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## Bradford Catholic church slated to close

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – As part of its Growing Disciples initiative, the Catholic Diocese of Peoria is tentatively proposing that its churches in Bradford and Williamsfield will no longer be in use.

The diocese this week released its second round of models for Growing Disciples, a plan designed to map out which churches will remain open, which will be designated as secondary sites and which will be designated for no use. Information is listed on the diocese website (growingdisciplescdop.org) and is still preliminary.

As part of the latest proposal, Bradford's St. John the Baptist and



Bradford's St. John the Baptist Catholic church was established in 1875, but the cornerstone of this building was laid in 1906.

Williamsfield's St. James are both listed as "not in use" parishes.

The diocese lists sacramental, financial and demographic data for each parish as a consideration for

making decisions. Other considerations include evangelization potential, geography, demographics, natural affinity between parishes, long-term sustainability and feedback from priests and parishioners.

Bradford's average mass attendance in 2022 was 32 people, which is down 63% since 2015. Attendance in Williamsfield was 40 per mass in 2022, down 40% since 2015.

Currently slated to be secondary sites are St. Dominic in Wyoming and St. John the Evangelist in Galva. The primary site for those parishes will be St. John Paul II in Kewanee, where two priests are scheduled to be assigned. The diocese website says a mass schedule

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The interior of Bradford's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church includes an ornate altar and stained-glass windows above.

## DUSTY HARVEST

### Harvest heats up

23% of corn in bins as of Oct. 1

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

Dry, breezy conditions have worked wonders bringing down the moisture content in corn and drying soybeans in fields all across Illinois.

Not surprisingly, combines have been roaring all over the state in the past few days. Through Oct. 1, the USDA reports that 23% of the corn crop has been harvested. While that's up 13% from the Sept. 24 report, it's also slightly behind the five-year average of 25%.

Given recent dry weather and the current pace of

harvest, that should change by the next report on Oct. 8.

Corn is 92% mature, which is above average.

Soybean harvest was at 19% – up 13 percent from last week and right on the five-year average. A total of 94% of soybeans are listed as dropping leaves, which is 21% above average.

The Aug. 1 federal estimate pegged the Illinois corn yield to average 201 bushels per acre, down from 214 last year.

Corn for December delivery was trading at \$4.84 on Wednesday.



Warm, dry and breezy conditions have allowed farmers to pick up the pace of harvest lately. According to the USDA, 23% of the state's corn and 19% of soybeans were harvested as of Oct. 1.

## DCFS disfunction

Director to resign after scathing audit

By **BETH HUNSDORFER & HANNAH MEISEL**

Capitol News Illinois

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services Director Marc Smith will resign effective Dec. 31, he told colleagues in an all-staff town hall meeting Wednesday morning.

For years, critics had called on Smith to resign or be fired, amid legislative hearings, contempt citations, a murdered child protection investigator and the highest number of children who died after contact with the agency in 20 years.

Smith announced his voluntary resignation Wednesday via a livestreamed video to agency staff, not-

ing that his decision came after discussions with family and colleagues.

"Sometimes the media sometimes politicians, sometimes critics take an opportunity of tragedy to move an agenda," Smith said during the call.

The resignation came after another scathing audit of the agency was published last week, finding that in recent decades, DCFS repeatedly violated state laws meant to protect children from abuse and neglect.

Smith's announcement was one of three agency head departures made public by Gov. JB Pritzker's office Wednesday. Theresa

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# DCFS: Agency violated numerous state laws

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 Eagleson, who has led the state's Department of Healthcare and Family Services since January 2019, will leave her post at the end of the year, according to a news release from the governor's office. Illinois Department on Aging Director Paula Basta will also retire in December.  
 The personnel announcements come less than a month after Pritzker's office announced Deputy Gov. Sol Flores, who oversees Illinois' health and human service agencies – including DCFS, DHFS and the Department on Aging – will be leaving in mid-October. Grace Hou, the current director of the De-

partment of Human Services, will be promoted to that role.  
 The DCFS audit released last week found DCFS violated state law by:  
 • Failing to notify law enforcement within 24 hours of the death, serious injury or sexual abuse of a child. Audits have included similar findings seven times in the past decade.  
 • Failing to complete investigations of abuse and neglect within statutory timelines. Audits have included similar findings 17 times since 1998.  
 • Failing to respond to a report of abuse or neglect within 24 hours, putting the child in further jeopardy. Previous audits have included similar findings 17 times since 1998.

• Failing to notify schools of credible sexual and physical abuse.  
 • Failing to timely notify prosecutors of test results for children born having been exposed to controlled substances.  
 • Failing to alert the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois Department of Human Services when there were allegations of abuse or neglect of a hospitalized child.  
 House Republicans renewed what have been repeated calls for Smith's removal after the audit's release. In January 2022, Republicans called for hearings after Smith was found in contempt of court 12 times by a Cook County judge.

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# CHURCH: Parishes to meet

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 is still to be determined. Bradford parishioners would theoretically be encouraged to attend mass at Wyoming or Kewanee. As part of the downsizing, bookkeeping will be centralized at the primary site. Williamsfield parishioners would be grouped with St. Mary of the Woods in Princeville, the primary site, or St. Joseph in Brimfield, a secondary site. Next steps are parish meetings Oct. 1-31, on-line feedback starting Nov. 22, an announcement of the final plan on

May 19, 2024, by Bishop Lou Tylka to be followed by implementation over two years. Other churches being designated as not in use include Sacred Heart in Annawan, St. Patrick in Sheffield and St. Mary of the Fields Shrine in Hoop-pole. St. Anthony in Atkinson will be the primary site for those churches. Cambridge would also see St. John Vianney closed, with St. John the Apostle in Woodhull listed as primary site and St. Mary Our Lady of Peace in Orion a secondary site.



Elsewhere, the second round of Growing Disciples models also calls for designating Elmwood's St. Patrick as a secondary site in a merger with St. Mary of Kickapoo and Brimfield as a secondary site to be affiliated with St. Mary of the Woods in Princeville.

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**Traffic citations & Ordinance violation**

- 9-26 - Mark J. Guthrie - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-26 - Gladys Y. Ramos - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-27 - Janice L. Miller - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 9-27 - Aaron J. Gallup - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-27 - Viviana G. Calderon - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 9-28 - Andrea E. Poole - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 9-28 - Brandon J. Collier - Expired registration.
- 9-30 - David J. Zoril - Driving 21-25 mph above limit..

**Incidents & Accidents**

- 9-25 - Christopher J. Young, 35, Peoria, was arrested on a Peoria County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge of driving while his license was suspended. He was also issued citations for speeding 62 mph in a 55 zone, operation of an uninsured vehicle and driving while his license was suspended. Young remained in custody and was extradited to Peoria County Jail the following day.
- 9-27 - Demacio D. Warfield, 23, Peoria, was arrested and ticketed for speeding 100 mph in a 55 zone, operation of an uninsured vehicle and illegal transportation of cannabis in a vehicle. He was later released with a court date to appear.
- 9-27 - Dina M. Crawford, 54, Bradford, was arrested and charged with aggravated assault, disorderly conduct, trespassing and intimidation. She was released on Sept. 29, with a notice to appear.
- 9-28 - Loren B. Crowe, 36, Chillothe, was cited for disobeying a stop sign.
- 9-28 - Erica D. Warfield, 42, Peoria, was arrested during a traffic stop and found wanted on a pending warrant in Peoria County. She posted \$3,000 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear in Peoria County.
- 9-28 - Ronald G. Reyes, 32, Kewanee, was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, improper lane usage and driving without a valid registration. The citations resulted after Reyes was involved in a single vehicle rollover accident that occurred south of Wyoming on Route 91.
- 9-29 - Bryan L. Wilson, 37, Washington, was issued a notice to appear for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone, driving on a suspended registration and unlawful display of a vehicle registration.
- 9-30 - Robert L. Robinson Jr., Speer, reported a theft of items stolen from his water-tank trailer. The incident remains under investigation.
- 10-1 - Giovanni Melendez, 30, El Paso, was cited for driving on an expired registration.
- 10-1 - Kimberly J. Humes, 37, Wyoming, was cited for driving on a suspended registration.



**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

- 9-25 - to the 400 block of SE 3rd St. in reference to a child custody dispute.
- 9-25 - Justine Anderson, 35, Monmouth, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
- 9-25 - R.C. Anderson, 45, Monmouth, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
- 9-26 - Officer was flagged down in the 00 block of SE 1st Ave. for a complaint involving a child-custody dispute.
- 9-27 - to the 100 block of Front St. for a theft/trespassing complaint.
- 9-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 2nd St., Matthew Hammons, 39, Kewanee, was arrested for not having a driver's license, operating an uninsured vehicle and operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for no insurance. He was released with a required court date.
- 9-28 - Officer was flagged down in the 500 block of E. Division St. and handed a cell phone that had been found in the roadway. The phone appeared to have been run over by a vehicle.
- 9-28 - Officer, along with the Galva Fire Department, escorted Abilities Plus clients into Galva for their annual picnic at Wiley Park.
- 9-28 - to the 300 block of SW 4th Ave. for a harassment and disorderly conduct complaint involving juveniles.
- 9-28 - to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a complaint of a juvenile riding a bicycle along the tracks. Officer was not able to locate.
- 9-29 - to a residence on NE 3rd St. for a welfare check after suicidal text messages were received. No contact was made.
- 9-29 - to Washington Park for a complaint involving an occupied suspicious vehicle parked there. The subject was not breaking any laws.
- 9-29 - to check the welfare of a subject walking in the 300 block of SW 4th Ave. The subject was reportedly talking to himself and a flashlight. Officer did not locate.
- 9-30 - to Wiley Park for a complaint of an occupied vehicle parked in the grass. The driver of the vehicle appeared to be watching young chil-

dren. Officer responded and spoke to the subject. The officer stayed in the park for a while and the vehicle moved along.

9-30 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a report involving a hit-and-run accident. Complainant's vehicle suffered damage from an unknown vehicle. A report was completed.

9-30 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. to check on a motorcyclist that laid their motorcycle down on its side. They were not injured and were able to drive away.

9-30 - to the 300 block of NE 8th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The owner came and retrieved the dog.

9-30 - to the 00 block of SW 5th St. for a report of someone yelling for help. Officer located a subject who was looking for her loose dog, which was found.

10-1 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a neighbor dispute.

10-1 - to the 200 block of NE 4th St. for a vehicle repossession.

10-1 - to the Galva Park District for a 911 open line call during youth soccer games. Hundreds of people were present and the officer was not able to locate anyone needing assistance.

10-1 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a report of a strong smell of smoke. Officer located a subject burning items in the yard. Subject was advised today was not a burn day. The fire was put out.

10-1 - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a complaint of juveniles running through their yard in the dark. Officer located the subjects, who claimed they were playing a game.

10-1 - Officer checked on a disabled vehicle in the 100 block of N. Center Ave.

10-1 - Officer checked a residence for a subject for the Kewanee Police DEpartment in reference to a violation of an order of protection. The subject no longer lives in Galva.

**Property Transfers**

9-25 - Nancy Westefer to Daniel L. and Sandra Sue Hardman - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt block 8 lots 7 and 8 - 110 W. Elm St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$70,000.

9-29 - Delberta S. Eklund, trustee to Heather M. Frykman - Pts 16-13-7 NE Kissinger's Add'n to Castleton Block 2 lots 4 and 5 and Block 3 lots 1 and 2 - 404 Leon St., Castleton - Consideration = \$0.

9-29 - Delberta S. Eklund, trustee to Donovan J. Murphy - Pt Sect. 14-14-6 SW - 10360 Twp Rd., 1550 N, Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

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## GUEST VOICES



# Angst about CO2 pipelines keeps bubbling up

Pipeline awareness and angst is heating up in our area. A process that has dragged on fairly quietly for nearly two years is increasingly reaching the forefront with the emergence of a second proposed line that would pass through Peoria County.

Now that it's no longer merely affecting us "rural" folks to the west, CO2 sequestration has earned more headlines and plenty of roadside signs.

Last week, Peoria County filed a petition to intervene with the Illinois Commerce Commission in regards to the Wolf Carbon Solutions pipeline. That will allow the county input in a decision on the pipeline, which is expected in the next year.

"The proposed pipeline impacts all parts of Peoria County – our citizens, our infrastructure and our public safety," said **Jodi Hoos**, Peoria County State's Attorney. "I filed to make certain we have a choice on what the impact will be."

That's a smart move on several fronts, since filing also makes it more likely Peoria County will get paid by the pipeline company if

plans move forward, as has happened elsewhere with the Navigator CO2 Ventures pipeline.

Since that first proposal, I've thought often about what makes this pipeline different than others that already snake their way underneath our roads, yards and farms.

Consider that we tolerate natural-gas pipelines without much griping. And in Fulton County, there are even pipelines that transported Chicago's sludge from the Illinois River to land owned by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District.

Why have these pipelines been tolerated? At some point, whether in court of law or court of public opinion, we deemed these as necessary.

We want natural gas for heat, warm water and cooking, so we need pipelines to move it safely into our homes, schools and businesses.

In the case of these latest pipelines, I've not yet heard a compelling reason for pumping CO2 deep underground into a rock formation that is supposedly safe. Some say by capturing CO2 and burying it we are protecting the climate, the planet and future generations.

But there is lots of scientific skepticism on this point. Isn't it possible that burying CO2 might actually be passing on a problem to future generations who live near the sequestra-

tion sites – both of which are located in Illinois.

The real issue here, as usual, is making money, with much of the cash being put up by taxpayers in the form of tax credits for big businesses. In essence, we are paying for something that might or might not work and that will cause problems for landowners in the path of the pipeline – all for dubious reasons.

Not very compelling. Much is also made of the potential danger of a CO2 pipeline, with many pointing to a 2020 rupture in Mississippi that led to an evacuation and put people in the hospital.

That was bad. But something arguably as bad or worse happened last week in south-central Illinois, where a truck hauling anhydrous ammonia crashed, killed five and forced hundreds to evacuate the town of Teutopolis. We tolerate anhydrous being hauled around because we have deemed it necessary for fertilizing farm fields.

Until somebody can show CO2 sequestration serves a similar need, look for angst to keep bubbling to the surface.

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# Autumn brings its own chores to the garden

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Here is just a friendly reminder to water those newly planted trees and shrubs weekly until late fall, the first couple years especially. It takes a while for woody shrubs and trees to “take purchase,” as they say.

New plants need time for their roots to reach out and grab hold of the surrounding soil. Until purchase is taken, the plant’s only source of moisture is the rootball it came home with.

By the way, right now is an excellent time to plant new shrubs and trees. Experts say fall is the best time of year for such chores. The soil is still warm enough for root growth. The sun is lower in the sky and the air is cool so the plants aren’t stressed.

Elsewhere in the garden, your containers and hanging baskets should be looking pretty darn good if you’ve been diligent in their care. But Jack Frost is bound to arrive sooner or later and turn those beautiful planters to mush.

That’s the one thing I hate about this time of year. When the weatherman predicts a frosty night, do I haul all these planters into the garage until the angel of death has passed by and then haul ‘em all back out? How often am I willing to do that?

Or do I just let them set there, helpless victims of impending doom? If I

leave them out to become casualties of the first frost, you can be sure the next six weeks will be warm frost-free weather.

Hauling them in and out is no easy task. There are more than 20 large pots and planters around our place. Many of them have tender plants from which we take cuttings for next season. Such a dilemma.

Anyway, on to more productive projects.

Now is the time to plant the bulbs you ordered a while back. It’s also time to plant the bulbs you should have ordered a while back when the catalog first arrived. Instead you set it aside to order from later. Well, now it’s later and you have no bulbs.

Fortunately, most garden centers, big-box stores, drug stores and grocery stores all have bulb displays now. Size matters when you’re selecting bulbs from the display. Choose the biggest bulbs in the box. Choose bulbs that are plump and firm, not soft, mushy or moldy.

Tree leaves are green right now but soon will be turning yellow, red and gold, then brown. They’ll fall to the ground, smothering your lawn. If the leaf litter is light, you can just mow over them, turning them into valuable organic fertilizer for your lawn.

But if the leaf layer is heavy and unmowable, you’ve no choice but to

rake them up. At our place I run them through a shredder and spread them over the perennial gardens as mulch.

In the vegetable garden, remove all plant debris to prevent insects and fungi from wintering over and attacking next year’s crop. If you had problems with fungal diseases, especially on tomatoes and cucumbers, don’t put that debris on your compost pile. Send it for a ride on the garbage truck instead.

If you need to do any corrective pruning on shrubs and trees, it’s best to wait until the leaves have fallen. You don’t want to stimulate new growth this late in the season. To avoid oak wilt infection don’t prune oak trees until late November through February.

Be careful pruning hydrangeas. When to prune them depends on the variety. Hydrangeas that bloom on old wood, such as the oakleaf hydrangea, should not be pruned now. Prune them next year immediately after flowering.

Panicle hydrangeas, such as Lime-light, Quickfire, and PeeGee, bloom on new wood. They can be pruned after frost if you don’t want the dried flowers on the shrubs through the winter.

Some folks hate the looks of the flowers in wintertime while others love the sight. It’s up to you.

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GALESBURG – Musician Mark Dvorak will perform a concert at Carl Sandburg historic sit, at 313 E. Third St., in Galesburg on Sunday, Oct. 8, at 2 p.m. Donation suggestion is \$5 per person.

**Bishop Hill hosts book talk by Swedish author**

BISHOP HILL – Swedish author Maria Bouroncle will discuss her novel “It Came to me on a Whim” on Oct. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Steeple Building Museum, at 103 N. Bishop Hill State. The program is free.

An economist by profession, Bouroncle spent more than 25 years in the field of international development before publishing her first novel in 2018. “It Came to Me on a Whim” has been translated into several languages and is currently used on the Scandinavian Crime Literature course at UCLA. Bouroncle lives in Washington, D.C.

Bouroncle’s book tells the story of her great-aunt who killed her three children at the age of 27 in 1929. Through exhaustive research, Bouroncle has strived to shed light on what led up to this tragedy, which had been a guarded family secret for over 70 years. At the program, Bouroncle will also show film director Carl Eneroth’s short documentary “The Child Murderess in Vesene” based on her book. It won awards as best documentary in London, New Jersey and Miami in 2021.

Contact the BHHA at (309) 927-3899 for more details.



As part of “Everlee Month” at Bradford schools, Junior High Student Council members decorated the front hallway bulletin board and pumpkins placed by the school sign. The Student Council is also sponsoring its annual “Boo Pop” sales with all proceeds going to Everlee Wilson and her family. There are other fundraisers scheduled, as well. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

**Bishop Hill bargains offered Oct. 14-15**

BISHOP HILL – Bishop Hill will host a Bargain Harvest Weekend on Oct. 14-15. A variety of discounts are available at participating businesses during normal business hours. Participating museums will offer crafts, video showings and other activities.

The Vasa National Archives will have a make-and-take hobby horse station available for \$5 each.

Visitors who collect signatures from six shops or museums will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket at the Colony Store. The drawing is Sunday, Oct. 15, at 3:30 p.m. and participants need not be present to win. Pumpkin pictures will be hidden around town for participants to find and win a prize.

A pottery festival will be Oct. 14 on the north side of the park. Potters will demonstrate and sell their wares from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Et cetera**

WYOMING – The Wyoming-Speer Fire Department’s trivia night



Mike Tracy of Laura hoists a 10-pound sweet potato he grew this year. Tracy planted six hills of sweet potatoes that produced a yield of nearly four 5-gallon buckets. But the vine with this mega-tater only had two potatoes.

fundraiser scheduled for Oct. 14 has been postponed. Watch for an update on a rescheduled date.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023, and ending August 31, 2024, will be available to public inspection at the Lafayette Fire Department, Lafayette, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 6th day of October 2023.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on the 7th day of November 2023, at the Lafayette Fire Station, Lafayette, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Lafayette, Illinois on said 7th day of November 2023, at 7:15 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 26th day of September, A.D. 2023.

Lafayette Community Fire Protection District  
By: /s/ Ross Walker  
Ross Walker, President  
Published 10/6/23

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

STATE BANK OF TOULON, IN CHANCERY

Plaintiff

Case No. 2023FC6

v. STEPHEN A. MOONEY (DECEASED); PAULA M. MOONEY (DECEASED); DISCOVER BANK; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF COURT SALE

[Code Civ. Proc. §15-1507]

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the 2nd Amended Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-captioned matter, the property hereinafter-described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to con-

tact for information regarding the real estate is: Ashlyn Baumann, Mortgage Loan Officer, State Bank of Toulon, 102 W. Main St., Toulon IL 61483 / 2309-286-2861

2. The common address is: 465 Midland Dr., Kewanee IL 61443

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

LOT FORTY (40) AND THE EAST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT THIRTY-NINE (39) IN VALMAR HEIGHTS SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KEWANEE, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Property Identification Number: 25-04-378-005

4. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale unless arrangements are made.

5. The date and time of the sale is: November 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM

6. The sale will be conducted by the Henry County Sheriff at the Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, IL.

7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "as is" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds at time of sale with balance to be paid, by certified funds, in full within 24 hours from the time of sale upon delivery of possession and warranty deed.

The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Real estate taxes to be prorated to date of closing. Any statements made at time of sale will supersede any previously advertised or announced.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If you are the mortgagor (homeowner), you have the right to remain in possession for 30 days after entry of an order of possession, in accor-

dance with Section 15-1701(c) of the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law.

Justin M. Raver (ARDC #6293618) Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee IL 61443 Ph: 309-852-5555 Published 10/6, 10/13, 10/20/23

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 1/4 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 1/2 of the NE 1/4 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 Ke-

wanee, 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 1/4 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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Kewanee, IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 Published 9/22, 9/29, 10/6/23

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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# Energy costs will create challenges for farms

By DANIEL GRANT

Farm Week

Farmers looking to trim historically high production costs could face more challenges again next season.

The price of oil and natural gas, both instrumental components of farm inputs, is expected to rise into next year compared to current levels.

The Energy Information Administration's (EIA) short-term energy outlook predicts prices could average \$86.48 per barrel for Brent crude oil and \$3.22 per million BTU for natural gas in 2024. That's up nearly \$4 per barrel for oil and 64 cents for natural gas compared to the average estimates for 2023.

"Crude oil prices have increased since June, primarily due to extended

voluntary cuts to Saudi Arabia's crude oil production and increasing global demand," EIA noted in its latest report.

EIA projects the U.S. will boost crude oil production from an average of 12.76 million barrels per day this year to 13.09 barrels daily in 2024.

But the planned uptick in production may only help to moderate price increases.

Farmers should also consider hedging some of their fertilizer needs for the coming season. Anhydrous ammonia prices declined to a range of \$560 to \$760 per ton across the state as of Sept. 7, according to the Illinois Production Cost Report. That's down significantly from historic highs last year.

However, the statewide average price of \$636 per ton for anhydrous on Sept. 7 represented an increase of \$47.78 from the previous two weeks.

Overall, Basse looks for inflation to remain a major issue in the U.S. for some time to come, which could trigger the Federal Reserve to continue increasing interest rates down the road.

Inflation slowed to 3.3% in July. But Basse questions whether the Fed can get inflation back to its target of 2%.

The situation could cause the dollar index to weaken over time. If that happens, the commodity markets could find some strength amid new sales opportunities in the world market, Basse added.

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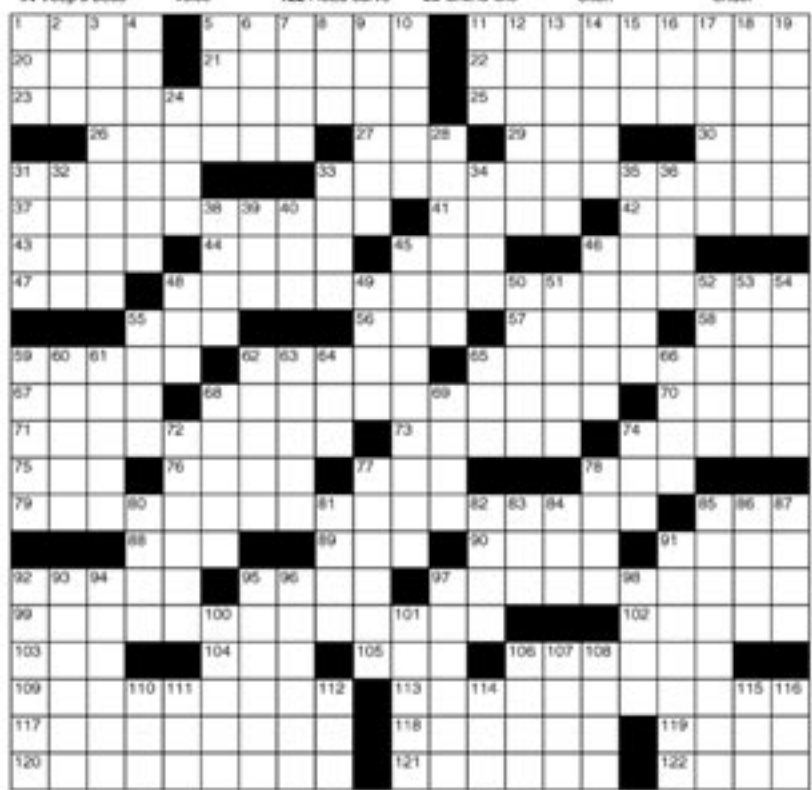
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- 21 Nomadic type
- 22 Turpentine, for one
- 23 1983-2014 periodical for adolescents
- 25 Plains are parts of them
- 26 The first task on the to-do list
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- 30 Musican DiFranco
- 31 Africa's Sierra —
- 33 No-problem advancement
- 37 What a biting sarcastic person has
- 41 Ostich locklike
- 42 Olympic swimmer Tom
- 43 Royal heirs, often
- 44 Weep's boss
- 45 NYC subway org.
- 46 Shocking fish, at times
- 47 Stuff causing a blowup
- 48 Conservative moral principles
- 55 Like Ikea assemblies, for short
- 56 Sitcom alien
- 57 Sloop, e.g.
- 58 Sch. group
- 59 Summits
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- 65 Splendid
- 67 Special times
- 68 Span rotating horizontally to allow ships through
- 70 Sci-fi guru
- 71 Natives of Palermo or Catania
- 73 Runs slowly
- 74 Peeled
- 75 Above, in poems
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- 85 Nappies loc.
- 88 Deep, as a voice
- 89 Month, to Manuela
- 90 Put a rip in
- 91 Luau favors
- 92 De Mile of choreography
- 95 Game-aring channel
- 97 Welcome wind on a hot day
- 99 Entry at no charge
- 102 Key just above D
- 103 Tell untruths
- 104 Strike caller
- 105 "... boy — girl?"
- 106 Trial blasts, for short
- 109 They die hard, it's said
- 113 Bob Fosse film title relevant to the starts of eight answers in this puzzle
- 117 Distributes in shares
- 118 Shape-fitting game
- 119 For — (not pro bono)
- 120 Young superhero of DC Comics
- 121 Off the mark
- 122 Road curve
- 39 Firearm rights org.
- 40 H.S.-level exam
- 45 Popular dog biscuits
- 46 Shirk
- 48 "... the season ..."
- 49 Sharp taste
- 50 Place to live
- 51 Pines
- 52 Willing to participate in
- 53 Musical exercise
- 54 Mixed greens
- 55 Lover of Lucy
- 59 Fable punner
- 60 Town shouter
- 61 User's shortcut
- 62 Relatives of geese
- 63 Rake parts
- 64 Those elected
- 65 Rapper — Khalifa
- 66 Actress Meg
- 68 Tendon
- 69 Croissant, e.g.
- 72 Crooner Julius
- 74 Dads
- 77 "Yeah, but still ..."
- 78 Noun follower, often
- 80 Open delight
- 81 Devikins
- 82 School in Berkshire
- 83 Natal lead-in
- 84 Bando of baseball
- 85 Sense no danger
- 86 Oscar winner Minelli
- 87 Play — (enjoy some tennis)
- 91 Alternative to a right hook
- 92 Drifting at sea
- 93 Car part between headlights
- 94 Acupuncture item
- 95 NFL rusher Smith
- 96 Savor pekee, say
- 97 Certain fuel-carrying ship
- 98 Take a break
- 100 Burj Khalifa locale
- 101 Super-angry
- 106 Razor brand
- 107 Skinny
- 108 Toward dawn
- 110 Sweetie
- 111 Make a move
- 112 IRS ID
- 114 Env. insert
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# OBITUARIES

## Rolf M. Anderson

GALVA – Rolf M. Anderson, 87, of Galva, died at 11:47 p.m., Monday, Oct. 2, 2023, at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and memorial services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 7 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Private inurnment will be in Galva Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the Galva American Legion Post 45 or to the University of Iowa Stead Family Children's Hospital.

He was born March 24, 1936, in Kewanee the son of Harold A. and Geneva L. (Peterson) Anderson. Rolf



Anderson

married Elaine (Freeberg) Gerard on Oct. 4, 1966. Survivors include his wife of Galva; his son, Eric (Kris) Anderson of Galva; two stepsons, Donald (Connie) Gerard of Galva and Kevin (Jane) Gerard of Kewanee; 10 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and a brother, Milton (Nancy) Anderson of Davenport, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Bruce Gerard; and a great-grandson.

Rolf graduated from Galva High School in 1954, and from Bradley University with a bachelor of science degree in 1958. After college he took a job as a design engineer for gear cutting tools at the Michigan Tool Co. in Detroit and then later took a position with WABCO in Peoria as project manager. He and his brother Milt eventually started a family business called Anderson Implement Inc. and Galva Auto Sales, later moving the business to Kewanee as Anderson

Dodge. After selling the business, Rolf worked at Pearson Bros. American Machine as an engineer and sales manager. Upon leaving Pearson, Rolf took a job as a program manager with the Department of Defense, retiring in 1999. He also worked at the Galva Creamery.

Rolf served in the U.S. Air Force and was a member of the Galva American Legion. He was also a member of Grace United Methodist Church in which he held several offices and was a member of the Society of Automotive Engineers, American Welding Society and other professional societies and many local clubs.

He loved his family and enjoyed fishing and camping, tinkering in his shop and the many trips to Canada with his family and the many trips for many years with a group of guys.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.rux-funeralhome.com](http://www.rux-funeralhome.com).

# ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

## SPORTS: SC's Langdon advances to golf sectional

*Continued from Page 12*  
with 244 points. Eureka won with 78.

Other scoring runners for Stark County were Cheyenh Smith (43rd, 21:00), Alexis Martinez (56th, personal record of 21:14), Keagan Hamilton (81st, 22:22) and Sarah Kraklow (115th, 24:07).

• **Golf** – Stark County junior Jimmy Langdon carded a 111 Monday at the Class 1A Sherrard golf sectional held at Fyre Lake Golf Club. Langdon had qualified for the sectional by shooting 90 at the Sept. 27 regional at Valley View Club in Cambridge.

• **SC volleyball** – Stark County (2-17) lost 26-24, 25-13 to Abingdon-

Avon on Sept. 27. Sophie Finnegan was the scoring leader for the Lady Rebels with three aces and three kills. Hannah Allen added four kills for SCHS. Claire Bowser and Kimmie Salisbury scored on three kills. Payten Hillier tallied seven assists. Kenna Newton recorded eight digs.

Stark County came up short 25-12, 25-20 Sept. 26 at Bureau Valley.

– Phil Johnson

• **Galva volleyball** – Galva (6-9) swept LaMoille 25-23, 25-16 Sept. 28. Addison Yepsen contributed four aces, nine attacks and 10 assists in the win. Addie Moore scored on four ace serves. Chloe Ruhl and Kendall Rogers added two aces.

Ava Strom scored on six kills, had 17 attacks and 10 assists. Ava Anderson had four kills and six attacks. Maddie Bates tallied six digs and 10 attacks. Kaylyn Gale had six digs.

Galva took Lincoln Trail rival Ridgewood to three sets but came up short (25-22, 22-25, 13-25) Sept. 27 at home. Bates scored on two ace serves, had one block and 13 digs. Strom scored eight kills and had two blocks at the net. Yepsen was busy on the floor with three kills, nine assists and 12 digs.

Anderson recorded three kills and one block. Moore had three kills. Rogers came up with 12 digs.

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# The Prairie News Sports



## Still unbeaten

Rebels all alone in first after win

By NICK VLAHOS

For the Prairie News

ONEIDA – Nolan Orwig’s feet helped the Stark County football team remain undefeated. So did Adrian Manzano-Garcia’s right foot.

Orwig ran for 253 yards and two touchdowns, and Manzano-Garcia kicked a tiebreaking field goal in the fourth quarter of a 24-14 victory Sept. 29 over ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Victory in the Lincoln-Land Conference small-division showdown at Bill Adams Field made Stark County 6-0 overall, 5-0 in the league. It also assured the Rebels a second consecutive state-playoffs berth and boosted the team to 8th in the Class 1A state rankings. Host R-W fell to 5-1, 4-1.

“I’ve been ready for this game, and it finally came at the biggest moment,” Orwig, a junior, said about his 27-carry effort. “The whole time the ball was in my hands, I was like,

‘How many more yards to the end zone?’ That was the only thing I had in my mind.”

Manzano-Garcia’s 29-yard kick with 8:49 remaining in the game atoned for an earlier miss and gave Stark County a 17-14 lead. On the ensuing R-W drive, Braden Lindley intercepted a pass by R-W quarterback Riley Danner. Following seven rushing plays, Luke Rewerts ran in from 1 yard at 1:44 to seal the victory.

R-W defeated Stark County twice last season, including in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs. An inability to rush consistently was damaging in those games, according to Rebels Coach Jade Noard. That wasn’t a problem this time.

“I thought that was the big difference – we could run it on them,” Noard said. “We didn’t have to throw. We could throw when we wanted to.” Rewerts did throw a little



Nolan Orwig ran for 253 yards in Stark County’s 24-14 victory over previously unbeaten ROWVA-Williamsfield on Sept. 29. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

last week against R-W -- 5-for-13, for 60 yards. But Stark County amassed 338 yards on the ground, including the breakout performance from Orwig.

“He’s had another game over 100 (yards), but tonight was special,” Noard said. “He was determined, man. He was really deter-

mined running that football, and it was good for him.”

Orwig credited the Stark County offensive line for the sizable running lanes. That group included Chet Gillespie, Cole Kinsella, Cole Merriman and Ben Siebenthal.

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## Rebels Smith second at Elmwood XC Invite

By JEFF LAMPE

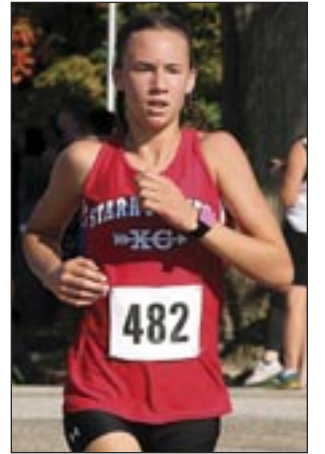
For the Prairie News

ELMWOOD – Dusti Smith started fast and never slowed last Saturday to place second in the girls race at the Elmwood XC Invitational.

Smith held a lead through early stages of the 3-mile race at Maple Lane Country Club before yielding to junior Meika Bender of Eureka, who won in 18:05.6. Smith was runner-up in 18:28.9, well ahead of third-place runner Anna-belle LaFary of Delavan (18:43.6).

“The idea was to run in the lead pack. We knew going in that’s where she was going to need to be,” Stark County Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. “And she did a great job of that. She ran a really under control mile and looked smooth and under control the whole race.”

Smith had sat out a Tuesday invite at El Paso-Gridley and looked fresh at the start, as she bolted to the



Stark County freshman Dusti Smith placed second last Saturday at the Elmwood XC Invitational. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

lead. Any worry that the pace was too much too soon was erased as Smith kept close to Bender and fended off challenges from LaFary.

“She was running against some killers, some really fast girls,” Rennick said. “Going into that and running wide confidence, that’s what we were looking for.”

Smith helped the Lady Rebels place ninth overall *Continued on Page 10*

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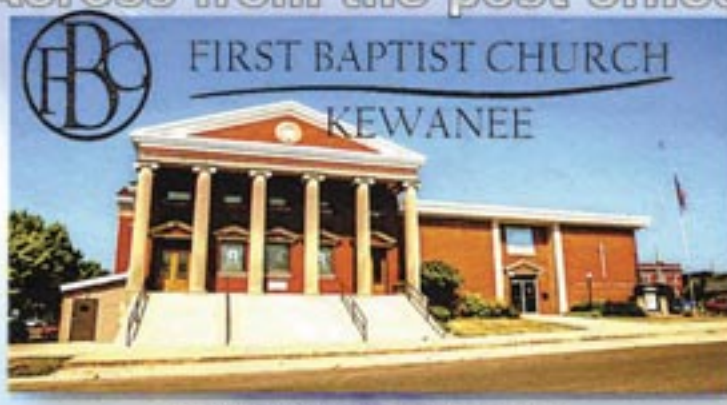


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