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## Bishop Hill Colony Church ‘endangered’

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

BISHOP HILL – Peeling paint is among the first things you notice when visiting the Colony Church, a landmark that dates back to 1848 and is a centerpiece of this historic site.

The exterior detracts from a fascinating interior that tells much of the story of Bishop Hill, one of the earliest settlements of Swedish immigrants in the U.S. and a utopian religious community founded by Eric Janson and his followers in 1846.

No wonder then that Landmarks Illinois has listed the Colony Church as one of its 2024 most endangered historic places in Illinois. Illinois Landmarks is a nonprofit historic preservation organization that, since 1995, has annually asked preservationists, community leaders and citizens of Illinois to provide input for a list of 10 culturally and architecturally significant sites across the state that are in need of preservation.

Once a property is included on the most endangered list, Landmarks Illinois says it remains committed to preservation efforts, continuing communication and relationships with local advocates and elected officials.

Bishop Hill is a unique historic area, as many of the village’s original buildings have survived, including Colony Church, Ox Boys’ Dormitory (built in 1850) and Bjorklund Hotel (late 1850s). The area is a National Historic Landmark and is also designated as a State Historic site, administered by the Illinois Department of

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Peeling paint is among the issues facing the Bishop Hill Colony Church, listed as one of 10 of the most endangered historic places in Illinois by Illinois Landmarks. Photo courtesy of the Bishop Hill Heritage Association.

## BUSY DAYS AT SCHOOL

May is a busy time at our local schools, with concerts, graduation, honor assemblies and sporting events jammed into a few weeks. Please see our Salute to the Graduates section inside. And here are a few photos from this busy month.



The Bradford Schools’ K-8 spring concert drew a crowd. Photo by Becki Hoffert.



Toulon Lions Club scholarship recipients honored during the Stark County senior awards assembly on May 7 were (left to right) Morgan Brooks, Olivia Orwig and Annessia Rucker. A complete list of scholarship winners will be printed next week.



Seniors honored May 5 at the Galva Rotary honors program for at least a 3.5 gpa for the first semester were, Back row (left to right): John Gravitt, Ava Gunn, Mia Merkel, Jared O’Brien and Summit Quart. Front row (l to r): Ilaria Belloni, Kendall Rogers, Ava Strom and Kyrsten Hill. Photo by Carol Townsend.

## Stark Co. court hears several cases Friday

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

TOULON – Circuit Court Judge Paul E. Bauer heard several Stark County cases last Friday, with charges ranging from a traffic violation to a felony aggravated assault.

Shawn L. Hall, 51, of Toulon, is charged with a Class 4 felony aggravated assault for an incident on Dec. 16, 2023. It is alleged that Hall “attempted to kick Toulon police officer Ashley Karpel when she was performing her law enforcement duties.”

Hall, through his legal counsel Maureen Williams, of Peoria, has filed a speedy trial request. Bauer set Hall’s trial for Aug. 5 and expects completion in two days. Hall’s next court appearance is July 12 for a scheduling conference.

Charles D. Slightom Jr., 41, of Toulon, had two cases set for review and a first appearance on a third 2024 case. Slightom was arrested on July 15, 2020, on 450E at 700N for driving on a suspended license.

He is also charged with a criminal misdemeanor domestic violence count on Nov. 1, 2023, for domestic battery. Court documents say Slightom “made physical contact of an insulting or provoking nature with Mariliel Slightom (his wife), a family member or household member of the defendant, in that he struck her while at 220 E. Commercial St., Toulon.”

Slightom Jr. has also been charged in the March 1 Knox County fatal crash, that killed his wife, Mariliel. Slightom was cited at

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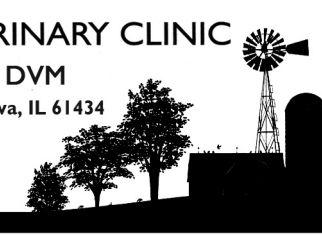
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# COURT: More court appearances scheduled

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 the hospital for disobeying a traffic control device, driving while his license is suspended, driving under the influence, operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.  
 Finally, Slightom was charged Friday with a criminal misdemeanor in a case where he is alleged to have struck Joshua Petty while at 315 W. Jefferson St. in Toulon. Slightom's next court appearance is with Stark County public defender Robert M. McBride and scheduled for May 31.  
 Slightom has an extensive criminal history that dates back to 2000, including serving time in prison in

2013. Most recently, on Oct. 4, 2023, he was arrested in Stark County for operating an uninsured motor vehicle and disregarding a stop sign.  
 In another case heard last Friday, Andrew W. Szparkowski, 33, of Toulon, had three criminal misdemeanor cases continued. Those cases involved two for criminal trespass at the Toulon Public Library on Jan. 5 and at the Toulon Dollar General store on Feb. 10. He was previously warned not to enter either establishment. In addition, Szparkowski is charged with a criminal misdemeanor drug paraphernalia possession count, on Jan. 26.

Leslie D. Troutwine, 62, of Toulon, was in court with his legal counsel, Stark County Public Defender Robert M. McBride. McBride said he is working with Stark County State's Attorney Austin King on a plea agreement. Troutwine is charged with two counts of criminal misdemeanors. He allegedly entered and trespassed at the Toulon Methodist Global Church when he was previously warned not to enter the building. Plus, Troutwine is charged with theft for allegedly stealing a container of coffee, valued at less than \$500. He is scheduled for a June 14 court appearance.

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# BISHOP HILL: Church repairs are most dire

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 Natural Resources.  
 Illinois Landmarks says previous Illinois leadership did not allocate enough money to address ongoing maintenance needs. As a result, deferred maintenance has created needed repairs, some of which are urgent.  
 According to Illinois Landmarks, all of the buildings in the state historic site need attention, but the Colony Church is in the most dire need.  
 Repairs needed at the church include a new roof, siding replacement, paint

stripping and new paint, foundation work, replacement of rotting wood, new gutters and plaster repair.  
 The Illinois Landmarks designation follows on the heels of a March 6 press conference during which State Rep. Travis Weaver and State Sen. Neil Anderson urged the General Assembly and Gov. JB Pritzker to set aside funds for repairs at Bishop Hill.  
 "Governor (JB) Pritzker should be embarrassed by his agency's ability to care for historic buildings," Weaver said. "Several decades ago, the state decided to take ownership of the Bishop Hill historic properties in order to preserve them; however, since then, they have allowed these buildings to nearly fall into total disrepair."

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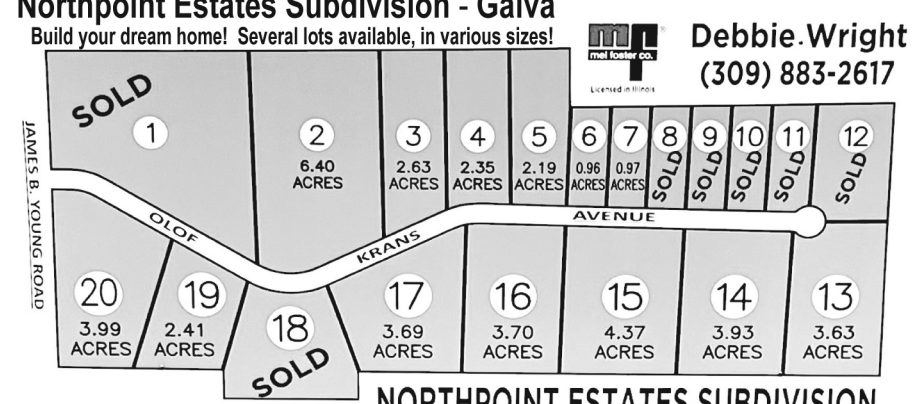
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**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

- 5-3 - Noah G. Thornton - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 5-3 - Shylynn N. Cain - Electronic communications device (cellphone).
- 5-3 - Scot J. Mincey - Driving 15-20 mph above limit - two counts.
- 5-3 - Austin K. Dozard - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-4 - Hannah L. Konhorst - No valid registration.
- 5-4 - Angela M. Smith - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 5-4 - Kailey A. Smith - Disregard stop sign.
- 5-4 - Jonathan L. Kincaid - Driving 11-14 mph above limit and driving restriction time on graduated driver's license.
- 5-4 - Justin A. Pettitt - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 5-4 - Javes A. Velazquez - Disregard stop sign.
- 5-4 - Liam J. Singleton - Unlawful possession of cannabis.
- 5-5 - Yvonne M. Rutledge - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-5 - Joshua G. Wells - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

- 4-28 - Corey M. Reese, 46, Wyoming, arrested for obstructing and resisting a peace officer. He was later extradited to the Henry County Jail on a pending warrant.
  - 4-28 - Norman D. Black, rural Toulon, reported a theft from his storage shed. Investigation continues.
  - 4-29 - Patrick E. Sherbeyn, LaFayette, reported criminal damage to property after discovering a broken window of his backhoe. The incident is under investigation.
  - 4-30 - A complaint of a dog biting a 7-year-old girl was reported to authorities by a Toulon resident. The canine was placed under a 10-day quarantine and the youngster was transported for medical attention.
- Galva Report**
- Officer dispatched:**
- 4-29 - to meet with a group of subjects seeking a solicitor's permit. They were able to provide a permit.
  - 4-29 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd Street for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was returned to its owner.
  - 4-29 - to the 300 block of NE 5th Street for a threat complaint involving juveniles.
  - 4-29 - to the 700 block of NW 4th Ave. for a telephone harassment

- complaint.
- 4-29 - to speak with a subject about a welfare check request for an adult daughter in Galva.
- 4-29 - to the 300 block of NE 6th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint.
- 4-30 - to the 200 block of S. Exchange St. for a semi-truck that had a small fire in the rear brakes. The fire department also responded.
- 4-30 - Officer was flagged down in the 900 block of N. Center Ave. by a citizen who found a small amount of cannabis in a child's possession. The item was taken for destruction.
- 4-30 - Officer was flagged down by a citizen in the 900 block of North Center Ave in reference to a cat that ran away as they arrived at the vet clinic. The cat was not located.
- 4-30 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-30 - to the 200 block of NE 5th St. for a downed utility wire complaint. Mediacom was notified.
- 4-30 - to speak with a resident in the 500 block of SE 3rd Ave. who was blowing grass into the roadway. They were advised that it was against city ordinance and state law.
- 4-30 - to the 500 block of SE 4th St. for a complaint about a dog.
- 4-30 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., Allen Shoen, 33, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
- 5-1 - to a residence on SW 2nd Ave. for a suicidal subject.
- 5-1 - to the 300 block of NE 5th St. for a flag down complaint.
- 5-1 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a solicitor complaint. The subject had a valid permit.
- 5-2 - to the 600 block of W. Division St. for a traffic complaint. Officer located the offender and a report was sent to the state's attorney's office for consideration.
- 5-2 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hangup complaint. Officer responded and spoke to a resident who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
- 5-2 - to the 00 block of Wallace St. to collect several debit cards found along the roadway. Officer walked the same route and found several more items. The owner was contacted and the items were returned.
- 5-2 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a civil complaint involving a subject cutting down a tree that landed on a house, causing damage.
- 5-2 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd

- Ave. to assist Knox County with a trash-dumping complaint.
  - 5-2 - to the storage units in the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a burglary complaint. Several padlocks were cut off and destroyed.
  - 5-2 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a theft complaint.
  - 5-2 - to a residence on NW 2nd Ave. for a suicidal subject. Several loaded handguns were removed and the subject was taken by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.
  - 5-3 - to the 200 block of NW 4th Ave. for a domestic battery report.
  - 5-3 - to assist Henry County with a fatal car vs. bicycle accident several miles south of Kewanee.
  - 5-4 - to a medical emergency on SW 8th Ave. for an intoxicated subject who kept falling.
  - 5-4 - Officer provided traffic control for a few minutes as the Abate Motorcycle Awareness Ride passed through town.
  - 5-4 - to a residence on NW 2nd Ave for a welfare check.
  - 5-4 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave for a disturbance complaint.
  - 5-4 - While patrolling, officer located a small child falling out of a window at Sentry Estates. Officer contacted a parent.
  - 5-4 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Vanessa Chavez, 30, Galesburg, was arrested for two counts of possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance, possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle, driving while license suspended and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver. She was released with a court date.
  - 5-5 - to the 1000 block of West Division Street for a loose dog complaint. Officer was not able to locate.
- Property Transfers**
- 5-1 - Nancy C. Buchert to Julia Brittes and Trace Tuthill - Lt 1 Assr's Sub - Sect 24-13-5 SE - 503 N. Fuller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$258,000.
  - 5-2 - Joseph P. and Bonnie J. Magnussen to Bonnie J. and Joseph P. Magnussen, Trustees - Pts Sect. 3-12-6 NE and NW, Sect. 18-12-6 SE, Sect. 25-13-6 SW, Sect. 26-13-6 NE, SW, and SE, Sect. 29-13-6 SW, and Sect. 35-13-6 NE - Consideration = \$0.
  - 5-3 - Helen Marie Cope to Carl R. Girkin - Vg of LaFayette - Block 22 Lots 1 and 2 - 610 Hodgson St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$20,000.



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### Galva spring concerts scheduled for May 16

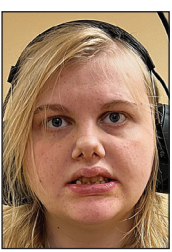
KEWANEE – The Galva Elementary School will hold its spring vocal music concert May 16 starting at 9 a.m. at Galva's Wiley Park stage. Grades K-6 will perform.

In the evening, Galva will hold a "Picnic in the Park Music Concert" beginning at 6 p.m. Groups performing will be the high school band, junior and senior High choir, junior high band and fifth and sixth grade band and chorus.

The public is welcome. Bring chairs. Top That food truck and Special Kneads Bakery will also be on hand.

### Galva resident Streeter Achiever of the Month

KEWANEE – Lilly Streeter has been recognized as Achiever of the Month for April at Abilities Plus. She is nominated for consistently attending her classes and helping out with kitchen jobs at Abilities Plus. Her favorite class is working on arts and crafts. Lilly en-



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joys learning about history and geography. Her knowledge of the state capitals is very impressive. She resides with her family in rural Galva.

### College honors

Several local students were inducted into Black Hawk College Honor Societies recently.

Names to Psi Beta were **Sarah Hansard** and **Emily Hurst** of Toulon. Named to Sigma Kappa Delta was **Sarah Hansard** of Toulon.

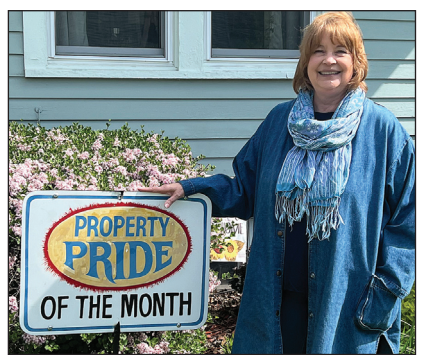
### First Baptist holding Mother's Day breakfast

GALVA – The First Baptist Church of Galva has a free Mother's Day Breakfast Sunday, May 12, at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Breakfast casseroles, pastries and fruit will be served. There will be games and prizes for mothers and a gift for every woman attending. The church will also show a video of Awana youth members talking about their moms before the Mother's Day worship service at 10:30 a.m.

### Vasa National Archive hosts Finnish Field Day

BISHOP HILL – The Vasa National Archive will host a fun, non-competitive hobby horse event on May 25 from 1-4 p.m. Participants



Diana Whitney of 16 NW 5th Street was chosen as the May Property Pride Award from the Galva Ready to Grow Committee. Diana has lived in her home since 1998. She said the home was 100 years old in 2023. She likes her flowers and plants and especially the hostas and sunflowers. Diana came to Galva as a small child in 1953 and has called it her home even after living in other places through the years. Photo by Carol Townsend.

can try out jumps, barrel racing, joust targets and races.

Drinks will be provided for participants. This is free and open to the public of all ages. Participants can bring their own hobby horse or make one for \$10 each.

Supplies are limited and reservations are suggested. This event is sponsored by McConnell Heating and Cooling of Toulon and Galesburg. Call (309) 927-3898 or email VasaArchivist@gmail.com for more information.

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**The Galva City Council meeting in Galva will be held one week early on May 20th (rather than the 27th) due to Memorial Day.**

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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)**  
Notice is given of the death of Patricia J. Wilamoski. Letters of Office were issued on April 22, 2024, to Peter Wilamoski 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 31, 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/ethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555  
Published 4/26, 5/3, 5/10/24

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF KENT E. GRIFFIN, Deceased  
No. 2024 PR 347  
**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**  
Notice is given of the death of Kent E. Griffin. Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2024, to Timothy R. Griffin 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 November 4, 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/ethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF MILDRED I. NELSON,  
Deceased  
No. 2024PR49  
**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**  
Notice is given of the death of Mildred I. Nelson. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2024, to Steven R. Nelson and Bonita D. Nelson as Independent Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before November 2, 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.  
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Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executors  
P.O. Box 165  
Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2001  
Published 5/3, 5/10, 5/17/24

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF: JOHN T. REDMOND, Deceased.  
No. 2024PR48  
**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**  
Notice is given of the death of John T. Redmond. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2024, to Melissa L. Dobbels 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 November 9, 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.  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 462 THIRD AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 416**  
WHEREAS, in the judgement of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of LaFayette, it is necessary to amend the water rate ordinance (Ordinance No. 4 16) to increase monthly flat rates for use of water from the Village of LaFayette Water System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE AS FOLLOWS:  
**SECTION 1:** Section 7 of Ordinance 4 16 shall be Amended to read as follows:  
**"SECTION 7. Rate Schedule.**  
The following shall be the rates for water supplied by the Village: The monthly bill shall be computed on the following flat rate schedule:  
For the period commencing the month of May, 2024, through April, 2025, the basic flat rate per residence is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), commencing May, 2025, through April, 2026, the basic flat rate per residence is Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00), commencing May, 2026, the flat rate per residence is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) with the following additional costs based on the residency of each household:  
• Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) shall be added for each person residing in the household.  
• Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per yeale flat rate for each swimming pool over 20 gallons.

For the period commencing the month of May, 2024, through April, 2025, the basic flat rate for business establishments is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), commencing May, 2025, through April, 2026, the basic flat rate for business establishments is Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00), commencing May, 2026, the flat rate for business establishments is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00).  
Added to the monthly bill shall be a separate charge of Fifteen Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$15.50) for trash/garbage collection services."  
**SECTION 2:** Except to the extent inconsistent with this Ordinance No. 462, Ordinance No. 416 is hereby ratified and confirmed as it existed prior to passage of this Second Amendment to Ordinance No. 416.  
**SECTION 3: EFFECTIVE DATE:**  
This ordinance shall become effective as of the date of its passage and approval, and the Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in a public communication and a pamphlet form.  
UPON A MOTION duly made by Leslie Peterson, and seconded by Sonny Preston, there were cast 4 votes for the Ordinance, 0 votes cast against the Ordinance, 0 votes were abstained, 1 member was absent, and there was a quorum present to conduct business on this 6th day of May, 2024.  
Katelyn A. Rumbold  
Village Clerk  
UPON A MOTION duly made, seconded and approved by a majority of those voting, I, the Village President of the Village of LaFayette, do hereby approve the foregoing Ordinance and do by these presents affix my hand to this document this 6th day of May, 2024.  
Name Illegible  
President of the Board of Trustees  
STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
SS  
COUNTY OF STARK )  
I, the undersigned, Village Clerk of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy

**Village of LaFayette General Funds Pool/Special Project Account**  
**May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024**  
Beginning Balance May 1,2023 \$7,486.06  
Receipts:  
Water: \$62,692.30  
Trash: 12,890.00  
Interest: 9.91  
Total Cash to Account: **\$75,592.21**  
Disbursements:  
Salaries: \$10,695.61  
Electricity: \$6,700.29  
Insurance:  
Supplies & Chemicals: \$8,391.11  
Equip. Repairs: \$13,757.46  
Office Supplies: \$1,481.61  
Legal Fees: \$0.00  
Water Tower: \$1,200  
Depreciation: \$5,400.00  
FICA: \$0.00  
Medicare: \$0.00  
Unemployment: \$88.22  
Federal W/Holding: \$2,209.68  
State W/Holding: \$346.08  
Misc.: \$657.84  
Trash: \$14,094.00  
Water Analysis: \$1,386.10  
Improvements: \$0.00  
Bank Loan - Hydrants: \$2,877.16  
Total Disbursements from Cash: \$69,825.16  
Ending Balance April 30,2024 \$13,253.11  
Nora Williams, Treasurer

of the Ordinance, such Ordinance being passed by the Village Board on the 6 day of May, 2024.  
Katelyn A. Rumbold  
Village Clerk  
Subscribed and affirmed before the undersigned Notary Public this 6th day of May, 2024.  
Lori Ann Shambaugh  
Notary Public State of Illinois  
My Commission Expires 6/22/2027  
Published 5/10/24

**Village of LaFayette**  
**P.O. Box 116, LaFayette, IL 61449**  
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Beginning Balance May 1,2023 \$95,366.35  
Receipts:  
Insurance, Audit, State Income Tax, PPRT, Real Estate, Sales, Use, Road and Bridge, and Corporate Tax: 62,042.13  
Interest: 85.94  
Total Cash to Account: **\$62,328.07**  
Disbursements:  
Street Lights: \$ 3,618.12  
Insurance: 8,390.00  
Salaries: 8,235.00  
Office Supplies: 2,856.78  
Legal Fees: 0.00  
Advertising: 416.00  
Street Repairs: 1,104.73  
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Library: 1,438.55  
Equipment Repairs: 0.00  
Truck/Plow Expenses: 469.69  
Tree/Brush Removal: 0.00  
Ditch/Culvert Repair: 0.00  
Total Disbursements from Cash: \$94,560.14  
Ending Balance April 30,2024 \$63,134.28  
Nora Williams, Treasurer

**Village of LaFayette**  
**Bond Interest and Reserve Account**  
**May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024**  
Beginning Balance May 1,2023 \$18,665.20  
Interest: \$20.55  
Receipts: \$160.00  
Transfers: \$3,000.00  
Total Cash to Account: \$3,180.55  
Disbursements: \$0.00  
Ending Balance April 30,2024 \$21,845.75  
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**Village of LaFayette**  
**Motor Fuel Tax Fund**  
**May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024**  
Beginning Balance May 1,2023 \$37,999.22  
Receipts: \$ 7,020.17  
State of Illinois Interest: \$ 42.02  
Total Cash to Account: \$7,062.19

**Village of LaFayette**  
**Depreciation Account**  
**May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024**  
Beginning Balance May 1, 2023 \$ 9,692.11  
Transfers: \$5,400.00  
Interest: \$12.70  
Total Cash to Account: \$5,412.70  
Disbursements: \$0.00  
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**CERTIFICATION**  
I, the undersigned, Nora Williams, Treasurer of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, hereby certify that the foregoing Treasurer's Report is a true and accurate report of the receipts and disbursements relating to General Funds of the Village of LaFayette, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Water Collection Account, Depreciation Account and Bond Interest & Reserve Account and Special Project Account for the fiscal period beginning May 1, 2023 thru April 30, 2024.  
Date: May 6, 2024  
Nora Williams, Village Treasurer  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of May, 2024  
Lori Ann Shambaugh  
Notary Public State of Illinois

**Village of LaFayette**  
**AFFIDAVIT**  
Statc of Illinois )  
SS  
County of Stark )  
I, Katelyn Rumbold am the Village Clerk of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, and on oath after being duly sworn state as follows:  
1. Attached is a true and correct copy of the Village Treasurer's

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Report - Annual Account which was filed with me.  
3. That the Treasurer's Report - Annual Account was published in The Prairie News on May 10th, 2024 as provided by 65 ILCS 5/3-10-5.1.  
Katelyn Rumbold  
Village Clerk  
Subscribed and affirmed this 6th day of May, 2024  
Lori Ann Shambaugh  
Notary Public  
Published 5/10/24

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF HARRIET K. OBLAK, Deceased  
No. 2024PR51  
**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**  
Notice is given of the death of Harriet K. Oblak. Letters of Office were issued on May 3, 2024, to Tyler Glaser as Independent Administrator 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 November 13, 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  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555  
Published 5/10, 5/17, 5/24/24

**ORDINANCE NO. 462 THIRD AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 416**  
WHEREAS, in the judgement of the President of the Board of Trustees of the Village of LaFayette, it is necessary to amend the water rate ordinance (Ordinance No. 4 16) to increase monthly flat rates for use of water from the Village of LaFayette Water System.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE AS FOLLOWS:  
**SECTION 1:** Section 7 of Ordinance 4 16 shall be Amended to read as follows:  
**"SECTION 7. Rate Schedule.**  
The following shall be the rates for water supplied by the Village: The monthly bill shall be computed on the following flat rate schedule:  
For the period commencing the month of May, 2024, through April, 2025, the basic flat rate per residence is Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), commencing May, 2025, through April, 2026, the basic flat rate per residence is Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00), commencing May, 2026, the flat rate per residence is Sixty Dollars (\$60.00) with the following additional costs based on the residency of each household:  
• Three Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$3.50) shall be added for each person residing in the household.  
• Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per yeale flat rate for each swimming pool over 20 gallons.



## CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Phone (309) 286-2224

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591  
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### LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449  
Phone (309) 995-3371

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.  
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

### West Jersey United Methodist Church

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Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491

Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491

email: info@thegathering.life  
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>

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### 1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901  
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Email [fcctoulon@gmail.com](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)

website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

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204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491  
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(309) 286-4611

Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.  
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Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Email: [pastor@toulonbaptist.com](mailto:pastor@toulonbaptist.com)

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1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2460

[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
[galvafirst@gmail.com](mailto:galvafirst@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship: 9:00

### Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm  
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.  
309-606-9027

Email: [WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com](mailto:WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com)  
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

### The Oaks Community Church

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### Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

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## OBITUARIES

### Mary L. Kitterman

PRINCEVILLE – Mary Louise Kitterman, 89, of Princeville, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Sunday, May 5, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Mary was born on June 21, 1934, in Stark County to Dwain and Edna (Price) Hegwood. She married Ray Kitterman on June 21, 1952, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Feb. 10, 2018.

Surviving are one son, Mickey (Dan) Kitterman of St. Louis; one daughter, Michelle (Denny) McGinn of Princeville; daughter-in-law, Robin Kitterman of Toulon; one brother, Bill J. (Doris) Hegwood of Camp Grove; one brother-in-law Keith Murray of Plano, Texas; seven grandchildren, Sean (Rachel), Chad, Corey (Nicke), Lisa (Chad), Dru (Stephanie), Amber and Ashley; 13 great-grandchildren; former daughter-in-law Liz Shane of Florida; and several nieces and nephews.

Mary was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Anthony "Tony" Kitterman; and one sister, Shirley A. Murray.

She had a love of gardening (flowers and vegetables) and cooking. She enjoyed watching all sporting, dancing and theater that involved her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan.

She and Ray spent their later years line dancing, camping at Allendale and spending winters on South Padre Island, where many new friendships were made. She was always up for a political conversation and advocated for everyone to vote.

She had made the decision early on to donate her body to science, when she realized that there was a need. She also felt everyone should own a good pair of gold shoes.

Her memorial service will be at 6 p.m. Monday, May 13, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services



Kitterman

in Princeville. Funeral Celebrant Nicole Reed, alongside Mary's family, will officiate. Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., also on Monday at the funeral home. A burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Akron-Princeville Ambulance Service or the Wy-Hi Center in Wyoming. Condolences may be left for Mary's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Gail R. Ripka

GALVA – Gail Rosenow Ripka, 74, a voracious reader and avid gardener, died in Peoria, Ill., on May 4, 2024, at the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, surrounded by her family.

Born in Morrison, Ill., on Nov. 10, 1949, the daughter of Clarence Rosenow and Jana (Clementz) Rosenow, Gail grew up in Galva, Ill. She graduated from Galva High School in 1967, and then went on to earn her LPN at Black Hawk East College, an associates degree in Nursing at Sauk Valley College, BSN at the University of Illinois and master's degree in health administration from the University of St. Francis.

She was a nurse and lived a life full of serving others as she developed and managed the Kewanee Hospital Healthcare program during her time as vice president of Kewanee Hospital. She was also executive director of the Henry County Health Department until her retirement in 2014.

Throughout her life, Gail gave back to her community in many ways including serving on the Henry County 708 Mental Health Board, Freedom House Board, ABCD Board, Kewanee Food Pantry Board, Abilities Plus Human Rights Committee, Kewanee Friends of the Library Board and the Henry County Mental Health Alliance Board.

She was awarded the Helen Heyrman Award for Outstanding Leader-



Ripka

ship by the Illinois Homecare and Hospice Council. Gail was very interested in genealogy, and she was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and The Mayflower Society.

Gail singlehandedly kept every local library in business and won many prizes in library summer-reading programs. She loved her yoga pals and her "old nurses" cohort who remained a constant comfort until her last breath. Gail loved the tranquility of her vast garden and patio sanctuary. She found joy in both feathered friends and the wild creatures who danced through her yard, epitomizing a life of understated richness.

But most of all, Gail loved spending time with her family. She is survived by her son, Christopher (Deidre) Ripka and her three grandchildren, Miranda, Isabella and Anderson Ripka. She was affectionately known as "Grandy" to them and could always be counted on for book recommendations, gifts of office supplies and Legos, amazing trays of Christmas cookies and Barnes and Noble gift cards for every special occasion.

"Auntie Gail" is also survived by her very special nieces and nephews, Sarah (Mike Trippiedi) Cardiff, Amy (Gary) DeFauw, Ben (Angie) Cardiff, and Nolan Rosenow, along with many great-nieces and nephews.

Meeting her in heaven are her parents, her longtime partner Jim Jones, and several dogs who crossed over the rainbow bridge before her. She will also be greeted by her sister, Marilee Cardiff, and brother, Robert Rosenow.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 10, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Pastor Haley Hausman officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home or the Galva Library.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.rux-funeralhome.com](http://www.rux-funeralhome.com).

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## Card of Thanks

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Thank you to everyone that helped me celebrate my 85th Birthday. It was a wonderful day.

Mary Forstrom

## Card of Thanks

The Doe Family

Thank you to everyone who showed such amazing acts of kindness to our family during our difficult time. Special thank you to Reverend Art Blegen and the Elmira United Presbyterian Church for such a wonderful service and meal, and to the Richard L. Owens Hospice Home for their care of Diane.

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# Stark Co. boys, girls win IESA track sectional

Stark County track and field athletes had a banner day Saturday, as both the boys and girls eighth-grade teams won IESA 2A sectional titles at Putnam County High School and several Rebels advanced to the state meet.

Stark County's girls scored 70 points and the boys tallied 49. Next up is a trip to the IESA State Track Meet today and Saturday (May 10-11) at the Eastside Centre in East Peoria.

Eighth-grader Braxtton Gibson qualified in three individual events for Stark County and was part of a qualifying relay. Gibson won the 100-meter race with a personal record of 12.32 seconds and won the 200 with another PR of 24.88, which broke Thorin

Hicks' school record of 25.0 set in 2011. Gibson was second in the 400 (56.95) and was also part of SC's winning 4x100 relay (50.85) that also included Bentley Gibson, Jack Knoblauch and Louis O'Bryant.

Other Rebels qualifiers are:  
• Norah Rorem 7th grade 800 (3rd, PR, 2:40.76) and 1,600 (2nd, PR, 5:39.25)  
• Coley Johnston, 8th, high jump (3rd, 4-6.75) and shot put (1st, 27-6.25)  
• Gia Swearingen, 7th, 100 (1st, 14.17)  
• Hallie Newton, 8th, 100 hurdles (1st, PR, 18.56)  
• Jack Knoblauch, 8th, 110 hurdles (1st, PR, 18.2)

• Eighth-grade girls 4x100 relay (55.25) Swearingen, Taylor Price, Johnston and Newton.  
**1A Sectional** – Bradford and Galva athletes fared well at the IESA 1A sectional at Hall High School.

Bradford 8th-grader Evan Knobloch won the 800 (PR, 2:13.67) and 1,600 (PR, 4:48.66). Bradford 7th grader Bailey McDermott also qualified in shot put, (3rd, PR, 26-8)

Galva won the 8th grade 4x200 relay (1:53.01) with Randal Engels, Landon Rodseth, Eli Ingles and Thomas Funke. Other qualifiers were Ben Burris in 8th grade shot put (1st, 38-9.25) and discus (2nd, PR, 115-5.5).

# SPORTS: Galva at Stark Co. in regional BB opener

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1A regional action on Monday at Stark County.

**Softball** – For the second time this season, Stark County softball eked out a victory against Galva.

Kenna Newton stole home plate in the bottom of the 10th inning Monday to give host Stark County a 9-8 victory. Newton walked with one out, stole second base and advanced to third on a wild pitch.

The wild ending capped a game in which Stark County (3-21) led 7-2 after four innings but Galva (5-18) led 8-7 in the eighth. Kaylyn Gale's RBI single with two outs in that inning put the Wildcats ahead. But Newton tied it in the bottom of the inning by scoring from third on a dropped third strike.

Addy Yepson's two-run double was the big hit in a four-run Galva sixth. Maddie Bates also had two RBI for Galva, and Yepson was 3-for-5. Emily Demetreon had two RBI for Stark County, and teammate Sophie Finnegan was 3-for-5 and drove in one. Stark County stole 17 bases.

Stark County defeated Galva 8-7 on April 15.

Earlier Monday, Abingdon-Avon beat Stark County 16-3. The Rebels are to travel Saturday to Monmouth United, then begin postseason play at 4:30 p.m. May 13 at home against Peoria Heights in a Class 1A Amboy Regional first-round game.

Stark County is seeded eighth in its Williamsfield sub-sectional. Heights is seeded ninth.

Galva is seeded eighth in the other Williamsfield sub-sectional and also begins regional play at 4:30 p.m. May 13, at No. 7 Princeville. The winner of that Woodull Regional first-round game plays at 4:30 p.m. May 14 at Al-Wood Elementary School in Alpha against top-seeded Ridgewood.

On Tuesday, Galva lost 3-1 at Knoxville. The Wildcats tied it 1-1 on Amber Plummer's RBI groundout. Mercer County swept Galva in a doubleheader May 4, 14-1 and 12-0.

Earlier in the week, Galva won on back-to-back days. Wigant's two-run double May 2 propelled the Wildcats to a 5-1 victory over Annawan-Wethersfield.

On May 1, an RBI walk by Ava Anderson followed by Karsten Jones' two-run single broke a fifth-inning tie in a 12-7 victory over Peoria Richwoods. Galva scored six more in the sixth. Gale's bases-clearing single was the big blow. Gale and Jones each had three RBI, and Anderson and Yepson each had two.

The regular-season Galva schedule is to end Saturday, with a doubleheader at Princeville.

**SC track** – The Stark County girls were fourth and the boys were sixth last Friday at the Lincoln Trail Conference meet at Monmouth United.

Nolan Orwig had a big day, posting two personal records, one while winning the 110-meter hurdles in 16.36 seconds. He also won the 300 hurdles (42.66) and was third in the 200 (PR, 23.08).

Matthew Bowser won in the triple jump (41-6.75).

Chelsey Stotler took first in shot put with a PR throw

of 38 feet, 8.25 inches and teammate Lauren Orwig was second (35-11.5).

Orwig also had a PR throw of 105-6 to place third in discus. Claire Bowser was second in high jump (4-11).

The Lady Rebels also placed second in the 4x200 relay (1:51.83) with Paul'yna Barnwell, Kimora Barnwell, Haylie Moodie and Riley Hamilton.

At the Pam Foley Memorial Invite Monday in Galva, Nolan Orwig won the 200 (23.54).

The SC boys team competes in the Farmington Class 1A Sectional on May 15, as does Galva.

**Galva track** – Reid Harris was second at the LTC meet in high jump (5-8.75) and Ian Pacheco was third in the 3,200 (PR, 11:16.41).

At the Pam Foley Memorial Invite Monday Pacheco was second in the 3,200 (11:18.66) and Bryant Jeffrey was third (PR, 11:18.91), while Reese Sumner won the girls long jump (PR, 14-11).

## NOTICE OF TESTING for Patrol Deputy.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for Patrol Deputy. This testing is for new hires and lateral officers.

New applicants will have until June 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to submit applications.

The physical test (Power test) will be conducted on June 8, 2024 at 10 a.m., at the Henry County Jail located at 311 W. Center St Cambridge, IL. Information about the written test will be provided to those applicants who successfully pass the physical test. The written test will be at a later date.

Applications may be obtained at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 311 West Center St, Cambridge, IL 61238. The Henry County Government application can also be printed from [henrycty.com](http://henrycty.com). A completed application can be emailed to [bfranklin@henrycty.com](mailto:bfranklin@henrycty.com) or dropped off at the Sheriff's Office.

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The deadline for the applications will be June 7, 2024 @ 4:00pm. Only fully completed applications will be accepted. Questions can be directed to Chief Deputy Charles Ben Franklin @ 309-937-3902 or [bfranklin@henrycty.com](mailto:bfranklin@henrycty.com).

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Noon - 6 p.m.

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In-district family: \$90 for first 2 people, plus \$5 per additional family member. (except during April special)

**Out-of-district individual: \$100**  
Out of district Family: \$125 for first 2 people, plus \$10 per additional family member (except during April special)

• All children under 10 years must be accompanied by a responsible adult 15 years or older.  
• In-district - If your legal residence pays property taxes to Galva Park District.  
• Family membership - includes children, step-children or if you have legal guardianship, living in same household.  
• Pool may close early for the day due to low number of swimmers.

**10 SWIM LESSONS**  
In-district: \$40. 3 or more children in same family enrolled in same session: \$25 per child.  
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There will be 2 sessions, dates and times to be determined. Please check our Facebook page or call for updates. Sign up and pay at pool office. Class sizes limited.

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**(309) 932-2070**

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Galva pool may be reserved. Inquire at pool office for dates.  
50 people or less: \$125  
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6:15 - 8 p.m.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Spring sports reach climax

By NICK VLAHOS,  
PHIL JOHNSON and  
JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

The postseason has arrived for spring sports, with girls track and field athletes already competing in their sectional on May 9 at Wethersfield and playoff games starting Monday for softball and baseball.

Here's what happened in the past week leading up to the postseason.

**SC baseball** – Stark County (13-14) split a doubleheader last Saturday at ROWVA-Williamsfield, losing 6-1 and winning the nightcap 11-1. Hits were as sparse as runs in the opener for the visitors.

In the second game, a seven-run seventh inning was plenty to get SCHS in the win column. Connor Daum hit a home run, Charley Holstrom doubled and had an RBI and Dillon Steelman doubled and had an RBI. Daum pitched a complete game, striking out seven while yielding two hits and one walk.

The Rebels shut out Peoria Central 11-0 on the road May 2. Daum pitched 2.2 frames, giving up one hit and one walk while striking

out five. Steelman threw 3.1 innings and gave up two hits while recording eight strikeouts. Charley Holstrom hit a two-run home run, Steelman drove in three and Snider went 3-for-3.

Stark County struck for seven runs in the second inning and it held up in an 8-6 win May 1 at Brimfield. SCHS had seven hits, all singles. Will Rumbold had two RBI and Connor Daum, Blair Daum and Lindley each drove in one run. Ben Browning pitched all the way, giving up six hits with one strikeout.

“Ben Browning did a great job on the mound of keeping Brimfield hitters off balance. When he threw strike one, he usually won the at-bat,” Rebels Coach Scott Paxson said. “Short-stop Blair Daum had a particularly strong game, making several difficult plays look routine.

“This season our pitching, defense and baserunning have been very good. When we hit, we usually win.”

Stark County opens play in the Kewanee Wethersfield Class 1A regional with a 4:30 p.m. home



Evan Knobloch and Bailey McDermott of Bradford are two of several local track and field athletes who qualified for the IESA State Track meet this weekend. Details Page 7.

game against Galva, the No. 10 seed. The Rebels are seeded sixth.

**Galva baseball** – The Wildcats (5-14) lost a pair of 10-0 games Saturday at home vs. Ridgewood. In the opener, M.J. Louck, Ty Dowell-Keup, Braxton Hulstrom and Alex Davis each hit a single.

GHS topped Galesburg Christian 16-7 on the road May 9. The Cougars knocked 14 hits as Dowell-Keup drove in three scores, Louck tripled and doubled with two RBI, Cyrus Hurd drove in two and hit a double and Sloan also doubled and collected two RBI.

The Wildcats begin Class *Continued on Page 7*

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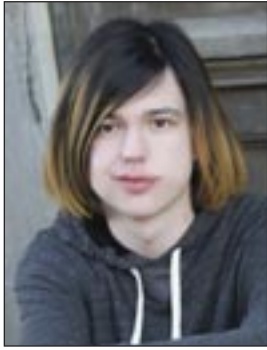




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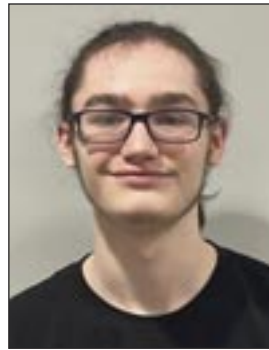
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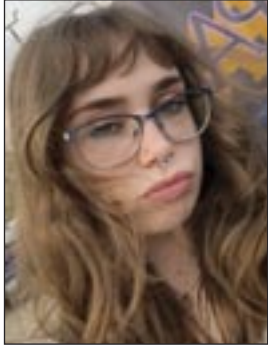
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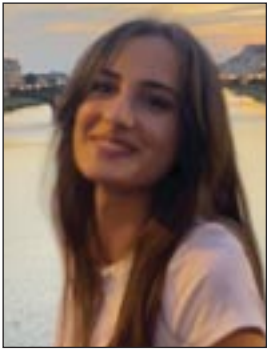
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## The Reading Mother

I had a mother who read to me  
Sagas of pirates who scoured the sea,  
Cutlasses clenched in their yellow teeth,  
"Blackbirds" stowed in the hold beneath

I had a Mother who read me tales  
Of Celert the hound of the hills of Wales,  
True to his trust till his tragic death,  
Faithfulness blent with his final breath.

You may have tangible wealth untold;  
Caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.  
Richer than I you can never be —  
I had a Mother who read to me.

I had a Mother who read me lays  
Of ancient and gallant and golden days;  
Stories of Marmion and Ivanhoe,  
Which every boy has a right to know.

I had a Mother who read me the things  
That wholesome life to the boy heart brings—  
Stories that stir with an upward touch,  
Oh, that each mother of boys were such.

~ Strickland Gillilan (1869-1954)

# Bradford Hog Roast



50/50 Raffle  
1 for \$1 or  
6 for \$5  
Drawing at 6pm

**Saturday June 1, 2024**  
**Bradford Fire House**  
Serving: 11am - 6 pm  
Bake Sale: 11am - run out

Adults: \$15, Senior Citizen: \$14  
Children 12 & Under: \$12  
Meal tickets sold at door

**Meal Includes:**  
Pork Chop, Pork Burger, Pork Cutlet  
Pulled Pork  
Baked Potato, Baked Beans, Coleslaw  
Bread & Butter

Please bring bake sale items to the Fire Building  
June 1st. by 10 am

Hosted by Bradford Firemen




Answers on Page 3

## Super Crossword

QUALITY COUNTERFEITING

**ACROSS**

- 1 Four drippings on
- 6 J. Edgar Hoover's org.
- 9 Blocks up
- 14 Sailing
- 19 Earthy hue
- 20 Arsenal for weapons
- 22 Limericks, e.g.
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Color qualities
- 26 Drain-clearing chemicals
- 27 Forster's "— With a View"
- 28 Frequently, to a bard
- 30 Unadorned
- 31 Brandy fruit
- 33 Riddle, part 2
- 38 Halt
- 40 Everyday worker
- 42 Disembarked
- 43 Sings Alpine-style
- 44 "Listen up!"
- 46 Vaping device brand
- 47 Crafty
- 48 Riddle, part 3
- 51 Analyze, as an alloy
- 56 Belgian painter James
- 57 Pro photog's camera
- 58 Bamboozle
- 60 "Pride and Prejudice" actress
- 61 Fleming who created Bond
- 64 Shaving balm brand
- 67 Handheld telescope
- 69 Riddle, part 4
- 75 Golden-coated horse
- 76 "Star Wars" princess
- 77 To this point
- 78 Uganda's id
- 79 Side in sports
- 81 Pewter metal
- 83 Kinds
- 88 Certain believer in God
- 90 Riddle, part 5
- 95 Marina del —, California
- 97 Bucks' mates
- 98 Car fuel
- 99 Walk over
- 103 Trig ratio
- 104 Uses teeth
- 105 Australian state; Abbr.
- 106 End of the riddle
- 109 See 10-Down
- 111 Best Picture of 2012
- 112 Arbor Day mo.
- 113 Poker champion Stu
- 115 "Ticklish" doll
- 118 Top hats
- 120 Fiddle's answer
- 125 Old TV parts
- 126 Captive's angry shout
- 127 — Carlo
- 128 "Full House" actor Bob
- 129 Walk over
- 130 Crimson, e.g.
- 131 Limerick penner Nash
- 8 "No more for me"
- 9 Federal health agcy.
- 10 With
- 109-Across, Beatles song or album
- 11 Brand of nail polish
- 12 Start to melt
- 13 Rod's partner
- 14 Liable
- 15 "It's a shame"
- 16 Upper House of Congress
- 17 Celebrity chef Lagasse
- 18 Size up
- 21 Rikishi's sport
- 24 Guffed acceptably
- 29 "Bye 4 now"
- 32 Pithy saying
- 34 Membrane enclosing a fetus
- 35 Supermodel Heidi
- 36 — Olay (face cream brand, formerly)
- 37 Boxer Oscar de la —
- 38 Additionally
- 39 12:00 p.m.
- 41 "Either you do it — will"
- 45 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —" (1974 hit)
- 46 Amount of jelly or olives
- 47 Visit casually
- 49 Smeltery stuff
- 50 Sammy with 609 homers
- 52 Part of SASE
- 53 — -Pei
- 54 Additionally
- 55 Polite rural assent to a lady
- 59 Singer Lovett
- 62 Doing the job
- 63 A ripe old age
- 65 Sports draw
- 66 The way things stand
- 68 Scrams
- 69 Tablet since 2010
- 70 Appoint
- 71 Livy's 552
- 72 Bits in physics
- 73 Ark crafter
- 74 Alexander of Reagan's Cabinet
- 80 Military doc
- 82 Match under the stars, maybe
- 84 Hooting bird
- 85 Bonn's region
- 86 Sunbathes
- 87 Gumbo, e.g.
- 89 Horse gait
- 91 The last Mrs. Chaplin
- 92 Rod's partner
- 93 Not, to Scots
- 94 Whirling
- 96 "Exile" New Age singer
- 99 Noisy kisses
- 100 Albanian capital
- 101 Yule drink
- 102 Singer Snow
- 103 One hanging ten
- 104 Ember
- 107 Eye-teasing paintings
- 108 San — Obispo, California
- 110 Envelop in haze
- 114 In the sack
- 116 Put in silent mode
- 117 Yaks, e.g.
- 119 Former Brit. Airways jet
- 121 Corrida shout
- 122 Stephen of "Roadkill"
- 123 Incensed
- 124 Angry rock genre

