore starters on offense and defense.

"My dad used to say, 'You can't skip steps.' It's just going to take

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some time," Jeffrey said. "We wanted our hardest game to be our first game."

The Wildcats scored toward the end of that game, on a 28-yard pass from sophomore quarterback Cyrus Hurd to senior tight end Caden Rachel. He and classmate Jared O'Brien were stalwarts, Jeffrey said. Freshman cornerbacks Braxton Hulstrom and Bryant Jeffrey also excelled.

Rockford Christian Life, which plays Friday at Galva, is like the Wildcats in terms of roster - about 18 to 20 players, according to Coach Jeffrey. But Christian Life has more juniors and seniors.

"We've got a steep learning curve and we've got to get better in a hurry," Jeffrey said.

– Nick Vlahos Princeville 30, Abingdon-Avon 13

PRINCEVILLE – Young teams often start slowly and, if given the chance, can learn quickly.

Time to learn was not there the past two years for Princeville, which opened with sizable losses to Knoxville. But last Friday against an Abingdon-Avon that is also finding its way with a young group, the Princes weathered some early mistakes and improved enough to pick up the LincolnLand small-division victory.

Tayshaun Kieser ran for 163 yards and one touchdown and had another receiving score plus an interception on defense.

Quarterback Logan Carruthers threw for 114 yards and three TDs and ran for 30 yards.

And Jake Williams caught six passes for 63 yards and two TDs and also had an interception.

Williams is part of a young receiving corps for Princeville. According to Coach Jon Carruthers, Hunter Johnson was the only Princeville receiver who had ever started a football game at any level in high school.

"We had a lot of inexperienced guys out there and it was a weird week of practice with the heat," Coach Carruthers said. "At halftime

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we talked and said, 'We just need to settle down a little bit.""

Leading 14-7 at the break, Princeville went on to take control.

Coach Carruthers credited senior middle linebacker Denzel Garza with an impressive game that saw him lead the Princes with six tackles, including three tackles for loss.

"He played a heckuva game and has improved greatly from last year," Coach Carruthers said. "He definitely led the defense."

Princeville suffered a setback when fullback/linebacker Jack Lied suffered a knee injury, though backup Marcell Primera ran for a touchdown.

Princeville is home Friday against Havana for the first time since Coach Carruthers was an assistant.

"They are very physical and they are big. They have a running back who runs hard, a QB who throws well and a big line," Coach Carruthers said. "I don't think it's going to take very long to find out how we respond to getting hit in the mouth."

Elsewhere

Mercer County lost 14-6 to Monmouth United, which got 133 rushing yards and one TD from senior Jacob McElwee and 109 yards on the ground from Tony Rodriguez. A wide-open Mercer County receiver dropped a 37-yard pass in the end zone with 57 seconds left in the game. Mercer County passed for 217 yards but ran for just 37 yards on 17 carries and lost four fumbles. ... Knoxville fumbled early but then took control, rushing for 290 yards in a 26-8 win over an Elmwood-Brimfield team that features 17 new starters. E-B had just 135 yards rushing on 54 carries. ... Macomb led 34-0 at halftime and cruised to a shutout win over LVC. Junior quarterback Braden Holthaus ran for one score and passed for two others while completing 4 of 6 passes for 126 yards. ... Farmington got six touchdowns from junior quarterback Lane Wheelwright in a game at Illini West that was not finished until Saturday afternoon.





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Members of the Stark County girls cross country team pose with a third-place plaque after Monday's Titan Invitational held Monday at Midland Golf Course.

SC girls XC third at invite

By The Prairie News KEWANEE – The Stark County girls cross country team started its season with a third-place finish Monday at the Titan Invitational at Midland Golf Course.

Freshman Dusti Smith led the Lady Rebels by placing fourth in the race with a time of 19 minutes, 37.6 seconds. Emily Downing placed first in 18:23.4, Kennady Anderson of Annawan-Wethersfield was second (18:52.2) and Alyssa Higgins of Knoxville (19:25) was third and led her team to first in the 10-team meet. Geneseo was second and Princeville placed fourth. Other scoring runners for *Continued on Page 10*

Rebels D rises to occasion

Stark County rallies with 2 late scores to win season opener

By The Prairie News WYOMING – The Stark County defense responded.

After several seasons of being unable to stop teams when it counted most, the Rebels reversed that pattern last Friday in a 19-14 season-opening win over Rushville-Industry.

Rushville-Industry may not turn out to be one of the best teams in the LincolnLand Conference's small division. Or the Rockets may be a contender, with some conclusions to be drawn today after R-I faces a Monmouth United team that upset Mercer County.

Either way, one thing to be certain about the Rockets is that they are big and physical up front and want to pound the ball at you on the ground.

Challenged by coaches all summer, a smaller, quicker crew of Stark County defenders were ready for that rushing attack. The Rebels stopped R-I on its first and last drives and, while allowing two scoring drives in the middle, forced the visitors to convert several fourth downs and even a fake punt.

"We were able to stop them



Senior quarterback Luke Rewerts scored two touchdowns in a five-minute span to help lift Stark County to a 19-14 win over Rushville-Industry. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

when we needed to," Rebels Each Jade Noard said. "Our kids kept making them snap the ball. On their last drive, they had to convert three first downs and on the fourth drive we held."

High school football can sometimes be that simple.

It helped, too, that Stark County's varied offense spread out the R-I defense with a mixture of runs and passes. Toward the end of the game, that was a factor in freeing senior quarterback Luke Rewerts for two long scoring runs that gave the Rebels the win.

"We made them defend the field with some short passing and running the ball and then we had (Rewerts) keep it a few times," Noard said. "I think they had a hard time defending all the parts."

After Tanner Gray scored on a 31-yard run midway through the third quarter for a 14-7 R-I lead, Rewerts capped two drives with scoring runs of 26 and 22 yards in a five-minute span. Rewerts finished as Stark County's leading rusher with 68 yards on six carries and completed 7 of 8 passes for 76 yards, with the lone incompletion an interception when he was pressured in the pocket.

The Rebels also got big contributions from underclassmen. Sophomore Connor Daum caught five passes for 62 yards and junior Chris Barnwell ran for 34 yards and Stark County's first touchdown, a 13-yarder in the first quarter.

Noard said Barnwell ran well and allowed the Rebels to rest *Continued on Page 11*







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