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## Wyoming council OKs pump purchases for wastewater plant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council at its Tuesday meeting passed three resolutions to purchase at least five pumps for the wastewater treatment plant for \$59,292.

Councilman Jim Mercer described what each pump's purpose was for and why the new pumps were required.

The pumps from the Armature Motor and Pump Company of

East Peoria are to replace two sludge pumps, two main pump station pumps and a self-priming pump, according to the resolutions passed.

In his written report and his verbal presentation to the council, Mercer said, "We took out 150,000 gallons of water from the plant. The landfill shut us off after six (semi) loads of waste were sent there because they said it was too wet."

He also said the "drying beds

are working better than they ever have and the digesters are working great."

Mercer talked with Leander Construction, Inc. and the Farnsworth Group Engineering about an oxidation ditch program that is not correctly functioning. After explaining the problem, Mercer told Leander and Farnsworth that they would not be paid any more money "until this is fixed."

In conjunction with this state-

ment, a resolution to pay Leander and Farnsworth \$101,467 was tabled.

Leander was to receive \$92,634 and Farnsworth Group Engineering was to receive \$8,832 for the total \$101,467 disbursement from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan that the City of Wyoming was given for work at the city wastewater treatment plant.

Mercer also said that the roof

over the digester building requires repair because of multiple leaks. A new chlorine line is needed from the main building to the "Ras/Pump well." He added that a new building is required around the new panel at the oxidation ditch.

Finally, Mercer informed the council that 19-year-old co-op student from the high school was hired to work at the treatment plant doing painting and

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### LEGISLATORS IN SESSION

## Testimony heard on farm act

By HANNAH SPANGLER

FarmWeek

Jeff Brooks, Whiteside County Farm Bureau member, faced an unprecedented challenge when he lost his father in 2023 – the weight of the Illinois estate tax.

"This burden is putting pressure on the current operations of our family farm," Brooks testified April 12 before members of the Illinois House Revenue and Finance Committee. "In March of 2023, still coping with my father's passing, we learned the amount of a significant payment that was still due on our farming operation."

The committee heard testimony on HB 4600, the Family Farm Preservation Act, sponsored by State Rep. Sharon



Testifying in favor of the Family Farm Preservation Act were (from left to right) Brian Duncan, Illinois Farm Bureau president; Jeff Brooks, Whiteside County Farm Bureau; and State Rep. Sharon Chung, D-Bloomington. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

Chung, D-Bloomington.

"Illinois' No. 1 industry is in farming with 96% of Illinois farms being family-owned," Chung said. "HB 4600 addresses the discrepancy between escalating farm estate evaluations and annual farm income."

The Family Farm Preservation Act, if adopted, would create a \$6 million true exemption to the estate tax for family farms, tied

to inflation. Additionally, the bill would allow a surviving spouse to utilize their own estate tax exemption and any unused exemption from the deceased spouse.

"The death of a loved one should not force families to have to sell the farm," IFB President Brian Duncan said. "This current Illinois estate tax hits normal, everyday Illinois family farmers who do not make millions of dollars."

## Free lunches?

### Stark County schools expect grant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – While Stark County schools expect a grant to pay for student meals, the School Board on Monday approved raising by 10 cents the fees for breakfast and lunch.

The district anticipates receiving a four-year Community Eligibility Provision grant to pay for meals for 2024-28.

Superintendent Brett Elliott told the board the district continues to work with the Farnsworth Group on its electric bus grant. In addition, he said temporary fencing has been installed for the new gym project at the Toulon campus and the new track should be paved soon now that asphalt companies are resuming business.

Elliott provided a list of upcoming events:

- April 20 - Prom.
- May 8 - Seniors' last day.
- May 12 - Graduation.
- May 15 - Eighth grade promotion.

• May 24 - Last day of school.

The board approved spending \$7,814 for a track shed upgrade to prepare for the new equipment associated with the new all-weather track. Skip Turnbull will remove and replace a door that is currently unsafe for use and rehab the front of the shed.

Also approved was a 2024-25 IESA membership renewal of \$1,440 and a \$1,495 expenditure for a one-year pilot Mystery Science curriculum for elementary students.

The board approved maternity leave coverage for Principal Megan McGann during the fall of 2024. Approval is for the superintendent to find a retired administrator who can manage day-to-day operations.

After executive session, the board approved hiring for 2024-25 Alexa Beharelle as junior high social studies teacher and Joe Charvat as assistant high school football coach.

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# WYOMING: Donation to Stark Co. fall fest

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A resolution was passed to donate \$1,000 to the Stark County Fall Festival committee to pay for insurance for the event. The festival is scheduled for

Sept. 21-22 at Thomas Park.

After an executive session, the council passed a resolution to increase Wyoming's part-time police officer Philip Wells' hourly wage from \$22 per

hour to \$24 per hour.

Reports from city staff members Superintendent Joe Kinsella, Police Chief Jim Tiller, Economic Development Administrator Denny Rewerts and City Engineer Justin Reise, of Giffin-Reise Engineering, were also presented.

Kinsella said he is almost finished "running valves" in the city and that things are "running smoothly."

Tiller stated, "There were 36 calls, a number of order of protections, residential problems" and various other issues that the police department

handled.

Rewerts said, "things are slow with economic development presently," and added that there's a tentative May 9 meeting scheduled with the North Central Illinois Council of Governments for grant information and details on how to apply for those grants.

Finally, Reise said that the Motor Fuel Tax information has been submitted to the Illinois Department of Transportation for Wyoming's street projects.

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

**4-11** - Madison M. Sodaro - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

**4-14** - Patricia R. Funcannon - Unlawful possession of cannabis, suspended registration and uninsured vehicle.

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

**4-8** - Destiny M. Finney, 34, Kewanee, was cited for driving while her license was suspended. She was issued a court date to appear.

**4-8** - Kareem C. Dixon, 34, Peoria, was cited for driving with an illegally tinted windshield.

**4-8** - Kasity A. Yanez, 43, Wyoming, cited for driving with a suspended driver's license, driving on a suspended vehicle registration due to lack of insurance and driving without vehicle insurance. She was issued a court date to appear, and her vehicle was towed to the Stark County Sheriff's impound lot.

**4-12** - Raven S. Grinslade, 32, Peoria, was cited for driving on an expired vehicle registration and illegal possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle. She was released with a notice to appear in court.

**4-13** - Thomas J. Drummond III, of rural Bradford reported a possible theft that occurred at his residence. After returning to his home, he reported finding that his gate had been damaged and run over.

**4-13** - Matthew Baxter, funeral director at the Bradford Funeral Home reported criminal damage to property after discovering evidence of where someone kicked in the basement door of the business.

**4-14** - Jared C. Dougherty, of Toulon, reported the theft of two firearms.

**4-20** - A damaged livestock fence at a LaFayette-area residence allowed animals kept there to roam away, including a horse that was not retrieved immediately.

The incident was reported about 9:45 a.m. March 20 in the 2600 block of Illinois Route 180. The 30-year-old female resident said she noticed a vehicle speeding the previous night from where the fence was pushed inward, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Donkeys and the horse walked through the breach, although the report did not note how many total animals went missing. All were found except the horse, which was brown with a white patch on its forehead and a white spot on its nose.

### Galva Report

#### Officer dispatched:

**4-8** - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist who had a disabled vehicle. The vehicle was towed, per the owner's request.

**4-8** - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. for a runaway juvenile com-

plaint. The juvenile was located at a friend's house across town.

**4-9** - to a residence on NW 7th St. for a welfare check. The subject was entered as a missing person, but has been located and is fine.

**4-9** - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. for a juvenile runaway complaint. Crisis intervention was contacted to resolve this ongoing issue.

**4-10** - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession taking place in the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. There were no issues.

**4-10** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of N. Center Ave, Brandi York, 30, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating a vehicle with expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was transported to the Galva Police Department and released with a court date.

**4-10** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to assist a subject suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**4-10** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to speak with a subject who had questions about being banned from a business several years ago. After speaking to the owner of the business, the ban will remain in effect.

**4-10** - to speak with a resident by telephone in regard to threatening phone calls they had received from a family member.

**4-11** - to the 400 block of SW 3rd St. to assist a parent with an out-of-control juvenile who insisted they were walking to their other parent's house in Kewanee. The child was detained and calmed down enough to return home.

**4-12** - to meet with a subject at the police department who wished to file an identity theft complaint after credit cards were opened in his name without his knowledge or consent.

**4-12** - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department to complete a traffic crash report from a recent fender-bender at a gas station.

**4-12** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to assist a citizen whose dog had broken a leash and ran away. Officer captured and returned the dog.

**4-13** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a neighbor dispute.

**4-13** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a complaint involving a yard ornament being damaged.

**4-13** - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department for a wallet being turned in that was found. The wallet was returned to its owner.

**4-13** - Officer was notified about a suspect vehicle travelling eastbound on Route 34 near Wataga who had been involved in a pursuit in Warren County earlier. Officer sat near the west edge of town but did not locate the vehicle.

**4-13** - to the 500 block of SE 2nd Street for a disturbance complaint involving juveniles throwing items at a subject.

**4-13** - Gualajara Melendez, 39, Moline, was issued citations for speeding and no insurance in the

1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**4-13** - Jeffrey Reynolds, 42, Kewanee, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**4-13** - Natalie Johnson, 39, Galva, cited for expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 300 block of SE 2nd St.

**4-14** - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a physical altercation involving several subjects. One subject was located who had obvious facial injuries, but refused to cooperate with police. The victim was transported by ambulance for treatment.

**4-14** - Officer was notified by the Kewanee Police Department in reference to a Galva resident who had left Walmart with unrestrained children in the vehicle. Kewanee officers located the suspect vehicle and addressed the complaint.

**4-14** - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for several complaints involving loud music. The subject agreed to turn it down.

**4-14** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Thomas Swing, 22, Knoxville, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. Also, he was wanted on a Knox County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of unlawful possession of cannabis with intent to deliver. Per Knox County, he was released with a notice to appear.

**4-14** - Nicholas Carvello, 31, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 300 block of N. Center Ave.

### Property Transfers

**4-8** - Deborah A. Sharpe to Deborah A. Sharpe and Troy D. Tilly - Fair Acres Subdivision, Section 1 Lot 14 - 200 N. Third St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

**4-8** - Marcella R. and Russell D. Armstrong to Marcella R. Co-Tr Und 1/2 Int. and Russell D. Co-Tr Und 1/2 Int. Armstrong - Pt Sect. 23-12-7 SE - Consideration = \$0.

**4-9** - Savannah K. Beckelman to Cory Daniel Peterson - Pt Sect. 23-14-7 SE - 414 W. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$101,500.

**4-10** - John D. and Kimberly D. Leezer to John D. and Kimberly D. Co-Trustees - Pt Sect 7-12-6 SE - 6692 Twp. Rd. 450 N., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**4-10** - John D. Leezer to Kimberly D. Leezer, Trustee - Pt Sect. 31-13-6 NW Original Town of Toulon Pt Block 6 Lots 8 and 9 - 127 West Main, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**4-12** - Lakeview Loan Service LLC and Nationstar Mortgage LLC to Anna and Dariusz Tyszkowski - Pt Sect. 30-13-6 NW - 323 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$56,980.

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# Galva School Board keeps officers, committees

**By CAROL TOWNSEND**  
For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – The Galva School Board re-elected several officers at its Monday meeting.

Andrew Larson was re-elected president of the board, Brittany Boston is back as vice president and other returnees include Kaleena Conrad as secretary and Bob Lewin as treasurer.

Board committees will also remain the same: Curriculum, Conrad and Laura Burke; Transportation, John VanDeVelde and Eric Bates; Extracurricular, Boston and Jill Pankau; Special Education, Larson; Facilities, Boston and Burke; Policy and Finance, Conrad and Pankau.

Greg Wertheim from the Henry-Stark County Special Education District was present and passed out information to each board member.

Galva has 96 students served, 72 in pre-K through eighth grade and 19 in grades 9-12. Only 17 are served at Excel in Atkinson and Lyle School in Kewanee. The others are served in Galva schools for their specific need.

The board also approved a K-8 math curriculum by Savvas enVision and extended the contract for Junior-Senior High School Principal Kurtis Smyth and Elementary Principal Adam Norway, both to June 30, 2027.

The board also approved the following for 2024-25: Marland Rachel

as dean/athletic director; a notice to remedy for teacher Joshua Morris; Jake McClintic as high school boys basketball coach; Zach Anderson as JV boys basketball coach; Dan Russell as high school girls basketball coach; Chance Jones as high school girls basketball JV coach; Kyle Schipper as 8th-grade boys basketball coach; Darcy Swanson as 8th-grade girls basketball coach; Becky Wigant as 7th-grade girls basketball coach; Sarah Townsend as 8th-grade volleyball coach; Amanda Norway as high school scholastic bowl coach; Michelle Mersman as H.S. cheerleading coach; Ali Weston as dance drill coach; Tarol Suddeth as junior high cheerleading coach.

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# Three cases heard in Stark Co. circuit court

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
For The Prairie News

**TOULON** – Three cases came before Stark County Circuit Judge Paul E. Bauer last Friday.

Leslie D. Troutwine, 62, of Toulon, made his first court appearance on two misdemeanor charges filed for Class B criminal trespass to a building and Class A theft under \$500. Troutwine was assigned Stark County Public De-

fender Robert M. McBride and scheduled for another appearance on May 3.

Troutwine is accused of entering the Toulon Global Methodist Church after he was previously ordered not to trespass on church property. Surveillance camera footage allegedly show Troutwine entering the church and removing items without authority.

Matthew R. Shipp, 20, of Toulon, appeared with his

attorney Douglas Johnson, of Bloomington, for a status hearing. Also present was Shantikumer Kulkarni, assistant attorney general-high tech crime bureau prosecutor. Johnson provided Kulkarni with documents involving a pre-trial evaluation and risk assessment. Kulkarni told Bauer the two sides are continuing negotiations.

Shipp was arrested Nov. 15, 2023, and charged with 10 Class X felony counts of child pornography distribution with victims under 13-years-of-age. His next court appearance is June 21. He remains incarcerated in Henry County Jail. without bail after Kulkarni asked that Shipp not be released under the Illinois SAFE-T Act.

Justin C. Potter, 34, of

Wyoming, appeared briefly with Stark County Public Defender Robert M. McBride. Potter was scheduled for a bench trial that did not occur.

Potter was charged with a Class 4 felony domestic battery count on July 19, 2023. Court documentation alleges that Potter struck Daniele Parks while at Wyoming Park Apartments. Bond was initially set at \$10,000.

Stark County State's Attorney Austin King said the state was dismissing the charge, "because we couldn't find the victim." Court documentation shows that the case could be refiled.

Potter was previously sentenced to three years in prison for a domestic battery conviction in 2016 in Henry County.

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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.

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 attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for

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Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020-R7 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R7 PLAINTIFF

Vs. Jeffrey Scott; Mark Scott; Steven Scott; Gary Scott; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Ann Fail; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
DEFENDANTS
No. 2024FC2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:

Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Ann Fail
Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 321 First Street Bradford, IL 61421 and which said Mortgage was made by: Mary Ann Fail

Charles J. Fail
the Mortgagor(s), to American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stark County, Illinois, as Document No. 2007-93428; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Julie A. Kenney Stark County Courthouse 130 West Main, Box 426 Toulon, IL 61483

on or before May 20, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff
15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF JAMES M. BAULCH, Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of James M. Baulch. Letters of Office were issued on April 10, 2024, to Charity S. Baulch 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 October 19, 2024.

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The Irelan Family

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APPLICATION PROCESS
ACROSS
1 Big trucks
5 "Serial"
70 podcast host Koenig
10 Brothers Wyatt, Vigil and Morgan
15 Like Gil garb, often
19 Woeful things
20 Bingham of "Baywatch"
21 Slobber
22 Nivea rival
23 Outfit
26 Lassies
27 All upset, with "up"
28 "...law --- feature?"
29 Actor Knotts
30 Wrung (out)
32 Dell classic
33 Bother a lot
35 Frank of rock
38 Outward display of courage
40 Attachable with a click
42 Hits, as a fly
44 Fill with love
45 "The X Factor," e.g.
47 Congolese
49 Short sleeps
50 Diane once of NPR
51 Gentlemen
53 Breathe
56 Apple option
59 Cow sound
62 Primer for a wall, e.g.
67 Names anew
70 Outdoor enclosure for a tabby
72 Abundant
73 Cow sound
74 Despot Amin
75 It's often played during a massage
76 "Let us Slobber spray," e.g.
79 Recognize
80 Central Asia's --- Sea
81 Honking birds
82 Old Jewish ascetic
84 Snootiness
87 Cur's warning
89 Snake's warning
90 Not bogus
91 Small plateaus
93 Give relief to
96 Choir female
99 Responses to massages
101 Something revealed by a scale
107 Fly without a co-pilot, e.g.
110 Like a famed Vatican chapel
112 Roll around in mud or dust
113 Mascara, e.g.
115 Writer Calvino
117 Ethiopia's --- Selsassie
118 Ovid's lang.
119 Tubers often candied
120 Engine speed meas.
121 By way of
123 Tattooist's supply
124 Otherwise
126 What eight answers in this puzzle might say if they could talk?
131 Increase, with "up"
132 Internet sales
133 Increase, with "up"
134 Villain in "The Avengers"
135 609-homer Sammy
136 AC--- (big name in auto parts)
137 Promotes heavily
138 Leg joint
DOWN
1 Most wealthy
2 Actress Douglas who starred in "Grace of My Heart"
3 Pertaining to an opening of the labyrinth
4 Former jet to JFK
5 Mix, as batter
6 Desi of Desilu Studios
7 Sleazy paper
8 King topper
9 Fury feet in back
10 Biblical utopia
11 Shirt part
12 Clemente of baseball
13 Oompah band genre
14 Shirt part
15 Tooth on a gearwheel
16 A Gulf state
17 Patroller around a food court
18 Blivahne mollusks
24 Sweltering summer day
25 Ivory, e.g.
31 Lion's hideout
34 Fast glance
36 Burnt residue
37 Op. once led by Arafat
38 Raft wood
39 Soda brand
41 Utmost
43 Dickens' miser
46 Opposite of lgo.
48 Three, to Fill
52 Slippery road condition
54 "The Hunger Games" escort
55 Blueprint data, in brief
56 From Dublin or Cork
57 Jason's wife, in myth
58 "Ta-tai," in Tours
60 Central Florida city
61 Crayon stuff
63 Less of a lie
64 Louvre Pyramid architect
65 Adjectives modify them
66 Message-leavers' cues
68 Astronomer Tycho ---
69 Mattress brand
71 Fierce female feline
76 1972 Eric Clapton hit
77 Chinese menu letters
83 Aussie girl
85 Newlywed man
86 "Got it, man!"
88 San Luis ---
92 Slightly excessive
94 "How cute!"
95 Ugly foe of Popeye
96 Neverending
97 Not deserting
98 Frightful flies
100 Like always
102 "Ode --- Grecian Urn"
103 Costa --- Sol
104 Use as a skating surface
105 Mount --- College (Elaine Chao's alma mater)
106 12-year-old kid, say
108 Set in place
109 Gave the nod
111 --- City (Ohio town named for William Henry Harrison's mother)
114 Theatricalize feline
116 Like sheep
120 Move, to a Realtor
122 Tattooist's supplies
125 Green org.
127 Creak of the Cars
128 Endeavor
129 Spying setup
130 Big name in civ. rights

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## OBITUARIES

### Donald L. Hendrick

**KEWANEE** – Donald L. Hendrick, 80, of Kewanee, formerly of Toulon, passed away at 9:45 p.m. Monday, April 15, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Wyoming, Ill., on May 5, 1943, the son of Robert and Anna Mae (McRell) Hendrick. On Aug. 26, 1962, he married Cheryl Clark at Elmira Presbyterian Church; she survives.



Hendrick

Also surviving are two children, Rich (Michele) Hendrick and Melissa Rossell, all of Kewanee; five grandchildren, Derek (Chelsea) Hendrick, Grace Hendrick, Brett (Lexus) Rossell, Jacob Rossell and Paige Rossell; four great-grandchildren, Tannen, Creighton, Cameron and Charlotte; a brother, Gene (Connie) Hendrick; and a sister, Rosie (Al) Goins. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Drew Hendrick; and a great-granddaughter, Rorie Mae Hendrick.

Don worked as an industrial engineer for Compaction America, formerly Hyster, for 42 years. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, car rides in the country, doing yardwork and being involved with all the kids' activities. He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Kewanee, where he served on many boards and committees.

His funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, April 22, 2024, at First United Methodist Church in Kewanee. Pastor Haley Hausman will officiate. Burial will take place in Toulon Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Rorie Mae Foundation ([www.theroriemae-foundation.org](http://www.theroriemae-foundation.org)), or to First United Methodist Church in Kewanee for their lighting project.

Condolences for Don's family may be left on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### John F. Cover

**TOULON** – John F. Cover, 96, died Sunday, April 14, 2024, at his home at Bickford House in Peoria, Ill. John was born on Oct. 31, 1927, in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Ralph O. Cover and Bertha Leitch Cover. He married Paula M. Woods on July 18, 1948, and she died Feb. 22, 2015, after 67 years of marriage.



Cover

Surviving are his three children, David L. (Margaret) Cover, of Peoria Heights, Ill., Marsha L. (Olle) Mannertorp, of

Cape Coral, Fla., and Nancy J. Hobson, of Warrenville, Ill.; five grandchildren, Melissa (Eli) Selinger of Fitchburg, Wis., Ross (Laura) Cover of Fox Point, Wis., Lesley (Jonathan) Kulbeda Twitty of Downers Grove, Ill., Dr. Amy (Jeremy) Hobson, of Riverside, Iowa, and Dana Hobson, of Burbank, Calif.; six great-grandchildren, Sadie and Margaux Selinger, David, Peter and Charles Cover, and Madison Twitty; and a long-time neighbor and special caring friend, Larry Shipley, of Toulon, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister June (Green) May and his sister-in-law Harriet Crossett.

John attended Toulon schools, graduating in 1945. He attended Western Illinois State Teachers College, Hartford (Conn.) Insurance Training School, and Bradley University real estate school. He joined Cover Insurance Agency with his father and owned and operated the business and was a real-estate broker and appraiser for 40 years.

He was a lifetime member of First Congregational Church of Toulon, a member of the Toulon American Legion, 67-year member and past master of Toulon Masonic Lodge, past patron of Order of Eastern Star, a lifelong member of Toulon Lions Club, a member of the board of directors of the State Bank of Toulon for 29 years and was on numerous other boards throughout his business life.

John was named Badge Honoree of the Old Settlers Association in 2007. He enjoyed fishing, playing golf and spending winters in Sun City, Ariz., with his wife for 20 years. John was always regarded as a reliable source of family histories and real-estate ownership in the Stark County area.

A private family service will be held. Veronica Haskell, certified celebrant, will officiate. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later time.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Congregational Church of Toulon or Stark County Food Pantry. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences for John's family may be left on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Terry J. Morthland

**GALVA** – Terry J. Morthland, 77, of Galva, died Sunday, April 14, 2024.

He was born March 23, 1947, in Clinton, Iowa, the son of Blair and Marcella Morthland. He married Mary Alice Griswold on Aug. 15, 1969, in Osage, Iowa. Survivors include his wife of Galva; his daughter, Tara Morthland of Galva; three grandsons, Coleton Kelly and Conner Kelly, both of LaMoille, Ill., and Cameron Kelly of Galva; his sisters, Sharon Leslie and DeMerle (Aaron); cousins, both of Clinton, Iowa, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Clarence Morthland of Sterling, Ill., and Darwin Morthland of LeClaire, Iowa.

Terry graduated from Clinton High School and Upper Iowa University with a bachelor's degree in business administration. He retired as a vice president from R.K. Dixon in Davenport, Iowa.



Morthland

He enjoyed fishing and boating at Oak Run, taking many fishing trips with friends and especially spending winters in Florida. He liked cooking, grilling, visiting with friends at the gas station, spending time on his computer, taking rides around Galva and Bishop Hill, reading and watching football and basketball games. He loved his dog Sam and cat Daisy who were his faithful companions.

Terry's deepest love was for his family. His wife, daughter and grandsons meant the world to him. The family would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who helped care for Terry.

Private graveside services will be held at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Galva Public Library or to the Galva Senior Citizens Center. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

### Donald J. Behnke

**SUN CITY WEST, Ariz** – Dr. Donald J. Behnke passed in his sleep on March 4, 2024, in Sun City West, Ariz.

Donald was born in Galva, Ill., on Nov. 3, 1935, to John and Virginia Behnke. His parents and wife Ruth preceded him in death. He is survived by his older brother Raymond and many nieces and nephews.

Donald spent his formative years in Galva attending the local public schools. He attended Illinois State University and graduated with a bachelor's degree. He taught speech and English in Washingtonville, N.Y., schools (1958-64) and became an assistant principal during this time. He married the former Ruth Fent in Callicoon, N.Y., in 1958.

Over the next eight years, Donald received a master's degree from The State University of New York (1960) and a doctorate from Columbia University (1968).

Donald started his various administrative positions in the Hewlett-Woodmere, N.Y., school systems in 1964 and over the next several years he was the superintendent of schools in Villa Park, Ill., Amityville, N.Y., and Southampton, N.Y., from which he retired in 1990.

Over the years of work, Donald was active in the Rotary International, serving as president of Villa Park Rotary in 1976, edited the Journal of the New York State Council of Supervision and Curriculum Development.

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## OBITUARIES

opment and was adjunct Professor at DePaul University in Chicago and Long Island University.

Donald and Ruth retired to Scottsdale, Ariz., in 1990. Donald became president of the Ke Group, an educational consulting group in Scottsdale. He also served as director of planned giving for Planned Parenthood in central and northern Arizona. He served on AZTEC, a computer FreeNet at Arizona State University and the Arizona Center for the BOOK. He taught Elderhostels at Arizona State University during this time.

In 2001, Donald and Ruth moved to Academy Village in Tucson, Ariz., where he was active in Arizona Senior Academy and had several terms on the board of directors.

In 2007, Behnke became a classical music critic for The News and Sun in Green Valley, Ariz., covering the Arizona Opera Company and the Tucson Symphony Orchestra until 2023.

In 2009, he began lecturing on cruise ships in the area of music and cruised the world with his wife for Seabourn Cruise Line, Regent Seven Seas, Azamara, Celebrity and Royal

Caribbean. This work came to an end in 2020 with the COVID years.

In 2023, Donald moved to Sun City West to be closer to his niece Christy and her husband Clint. He enjoyed his new home and spent holidays and quality time with Christy and her family before his passing.

At Donald's request, no services are planned at this time. Memorial Contributions are suggested to the Arizona Opera Company and the Tucson Symphony.

## SPORTS: Latcham has good week for Galva track

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The Rebels also won the 4x200 relay with Orwig, Bowser, Robineau and Masters in 1:37.84.

Girls winners at Galva were junior Paul'yna Barnwell in the 100 (PR, 13.61), Dusti Smith in the 400 (PR, 1:01.4), Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:30.47), Claire Bowser in high jump (PR, 5-0.25) and two relays: the 4x200 of Paul'yna Barnwell, Kimora Barnwell, Moodie and Claire Bowser (1:57.61) and the 4x400 of sophomore Terwilliger, Moodie and the Smith sisters (4:17.71).

**Galva track** – Kay'Leanna Latcham was top girls performer at the Dale Collis Invite in Galva on April 10, winning the long jump (PR, 15-0) and 100 hurdles (17.43) and taking second in the 100 (13.74). She was also part of Galva's winning 4x100 relay with Ava Anderson, Maddie Bates and Kaylyn Gale (49.17). Ella Ingels won triple jump (25-2.25).

Latcham also won the 100 hurdles (17.53) at the Paul Parker Coed Invite in Port Byron on April 12 and the 100 hurdles (17.98) and 100 dash (14.37) at Orion on April 15.

For the boys on April 10, Ian Pacheco won the 1,600 (5:40.28) and 3,200 (11:52.19) and Bryant Jeffrey was second in the 1,600 (5:52.46) and 3,200 (12:16.06). Reid Harris also won high jump (PR, 5-10) ahead of teammate Ty Keup (PR, 5-4.25).

**Softball** – Payten Hillier's sixth-inning single drove in Emily Deme-treon with the winning run Monday as Stark County softball beat host Galva 8-7.

The teams traded leads for most of the game. Sophie Finnegan's homer gave Stark County (2-12) a 2-1 advantage in the second. Ava Anderson's two-run homer in the bottom of that inning returned the lead to Galva (3-7).

And Galva led 7-6 thanks to Lily Wigant's two-run home run in the

bottom of the fifth. But consecutive doubles by Finnegan and Deme-treon began the sixth for Stark County and tied the game.

Finnegan, Hillier and Brooklynn Ostrowski each had two hits for the Rebels. Among Finnegan's hits was a home run. Addy Yepson had three hits for the Wildcats. Anderson, Maddie Bates and Wigant each drove in two. Galva pitcher Amber Plummer struck out 11.

The game was to have been Tuesday but was moved to Monday because of possible bad weather. The teams were scheduled to meet again Thursday at Stark County.

Galva swept a doubleheader April 13 at Monmouth United, 8-0 and 7-2. Jovie Weber struck out 11 batters in the first game, in which Kaylyn Gale was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Bates also drove in two.

In the nightcap, Amber Plummer matched Weber's strikeout total and allowed one hit. Anderson and Wigant each had two hits.

On April 11, Ridgewood beat Galva 11-1.

The Wildcats are to play a doubleheader Saturday at Abingdon-Avon.

Knoxville swept Stark County 4-0 and 15-0 in a doubleheader April 13. The Rebels are to play two today (April 19) against Princeville.

**Galva baseball** – The Wildcats (2-8) were busy on the bases on Monday, scoring in every inning except the first and connecting for 13 hits, in a 13-1 win at Galesburg Christian.

John Bersell drove in three runs, Ty Dowell-Keup hit 2-for-2 with two RBI, Braxton Hulstrom collected two RBI and Cyrus Lilly was 3-for-3. Wildcat pitching was stellar, as M.J. Louck threw three innings and struck out five. Hulstrom fanned five in two frames.

Galva was at Lincoln Trail foe ROWVA-Williamsfield last Saturday, losing a doubleheader 13-1 and 11-1.

In the opener, R-W took advantage of four errors and held Galva to three hits, all singles from Sloan, Hurd and Bursell.

In the nightcap Wildcat fielding was better, but R-W really came out swinging with 10 singles. Dowell-Keup went 2 for 2 with an RBI and Lilly had one hit for Galva.

Peoria Christian won 11-1 at Galva on April 11. J.P. Sloan had two hits for the Wildcats. Louck, Lilly, and Jay Smith each recorded one hit. Hulstrom pitched 2.2 frames and gave up two hits, struck out two and walked seven. Alec Gustafson threw 3.1 innings, giving up six hits, three walks and no earned runs.

Galva fell 12-2 to Abingdon Avon April 9 at home.

Galva is at Princeville Saturday.

**SC baseball** – Stark County (8-9) was swept 3-1 and 6-0 on Monday at Annawan-Wethersfield. The Rebels had two hits in the opener, including a double and RBI from Connor Daum. Tim Giesenhagen pitched four innings, allowing four hits and two earned runs while fanning two.

In the nightcap, Dillon Steelman, Blair Daum and Giesenhagen each singled for the only hits. Steelman pitched a complete game with five earned runs and five strikeouts.

The Rebels beat Monmouth United 5-3 at home on April 11 behind solid pitching from Connor Daum (4.1 innings, one earned run and seven whiffs) and Giesenhagen (2.2 innings, no earned runs, one hit and three whiffs). Connor Wagenbach hit a triple and had two RBI.

The Rebels topped Bushnell-Prairie City 18-8 on April 9 at home. The hosts lashed 15 hits and touched the plate every inning except the third. Steelman batted 4-for-4 and drove in three, Ben Browning went 3-for-5 with four RBI and Blair Daum drove in four runs. Colton Wagenbach added two RBI.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Stark Co. girls win Bullet Invite

### Hillier's single gives SC win over Galva in softball, 8-7

By **NICK VLAHOS, PHIL JOHNSON and JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

KNOXVILLE – The Stark County girls track team won the Bullet Invite on Monday at Knoxville to cap a busy week of track and field.

The Lady Rebels racked up 118 points to outpace Mercer County (83). The Stark County boys were sixth.

“Monday was a great all-around team win. We had points from the throwers, sprinters, jumpers and distance,” said Lady Rebels Coach Clint Terwilliger. “We had over 12 personal records that night.”

Winners for Stark County were Cheyenh Smith in the 800-meter race in a time of 2:29.64, the 4x400 relay of Sarah Kraklow, Paytin Terwilliger, Cheyenh Smith and Dusti Smith (4:15.74), the 4x800 relay of Terwilliger, Keagan Hamilton and the Smith sisters (10:15.64), Lauren Orwig in discus (97 feet, 8.5 inches) and Chelsey Stotler in shot put, with a personal record of 36-7.25.

Dusti Smith was also second in the 400 (PR, 1:00.58), Orwig was second in shot put (33-10.25) and Stotler was second in discus (93-6.5).

For the boys, Nolan Orwig won the 300 hurdles (43.46) and Matthew Bowser was first in triple jump (39-3.25).

On April 12, the boys placed fourth at

the Paul Parker Coed Invite in Port Byron and the girls were fifth.

Top boys finishes were Baptiste Robineau's win in the 200 (23.91) ahead of teammate Bowser (PR, 24.21), Orwig's second in the 300 hurdles (44.32), Nolan Snider's second in shot put (41-3.75), Bowser's second in triple jump (39-4) and a second-place by the 4x200 relay of Nolan Orwig, Riley Masters, Bowser and Robineau in 1:36.92.

Top finisher for the girls was Stotler, who won shot put (35-3.25). Lauren Orwig was second in shot put (34-0.25), Claire Bowser was third in high jump (4-10), Stotler was third in discus (95-3.75) and Cheyenh Smith was third in the 400 (PR, 1:03.99) and the 800 (2:29.97). The Lady Rebels were second in the 4x200 relay with a quartet of Paul'yna Barnwell, Kimora Barnwell, Haylie Moodie and Claire Bowser (1:54.38).

The Stark County boys won the four-team Dale Collis Invitational on April 10 at Galva with 166 points and the girls posted 143.5 points to place second to Monmouth-Roseville's 180.


Winners for the boys were Robineau with PRs in the 100 (11.99) and 200 (25.13), Masters in the 400 (57.28), Chris Barnwell in the 800 (PR, 2:16.8) and long jump (PR, 17-9.75), Nolan Orwig in the 110 hurdles (PR, 17.09) and 300 hurdles (48.28) and Matthew Bowser in triple jump (PR, 39-10.75).

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