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Wyoming native King named interim Stark Co. state’s attorney

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors has appointed Austin King as interim state’s attorney for the county until Nov. 30. The board voted unanimously to appoint King, 28, at a special meeting held Tuesday evening.

“It all just kind of happened fast,” said King, who graduated from the Northern Illinois University College of Law in 2021. “It’s been a little bit of a whirlwind.”

A Wyoming native and resident, King

has worked in the Peoria County state’s attorney office since August 2021, first in the traffic division and since December 2022 in the misdemeanor/domestic courtroom.

“I’ve worked in a handful of different courtrooms in the two years I’ve been here, so I’ve got a taste of a little of everything,” King said.

A permanent state’s attorney will be picked in the upcoming Nov. 5 election.



“I do intend on running,” said King, who is a Republican.

King is to start Monday, Feb. 5, and fills the vacancy left when Caroline Borden Campion was appointed as Stark County resident circuit court judge on Jan. 5.

Borden Campion’s last day as Stark County state’s attorney was today, Feb. 2. The county board had accepted her resignation on Jan. 10.

King is a Stark County High School graduate. As a sophomore and junior in high school, he played guard on the

Rebels’ back-to-back semifinal football teams. King also graduated from Monmouth College.

“I kind of found my way toward (a legal career) at Monmouth,” said King, who served two internships in the state’s attorney office under James D. Owens. “It’s something I feel I can make a difference in.”

Owens retired in 2020 after 28 years as Stark County state’s attorney and was replaced by Borden Campion.

John A. Ballentine contributed to this report.

A SHORT STORY ON CORN

Efforts continue for shorter corn

By RON DIETER
For The Prairie News

Mention the state of Iowa and images of vast fields of corn reaching for the summer sun come to mind. Like Illinois, Iowa is synonymous with corn.

Both Iowa’s official and unofficial state songs mention corn. The unofficial, but way more popular song is “The Iowa Corn Song,” which repeats in every refrain, “We’re from I-O-way, I-O-way. That’s where the tall corn grows.”

Fields of tall corn in Iowa and here in our own Prairie State soon may be a rare sight as crop scientists work to shorten the distance from root to tassel. They aim to strengthen the crop against weather’s havoc and increase yield in the process. The effects of Iowa’s



Seed companies are working to develop shorter varieties of corn to help avoid damage to plants during wind events. Photo by Bayer Crop Science.

fierce windstorm of 2020 illustrated the need for stronger corn plants. The fast-moving storm caused \$8 billion in crop losses, not to mention the fertilizer and chemicals that were wasted.

Corn plants that are well-fed and watered grow rapidly. If a severe windstorm comes along before rapidly growing cells toughen up, the plants can be snapped or broken off, a condition known as green snap, corn snap or brittle snap.

Of course, taller plants are more susceptible to wind damage but even plants just knee high can be corn snap victims.

If the stalk breaks above the node that produces the primary ear, the plant may still yield an ear. But all may be lost if the break is between the ear-producing node and the ground. It’s interesting to note that strong-rooted plants are more likely to snap because they have less

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Toulon grant OK’d

\$600,000 will help renovate city park, add pickleball court and splash pad

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The City of Toulon has officially been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to renovate the city park.

The City Council had discussed the project in recent months. All work is to be done within existing boundaries of the park.

Plans call for:

- Adding a “splash pad” water feature in the park for children.
- Resurfacing the half-court basketball surface in the park and adding an adjustable hoop to allow better use of the court by multiple age groups.
- Updating the full-size basketball court into a multi-use surface for bas-

ketball, tennis and pickleball.

- Installing a sign-language panel and disabled-accessible playground equipment.
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CORN: Short corn can lead to yield increases

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 "give" than shallow-rooted plants, according to researchers.

Plant breeders at major seed companies are working overtime to develop shorter corn hybrids that can stand up against strong

winds and storms. But there's more to it than just reducing the height of the plant. For instance, if the ear-producing node is too close to the ground, the crop may not be compatible with harvesting equipment. And leaf size cannot

be reduced without affecting yield.

Cutting corn plants down to size can lead to increased yields. Shorter corn plants tend to have smaller tassels and more upright leaves, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper into the rows. That means they can be planted closer together. And more plants per acre can mean more bushels per acre. To make this work, however, the increased yield must justify a sizable investment in equipment designed for closer rows.

According to Successful Farming magazine, northern Illinois farmer Darron Judd slowly adopted short corn and has been growing it for several years. Pleased with short-corn performance, he has switched over to 15-inch rows and now plants 100% short corn varieties.

"As far as drawbacks go, there's been absolutely none," Judd said.

Judd has worked closely with Stine Seed company which has offered short corn varieties for sale for almost 10 years. Stine's hybrids, about one-third

shorter than conventional varieties, are the result of traditional breeding rather than genetic engineering. Myron Stine, company president, says short varieties need to be planted at higher populations to get increased yield.

Breeding shortness into a corn variety using conventional methods takes at least five years. To speed things up, another seed company, Bayer, is developing seed through both conventional breeding and genetic engineering.

Corteva, the parent company of Pioneer International, hopes to have conventionally-bred short corn varieties available for sale within the next few years.

Short corn can lower some production costs. It allows conventional ground spray rigs to pass over the crop to apply fungicides and insecticides mid-season and later, minimizing the need for aerial applications. That can save a corn producer money and it's good news for those living nearby.

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Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-22 - A rollover vehicle accident was reported to the Stark County Sheriff's Office by a passing motorist on Illinois Route 17 east of Toulon. The 1999 Oldsmobile was driven by Landin A. Carmack, 19, of Bradford. No serious injuries were reported, and no tickets were issued.

1-24 - A deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Route 93 approximately one-half mile west of the Osceola Junction. The driver was Joseph P. Hardy, 39, of rural Wyoming. No injuries were reported but damages were estimated at over \$1,500 to the 2011 Dodge pickup truck.

1-27 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 approximately one-half mile east of 450E. The driver was Armando R. Gonzales, 33, of Toulon. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

1-25 - Travis Cline, 29, Bradford, was ticketed for criminal trespass to a residence. He was released with a notice to appear.

1-28 - A theft and burglary incident is under investigation by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. The manager of the Toulon Dollar General reported that employees had discovered evidence of where the store had been broken into and items were found missing.

Peoria County Report

1-27 - Joshua T. Humes, 42, of Wyoming was arrested about 2:30 a.m. and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

1-22 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for an intoxicated subject making suicidal comments. The subject was taken by ambulance for evaluation and treatment.

1-22 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a neighborhood dispute involving an ongoing issue with a loose dog.

1-22 - to assist the ambulance with a subject having a mental-health crisis on NW 7th Street.

1-22 - to assist Henry County several miles east of town on Illinois Route 34 after a snowmobile reportedly fell out of a passing vehicle. The owner returned and removed it from the roadway.

1-23 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a gas drive-off complaint.

1-23 - While patrolling, officer located an abandoned vehicle in the roadway in the 800 block of NE 2nd Ave. The owner was contacted and got the vehicle moved.

1-23 - multiple times to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a subject having a mental-health crisis.

1-24 - along with Henry County, to a suicidal and intoxicated subject who was uncooperative in the 00 block of NE 4th St. The subject was detained and transported to Robert Young in Rock Island for mental-health services.

1-25 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a parking complaint. The suspect vehicle was reportedly stolen from Kewanee. Officer referred the subject to the Kewanee Police Department.

1-25 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to remove an unwanted subject. The subject was removed and served with a written banning letter.

1-25 - to the 100 block of SE 4th St. for a city ordinance violation involving trash.

1-25 - to speak with a resident on an identity theft complaint.

1-25 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a parking complaint. The vehicle was moved without incident.

1-25 - to the 700 block of NW 1st St. for an identity theft complaint.

1-25 - to a single-vehicle accident west of the city limits on Route 34.

1-25 - to assist Henry County with a suicidal subject who left Kewanee earlier in the day and was found several miles north of Galva in a field

entrance.

1-25 - with his K9 partner, to assist Henry County with a traffic stop north of Galva.

1-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of NW 2nd St., Cameron Kelly, 24, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for no insurance and operating a vehicle with expired registration. He was released with a court date.

1-27 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department to complete their annual sex-offender registration.

1-27 - to the 00 block of NW 2nd St. for a parking complaint.

1-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of Exchange St., Javier Garcia-Corona, 42, Chicago, was arrested for improper use of registration, not having a valid drivers license and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

1-28 - to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for a loud-noise complaint.

1-28 - Matthew Hankins, 20, Kingston Mines, cited for speeding in the 600 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

1-23 - Rosabelle Moore to Christopher Dean and Tristian D. Hulsey - Castle's Addn - Pt Block 13 Lot 1 - 904 N. Main Ave., Wyoming- Consideration = \$21,000.

1-23 - Donald E. and Sharon K. Foffel to Christopher Dean and Tristian D. Hulsey - Castle's Addn - Pt Block 13 Lot 1 - Consideration = \$4,000.

1-23 - Sally J. Guth to Storage Limited Partnership - Pt Sect. 7-12-7 NW, Pt. Sect. 27-13-5 NW and SE, Sect. 28-13-5 SW and Sect. 33-13-5 NW - Consideration = \$0.

1-25 - Norma Foulk to Norma S. Foulk, Trustee - Sect. 19-12-5 SW SW - Consideration = \$0.

1-26 - Kathleen Hollonbeck to Cody and Jordyn Minder - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt 16 Block 16 Lots 3 and 4 - 207 W. Smith St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$65,000.

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Bradford 8th grade promotion is May 17

BRADFORD – The Bradford Board of Education voted at its Jan. 24 meeting to hold 8th grade promotion on May 17.

May 10 has been the historic date for 8th grade promotion, but the change was made due to conflicts that have emerged in the past with the IESA state track meet.

The board also heard from Paul Barry that International Bus Company will be able to provide new 2025 buses when the district renews its transportation lease. The district is still seeking to replace a 2016 transit van with a newer model.

The board also started discussion on the 2024-25 school calendar, with formal adoption expected at the February or March board meeting.

In other business, the board:

- adopted a school improvement plan.
- accepted maternity leave for 4th-grade teacher Jordan. Donnelly.
- heard that the district has so far used five snow days, meaning the last day for all students will be May 29; and that the Lions Club breakfast was changed to Feb. 18.

– Jeff Lampe

Galva School Board OKs Engage subscription

GALVA – The Galva School Board approved a subscription to Engage School for \$7,500 at its Jan. 25 meeting, which was rescheduled due to bad weather.

The Engage platform is used to create and launch surveys, run reports and analytics and download

and store data.

Parent Mike Yepson, who had asked previously if the board could refresh and update the weightroom, was present and told the board of his upcoming plans. Yepson said his friend, Chrissi VanDeVelde, will look over the facility and make free design recommendations for the board to consider.

Elementary Principal Adam Norway reported on upcoming activities, including a favorite-teacher contest, a March 18-22 scholastic book fair and the April 17 elementary carnival.

Junior-Senior High School principal Kurtis Smyth said 8th grade promotion will be May 23 at 6 p.m. and high school graduation is May 19 at 2 p.m. Both will be held in the junior-senior high school gym.

– Carol Townsend

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THE SILVER SCREEN

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1 Guy in the Beatles' "I Am the Walrus"
 7 Brand of bottled water
 13 Holy places
 20 Yacht basin
 21 Old Missouri natives
 22 Arranged, as a page for printing
 23 2001 Josh Hartnett war film
 25 Not macho
 26 "— little" ("Have some fun")
 27 Vegas action
 28 Darkens in the sun
 30 Hammer, e.g.
 31 Yale
 32 1971
 33 Malcolm McDowell crime film
 37 They're fed after parking
 40 "Energy healing" technique
 41 Artist
 42 1973
 43 Neiman and Jim Croce's
 44 Brown
 45 Charlton Heston thriller
 46 Beginner, in gaming lingo
 47 Use sandpaper on, informally
 48 Ed. supporter
 50 Brain wave tests, in brief
 54 —Ball (carnival game)
 57 Lubbock-to-Laredo dir.
 58 1986 Isabella Rossellini neo-noir film
 61 WWW page
 64 Musical inaptitude
 67 Having arrived tardily
 68 Choose (to)
 69 1984 Gene Wilder romantic comedy
 72 "— said before ..."
 73 "The Lion in Winter" actor
 75 Darned
 76 Certain English student
 78 1984 Prince musical film
 80 Psychic "gift"
 82 Table scraps
 83 Graf — (German warship)

DOWN

84 Potent compound in marijuana: Abbr.
 85 Sequence of episodes on the tube
 89 Test of speed
 92 1986 Molly Ringwald Cinderella story
 96 6x9-inch book
 99 Attach with cord, e.g.
 101 Actor Patrick
 102 1992 Wesley Snipes sports film
 107 ABA mem.
 108 Sol-do linkup
 109 Meat spread
 110 "Starpeace" singer Yoko
 111 — voice (quietly)
 113 Smart speaker from Amazon
 115 Photos not in shades of gray ... or what eight answers in this puzzle are?
 120 Precisely, with "on"
 121 Retaliate
 122 Czar called "the Great"
 123 More impertinent
 124 Actor Dick Van —
 125 Evaluate

DOWN

1 Tokens
 2 Telescope pioneer
 3 Newton topic
 4 Rats' relatives
 5 Crooner Paul
 6 "Proh'ly not"
 7 Carpentry rod
 8 Invite out for
 9 Hardly happy
 10 Of yore
 11 Unfamiliar
 12 Falls to be satisfactory
 13 Skulked
 14 Sci-fi role for Harrison Ford
 15 Cup edge
 16 Muckraker who took on Standard Oil
 17 "That's all wrong!"
 18 Funeral speech
 19 Fashion trends
 24 Jackson 5 hit
 29 Meyers of "Dutch"
 32 Comes — surprise
 33 Tribe of Canada
 34 Piercing first
 35 Come in
 36 Vintage auto
 38 Someone — problem
 39 Sleep stage
 43 "I fail — the humor"
 44 Some sporty autos
 45 Crafting skill
 46 No, in Selkirk
 48 Least ornate
 49 Zig or zag
 51 Major Taiwanese carrier
 52 Implies
 53 Pub mugs
 54 Noisy sorts
 55 Sustained
 56 Automaker Bugatti
 58 Part of N.B.
 59 Lead-in to Cong or Minh
 60 Lead-in to skeleton
 62 "— cost you!"
 63 You, quantify
 65 "Sign me up!"
 66 Rapper
 67 Li — X
 70 Infant's cry
 71 Reimburse
 74 Surgeries
 77 Like sexist jokes
 79 Road map abbr.
 81 Tennis unit
 85 1962 film and arcade game
 86 Steam hole
 87 Nitty
 88 Bump — log
 90 Road map abbr.
 91 Write music
 92 Pod veggie
 93 Like Charlie Brown's kite, inevitably
 94 Seine users, e.g.
 95 Result of a very-low-carb diet
 96 Hooting baby birds
 97 Latin dance
 98 Gives 10%
 99 Blast creator
 100 Polar topper
 103 Diner patron
 104 1995-2011
 105 Release, as from a coral
 106 "Excusez—"
 111 Holy Miles.
 112 Excuses
 114 "— have to!"
 116 Female gametes
 117 Allow to
 118 Ottawa loc.
 119 1040 pro



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OBITUARIES

Kimberly K. Hardy
WYOMING – Kimberly K. Hardy, 61, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:57 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024, at her home. Kimberly was born on July 31, 1962, in Peoria, to Virgil and Betty (Murphy) Robbins. She married Rick Hardy on June 27, 1986, in Wyoming; he survives. Also surviving are her father, Virgil Robbins of Bradford; two sons, Jason (Lovely) and Tim (Sheena) Hardy both of Wyoming; five grandchildren, Sky, Jordan, Memery, Gage and Jaxon; two brothers, Ronnie (Mary) Robbins of Bradford and Donnie Robbins of Princeville; one sister, Theresa DeFreezer of Lake Thunderbird; several nieces and nephews; and her dog, Cami.



Hardy

She was preceded in death by her mother. Kim adored her children and grandchildren; her greatest joy was spending time with them and attending their many activities. She enjoyed baking, porch parties, flowers in the yard and playing cards. Her funeral service was to be at 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 27, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Visitation was at the funeral home prior to the service. Bob Murphy and Tammy Shane officiated. Burial was to be in Wyoming Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to the family or St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences for Kimberly's family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Jamie Theesfeld
CAMERON – Jamie Theesfeld, 67, of Cameron, Ill., passed away peacefully at home after a short fight with cancer on Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2024. Cremation will be accorded with a private family graveside service to be held at a later date. He was born on Feb. 3, 1956, in Kewanee, one of triplets born to Norman and Evelyn (Sandberg) Theesfeld. Survivors include brother Jim (Lynette) Theesfeld of Moline, sister Peggy (Theesfeld) Gooch of Cameron, and an older brother Phil Theesfeld of Largo Fla. and Sandy Theesfeld of Kewanee and nieces and nephews, Joe (Nichole Parsons), Jenna (Lou) Gonzales, Kylie Jo (Doug) Mitchell, and Kraig. He was preceded in death by his parents, a nephew Jeffrey Theesfeld, and a brother-in-law Marshall Gooch. Jamie graduated from Galva High School in 1974. He studied at both Black Hawk College in Moline and Black East College in Kewanee. He was employed by the Galva Park District in the maintenance department for 10 years, as a superintendent for one year, and served several terms on the park board of commissioners.



Theesfeld

He was a reporter/photographer for the Galva News for over 30 years. He was also employed by Galva School District 224 as Jr. High 7th grade boys' basketball coach for over 30 years. Jamie was inducted into the Galva Wall of Fame as a "long term friend of the program and mentor of hundreds of students and athletes". He was very proud of that accomplishment. He was a current member of the Galesburg Methodist Church and was a former member of Grace United Methodist and the Congrega-

tional churches in Galva. Jamie loved watching the Chicago White Sox, Chicago Bears, Chicago Blackhawks, and the Illinois Fighting Illini. He loved his cats and walking his sister's dog. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Dolores M. Galindo
PRINCEVILLE – Dolores M. Galindo, 82, of Princeville, died Jan. 24, 2024, surrounded by family at home. Dolores was born July 31, 1941, in Brimfield, the daughter of Eugene M. and Margaret (Tucker) Daum. She married Mario A. Galindo, July 18, 1959, in Princeville; he preceded her in death. Dolores is survived by five children, Raul (Sue) Galindo of Princeville, Deanna (Ron) Musselman of Toulon, Corrina Smith of Princeville, Roxana (Todd) Crose of Princeville and Mario "Geno" Galindo of Princeville; stepdaughter, Carmen Rojas, Harlingen, Texas; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Sheryle J. Scott
BRADFORD – Sheryle "Sherry Babe" L. Scott, 76, of Kewanee, formerly of rural Bradford, died Jan. 27, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, Peoria. Sherry was born Feb. 25, 1947, in Denver, Colo., the daughter of Melvin "Cookie" and Marlo G. (Charlton) Morrison. Sherry married Leonard Scott on June 19, 1976; he survives. Sherry is also survived by their four children, Angie (Mark) Giles, Will (Jill) Bumphrey, Shane Scott, Luke Scott; 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two siblings, Linda DeBord, Glenna Scott; and mother, Marlo. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 12:30 pm, Saturday, Feb. 3, 2024, at Golnick-Schueneman Funeral Home. Funeral services will follow at 12:30 p.m. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery.

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SPORTS: Lady Rebels rebound with win at Galva

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slowed the game down. We had a game plan for our defense, and it worked out well for us. The players gave me effort the whole game, and that's what I was proud of."

Galva plays at 7:30 tonight (Feb. 2) at Aledo against No. 11 Knoxville. The winner plays at 12:30 p.m. Saturday for ninth. The loser goes to the 11th-place game, at 11 a.m. The opponent will be United or No. 12 West Central.

Tournament semifinals were scheduled for Thursday – top-seeded Princeville vs. Wethersfield and Annawan vs. No. 2 Mercer County. The third-place game is 5 p.m. Saturday, with the title game at 6:30 p.m.

Stark County topped Galva 72-39 in an LTC regular-season game Jan. 24. The Rebels outscored the Wildcats 18-2 to begin the game.

Ross Saner had 20 points to lead Stark County, which also had three other double-digit scorers: Bowser

(12), Rumbold (12) and Rewerts (11). Lilly scored 13 to lead Galva.

Both teams also played LTC regular-season games Jan. 25. The Rebels beat West Central 60-28 behind 17 points from Rewerts, 12 from Rumbold and 11 from Bowser. Princeville defeated Galva 74-60 despite 21 points from Rylander, 11 from Stahl and 10 from Lilly.

Stark County is 6-1 in the LTC and Galva is 1-5.

Stark County Girls – Two days after losing to Galva 43-14, the Lady Rebels (3-22) turned the tables on Jan. 24 and won 36-34.

"When we played Galva (the first time), we felt we did not come prepared and felt like we had something to prove," Stark County Coach Bob Bohm said. "We played a good game defensively and were efficient on the offensive end. It was good to come back so quick and get a win."

Stark County was 6-for-8 from the

free-throw line against Galva and was led in scoring by senior Payten Hillier with 14 points.

Stark County dropped its next two games, falling on Jan. 27 to Henry-Senachwine (39-22) without Hillier. Emily Demetreon led with six points. The Lady Rebels lost Jan. 29 to Annawan (63-34). Hillier led with 13 points against Annawan.

The Lady Rebels are home against Abingdon-Avon on Monday, Feb. 5, and Princeville on Feb. 7.

Regional quarterfinals can start Saturday, Feb. 10, and postseason pairings for the girls should be posted today (Feb. 2) by 4 p.m. at ihsa.org.

Galva Girls – In addition to its loss to Stark County, the Lady Wildcats (4-17) dropped games on Jan. 29 at ROWVA-Williamsfield (46-36) and on Jan. 30 vs. Henry-Senachwine (49-27).

Galva is to play Feb. 5 at Knoxville, Feb. 7 at Kewanee Wethersfield and is home Feb. 8 vs. Orion.

LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION (F/K/A FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF KEWANEE), Plaintiff,

IN CHANCERY
Case No. 2024CH1

v. CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned mortgage foreclosure action was filed on January 16, 2024, 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 is: CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

The North Half (N ½) of Lot Twelve (12) in Block Two (2) of Hoffrichter's Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. PIN: 20-32-482-009

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

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

a. Name of Mortgagor: CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ

b. Name of Mortgagee: Union Federal Savings & Loan Association (f/k/a First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Kewanee)

c. Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2014

d. Date of Recording: July 21, 2014

e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois

f. Recording Document Identification: 20-1403892

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record

Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before February 23, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Circuit Clerk

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

ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE J. CURRIER, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 9

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charlotte J. Currier. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2024, to Tamara J. Currier, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before July 26, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that the Kewanee Airport Authority will receive sealed bids to Remove and Replace the Existing Aviation Fuel System at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, at 2:00 PM on March 1, 2024.

The project shall be constructed in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of the bidding documents prepared for the project. The project is subject to Illinois State Provisions as noted in the bidding documents.

Requests for bidding documents, plans, specifications, and proposal forms will be filled for a fee by Springfield Reprographics, 1620 South 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, Phone: (217) 523-4632, Fax: (217) 544-6570. Fees, shipping costs, and printing charges shall be payable to Springfield Reprographics.

Prequalification (required) shall be requested by the proposed bidders (to the Engineer) no later than 5:00 PM on February 16, 2024. Any bidder who submits a proposal without prior prequalification shall have the bid returned, unopened, or have the proposal unopened at the letting, with no exceptions. Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, 3769 Midland Road, Kewanee, Illinois 61443, at the date and times indicated above. Published 2/2/24

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

ESTATE OF ROGER D. JACOBSON, Deceased

No. 2024 PR 13
CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Roger D. Jacobson. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2024, to Steven D. Jacobson as Independent

Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 8, 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.

Barash & Everett, LLC
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(309) 852-5555
Published 2/2, 2/9, 2/16/24

LEGAL NOTICE

Stark County CUSD #100 is taking bids for the following:

- Two (2) 65-passenger school buses - chassis and body: NEW (for 3-year lease)
- One (1) 18+1 Wheelchair-passenger school bus - chassis and body: NEW (for 3-year lease)
- One (1) 14-passenger activity bus - chassis and body: NEW (for 3-year lease)

Bid specifications may be obtained by contacting Stark County CUSD #100, 300 VanBuren, Wyoming, IL 61491 (309)695-6123, option 1. Deadline for bids: 12:00 noon, Thursday, February 15, 2024. Bids shall list any changes from the specifications.

The bids will be presented to the Stark County Board of Education at its regular meeting on February 20, 2024. The Board of Education is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Published 2/2/24

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City of Wyoming

Vehicles will be towed at owner's expense from the downtown streets if left after a snowfall of two or more inches until cleanup is complete.

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MOWING AND TRIMMING, TOULON CEMETERY

The City of Toulon is accepting bids for mowing and trimming of Toulon Cemetery for mowing season of 2024.

This is bid for mowing the complete cemetery grounds. Grass around headstones will be trimmed, rather than killed with Round-Up herbicide. Experience in the past shows that the trimming around the headstones should be done, on the average, at least every other mowing.

For other expectations and questions, may call City Hall, 309-286-5042, Monday-Friday, 8:30-12 and 1-4:30.

Bids are to be mailed to Toulon City Hall, P.O. Box 597, Attn: Larry Hollis - Mowing Bids, Toulon, IL 61483. Bids will be opened at the February 12th city council meeting.

NOTICE

GOSHEN TOWNSHIP ROADS LOAD LIMIT POSTING

Goshen Township in accordance with Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS 5/15-316 will impose weight limitations on Goshen Township roads effective for 90 days (Feb. 1, 2024 thru May 1, 2024) due to the deterioration caused by the spring freezing and thawing cycle. Therefore, no vehicle shall be operated upon Goshen Township Roads having a gross vehicle weight greater than 5 ton (10,000 pounds) upon the posting of road weight limit signs on Goshen Township Roads.

Any questions contact Goshen Township Road Commissioner John Forstrom, or call the Township Building at 309-286-7103 (leave a message).

For further load limitations visit the county website <http://starkco.illinois.gov/highway/>

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The Prairie News Sports



Rebels 1-1 to open LTC tourney

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Stark County is to play for fifth or seventh place Saturday in the Lincoln Trail Conference boys basketball tournament. Galva is to play for ninth or 11th place.

Their fates were determined by results from the initial pool-play portion of the 12-team tournament, which ended Tuesday in Aledo and Joy. Stark County was 1-1 in its three-team pool, good for second place. Galva lost both pool games.

All games Saturday are at Mercer County High School in Aledo.

Fourth-seeded Stark County led by 12 points at halftime Tuesday night against No. 5 Wethersfield but lost 51-49. The Rebels (14-9) had no 3-pointers.

"We never really shot the ball well," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated. "It was the first game in a long time that we did not have a 3, and it started affecting our defensive effort in the second half.

"I thought we had them on the ropes early but never could put them away, and it ended up costing us."

Connor Wagenbach had 15 points to lead Stark County, and teammate Luke Rewerts scored 11.

In Jan. 27 pool play, Rewerts eclipsed 1,000 career points as Stark County beat No. 9 Monmouth United 58-46. Rewerts scored a team-high 17, including a third-quarter free throw for 1,000. He is the sixth Stark County player to reach that mark, Browning said.

Will Rumbold had 16 points against United, and Matthew Bowser scored 11.

Stark County was to play Thursday vs. No. 8 Ridgewood. The winner plays in the fifth-place game, at 3:30 p.m. Saturday. The loser plays at 2 p.m. for seventh. The opponent will be No. 6 Abingdon-Avon or No. 7

ROWVA-Williamsfield.

The final pool-play game for No. 10 Galva (6-16) was Monday, a 48-27 loss to A-Town. J.P. Sloan and Blake Stahl each scored nine for the Wildcats. Galva gave third-seeded Annawan a scare Jan. 27 before they lost 43-40 in overtime.

Stahl had 15 points, including a 3-pointer with 2 seconds left that forced OT. Stahl also had six rebounds. Cyrus Lilly had 11 points and Braxton Rylander had eight points, six rebounds, five assists and four steals.

On Jan. 19, Annawan beat Galva 67-44. Galva Coach Jake McClintic suggested the pace was better.

"We didn't let them get us in a rush," he stated. "We *Continued on Page 7*

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