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CLINIC FOR STARK COUNTY

New clinic opens Dec. 11 in Toulon

For The Prairie News

Toulon – The Stark County Health Department will open its new First Choice Healthcare Clinic in Toulon on Monday, Dec. 11.

The Health Department has entered into a partnership with the State Bank of Toulon, First Choice Healthcare and OneroRx Inc.- Local Health, Inc., to bring this new multi-service facility to Stark County.

The clinic is located in the former Aunt Martha's-Great River Community Health Center location at 120 E. Court St. Clinic hours will be Monday through Friday



Pictured above is the new Stark County Health Department's First Choice Healthcare Clinic in Toulon, which will open its doors on Dec. 11. The clinic exists thanks to a partnership with the State Bank of Toulon, First Choice Healthcare and Onero Rx, Inc. - Local Health Inc. The facility is located at 120 E. Court St. in Toulon. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

"This new healthcare center will offer Stark County and area residents public health, primary care, mental health, tele-psych, Women, Infants & Children Food Supplemental Program and pharmacy services all under one roof," said

Duane Stevens, health department public health administrator. "The pharmacy location will be open to anyone wanting to utilize their services and will accept prescriptions from surrounding medical offices."

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Evaluation sought for Matthew Shipp

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Matthew R. Shipp faces further evaluation in his child pornography case.

Shipp, 19, of Toulon, was transported from the Henry County Jail in Cambridge to the Stark County courtroom, in Toulon, for a scheduling conference hearing on Dec. 1. He appeared in Circuit Court with his Stark County Public Defender Robert M. McBride. The State's Attorney's Office Special Prosecutor Shanti

Kulkarni was also present in the courtroom.

McBride had filed a motion on Nov. 27 for "the defendant's pre-trial release" from custody. Judge James A. Mack did not rule on this motion during the hearing after McBride agreed not to proceed with the motion.

McBride then requested that Shipp undergo a sex-offender evaluation by Bryan DeNure, of Midwest Counseling in Pekin, if DeNure is available, according to

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USDA creates new plant hardiness zone map

By RON DIETER
For The Weekly Post

Last month the USDA released a new version of its Plant Hardiness Zone Map. The new map is more precise than a 2012 version.

The old map was based on data collected by 7,980 weather stations from 1976-2005. The new map is a compilation of data gathered by 13,412 stations from 1991-2020. Zonal boundaries in the new map are more detailed, thanks to tinkering by algorithms adjusting for the temperature effects of altitude, bodies of water, and urban heat islands.

To create the map, researchers collected the very coldest temperature for each of the 30 years from 1991 to 2020, added them up and divided the total by

30. Thus the numbers on the map are averages, not the very lowest temperature recorded. That's an important point for gardeners who like to test the limits with borderline hardy plants.

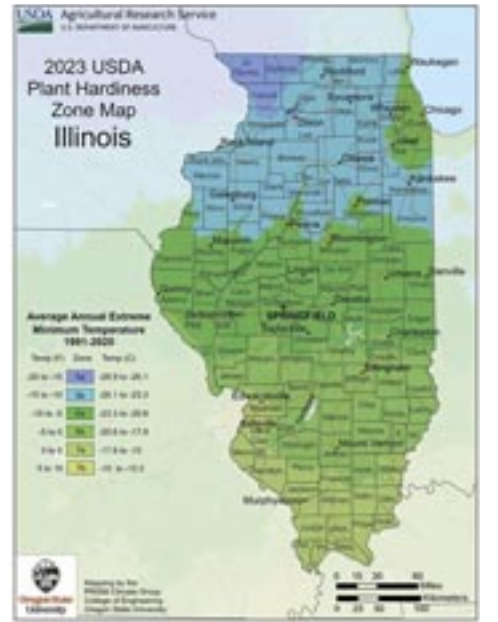
Climatologists caution that a particular location will likely experience temperatures below the map's zonal minimum several times over a 30-year period.

Roughly half the United States has drifted up into a warmer zone, according to the USDA. The Chicken Littles of the climate brigade, however, shouldn't get too excited. The USDA cautions that temperature changes in the new map aren't evidence of climate change, but rather the result of more accurate data collection by many more weather stations and more sophisticated mapping

techniques. They point out that hardiness zones are based on 30-year averages of extreme temperatures whereas climate change estimates are based on average annual temperatures over 50-100 years.

A nice feature on the USDA website (planthardiness.ars.usda.gov) is a zip-code search for the new map. Just enter your zip code and your hardiness zone magically appears.

Trent Ford, Illinois State Climatologist, notes that the boundary between zones 5b and 6a, representing an average annual extreme minimum temperature of -10°F, moved nearly 70 miles northward, from Springfield in the 2012 map to Peoria in the 2023 version. According to the map, Canton and Peoria are now zone 6a (-10 to -5 degrees), while Gales-



burg, Elmwood and Princeville remain in zone 5b (-15 to -10 degrees).

Although it goes without saying, I

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TOULON HEALTH: Pharmacy to open at later date

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 Patrons should note that the pharmacy will not open with the rest of the clinic on Dec. 11. An announcement about the opening of the pharmacy is expected soon. OneroRx of Des Moines, Iowa, bills itself as “an integrated pharmacy for underserved markets.”

“The Health Department and First Choice Healthcare along with our other partners in this project are so

excited that this new healthcare location will bring much-needed public health, clinical, mental health and pharmacy services to the residents of Stark County, who would otherwise have to travel considerable distances to surrounding communities for such services,” Stevens said. “All involved are so excited about this local healthcare clinic and are looking forward to being

able to better serve the residents of Stark County in a more centralized, accessible and customer friendly location.”

For more information on programs and services available from the Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Healthcare call (309) 852-3115, visit the website www.henrystarkhealth.com or find the group on Facebook at Henry and Stark County Health departments.

ZONING: Microclimates have final say on hardiness

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 can't help myself. Even though a perennial plant is listed as hardy to zone 5b, that's no guarantee it will do well in your garden. There's hardiness and then there's heartiness. Some plants are just finicky. Maybe the soil's a little too dry or the summers too warm or the humidity too high. If conditions are not exactly right, the little prima donnas just sit there and pout and eventually wither away. Such plants are not hearty, even though they may be hardy temperature-wise.

For me variegated garden phlox and lavender are such plants. On the

other hand, hearty plants are robust with a strong will to live, tolerant of conditions less than ideal. Think daylilies, peonies and dandelions.

You may be lucky enough to have a warm microclimate somewhere on your property giving you the chance to try a plant or two out of your zone. The ground along a south-facing brick or concrete wall can provide a warm spot for out-of-zone plants. In fact your whole yard may be a microclimate, a zone warmer or cooler, if it's sheltered or exposed. Your powers of observation will serve you better than any zone map.

Also keep in mind that many perennials gradually build up cold hardiness in autumn's shorter and cooler days. Winter hardiness gradually decreases when spring arrives with longer and warmer days. A sudden extreme cold spell during these transition periods could injure plants even though the temperature stays above the zone's average lowest temperature.

If you're a gardener, you'll find the USDA website interesting. Along with the map and zone search, there's additional information and instructional videos.

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SHIPP: Next court date is Dec. 15

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 court documentation. Shipp's next court appearance is scheduled for Dec. 15, at 11 a.m. for a review and possible motion hearing.

Shipp is charged with

five counts of Class X felony child pornography/reproduce/victim(s) under 13-years-old. He was arrested Nov. 15 at his rural Toulon residence by the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children task

force after they received three tips about child pornography being distributed from Stark County. Class X felonies are punishable by up to 30 years in prison for each felony charge.

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Traffic Citations & Ordinance Violations

11-22 - Ronald L. Roach - Disregard stop sign.
12-2 - Jorge Luis Sosa Mora - Electronic communication device.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-26 - A single-vehicle occurred on Route 40 at the intersection of 1150N located south of Bradford. The driver was Robert J. Forbes, 70, Bradford. The driver reportedly was traveling south on Route 40 when he went off the west shoulder of the road and crashed into the ditch. The vehicle rolled over and landed on its side. No tickets were issued but Forbes was transported by ambulance to the hospital. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in damages.

11-27 - A northbound vehicle on Illinois Route 78 driven by Samuel Gleichman, 21, lost control and entered the southbound lane at about 2:55 p.m., striking a Stark County school bus, driven by Helen J. Murray. Icy conditions were cited as a cause for the collision. One bus passenger was taken to the hospital for minor injuries.

11-27 - An incident report noted a single-vehicle accident on Illinois Route 78 and 650N. A truck reportedly rolled over onto its side. The driver was Jorge L. Barrera, 54, Kewanee. No injuries were reported to the driver or additional passengers, but the vehicle was estimated as a total loss.

11-29 - A single-vehicle rollover accident occurred on Township Road 650E. According to an incident report, the accident was discovered by a passing motorist. Nobody was located with the vehicle at the time it was reported to authorities. The driver was later identified as Christopher D. Turner, 29, of Toulon. No tickets were issued but the vehicle was estimated at a total loss.

12-1 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on 700N and Route 17 east of Wyoming. The driver was Mercedes Strong, 23, of Wyoming. According to the accident report, Strong was traveling southwest when her vehicle crossed over into the opposite lane of traffic and left the roadway before crashing into the ditch. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued, but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

12-5 Andrew J. Egelston, 18, of Wyoming was arrested about 2:15 p.m. and accused of unlawful possession of a stolen motor vehicle, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:



11-27 - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. to assist the ambulance with a medical emergency.

11-27 - As a result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of Morgan Rd., Kelly Smithson, 46, Galva, was cited for not having a valid drivers license. She was released with a required court date.

11-28 - to the 100 block of Market St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint after closing hours. Officer determined that a motorist was looking for a gas station. Directions were given.

11-28 - to Route 34 about two miles west of town to investigate a report of heavy smoke in the area. It was a controlled burn.

11-28 - to assist Illinois DCFS with a verbal disturbance in the 400 block of S. Center Ave.

11-28 - Melvin Byler, 18, of Downing, Mo., was issued a citation in the 200 block of SE 7th Ave. for not having valid registration.

11-30 - to the 100 block of S. Center Ave. in reference to a report involving a vehicle that was borrowed with permission but had not been returned for several days. The other party was contacted and the vehicle was returned to Galva.

11-30 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for a report involving criminal damage to a vehicle.

11-30 - While patrolling, the officer noticed all of the Galva railroad crossing arms were activated with no trains present. Officer directed traffic for about an hour on Exchange Street until a BNSF employee was able to make repairs.

11-30 - to speak with a subject by telephone regarding questions about trespassing laws.

11-30 - to the 400 block of NW 5th St. for a loose and aggressive dog running around. A relative was contacted and was able to get the dog back into the house.

11-30 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving a utility wire being pulled away from a residence. Mediacom was notified.

11-30 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. for a complaint involving harassment through electronic communications involving juveniles.

11-30 - to a residence on NE 3rd Street to check the welfare of a child.

DCFS was contacted.

11-30 - the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. to pick up a Freedom of Information Act request form.

12-1 - to assist the ambulance on NW 1st Ave.

12-1 - to a residence on SW 4th St. to locate a subject who had made suicidal comments by text message. The officer made phone contact with the suspect, who was out of the area.

12-1 - to the 00 block of NE 9th St. for a theft complaint.

12-1 - to a residence on NW 8th Ave. for a welfare check. The complainant was encouraged to contact the DCFS hotline.

12-1 - to assist a motorist with a flat tire in the 00 block of SW 2nd St.

12-1 - Rachel Rawlings, 38, of Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for accumulation of trash on her property in the 900 block of W. Division St.

12-2 - to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. to pick up two Freedom of Information Act forms.

12-2 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Vanessa Sturm, 38, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

12-2 - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave for a verbal domestic dispute.

12-2 - to the Galva Police Department to meet a citizen who wanted to turn in FOIA requests.

12-2 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. to remove an unwanted and intoxicated customer. The subject was taken home.

12-2 - Paul Bosnich, 36, Williamsfield, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

12-3 - to the Exchange Street and Market Street railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunctions. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

Property Transfers

11-28 - Charles R. and Heather S. Demetreon to Kevin Baumann - Pt 36-14-6 NE - 12770 N. Modena Rd., Bradford - Consideration = \$50,000.

11-28 - Franklin Lee Hager to Franklin Lee Hager, Trustee - Pt 27-12-7 SE & Pts 33-12-7 SW NW & NE - Consideration = \$0.

12-1 - Larry D. Wang to Josephine and Ty Pullen - Pts 30-13-6 NW - 307 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$115,000.

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12-1 - Chelsea Deanne Streitmatter and Jacob Gale Streitmatter - both of Toulon.

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Big soybean producers facing bruising year

After a five-year run that featured a costly trade war and an even costlier deadly pandemic, the biggest players in the global soybean market – the United States, Brazil and China – are positioning themselves for a big, bruising 2023-24 marketing year.

Of the three, Brazil remains planted in the driver's seat. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) forecasts that Brazil's mostly planted 2023-24 crop will yield an export-hogging 6 billion bushels, 5% more than last year's record production and an astonishing 16% larger than the 2020-21 crop.



Alan
GUEBERT

Two factors favor that outlook. First, after three consecutive years of dry, hot La Nina weather, this year's El Nino should bring more moisture and less crop stress. Second, for the first time in memory, soy production costs are falling, encouraging Brazilian farmers to do what farmers anywhere would do: swap costly corn acres for cheaper bean acres.

If the projected, record 113 million soybean acres are planted and the better weather forecast comes to pass, USDA expects Brazil to export a record 103 million metric tons (mmt) of soybeans in its 2023-24 marketing year. That's 6 mmt more than last year's 97 mmt.

Just how many bushels are in 103 mmt of soybeans? A staggering 3.75 billion.

At that level, Brazil's projected

2023-24 soy exports will – brace yourself – equal 91 percent of this year's entire U.S. soybean crop of 4.1 billion bushels.

That hard-to-believe comparison isn't the only hard-to-swallow export news for U.S. soybean farmers this year. The really bad news is that 2023-24 U.S. soybean exports, projected at 1.8 billion bushels, marks the third consecutive year of falling soybean exports.

According to USDA data, the current marketing year's soy exports will be a stunning 491 million bushels, or 21%, under the 2020-21 marketing year's total of 2.3 billion bushels

The worldwide winner in this flooded global soybean market is the world's biggest importer, China, that buys "more than 60% of the oilseed shipped worldwide to crush into meal for animal feed and oil for cooking," reported Reuters a month ago.

Typically, China's fourth quarter purchases are made in the U.S. market to take advantage of the price-flattening effects of the American harvest glut. Early November reports indicate China did buy 600,000 metric tons (22 million bushels) during harvest. Still, market watchers claim China will import 26 mmt of soybeans during the fourth quarter with "45% of the volumes arriving from Brazil..."

Given those estimates, China is on its way to import a record 105 mmt of soy in 2023, a figure nearly – and eerily – equal to Brazil's projected soy exports for the coming year.

In years past, that almost insatiable Chinese need for soybeans

would be good news for farmers everywhere, especially in the U.S. But markets, like countries, evolve and change and the global soybean market has changed rapidly in the last decade, wrote DTN Lead Analyst Todd Hultman in late October.

First "and more important," he explained, Brazil is outracing everyone in almost every market aspect – especially production and exporting – and no one, especially the U.S., "has ever seen this level of competition for export sales."

A second worry, noted Hultman, is the "larger market environment": "two wars (Russia-Ukraine and Israel/Hamas) plus pressure on the Federal Reserve to keep raising interest rates, already at their highest level in 16 years."

Neither condition – let alone both – creates the "kind of atmosphere that encourages traders to invest in the market," he explained.

Still, U.S. carryover stocks, at about 5%, are tight so soybean "prices should stay supported above \$13 for the remainder of 2023 and any opportunity near \$14 (per bu.) should be considered a good sale."

After New Year's, however, Hultman warned, "the risk of lower soybeans prices increases, depending largely on the conditions of South American crops."

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Wilkinson earns ag educator ideas award

PHOENIX, Ariz. – Taylor Wilkinson, agricultural educator at Stark County High School in Illinois, is one of six agricultural educators nationwide who received the 2023 National Association of Agricultural Educators Ideas Unlimited award, presented during the 2023 NAAE Convention, held Nov. 28 through Dec. 2, in Phoenix.

The NAAE Ideas Unlimited award is presented to NAAE members to recognize them for their innovative ideas that optimize student success and development. The Ideas Unlimited Award is sponsored by National Geographic Learning's career and technical education branch.

To help her students better understand the process of propagating plants through grafting, Wilkinson has found that using foam pool noodles, tape and permanent markers helped students not only understand, but master the process. Grafting is a complex and expensive skill that can be difficult for students to understand. Wilkinson said using pool noodles provides students with a larger surface area to practice on while allowing them to engage in the full experience.



Pictured above, Stark County High School agriculture teacher Taylor Wilkinson received the 2023 National Association of Agricultural Educators Ideas Unlimited award, presented during the 2023 NAAE Convention in Phoenix, Ariz., by two unnamed individuals. Submitted photo.

Wilkinson uses pool noodles to teach various methods of grafting including side-veneer, whip and tongue and t-bud, as well as to teach students about plant families and the difference between plant genus and species.

NAAE is the professional organization for agricultural educators with over 8,000 members nationwide. The organization advocates for agricultural education, provides

advancement through professional development for agricultural educators, and works to recruit and retain agricultural educators in the profession. NAAE offers a variety of programs and services to support this three-pronged mission. The mission of NAAE is "professionals providing agricultural education for the global community through visionary leadership, advocacy and service."

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Terms of Sale: The successful bidder will be obligated to enter into a Purchase Agreement and pay a deposit of 10% of the purchase price within 48 hours after the bids are opened. The Purchase Agreement provides for a final closing on or before February 2, 2024, at which time a Warranty Deed and an Owner's Title Insurance Policy in the amount of the purchase price insuring merchantable title and possession of the farmland shall be delivered to the Purchaser in exchange for the balance of the purchase price. Sellers shall give Buyer a credit for the 2023 Real Estate Taxes. Sellers are retaining the 2023 farm rent. **A bid package, containing the bid form, purchase agreement, title commitment, and detailed information about the farm, may be obtained from the Attorneys for Sellers.**

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Court: People can obtain FOID info without FOIA

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Supreme Court has ruled that people may obtain records about their own Firearm Owners Identification cards, but they may not use the state’s Freedom of Information Act to do so.

In a 7-0 ruling, the court said the Illinois State Police acted properly when it denied FOIA requests from individuals who sought copies of letters explaining why their FOID cards had been denied or revoked. But the court also said those individuals could have obtained those records through other means.

The case revolved around a 2011 amendment to the Freedom of Information Act that exempts from public disclosure the names and information of people who have applied for or received FOID cards or concealed carry permits.

According to briefs filed with the court, state lawmakers passed that amendment after the Associated

Press filed a blanket FOIA request seeking the names of all FOID cardholders in the state, along with expiration dates of their cards.

The ruling involved two unrelated cases from Madison County in which Sandra Hart and Kenneth Burgess Sr. sought copies of documents related to their FOID cards, including records of why their cards had been revoked.

Thomas Maag, an attorney who argued the cases at the Supreme Court, said both individuals claimed they had lost the original documents and that they sought copies so they could appeal the revocations.

In both cases, ISP denied the requests, citing the exemption in the Freedom of Information Act. But in both cases, the Madison County Circuit Court sided with the applicants. In 2022, the 5th District Court of Appeals upheld those decisions, saying the FOIA exemption was never intended to prevent individuals from obtaining records about themselves.

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BRIEFS

Stark holds special school board meeting

WYOMING – The Stark County School District board of education held a Special Board Meeting Thursday, Nov. 30, for the purpose of discussing personnel employment. The board went into Closed Executive Session immediately and then reconvened in Open Session.

The board announced the following personnel employment/changes:

- acob Best and Sawyer Nelson were approved as Stark County Elementary School custodians.
- Catherine Raine was approved as transportation driver for the Jacksonville route.
- John Forstrom was approved as bus driver.
- Donette Berchtold's resignation as bus aide was accepted.

~ John A. Ballentine

Galva Congregational Church hosts Vespers

GALVA – The Galva Congregational Church will have their annual Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 17 at 5:30 p.m.. The Kewanee Community

Choir will perform. Everyone is invited to this annual event.

~ Carol Townsend

Applications accepted for youth goose hunt

SPRINGFIELD – Youths between the ages of 10-17 can apply now to participate in the annual Central Illinois Youth Goose Hunt held by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources on Jan. 15.

Registration closes Dec. 31. Apply online at dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/youthgoosehunt. The hunt will be held at private waterfowl hunting clubs near Canton.

All applicants must possess a valid Illinois hunting or sportsman's license, have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) registration number and have a 20-gauge or larger shotgun. Youth-hunt participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who must possess a valid firearm owner's identification card.

To learn more, call (217) 785-8060.

Et cetera

- PRINCEVILLE – Ginny and

Jackie Gilles of Princeville will be named to the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's 2023-24 Hall of Fame class. They will be honored as Friends of Basketball at the May 4 induction at CEFCU Arena on the Illinois State University campus in Normal. Illini Bluffs Coach Clay Vass will also be part of the Hall of Fame class.

• KEWANEE – James Lindbom, of Kewanee, has been certified in internal medicine by the American Board of Internal Medicine .

Board certification from ABIM is the highest standard in internal medicine and its subspecialties. It signifies that physicians have demonstrated to their peers and the public that they have the clinical judgment, skills and attitudes essential for excellent patient care.

Dr. Lindbom is an internal medicine physician at OSF Medical Group in Kewanee. The office is located within OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center, where Dr. Lindbom also cares for patients in the Emergency Department.



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- Hot Cocoa Station

Community Open House Events
6-8 PM

- Williamsfield Fire Dept.
- FREE Hot Dogs & Chili
- Double Take Bar & Grill
- FREE Soup and Appetizers

Williamsfield Public Library 5-8pm

- Holiday Craft Station
- Cookie Decorating
- Holiday Story Read Aloud Sessions
- Cookies, Popcorn & Punch
- Judging for "Holiday Tree" Contest
- H.S. students Carolers @ 5:45PM

Hay Rack Rides (Approx. every 30 min)
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Program will send free books to children

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois families with infants and toddlers now have access to free children's books that can be sent directly to their home, regardless of their income.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday announced the official launch of the state's partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, a program founded by the country music legend

in 1995.

Pritzker announced in June that the state had formed a partnership with the Dollywood Foundation, after Illinois lawmakers included \$1.6 million in this year's budget to fund the state's share of the program. Other funding comes from the Dollywood Foundation and local, county-based organizations.

Since then, about 44 local programs have been operating in the state, serving roughly 4 percent of eligible chil-

dren. But Dollywood Foundation executive director Nora Briggs said the goal is to reach all of the estimated 755,000 children under age 5 in Illinois.

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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. 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 provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.p.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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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

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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
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: THE PETITION OF: BENJAMEN A. LEEZER and EMILY A. LEEZER, Petitioners, To adopt

2023-AD-2
CHARLOTTE A. DOTY, A minor, and STANLEY D. DOTY, Respondent.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Take notice that on September 20th 2023 a Petition for Adoption was filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Charlotte A. Doty. Now, therefore, unless all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action

or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Stark County, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, Illinois, 61483. On the 5th day of January 2023 at 11:00 a.m., a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: 11-16-23

/s/ Julie A. Kenney
Stark County Circuit Clerk

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

ESTATE OF Ned S. Stuckey, Deceased
No. 2023 PR 94

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Ned S. Stuckey. Letters of Office were issued on November 17, 2023, to Phyllis Stuckey, as Independent Executor 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 May 24, 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. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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NOTICE OF SALE

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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
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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF AUDIT

TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Library Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District, Stark County, Illinois, as of December 11, 2023 has available a copy of its

audit report for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The audit was conducted by the firm of Douglas W. Irvin & Co., Ltd. and may be publicly inspected at the main office of the Library District at 617 E. Jefferson St, Illinois, during normal business hours which are: Mondays and Fridays 9am-5pm; Tuesdays, Wednesday, and Thursdays, & 9am-8pm.

Toulon Public Library District
By: Roberta Cinnamon
Secretary of the Board of Trustees
Published 12/8/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, STARK, BUREAU, AND MARSHALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, CONCERNING THE WAIVER OF SCHOOL CODE MANDATE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, Stark, Bureau, and Marshall Counties, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The hearing will be held at Bradford Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, IL 61421. The purpose of the hearing will be to receive public testimony from educators, parents, and students on a proposal to seek a waiver of a School Code mandate. Following the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Education may take action to approve the waiver application.

Approval of the proposal would seek a one-year waiver of School Code Section 17-1.5, which limits the increase in administrative expenditures for the current school year to not exceed 5% over the prior school year. Waivers may be granted due to circumstances beyond the control of the district where the district has exhausted all available and reasonable remedies to comply with the limitation. DATED this 4th day of December, 2023.

Tanya Walker,
President, Board of Education,
Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1
Published 12/8/23

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

CITY OF WYOMING, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 23-0V-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 ¼) 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 ½) feet; thence South Eleven (11) feet to the brick wall on the North end; thence West Three and One-half (3 ½) 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

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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for Galva School District No.224.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Galva School District No.224, Counties of Henry and Knox, State of Illinois for 2024 will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023 at 6:55 p.m. at the GHS Library, located in the Galva High School at 1020 N. Center Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jerry J. Becker, Superintendent, 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois at 932-2108.

II. The property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$4,389,357.

The total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$4,601,378. This represents an 11.25 % increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public for 2023 were \$265,078.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt services for 2024 are \$266,383. This represents .49% increase from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2023 were \$4,091,320.04.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2024 are \$4,867,761. This represents an 11.74% increase over the previous year.

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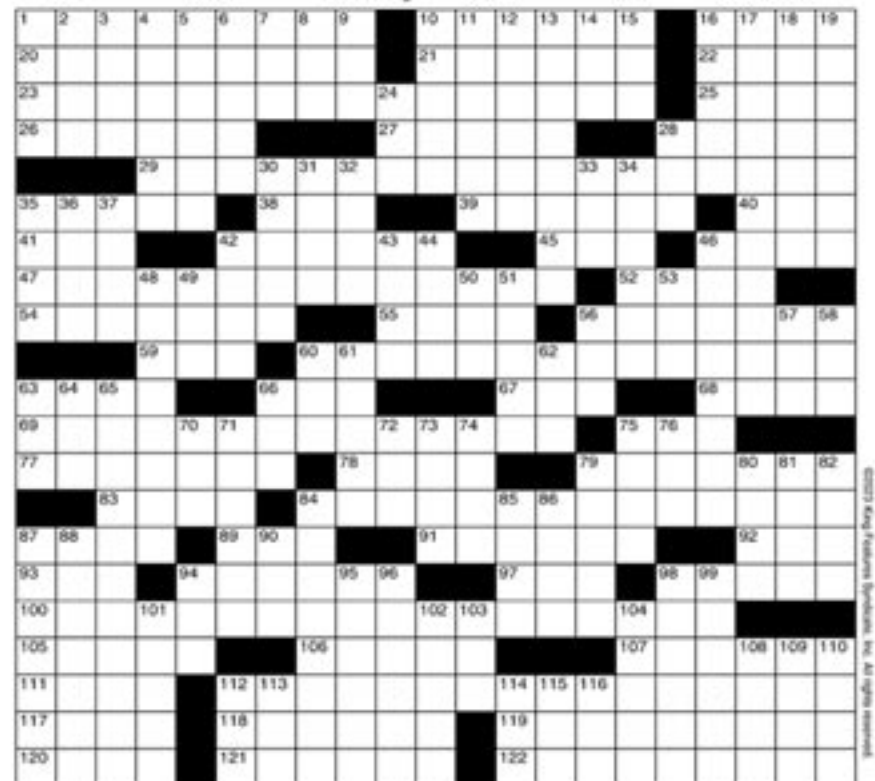
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- ACROSS
- 1 Sports events played by visiting teams
- 10 Obeys reluctantly
- 16 Boho-chic Aussie boots
- 20 Arched shoe part
- 21 Part of U.K.
- 22 She talks on iPhones
- 23 Parasites plaguing the Cheshire cat?
- 25 A party to
- 26 Everlasting, poetically
- 27 Above ground
- 28 Bedazzled
- 29 Worked to get a different reward?
- 35 Pizza base
- 38 Tic-tac-toe win
- 39 Geometry assignments
- 40 "Dr." who raps
- 41 Above, poetically
- 42 Yard separators
- 45 Prefix with cyclist
- 46 Combat vet's affliction, for short
- 47 One giving technical advice to wizards?
- 52 Bull in a ring
- 54 Structure near a tonal
- 55 "Othello" adversary
- 56 Relatives of alpacas
- 59 Adversary
- 60 City area where lots of radiators are produced?
- 63 Sword variety
- 66 Medic
- 67 Hiking aid
- 68 Disgusting
- 69 Unwitting
- 75 "I think —!"
- 77 Mobile's state
- 78 Smell horrible
- 79 Big ape
- 83 Hoofbeat
- 84 Math student doing sums correctly?
- 87 Moby —
- 89 — hub (tech device)
- 91 Widely known
- 92 "Hope"
- 93 Narrow estuary
- 94 Guinea pig's cousin
- 97 Ring legend Muhammad
- 98 Speechily
- 100 Clock setting at the rear of a ship?
- 105 Makes grimy
- 106 Eye color, e.g.
- 107 Non-Spanish spelling of an Arizona tribe's name
- 111 Pack neatly
- 112 Trim request ... or what
- 113 This puzzle takes, based on what its missing letters spell?
- 117 Sicilian peak
- 118 Use a hammer to fix, perhaps
- 119 Angry cry to a captor
- 120 Promising
- 121 Lacey's partner on TV
- 122 Hugh Jackman film about robot boxing
- 4 Certain plows and tractors
- 5 Give a smile
- 6 Ed of "Gus"
- 7 Trim grass
- 8 "Do Ya" rock gp.
- 9 Wash, bigwig
- 10 Good, in Spain
- 11 Freeway access point
- 12 More shrewd
- 13 Begin
- 14 "X" number
- 15 Eccentric
- 16 Consuming
- 17 Popular highball
- 18 Gardeners, farmers, etc.
- 19 Well-muscled
- 24 Afloat, in rap
- 28 GEICO's bus
- 30 Inevitably
- 31 Geologic spans
- 32 Lead-in to drama
- 33 Sweetie pie
- 34 Should that be the case
- 35 Super-deep sleep
- 36 Skim, say
- 37 Spur (on)
- 42 Pils de — gras
- 43 Hollywood's Kazan
- 44 Eye color, e.g.
- 46 Icthy, medically
- 48 Make weak
- 49 Pigeon sound
- 50 Geologic span
- 51 Shearer of "A Free Soul"
- 53 Sept. follower
- 56 Bigwig
- 57 Comic strip cry of dismay
- 58 Sloppy farm area
- 60 Animal in a 58-Down
- 61 Greeting with a GIF, maybe
- 62 June honoree
- 63 Geologic span
- 64 Chum
- 65 Pre-hurricane orders
- 66 Stuff in the gene pool
- 70 Thai language
- 71 Oppose as false
- 72 Snoozing site
- 73 Atoll feature
- 74 Sticky pod in Cajun cuisine
- 75 Entre — (between us)
- 76 Tolkien beast
- 79 Astronaut's wear
- 80 "Girls" creator Dunham
- 81 Legal exam, for short
- 82 Former court king Arthur
- 84 Lying adjacent to
- 85 Epps of "Scream 2"
- 86 Give up a poker hand
- 87 More boorish
- 88 Traitoria rice dish
- 90 Distress call
- 94 — Antiqua
- 95 Plaid design
- 96 Even-scored
- 98 Nebraskan Native
- 99 Reinstated in an office
- 101 1999 Super Bowl MVP John
- 102 Humding
- 103 Wolfed down
- 104 Spying info
- 108 To — (perfectly)
- 109 Living space
- 110 German car company
- 112 Circle part
- 113 Rural stretch
- 114 Park legend Bobby
- 115 Stipend or toll
- 116 St. Pete loc.



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 12

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXN is LONGFELLOW

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

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which Disney animated movie features the song "Whistle While You Work"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which two oceans are on Russia's shores?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called euphoria?
- TELEVISION: What is "The Simpsons" home address?
- GAMES: How many dimples are on a golf ball?
- ASTRONOMY: Earth's place in the solar system is how many planets from the Sun?
- LANGUAGE: What is the only country in South America whose official language is Dutch?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a sweetbread?
- LITERATURE: In which century was "The Canterbury Tales" written?
- SCIENCE: Who is considered the father of modern astronomy?

Answers

- "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs."
- Arctic and Pacific.
- Fear of good news.
- 742 Evergreen Terrace.
- Generally between 300-500.
- Third.
- Suriname.
- Internal organs of a young animal.
- Late 14th century.
- Copernicus.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG-13)
- Napoleon (R)
- Wish (PG)
- Trolls Band Together (PG)
- Thanksgiving (R)
- The Marvels (PG-13)
- The Holdovers (R)
- Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)
- Saltburn (R)
- Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)

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OBITUARIES

Doris L. Bogner

BRADFORD – Doris Louise Bogner, 89, of Bradford, Ill. passed away on Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023, at her home in her family's care surrounded by the love she deserved.

Doris was born on Aug. 9, 1934, in Wyoming, Ill., the daughter of Raymond and Ada (Driscoll) Kinsella. She married Donald "Bill" Bogner on June 30, 1956, in Camp Grove. He preceded her in death on May 26, 2007.

Doris attended nurse's training at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria, where she continued to work for 40 years after her graduation. After her retirement in 1995, she became the St. John's Parish nurse for many years. Doris touched the lives of so many people and cared dearly for her patients that everyone she met was a friend.

Doris was very active in her community as an advocate for mental health. She was a member of the Stark and Henry County mental health board and the Community Health Clinics. Doris also was on the Library Board, a member of the Bradford Book Club and enjoyed taking yoga classes at the library.

She was a longtime member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and a member of the altar and rosary so-

ciety at the church.

Doris was active with the American Legion Auxiliary in Bradford and cherished attending the fish fries and selling raffle ticket for their cake walk. She even won Bradford Women of the Year.

Doris and Bill also decided to purchase a farm to raise black Angus cattle and hogs for fun in their free time prior to his passing.

Doris is survived by her six children, Frank (Laurie) Bogner of Geneva, Mark (Shelly) Bogner of Hennepin, Amy (Chuck) Peterson of Island Lake, Andy Bogner of Bradford, Dennis Bogner of Bradford and Lynne (John) Wright of Tiskilwa; 13 grandchildren, Megan (Matt) Jacobs, Seth Bogner, Lauren (Brandon) Beggs, Alex (Uzma) Bogwani, Morgan (Tom) McConnaughay, Dallas (Jaime) Bogner, Sarah (Matt) Dresbach, Chase (Mary) Peterson, Chadd Peterson, Mary Cay Peterson, Logan Peterson, Bailey Wright and Jessica Wright; eight great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mary (Bob) Reincke of Libertyville.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, John Kinsella and her great-grandson, Braxton McConnaughay.

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m. with rosary service at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. Funeral Mass will be 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 9, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bradford,

with Father John Thieryoung, officiating. Burial will immediately follow the services in St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Cemetery, Bradford.

In lieu of flowers memorial may be made to OSF Cancer Center in Peoria or the Bradford Public Library.

Online condolences can be left at www.grant-johnsonfh.com

Audrey M. Girven

GALVA – Audrey M. Girven, 94, of Galva, died on Monday, Dec. 4, 2023, at OSF St. Luke Medical Center, Kewanee. No services will be held. Cremation rites will be accorded. Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services, Galva, is assisting the family with the arrangements.



Girven

Audrey Mary Mount was born April 6, 1929, to Vern and Agnes (Henderson) Mount. She graduated from Galva High School. She was united in marriage to John Girven on Sept. 16, 1951, in Galva. He died on Feb. 14, 2011.

Survivors include son, Jay Girven, Galva; granddaughter, Nikole Girven, St. Louis, Mo.; step-sisters, Beverly, Callis and Cheryl Flynn; and step-brother, Robert (Nancy) Callis. Her parents, husband, and sister, Verna Mae (Robert) Hayes preceded her in death.



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ANDERSON: Elite 8 appearance in 1997 was a highlight of 45-year career

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20 against Galva. That game set Anderson's coaching record at 732-546, all in Billtown.

COVID caused Anderson to miss the ensuing six R-W games, the first absences of his career.

Anderson felt better Monday, when he returned to school in his part-time role as Williamsfield athletics director. But he also felt his players, assistant coaches and employers deserved more certainty and reliability regarding his coaching status.

"Nobody knows, including myself, kind of what's going on – when I'm going to be back – and I'm thinking, 'Those kids need to know who they're going to have

on the sidelines, who they'll have in practice,'" Anderson said.

"They need stability."

Anderson said he made this decision on his own, with no external influences. He also said Farquer tried to talk him into finishing the season.

"But just looking at the situation, it looks to me like everybody concerned would be better off, including myself, if I go ahead and do this thing," said Anderson, who said it wasn't an easy call. "I struggled with that."

Farquer struggled to compose himself Monday as he spoke about Anderson, for whom the 1990 Billtown graduate played.

"It's tough," Farquer said. "I

don't know how to put it into words. He doesn't throw words around. When he says something, he's thought it through.

"You always know the time for everything is coming, but it's tough when the time comes. All good things end, but the end never feels good. We're extremely fortunate to have a guy like him around here for that length of time."

A 1965 Williamsfield graduate and former all-America player at Western Illinois University, Anderson became head coach in 1979 at his high school alma mater. The co-op with Oneida-based ROWVA began in 2015.

The pinnacle of Anderson's

coaching career might have been the 1996-97 Williamsfield team that reached the Class A Elite Eight and finished 28-3. Including that one, Anderson-coached teams won five regional titles.

Motivation to win another championship this season following a loss in February to Elmwood in a Class 1A regional final helped prompt Anderson to return, although during the off-season he pondered retirement. R-W returns most of its key players from 2022-23.

"I never recovered from losing that championship game in the regional last year," Anderson said about a 35-33 defeat. "I carry it with me today. I said, 'I can't quit

like this. I've got to give it another try, because I thought we had a ballclub that could get it done. And I think they can."

If R-W does win a regional, it won't be with Anderson on the bench. After he spent an emotional weekend processing his decision, Anderson appeared at peace with it. He suggested it might be fate, considering how the team has played under Hart and assistant Jeff Hannam.

"Maybe this is telling me, 'This is the time,'" Anderson said. "I'm ready now. I didn't feel like I was doing my best job, and I always said if I don't feel like I'm doing my best job, I've got to give it up."

SPORTS: Rewerts attracts attention

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fensively," he said about the Rebels. "Rewerts makes their team go. Even if he's not scoring, he's our focal point. He's driving, he's getting looks inside."

Daum had good looks inside and out after he entered the game for the first time, shortly after the second half began.

Over the final two minutes of the third quarter, Daum scored five during an eight-point run that broke a 40-40 tie and gave the Rebels a lasting lead.

"I was just looking for one extra person to put the ball in the basket at that point," Browning said. "He came in the game and he hit a 3 in about 30 seconds. He made some tough layups. Outstanding, really."

Daum's first extensive varsity playing time followed his team-high 14 points in a junior-varsity loss to Brimfield.

"I felt confident coming off that JV game," Daum said.

Stark County held off

Brimfield in the fourth quarter thanks in part to eight points from 6-4 senior Will Rumbold, who was 4-for-4 on free throws. Rumbold had 12 points.

The inside-outside combinations that worked against Brimfield have Browning optimistic.

"I think we're dangerous and on a given night, if we shoot the ball, I think we can play with almost any team around," he said. "We've just got to be more consistent about good play, good shooting, good defense."

Stark County was scheduled to play tonight (Dec. 8) against Lowpoint-Washburn, both at home.

Galva Boys – Blake Stahl had 16 points and 15 rebounds Dec. 1, but Galva (1-5) lost 60-41 to North Fulton. Carter DeVenney had 10 points for Galva.

The Wildcats were to play Saturday at Orion.

Galva Girls – The Lady Wildcats (1-6) lost to Monmouth United on Monday, 44-17. Ava Strom and Kendall Rogers led with five

points apiece.

"We are getting better every day. We have a young team that has made huge strides," Coach Daniel Russell said. "Our two starting seniors, Ava Strom and Kendall Rogers, have provided great leadership."

Galva lost to West Central (67-32) on Nov. 29 and to Midland (54-21) on Nov. 28. Addison Yepson scored nine vs. West Central and six against Midland. Strom scored eight vs. Midland.

Stark County Girls – Stark County (1-8) dropped its seventh straight Monday with a 56-26 loss at Wethersfield.

The Lady Rebels had a solid first half Monday in a 45-26 loss to Knoxville that featured the team's best ball movement of the year, according to Coach Bob Bohm.

Payten Hillier led with eight points in a 48-16 loss to Kewanee on Dec. 2. She had seven in a Nov. 29 loss to Illini Bluffs. Hillier scored 16 in a Nov. 28 loss to Mercer County.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1 for 2023 will be held on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Bradford Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, IL 61421.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Chad Gripp, Superintendent, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, IL 61421, telephone number 309-897-4441.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$3,568,295.58.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$4,115,000. This represents a 15.32% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$0. This represents a 0.0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$3,568,295.58.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$4,115,000. This represents a 15.32% increase over the previous year.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois.

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Galva for tax year 2023 will be held on 18 December 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Debbie VanWassenhove, City Clerk, 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434 phone number (309) 932 – 2555.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2023 were \$64,165. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for tax year 2024 are \$69,505. This represents an 8 percent increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission lease for tax year 2023 were \$118,351. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for tax year 2024 are \$182,752. This represents a 54 percent increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2023 were \$664,876. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for tax year 2024 are \$710,806. This represents a 7 percent increase over the previous year.

Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district shall explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as it determines.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for Stark County Community Unit School District #100 for 2023 will be held on December 18, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. at 300 Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Brett M. Elliot, Superintendent, 300 Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491; Telephone (309) 695-6123.

II. The corporate and special purpose taxes extended for the year 2022 were \$6,411,766. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$6,860,594. This represents a 6.54% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2022 were \$1,046,000. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2023 are \$1,044,800. This represents a decrease of .11% from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2022 were \$7,457,766. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$7,905,395. This represents a 5.66% increase from the previous year.

The Prairie News Sports

Billtown Bob retires

R-W Coach Anderson steps down after 45 season, 732 wins

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD –

The first game of Bob Anderson's 45th season as a high school boys basketball head coach in Williamsfield turned out to be his last.

Anderson has decided to retire, effective immediately, he told The Prairie News during an interview Monday. He informed Williamsfield School Superintendent Tim Farquer late last week and planned to tell the ROWVA-Williamsfield players Monday after-



ROWVA-Williamsfield Coach Bob Anderson retires with a 45-season record of 732-546.

noon.

R-W assistant Ryan Hart will serve as interim coach

for the rest of the season, according to Farquer. Hart, who teaches at Williamsfield, is Anderson's stepson and is a former head coach at Galesburg. The Cougars were 5-2 heading into a home game Tuesday night against Brimfield.

Recent health issues, including a bout with COVID-19, and their ramifications contributed to the 76-year-old Anderson's decision. Anderson said he began to feel ill the day after his team's 74-44 season-opening victory Nov.

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Daum emerges to rally Rebels

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

BRIMFIELD – Connor Daum picked a good time for his boys basketball coming-out party.

The Stark County sophomore had 10 points, including eight in the third quarter of a 64-57 victory Dec. 1 over Brimfield. Daum's effort helped Stark County (4-2) survive a Brimfield comeback after the Rebels scored 12 in a row in the second quarter to erase a seven-point deficit.

Luke Rewerts (19 points overall) and Matthew Bowser (14) evenly split the

scoring during that streak, after which Stark County did not trail.

"I thought we picked up the pace a little bit and sped the game up a little bit through that run ... and we started shooting it well," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning said. "I thought we weathered their storm."

The Brimfield defense lost track of 6-foot-2 Bowser and 6-3 Rewerts in the second quarter and couldn't recover fully, according to Brimfield Coach Scott Carlson.

"They answered everything we did de-
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- CONNIE'S COUNTRY KITCHEN
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- STARK COUNTY HISTORICAL
- STARK COUNTY GENEALOGY

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- **TOULON WOMENS CLUB:** TOUR OF HOMES 3:00 P.M. - 6:00 P.M
- **STARK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY:** "TOUR OF CHRISTMAS PAST" OPEN 3 P.M. - 5 P.M.
- **STARK COUNTY GENEALOGY:** OPEN 5 - 7
- **TOULON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** Nativity Display in basement 5:00 - 7:00
- **HOT CHOCOLATE BAR:** SET UP IN THE ALLEY BETWEEN RBAR AND CONNIE'S
- **TOP THAT:** SET UP ON MAIN STREET 5 - 7
- **SOUP SUPPER:** CONNIE'S COUNTRY KITCHEN 4:30 - 6:30
- **CROSSWORD GAME:** VISIT LOCAL BUSINESSES FOR CLUES TO RECEIVE TOULON BUCKS (PICKUP FORMS AT NELSON AUTO SALES)
- **SANTA'S ARRIVAL:** SANTA ARRIVES AT GAZEBO 6:00 PM
- **NEWSROOM BISTRO:** MUSIC BY PATRICK SLOAN 5:30 - 6:30 (REFRESHMENTS WITH CHRISTMAS CHARITY AUCTION BEGINNING AT 7:30)

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