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SALE BARN CATCHES FIRE

Fire destroys sale barn in Wyoming

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The report of a major fire in progress came from a passerby who was travelling at approximately 3:10 a.m. past the Wyoming Horse Sale Barn located on East Williams Street and Route 17.

The Wyoming Fire Protection District received the emergency call at 3:16 a.m. and responded with a fire engine enroute at approximately 3:24 a.m.

According to the Wyoming Fire Department, two-thirds of the structure was fully engulfed in flames by that time. Due to the structure's instability, the fire crew did not enter



An early-morning fire destroyed the Wyoming Horse Sale Barn on Dec. 9. One full-sized horse, two miniature horses and a donkey perished in the fire. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

the building but stayed outside to battle the fire.

An apartment at the building was not occupied according to Wyoming Fire Chief Joe Charvet. He also stated that the cause of the fire is currently being investigated by the State Fire Marshal. The fire marshal is to estimate the loss value of the building and determine if there was insurance coverage.

In addition, there is an eye-witness report that the fire marshal is aware of who reported a large fire across the street to the west of the sale barn that was ablaze just hours earlier before the horse sale barn fire was reported. Charvet was unsure if those fires were related or being investi-

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Toulon to apply for \$1.5 million grant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Toulon is planning to apply for a \$1.5 million grant, but the process was delayed slightly.

The City Council had planned on conducting a public hearing on Dec. 11, but the North Central Illinois Council of Governments did not submit a required notice to The Prairie News in time for publication.

Therefore, the city council set Dec. 27 at 6:30 p.m. for the special meeting at the Toulon Fire House, 420 N. Franklin St., in regard to a proposed water-tower project.

The \$1.5 million grant is designed to pay for the new water tower's estimated cost. Toulon will pay \$2,500 to NCICG for writing the grant application that will be submitted in January.

A discussion occurred concerning installation of Insta-Valves in the city's water lines. An option to not purchase some of the expensive Insta-Valves would be to shut off the water tower for 8-10 hours during the day to install new fire hydrants and some valves. The water could possibly be dirty as a result.

The purpose of the Insta-Valve installation is

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Review of Stark sheriff's office sought

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Senior Board Member Tom Howes called for a possible review of the Stark County Sheriff's Office at the Sark County Board's monthly meeting on Dec. 12.

Howes read a statement suggesting that the county employ a consultant for the sheriff's office. Howes also called for a possible examination of Stark County's law enforcement agency to see if legal requirements are being met.

Chief Deputy Charles Deme-treon substituted for Sheriff Steven Sloan at the meeting and gave a shortened report.

In other business, the board approved 2024 meeting dates. The board will usually meet the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. except in January, when the meeting will be Wednesday, Jan. 10, and in April, when the meeting will be April 23.

Also passed were two resolutions that appointed Traci Dowell and Renee Razo to the Human Services Transportation Plan (HSTP) steering committee for a three-year term for both. HSTP provides transportation for the elderly and those who are disabled, are unable to get to work, run errands, or reach medical

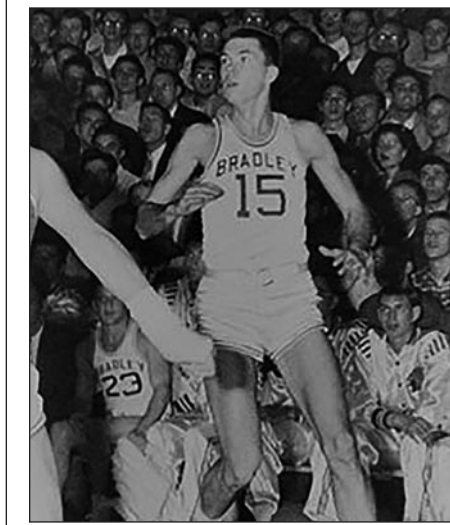
services.

The Illinois Department of Transportation has contracted with the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to provide such transportation.

For the second month in a row, the board did not receive a county finance report from County Treasurer Paula Leezer, and this month did not receive a highway report from County Engineer Judd Giffin. Giffin and Leezer did not attend the meeting.

Tabled was an amendment of the employee handbook concerning overtime because it was not completed.

TOULON GRADUATE



Toulon native Paul Unruh was the first Bradley basketball player to earn consensus All-America honors and led the team in scoring four straight years from 1946-50.


Bradley great Unruh dies

PEORIA – Paul Unruh, a Toulon Township High School graduate who became an All-America basketball player at Bradley University, has died.

Unruh, 95, died Dec. 8 at Carle Health Proctor Hospital. His full obituary is on Page 6.

Unruh was the leading

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FIRE: Four animals perished inside the barn

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There were no injuries as a result of the fire, but one full-sized horse, two mini-horses and a donkey perished

TOULON: 4.8% tax increase ordinance passed

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to provide shutoffs at various points in the water system for repairs without shutting down the entire water system.

The council passed an ordinance that calls for a 4.8% increase in taxes overall in conjunction with the city's annual tax levy, which is \$217,600.

Christmas bonuses were approved for city employees by Mayor Larry Hollis, who voted to break a split vote tie by the council. Art Nutzhorn, Connie Jacobson and Brandon Simpson voted "no" while Ryan Kelly, Michael Schott and Donna Lefler voted "yes" to motions to award part-time employees, excluding Teresa Macy, \$300 apiece; full-time employees \$150 apiece; \$600 to the police department to be divided among Toulon's police officers by Police Chief Gary Bent; and \$600 for Macy.

It was stated that full-time employees received large wage increases

that were housed inside the sale barn.

The building is a total loss and is reportedly owned by the Andersons.

Fire departments from Toulon, Akron-Princeville, Bradford, LaFayette, Dunlap, Chillicothe and Brimfield assisted Wyoming's fire department, which was on site for nine hours.

this past year and that was the reason for the lower bonuses for them. Also, the larger bonus for Macy was given because she has worked hard and deserved a larger bonus. Last year the council gave \$300 apiece to full-time employees, \$150 apiece to part-time employees and \$600 to the police department.

The council passed a motion to accept the insurance renewal of the city for a premium of \$46,330 that reflects an increase of only \$243 this year. Ben Leezer of Toulon's Leezer Insurance Agency gave a presentation on the premium.

A motion was passed to purchase 24 new water meters for installation around Toulon residences for a cost not to exceed \$10,000. The city is replacing old meters to produce more accurate readings of water usage because money was being lost on water sales.

The council passed a resolution that

UNRUH: Known for his endurance on the court

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 scorer for Bradley in all four seasons he played, from 1946-50.

During his junior season in 1948-49 numerous sportswriters offered glowing reports about "the man who never got tired."

Stan Lomax of Sport

Magazine once wrote, "Six feet, four inches tall, with 181 pounds distributed over all that length, Unruh has been one of Bradley's steadiest scorers. He is one of the fastest men playing college basketball ... but is best known at Bradley for his amazing endurance. He's the '40-minute man' and never shows any signs of slowing up."

Unruh is also credited by some as a pioneer of the

modern jump shot.

A consensus All-America choice his senior year, Unruh finished his career as Bradley's scoring leader with 1,822 points. That total would stand until Chet Walker surpassed it.

Also in 1949-50, Unruh led the Braves to the national championship game of the NCAA and the NIT tournaments. Bradley was second in both tournaments, the only team to

accomplish that feat.

During Unruh's four-year career, the Braves had a 112-23 record.

In 1971, fans voted him ninth on the all-time All-Missouri Valley Conference Team. He had his No. 15 retired by Bradley on Feb. 9, 1991.

Unruh also served in the U.S. Army and went on to a successful business career selling life insurance salesman in Peoria.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic Citations & Ordinance Violations

12-4 - Renee L. Brown - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

12-6 - William D. Lubben, 27, Peoria, was ticketed for driving without headlights when required and for driving on an expired driver's license.

12-7 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred near the intersection of 300N and 800 E. The driver was Wesley J. Morrissey, 38, of Wyoming. No injuries reported. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

12-7 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route. 17 east of the 950E intersection. The driver was John Boarman, 61, of Toulon. No injuries reported. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

12-8 - Donna J. Bantz of Toulon reported the theft of her medication. The incident is under investigation.

12-9 - Wesley L. Fuller, 44, Manito, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and criminal trespass to property.

12-9 - A traffic stop netted several arrests including Nickolus McPherson, 35, Kewanee, who was charged with possession of meth and illegal transportation of cannabis; Jacob Barrett, 21, Kewanee, charged with possession of meth; Josefina Baxter, 39, Davenport, Iowa, for possession of meth and drug paraphernalia; and Tiffany Holland, 39, East Moline, who was cited for driving on an expired registration. McPherson, Barrett and Baxter were all released with notices to appear in court.

12-9 - Joshua T. Humes, 41, Wyoming, was arrested for violating an emergency order of protection. He was booked at Stark County Jail and transported to the Bureau County Jail.

12-9 - Luis A. Hernandez, 21, Peoria, was arrested for speeding 101 mph in a 55 zone. He was later released with a notice to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

12-4 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

12-4 - Officer was flagged down in the 100 block of N. Exchange St. by a subject who wanted to turn in a freedom of information act request.

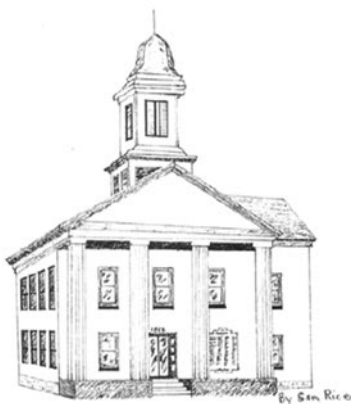
12-4 - Officer assisted Henry County serve orders of protection to subjects in the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. and the 300 block of SE 1st Ave.

12-4 - Drew Cotton, 41, Mineral, cited for having expired registration in the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave.

12-5 - to the 700 block of W. Division St. for a single-vehicle accident involving a wide-load semi towing a modular house. The semi got over too far and the house struck multiple power poles and knocked down several live power wires.

12-5 - to a reported domestic disturbance in the 200 block of SE 4th St.

12-5 - As the result of a traffic stop



in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St., Brayden Link, 18, Orion, and Tate O. Dell, 19, Orion, were each arrested for unlawful possession and/or consumption of alcohol by a minor and both was also cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. They were released with court dates.

12-5, 12-6 and 12-7 - Rachel Rawlings, 38, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for accumulation of trash on her property in the 900 block of W. Division St.

12-6 - to Route 34 west of town to check on a disabled semi-truck and trailer. The vehicle was off the roadway and was scheduled to be removed the following day.

12-6 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance.

12-6 - to the 00 block of NE 6th St. for a report of a two-vehicle side-swipe accident outside of town.

12-6 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

12-7 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a domestic disturbance. One subject was transported by ambulance for a mental-health evaluation.

12-7 - An Amtrak train stopped at the SW 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a passenger who was possibly having a heart attack. Subject was transported by ambulance for evaluation or treatment.

12-7 - to the Exchange Street railroad tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

12-8 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. to remove debris from the roadway.

12-8 - to the 500 block of NW 8th St. for a solicitor complaint. The subject was located and did not have a permit. They were advised of the permit process.

12-8 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to recover a wallet found in the area.

12-8 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a theft complaint.

12-8 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 call that plotted there. It was an accidental misdial.

12-8 - to a verbal domestic disturbance in the 100 block of NW 8th Ave.

12-8 - Officer spoke to an officer from the Canton Police Department in reference to recovered property that was believed to possibly be stolen from this area.

12-9 - to Illinois Route 78 near Black Hawk College to assist Stark County with a traffic stop involving multiple subjects. Several arrests were made by the Stark County Sheriff's Department.

12-9 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St.

for a welfare check on a subject suffering from a mental-health crisis.

12-9 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for an activated burglar alarm. Officer located an unlocked door. Nobody was found during a search. A keyholder was contacted to secure the doors.

12-9 - to check on a suspicious vehicle in the 600 block of S. Center Ave. The subject was located and had a disabled vehicle with a flat tire.

12-9 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a threats complaint. During the follow up, a suspect was found to have a warrant. As a result, Robert Barnes, 37, Kewanee, was arrested on a Marshall County warrant for residential burglary. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

12-10 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a burning complaint.

12-10 - to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for a reckless-driving complaint. Officer was not able to locate the suspect vehicle.

12-10 - Rachel Rawlings, 38, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for accumulation of trash on her property in the 900 block of W. Division St.

12-10 - Mark Heaton, 61, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for accumulation of trash on his property in the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave.

Property Transfers

12-4 - Patricia C. Code to Patricia C. Code, Trustee - Pt 25-14-7 NE - 17510 Bradford Rd., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

12-5 - Dorothy F. and Ross S. Wyman to Christine Cole - Original town of Wyoming - Pt block 8 lot 9 - 106 W. Elm St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$105,000.

12-5 - Dorothy A. and Harold W. Plotner to Dorothy A. and Harold W. Plotner - Pt 24-14-7 SW - 310 E. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

12-5 - Stevie D. Seitz to Gavin M. Smith - Pt 1-13-6 SW - Subdivision Modena Lot 24 - 11479 Modena Rd., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

12-6 - Candace S. Corn and Clea J. Riggins to Bonnie Boss, Shannon Hornby and Jennifer Skinner - Duncan Block 2 Lots 2,3,4,5,6,14,15,16,23,24 & 25 - 680 Township Rd., 1028 E, Princeville - Consideration = \$90,000.

12-6 - David and Sheri Painter to Ricky G. and Tracy L. Daum - Pt 36-13-6 SW - 520 North Galena, Wyoming - Consideration = \$45,900.

12-7 - Eric J. and Kyle N. Kraft to Spoon River Valley Farms, Inc. - Lt2 Kraft Sub - 35-13-5 SE - 6087 Twp Rd. 500 East, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

12-8 - David and Lisa D. Morland to Jill and Mark L. II Stickhost - Pt 30-13-6 NW - 445 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$559,000.

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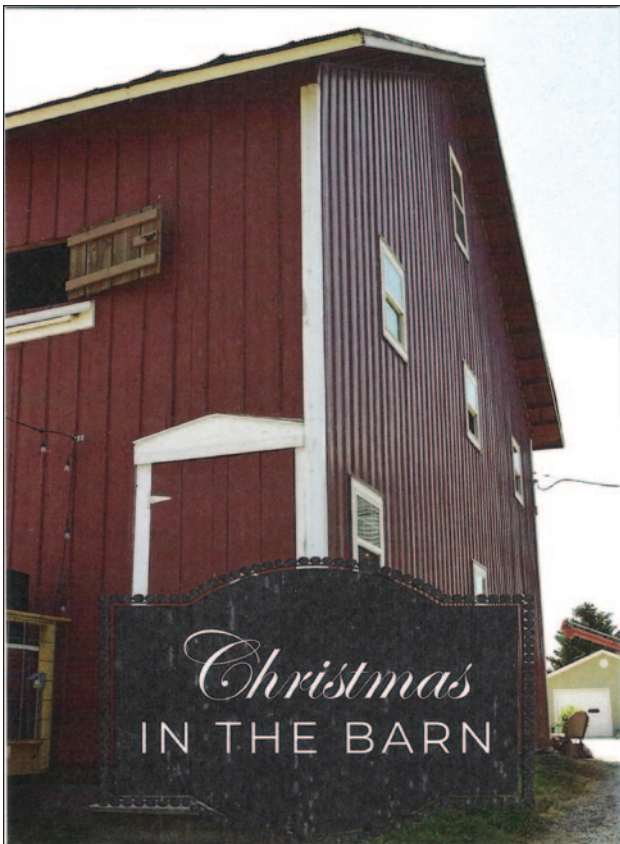
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BRIEFS

Stark County part of broadband assessment

OTTAWA – The North Central Illinois Council of Governments has partnered with Thomas P. Miller & Associates and BHC Engineering to develop a broadband recovery plan for the seven counties of Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle, Livingston, Marshall, Putnam and Stark.

TPMA is an Indiana-based consulting and management firm. BHC is a Kansas-based civil engineering firm.

The project aims to position the region to leverage future broadband development for economic growth, and will include an economic scan of the region, a stakeholder engagement process and a broadband network design to help municipalities improve connectivity.

“We are excited to be working on this broadband planning project for the region,” said Kevin Lindeman, NCICG executive director. “The project goal is to improve broadband connectivity and equity for our residents, businesses, schools, healthcare, municipalities and emergency services. In today’s world, broadband access affects every aspect of our daily lives and is as vital as other utilities such as sewer, water, gas, and electricity.”

TPMA will conduct the assessment and has partnered with BHC to deliver a comprehensive strategy with recommendations pertaining to both infrastructure and economic growth. A survey effort by the University of Illinois Extension will run concurrently with the broadband assessment effort and will also inform recommendations.

“TPMA is thrilled to be working



Diana Craig, left received the Torch Bearers degree and Vicki Perkins, right received the Golden Circle for her 50 years in Beta Sigma Phi. Both are members of the Galva Xi Kappa Gamma chapter.. Photo by Carol Townsend.

in this region to advance broadband connectivity and, in turn, economic resilience,” said Zachary Rice, senior consultant at TPMA. “The COVID-19 pandemic emphasized the need for rapid investment in broadband infrastructure and digital equity programming in communities nationwide. This work is essential both to remain economically competitive and to maintain quality of life.”

The project is scheduled to run through March, with on-site meetings scheduled for late January.

Firearm deer hunters shot 76,232 deer

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois shot a preliminary total of 76,232 deer during the seven-day Illinois firearm deer season that concluded Dec. 3. Comparatively, hunters harvested 76,854 deer during the 2022 firearm season.

Preliminary harvest for second firearm season was 22,884, compared with 24,500 deer harvested in 2022.

Preliminary harvest for the first firearm season was 53,348 deer.

Randolph County led Illinois with a 2,174 deer shot during firearm season. Hunters in Fulton County shot 1,296 first season, 529 second season and 1,825 total. Other local county totals were: Henry 321-138 – 459; Knox 821-357 – 1,178; Peoria 581-267 – 848 and Stark 150-45 – 195.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: IRENE H. JOHNSON, Deceased No. 2023PR95

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication) Notice is given of the death of IRENE H. JOHNSON. Letters of Office were issued on November 27, 2023, to Kathleen A. Litwiler and Ronald L. Johnson, as executors, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before May 30, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred.

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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF: JOAN E. ANDERSEN, Deceased No. 2023PR97

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication) Notice is given of the death of JOAN E. ANDERSEN. Letters of Office were issued on November 27, 2023, to Reynolds M. Everett, Jr. as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY - ILLINOIS PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE

OF AN ADULT IN THE MATTER OF: Janelle LeAnna Novak CHANGE OF NAME TO: Janelle LeAnna Simpson Case No.: 23MR30

There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Janelle LeAnna Novak to the new name of Janelle LeAnna Simpson. The court date will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL in Henry County, in Courtroom #3.

/S/ Janelle Novak Published 12/1, 12/8, 12/15/23

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2023TX7 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND STARK COUNTY CLERK, STARK COUNTY TREASURER, CITY OF TOULON, STARK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 130 WEST MAIN, TOULON, IL 61483 TELEPHONE: (309) 286-5911 Published 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS CITY OF WYOMING, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 23-OV-10 MARCUS WILSON Defendants.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP AND LIEN BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Marcus Wilson, and all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up and lien 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: Marcus Wilson

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: A part of the southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-six (36), Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stark County, Illinois, described as follows: Commencing at a point fifty (50) links North and One Hundred Twenty-four (124) feet East of the Northwest corner of Section One (1), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; running thence North Sixty-four (64) feet to the center of the brick wall on the East side thereof; thence West Seventeen and One-half (17 1/2) feet; thence South Eleven (11) feet to the brick wall on the North end; thence West Three and One-half (3 1/2) feet, or to the center of the brick wall on the West end thereof; thence South Fifty-three (53) feet; thence East Twenty-one (21) feet to the place of beginning, situated in the county of Stark in the State of Illinois.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 104 E. Williams Street, Wyoming, Illinois.

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

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W 2nd St Kewanee, IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 Published 12/8, 12/15, 12/22/23

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The City of Toulon will hold a public hearing on December 27, 2023, at 6 pm, at 420 North Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois to provide interested parties an opportunity to express their views on the proposed federally funded Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) project. Persons with disabilities or non-English speaking persons who wish to attend the public hearing and need assistance should contact Richard Norwood at North Central Illinois Council of Governments 613 W. Marquette St. Ottawa, IL 61350 (815) 433-5830 no later than December 22, 2023. Every effort will be made to provide reasonable accommodations for these persons.

On or about January 18, 2024, the City of Toulon intends to apply to the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for a grant from the State CDBG program. This program is funded by Title 1 of the federal Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended. These funds are to be used for a community development project that will include the following activities: Construct a new elevated water storage tank and activity delivery. The total

amount of CDBG funds to be requested is \$1,385,000.00. The amount of CDBG funds proposed to be used for activities that will benefit low-to-moderate income persons is \$903,712.50. The City of Toulon also proposes to expend \$150,000.00 in non-CDBG funds on the project. These non-CDBG funds will be derived from the City's general account.

Information related to this project will be available for review prior to the public hearing as of December 15, 2023, at the Toulon City Hall, at 122 North Franklin Street, Toulon, IL between the hours of 8:30am to 12pm and 1pm to 4:30pm from Monday to Friday. Interested citizens are invited to provide comments regarding these issues either at the public hearing or by prior written statement. Written comments should be submitted to Richard Norwood from North Central Illinois Council of Governments 613 W. Marquette St. Ottawa, IL 61350 no later than December 27, 2023, in order to ensure placement of such comments in the official record of the public hearing proceedings. A plan to minimize displacement and provide assistance to those displaced has been prepared by the City of Toulon and is also available to the public. This project will result in no displacement of any persons or businesses. For additional information concerning the proposed project, please contact Richard Norwood at 815-433-5830 or write to NCICG 613 W. Marquette Street Ottawa, IL 61350.

Larry Hollis, City Mayo Published 12/15/23

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE KEWANEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY

Public notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Kewanee Airport Authority to be held on Monday, December 11, 2023 has been rescheduled and will be held on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, 3761 Midland Road, Kewanee, Illinois 61443.

Chad Winter, Secretary Kewanee Airport Authority Published 12/15/23

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

IN THE INTEREST OF J.C., DOB 1/17/2011 a Minor CASE NO.: 23JA6

NOTICE To: Cody Simpson Unknown Fathers

Take notice that on November 2, 2023, a Petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Caroline Borden Campion, Stark County State's Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Stark County entitled "In the interest of J.C., a minor", and that in the Stark County courtroom on January 5, 2024 at the hour of 1:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an

adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered. Dated: December 5, 2023

Julie A. Kenney Stark County Circuit Clerk 130 W. Main Street, PO Box 426 Toulon, IL 61483 8061-938015 756-256373

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HOLIDAY BREAK The Prairie News will not publish on Dec. 29. Ad deadline for the Jan. 5 edition will be Tuesday, Jan. 2, at noon. HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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OBITUARIES

Paul R. Unruh

TOULON – Paul Richard Unruh, 95, of Peoria, Ill., a Toulon High School graduate, died Dec. 8, 2023, at Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Paul was born to Rev. Daniel J. and Helene (Esau) Unruh on May 7, 1928, in Hammond, Ind.

Paul was married to Donna Lou Ziegler on July 29, 1951, in Peoria.

Paul is survived by his three children, Brent (Ann) Unruh of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Brenda (Steven) Graves of Peoria and Bryce (Melissa) Unruh of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and his sister, Helen Murrell of Grand Junction, Colo. He is also survived by his five grandchildren, Eva (Daniel) Gillet of Grand-Corent, France, Erica (Kip) Sharbono of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Spencer Graves of Cedarburg, Wis., Michael (Alejandra) Unruh of Peoria, and Sydney Unruh (fiancé, Adam Menelaws) of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and his five great-grandchildren, Beckham and Finn Sharbono and Lena, Natanael and Aidan Gillet.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Donna; his brother, Daniel; and his brother-in-law, Harry Murrell.

Paul attended Toulon High School, from which he graduated in 1946, while lettering in basketball and track. That fall he enrolled at Bradley University in Peoria and graduated in

1950.

He was accepted into the prestigious Sigma Chi fraternity, and was ultimately to become the senior member of a three-generation Greek legacy, as his sons and one grandson became Sigma Chis. While enjoying the Greek life, he met and eventually married Donna Lou Ziegler, who was a member of the Chi Omega sorority.

During his college years, Paul led the Bradley Braves basketball team to many victories; he was the leading scorer for each of his four seasons on the team – only one of two players to achieve this remarkable feat.

During his senior year of 1949-50, Paul earned consensus first-team All-America honors, scoring 475 points in his final season, and led the Braves to second-place finishes at both the National Invitation Tournament and National Collegiate Athletic Association tournaments.

Upon graduation, Paul Unruh was known as a master of the jump shot and made history as Bradley's all-time leading scorer, with a total of 1,822 points. He never chose to play in the NBA but was picked 20th overall and drafted by the Indianapolis Olympians in 1950. In 1952, he earned a spot on the U.S. Olympic basketball team for the Summer Olympics in Helsinki; however, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and missed the opportunity to win a gold medal for his country.

After his service in the military ended in 1954, Paul continued his impressive basketball career, playing on the National AAU Basketball

League's Peoria Cats, where he remained a local inspiration and a hero to many young athletes.

Paul was a veteran of the U.S. Army, serving stateside during the Korean War period from 1952-54. He had the privilege of going on the Greater Peoria Honor Flight to Washington, D.C., in 2012.

Paul also enjoyed a long career as a life insurance salesman, starting his own practice, Unruh & Morse, in 1982. In later years, he practiced under the Unruh & Unes group of Wells Fargo Advisors, where he had the pleasure of working with his son and grandson.

Paul and his wife developed the Tawny Oaks estate in Edelstein. After Donna's death it was purchased by the Peoria Park District with the assistance of the Forest Park Foundation. The property is now part of the Singing Woods Nature Preserve, focusing on the rich biological heritage of central Illinois.

Paul was active in the community as a member of the Peoria Suburban Kiwanis and the Country Club of Peoria, a co-founding member of the Willow Knolls Country Club and founder of the Bradley Chiefs Club. He was a member of Northwoods Community Church.

At his request, cremation rites have been accorded and a private family celebration of Paul's life will be held at a later time. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.thewiltonmortuary.com.



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SPORTS: Galva, Stark Co. girls suffer setbacks

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bold had seven first-period points. Bowser scored 11 in the third.

The previous night, Stark County held visiting North Fulton to one first-quarter point on the way to a 64-17 victory. The Rebels led 36-5 at intermission. Rumbold and Ross Saner evenly split 30 points, and Luke Reverts scored 12.

"We came out hot and were very engaged on the defensive end of the floor," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated. "It led to a lot of easy transition baskets."

Stark County played Thursday at home against Midland and plays again Tuesday night at Elmwood.

Galva Girls – The Lady Wildcats (0-9) dropped a pair this week, on Dec. 12 losing to Peoria Heights (59-17)

and on Dec. 11 falling to Princeville (56-18).

Ava Strom and Kendall Rogers led Galva with four points apiece against Peoria Heights. Strom led with nine points against Princeville.

On Dec. 6, Galva lost to Ridge-wood, 47-31. Strom scored nine points and Kaylyn Gale had eight.

Galva was to face Kewanee on Dec. 13 and then has off until facing Elmwood Dec. 26 in the Princeville holiday tournament.

Stark County Girls – The Lady Rebels (1-9) dropped a 51-35 decision at home to West Central on Monday.

"They got off to a fast start led by their all-stater (Shelby Bowman), but the next three quarters we competed and played tough," Stark County

Coach Bob Bohm said.

Bowman scored 13 of her game-high 29 points in the opening quarter and poured in three 3-pointers as West Central jumped to a 17-2 lead.

Emily Demetreon led the Lady Rebels with 11 points, Kenna Newton scored 10, Payten Hillier had eight and Morgan Brooks added six points.

On Dec. 5, Stark County lost at Wethersfield, 56-26.

"They outrebounded us and moved the ball well," Bohm said. "They are a tough matchup."

Sophie Finnegan led with six points and Demetreon added five.

Stark County was at Putnam County Wednesday, home vs. Midland on Thursday and travels to Lewistown on Monday, Dec. 18.

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The Prairie News Sports

Galva boys equal 2022-23 wins

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

ORION – Galva boys basketball might be starting to become fun again.

After winning only two games last season, the Wildcats have won two of their first seven games this season. The second victory, 72-70 in overtime Dec. 9 at Orion, was particularly encouraging for Galva Coach Jake McClintic.

“Joyful. Relieved and joyful,” McClintic said about how he felt moments after the game. “It’s just nice to see the hard work we put in this week work out for us.”

J.P. Sloan’s steal and last-second layup gave Galva the nonconference victory. Orion (6-3) missed a shot at the buzzer. Orion led with about 25 seconds left in OT, but John Gravitt made two free throws to tie it.

Regulation play ended in a 66-66 tie. Considering how things went in the first quarter, McClintic might have been more than happy with that. Galva trailed 29-10 after the first eight minutes.

“We had some work cut out for us,” McClintic said. “We were not playing to the caliber we could play. I subbed a couple of guys in. It gave us a little spark and the momentum we needed to get going.”

Those substitutes – Carter DeVenney, Braxton Rylander and Blake Stahl – helped Galva cut its deficit to 37-35 at halftime. Rylander finished with a team-high 20 points. Gravitt had 16 points and nine rebounds, and Stahl had 15 points, 10 rebounds and six assists.

Galva has no games this week and does-



Junior Ross Saner makes a pass in Stark County's 64-17 victory over North Fulton last week. Saner scored 15 points. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

n't play again until Monday at Midland. But McClintic hopes the positive vibes from this victory don't take a break.

“I think the boys finally realized how good they can be,” he said. “The beginning of the season, we kind of struggled a little bit, and it kind of dampened our hopes. I’m hoping (this) was a turning point.”

Stark Co. Boys – Matthew Bowser and Will Rumbold helped Stark County defeat Lowpoint-Washburn inside and out. Bowser had 23 points Dec. 8, including four 3-pointers, and the 6-foot-4 Rumbold scored 19 as the hosts won 59-48. Rum-

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