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Stark school approves new gym and track

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County Board of Education approved issuing \$6 million in bonds or certificates to fund construction of a new gym and all-weather track at the Toulon High School campus.

During its Sept. 25 meeting, the board authorized debt certificates not to exceed \$6 million in 2023 Series bonds. It is projected the track will cost \$1.595 million with a start date in the spring of 2024 and completion expected by fall.

There are two different options for the new gymnasium. Option One offers 1,550 seats while Option Two offers 1,250 seats. Additionally, margins around the basketball court would be increased to allow more



space for foot traffic.
Members of the public voiced

opinions about the projects.

Toulon resident Linda Dean wants to stop the gym project and said, "My taxes have gone up 46 percent over the years."

Toulon resident Sam Rice said, "The Toulon cinder track is outdated and wasn't converted. Past administrations seemed to leave out track when it came to sports. I'd like to see Stark County start hosting track meets again."

Leslie Bowser said she supports both the gym and the track. She said Stark County pays Galva to use its all-weather track and Galva collects thousands of dollars that Stark County should be collecting. She said these projects move the school district forward for the future.

Prior to the regular meeting, the
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HOMECOMING



Pictured above, King Owen Gibler and Queen Hannah Allen along with crown bearers Will Steelman and Caroline Schroeder are on parade, during the 2023 Homecoming Parade, in Toulon. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

GALVA DEVELOPMENT

City buys lots downtown

Solar array approved

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The City of Galva has purchased three downtown lots in hopes of attracting new development.

At Monday's meeting, the Galva City Council unanimously approved authorizing the mayor and city administrator to purchase the Appell Enterprises property located between Market Street and Commercial Street for \$275,000. This is the old Lord Chevrolet property.

Trailers that had been on the lot were removed Monday and taken to Appell's other properties.



The City of Galva has purchased the former Lord Chevrolet buildings and lot and two other downtown lots in hopes of enticing a developer to build in town. Photo by Carol Townsend.

"Hopefully we have someone that will build there," Mayor Rich Volkert said.

The council also approved the construction of three arrays of solar panels by BOW Renewables. The three locations are on land near the Catholic Cemetery that the city owns, on the old landfill property and across from Galva Junior-Senior High School.

Volkert said the plan is to have 25-30 acres of solar panels that will serve the community. BOW will pay the city \$1,500 per acre for 30 years, fund three \$10,000 scholarships for Galva High School students and donate \$50,000 for each parcel toward park projects.

City Administrator David Dyer said the city accepted Heim of Galva
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El Niño winter

Dryer, warmer weather expected

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

For the first time in several years, Illinois will experience an El Niño winter.

An El Niño weather pattern, which occurs when ocean temperatures are warmer than normal, is expected to be strong this winter and last into early next spring.

Illinois Climatologist Trent Ford said if you follow the averages of an El Niño winter, Illinois should experience dryer and warmer conditions in the coming months.

"That is the average of all those El Niño winters, but we've had some El Niño winters that were

much wetter and some that were much colder," Ford said.

Ford said an El Niño winter is not common, with only about 15 to 20 since the 1950s.

The last time Illinois experienced an El Niño winter five years ago, temperatures overall were above normal. But the last two days of January brought widespread cold weather, with many locations experiencing the coldest temperatures in decades.

A very strong El Niño during the 2015-2016 winter contributed to the warmest winter on record for the U.S. mainland.

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GALVA: Sept. 30 declared Bell Trucking Day

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lesburg to build an inside wall for the building being torn down on Front Street. The project came to a halt after discovery of a shared wall with the neighboring building. Bid for the new wall was \$173,000, which the city will pay.

Demolition on the East building next to Road Trip Bar is delayed until Ameren removes a gas line.

In other business, eight bids were opened to farm the new 44.43 acres that the city purchased at auction for \$981,903. A high bid of \$438 per acre was accepted from Shawn Minneart of rural Geneseo on a three-year lease with an option for two one-year extensions. Other bidders were Al and Brian Corkill, \$400; Jeffrey Knobloch, \$351; Kevin and Kraig Gale, \$400; Craig Anderson, \$400; Kameron Meier, \$330; Adam Jaquet, \$320; and Clayton Nash, \$275.

The city sold its 2014 Interceptor to high bidder Harry Confair of Galva for \$2,100.

The council unanimously voted not to grant a special use permit to a woman seeking to open a consignment shop at 202 and 204 Front Street. She also wanted to live in the rear of the shop. The council said there is an ordinance that prohibits living in stores in the downtown area.

Volkert proclaimed Sept. 30 as Bell Trucking Day in Galva. The company started 90 years ago, has been in business for four generations and will hold an open house Sept. 30.

The council approved a recommendation from the Galva Planning Commission not to rezone a residential property east of the present Dollar General to accommodate a Family Dollar store.

John Wirth of Galva Citizens United spoke about an ordinance the city is developing and asked to allow

antique tractors, useable tractors and utility tractors.

Hometown Consulting gave an update on the buildings in Galva.

The council approved Tyler Glaser and Nolan Petty for the zoning board.

All flowers on graves at Galva Cemetery must be removed by Oct. 15 in order to be saved. They may be put back on graves Oct.20.

Third ward alderman Dougie Anderson said he has noticed several residences that did not meet his approval. He said several had pallets stored on them among other items. As a result, Anderson said Galva needs two clean-up days per year. He has talked to Eagle Enterprises and said help could possibly be provided by Department of Corrections inmates. No action was taken.

Also reported Monday was that the city purchased a building next to the Post Office on North Exchange Street on June 6 for \$34,248.90.

STARK CO.: No comment as FY 2024 budget OK'd

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board held a Fiscal Year 2024 budget presentation. Superintendent Brett Elliott said there is a \$2 million increase. There was no public comment and the budget was approved.

Only one bid was received and subsequently approved for fuel bidding. The bid from AG View FS was for \$3.31 per gallon of gasoline and \$4.10 per gal-

lon of diesel fuel.

The board approved the football officials' rate of pay for 2023 at \$80 per for JV games and \$100 for varsity games.

Also approved was a \$50,000 grant for maintenance. This is a fiscal year 2024 matching grant. After Executive Session, the board approved:

- Bob Bohm as junior high girls basketball coach.
- Chad Acree as JH girls

assistant coach.

- Ashton Morrissey as volunteer assistant coach for JH girls basketball.
- Kari Bush as high school spring musical director.

- Lori Wineland as high school speech coach.
- Preston Parrish as scholastic bowl coach.

- Jenny Acree as assistant JH Student Council sponsor.
- Kane Mastin as assis-

tant JH football coach.

- Sandra Carter as JH cheer coach.
- Jennifer Denton as unit office clerical.

The board accepted the resignations of:

- Katrina Hegwood as freshman class sponsor and assistant high school student council sponsor.
- Katie Allen as band/choir/Spanish teacher, effective Sept. 29, 2023.

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 Date of special event (confirm with CCT Front of House Manager) _____
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Please join (insert organization name here) on (insert date here) for a special fundraising event. Present this ticket when paying your bill or tab and (percent of proceeds) will be donated to (insert organization name here).

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PUBLIC RECORD

Kewanee woman dies in Toulon-area crash

TOULON – On Sept. 23, the Stark County Sheriff’s Office investigated a motor vehicle fatality on Wallace Highway at 1:54 a.m.

Kimberly A. Shoen, 33, of Kewanee, was the driver who was pronounced dead at the scene. It appears she ran off the road on the west side and hit a tree.

Deputy William Dorn, the Toulon Fire Company and Stark County Ambulance assisted at the scene. The accident remains under investigation.

Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

- 9-13 - Lewis L. Huber - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-14 - Andon M. Shafer - Suspended registration, uninsured vehicle, driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-18 - Osvaldo J. Morado Mendoza - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-19 - Zachary L. Rumbold - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-19 - Jayasurya Sirimalla - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-20 - Dylan P. Yoder - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-23 - Preston T. Rhode - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Incidents & Accidents

- 9-18 - James A. Steinhoff, 34, Bolingbrook, was arrested by the Toulon Police Department for disorderly conduct and for resisting a peace officer. He was later released with a court date to appear.
- 9-21 - Traylan M. Brown, 23, Clinton, Iowa, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone and for illegal transportation of cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was issued a notice to appear. Also issued a notice to appear in the same stop was Austin D. Weigant, 29, of Clinton, Iowa, who was also charged with aggravated unlawful use of a firearm.
- 9-21 - Wendy M. Swearingen, 39, and Richard A. Wood, 38, both of Kewanee, were each charged with possession of methamphetamine with less than five grams. Wood was also charged with illegal transportation of alcohol, driving on a revoked driver’s license and speeding 60 mph in a 45 zone. Swearingen and Wood were released with court dates to follow.
- 9-22 - Isaac M. Jones, 28, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while his license was revoked. He was also cited for improper lane usage and for driving with no vehicle insurance. He was released with a court date.
- 9-23 - Dave Harper, Wyoming, reported evidence of a break-in to a storage unit he was renting at JM DeWitte Enterprises located on East Main Street in Toulon. The incident remains under investigation.
- 9-24 - Alexandria L. Williams, 20, of Castleton, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance. She was issued a notice to appear.
- 9-24 - Jerry D. Wilson, 72, Bradford, was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55 zone and for driving while his license was suspended. He was issued a court date to appear.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 9-18 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Alexander Juarez, 31, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding 26-35 mph over the limit and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
- 9-19 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd



- St. to check the welfare of employees at the Galva Dollar General store. Several customers noticed the lights were on, but the front doors were locked. The officer discovered nobody around and after checking into the matter, was told the store was temporarily closed due to staffing.
- 9-19 - to Wiley Park to retrieve a wallet that someone had located. Officer found identification inside and returned it to its rightful owner.
- 9-19 - Officer was flagged down in the 300 block of SE 2nd St. in reference to several suspicious subjects in the area. They were determined to be solicitors selling solar energy.
- 9-19 - to Galva High School for a motorist assist after a subject locked themselves out of a vehicle. They were provided contact information for a locksmith.
- 9-19 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Daniel Podeswa, 48, Monmouth, was arrested for not having a driver’s license, not having valid registration, and speeding. He was released with a court date.
- 9-20 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 3rd St., Scott Peed, 41, Kewanee, was arrested for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended, no insurance and driving while license suspended. He was released with a court date.
- 9-20 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SE 4th Ave., Richard Wheelhouse, 46, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended, no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
- 9-20 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a theft involving a bag of ice from a business that is temporarily closed. There was no keyholder found to contact.
- 9-20 - to the 100 block of SW 6th Ave. for a prowler complaint. Officer checked the area but wasn’t able to locate the suspect.
- 9-21 - to assist Stark County with a traffic stop near Black Hawk College where a subject was arrested on firearms and cannabis charges.
- 9-21 - to both Galva Schools and participated in the annual ALICE lockdown drill for school threats.
- 9-21 - to check around Galva for a dark-colored pickup truck being driven by an autistic subject from the Quad Cities area who was reported missing. Officer was not able to locate the subject or vehicle. Several hours later, the subject was located in Bureau County.
- 9-21 - Officer met with two former Dollar General employees who wanted to turn in property belonging to the company. A district manager was contacted and arrangements were made for him to pick items.
- 9-21 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a loud-music complaint. The juvenile turned it down.
- 9-21 - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. for a complaint involving

- younger children playing near the street. A parent was contacted.
 - 9-22 - While patrolling, officer noticed a door standing open on a vehicle in the 00 block of NW 5th St. The officer made contact with the resident and it was determined to have been accidentally left open.
 - 9-22 - to the 900 block of SE 6th St. for a theft report.
 - 9-22 - Katherine Calkins, 62, Galvesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in the 400 block of SE 2nd St.
 - 9-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., William Johnston, 51, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended, no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
 - 9-23 - to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a disabled vehicle that ran over something metal and ruined her tire. She was provided contact info for BNSF.
 - 9-23 - to the Galva Park District for a complaint involving people turning lights on at the baseball fields.
 - 9-23 - to the east edge of town for a reckless driving complaint. Officer did not locate the suspect vehicle.
 - 9-24 - While patrolling, officer located a disabled golf cart near the intersection of Chester and Commercial St. The owner was contacted and the golf cart was removed.
 - 9-24 - to the 200 block of NW 4th Ave, for a complaint involving two dogs running at large. Officer located the owner and warned them about the Illinois Leash Law.
 - 9-24 - Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a neighborhood complaint and a loose-dog complaint.
- Property Transfers**
- 9-11 - Danielle F. and Michael W. Cox to Danielle F. and Michael W. Cox - Pts 11-12-6 SE and 14-12-6 NE - 10810 Twp Rd., 400N, Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-11 - Danielle F. and Michael W. Cox to Danielle F. and Michael W. Cox - Pts 15-12-6 SE, 27-12-6 NW, 20-12-6 SE, 21-12-6 SW and 17-12-6 SE - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-14 - Tracie M. and Vernon E. Adams to Betty A. Menold - Henderson and Whitaker’s Add’n - Pt block 22 lots 9 and 10 - 219 W. Thomas St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-14 - Wendy C. Hamilton to Betty A. Menold - Henderson and Whitaker’s Add’n - Pt block 22 lots 9 and 10 - 219 W. Thomas St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-15 - Geneva Morse to Marissa Bainter and Brandon Shults - Musselman’s Subdivision Extension #1 - Lots 3 and 4 - 910 Circle Drive, Toulon - Consideration = \$118,000.
 - 9-18 - John C. Renner, Estate and Leanne J. Renner, Exec to Leanne J. Renner - Und 1/3 Int Pt 15-12-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-20 - Scott M. Evans to Melanie McCullough and Jennifer L. Slichenmyer - Pt 26-14-7 NE - 111 W. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
 - 9-22 - Peggy A. Nordstrom to Camron Rohrig - Pt 11-14-6 SE - 16316 S. Osceola Rd., Bradford - Consideration = \$38,000.
- Divorce**
- 9-22 - Jason R. Musselman, Federal Correctional Facility, Otisville, N.Y., and Casey J. Musselman, Davenport, Iowa.

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I can't think of any better representation of beauty than someone who is unafraid to be herself.
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We asked for harvest stories from the past and several of you fine readers responded. Thank you. Truth be told, we could have just enlisted **Larry Benson** and had enough to fill the paper. The affable Maquon farmer recalls so many details of his farming past that there was not room for them in our Central Illinois Farmer section, found inside on pages 9-16.



Jeff
LAMPE

Benson's recollections underline how much farming has changed since the 1960s, when corn pickers were common in fields that might yield 100 bushels of corn per acre, unless hailstorms stripped the ears away or drought slowed their growth. As Benson said, "It's a wonder anybody stayed in farming in the 1970s and 1980s." Things are easier today. Seed genetics have improved yields and the drought tolerance of crops. Machinery is bigger. Harvest is faster. Benson recalled rising at 4 a.m. and picking corn until 2-3 p.m. many days. All that to pick 10-15 acres in a day. Then he and his late brother, **Jerry Benson**, would spend the evening re-

pairing the family's fleet of 10 grain trucks. "Sometimes we could keep all 10 running, but not very often," he said.

Hard as it was, you can tell Benson enjoyed harvest and the memories it created. Part of that is thanks to the time spent with his father, **Don**, and brothers **Jerry** and **Gary**. But there's an overall sense of camaraderie that fills the fall air. You see that every year when fellow farmers pitch in to help an ailing neighbor get his crops into the bins. And you see that when problems occur. Benson recalls a combine catching fire a few years ago while he was harvesting near Douglas. **Phil Goedecke** stopped to call the Elba-Salem Fire Department and suggested Benson move two grain trucks, a pickup and a trailer he had parked in the south end of the field. The trucks got moved – fortunately, since the fire reached that part of the field before it was put out by neighbor **John McKinty**, who had borrowed a tractor and chisel plow from neighbor **Wayne Davis** to halt the spreading flames.

Word is circulating around Brimfield of a recent sighting of a large cat, estimated to be 4 feet long with a "long straight tail" near Maher Road. Is there a cougar in Peoria County? Possibly. Big cats do tend to follow river corridors. But if a cougar is

nearby, surely somebody has pictures, given that archery deer season starts Sunday and the woods are chock full of trail cameras right now. Most hunters have more pictures of deer on their cameras than they do of family members.

Kudos to Bell Trucking for surviving 90 years in small business, including the Depression, several wars and various economic downturns. Stop by the Galva business at 303 SE 8th Ave. this Saturday between noon and 4 p.m. to wish **Duane** and **Steve Bell** well during their open house. ... Hit my head hard on the corner of a cabinet the other day and jiggled a memory out of the recesses of my brain. Back in the day, I spent some memorable late evenings with a group of Vietnam veterans who told stories of a unique southeast Asian lizard whose rude sounds haunted them. Google "**Tokay lizard**," but only play the unique calls when alone. As one online lizard seller noted, "They are popular in the reptile trade due to their striking appearance and distinctive vocalizations." Myself, I have the Tokay's vocalization cued up on the computer, ready for spam callers. ... Parting shot: I'm actually looking forward to spam calls.

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PUBLIC AUCTION OF GALESBURG, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

The following nice ranch home will be sold on location at 1547 Meadow Lark Dr. Galesburg, IL 61401, on **SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)**

REAL ESTATE: See full ad online at www.folgersauctionservice.com for full details and ad. This nice split level style home sits on a .28 acre lot in a very nice neighborhood. The house is 1640 sq. ft. with a nice kitchen, dining area, living room, 2 bedrooms, full lg. basement, 2 full bath and much storage. A 2-stall unattached garage is included, along with a separate 16x16' shed in the back yard. The back yard is fenced. Contact the auction company below for questions. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of sale with the balance due upon closing in approx. 30 days.

NICE HOUSEHOLD: Nice solid wooden dining table w/leaves and chairs—sm. hutch—port. Kenmore dishwasher—Maytag gas stove—older yellow refrigerator—nice Whirlpool washer and gas dryer—modern roll top desk—12 gun cabinet—port. electric fireplace—leather type couch and recliner—striped furniture set—solid coffee, end tables—bar stools—42", 32" and other flatscreens—Fisher boom box—sm. file—full size bedroom sets—good handicap items—décor, dishes, linens—Dyson upright vacuum, hand Shark—nice microwave—corner curio—Nordirak CX938—Total gym Supra Pro—door gates—Yamaha/Casio keyboards—folding table/chairs—misc.

COLLECTIBLES: Nice Native American and Western statues and décor—deer antlers and antler lamps—Indian pictures—oil paintings and nice wall art—Michael Garman statue—flatware in case—70s Mushroom canister—brass Pony Express spittoon—wildlife statues—Pyrex—tri pods—holiday—misc. antiques.

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REAL ESTATE: This 2 story home sits on a lg. .83 acre lot. The home was updated with a new roof, siding, deck, front porch, furnace and central air approx. 10 yrs. ago. There is one bedroom down, a nice sized living room, large dining room, full bath, kitchen, pantry/porch area and laundry area on the main floor. The upstairs contains 2 more bedrooms. The basement is an older full basement. A nice deck is built to the side of the house along with an entrance porch on the front. With some updating, this would make a nice smaller family home or very good rental property. The lot is very large and ordained with nice trees and an extra storage garage w/newer metal roof. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of sale with the balance due upon closing in approx. 30 days. An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on **Thursday Oct. 5th from 5-6 p.m.**

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HOUSEHOLD: Nice 39" flatscreen TV—TV ent. center—like new cloth neutral recliner—dining table w/leaves and 6 chairs—full black metal bed frame—sm. window air unit—basic dishes, pans, utensils, etc.—Mikasa Medit. Dishes—electronics, surround sound, elect. dog shock collars, bird feeders—nice Yamaha elect. full size black organ—short file—GE white smaller refrigerator, nice—gas Maytag stove—wooden pantry cabinet—sq. white tiled table—parlor chair—upright sm. Shark—sm. appliances—handicap items—a few linens—sm. pickle jar—avocado leather suitcase—GE washer, older dryer—basics.

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“Not only is drone use for hunting unlawful in Illinois, it goes against the spirit of fair chase and widely accepted hunting ethics,” said Jed Whitchurch, director of the IDNR Office of Law Enforcement. “Illinois Conservation Police officers will be monitoring for drone use during the fall and winter hunting seasons. We encourage all hunters to familiarize themselves with the Wildlife Code, abide by the law, and have a safe and successful hunting season.”

The fall hunting season kicks into gear on Sunday, Oct. 1, with the opening of archery deer and turkey seasons throughout Illinois.

IDNR and Illinois Conservation Police have received several inquiries from the public about the use of drones for scouting and tracking animals. The unlawful use of drones for hunting could result in enforcement action, including but not limited to the seizure and forfeiture of unlawfully used equipment.

Hunters are advised to review all requirements of the Illinois Wildlife Code, which regulates the taking of wildlife and the use of unmanned aircraft in these situations (520 ILCS 5/2.33(i) and 520 ILCS 5/1.2o).

Drive-through flu vaccinations offered

The Henry and Stark county health departments are offering drive-through flu vaccinations from 11 a.m.- 1p.m. on the following dates and at the following locations:

- Oct. 3 in the Moose Lodge Parking Lot, 1025 S. State St. in Gene-



Pictured above, Mayor Rich Volkert presents \$22,500 to Melissa Halsall (at left), of the Galva Freedom Fest at last Monday night's meeting. The money is for the annual Galva fireworks and is made available through annual fundraising efforts. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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- Oct. 5 at the Oxford American Legion Parking Lot, 211 W. A St. in Alpha.

- Oct. 9 at the Stark County Junior High School New Parking Lot, 402 S. Franklin St. in Toulon.

- Oct. 12 at the Henry and Stark County Health Department's West Parking Lot, 110 N. Burr Blvd. in Kewanee.

These drive-through flu clinics are for adults, 18 years of age and older only. For children's flu vaccination, please check with your healthcare provider or call the Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinics for availability.

Flu shots will only be given via drive-through. Participants must have working car windows and provide a Medicare and/or Insurance card, and \$33 cash or check at the time of vaccination.

The Health Department will be administering the 4-component Quadrivalent Seasonal Flu shot at all our upcoming drive-thru flu clinics and at our First Choice Healthcare Clinic location in Kewanee and Colona. People at high risk

of serious flu complications are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.

For more information call First Choice Healthcare Clinics at (309) 852-5272 Kewanee or (309) 792-4011 Colona, or visit the website www.henrystarkhealth.com.

Marshall -Putnam SWCD Fall fish sales available

The Marshall-Putnam SWCD is holding fall fish sales, with sales flyers are available online on Facebook page or the website www.marshallputnam.com. You can also call the office at (309) 364-3913, Ext. 3.

All order forms will be due back into the office at the end of the business day on Oct. 6. Fish pick-up date is Oct. 20 at 8 a.m. Pick up will be at the office behind Casey's in Henry at 1511 University Ct.

The SWCD will also be having a cold-water fish sale, and the delivery date for cold water fish has yet to be determined.

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FARMER

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Harvest memories range from rats to family to drunk hogs

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Combines have been running already, and soon every farmer will be in the field for the highlight of the season. A process that used to drag on well into winter will end relatively quickly, thanks to the combination of modern farm machinery, bigger trucks and grain wagons and better hybrids.

But harvest wasn't always a time to sit in a comfy combine and watch a monitor calculate bushels per acre. Here are reader's memories of harvest seasons past.

Who Needs A Combine?

Bob Emerick, 85, is a retired farmer who lives halfway between Elmwood and Brimfield. He remembers that not everyone was immediately enamored with the prospect of switching from corn picker to modern combines. "Back in 1956, I was just out of high school and they were demonstrating a new way of getting corn out with a combine, shelling it with a John Deere 45 combine. My grandfather wanted to know if I wanted to go with him. It was up below the Santa Fe track north of Brimfield, they were demonstrating this combine.

"We went and looked at it, and there he was combining two rows. We never saw anything like that before.

"He said, 'Boy, I think that might be in the future.' Well, standing beside us was **Joe Carroll**, a shellerman from the Brimfield area, and he said, 'Oh, this will never go over.'

"Well, he didn't want it to in the first place. He was wrong. You know what's happened since. My grandfather always thought ahead on things."

Picket Cribs

Larry Benson of Maquon hails from an era when two-row corn pickers were the norm and when not every farm even had a corn crib. That forced innovation.

"We would build picket cribs," Benson recalled. "You'd take a row of fence pickets and make a

circle with a run down the middle so you could put a sheller in it. You'd fill that up with corn and, when it was full, you'd cover those with boards. Then you'd put another row of pickets on that and fill it up, then another up to three high.

"In the winter, you would sell that corn and shell it. Well, the corn was out in the open in those pickets and there would be snow and ice on top of all that and you'd have to chip it out."

Benson said the weather was the worst problem in those open "cribs," but he recalled other issues in some of the enclosed wooden cribs that are all but gone nowadays.

"When you got into a closed crib, there would be mice in there and rats in there," Benson said.

"You wanted to make sure you kept your pant legs inside your boots, because those rats and mice would try to run up your pant leg. I've seen guys shuck their pants and, too, just being able to climb in the cabs of combines and tractors to go along for the ride is awesome."

Bank Boards

Ardeanne Ekena of Elmwood recalls walking home from school with her brother during harvest season to see her grandfather waiting with a tractor and wagon for the youngsters to help hand-pick corn.

"The wagon was an old wooden-wheel wagon with a narrow box about 4 feet high. As one stood at the rear of the wagon and on the left side, there were one or two boards placed on top. These were called 'bank boards.'

"As the ears of corn were picked, they were thrown into the wagon. From time to time the thrower misjudged his or her strength and an ear of corn could possibly miss its destination. In that case, hopefully it would hit the bank board and fall into the wagon.

"If it missed the wagon entirely, that was my brother's and my job to make sure that ear was retrieved. Brother and I didn't pick much corn. We just enjoyed being a part of the early harvest.

"To me it is still a joy to be a part of harvest season. With the beauty of the trees at this time of year and to walk into the cornfield and hear the rustle of the cornstalks under foot provides a time to reflect on all the miracles God has provided in being able to see another year's crops being

harvested. To provide food treats for those working in the fields and, too, just being able to climb in the cabs of combines and tractors to go along for the ride is awesome."

horses running as fast as they could to get 'home' with Mom trying to stop a runaway team. "Farming was and still is a team effort involving the whole family – whether it's watching, working or waiting."

A Bullet Hole

Larry McCoy of Davenport, Iowa, grew up near Champaign and has a vivid memory from one harvest in the 1950s.

"It may have been 1954 or 1955. I know I didn't yet have my driver's license; that would happen when I reached age 16 in 1956. It must have been a Saturday because I wasn't in school.

"Lacking a driver's license didn't mean that I couldn't drive on the farm ... so, while my dad hauled a load of ear corn to the hiker to unload into the pole crib with the Model G John Deere (which started by manually

spinning the flywheel), I drove the John Deere Model B, and pulled a used New Idea one-row corn picker – yep, a one-row corn picker – along with a wagon that collected the ears.

"This picker was prior to the combines with corn heads that actually shelled the corn in the field. This picker would pinch the ear off the stalk, after which a long spiral-shaped shaft would carry it to the husking bed where the ear would be spun to tear off the husks, then dumped into a mini-hiker which would transport the ear up to a tube where it would be dumped into the wagon.

"At the far end of the field, as I turned to attack the next row, I waved at three pheasant hunters on the farm west of ours. I thought no more about them until about halfway through the field, I heard a strange sound like a 'thang' which seemed to come from the back of the picker. I

stopped the tractor and, as my dad had drilled into my head, shut off the power take off (PTO) before climbing down off the tractor seat.

"I did a slow walkaround looking for anything unusual, anything that had snapped or otherwise broken, which could have caused the strange noise. The visible moving parts looked OK. I was just about ready to get back on the tractor when I noticed it ... a small hole in the housing of the husking bed. Closer examination gave me the answer; it turned out to be a bullet hole.

"I said a quick prayer of thanks that it didn't hit me, climbed back on the tractor and tackled the rest of the corn row. As I continued on through the field, two questions swirled in my mind:

"1. Who uses a rifle instead of a shotgun for pheasant hunting?
"2. If he couldn't spot something as big as a corn picker, should he actually be carrying a gun?"

Drunk Hogs

Dorothy Schmidt of Toulon wrote a memory of **Al Appenheimer's** sorghum mill south of Toulon that operated from 1921-45 and at one point was the largest in Illinois, producing 10,000 gallons per year. One year, black smut afflicted the sorghum cane heads and produced black specks in the sorghum juice. To remove the imperfections, Appenheimer ran juice through a slurry of clay that absorbed the smut and particles.

As a side note to that stroke of genius, the clay also reduced the amount of particles skimmed out of the sorghum juice and dumped into a waste barrel. The waste barrel was usually emptied daily and fed to the hogs. But since the barrel took longer to fill that year, the skimmings inside fermented. Wrote Schmidt, "There were many drunk hogs that year in the Appenheimer feed lot. Some lay in the lot and squealed; others were completely passed out, grunting only occasionally."



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New technology for cover crops

By NICK VLAHOS

For Central Illinois Farmer

GALVA – There’s nothing undercover about efforts to encourage more farmers to sow cover crops, plants that can improve soil health and agriculture management.

Earlier this month, one of those cover-crop efforts was well above ground. In the form of a drone, it hovered high over Brian Corkill’s farm east of Galva.

The drone’s presence was courtesy of University of Illinois Extension. Dennis Bowman, an extension specialist in digital agriculture, used remote control to maneuver the drone above one of Corkill’s cornfields as it scattered cover-crop seeds.

Champaign-based Bowman said it was his first drone presentation. About two dozen farmers and others who gathered on the Corkill spread looked to the cloudy sky with interest. Earlier, they looked to the ground.

Following a couple of futile attempts, Bowman activated a squat, box-like robot that disappeared between rows of corn and returned, eventually. Like the drone, the robot also is a cover-crop seed

spreader, albeit not yet as



Dennis Bowman works to program a robot planter used to sow cover-crop seeds in rows of standing corn. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

advanced technologically.

“The robot is still a prototype, so it still has some problems,” Bowman said.

But both tools are examples of emerging, non-traditional ways to seed cover crops – something only about 8% of Illinois farmers plant, according to extension officials. The best planting times are in September and October, when farmers are busy harvesting cash crops like corn and soybeans.

Rachel Curry, an extension agriculture and agribusiness educator, said the new technology can make it easier for farmers to consider planting off-season rye and barley, among other cover crops.

“We’re trying to find

ways to make cover crops work for the farmer and fit into their operation,” Curry said.

Farmers can hire contractors to use airplanes and helicopters that scatter cover-crop seeds. But drones and robots might provide better seed penetration, according to Bowman. They also might allow farmers to bring that planting operation in house.

“Farmers that have a desire and a love for technology, I can see them having this,” Bowman said. “This is an opportunity for them to take control. You’re not dependent on somebody else. Having that technology in your hands to use

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COVER CROP: Drones still limited

Continued from Page 2 whenever you want it, there's a certain value in that."

The value of cover cropping extends beyond an individual farmer's field, according to Bowman and others.

Cover crops can benefit soil microbiology, which can lead to improved crop yields. They can manage soil erosion and quality as well as weeds and pests. They also can help reduce downstream water pollution from chemical nitrogen fertilizer, among other things. Such a problem is prevalent in the Gulf of Mexico.

"We want to keep the nutrients in the soil. And one of the best ways to do that is to add some biology, some plants that are growing that will soak up those nutrients and lock them up in their own bodies," Bowman said.

"They'll either die off over the winter or be killed off in the spring to release those nutrients back into the soil as they decompose. We've kept them there over the winter so that they're not washing down the Mississippi (River)."

Corkill has been planting cover crops for about a dozen years on his 1,000 or so acres. He said the

benefits might not be evident the first few years after farmers begin a cover-crop schedule.

"It is a significant change in mind-set and management," Corkill said. "I think for the most part, guys are willing to adopt some new practices. It just depends on where they're at in their career."

Paul and Nick Appell, who observed Bowman's demonstrations, use planes to plant cover crops on the 2,000 acres of corn and beans they farm between Galva and Victoria. It didn't appear the Appells are quite ready to adopt the new technology, but they did appear intrigued.

"I really see the drones coming on faster than anything, but they can only do so much," said Nick Appell, who is Paul Appell's nephew. "You need a whole fleet of them to do our operation. But just like everything else, I'm sure

they'll get more efficient and bigger."

Bowman estimated a drone price, all in, at about \$20,000. Operators also need Federal Aviation Administration authorization. Robots might cost about \$5,000 each.

Corkill acknowledged the new planting methods probably are not affordable or practical right now for many farmers. But like Nick Appell, he suggested technological improvements will change that.

Once one person can operate more than one drone, labor costs might shrink considerably, for one example. Neighboring farmers also could partner to purchase drones for mutual use.

"The longer it's out, the cheaper it becomes," Corkill said. "I think the drone can have its place. We're probably not quite there yet, but I don't think the drone is that far away."



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Plant corn, soybeans or solar panels?

By **RON DIETER**
 For Central Illinois Farmer

Should a farmer plant corn or solar panels? That's the question posed by Aaron Smith, professor of agriculture economics at the University of California-Davis. With the push for more renewable energy, solar farms are sprouting on agricultural cropland across the U.S.

To answer the question, Smith used a corn price of \$6.75/bushel and a yield of 200 bushels/acre. For solar electricity he used a price of \$70/Megawatt hour and an annual yield of 243

Mwh/acre. These were values existing when he made the calculations last fall. He found that solar energy yielded 13 times more income than a corn crop. Of course, that's income, not profit.

Using these numbers, along with financial data from a 1,000-acre solar farm in Wapello, Iowa, and Illinois crop-budget data to calculate the costs of production, the solar farm in his model was 3.5 times more profitable than corn.

When it comes to supply and demand, however, renewable energy is no different than any other commodity. As supply goes up, price comes down. Renewable energies, both solar and wind, are their own worst enemies. The costs of these technologies is dropping fast as more installations come online, making the energy they produce cheaper.

Smith points out that a drop of just 10% in the price of electricity and the picture is drastically reversed. Corn becomes nearly 10 times more profitable than solar. You can check his numbers online with a search for "Aaron Smith solar farms."

But does this have to be an either-or situation? Why not solar panels and farm

crops on the same ground?

For example, a farmer could allow space between rows of solar panels to accommodate row-crop machinery. But that would lower the solar yield.

What's more, land under the panels would be idle, reducing the crop yield.

That's where agrivoltaic technology enters the picture. That term describes producing crops and solar energy on the same land. Agrivoltaics is relatively new but is being used in the U.S. and Europe.

Several commercial crops – including raspberries, strawberries, broccoli, spinach, potatoes and tomatoes – are shade tolerant and have been successfully grown beneath solar panels. Some crops protected from direct sun and wind are actually more productive under panels than out in open fields. Workers planting and harvesting these crops also appreciate the shade provided by the solar array.

Solar panels are being used by produce farmers to replace plastic high tunnels that protect tender crops from hail, wind, bright sun and frost. High tunnels are labor intensive and easily damaged by wind and hail. Solar panels are designed to withstand such weather.

Bifacial solar panels, two-sided panels made of tempered glass, increase both the electrical output and the crop yield of an agrivoltaic solar farm. Unlike standard one-sided solar panels, bifacial panels are partially transparent, allowing sunlight to pass through to the crop below. The panels utilize direct sunlight but also use light reflected back from the crop below to produce 10% more electricity than a one-sided panel.

Bifacial panels and the crop beneath them form a symbiotic relationship. The panels conserve soil moisture and provide shade and shelter to the crop. The transpiring crop in turn lowers the panels' temperature. Cooler panels yield nearly 10% more electricity than the same panels over bare ground.

As long as the push for renewable energy continues, we can expect to see more solar farms. While most people are supportive of renewable energy, they prefer it to be somewhere else. Surveys show, however, that communities are more receptive of agrivoltaic farms because the land is kept in production while producing renewable energy.

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Our machine shed was green, just not the green of today

At the height of the mid-August heat wave, I was relieved when an old friend canceled his planned trip to attend a sprawling, old farm machinery show amid central Illinois' endless, sweltering cornfields.

While both of us love to see Oliver's 77s, Super Ms, and Ford 9Ns of our youth, neither of us wants to be as sweaty or dirty during those admiring visits as we were when driving 'em in our hot, dirt-eating youths.

But there is something about those 50-, 60-, and 70 year-old lovingly re-

stored, rust-bucket beauties that still attracts an eye, conjures a story, and warms a heart.

In fact, unlike many other ag journalists, I have only four toy tractors in my office: two that are manufacturer gifts from tractor introductions (the best of which, admittedly, is a very sweet, very big Versatile 1150 from 1981) and two are unblemished,



green-and-yellow Oliver 77s. One is a "Super" 77, the other a plain "Row Crop" 77.

While we were Oliver people on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth, we never owned a Super anything Oliver. We did, however, run a Row Crop 66, Row Crop 77, and Row Crop 88. The 88 was our "big"—when 40 horsepower was big—tractor.

The 77 was Uncle Honey's tractor of choice for two practical reasons. First, my father didn't trust his inattentive, iron-bending uncle with anything associated with the word "big;" alas, no 88 for him. More importantly, the 77 had hydraulics, a requirement to raise our Oliver mower's 7-foot sickle bar when mowing alfalfa, straw, or my mother's perpetually replanted peach trees.

And, yes, despite Honey's honestly earned reputation for destroying farm equipment—he did, after all, plow out two telephone poles—Dad had him mow because those four or five cuttings each year intentionally kept him away from the combine, silage wagons, humans, chain saw, cows, fence posts, and telephone poles.

Well, mostly. When the farm moved from 36-in. rows to 30-in., out went the 66, 77, and 88 and in came a new wave of Oliver—and not yet White branded—tractors: a gas 1650, a diesel 1755, and a rugged, log wagon 1850.

The 1650 had a narrow front and the 1755 and 1850 were our first wide fronts.

Of the three, my two older brothers and I often argued over who would get the 1650 for their day's work. Its purring engine, power steering, and narrow front made it the perfect tractor for baling hay, planting corn, chopping stalks, pulling silage wagons, backing a hay wagon into the barn... you name it.

And its best feature was its most important: our farm's first foam tractor seat. Yes, it was plastic covered and, yes, it was a hotplate in the summer and an ice block in the winter. Even at that, the seat wasn't as hot, cold, or hard as the backside-slapping steel seats on the old Oliver fleet that encouraged more standing than sitting while operating.

Honey inherited the stiff, roaring 1850 for both plowing and silage chopping. To his great displeasure, the sickle mower went with the 77. Dad replaced both with a self-propelled, hydrostatic Owatonna haybine and, without any dis-

cussion, replaced Honey with me as its only operator.

When White Farm Equipment began to dominate Oliver in the late 1960s, my father's loyalty to the brand ebbed. He was no fan of Case—a 930 Comfort King came and went pretty quickly—and never considered John Deere because he never found a Deere dealer he could bargain with.

He did, however, own a high-hours 4020 at the end of his farming career because, I suspect, its price fit his wallet more than the poorly maintained tractor fit his needs.

His final, go-to "big" tractor was a mid-1970s Ford 9600. It was the only tractor he ever owned with a cab and he all but wore it out over the following decades. It sold for pennies at his retirement auction and holds no special spot in my heart.

Mostly because that space was taken long ago by an Oliver 77.

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FBFM has century of helping

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Farmers have plenty to worry about in the field. A statewide organization helps them worry a little less about off-the-field, bottom-line aspects of their businesses.

Almost 6,000 farmers and farm landlords are members of Illinois Farm Business Farm Management. The Urbana-based not-for-profit provides financial and production records, computerized business reports, income-tax preparation and retirement and estate planning, among other services.

FBFM consultants meet regularly with clients to help interpret reports and offer financial-management advice. Hog and cattle producers also can join FBFM. Carla Doubet, a farm-business consultant based at the FBFM field office in Morton, said she has about 115 clients.

Minimum dues are \$720 for the current year, according to Doubet, a Farmington-area native. Rates increase from there, based on farm size. Base dues vary from year to year.

"I feel like they understand the value of the service that they're getting," Doubet said of her clients.

"You can go to some-

body to get your taxes done for 200 or 300 dollars, but a good accountant doesn't cost you anything, because they're going to add value to your operation by making you more aware of where you are in your business, future and present, and what opportunities there are."

FBFM traces its history almost 100 years, with roots at the University of Illinois. FBFM assumed its current form in 2017, when eight regional associations merged. The organization has 37 field offices, including one in Toulon.

Reports FBFM members receive include comparative analysis based on soil type, number of acres and other variables, Doubet said. Family-living costs also can be calculated and tracked, which can help farmers apply for loans.

"You've got to keep the banker happy," Doubet said. "He's going to look at

what the family-living costs are. They can see, 'This is what it was statewide, this is what yours is and what's different about it.'

"(Farmers) become more budget oriented and crunch the numbers a little harder. It helps them seek out maybe some other ideas about how to get their input costs lower and shop around and sharpen the pencil in that regard."

Doubet appears to have some experience in that realm. She grew up on a farm, worked on farms and feed yards and oversaw a 60-cow herd before she began her FBFM career.

"(We) work with a lot of good farmers," said Doubet, who attended Spoon River College in Canton and has a master's degree in accounting. "I have a lot of young farmers that are under 30 years of age. I have their fathers, and for some of them I have their grandfathers."

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Website breaks cash-rent taboo

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For Central Illinois Farmer

Among the biggest taboos in the farm world is discussing the price someone pays for cash rent.

Not so for Brad Belser of Peoria and his crew at CommonGround.io, an internet-based land marketplace.

An Iowa State graduate who has been a tillable and recreational land broker for eight years, Belser started CommonGround in 2017 as cashrent.com before changing the name – though not the purpose.

“The goal is to bring transparency to tillable land values for landowners and also to give farmers opportunities to farm ground they may never have had a shot at before,” Belser said. “Land values have gone up 30-40% and commodities have stayed strong. The only thing we’re not seeing moving is cash rent.”

Belser notes that property taxes have also increased steadily, with big jumps in many areas this past year alone.

“It’s more expensive to hold ground,” Belser said. “So rents need to go up.”

To help accomplish that, CommonGround.io offers free cash-rent estimates and allows landowners to list ground they want to rent. Belser said those listings have fueled an average increase of 39.8% for landowner return on investment.

Belser said CommonGround is more accurate in many cases than USDA cash-rental figures that are based on 10-year averages and rely on self-reporting by farmers.

And Belser said the higher bidder often does not get a land lease.

“Actually, the majority of the time, high bid is not the winner,” he said.

“We’ve had folks who say, ‘I like having a local guy up the road who can drive by and look at the farm.’”

“In other cases, we’ve had young farmers be able to stay on the farm and grow their operation because landowners say they would like to go with a younger, ambitious farmer who wants to be able to stay on the farm.”

As for “pushback” from farmers, Belser said it has been minimal.

“I can give you a long list of farmers who are thrilled,” Belser said, noting that seven investors in the website make their money as farmers.

• **Record price** – A bidding war over 115 acres of Missouri farmland on Sept. 21 has established a record paid for tillable ground in the U.S.

The property in Missouri’s north-central Saline County sold for \$34,800 per acre and brought a total price of \$4,002,000 to Dyer and Fenner Auctioneers.

The 115 acres were not sold to an investor but rather to a farmer who has land adjoining the pricy parcel, according to agweb.com. And the ground is reportedly not intended for development.

Jim Rothermich of Iowa Appraisal said bidding started at \$15,000 per acre and escalated over the next 15 minutes before a sale was made.

The previous record price was established Nov. 10, 2022, for 73 acres in Sioux County, Iowa, that sold for \$30,000 per acre.

• **Corn conditions** – Donna Rolando of The Center Square reports that drought conditions did not leave Illinois corn farmers without hope this harvest season.

While yields are anticipated to fall below last year’s harvest, this season is far from a disaster.

Much of the hope rests with a healing rain in June that played a heavy role in saving the crop from ruin, said Steve Turner, an Illinois Farm Bureau member and a farmer in Cass and Morgan counties.

“I think it’s not going to be a bumper or a record yield but I think we’re going to be basically holding our own,” Turner told The Center Square.

Dry conditions that hit parts of the state won’t be much of a challenge now

that harvest time is here and expected to continue until October or November.

“I think we really dodged a bullet on a lot of extreme drought this year,” Turner said.

The status of the harvest currently puts farmers on par with the five-year average. Turner helped to put the corn harvest figures into perspective.

“The Illinois yield will probably be down from what it was last year,” he said.

He estimated that the Illinois corn yield was over 200 bushels on an acre last year. Even if it drops to 188 he said farmers are still raising the crop.

The same could not be said for 2012 when drought conditions did spell disaster for the harvest.

Meanwhile, the condition of the corn is considered variable and includes some reduced yields.

According to the USDA, 10% of Illinois corn had been harvested through Sept. 24 and 6% of soybeans were in the bins. That’s slightly below the 2018-2022 averages of 13% for corn and 7% for soybeans. The majority of corn (73%) and beans (74%) was rated good or fair as of Sept. 24.

Additionally, the alfalfa hay harvest is reduced, but the government allowed livestock owners to hay conservation acres now and in preparation for winter, according to Turner.

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Henry A. Bowdoin

WYOMING – Henry A. “Hank” Bowdoin, 82, of Wyoming, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 23, 2023, at 9:03 a.m. at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

Hank was born on April 8, 1941, in Mont Belvieu, Texas, the son of Ben and Evelyn (Adrian) Bowdoin. He married Benola “Bennie” Streitmatter on Feb. 12, 1967. He is survived by his wife, Benola; son, Brad (Chantel) Bowdoin of LaVerne, Texas; daughter, Beth Tyre of Princeville, Ill.; six grandchildren, Allie, AJ, Adrian and Annika Bowdoin, and Caleb and Brody Tyre; and sisters-in-law Rose and Gail Bowdoin. He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Ben and Jim Bowdoin.

Hank served his country in the United States Army. He worked several jobs including IMC Fertilizer in Speer, Caterpillar, owner/operator of Agri Power Inc. in Toulon, as well as Cutco Inc., retiring in 2009. He was a member of the Stark County Masonic Lodge #479 A.F. & A.M., and Toulon American Legion. Hank enjoyed spending time with family and fishing with his friends.

His funeral will be at 11:30 a.m.



Bowdoin

Friday, Sept. 29, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Craig Martin will officiate. Visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. prior to the funeral. Burial will be in Streitmatter Cemetery in rural Princeville Memorial contributions may be made to Apostolic Christian Skylines.

To leave condolences for Hank’s family, please visit his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Barbara L. Goodale

GALVA – Barbara Louise Goodale, age 93, of Galva passed away on Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2023, surrounded by her loved ones.

She was born June 2, 1930, in Wyoming, Ill., the daughter of Clarence and Olive (Eibeck) Carroll.

Barb was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Goodale, her son, Thomas Goodale and six of her siblings. She left behind her daughter, Diane (J.B.) Hopping of Galva, her sister, Joan Huber of Toulon, four grandchildren; Jayme (Katie) Hopping, Heidi (Mark) Gutierrez, Stephanie (Tommy) Allen, and Ashley (Craig) Jones, eight great grandchildren and one great-great grandson.

Barb loved cooking for her



Goodale

family, playing Bingo, playing rummy, and especially watching her Cubbies!

There will be a private graveside ceremony at Galva Cemetery. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

Verla E. Wexell

GALVA – Verla E. Wexell, 86, a resident of Royal Oaks Care Center, formerly of Galva, died Sept. 18, 2023, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Funeral services were Sept. 22 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva.

She was born Sept. 13, 1937, in Dahinda, the daughter of Hubert and Gladys (Lechleider) Hodges. Survivors include her three children; Mike (Chris) Wexell of Kewanee, Al (Mary) Wexell of Galva and Christine Wexell of Port St. Lucie, Fla.; a daughter-in-law, Liz Wexell of Cambridge; her sister, Inez Miller of Burlington, Iowa; 12 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, LeRoy and Gerald, three sisters, Ila Olin, Guynith Lundburg and Doris Keeney and her son, Larry Wexell.

Verla graduated from Williamsfield High School in 1955. She drove a school bus for the Galva School District for 18 years. She had also worked at Midwest Tungen Service and operated several coffee shops in Bishop Hill.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,

IN CHANCERY
Case No. 23-OV-55K

vs.
MAURICIO BARRAGAN TELLO
Defendant
NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP
BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Mauricio Barragan Tello, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up action was filed and is now pending.

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

2. The name of the titleholder of record: Mauricio Barragan Tello

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: Lot Four (4) of Executor's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of Little's Subdivision of Lot Twenty-one (21) of Elliott's Addition to the City of Kewanee, subject to a common driveway easement over the South four (4) feet of Lot Four (4) and over the North four (4) feet of Lot Three (3), and dated September 4, 1971, and recorded September 10, 1971 as Document 71R3472 in the Office of the Recorder, Henry County, Illinois, all lying, being and situated in the County of Henry, State of Illinois.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 614 S. Chestnut St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

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

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS,
AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION,
Plaintiff,

IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2023CH10

vs.
CHAD M. PETTY; FRANCES A.
PETTY; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY
PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action was filed on September 7, 2023, and is now pending.

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

2. The names of the titleholders of record are: CHAD M. PETTY and FRANCES A. PETTY

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The East Twenty-five and four-tenths (25.4) feet of Lot Two (2) in Block Four (4) of Doye's Subdivision of Lot Sixteen (16) of Lot Six (6) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty-two (32), in Township Number Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Henry and State of Illinois.

PIN: 20-32-409-008

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1105 Roseview Avenue, Kewanee IL 61443

5. An identification of the Memorandum of Judgment sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Names of Respondents: CHAD

M. PETTY and FRANCES A. PETTY
b. Name of Claimant: CITY OF
KEWANEE, ILLINOIS
c. Date of Memorandum of Judgment: June 23, 2023
d. Date of Recording: June 29, 2023

e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois
f. Recording Document Identification: 20-2302824

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, on or before October 13, 2023, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Henry County Circuit Clerk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT-
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation,
Plaintiff,

IN CHANCERY
Case No. 23-OV-75K

vs.
KEWANEE PARTNERS, LLC, a Colorado limited liability company,
Defendant

NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP
AND LIEN BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Kewanee Partners, LLC, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up action was filed and is now pending.

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

identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of record: Kewanee Partners, LLC
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23 The North 1,320 feet of the S 1,488 feet of the E 202 feet, in Lot 1 McMullen's Third Addition on the Southeast ¼ of Section 27, Township 15 North, Range 5 East of the 4th P.M., Henry County, Illinois; 801 Cole Street, Kewanee, IL

Lot 15, EXCEPT the South 145 feet and the West 120 feet thereof, in Block 1, McMullen's Third Addition, Henry County, Illinois; 1708 E. 7th Street, Kewanee, IL

Lots 5 and 6 in O'Connor and Anderson's Subdivision of 2 acres in the Southeast corner of the N ½ of the NE ¼ of Section 32, T15N, R5E of the 4th P.M., in the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois; 829 W. 6th Street, Kewanee, IL

Lots 16-22 all in Block 2 of Carter's Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois; 626 N. Adams Street, Kewanee, IL

Lot 2 of Zang's Re-Plat of a part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 East of the 4th P.M., Henry County, Illinois, EXCEPT A part of Lot 2 of Zang's Re-Plat of a part of the NW ¼ of Section 34, T15N, R5E of the 4th P.M., in the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. More particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only:--

Beginning at a iron rod at the Southwest Corner of said Lot 2; Thence N 00°13'36" E, along the West line of said Lot 2 and also being the East line of May Street, a distance of 199.31 feet to an iron rod; Thence S 87°29'03" E, a distance of 141.21 feet to an iron rod; Thence N 78°20'48" E, a distance of 96.95 feet to the center of a ditch; Thence S 45°26'01" E, along said center line, a distance of 94.60 feet; Thence S 84°54'40" E, along said center line, a distance of 389.38 feet to the Northerly extension of the East line of said Lot 2; Thence S 00°37'27" W, along said Northerly extension and continuing along said East line, a distance of 124.00 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot 2; Thence N 88°59'11" W, along

said South line, a distance of 690.82 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 2.60 acres, more or less. Subject to all easements of record; 1119 Lake Street, Kewanee, IL

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 801 Cole Street, Kewanee, IL, 1708 E. 7th Street, Kewanee, IL, 829 W. 6th Street, Kewanee, IL, 626 N. Adams Street, Kewanee, IL, and 1119 Lake Street, Kewanee, IL

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

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Circuit Clerk

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

ESTATE OF
JOHN G. STATZ, Deceased
No. 2023-PR-78

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of John G. Statz. Letters of Office were issued on September 19, 2023, to Daryl Grant as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 30, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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

ESTATE OF
Linda D. Brown, Deceased
No. 2023PR72

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Linda D. Brown. Letters of Office were issued on August 31, 2023, to Timothy Boswell as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 11, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Bill would allow legislative union

Answers on Page 3 **Super Crossword** OH NO!

- ACROSS**
- 1 Vermicelli, e.g.
 - 6 Commercial spots
 - 9 16th-century pope
 - 14 Olympic length unit
 - 19 Had a dull, steady pain
 - 20 Chart topper, often
 - 22 Cockeyed
 - 23 Hidden stockpiles of certain infield bags?
 - 25 Low-pH liquids
 - 26 Certain Southern sib
 - 27 Tax doc. whiz
 - 28 Lead-in to Pen
 - 30 Ranch unit
 - 31 Grassy tract
 - 34 Instructions for securing a bottle with a screw cap?
 - 39 Gods, in Italy
 - 40 Some thin batteries
 - 43 Owner of Zipcar
 - 44 Promotional links
 - 45 Dad providing the finances?
 - 49 Cottage cheese piece
 - 50 Reject, as a lover
 - 51 Turner of "Betrayed"
 - 52 Sashimi fish
 - 53 Jestful type
 - 56 Bane of not knowing which college major to choose?
 - 62 Vigoda of old TV and film
 - 65 Hirer of many 27-Acrosses, for short
 - 66 Skyrocket
 - 67 Toll highway
 - 68 Chemistry class cost
 - 70 Like the letter O in this puzzle's entire solution
 - 73 Applies drippings to
 - 75 Brain flash
 - 76 Hajj city
 - 77 "Palooka" actor Erwin
 - 78 She's shearable
 - 79 Design of a three-masted ship?
 - 86 "The Addams Family" cousin
 - 87 Swivel on an axis
 - 88 Ribald
 - 89 Org. against pet abuse
 - 93 "Will you let me?"
 - 94 Reiner or Sagan wearing a Santa suit?
 - 98 Hawaiian porches
 - 101 Diminish
 - 102 Malevolent
 - 103 Eat dinner
 - 104 British apartment doubling as a malt shop?
 - 107 Ticks by
 - 110 Sister of Meg, Jo and Amy
 - 111 Diminish
 - 112 Comedic actress Issa
 - 115 Fit for the job
 - 116 Lauder of makeup
 - 118 Famous German tale teller
 - 119 Footballer who lived in a farm building?
 - 125 Rhythmic swings
 - 126 Rhythmic way to march
 - 127 Strike hard, biblical-style
 - 128 Very inclined
 - 129 Dutch cheeses
 - 130 Stitch clothes
 - 131 Consequently
- DOWN**
- 1 Butter square
 - 2 Frau's "Alas!"
 - 3 Small, agile Japanese dog breed
 - 4 Irwin of "Crikey! It's the Irwins"
 - 5 "Puff" snake
 - 6 "I have it!"
 - 7 Part of DVD
 - 8 Stride
 - 9 Actress Zadora
 - 10 Business mag
 - 11 "I hate it!"
 - 12 Precipitates cold pellets
 - 13 Italian motor scooter brand
 - 14 Hamm of soccer
 - 15 Boxed up
 - 16 Slow-paced martial art
 - 17 Footballer's sweep
 - 18 "Start over" buttons
 - 21 "Begone!"
 - 24 Queen guitarist May
 - 29 Not off-key
 - 31 Alternatives to JPEGs
 - 32 Sign on for another tour of duty
 - 33 Hawk cousins
 - 35 Toddler's cry
 - 36 "— got a feeling ..."
 - 37 Geraint's title
 - 38 Theoretical physicist Paul
 - 41 Way yonder
 - 42 Did karaoke
 - 46 Joanne of "Red River"
 - 47 Bellybutton type
 - 48 Driveway goo
 - 49 Adorable
 - 52 Eldest son of Mitt Romney
 - 53 Be the author of
 - 54 Cockeyed
 - 55 Duck cousins
 - 57 Rapping "Dr."
 - 58 Very, in music scores
 - 59 Hwy. crime
 - 60 Banquet liquid holder
 - 61 Rival of DHL and FedEx
 - 62 Perp's story
 - 63 Having no knack for
 - 64 Roger of "At the Movies"
 - 69 E-help page
 - 70 No more than
 - 71 Former U.S. RR regulator
 - 72 Educ. facility
 - 73 A/C meas.
 - 74 Subtle glows
 - 76 Kihai's island
 - 77 Perplex
 - 80 Pan Am rival
 - 81 Paris palace
 - 82 Bi- plus one
 - 83 Make lighter
 - 84 Video surveillance syst.
 - 85 PC key abbr.
 - 90 Submits, as a test paper
 - 91 Motley —
 - 92 High peaks
 - 93 Jungle knife
 - 94 Half- (java option)
 - 95 "Good" cholesterol, for short
 - 96 Lulu Hogg player Peggy
 - 97 Imam's God
 - 98 Villifies in print
 - 99 Scores 100 on the test
 - 100 Stinging plant
 - 101 Certain radio frequency range
 - 105 Yippie Hoffman
 - 106 Not false
 - 108 Discomfit
 - 109 Large feather (some dolls)
 - 113 Raggedy —
 - 114 Livy's "Lo!"
 - 117 Seer's "gift"
 - 119 Sanyo rival
 - 120 '60s war site
 - 121 ENTS, e.g.
 - 122 Hack down
 - 123 & so forth
 - 124 Once called

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – House Speaker Emanuel "Chris" Welch, D-Hillside, has filed legislation that would, for the first time in Illinois, authorize legislative staff to form a union and engage in collective bargaining.

House Bill 4148, creating the Legislative Employee Labor Relations Act, comes in response to a monthslong effort by Democratic staff in the speaker's office to unionize.

Last year, a group of workers in the speaker's office formed the Illinois Legislative Staff Association, which has been seeking recognition as a union.

In Illinois, private-sector unions are governed by the National Labor Relations Board while public-sector unions are governed by the Illinois Labor Relations Board. But the law specifically excludes employees of the General Assembly from the definition of "public employee."

Michael LeRoy, a labor law expert at the University of Illinois, said earlier this month that the wording of that amendment

could be construed as vague.

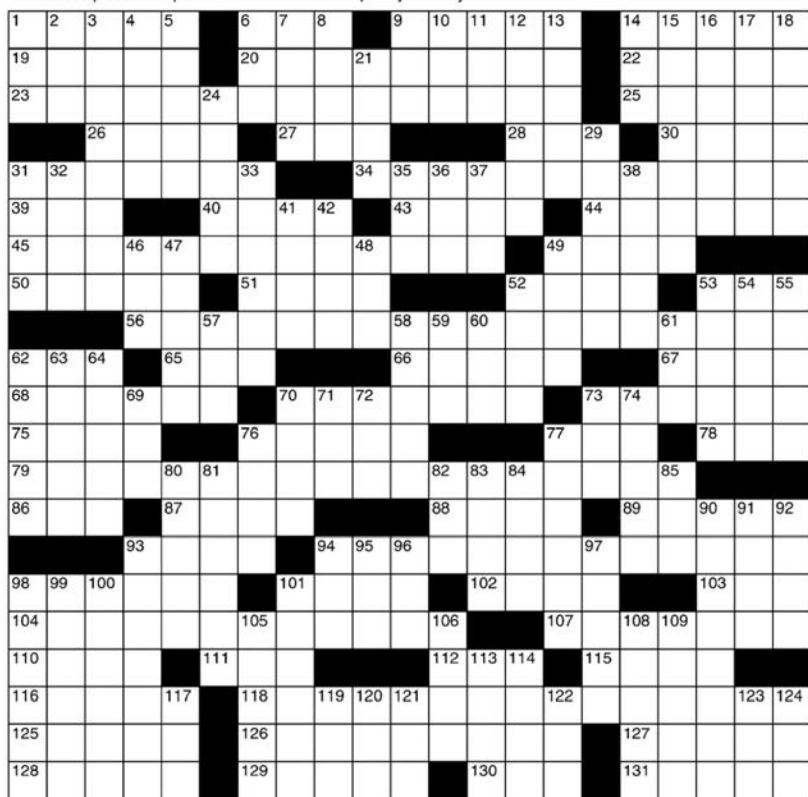
HB 4148, however, would specifically authorize legislative staff to unionize and it would give the ILRB jurisdiction over collective bargaining matters for staff unions, including authority to conduct elections within employee groups seeking to unionize.

It would establish an Office of State Legislative Labor Relations to represent the General Assembly in collective bargaining.

The bill provides that the General Assembly is not required to bargain over matters of "inherent managerial policy," including the General Assembly's budget, organizational structure, and hiring of new employees.

Welch said he intends to push for the bill's passage in the upcoming fall veto session, which begins Oct. 24.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the clown in Stephen King's horror novel "It"?
 - ASTRONOMY: How often does Halley's Comet appear in the Earth's sky?
 - U.S. STATES: Which state has the most electoral votes in 2024?
 - MOVIES: In "Jurassic Park," what kind of container is used to store stolen dinosaur embryos?
 - ART: Which art movement is Salvador Dali associated with?
 - AD SLOGANS: Which car manufacturer used the ad slogan "Quality is Job 1"?
 - TELEVISION: Which TV show spawned the spinoff comedy/drama "Maude"?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in falafel?
 - GEOGRAPHY: What is the world's shortest river?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What are a crab's pincers called?

- Answers**
- Pennywise.
 - On average, every 76 years.
 - California (54).
 - A canister that looks like a Barbasol Shaving Cream can.
 - Surrealism.
 - Ford Motor Company.
 - "All in the Family."
 - Chickpeas.
 - Roe River, Montana.
 - Chelae.
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Answers on Page 3

CryptoQuote

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- TOP 10 MOVIES**
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 - Blue Beetle (PG-13)
 - Jawan (NR)
 - Gran Turismo (PG-13)
 - Oppenheimer (R)
 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
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Clerks seek to halt election misinformation

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Six months before the next presidential primary elections in Illinois, county clerks and other local election authorities are asking for the public’s help in stopping misinformation campaigns before they get started.

Officials from 25 counties scheduled a series of news conferences Tuesday in Tazewell, McLean and LaSalle counties. At the Tazewell event, the election officials said accusations of vote tampering and other misinformation campaigns have proliferated in each of the last two presidential election cycles, and they fear it could get worse in 2024.

Some of the election officials described misinformation they have encountered in recent elections, including accusations that voting machines had been rigged or that tabulation machines had been hacked, and

social media rumors that polling places were closing early or ran out of ballots.

Elizabeth Gannon, executive director of the Peoria County Election Commission, noted that all voting equipment used in Illinois is certified by both the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and the Illinois State Board of Elections.

“So we actually have social media monitors that we hire on Election Day, and even before, and they try to watch as many as possible – you can’t watch them all – and see if something comes up so we can get ahead of them, whether it’s Reddit or Facebook or whatever,” McLean County Clerk Kathy Michael said.

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ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Freshman Smith wins Boiler XC Invite

By The Prairie News
KEWANEE – Stark County freshman Dusti Smith raced to first place Saturday at the Boiler Invitational cross country meet at Baker Park Golf Course.

Smith won the 3-mile race in a time of 19:34.75, which was more than 30 seconds faster than runner-up Alyssa Higgins of Knoxville (20:06.79).

Overall, the Stark County girls team placed third with 62 points in the four-team invite. Knoxville (33 points) won and Lowpoint-Washburn (45) was second.

Other scoring runners for the Lady Rebels were Cheyenh Smith (14th, 22:39.42), Alexis Martinez (15th, 23:03.85), Keagan Hamilton (22nd, 24:10.82) and Sarah Kraklow (32nd, 26:28.99). Stark County was without usual top-five runner Paytin Terwilliger, who is sidelined with a hamstring injury.

Part of the Stark County girls team also ran Tuesday night at the El Paso-Gridley Invitational. The top-five finishers for the Lady Rebels were Martinez (52nd, 24:18.3), Kraklow (84th, 26:55.7), Haylie Moodie (118th, 31:13.9), Riley Hamilton (124th, 33:13.3) and Nina Longabaugh (125th,



Bradford's 8th grade volleyball players were honored on Sept. 25 at Eighth Grade Night. Players pictured are Jacey Endress, Grace Atteberry and Avery Johnston. Photo by Becki Hoffert

33:27.7).

The Stark County girls run again Saturday at the Elmwood Invitational held at Maple Lane Country Club. Frosh-soph boys run at 9:30 a.m., varsity girls at 10 and varsity boys at 10:45.

• **SC volleyball** – Stark County (2-13) fell to Annawan last Wednesday. The Lady Rebels continue to work on their game.

"Sophie Finnegan have given us strong play at the net," Stark County Coach Mary Jo Groter said. "Regan Calder has been working hard from the floor, giving us needed digs."

Next up for SCHS is a Monday

matchup against Annawan at home in Lincoln Trail action.

– Phil Johnson
 • **Galva volleyball** – Galva (5-8) lost 25-19 and 25-17 on Monday to Lincoln Trail foe Princeville on the road.

The Lady Wildcats topped Mercer County last Wednesday at home 25-10, 25-14 in the Lincoln Trail Conference contest.

GHS next takes on Quad City Christian on the road in a non-conference meeting on Monday.

– Phil Johnson
 • **Golf** – Boys golfers competed in the IHSA regionals on Wednesday, while girls were in play Thursday.

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FOOTBALL: Injuries cause Galva to go younger

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4:42 left in the third quarter.

Bowser took his back 50 yards with 51 second left in the third. He also had another interception early in the quarter.

Those two scores were enough to make meaningless West Hancock's lone score midway through the fourth quarter. But Noard said the Rebels will need a better showing today at Oneida against unbeaten ROWVA-Williamsfield (5-0, 4-0). And Price may not be able to play.

"They're more diverse and they've just done a real good job the last few years with that they do," Noard said. "It should be fun."

— Jeff Lampe

West Central 54, Galva 6

GALVA – Things started decently for the hosts, who held Biggsville West Central to four downs and out on its first series. But ankle injuries to key players Cole Baulch and Caden Rachel stifled the momentum, according to Galva Coach Mark Jeffrey.

"We were feeling pretty good about things, but we were kind of behind the 8-ball once that happened," he said.

Sophomore Alex Davis and freshman AJ Traff helped fill the gaps Rachel and Baulch left. Alec Gustafson had a solid game, according to Jeffrey, including five punts for 167 total yards. But West Central (1-4) didn't allow Galva (0-5) to score until the third quarter.

"Everybody we play is going to be three things –

older than us, bigger than us and they'll have more numbers than us," Jeffrey said. "There's no way to take the field with three or four freshmen starting in a varsity contest and compete with guys who are starting juniors and seniors."

Jeffrey's attempt to build a program takes to the road the next three weeks. That includes a game at 1 p.m. Saturday at Orangeville (2-3), located in Stephenson County just south of the Wisconsin border.

The Galva contingent plans to spend its idle Friday night in Oneida for the undefeated showdown between host ROWVA-Williamsfield and Stark County, according to Jeffrey. He said Baulch and Rachel's playing statuses are day-to-day.

— Nick Vlahos

Princeville 36, United 20

PRINCEVILLE – After yielding 20 points in the first half, Princeville's defense took control in a victory that gives the Princes (3-2, 3-1) breathing room in the quest for five wins and a postseason berth.

"At halftime we made a couple of adjustments and the defense really responded," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said.

Two big plays in the last few minutes of the game made the difference. The first came from Josh Hunt, who caught a 10-yard pass from Logan Carruthers and then broke four tackles en route to a 67-yard score.

"That was one of the more impressive runs I've seen," Coach Carruthers

said.

Following the touchdown, Coach Carruthers was ejected after arguing a late-hit call. He will be unable to coach Princeville's next game at South Fulton.

"I'm disappointed in myself for getting into that position," he said.

But the coach was doubly proud of his defense's response after United followed Hunt's long run by driving to the Princeville 20-yard line.

First Denzell Garza blew up a quarterback sweep for a loss. On the next play, Jake Williams intercepted a pass and sprinted 77 yards to score.

Williams had started his third game at QB and completed 10 of 15 passes for 153 yards before Logan Carruthers came in during the fourth quarter. It was his first action since suffering a shoulder injury in Princeville's second game.

— Jeff Lampe

ROWVA-Williamsfield 35 South Fulton 18

ONEIDA – R-W maintained a perfect record heading into its showdown against Stark County. Both teams are 5-0 overall, 4-0 in the LincolnLand small-school division.

The host Cougars made relatively short work of South Fulton (2-3, 2-2), which trailed 21-0 at intermission following two touchdowns from Spencer Brown. He ran 2 yards for a score after he caught a 7-yard pass from Riley Danner for another.

Brown scored again in the third quarter, on a 37-yard

run, and finished with a team-high 149 yards rushing. Teammate Bryan Bertlshofer scored once and ran for 143 yards.

"We had a touchdown get called back at the end of the half, but we came out and played pretty good," R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said. "We could have been a little bit better offensively, but the defense did a nice job."

Gullstrand said Mathew Dennison, Luke Nelson and Preston Schroeder led the defensive effort.

The game today will be the Cougars' third against Stark County in less than one calendar year. R-W won both of last season's meetings, including a Class 1A state-playoffs opener. Gullstrand said Rebels QB Luke Rewerts presents a test.

"Anytime you have a really good athlete at quarterback, you're worried about him running and throwing," Gullstrand said.

— Nick Vlahos

Elsewhere

Annawan-Wethersfield (4-1, 4-1) led 28-0 at halftime against Abingdon-Avon and tacked on two scores in the third. Zeb Rashid ran for two TDs, quarterback Dillon Horrie ran for one score and passed for another, Ashton Potter ran for a TD and backup QB Brody Childs ran for the final score. ... Rushville-Industry (2-3, 2-3) ran for 379 yards, including 181 and two TDs from Tanner Gray, in a 26-22 win over Havana.

SCOREBOARD

Stark County 20 West Hancock 8

Stark County 7 0 13 0 - 20
West Hancock 0 0 0 8 - 8

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
SC - Wagenbach 15 pass from Rewerts (Manzano-Garcia kick)

Third Quarter
SC - Lindley 27 interception return (Manzano-Garcia kick)

Fourth Quarter
WH - Grothaus 1 run (Gooding pass from Grothaus)

Team Statistics

	SC	WH
First downs	9	17
Rushes-Yds	26-74	27-53
Yds per carry	2.8	2.0
Comp-Att-Int	8-18-2	25-41-3
Passing yds	99	227
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-2

Individual Statistics
Rushing - SC: Orwig 11-37, Rewerts 13-22, Daum 1-15, Barnwell 1-0. WH: Konkright 11-22, Amann 5-0, Grothaus 5-9, Barnes 1-2, Koltzenburg 3-7, Varner 2-13.
Passing - SC: Rewerts 8-18-2 99. WH: Grothaus 25-41-3 208, Carel 1-2-1 19.
Receiving - SC: Bowser 4-79, Wagenbach 2-22, Joos 1-6, Barnwell 1-0. WH: Carel 6-87, Varner 7-64, Gooding 6-49, Scott 5-22, Koltzenburg 1-5, Brown 1-0.
Tackles - SC: Barnwell 7, Snider 7. WH: Konkright 7, Scott 5.

West Central 56 Galva 6

Galva 0 0 6 0 - 6
West Central 16 24 6 8 - 54

Team Statistics

	G	WC
Rushes-Yds	17-(-5)	31-368
Yds per carry	(-0.3)	11.9
Comp-Att-Int	5-17-3	0-4-0
Passing yds	58	0

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
WC - 82 run (conversion good)
WC - 61 run (conversion good)

Second Quarter
WC - 65 run (conversion good)
WC - 13 run (conversion good)
WC - 57 run (conversion good)

Third Quarter
WC - 49 run (kick failed)
G - Gustafson pass from Mille (conversion failed)

Fourth Quarter
WC - Interception return (conversion good)

Individual Statistics
Rushing - G: Gustafson 3-4, O'Brien 1-3, Baulch 1-2, Hulstrom 5-(-4), Mille 7-(-10).
Passing - G: Mille 5-17-3 58.
Receiving - G: Gustafson 4-46, Gravitt 1-15.
Tackles - O'Brien 11.5.

Princeville 36 United 20

United 14 6 0 0 - 20
Princeville 6 6 8 16 - 36

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
U - McElwee 1 run (11 run)
U - Hall 3 run (conversion failed)
P - Kieser 22 run (conversion failed)

Second Quarter
U - Rodriguez 13 run (conversion failed)
P - Christianson 4 run (conversion failed)

Third Quarter
P - Johnson 13 pass from Williams (Benningfield pass from Williams)

Fourth Quarter
P - Hunt 67 pass from Carruthers (Williams pass from Carruthers)
P - Williams 77 interception return (Christianson run)

Team Statistics

	U	P
Rushes-Yds	41-208	28-109
Yds per carry	5.1	3.9
Comp-Att-Int	4-10-3	13-20-1
Passing yds	44	240

LincolnLand - Large

	Overall	Conf		
	W	L	W	L
Farmington	5	0	4	0
Knoxville	5	0	4	0
Macomb	3	2	3	1
Illini West	3	2	2	2
Mercer County	2	3	1	2
Elmwood-Brim	1	4	1	3
West Hancock	0	5	0	3
LVC	0	5	0	4

Last Week
Farmington 30, Elmwood-Brim 26
Knoxville 44, Mercer County 0
Stark County 20, West Hancock 8
Illini West 46, LVC 14
Breese Mater Dei 38, Macomb 18

Friday, Sept. 29
Mercer County at Elmwood-Brimfield
Farmington at Macomb
Illini West at Knoxville

Saturday, Sept. 30
West Hancock at LVC, 1 pm

Individual Statistics

Rushing - U: McElwee 24-185, Hall 8-9, Rodriguez 5-23, 9 4-(-9). P: Kieser 12-43, Christianson 14-62, Williams 1-4, Carruthers 1-0.
Passing - U: McMillen 4-10-3 44. P: Williams 10-15-1 153, Carruthers 3-5-0 87.
Receiving - P: Kieser 3-70, Johnson 2-29, Benningfield 5-21, Williams 2-19, Hunt 1-67, Christianson 1-40.
Tackles - P: Garza 10, Stalter 8, Harmon 7.

ROWVA-Williamsfield 35 South Fulton 18

South Fulton 0 0 6 12 - 18
Princeville 9 12 7 7 - 35

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
R-W - Sams 26 pass from Danner (Miller kick)

Second Quarter
R-W - Brown 7 pass from Danner (conversion failed)

LincolnLand - Small

	Overall	Conf		
	W	L	W	L
ROWVA-Williamsfield	5	0	4	0
Stark County	5	0	4	0
Annawan-Weth.	4	1	4	1
Princeville	3	2	3	1
South Fulton	2	3	2	2
Rushville-Industry	2	3	2	3
United	2	3	1	3
Abingdon-Avon	0	5	0	5
Havana	0	5	0	5

Last Week
ROWVA-Williams. 35, S. Fulton 18
Princeville 36, United 20
Stark County 20, West Hancock 8
Annawan-Weth. 42, Abingdon-Avon 0
Rushville-Industry 26, Havana 22

Friday, Sept. 29
Stark County at ROWVA-Williamsfield
Princeville at South Fulton
Abingdon-Avon at United
Havana at Annawan-Wethersfield
Rushville-Industry at Heyworth

R-W - Brown 2 run (kick failed)

Third Quarter
SF - Rushing TD (extra point failed)

R-W - Brown 37 run (Miller kick)

Fourth Quarter
SF - Rushing TD (extra point failed)
R-W - Bertlshofer 18 run (Miller kick)
SF - Unspecified touchdown (extra point failed)

Team Statistics

	RW	SF
Rushes-Yds	31-310	143
Yds per carry	10.0	-
Comp-Att-Int	10-15-0	-
Passing yds	103	73

Individual Statistics
Rushing - R-W: Brown 12-149, Bertlshofer 17-143, Nelson 1-20, Miller 1-(-2).
Passing - R-W: Danner 9-14-0-70, Brown 1-1-0-33.
Receiving - R-W: Sams 5-50, Hull 1-33, Brown 2-14, Miller 1-7, Danner 1-(-1).
Tackles - R-W: Schroeder 5.



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Chris Bowser had an interception return for a touchdown and caught four passes for 79 yards in Stark County's 20-8 victory over West Hancock last Friday. The unbeaten Rebels face unbeaten ROWVA-Williamsfield tonight. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Rebels Pick 6 way to win

Two defensive TDs make up for lack of offense

By The Prairie News

WYOMING – Never underestimate the value of a veteran offensive lineman – or an opportunistic defense.

Struggling offensively last week to make up for the loss of three-year starter Tanner Price on its offensive line, the Stark County football team remained unbeaten thanks mostly to two defensive touchdowns.

Braden Lindley and Matthew Bowser each returned an interception for a touchdown in the third quarter last Friday as the Rebels defeated pass-happy West Hancock, 20-8.

Stark County (5-0, 4-0 LincolnLand small division) was outgained in the game 280-173 and had two turnovers, but for the second straight game leaned heavily on its defense.

"I've been real happy with how our defense has played," Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. "(The defense) has been real good at taking away what the other

teams are good at."

The Rebels had three interceptions, recovered two fumbles and limited West Hancock (0-5) to 53 rushing yards on 27 attempts. And despite yielding 227 passing yards and 26 completions in 43 pass attempts, it was Stark County that made big plays in the passing game.

The first came in the first quarter, as Luke Rewerts found Connor Wagenbach for a 15-yard scoring pass. That was the only highlight for a Rebels offense that was out of synch without Price. The 6-foot, 300-pound senior tackle suffered a non-contact injury to his quad muscle late in last Thursday's practice – leaving almost no time for adjustments.

"We had to shuffle some things and they brought a lot of pressure that caused us some trouble," Noard said.

From there, the Rebels defense took over.

Lindley's pick-six was a 27-yarder with

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