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Ramp-building charitable group expands into Stark County

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – A Wyoming resident will have easier access to and from her house thanks to a Henry County group that has expanded its mission into Stark County.

A group of eight volunteers from "Rebuilding Together – Henry County" and 11 from the Lions Clubs of Toulon and Wyoming gathered April 6 to build a ramp at a house on South Galena Avenue.

"This is the first time for us in Stark County," Rebuilding Together Vice President Jim Windsor said.

"We pre-built the modules two weeks ago, in Atkinson. Now we need to set up the tools and wood. This will take about three hours to put together."

The Henry County group has taken the first step in expanding its non-profit service into Stark County to help low-income people continue to live in their homes. The group started in Geneseo and Cambridge, but for the past 30 years has assisted homeowners in all of Henry County.

Windsor's daughter-in-law, Caitlin Windsor, a visiting nurse with

the Henry-Stark County Health Department, identified the need for a ramp at the Wyoming residence, because the woman living there had been unable to leave her house for three years.

Jan Curry of Toulon is Jim Windsor's sister and is president of the Toulon Philanthropic Educational Organization BY chapter. Curry mentioned this project to the chapter and was encouraged by local PEO members to get involved.

Curry applied for an Illinois PEO Home Fund grant and received

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Volunteer workers assemble a ramp at a home in Wyoming on April 6. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Dahl new CEO of Stark County Ambulance

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Kimberley Dahl of Wyoming has been appointed CEO of Stark County Ambulance Service. Dahl's first day as CEO was April 5.

She replaces Jim Roesner as CEO.



Dahl

Roesner, who is owner of the ambulance service, is also actively assembling a board of directors. He has spent the past 15 years expanding the service's reach to parts of Stark, Marshall, Knox and

Henry counties. Stark County Ambulance is primary emergency care provider for fire districts in Bradford, Buda, Galva-Bishop Hill, LaFayette, Toulon and Wyoming-Speer.

Dahl has more than 25 years of leadership experience. She became di-

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BRADFORD ECLIPSE



Members of the Bradford fifth grade and junior high observed Monday's solar eclipse with the help of protective glasses. Mr. Switzer, the technology coordinator, also took pictures with a drone. Submitted photos.

Toulon police seek new patrol vehicle

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Toulon Police Chief Gary Bent presented his case for a new police vehicle to the Toulon City Council during its April 8 meeting.

Bent discussed buying either a Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck or his recommendation of a new GMC Sierra pickup. Estimated cost of the Silverado is \$51,980 while the GMC is \$56,930.

Toulon's police department has \$40,000 in savings and TIF funds are available to defray a portion of vehicle costs. Bent said the current police truck is a 2018 Chevrolet that is out of warranty and cost about \$48,000.

Bent wants to purchase the new vehicle as soon as

possible. He said option packages could add to the truck's cost, plus a spotlight and some other items have to be purchased.

The council approved a motion to have Bent pursue the GMC option quote, plus the cost of outfitting a new police truck and to return the final cost to the council for approval.

In his written report for March, Bent listed 10 traffic stops, two arrests, four citations, three ordinance violations, one mental subject reported and one county assist.

The council approved a formality City Attorney Kate Carter wanted to issue a 15-day notice to property owners that the city will demolish the structures/residential

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RAMP: PEO grant paid for ramp materials

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\$1,895 to purchase wood and materials for the ramp. Estimated cost for this project was \$1,766. What is unique about this ramp is that, when it is no longer needed, it can be disassembled and reused elsewhere.

The ramp is American Disabilities Act compliant and is the 368th built by a group that first built a wheelchair ramp in 1996.

There are two ramp crews that serve most of Henry County and now Stark County. They are constantly looking for people 18 and older with construction skills.

Wyoming's resident wrote a letter to the Saturday morning crew members, saying, "I would like to take this time to thank you and may God bless all of you for building this change in my life ramp. I have been trying to get this ramp for five years. Six attempts have let me



A group of 19 volunteers installed this ramp at a Wyoming home on April 6. Submitted photo.

down but you have changed that problem for me.

"I can't thank you and sing your praises enough. May God bless each and everyone in all aspects of this build. Thanks, and bless all your families for you to help some-

one like me to achieve this goal. I know that your time is precious, too. Blessings."

Residents in need of a ramp can call the Rebuilding Together office at (309) 288-4600 or (309) 944-6442.

TOULON: Upgrades continue on RO water system

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houses at 213 E. Greenwood St. and 311 N. Fuller St.

Approved was the purchase of a backup chlorinator costing \$1,200 for

the water plant. The council also approved \$572 for an Office Specialists software contract for water billing and other items.

Ordinance 962 was approved and puts the gar-

bage and recycling contracts OK'd last month into ordinance form.

No action was required on a Motor Fuel Tax audit that agreed with the city's numbers.

The council heard that an electronics update continues for the city's reverse-osmosis water system.

"The pumps run wide open now but won't have to do so with the new system," City Employee Matt Forstrom said.

Mayor Larry Hollis added, "This system was due for an upgrade."

The city has received

one inquiry about the advertised city employee position, Hollis said. He said the lack of health insurance for employees is an issue that keeps people from applying for the job. The subject of health insurance was tabled for further investigation.

Ordinances concerning pay for city employees, council members and the mayor were also tabled.

Forstrom told the council that East Turner Avenue manholes have been installed and that work continues on stairs and a deck at the baseball diamond.

DAHL: Former Stark EMT

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rector of public relations for the ambulance service in November 2023 after working as director of finance and operations for the Perfectly Flawed Foundation in LaSalle from 2020-23. She also worked in the transportation field from 2011-2019 as a trans-

portation specialist for Averitt Express of Peoria and as director of business development for Double D Express. Dahl is also a former full-time EMT for Stark County Ambulance.

A Wyoming native, Dahl is a mother of four adult children and a grandmother of six.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 4-2 - Talia L. Shade - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-2 - Jeremy M. Ethridge - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-2 - Deane B. Goldstein III - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 4-4 - Tabatha M. Crumble - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Mark A. Kozelichki - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Donato R. Diaz Herrera - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Danny R. Martin - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Christopher J. Seaman - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Thomas J. Wyant - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Elizabeth M. Potter - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Sidney M. Kamrath - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Susan Elizabeth Russel - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Keicia R. Black - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-8 - Maddox M. Sopiars - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Peoria County Report

4-6 - Joshua T. Humes, 42, of Wyoming was arrested shortly after 5:15 p.m. April 6 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency for failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Incidents & Accidents

Stark County

- 4-1 - Alli N. Dennison, 24, Toulon, was cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle and driving on suspended registration due to mandatory insurance. She was issued a court date to appear.
- 4-2 - Madisen T. Thomas, 23, East Peoria, was cited for driving with electronic communication device in hand, operating an uninsured vehicle, and speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone.
- 4-2 - Joshua R. Sneed, 44, Sun City, Ariz., was ticketed for failure to wear a seat belt and speeding 82 mph in a 55 zone.
- 4-2 - Destiny M. Finney, 24, Kewanee, was cited for driving with electronic communication device in hand.
- 4-4 - A single vehicle accident was reported in the 200 block of Williams Street in Wyoming. The accident occurred on private property and involved the driver Justin C. Potter, 34, of Wyoming. The 2017 Honda Civic sustained estimated damages of over \$1,500 and reportedly struck a utility pole. No tickets were issued, and no injuries were reported.
- 4-5 - An abandoned vehicle was reported to authorities after a passing motorist noticed the vehicle appeared to have hit a tree on Illinois Route 93 east of Elmira. The accident is under investigation and the vehicle was towed to the Stark County impound.
- 4-6 - Berurya A. McCullough, 41, Bradford, was ticketed for driving on a suspended registration.



- 4-6 - Donna J. Bantz, 36, Toulon, was cited for improper lane usage.
- 4-6 - James T. Glasgo, 76, Tremont, cited for illegal cell phone while driving.
- 4-6 - Kaeleigh R. McKinney, 20, Kewanee, cited for driving an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date to appear.
- 4-7 - Chuck W. Kirk, 40, Canton, ticketed for driving while license was revoked and for driving a vehicle with a loud and defective exhaust.
- 4-7 - Kareem C. Dixon, 34, Peoria, ticketed for illegal tinted windshield.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:
 - 4-1 - to meet a resident at the Galva Police Department for a noise complaint involving neighborhood vehicles driving recklessly late at night.
 - 4-1 - to a residence on SW 4th Street for a suicidal subject. Stark County Medic also responded and transported the subject.
 - 4-1 - Jaxon Schultz, 19, East Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 400 block of S. Center Ave.
 - 4-2 - to assist Stark County Medic with a medical emergency on NW 7th St.
 - 4-2 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a disturbance complaint.
 - 4-3 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. to assist the fire department after a complaint of a natural gas odor. The odor was confirmed and Ameren was notified.
 - 4-3 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to remove an unwanted subject. As a result, Jeffrey McBride, 28, Wyoming, was arrested on a Whiteside County warrant for driving while license revoked. There was no bond. McBride was transported to the Henry County jail.
 - 4-3 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a civil property dispute.
 - 4-4 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a possible intruder trying to gain access into residence. The officer checked the surroundings and determined an outer storm door was swinging and slamming in the wind.
 - 4-4 - to assist the U.S. Marshal fugitive apprehension task force arrest a Galva resident on a nationwide warrant in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. As the result, Shannon Williams, 48, of Galva, was arrested on a Motorola, Calif., warrant for rape-by force/fear. He was unable to post the \$550,000 cash bail and was transported to the Henry County jail to await extradition to California.
 - 4-4 - While patrolling, an officer saw a dog running loose with the

owner close behind it in the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. The dog was captured and returned home.

4-5 - Officer met with a juvenile driver from a traffic complaint last week. As the result, a 16-year-old juvenile was issued a juvenile referral to court services for the charge of criminal damage to property.

4-5 - While patrolling on NW 7th Ave., an officer recognized a subject known to have a warrant. After confirming the warrant, Larry Colwell, 31, of Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol. His warrant had no bond so he was transported to the Henry County jail.

- 4-5 - to the west edge of town for a complaint involving a hitchhiker walking in the area. Officer was not able to locate the subject.
- 4-5 - to a residence on N. Center Ave for a complaint involving a juvenile making suicidal comments. The juvenile was transported by ambulance for evaluation/treatment.
- 4-6 - to Illinois Route 34 near Midland Road to check the welfare of a hitchhiker who appeared to be sleeping in the ditch. The subject refused any police services and continued walking toward Kewanee.
- 4-6 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to remove an unwanted subject.
- 4-6 - to the 300 block of Swank St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and the owner was located and picked it up.
- 4-6 - Bryce Shores, 27, Galva, cited for not having registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 300 block of Main St.
- 4-7 - to the railroad tracks on Chester Street for a complaint involving criminal damage to property.
- 4-7 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving a suspicious incident.
- 4-7 - Robert DeJaynes, 53, Oneida, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St.

Property Transfers

- 4-2 - Danny R. Brooks, Jr. to Rhett Holt - Pts Sect. 19-13-6 SW - 222 S. Miller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$170,000.
- 4-3 - Debra K., Robert W. & Thomas W. Rhoades to Diane Sue & Thomas L. Pearson - John Culbertson's Eastern Add'n - Pt Lot 19 - 414 E. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$75,000.
- 4-5 - Krista S. & Perry L. Kieser to Kamee A. Naugle - Pt. Plus Ease Sect. 22-12-7 NE - 2529 Township Road 1600 E., Wyoming - Consideration = \$370,000.
- 4-5 - JTEA Properties, LLC to Ben Endress - Pt Sect. 26-14-7 NE - 108 Lincoln St., Bradford - Consideration = \$25,000.

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BRIEFS

Galva announces lineup for Levitt Amp music

GALVA – The Galva Arts Council has announced its lineup for the sixth annual Levitt AMP Galva Music Series. Held at Wiley Park in Galva, the free Sunday concerts allow people to enjoy live music in a picnic-style setting. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

The lineup for 2024 features:

- **May 26** – Soutru (Soul, RnB), Sturtz (Folk, Soul)
- **June 2** – Rachel Brooke (Country), Rye Davis (Country)
- **June 9** – Sweet Lizzy Project (Rock), Gallivant (Rock)
- **June 16** – Shanna in a Dress (Folk Pop), Emily the Band (Folk Pop)
- **June 23** – Creole Stomp with Dennis Stroughmatt (Creole), Black Cat Zydeco ft. Dwight Carrier (Zydeco)
- **June 30** – Dyer Davis (Rock, Blues, Soul), David Rosales (Americana, Rock)
- **July 7** – STEAM Irish Quartet (Traditional Irish), Blame Not the Bard (Traditional Irish)
- **July 14** – LowDown Brass Band (Brass), Kommuna Lux (Ukrainian)
- **July 21** – Rhythm Future Quartet (Gypsy Jazz), Mozzzy Dee w/3 on the Tree (Rockabilly)
- **July 28** – EmiSunshine (Bluegrass, Folk, Pop), The David Mayfield Parade (Bluegrass)
- **Aug. 4** – Lone Piñon (Mexican), Sunny War (Gospel, Folk, Avant Garde).

Stacey Fairfield scholarship available

When Stacey Fairfield lost his battle with leukemia in November 2006, the family wished to honor his memory and his passion for agriculture by establishing a scholarship to



The Galva America Legion held a flag ceremony Tuesday for a new flag pole and flag in front of the Galva Post Office. Pictured from left are Jeanie McCann and Melissa Matusko; in the center from left are Wayne Glisan and Wayne Abbott; and to the right from front to back are City Administrator David Dyer, Lloyd Anderson, Ray Stevens and Mayor Rich Volkert. Photo by Carol Townsend.

fund the educational pursuits of high school seniors toward an agricultural career.

Through the generosity of individuals and area businesses, the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 2007 to assist the scholarship recipients at a post-secondary educational institution majoring in any area of the agriculture industry.

Any graduating senior from Stark County High School planning to pursue postsecondary study for a possible career in the agriculture industry is eligible to apply for the \$1,000 scholarship.

Applications can be obtained from Scott Fairfield at (309) 712-1604 or by emailing fairfld61@gmail.com. Applications are due by April 26.

Morrissey named Achiever of the Month

KEWANEE – Matt Morrissey has been recognized as Achiever of the

Month for March at Abilities Plus.

Morrissey was nominated for being very helpful and having a great attitude in Workshop. Throughout the year, he works hard making Hog Days badges, holiday wreaths, material handling, drills and slits vent cleaners, assembles flippers for Emerson, labels and fills grease jars for Rhino and works on two cleaning crews for area churches.



Morrissey

In his free time, Matt enjoys going to concerts and sporting events. He lives in Wyoming with his family.

Bishop Hill presents bonfire and pig history

BISHOP HILL – Cynthia Clappitt, food historian/writer will present a free, one hour lecture, "Wild Boar to Baconfest: Pigs in History and Popular Culture" on April 20, 2024 at 1 p.m. at the Steeple Building, 103 N. Bishop St. in Bishop Hill. For details visit www.bishop-hillheritage.org.

On April 26 at 2 p.m. the Vasa National Archives will host a Spring Bonfire, to celebrate Valborg, on location at 109 S. Bishop Hill St. in Bishop Hill. The event will include family activities, including games, hot dogs for roasting and drinks. This event is free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring a dish. For more information call (309) 927-3898 or email VasaArhivist@gmail.com.

Et cetera

GALVA – Mary's Family Dining and Lounge in Galva raised \$4,845 Sunday for its soup cook-off, raffle and auctions. The event is held annually to benefit the Galva Food Pantry.

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ALL ITEMS MUST BE OUT BY Sunday April 21st, 2024

THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE PICK UP PER HOME WITH NO RETURN TRIPS WITH A FEE OF \$40.00 PER HOUSEHOLD TO BE PAID AT VILLAGE OFFICE BY April 19th, 2024. ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN PICKED-UP EMPLOYEES WILL NOT RETURN!

No Electronics will be picked-up on Heavy Trash
 HEAVY TRASH CONSISTS OF ITEMS NOT NORMALLY PUT OUT FOR REGULAR TRASH DAY PICK-UP. TRASH AND GARBAGE FOR THE WEEKLY TRASH PICK-UP SHOULD NOT BE PLACED WITH ITEMS FOR HEAVY TRASH PICKUP. Village discretion on all of the following.

The following items will **NOT** be picked up:
 Tires, batteries, wire or fencing, kitchen waste, landscape waste or brush, chemicals, petroleum products, lumber, bricks, cement or cement products, demolition items (laths, plaster, shingles, etc.) Or recycling items

Special Notes:

- A. Metal items are to be kept separate and rods or poles must not exceed 4 feet in length.
- B. Paint cans must have lids removed, be dry and empty.
- C. Items are to be placed at curbside in such a manner that special cleanup is not required.
- D. Individuals having contract work done must require the contractor to dispose of material themselves.
- E. No burn barrel waste, or waste brought into the Village.
- F. Limited piles per household (Standard Pick-up load 5x8) only.
- G. Payment Non-refundable.
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Thousands visit S. Illinois for eclipse

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Illinoisans went on the move Monday in an effort to get a better look at the solar eclipse. The entire state of Illinois was able to witness Monday's solar eclipse, but many made the trip to see totality.

The path of totality went through Carbondale and northeast to Indiana. Fifteen thousand people packed Saluki Stadium at Southern Illinois University.

Jennifer Ross, one of the organizers of the eclipse events at SIU, said during the school's eclipse livestream that the area was inundated with eclipse watchers.

"I have been able to get outside the stadium, there are thousands of people out there as well on the SIU campus and throughout the region," Ross said.



The total eclipse as seen in Carbondale. Photo courtesy of SolarSTEAM.

In Carbondale, the first contact when the moon moved in front of the sun took place at 12:43 p.m., and totality occurred at 1:59 p.m.

Most hotel rooms near the totality path were booked, and any room that was available reportedly went for a premium price.

With parts of Illinois and Missouri lying in the path of totality, both sides of the Mississippi River were bracing for significant eclipse-related traffic. Billboards were put in place

warning drivers of potential issues on congested roads.

The next total solar eclipse won't be visible from the contiguous United States until Aug. 22, 2044, but totality will occur only over North Dakota and Montana.

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Everything to be picked up must be out by Monday, May 6th. The garbage truck will start in the North end of Wyoming and move South. They will not revisit an area they have already picked up.

It will be free to all residential households in the corporate limits of the City of Wyoming. Per state laws they cannot pick up any electrical items. Large nonelectrical appliances and large pieces of furniture as couches, large chairs, mattress, and box springs will require a tag at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tags can be purchased at City Hall. City Hall's hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Anything placed out should be easily picked up by one man and placed into the back of the garbage truck. Bundle items when necessary so they may be picked up quickly.

The following will not be picked up:

- 1) Electrical items
- 2) Landscape waste
- 3) Hazardous material as in kerosene, fuel oil, paint thinners, batteries, and tires
- 4) No bricks, building materials and long poles as these items damage the garbage truck

Murphy's has the right to refuse to pick up any piles of garbage that are larger than a 4 ft. by 4 ft. pile or contain items mixed in that are not allowed.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
STARK COUNTY CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff, v. Case No. 23 MR 3 JAMIE MOODY-WRIGHT; MATTHEW NICHOLSON; JOHNNIE MCKEE, d/b/a MB TAX PARTNERS; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; and STARK COUNTY TRUSTEE, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Matthew Nicholson and the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of the property located at 227 E. South St., Toulon, Illinois, that a Petition for Declaration of Abandonment pertaining to the Property was filed in the above-named Court on December 12, 2023, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The names of the title holders of record are: Richard Nicholson, deceased.
4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Thirty One (31) in Henderson & Whittaker's Addition to the City of Toulon. PIN: 04-19-342-010

5. The common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 227 E. South St., Toulon, Illinois.

6. The names of the parties to be served by publication are: Matthew Nicholson; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.

7. The date on which a default may be entered against Defendants Matthew Nicholson; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants is May 14, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Defendants Matthew Nicholson; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants file an answer to the Petition for Declaration of Abandonment in this cause or otherwise makes an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, Illinois, 61483, on or before May 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order declaring the property abandoned may be entered in accordance with the prayer for relief in the Petition for Declaration of Abandonment.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Stark County

Published 4/12, 4/19, 4/26/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF BENNETT A. KUSTER, Deceased) No. 2024 PR 35

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Bennett A. Kuster. Letters of Office were issued on April 5, 2024, to Christopher Kuster 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 October 15, 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 Attorney for Executor

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1 Extreme self-deniers	51 Entertainer Fatima	81 Suffix with Seattle	120 Rip apart	14 Equestrian training	72 Hora or hokypokoey
9 Common proof of age	52 Nutrition std.	82 Behind bars	123 Justice Kagan	15 Bit of outdated hi-fi equipment	73 Classic arcade name
15 Flying band	54 "— Kapital"	85 Bruno — (shoe brand)	124 Distinctive film director	16 Traveled in a curved path	74 Smooth transition
20 Cousins of crool	55 Tapering off	86 Moo — pork	125 Flipped apart	17 Tenna' Becker	76 31-Across on the sly
21 Worker whose job is fitting	56 Flying hooters	87 Be boastful	126 Impertinent	18 Astonish	78 Viscous
22 Nice smell	57 They have depots: Abbr.	88 Hurting from hiking, say	127 Meager	19 Suit coat flap	80 Novelist Jane Austen
23 Stylized bow that's a token of affection	58 Father of Beau Bridges	89 Color tone	128 Jewel box holders ... or eight features of this puzzle?	20 Novelist	82 Possibilities
24 Godly	59 Most bizarre	91 Gridiron stats		21 Lofly trains	83 This moment (large lizard)
25 Fragment	60 Most bizarre	92 Pale brown		22 Lofly trains	84 Java
26 Unwrap	61 Flugged truck, in brief	93 Legume-family plant		23 — del Fuego	85 Full expectations
27 Put on fancy duds, with "up"	62 Sandy islets	94 Incline		24 Romantic evening meal	87 Really tired
28 Many Punjabi believers	63 Napoleon's aide of exile	95 "Not so!"		25 In-favor votes	89 Sailing races
29 Take forcibly	64 Napoleon's aide of exile	96 PC memory units		26 Longtime politico Mo	90 "Take it out" mark
31 Many	65 Hebrew holy scroll	97 19th-century Shakespeare editor		27 Rival of Xerox or Canon	91 Beatified Fr. woman
32 Cultural	66 75 others: Abbr.	98 Chevy muscle car		28 Political pull	92 Really years
33 Many August babies	67 "Noah" actress	99 Farfalle, e.g.		29 Dyer's book	93 "Boxcars" rail
34 Ford bomb	68 Watson	100 A8 carmaker		30 Build upon	94 Cold temps
35 Writer Elinor or Philip	69 Chewed	101 Page of "Evita"		31 Deadlock	95 River mouth
36 Praise highly	70 Chewed	102 Gene-splicing need		32 Mil. officer	96 Sily prank
37 Todd feature	71 Title for a fictional Southern rabbit	103 Trelis plants		33 Mgr.'s aide	97 Constituent of gunpowder
38 Toppings for nachos	72 Cowboys' city, informally	104 Current style		34 Tasty tuber	98 At — for words
39 "The King —"	73 Writer Dinesen	105 Final		35 Periodic payment to a stockholder	99 Inclined
40 Shakes up		106 Colorado ski mecca		36 Taper off	100 Judges' org.
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OBITUARIES

Diane K. Doe
TOULON – Diane Kay Doe, 82, of Toulon, passed away at 5:10 a.m. Saturday, April 6, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Diane was born on Dec. 2, 1941, in Kewanee, to Homer L. "Bud" and Lois (Winter) Clark. She was married to Donald Doe, of Toulon, for over 50 years. He survives.



Doe

Also surviving are their four children, Dawn (Tim) Green of Edwards, Doug (Heidi) Doe of Normal, Debbie (Mike) Krough of Aurora, Colo., and David (Kim) Doe of Brimfield; 13 grandchildren, Taylor (Sara) Scheuermann, Nolan Green, Brady Green, Kaci (Tyler) Hampton, Abby (Brad) Davis, Sophie Doe, Eli Doe, Kaylee (Matt) Severinsen, Jake (Alexandra) Krough, Emily Krough, Elly Doe, Connor Doe and Katie Doe; four great-grandchildren, Leo Scheuermann, Noa Scheuermann, Sophia Hampton and Brooke Hampton; one sister, Cheryl (Donald) Hendrick of Kewanee; and one stepbrother, Rex Turnbull of Toulon.

She is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, friends and all her babysitting children and their families. She was preceded in death by her parents; stepfather, John Turnbull; and grandson, Peyton Scheuermann.

Diane was very kind, caring and giving, as evidenced by being a licensed in-home childcare giver for 50 years. While her children were growing up, Diane was actively involved in Toulon schools, Elmira Church and various other organizations. She adored her children and grandchildren and could often be found cheering them on at their various events.

She enjoyed reading and watching her favorite soap opera, General Hospital, at 1 p.m. with her Diet Coke

and chips. She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bulls fan.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 12, 2024, at Elmira United Presbyterian Church in Toulon. Visitation will also be on Friday at the church from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Rev. Art Blegen will officiate. Burial will follow in Toulon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Elmira United Presbyterian Church or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements. Condolences for Diane's family may be left on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Michael H. Talbot

KIMBERLING CITY, Mo. – Michael H. Talbot, 71, of Kimberling City, Mo. formerly of Princeton, Ill., passed away peacefully at the home of his step-daughter (Paul and Karleen Hallman) on Friday, April 5, at 10 p.m. He was surrounded by his loving family.



Talbot

Michael was born on May 25, 1952, in LaSalle, Ill., the son of Michael Harvey and Elizabeth (Deditch) Talbot. He graduated from Princeton High School in 1970. Michael married Margaret McCulley on July 2, 1988.

Michael worked at LCN in Princeton, for more than 30 years, while he was also a fireman for Bureau, Ill. for 10 years then worked part-time for the Princeton Fire Department as a certified fireman III, EMT and CPR instructor. Michael was selected as EMT of the Year in 1986.

Mike retired from LCN in 2013, worked as a maintenance manager at Schneider's until 2016 and then moved to Branson West, Mo., where he enjoyed working part-time at Silver Dollar City. Mike loved play-

ing golf with friends and family. He was a trivia master on music, especially 1950s and 60s, and was a car enthusiast. He would always look for the fastest 4-wheeler, go-cart or vehicle in his friendly competitions. He was loved for his wit, sense of humor and adventurous spirit.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Shana (Jason) Allen and Brandy (Darren) Genslinger; three children by marriage, Michael (Deb) Cass of Roscoe, Tom Wiley of Cambridge and Karleen (Paul) Hallman of Village of Lake-wood, Ill.; 12 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren, with one on the way; brother William Green; brother-in-law Dwyane Wright; and many adoring nieces and nephews and extended family.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Cynthia Wright. Services will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 13, 2024, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford, Ill., with Reverend Dan Wright, officiating. Visitation will be prior to service from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Burial will be at Osceola Grove Cemetery immediately following the services.

Memorials may be directed to Wounded Warriors Project and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Online condolences may be made at www.grantjohnson-fh.com.

Joanne J. McGinn

WYOMING – Joanne J. McGinn, of Wyoming, was born the 10th month, third day, 1934 (exactly how she said it). She was the middle child of Walt and Mary Smith. She died peacefully Friday, April 5, 2024.

On Nov. 25, 1952, she married Pat McGinn. Together they raised three children, Paula, Cherrie and Steve.

Above all, she was the best grandma to Ali and Dustin and great grandma to Blake and Brooke.

Her service will be private. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Stark County Ambulance.

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SPORTS: Galva, Stark Co. baseball teams lose

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Galva 11-0.

Galva was scheduled to play Thursday at Ridgewood, then twice Saturday at Monmouth United.

Galva baseball – Galva (1-4) lost twice on Saturday at Annawan-Weathersfield, 15-0 and 12-0, in Lincoln Trail Conference competition. The hosts lashed out 12 hits in the opener. M.J. Louck had the lone Wildcats hit.

In the nightcap Louck started, striking out two and giving up three

earned runs. Braxton Hulstrom pitched three innings, striking out three.

GHS was topped 4-1 at LTC foe Monmouth United last Friday. The Wildcats, in a pitching and defensive battle, were tied at one until the hosts scored two in the bottom of the fifth.

Louck pitched 0.2 innings. Cyrus Lilly threw 1.1 frames, giving up no walks and two hits. K Wood tossed four innings, striking out six and walking just one.

Louck singled. J.P. Sloan also had a single in the effort.

SC baseball – Stark County (6-7) fell 2-0 to Bureau Valley on Monday at home. Only Braden Lindley and Dillon Steelman were able to hit safely against the visitors in the pitching battle.

Blair Daum was starting Rebel pitcher, going one inning with one strikeout and one walk. Ben Browning battled the remaining six, yielding no earned runs and fanning four.

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FAMILY OF KATINA HEGWOOD
We would like to thank the Stark County School District for all they have done, Katina's Krew, Hairy for Hegwood benefit, collecting donations, selling T-shirts, the Euchre tournament and having raffles.
We would like to also thank the Stark County Community for all the support we received, through donations, the Meal Train, Bingo and bake sales.
But most of all the love and support that was given to Katina's family, during her illness and passing. It is very much appreciated.
Sincerely,
Dave, David, Ryan, Joey, Charlotte, Max and Gracie

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We would like to thank the Stark County Community and the Stark County School District, for all the acts of kindness and donations. Especially, the love and support that we felt, during Katina's illness and passing.
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The Prairie News Sports

Stark Co. softball earns a W

Lady Rebels track takes 3rd at Bureau Valley invite

By NICK VLAHOS,
PHIL JOHNSON and
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For The Prairie News

A season-beginning nine-game losing streak for Stark County softball is over.

The Rebels scored six runs in the third inning Monday and three more in the fourth to win 13-9 at Lowpoint-Washburn. Emily Demetreon homered and Brooklyn Ostrowski went 2-for-3 with two RBI for the Lady Rebels. Payten Hillier was 2-for-2.

On Tuesday, Abingdon-Avon shut out visiting Stark County, 10-0. The Lady Rebels (1-10) managed three hits.

Annawan-Wethersfield swept a doubleheader April 6 from Stark County, 11-8 and 11-1. Sophie Finnegan had a triple and three singles in four first-game at-bats for SC. Hillier had three RBI, and Demetreon and Olivia Orwig each had two.

SC track – The Stark

County girls track team placed third out of seven teams at the Bureau Valley Girls Invite on Monday. Stark County was strong in throwing events and relays.

Junior Chelsey Stotler won the shot put with a throw of 35 feet and junior Lauren Orwig took first in discus (99-3.25). Orwig was third in shot put (34-3.5) and Stotler was fourth in discus (96-2.75).

Stark County won the 4x400 relay in 4:24.80 behind the quartet of juniors Sarah Kraklow and Keagan Hamilton, sophomore Cheyenh Smith and freshman Dusti Smith.

Dusti Smith was also second in the 1,600 with a personal record of 5:28.72, placing ahead of her sister Cheyenh Smith who also had a PR of 5:47.29.

Also placing second was the 4x800 relay of the Smith sisters, Terwilliger and Hamilton in 10:18.7.

Other top placers in-

cluded Claire Bowser's third in the high jump (4-9.75), Paytin Terwilliger's third place in the 800 (2:45.14) and a third for the 4x200 relay of Paul'yna Barnwell, Kimora Barnwell, Haylie Moodie and Bowser (1:54.08).

Stark County is at the Paul Parker Coed Invite in Port Byron today and the Bullet Invite in Knoxville on Monday.



Galva softball – Ridgewood used a three-run second inning to spark a 7-3 victory Tuesday. Ava Anderson, Karsten Jones and Addy Yepson each had two hits for Galva (1-5). Jones, Yepson and teammate Avery Dooley had RBI.

The Wildcats had a total of two runs in a three-defeat stretch in which they allowed more than 10 runs in each game. Galva lost a doubleheader April 6 to ROWVA-Williamsfield, 10-1 and 16-1. On Monday, Henry beat *Continued on Page 7*

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