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Galva ordinance still a hot topic

Crowd seeks allowance for more items parked on a property

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – A large crowd attended Monday’s City Council meeting to discuss a controversial parking ordinance passed in March.

The council approved changing the term for dealing with inoperable and abandoned motor vehicles from seven days to 14 days, but tabled any more changes to the ordinance until the May meeting.

A hot topic Monday was how many items will be allowed on a property. The ordinance allows two items such as a lawn mower, trailer etc. Several present Monday said that should be changed to six items. Public view of the items was also discussed. Some present said they do not have a garage and can not afford a fence to store items in or behind.

A grant was written for \$300,000 of new playground equipment for Galva’s Wiley Park. If the city receives the grant it will be responsible for half of the cost. A company is coming to repair the tornado slide that was damaged by a fire.

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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY



Pictured above, in the front row (left to right), are Galva High School juniors inducted into the National Honor Society: Ciara Gowler, Addison Moore, Madison Bates, Makayla Craig and Lillian Wigant. Pictured in back (l to r) are Ben Stinson, advisor; Ava Gunn; Ava Strom; Chloe Ruhl; Kendall Rogers; John Gravitt and Katieynn Clemons. Photo by Carol Townsend.

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva High School students Ciara Gowler, Addison Moore, Madison Bates, Makayla Craig and Lillian Wigant were inducted into the National Honor Society Sunday evening during a candlelight ceremony.

New officers installed for the 2024-25 year are Wigant, president; Bates, vice president; Moore, treasurer; and Craig, secretary.

Sunday speaker was Grace Clucas, a 2017 Galva High

School graduate and a 2021 graduate of St. Mary’s College in Indiana with a dual degree in political science and history with honors. She is currently working for the Illinois Broadband Lab which is part of the University of Illinois.

“Live a life you are proud of, if not start over again,” she said.

Sponsor Ben Stinson told the students Galva is highly selective for its members of the National Honor Society. He also thanked parents for their role in raising incredible kids.

Pricy pipeline

Water line to Edelstein could cost \$6 million

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – A proposed water pipeline between Princeville and Edelstein doesn’t appear to be getting any cheaper.

The 7-mile pipeline might cost about \$6 million, Princeville Municipal Code Officer Dan Sullivan told the Village Board when it met April 16. Initial estimates were closer to \$4 million. Sullivan said the village is pursuing federal and state money to help pay for the possible project.

One grant, through the office of U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, doesn’t have a timetable yet. The other, through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, is structured like a forgivable loan, according to Sullivan. The eventual cap is \$2 million annually and is not necessarily re-

newable.

“It’s just a gamble that you take,” Sullivan said. “You might get \$2 million this year and nothing next year.”

About 60 Edelstein Water Works Co-Operative customers receive a product that doesn’t comply with Illinois EPA radium standards. The Edelstein well also is deficient structurally. Edelstein customers require a water softener to receive potable water.

Connection to the Princeville water supply has been proposed as a solution. Such a project might take a couple of years to complete, according to Chad Gardner, the Princeville superintendent of public works.

“It’s a sad shame. Those people in that town cannot drink their water,” Prince-

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Potawatomi Nation regains land in Illinois

By **HANNAH MEISEL**

Capitol News Illinois

Nearly 200 years after Native Americans were forced out of Illinois, the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation has become the first federally recognized tribal nation in the state after a decision from the U.S. Department of the Interior last week.

The move represents the first victory in the tribe’s larger effort to regain 1,280 acres of ancestral land in Illinois via legislation in both the General Assembly and Congress.

But the tribe first had to spend \$10 million over the last 20 years to repurchase 130 acres of the Shab-eh-nay Reservation, located in what is now DeKalb County, that the federal government illegally sold out from under Chief Shab-eh-nay around 1850.

Nearly two centuries later, Prairie Band Chairman Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick – a fourth-great-grandson of Chief Shab-eh-nay – signed paperwork on April 19 allowing the Department of the Interior to place those 130 acres into a trust, which gives the tribe

sovereignty over the land.

Rupnick said he’d heard the story of his ancestral land in Illinois “ever since I was a child” from his grandparents, and said his mother started the push to reclaim the land.

Prairie Band leaders initiated the process with the federal government 30 years ago, Rupnick said, even before the tribe bought the 130 acres of private land signed over on Friday.

A 2020 U.S. Supreme Court ruling found Native American tribes still

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Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Chairman Joseph “Zeke” Rupnick poses with members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation. Submitted photo.



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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.

Any large items set out without the required bulk tags will be in violation of City's Ordinance and subject to possible fines.

PIPELINE: Village will not borrow for project

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ville Trustee Ron Delbridge said. Sullivan said he has talked with Peoria County Board Chairman Jimmy Dillon regarding additional support. Other grant opportunities might be pursued, but Sullivan was adamant the village not borrow money to pay for the project. Gardner appeared to agree.

"I'm not heartless here, but it's not our responsibility. We're just trying to help," he said. "It's Peoria County's responsibility. I don't think the village residents want to spend

any of their tax dollars on a community that doesn't benefit us. Somebody bigger than us probably has to push."

In other business, the board approved a request from High Voltage Taphouse to close the 100 block of E. Main St. between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday. The bar is host to a benefit for Chad Himlin, a local resident who has been diagnosed with cancer.

Also approved were:
• Permission for the Princeville Civic Association to play host to bingo at Stevens Square Park during

the municipal Heritage Days celebration, scheduled for June 27-29.

• A \$2,500 Residential Rehabilitation Program grant for a front-porch replacement at 526 W. Main St.

• A \$2,500 Residential Rehabilitation Program grant for new soffit and gutters at 315 S. Walnut Ave.

Delbridge reported three building permits were issued – for a rooftop solar-panel installation at 315 N. Creek Court, a 4-foot chain-link fence at 317 N. Cordis Ave. and demolition of a house at 2105 N. Illinois Route 91.

GALVA: City deciding what to do with K-9 officer

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Police Chief Kraig Townsend introduced Gregg Rice, a new full-time officer. Rice currently works part time, but will start full time on May 1. Calib Ingle, the K-9 officer, has taken a position in Stark County. Mayor Rich Volkert said he is not sure what Galva will do with its K-9 dog.

A city building on Market Street has a collapsed roof and will be taken down in the near future by City employees. Volkert said there are plans for that area, the former Lord Chevrolet and Appell site.

Galva residents Josh Smith and John Wirth said they would volunteer to help with clean-up days, which have not been set

yet. Wirth and Smith said they will help people transport items to the maintenance building.

Residents can bring items to a dumpster near the maintenance buildings. The city offers one pickup

per residence for people who are unable to get items to the dumpster.

The council accepted Kevin Robinson's bid of \$2,500 for an empty lot at 118 SE 2nd Ave. It was the lone bid.

POTAWATOMI: More land possible

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have a claim to their reservations unless Congress took specific actions to disestablish a reservation. The Prairie Band re-filed its federal application last year.

A bill pending in the Illinois House would also give the Prairie Band tribe the title to 1,500 acres that make up Shabbona Lake State Park, located about 20 miles southwest of

DeKalb. Shabbona Lake State Park is named for Chief Shab-ch-nay.

Other parts of the Prairie Band's ancestral lands are occupied by private homes. The Prairie Band tribe has proposed federal legislation allowing occupants to keep those properties, and even to pass them on to their descendants. But if homeowners sell, federal legislation would give the tribe a right of first refusal.

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PUBLIC RECORD

**Incidents & Accidents
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4-14 - Ronald L. Hegwood, Wyoming, reported criminal damage to property after discovering the back window in his vehicle had been damaged.

4-17 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Sharkey Highway west of 650E. The driver was Kirsten A. Rhoades, 18, of Toulon. No injuries reported but estimated damages were reported at over \$1,500.

4-18 - Seth A. DeFreezer, 22, Putnam, was arrested for disobeying a stop sign, driving without a valid driver's license and driving a vehicle with no insurance. He was released with a notice to appear, and his vehicle was towed to the Stark County Sheriff's impound lot.

4-19 - Dustin E. Beever, 36, Peoria, was arrested on a Moultrie County warrant for failure to appear on a traffic violation. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

4-20 - Francisco Hernandez-Arauz, 20, Indianapolis, Ind., was cited for driving with no vehicle insurance, driving without a valid driver's license, and improper lane usage.

4-21 - Scott Fairfield, Toulon, reported the theft of a 2020 black flatbed trailer from his father's property on 600E. in West Jersey township. The trailer loss value was \$5,000.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-15 - to assist the ambulance with a medical emergency at a residence on SE 4th Ave.

4-15 - to speak with a subject by telephone about information pertaining to a missing person case in Kewanee. Information was forwarded to the Kewanee Police Department.

4-15 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic, to a two-vehicle accident on Illinois Route 34 near Midland Road. It was

determined to be a false alarm.

4-15 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for a complaint involving threats by telephone.

4-15 - to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. for a dog-bite complaint. A dog bit its owner. Very minor injuries reported.

4-15 - to the 300 block of SE 8th Ave. for a barking-dog complaint.

4-15 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an ongoing neighbor dispute.

4-16 - to the 00 block of SW 5th St. for a child custody dispute that resulted in a battery.

4-16 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a barking-dog complaint.

After getting no response at door, Nicholas Yelm, 52, Galva, was issued a warning ticket for noise violation relating to the barking dog.

4-16 - David Driscoll, 34, New Hartford, Conn., cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-17 - to go to dozens of residences to follow up on various ordinance violations. Copies of the ordinances were left and residents were spoken to about their intentions.

4-17 - to Wiley Park for a verbal disturbance involving several juveniles.

4-18 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. in reference to a disorderly conduct complaint involving a neighbor calling and harassing them. A report was forwarded to the State's Attorney's Office for review.

4-18 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. to assist a citizen.

4-19 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a solicitation complaint. The subjects did not have a proper permit and were told to cease their actions.

4-19 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department to complete their yearly sex offender registration.

4-19 - to assist Henry County serve a civil stalking-no contact order in the 600 block of NW 1st St.

4-19 - to the 400 block of NE 1st St. for a reckless driving complaint.

4-19 - Marilyn Winter, 66, Princeton, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-19 - Roylee Broaden, 38, LaFayette, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-19 - Curt Burgus, 26, Galesburg, cited for expired registration in the 400 block of SE 2nd St.

4-20 - to the 100 block of E. Division St. for a possible water main break. The Galva Water Department was notified.

4-20 - to Sentry Estates to deliver a message about a family illness.

4-21 - to the 500 block of NW 5th St. for an activated car alarm. The owner returned to shut it off.

4-21 - to the 500 block of NW 2nd St. to assist a citizen in locating her dog that got loose.

Property Transfers

4-15 - Brian D. Campbell, Ind. Rep. and Howard W. Field Estate to Karen L. Campbell - Pts Sect. 20-14-6 SE and Pt Sect. 21-14-6 SW - Parson's Sub of Clinton Fuller's Block 1 Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and Block 2 Lots 7 and 8 - 8020 State Route 93 and 7959 State Route 93, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

4-19 - Darryl James, Mary L., Russel James and Terry James Krause to Mary L. Krause - Pt Sect. 6-12-5 NW and Pt Sect. 31-13-5 SW - Consideration = \$0.

4-19 - Susan Helen Morgan to Joel Ray Morgan - Pt Sect. 23-14-6 NE - Consideration = \$0.

Divorce

4-19 - Angelena C. Mlekush, Galva and Zachery A. Mlekush, Kewanee.

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FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD: Marble topped dining table—matching chairs—nice grey bar stools—modern king size bedroom set—queen bedroom set—55" flatscreen TV—distressed stand—bamboard style farmhouse coffee table—shelving, tables—lamps—linens—small appliances, basic kitchen items—digital dehydrator—Skyroll nice modern luggage—Jack Knife leather hide-a-bed—fans, electronics, books—semi-precious globe on stand—Ring security system—modern exercise items (PR1000 bow flex, T6.5S Norditrac, Pro Form elliptical, Maxicare hang bar, free wts.)—nice fire proof safe—men's L/XL fireproof clothing and coveralls—misc. household.
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BRIEFS

Toulon council approves baseball diamond rails

TOULON – The Toulon City Council held a special meeting April 23 to briefly discuss whether a metal railing or a wooden railing was to be constructed at Toulon’s baseball diamonds, east of Stark County High School.

A wood railing had an estimated cost of \$4,000, plus labor. The council approved spending \$7,000 to hire Mitch Hulsey to construct metal railings for the steps at the diamonds.

– John A. Ballentine



Pictured is the winning team at the 2024 Bradford Beta's Trivia Night. Team members pictured are (at rear) Kenny Chapman; (middle row, left to right) Beth Chapman, Jenelle Chapman and Taylor Wilkinson; (front row, l to r) Denise Wilkinson, Travis Wilkinson and Patty Wilkinson.

No action at meeting of Stark County board

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors met Tuesday but could take no action since there were not enough members present for a quorum.

Sheriff’s Chief Deputy Chuck Demetreon was present to open mowing bids at the Stark County Courthouse, but said none were received. Demetreon said Paul Lance of Wyoming, is being paid \$4,000 this mowing season.



Pictured above are Wildcat Pride award winners from Galva’s recent school board meeting. From left to right are Baylie Case, Braxton Rylander and Ava Strom.

Also on the agenda were the County Fire Department Trustees to be appointed. Timothy Ringger, Bradford, Pam Wulf, LaFayette, Stan Foglesong, Toulon, and Kevin

Scholl, Wyoming.

– John A. Ballentine

Ham to present program on 1893 Kewanee riot

TOULON – Floyd Ham will discuss his research into the 1893 Kewanee Riot for the Stark County Genealogical Society at the Toulon Public Library Community Room on Saturday, April 27, at 1:30 p.m.

Ham will explore causes of the riot, people involved, the assaults and the trial and conviction of the worst rioters. Ham said rioters took to the streets to deter a member of the American Protective Association, a secret anti-Catholic society, from speaking out against Catholics. The event is free and open to the public.

Et cetera

GALVA – The Galva FFA Greenhouse will be open Friday, April 26, from 1-4 p.m. and Saturday, April 27, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The greenhouse is located on the southwest corner of Galva High School.

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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
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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS

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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

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

ESTATE OF PATRICIA J. WILAMOSKI, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 32

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
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Cynthia D. Carroll

LaFAYETTE – Cynthia D. “Cindy” (Charlet) Carroll, 68, of Lake Calhoun in rural LaFayette, died Monday, April 22, 2024, at Seminary Manor in Galesburg.



Carroll

She was born July 8, 1955, in Kewanee. Survivors include her mother, Nancy J. Carlson, her sister, Lynette (Kevin) Yepsen and niece, Markie VanDeVelde, all of Galva. She was preceded in death by her father, Laverne J. Charlet in 2017.

Cindy graduated from Galva High School in 1973 and has continued many of those friendships throughout her life. She loved her dogs and cats and enjoyed golfing and drinking coffee on the deck of her cottage at Lake Calhoun.

Cindy was an artistic, multi-talented person and was known for her ability to refinish, refurbish and fix anything she touched. She was a jolly soul and if you knew her you will never forget her distinct, warm chuckle.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Tuesday, April 30, at Galva Cemetery with Pastor Katie Gallagher officiating. Memorials may be directed to your local Humane Society or to a charity of the donor's choice. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

Paul S. Colgan

WYOMING – Paul Stephen Colgan, 72, a former resident of Wyoming, Ill., passed away unexpectedly at his home in Oak Park, Ill., on Monday, April 15, 2024.

Paul was born on Aug. 1, 1951 in Kewanee, Ill., as the sixth of 12 children of Joseph Patrick and Majella Catherine (Harty) Colgan. On July 7, 1988, Paul married Phyllis Fairchild in Maui, Hawaii. She survives. Also surviving is their daughter Megan

(Kyle) Wiggins and granddaughters Zoe Lauren Wiggins and Rae Elizabeth Wiggins, all of Scottsdale, Ariz.

A background in journalism laid the foundation for Paul's 50-year career in public affairs. After earning a degree in government from the University of Notre Dame where he proudly played tuba in the marching band, Paul was a state government reporter in Springfield, Ill. He wrote for The Chicago Daily News and then covered political issues in Illinois and Missouri for The Herald-Whig in Quincy, Ill.



Colgan

Paul's expansive knowledge and keen insight on public policy allowed for a successful transition from reporter to the legislative staff of the Illinois General Assembly. In this role, Paul was instrumental in crafting extensive legislation that served the people of Illinois. It was also during his time in Springfield that he earned a master's degree in public affairs reporting from the University of Illinois-Springfield.

His passion for politics was equal to his vigor for the fight in political campaigns. Paul worked in professional staff roles on dozens of campaigns at the local and state levels ranging from governor to mayor of the city of Chicago. His “get-it-done” attitude was infectious and transformational in every campaign he staffed.

Paul became a consultant and lobbyist representing the interests of clients in real estate, building code, technology, finance, energy and agriculture industries at the local, state and national levels.

As government affairs director for the Building Owners and Managers Association of Chicago, he represented the interests of business and commercial consumers during the Illinois Electric Utility Deregulation

legislative efforts in the 1990s. As a government affairs consultant to the Home Builders Association of Greater Chicago, Paul worked on re-writing the Chicago Energy Conservation Code and served on the City of Chicago Building Decarbonization Working Group, where he helped compile recommendations for decarbonizing the built environment and reducing carbon emissions in Chicago.

With an entrepreneurial spirit, Paul founded EA Americas, LLC, a consulting firm focusing on climate and environment, social and governance issues for those in real estate. Paul also assisted with the formation of BONI USA, a technology startup that provided navigation services to the visually impaired community.

Paul also served as the government affairs consultant for the Building Industry Association of Greater Chicago, and was active on various National Association of Home Builders committees dealing with energy, environment, building codes, zoning and other related residential development issues.

Being involved with energy and environmental-related issues for more than 25 years, Paul was most recently a senior strategist with Strategia Consulting in Chicago and was heading up the Clean Energy Coalition – a group recently formed to protect all Illinoisans' consumer rights and the environment.

A trusted mentor and generous advisor to others, Paul was chosen by his peers to serve as president of the Chicago Area Public Affairs Group. He was also community minded from his long-term residency in Wheaton and Glen Ellyn, he is a former chairperson of the Arts Commission in Wheaton, Ill.

A 1969 graduate of Wyoming Community High School, he was quite active in sports and other extra-curricular activities. He was an unabashed supporter of the University of Notre Dame University and Notre Dame football. Paul was eager to

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share a story that usually featured a hearty and jovial laugh. In true Irish spirit, he was quick to make friends, widely accepting of others from all walks of life, and loved a spirited debate. Professionally, his word was his bond and the industries he served and colleagues he worked with thrived due to his counsel.

Paul was regarded for his ability to reason and analyze situations from multiple angles. For him, an ideal outcome for all those involved was more important than being right. He took pride that his Democrat friends thought he was Republican, and his Republican friends thought he was Democrat.

Although doing work that had purpose and meaning was a cornerstone pillar of his identity, his family came first. Being a fully engaged, committed and loving husband, father and grandfather was a sacred duty and the greatest joy of his life. Paul was always positive, supportive of any endeavor and immensely proud of his family. He had a quiet sense of self-assurance with a loud, jolly, social side and was very quick to say, "It's OK to make mistakes, just make the small ones."

Paul is also survived by nine siblings: Judith (Robert) Curran, Elmwood, Ill.; Joanne (Gene) Gill, Wyoming; Timothy (Patty) Colgan, Wyoming; Colleen Colgan, Burlingame, Calif.; Jane (John) Francis, McCall, Idaho; Susan (Ken) Knapp, Henry, Ill.; Martin (Sue) Colgan, Hermitage, Tenn.; Gregory Colgan, Rancho Mirage, Calif.; and Thomas (Gloria) Colgan, Sausalito, Calif. He was uncle to over 70 nieces and nephews and was preceded in death by his parents and brothers Patrick J Colgan and Dr. Philip L Colgan.

A private funeral service with family will be held on Saturday, April 27, 2024, at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Wyoming, and burial will follow at St. Dominic's

Cemetery, Wyoming. There will be a memorial celebration of Paul's life at a later date in Chicago. Details on the celebration, as well as any donations to a charity of the family's choice, will be made available at a later date.

Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Paul on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Joan Huber

TOULON – Joan Huber, 87, of Toulon, Ill., passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024, at her home.

She was born Aug. 12, 1936, in Wyoming, Ill., the daughter of Clarence and Olive Carroll. Joan was preceded in death by her husband Jack Huber, her son John Huber and seven of her siblings. She left behind her daughter Jule (Gary) Bent of Toulon; three grandchildren, Nikki



Huber

(Nate), Brittany (Dustin) and Nathan; and five great-grandchildren, Kailey, Austin, Madison, Kyler and Jaxson.

Joan cherished her family and loved to bake and cook for them. Most of all, she loved to spoil her great grandchildren and her dog, Chloe.

There was a graveside service on Monday, April 22, 2024. Pallbearers were to be Nathan Bent, Gary Bent, Austin Smith, Nate Schaffer, Pat Barton, Dustin Carlson, Charlie Rouse and Tony Carroll. Honorary pallbearers were Kyler Day and Jaxon Bent.

Thomas R. Leezer

TOULON – Thomas R. Leezer, 66, of Toulon, Ill., passed away at 10:34 a.m. Sunday, April 21, 2024, at his residence. He was born in Quincy, Ill., on March 31, 1958. He was the

son of Donald R. and Emma Jean (Anderson) Leezer.

Surviving Tom are his son, Josh (Mandy) Leezer of Kewanee; five grandchildren, Kaiden Leezer, Raylei Leezer, Ryker Jackson, Layla Anderson and Colton Anderson; fiancé Joyce Anderson of Galva; two stepchildren, Jessica Anderson of East Peoria and Justin (Ashley) Anderson of Chicago; and five siblings, Janet Gold of Eureka, Patty Jo Koch of Mount Sterling, David Leezer of Camp Point, Ill., John (Kim) Leezer of Toulon and Mike (Paula) Leezer of Toulon.



Leezer

He was preceded in death by his parents; son Michael Leezer; and two brothers-in-law, Charles Robert "Bob" Gold and Ronald "Ronnie" Koch.

Tom owned and operated Rascals in Toulon and Leezer Consulting Services. He was previously employed at Caterpillar Inc. and farmed for Harold and Marty Webster. He was a former EMT for Stark County Ambulance and coached little league when his sons were younger. Tom enjoyed riding his Harley, deer hunting, hanging drywall and taking care of his lawn and was a stickler for a sealed driveway.

His funeral service will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, April 26, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. The Rev. Al Harmon will officiate. Burial will follow in Toulon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, April 25, 2024, also at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Condolences for Tom's family may be left on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

SPORTS: Orwig, Bowser lead boys track team

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4:18.74.

Placing second at the meet was Dusti Smith in the 400 (PR, 1:00.39) and 1,600 (5:47.76), Chelsey Stotler in shot put (36-7.25), Lauren Orwig in discus (99-9.25) and the Rebels' 4x800 relay of Paytin Terwilliger, Hamilton, Alexis Martinez and Kraklow (11:06.46).

Nolan Orwig was a double winner for the boys, posting a PR of 16.99 to take first in the 110 hurdles and winning the 300 hurdles in 44.46.

Matthew Bowser also scored well for the Rebels, posting two PRs to win the triple jump (41-10) and place second in long jump (19-9.75).

The Rebels compete at the AW Titan Invite today and the 78th annual Brockman Invitational on Tuesday at Kewanee High School.

Galva Track – Bryant Jeffrey posted a PR of 11:41.79 to take second in

the 3,200 and lead the Wildcats at the Rockridge Co-Ed Invite on April 19.

Ian Pacheco also posted a PR of 2:16.08 to place third in the 800 and Maddie Bates was third in the long jump with a leap of 14-10.75.

SC Softball – Behind a 14-run second inning Tuesday, Mercer County beat Stark County 18-2. Katie Grinnell had the only hit for Stark County (2-16).

The Rebels lost 15-0 on Monday to Henry.

Stark County was also swept in a doubleheader April 19 against Princeville, 11-1 and 13-7. Payten Hillier was 2-for-3 with an RBI in the first game. In the second game, Hillier was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Sophie Finnegan, Brooklynn Ostrowski and Hailey Peterson also had two hits each.

Stark County has a home double-

header Saturday against ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Galva Softball – Ava Anderson hit a three-run homer Tuesday, but that didn't prevent Galva from losing 17-10 to West Central.

The visitors led 11-0 after three innings. The Wildcats (3-11) scored five in the fifth and four in the sixth. Maddie Bates was 4-for-4, Kaylyn Gale was 2-for-4 with an RBI and Avery Dooley was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Galva also lost Monday, 13-6 at Orion. Gale was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Abingdon-Avon swept a doubleheader April 20 from the Wildcats, 15-0 and 10-5. Gale was 2-for-4 with two RBI. Addy Yepson was 2-for-3 in the second game.

Another game against West Central, this one in Biggsville, was scheduled for Thursday.

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Galva baseball rallies for win

By NICK VLAHOS, PHIL JOHNSON and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

The Galva baseball team scored eight runs in the sixth inning on Monday to rally past West Central, 15-11, in a Lincoln Trail Conference game at home.

The top of the order of M.J. Louck (two hits, two RBI), J.P. Sloan (three hits, two RBI) and Ty Dowell-Keup (two doubles, three RBI) provided a lot of scoring for Galva (3-10). John Bersell, Cyrus Hurd, Braxton Hulstrom, Jay Smith and Alec Gustafson also drove in runs

Louck threw two frames, getting two strikeouts. Hulstrom pitched four innings, striking out six. Cyrus Lilly struck out two in one frame.

“We were able to overcome what seems to be an issue with a young team, which has been our inconsistencies. M.J. Louck started and pitched well, throwing strikes. We hit well and got good relief from Braxton Hulstrom,” said Galva Coach Van White. “We aren’t quite yet where we want to be with our program but we’re definitely headed in the right direction.”

Galva lost 11-1 in each game of Saturday’s LTC twinbill at Princeville.

In the first game, Louck recorded an RBI and K Wood rapped a double.

In the nightcap, seven from Princeville in the third was too much for the Cougars. Gustafson, Smith and Wood pitched for Galva. Sloan, Dowell-Keup, Jake Conrad and Jared O’Brien each hit a single.

Galva is home Saturday vs. Stark County.

Stark County Baseball – The Rebels (9-10) dropped a 6-5 decision to Peoria

Christian on Monday at home. A four-run fourth by the visitors was the difference.

Dillon Steelman yielded five earned runs, walked three and struck out four. Connor Wagenbach drove in two runs. Connor Daum and Will Rumbold doubled.

The Rebels got stellar team defense, a complete game on the mound from Rumbold and an RBI single from Connor Wagenbach for a 1-0 win at Midland April 17 at home. Rumbold walked one and scattered four hits to go with three strikeouts. Blair Daum had the only other hit for SC.

“This was a nice win for us. Rumbold pitched very well,” Stark County Coach Scott Paxson said. “We continue to pitch well and play very good defense. Charlie Hulstrom threw out his third runner of the season at home from left field. We have also been running the bases very aggressively.

“If we find our timing at the plate and improve putting the ball in play more often, we will be a very good team.”

The Rebels are at Galva Saturday.

SC Track – The Stark County girls were third and the boys team was fifth Tuesday at the Mick Louck Invite.

The Lady Rebels had two winning relays and got a win and personal record of 12:25.14 in the 3,200-meter race from Cheyenh Smith to go with numerous second-place finishes.

Relay wins came from the 4x200 of Paul’yna Barnwell, Kimora Barnwell, Haylie Moodie and Claire Bowser in 1:54.18 and the 4x400 of Sarah Kraklow, Keagan Hamilton and the Smith sisters in

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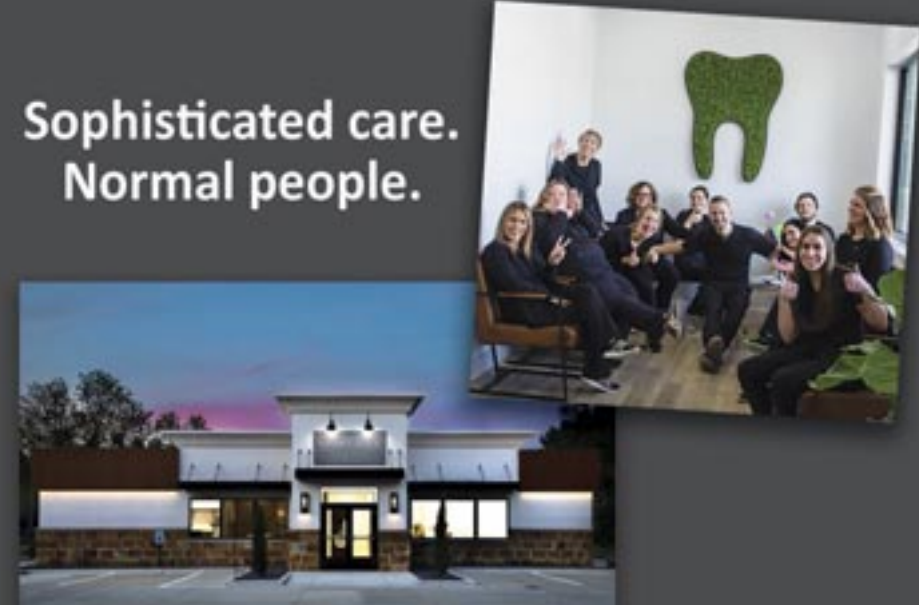
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