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Construction is underway at the Illinois State Fair, including renovations to the Coliseum. Photo by Hannah Spangler of FarmWeek.

Fair repairs

\$58 million addressing deferred maintenance

By HANNAH SPANGLER
 FarmWeek

Construction crews and Illinois State Fair staff are working hard to finish up renovations to the grounds as the countdown to the 2024 fair continues.

The Illinois State Fair hosts a plethora of construction projects, including a second phase of renovations to the Illinois State Fair Coliseum and restoration to the Multi-Purpose Arena.

"Spring means construction here on the Illinois State Fairgrounds. And we're still in the middle of a \$58 million economic investment in the fairgrounds to address years of deferred maintenance," said Rebecca Clark, Illinois State Fair manager.



After completing the Coliseum roof overhaul in 2019, the crew is now tackling a \$16.8 million transformation.

Phase two renovations focus on new electrical, heating and cooling, plumbing and sound systems. The project also addresses new seating and adds an elevator, increasing the building's accessibility.

"We started our renovations to the Coliseum around fall of '22 but had to stop the summer of '23 for the fair and all of the horse shows," said Rick Newbold of Egizii Electric. "We're in full swing now and are hoping for no more delays so we can be done come fair time."

According to Clark, crews
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Blight properties notified

Toulon council OK's water upgrades

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Formal complaints have been filed against two nuisance properties in Toulon.

Property owners at 213 E. Greenwood St. and 311 N. Fuller St. have 30 days to respond after they receive Stark County Circuit Court summonses, according to Toulon City Attorney Kate Carter. Demolition could occur following that period.

Carter notified the Toulon City Council during its meeting May 13. Mayor Larry Hollis reappointed Carter to her post. Hollis also announced the appoint-

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ments of Matt Forstrom as streets and alleys superintendent, Giffin-Reise Engineering as city engineer, deputy clerk Teresa Macy, Police Chief Gary Bent, TIF administrators Jacob and Klein, TIF assistant Teresa Macy and city auditor Phillips, Salmi and Associates.

Currently, the city doesn't
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Stark salaries pass

Sheriff's office hires second K-9 unit

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Stark County Circuit Clerk Julie Kenney is receiving a 3% raise, but how much that equates to dollars-wise in each of the next four years appears to be in question.

During its meeting Tuesday night, the Stark County Board approved the circuit clerk's salary through the end of 2028. Kenney's current annual pay is \$56,896.

Board Member Joe Orwig didn't appear to want Kenney's pay discussed in open session.

"I have a problem. Could we not discuss personnel and wages when we were in ex-

ecutive (closed) session?" Orwig said.

Without a total salary amount discussed, The Prairie News asked what it was for each year. "Get your calculator out," Board Chairwoman Kari Bush said.

Kenney's salary is to be \$58,603 in the first year but could be \$60,310 or \$60,361 in the second year, \$62,017 or \$62,172 in the third year and \$63,724 or \$64,037 in the fourth year. The circuit clerk also receives from the state an annual stipend of \$6,500.

State's Attorney Austin King's salary from Dec. 1 of this year through November
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TOULON: Nutzhorn donates church to city

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have a water and sewer superintendent.

In other business, the council approved the purchase of a police vehicle, a GMC truck, for about \$60,806, with the cost not to exceed \$61,000.

The reverse-osmosis water system's electronics upgrade was approved. Aldermen Michael Schott and Brandon Simpson voted against purchasing a new electronics system for \$41,200. This upgrade will allow the water-well

system and the reverse-osmosis system to communicate with one another.

An expenditure of \$3,500 was approved to treat Willow Street for dust control. That street is located in the subdivision south of Stark County High School. Also passed was a \$3,000 deal with Hulsey Welding to manufacture two sewer-screen buckets. These are to help move collected sewage debris from the sewer plant to be placed in a specialized dumpster.

No action was taken following a discussion concerning the city's high-service water pumps. The city is considering a backup pump to ensure the water tower is not emptied if the primary pump fails. Recently, this occurred and the tower was almost emptied.

The city also is to pay \$5,000 to the North Central Illinois Council of Governments to write and submit a grant, for upgrades to the municipal park.

Pastor Art Nutzhorn donated the Faith Baptist Church building to the city for \$1. Nutzhorn, who also is a council member, has moved out of state. Hollis is to appoint a replacement within 60 days.

The council asked for more options about purchasing or leasing a skid steer for maintenance personnel to use. The current skid-steer lease expires at the end of May.



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STARK: Fire trustees reappointed

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2028 was set at \$152,913. The state furnishes two-thirds of the total compensation, or \$101,942, which leaves the county to pay \$50,971.

The board approved reappointments for four fire-department trustees: Timothy Ringger in Bradford, Pam Wulf in La Fayette, Stan Foglesong in Toulon and Kevin Scholl in Wyoming. The annual

payment to the University of Illinois Extension, \$26,750, also was authorized.

Also approved was a resolution to pay \$7,855 per year for the newly created job of probation officer for Stark, Putnam and Marshall counties. Megan Spradling has been appointed to that position.

Sheriff's Office Deputy Adam Henson has resigned, Chief Deputy

Chuck Demetreon told the board. Henson is to begin work next week for the Creve Coeur Police Department. Demetreon said he'll take over from Henson in handling county K-9 officer Hunter.

The sheriff's office also purchased the current Galva K-9, Alex, for \$6,000, payable in two equal installments. The cost is to be paid through impound fees, Demetreon said. The sheriff's office hired the current Galva K-9 handler, Caleb Ingels, to continue with Alex, effective June 3.

The new K-9 hires will allow the sheriff's office to have such units for day and night shifts.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 5-4 - James W. Schupp - Uninsured vehicle.
- 5-5 - Anna M. Juarez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-11 - Skyler D. Ireland - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 5-11 - Keira G. Jones - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 5-4 - A deer related vehicle accident occurred on the South Osceola Road near the intersection of 1650N. The driver involved was Brock A. Colgan, 44, of Bradford. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.
- 5-5 - Authorities were dispatched to the village of Speer where a complaint of "fighting neighbors" was reported. The incident remains under investigation.
- 5-8 - Harassment and threats were the source of a complaint received from a Toulon resident. The incident remains under investigation.
- 5-8 - A traffic stop resulted in the arrest of Adrieanah M. Harlan, 26, Kewanee, who was found wanted on a Henry County warrant. She was taken into custody and extradited to the Henry County Jail. Also cited in the same traffic stop was a passenger Jalin T. Young, 25, Kewanee, charged with illegal adult use of cannabis in a vehicle.
- 5-9 - A rural Toulon resident reported a theft and damage to bicycles. She was able to recover the items, but the incident remains under investigation.
- 5-11 - John E. Warren, 67, Kewanee, was cited for driving on a suspended registration. He was released with a required court date to appear.
- 5-11 - A single vehicle deer accident occurred on Rte 78 at the intersection of Duncan Road. The driver involved was Jacob M. Painter, 25, of Kewanee. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 5-6 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a two vehicle accident with damage only. A crash report was completed.
- 5-6 - to the 300 block of SW 7th St. for a wild animal complaint involving an opossum wandering around the yard. Officer checked the area and was not able to locate.
- 5-6 - to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a trash complaint involving loose trash blowing into neighbor's yards. The resident agreed to address the situation.
- 5-6 - to Wiley Park for a juvenile complaint involving older kids throwing water balloons at younger kids. A parent was contacted and removed the offenders.



- 5-7 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to assist a citizen who had locked himself out of his apartment.
- 5-7 - to the 200 block of SE 7th Ave. for a harassment through electronic communications complaint. The subject was told to cease communications.
- 5-7 - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a civil property dispute.
- 5-7 - to a residence on NW 2nd Ave. for a welfare check.
- 5-8 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a civil standby while a subject moved out of the house. No issues occurred.
- 5-8 - to meet with a subject at the Galva PD who wanted to turn in a purse that belongs to a Galva resident.
- 5-8 - Nathaniel Finin, 22, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 400 block of NW 3rd Ave.
- 5-8 - Scott Norman, 52, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 400 block of S. Center Ave.
- 5-9 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a wild animal complaint involving an orphaned baby squirrel that had been contained. The Hog City Wildlife Rehabilitator was contacted and the squirrel was delivered to them for rehab.
- 5-9 - to the 200 block of SE 6th St. for a solicitation complaint. A male subject was located and educated about the permit process. The subject was told to cease and was referred to City Hall.
- 5-9 - to the 00 block of NE 5th Ave. to assist an elderly citizen who needed assistance.
- 5-9 - to speak with a subject by telephone about an ongoing neighbor dispute.
- 5-9 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up call. It was determined to be a misdial.
- 5-9 - Kishor Gopineni, 24, Macomb, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.
- 5-10 - to assist Henry Co with a traffic complaint involving an oversized semi-truck that was disabled and was blocking both lanes of Rte 34 at Midland Road. Officer directed traffic and Hodges towing was contacted. Eventually another truck was able to move the trailer and traffic was able to resume.
- 5-10 - to the 00 block of SW 4th

- Street for a wild animal complaint involving two orphaned baby squirrels that were captured. The Hog City Rehabilitator was contacted and responded to take custody of them.
- 5-10 - to the 100 block of NE 4th St. for a juvenile complaint after a verbal disagreement with a parent.
- 5-10 - to assist Henry Co with a civil paper service in the 00 block of SW 4th St.
- 5-10 - Robin Nevling, 59, Monmouth, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 400 block of SE 2nd St.
- 5-10 - Kody Beller, 29, Parkersburg, Iowa, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
- 5-11 - to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a two vehicle accident in a private driveway. A crash report was completed.
- 5-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., a passenger, Gary Shoen, 51, Galva, was arrested on a Henry Co warrant for failing to appear for a pretrial for the charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. He was transported to the Henry Co Jail.
- 5-11 - to meet with a resident at the Galva PD to return her purse that was turned in several days ago.
- 5-12 - While patrolling, an officer located a loose dog running near the intersection of SW 6th Street and SW 5th Ave. The dog was taken to impound and later released back to it's owner.
- 5-12 - to check the welfare of a subject seen walking along the railroad tracks just west of town. Officer was not able to locate anyone.
- 5-12 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for an animal complaint. Officer determined that the complainant was suffering from a mental health crisis.
- 5-12 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a theft and burglary complaint. This remains under investigation..

Property Transfers

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- 5-6 - Richard M. Ingels to Deborah J. Ingels - John H. Drawyer's Add'n - Block 7 - 205 Silver St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
- 5-8 - Debra L. Miller to Debra L. Miller, Trustee - Pts. Sect. 6-12-5 SE and SW plus Pt. Sect. 7-12-5 NW and NE - Consideration = \$0.
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The outrage over 'White Rural Rage'

Early in my first year at the Big U, a new friend from Chicago's South Side asked me what he thought was an innocent question. "You're from southern Illinois," began Vince, "so why don't you talk like a hillbilly?"

Like a what? I asked. "You know," he explained, "why don't you talk with a drawl and say 'ain't' a lot?"

When I told him no one I knew in southern Illinois spoke like that, Vince, a budding engineer, was unable to square his circle. For years thereafter he introduced me as "a farm boy from southern Illinois but not a hillbilly!"

Vince's unchanging understanding served his unchanging ignorance. Hillbilly, to him, was anything or anyone – including me – somehow connected to the word "southern."

He wasn't alone. Canadian rocker Neil Young made a similar leap in his 1970 anthem "Southern Man." In his 2012 autobiography, "Waging Heavy Peace," however, Young apologized for the mistake.

Others have made the jump and remain comfortable in their view of "southern" and "rural." J.D. Vance, a one-time venture capitalist and now U.S. senator from Ohio, won instant acclaim with his 2016 memoir, "Hillbilly Elegy," set in Appalachia. The New York Times called it "one of the six best books to understand Donald Trump's win" later that year.

Others – me included – read it and thought it was more Vince-like than Vance-like: hollow, shallow, and more commercial than cerebral.

Vance's fellow Appalachian, economist William Easterly, called the book a "sloppy analysis of collections of people – coastal elites, flyover America, Muslims, immigrants, people without college degrees."

I wouldn't have been so kind. Now comes another presidential election year, another election featuring Trump and another book to explain why me and my extended, white rural family are so enraged at our position in life that we are not just "a" but "the" biggest threat to our nation's survival.

Like most books about rural white folk these days, "White Rural Rage: The Threat to American Democracy," is also a New York Times bestseller. But dozens of critics, many whose research book co-authors, Paul Waldman and Thomas S. Schaller cite, are less thrilled. Several, like Nicholas F. Jacobs in his April 4 takedown for Politico, have made clear that the book's use of their scholarly work has been "misinterpreted and misunderstood."

Jacobs, a political scientist at Maine's Colby College, continues: "What the authors get wrong about rural America is exactly what many Democrats have been getting wrong for decades ... (T)hat rural political identity has morphed into resentment – a collective grievance against experts, bureaucrats, intellectuals, and the party that seeks to empower them, Democrats."

But resentment, Jacobs rightly points out, is not rage. "Resentment is rational, a reaction based on some

sort of negative experience. ..." Rage, however, "implies irrationality, anger that is unjustified and out of proportion."

That's true for most rural voters that I know: They are rational, resentful and Republican because they see the institutions at the center of their lives – churches, schools, families and communities – rapidly changing, with only one political party, the GOP, consistently acknowledging the changes.

To them, it's about politics, not policy; practicality, not philosophy; empathy, not antipathy.

And sure, many GOP politicians have made an art of telling rural Americans exactly what they want to hear. Unlike so many Democratic politicians, however, at least they show up to ask.

Former Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill often told the story of how after his initial election to Congress in 1952, he asked his mother if she had voted for him. Yes, she replied, but it was close.

Close? asked the wounded son. Why? "Because," she said, "you never asked me."

"I learned that night," O'Neill explained, "that all politics are local."

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College graduates

• Several local students completed their respective program requirements at Black Hawk College East Campus during the spring 2024 semester. They are: **Nicholas Bosch, Lane Moodie, Charles Rouse III**, all of Bradford; **Paula Plummer** and **Jacob Roth** of Galva; **Emma Evans, Chloe Irving, Jared Prindiville, and Delaney Windover**, all of Toulon; **Lakeshia Jones** and **Mercedes Strong** of Wyoming.

College honors

• **Katelynn Nutzhorn**, a junior nursing student from Toulon, was named to the Bob Jones University spring dean's list (3.0 gpa or better).

Pheasants Forever has free youth trap shoots

CHILLICOTHE – On each Monday night in June at 4:30 p.m., Pheasants Forever will be sponsoring a youth trap shoot at the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club for boys and girls, age 9 through seniors in high school.

All are invited to come learn



Pictured above are members with 30-50 years continuous membership in the Toulon American Legion Post 416. Pictured in the front row (left to right) are Ron Wallace, Willis Heaton, Bill Loane, Victor Koelling and Greg Cline. In the back row (left to right) are Larry Wang, Sam Rice and Al Gloyd. Other longtime members who were unable to attend include Steve Winslow, Harley Rediger, Jim Tuttle and Tim Montooth.

about gun safety and have fun breaking clay birds. To register, call Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

Et cetera

• Knox County Clerk Scott Erickson has been named as a new member of the Task Force on Elections at The Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C. The task force

was convened by BPC based on the idea that the voice of election administrators is too often overlooked when state and federal legislatures consider election reform.

• BRADFORD – Grace Atteberry won the Bradford Junior High spelling bee on May 9. Jake Primo was second and Rylee Bowen was third.

FAIR: Arena gets facelift

Continued from Page 1 have also been working on road improvement projects throughout the fairgrounds. This is routine maintenance to prepare for the wear-and-tear of the upcoming show season.

Additionally, she said various fair buildings are undergoing roofing projects.

“We also just finished putting the finishing touches on the Multi-Purpose Arena,” she said.

The arena received an \$8.6 million facelift. Projects focused on repairing sidewalks, walls, steps and electrical systems, as well as readjusting the tension structure, installing a new canopy, and rebuilding the retaining walls around the facility.

Clark said this year the Multi-Purpose Arena will have plenty of events, including a rodeo. Clark said the fair is utilizing a new company this year that will host nine rodeo event

categories.

“It’s a jam-packed show, great for those junior exhibitors who are going to be visiting with us during the State Fair,” she said.

More than 10,000 visitors can be seated at the Multi-Purpose Arena and tickets will go on sale as more events are announced.

“I’m really excited about all of the things that are happening here,” Clark told FarmWeek. “I think our fair family is going to really see that excitement when the fair rolls around this August.”

The Illinois State Fair will be Aug. 8-18 this year.

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Galva seniors earn scholarships

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The annual Galva Rotary honors and scholarship program was held May 5 at Galva High School.

Joe Becker, Galva Rotary president and schools superintendent, welcomed everyone and presented the awards with Principal Kurtis Smyth and Counselor Victoria Conner.

The speaker was Gunner Spivey, a 2019 valedictorian of Galva High School. He graduated from Illinois College and is now an agent at Porter Hay Insurance in Galva.

Here are graduating seniors and the scholarships they received.

- **Grayson Burke** – Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award

- **Katielynn Clemons** – Christa Townsend Memorial Health Scholarship; Mary Evelyn Conelly Memorial Music Award; Rock Island Arsenal Scholarship

- **Karlie Dailey** – High School Presidential Award in Education

- **John Gravitt** – Illinois State Scholar; Community State Bank of Galva Scholarship; Galva Lions Club H. Ray Young Memorial Science Scholarship; Galva Masonic Lodge Scholarship; The Janet and Ken Russell Scholarship; Kenneth C. Speed Memorial English Award; Sanford Bittle Memorial Athletic Scholarship; River Valley Cooperative Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Ava Gunn** – Galva Arts Council Fine and Creative Arts Scholarship; Marvin Warner Memorial Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Kyrsten Hill** – Illinois State Scholar;

Galva Masonic Lodge Scholarship; Jim Kiley Financial Freedom Scholarship; PEO BR Chapter Award; Sheldon and Dorothy Dornink Memorial Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Mia Merkel** – Illinois State Scholar; Beta Sigma Phi Xi Kappa Gamma Award; Melissa Bates Memorial Scholarship; Shanna Thomson Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Jared O'Brien** – Galva Masonic Lodge Vocational Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Kendall Rogers** – The Bates and King Memorial Scholarship Award; Health Professional Scholarship; Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award; Xavier Hartman Memorial Scholarship; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Chloe Ruhl** – Galva Lions Club Scholarship; Galva Rotary Scholarship; Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award; National FFA Organization and Dominos Pizza Company

- **Jaydan Sallee** – Rachel Edgell book stipend; High School Presidential Award in Education

- **Ava Strom** – The Bates and King Memorial Scholarship Award; Beta Sigma Phi Lambda Nu Chapter Award; Edgewise Scholarship; Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award

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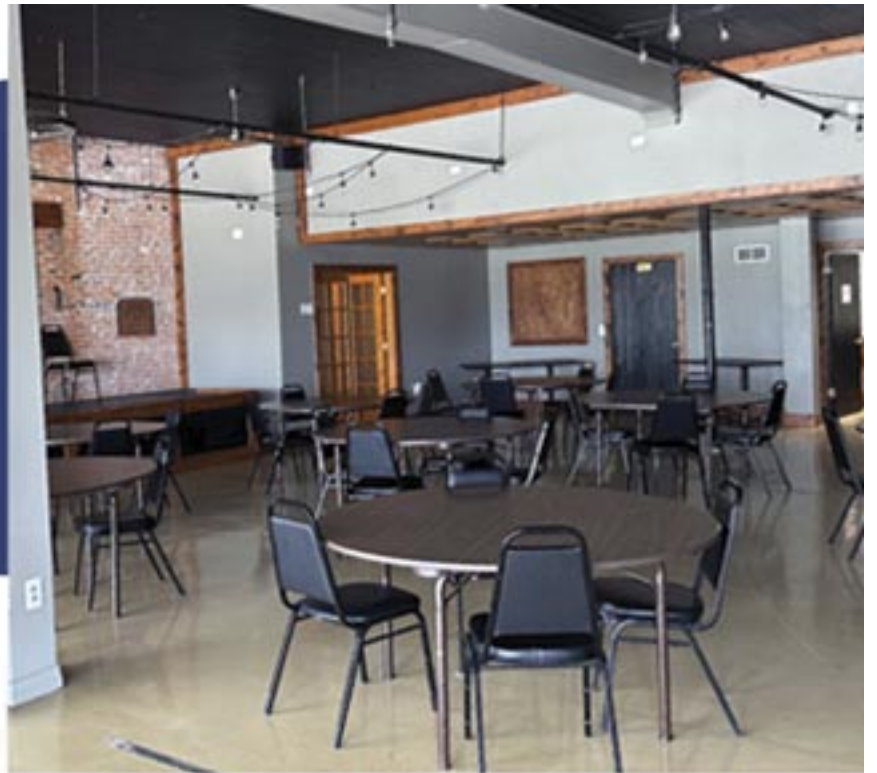
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ESTATE OF KENT E. GRIFFIN, Deceased
 No. 2024 PR 347
 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Kent E. Griffin. Letters of Office were issued on April 26, 2024, to Timothy R. Griffin as Independent Representative whose attorneys 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/gethelp.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.
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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. 416) 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 416 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 year 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 Katelyn A. Rumbold Village Clerk, 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 this presents affix my hand to this document 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 certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Ordinance, such Ordinance being passed by the Village Board on the 6 day of May, 2024.
 Christopher Smith
 President of the Board of Trustees
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)
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 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 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
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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.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF GAIL RIPKA, Deceased
 No. 2024PR53
 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Gail Ripka. Letters of Office were issued on May 7, 2024 to Christopher D. Ripka, as Independent Representative 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 14, 2024.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THOMAS R. LEEZER, No. 2024-PR-7
 Notice is given of the death of Thomas R. Leezer. Letters of Office were issued on May 3, 2024, to Joshua R. Leezer, 111 Houle Ave., Kewanee, Illinois, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P. O. Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434.
 Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Fire Station of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Bishop Hill, Henry County, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 18th day of May, 2024.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 18th day of June, 2024, at the Fire Station in said Fire Protection District, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station in the Village of Bishop Hill, in the Township of Weller, Henry County, Illinois on said 18th day of June, 2024, at 3:45 o'clock P.M.
 By order of the Board of Trustees of said District, Dated this 7th day of May, 2024.
 Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District
 By: Kent Youngstrom, Secretary
 Published 5/17/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Clover Township Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024, and ending April 30, 2025, will be on file with the Secretary of the District and conveniently available to public inspection at Woodhull Village Hall, 150 N. Division Street, Woodhull, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 18th day of May, 2024.
 Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:45 o'clock P.M., on the 18th day of June, 2024, at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Clover Township Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois on said 18th day of June, 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M.
 By order of the Board of Trustees of said District. Dated this 7th day of May, A.D. 2024.
 Clover Township Fire Protection District
 By: Larry Goff, Secretary
 Published 5/17/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2024 and ending April 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the residence of Mike Werkheiser, Treasurer, 4295 County Highway 5, Galva, Illinois, from and after the 18th day of May, 2024.
 Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8:00 o'clock P.M., June 18, 2024, at the Galva Fire Department - Police Station, 210 Front Street, Galva, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Galva Fire Department - Police Station, 210 Front Street, Galva, Illinois, at 8:15 o'clock P.M., June 18, 2024.
 By order of the Board of Trustees of said District. Dated this 7th day of May, 2024.
 Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois.
 Josh Hopping, Secretary
 Published 5/17/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (SCHOOL BOARD)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois, that the amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year ending in July 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois in this School District from and after o'clock 8:00 am., on the 14th day of May, 2024.
 Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 6:55 pm., on the day of Tuesday, June 17th, 2024, at the Galva Jr/Sr High School Library in this School District Number 224. Dated this 17th day of May, 2024. School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois.
 Published 5/17/24

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

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff, vs. Case No. 23-OV-35k MICHAEL D. FESLER and DEBRA FESLER Defendant)
NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP BY PUBLICATION
 The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Michael D. Fesler and Debra Fesler, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up action was filed and is now pending.
 1.The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
 2. The name of the titleholder of record: Michael D. Fesler and Debra Fesler.
 3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23 Lot Number Nine (9) of Danielson's Subdivision of a part of Lot Number Four (4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty-Two (32) in Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all in the City of Kewanee, situated in the County of Henry and State of Illinois

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 500 5th Avenue, Kewanee, IL 61443.
 NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Order of Demolition in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
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Stark seniors earn scholarships

The Stark County Education Foundation was started in 2002 to support programs of Stark County CUSD #100. Its board is made up of community members and district educators. The foundation has a three-fold mission:

- to support innovative educational programming in district classrooms;
- to ensure all students can participate in educational activities regardless of their family's financial situation;
- and to provide scholarships to graduates pursuing post-secondary education.

The foundation has worked to support the dreams of Stark County graduates by offering tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships made possible by the generous donations of community members and organizations.

Twenty-one members of the Class of 2024 applied for over \$85,000 in scholarships available. They submitted an essay about their future plans and completed interviews with the selection committee. SCEF winners are listed on Page 5 of the Rebel Reporter, which is included with this week's

paper. Non-SCEF scholarships and awards given at the Senior Honors Day assembly are as follows:

- Non - SCEF Scholarships awarded**
- **Matthew Bowser** – Gary Johnson Memorial P.E.O. Chapter NL (Wyoming)
 - **Rachel Carroll** – P.E.O. Chapter NL (Wyoming)
 - **Emma Down** – Tim Green Memorial Scholarship
 - **Avery Gerber** – Garrett Mansfield Memorial Scholarship

- **Kylie Gillespie** – Stark County Farm Bureau
- **Logan Goerks** – Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship, Stark County Farm Bureau
- **Olivia Orwig** – Daughters of the American Revolution, American Legion Award
- **Anissia Rucker** – P.E.O. Chapter BY (Toulon)
- **Will Rumbold** – American Legion Award, Annual Scholarship for Community Banking.



**WILLIAMSFIELD
AMERICAN LEGION POST #0371
MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE
SCHEDULE**

Monday, May 27, 2024

09:00 - Members meet at Norman Legion Hall, Williamsfield

09:30 - Salute at Parker Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

09:45 - Salute at West Truro Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

10:15 - Salute at Trenton Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

10:35 - Salute at French Grove Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

11:00 - Salute at Elmore Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

11:45 - Salute at Veterans Park in Williamsfield - Remembering those who died in service

12:00 - Salute at Williamsfield Cemetery and Roll Call of the Dead

Potluck to follow at Norman Legion Hall

Commander of Honor Guard - Floyd K. Gray, Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret)

Presenter of Roll Call of the Dead - Post Commander, John F. Feltham, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret)

Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword

INITIAL CONDITIONS

ACROSS

1 Nineveh's empire

8 Its capital is Kamppala

14 12-step affiliate group

20 New Guinea natives

21 Renovates

22 Ketchup ingredient

23 It's used for outlining designs in embroidery

25 Internet newsgroup troublemaker

26 Alloy that's mostly tin

27 1990s Toyota model

28 Grills in stoves

30 Take a stroll

32 Cheerful disposition

34 Carrying of a boat

38 View anew

39 Nonsense song syllable

40 American bird with all-white plumage

42 "So there!"

44 Feet unwell

48 Lawyers: Alibi

49 Dental floss coating

50 Difficult matter to deal with

54 Saw or sickle

55 Implore

56 Olympic sister Midori

57 Enumerating

58 Orson locale

60 One trapping

62 Shrink back

63 They may have jingles

66 Passionate love affair

69 Hairstyling goop

70 "C'mon, help me out"

72 "Finally finished!"

73 St. Louis' — Bridge

75 Artifacts of Angola, e.g.

77 Area or Eros

78 Greyhound vehicle

79 Misfortunes

83 The U.S. State Department, informally

85 Sundry

86 Pifer

87 Casual tops

88 Fancy playing marble

89 Even break

91 "— do say so myself"

93 "In all probability ..."

96 Warned

97 Bed that flies near the ocean's surface

102 Utter failure

103 Military base

104 "The best is — come"

105 Ancient rival of Athens

111 Became inseparable

112 Apt question for this puzzle

115 Northern Spanish city

116 Actress de Ravin of "Flowers and "Lost"

117 Pain greatly

118 Person ripping things

119 Key in anew

120 Dwellers around Peru's peaks

DOWN

1 Per unit

2 Rescue

3 Spurt out

4 Circular tent

5 Speeding cars' ovals

6 Boiling mad

7 Equine beast in brief

8 Celestial bear

9 Gears up

10 Farewells

11 Zero

12 Yuletide mo.

13 "Harold and Maude" director Hal

14 When it's 1600 hours

15 "Blaze" actress

16 "Scenes From —" (Bette Midler film)

17 "And Bingo was his —"

18 New Mexico county

19 From Oslo's country, to its natives

24 Toll rd.

29 "Number 10" painter Mark

31 Stockings, say

33 Classic soda

34 Jr.-year exam

35 Savvy about

36 — -frooter

37 Tharp of choreography

38 Dinosaur in "Toy Story"

41 Dusting cloth

43 Capital of Ghana

44 Fizzy wine, in brief

45 Wait

46 "Whitman's — the Body Electric"

46 Fencer's attack

47 Jason of "Bad Teacher"

50 Celebrity status

51 Doughnut or bagel's shape

52 New Mexican succulents

53 Common way to mark losses

55 Place to dissect a frog

56 Blue shade

59 Actor Keach of "Mike Hammer"

60 Caesar of old comedy

61 CPR pro

63 Toward a ship's stern

64 Cruise creator Daniel

65 Platoon VIP

67 Rodeo lasso

68 Idling position

71 Oinkers

74 Indian lute

76 Gratuity-prohibiting policy

78 Young guy, in hip-hop

80 Pre-Easter lime

81 Shoe sealer

82 Yukon vehicle

84 Tease in fun

85 Head cover

86 Mark of TV's "Supernatural"

89 Certain peripart feature

90 Seal, as a house-buying deal

91 Hinder

92 Novelist Dostoyevsky

94 Deadpan humor

95 "The Office" character Pam

97 Wood shoe

98 Treasure pile

99 "— vincit amor"

100 Winona of "Black Swan"

101 Once-popular anesthetic

102 Rival

105 You, of yore

107 "Stop staring —!"

108 Ostrich kin

109 Ky, neighbor

110 Part of B.A.

113 Kipling's "Follow Me —"

114 Org. founded by Billie Jean King



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



WHAT'S WRONG, SON? YOU LOOK SO WORRIED.

I WAS THINKING ABOUT GETTING OLDER AND ABOUT DYING SOMEDAY.

YOU'VE GOT NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. YOU'RE YOUNG, THAT'S WAY OFF.

OH, I KNOW I'M A KID, I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



I JUST BURNT A HAWAIIAN PIZZA.

MAYBE YOU SHOULD HAVE COOKED IT ON "ALOHA" TEMPERATURE.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

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I CAN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO LISTEN TO YOUR MESSAGE ON THIS CELL PHONE. HOW AM I EVER SUPPOSED TO KNOW WHAT YOU SAID?

GRIN & BEAR IT



"Can you make it look like my husband did it?"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

6		8	3					
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Ed Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which European country has the largest population?
2. TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Ron Swanson?
3. SCIENCE: What are the three layers of the Earth?
4. MOVIES: Which 2001 movie has a famous "bend and snap" scene?
5. MONEY: What is a modern U.S. penny made of mostly?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a common name for an animal in the Leporidae family?
7. LITERATURE: Which children's book contains the line, "Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast"?
8. ANATOMY: Where is the pinna located in the human body?
9. HISTORY: Who was the fourth president of the United States?
10. BUSINESS: What did Amazon sell exclusively when it started business in 1994?

Answers

1. Russia.
2. "Parks and Recreation."
3. Crust, mantle and core.
4. "Legally Blonde."
5. Zinc.
6. Rabbit or hare.
7. "Alice in Wonderland."
8. Ear.
9. James Madison.
10. Books.

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Answers on Page 3

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Fall Guy (PG-13)
2. Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (PG)
3. Challengers (R)
4. Tarot (PG-13)
5. Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13)
6. Civil War (R)
7. Unsung Hero (PG)
8. Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
9. Abigail (R)
10. Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (PG-13)

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OBITUARIES

Mardell R. Dietz

BRADFORD – Mardell Rose Dietz, 82, of Bradford, passed away on Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria. Mardell was born Oct. 9, 1941, in Quincy, Ill., to Fred and Louise (Hodel) Grimm. She married Kenneth Dietz on June 21, 1964, in Taylor, Mo.; he survives.

Also surviving are five children, Jeff (Sara) Dietz of Elgin, Barry (Rachel) Dietz of Wyoming, Fred (Shaena) Dietz of Mediapolis, Iowa, Valerie (Todd) Steiner of Tremont and LaNae (Peter) Huang of Edwards; 30 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; one sister, Judy (Don) Feller of Morton; brothers-in-law Paul Haab, Dwayne "Chub" Dietz, Mike Dietz and Dick Dietz; and sisters-in-law Joyce Streitmatter, Betty (Walt) Herrmann and Charlene Dietz.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one grandson, Joel Steiner; one brother, Roy Grimm; one sister, Kathy Haab; brother-in-law Norman Streitmatter; two sisters-in-law, Dona

Grimm and Kim Dietz; and Renie Schlesier.

She was a member of the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church from the very beginning, attending Bradford's first service a week after she was married. She was a loving wife and an encouraging support to her husband in the ministry for over 40 years, as well as a mother to the church and friend to all, making everyone feel loved and welcomed.

Her love for people extended beyond her family and church to the community, which included serving as an EMT on the Bradford Rescue Squad for many years. She was a loving, godly mother who poured her life into her husband, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We all felt her love and prayers.

Her funeral service was May 11, 2024, at the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church in Bradford. Ministers of the church officiated. Burial was in Bradford Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Marklund Wasmond Center, 1435 Summit St., Elgin, IL 60120 (where her grandson Matt has resided for many years), or the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church for its charity fund.

Condolences may be left for Mardell's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Janice A. Schaefer

PEORIA – Janice Ann (Needham) Schaefer, 83, died May 8, 2024, at OSF St. Francis in Peoria. She was born to John "Jack" and Alma (Fultz) Needham on Dec. 26, 1940. She married Robert "Bob" Schaefer Sr. on June 21, 1958, in Peoria. He preceded her in death on June 16, 2021.

She is survived by seven children, Robert Schaefer Jr. of Chillicothe, John (Tammy) Schaefer of Edelstein, Jennifer (Chris) Johnson of Edelstein, Kathy (Rick) Doering of South Carolina, Jeff Schaefer of Peoria, Joe (Christina) Schaefer of Hanna City and Ana Schaefer (Adam) Milestone of Peoria; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and four sisters.

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SC baseball wins; Galva, SC softball ousted

By NICK VLAHOS and
PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

The Stark County baseball team clobbered Lincoln Trail Conference foe West Central 14-3 at home last Wednesday in the Rebels' regular-season finale.

Stark County (14-14) plated eight times in their first at-bat, getting 10 hits total for the game, six being extra base hits.

Braden Lindley hit 3-for-3 with three RBI, a double and a triple. Dillon Steelman was 2-for-2 with three RBI and a double. Blair Daum recorded an RBI and a double. Will Rumbold collected a double and an RBI. Charley Holstrom tripled and had an RBI.

Stelman threw four frames, giving up three walks and five hits. He fanned nine opposing batters in the win.

The Rebels' Class 1A regional game against Galva was rained out on Monday. Stark County is seeded No. 6 and Galva is No. 10 in their sub-sectional.

The winner was to advance to the semifinals of the Kewanee Wethersfield Regional to play the top-seeded host team on Wednesday. The regional title game is scheduled for Saturday, May 18, at 10 a.m.

Galva baseball – The Wildcats (5-15) lost to nonconference opponent Peoria Heights 10-6 on Friday at home in a regular-season finale.

An eight-run fourth inning by the guests was too much, but Galva fought back with four in its last at-bat.

Alec Gustafson drove in two runs.

MJ Louck, John Gravitt and Cole Baulch each recorded one RBI. Kaiden Wood pitched 3.2 innings. He walked six. He gave up one hit and struck out three. Braxton Hulstrom came in for 3.1 frames, walking three, giving up one hit and striking out three.

Galva softball – Galva won two of three consecutive games against Princeville. Unfortunately for the Wildcats, their last game in that series turned out to be their last game of the season.

A six-run second inning Tuesday propelled Princeville to a 12-2 victory over Galva in the first round of the Class 1A Woodhull Regional. Postponed Monday by rain at Princeville, the game was played at EastSide Centre in East Peoria.

Jovie Weber and Addy Yepson each drove in a run for Galva (7-20), which was seeded eighth in its Williamsfield sub-sectional. Princeville, which advanced to the regional semifinals, was seeded seventh.

In its final two regular-season games, Galva swept a doubleheader May 11 from Princeville, 11-4 and 9-8. Galva overcame a 7-4 second-game deficit by scoring five in the seventh inning, including a grand slam by Ava Anderson. Kaylyn Gale followed with an RBI double.

Galva took the first-game lead for good with a three-run third. Yepson and Maddie Bates each stole home plate in the inning. Bates, Gale, Yepson and Lily Wigant each had two hits.

Knoxville beat Galva 10-2 on May 9.

Bates and Ava Gunn had RBI for Galva in the fifth. Bates and Yepson each had two hits.

Stark County softball – Following a 1A Amboy Regional opening-round victory, Stark County lost a semifinal Tuesday to Henry, 16-4.

Seeded eighth in its Billtown sub-sectional, Stark County (4-26) took a 2-0 first-inning lead against second-seeded Henry on RBI from Brooklynn Ostrowski and Kenna Newton. The Rebels and Mallards were tied 3-3 as the fifth inning began, but Henry scored 13 over the ensuing two innings.

The previous day, Stark County began its postseason by beating ninth-seeded Peoria Heights 16-1. Payten Hillier had four RBI, including a two-run triple in the second inning. Newton, Emily Demeteron and Katie Grinnell each had two RBI as the Rebels walked 12 times. Ostrowski allowed no hits in the four-inning game.

Stark County lost its final four regular-season games, all in doubleheaders.

On May 11, Monmouth United swept Stark County 8-7 and 12-2. In the first game, Hillier was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Sophie Finnegan also drove in two. Anna Nagode stole home in the seventh inning to cut the Rebels' deficit to one. Hillier was 2-for-2 with an RBI in the second game.

ROWVA-Williamsfield swept Stark County 17-3 and 8-5 on May 8. The Rebels led the second game 5-3 before R-W scored four in the sixth. Olivia Orwig had a two-run homer in the fifth. Hillier had two RBI.

SECTIONAL: 4x800 turns in gritty performance

Continued from Page 8
able to keep anything down all day," Coach Clint Terwilliger said. "So that was one of the gutsiest performances I've seen. Most people wouldn't even be able to do that and she's still able to run down a 2:33 on that first leg."

Her sister Dusti Smith then closed the relay out with a strong anchor, shaking off a nagging hip ailment to finish strong.

"With what we were dealing with today and with the weather conditions and everything, it was just 'Make the time and get yourselves down there,'" Coach Terwilliger said. "We've got a week to get ready for it. We've just got to get there."

The Lady Rebels rank seventh in the state after sectionals, a testament to the depth of the 4x800 at Wethersfield.

Things went smoother for SC in the 4x400 relay, as junior Sarah Kraklow, Hamilton, Cheyeh Smith and Dusti Smith placed second in 4:12.29 to Monmouth United.

They rank third in the state after sectionals be-

Boys Sectional

Local boys teams were to compete at the Farmington Class 1A Sectional on Wednesday, May 15.

Stark County senior Nolan Orwig went into the meet seeded first in both the 110 and 300 hurdles and was third in the 200.

Matthew Bowser was seeded No. 2 in triple jump and No. 5 in long jump, while Baptiste Robineau was No. 4 in triple jump.

Field events start at 3:30 p.m., running events at 5:30.

hind only leader Newton (4:12) and United (4:12.28).

"I think the 4x4 is gonna be a tough race down there," Coach Terwilliger said. "There are 13 teams within three seconds of each other."

Dusti Smith was also second in the 400 in a time of 1:01.87 that placed her behind only Bri Harms of Lowpoint-Washburn (1:00.67).

Harms is seeded 10th heading into state and Dusti Smith is No. 21.



Stark County's 4x800 relay of (left to right) Dusti Smith, Keagan Hamilton, Paytin Terwilliger and Cheyeh Smith is seeded No. 7 heading into this weekend's Class 1A state track and field meet.



Stark County's 4x400 relay of (left to right) Dusti Smith, Cheyeh Smith, Keagan Hamilton and Sarah Kraklow was second at sectional and ranks third heading into the Class 1A meet.

"Several girls have a taste of medaling on last year's 4x800 team and are hungry for some more," Coach Terwilliger said. "I think both throwers have a good shot at making some noise down there. Chelsey

has been throwing awesome lately."

Host Wethersfield won the team title at the sectional with 84 points to outpace Elmwood-Brimfield's 79. Stark County placed sixth with 57 points.

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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. A completed application can be emailed to bfranklin@henrycty.com or dropped off at the Sheriff's Office.

Basic Qualifications: 21 years of age, US Citizen, High School Graduate or the equivalent, or must have two or more years of college with a degree or certification from accredited college and/or Honorable Discharge from the United States Military (copies of all diplomas/certifications and/or DD-214 required with application if you are under 21 years of age) in good physical condition; possess a valid Illinois driver's license, MUST NOT have a criminal record. Components of the testing process include an extensive background investigation, power test, written examination, oral interview, and a pre-employment drug screening/physical. Attendance and a passing score are mandatory for all phases of the testing to be eligible for subsequent testing. Applicants who are certified as Illinois Police Officers are exempt from the physical and written tests. To be considered for a lateral hire you must have at least two years of full-time law enforcement experience with a county, municipal or state department within the previous three years prior to their hire date. All applicants who make it through all the required phases will be placed on a new hire eligibility list or lateral hire eligibility list.

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.

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The Prairie News Sports



Lady Rebels send 7 to 1A state meet

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

KEWANEE – Chelsey Stotler picked a good time to get hot for the Stark County girls track and field team.

Stotler and teammate Lauren Orwig have traded the school record in shot put several times this season, with Stotler maintaining control on May 9 at the Class 1A Wethersfield Sectional.

The junior won the sectional with a personal-record throw of 38 feet, 11.25 inches that broke her own school record (38-8.25) set a week earlier at the Lincoln Conference Trail meet.

“The last two meets have been absolutely insane,” Stotler said. “I PR’d by almost a meter at conference and then beat that (at sectional). So I’m very excited about state and excited to see that happen.”

Stotler is seeded behind only freshman Makayla

Gajewski of Nashville (39-2.25) heading into the IHSA Class 1A state meet, which started Thursday with preliminaries at Eastern Illinois University. The meet concludes Saturday.

Joining Stotler at state will be Orwig, also a junior, who placed second at the sectional with a throw of 35-11.75. Though well off her PR of 38-0.25 from earlier this year – the former school record – the sectional throw has Orwig seeded No. 15 heading into state.

Stotler expects a strong showing from her teammate.

“I have full confidence (the school record) is going to be traded around again,” Stotler said.

The sweep in the shot put was one highlight of a strong showing by Stark County despite on-and-off rain, winds and cooler temperatures at Wethersfield.

Overall, the Lady Rebels will be taking seven ath-



Stark County teammates Lauren Orwig (left) and Chelsey Stotler have traded the school record for shot put this season. The juniors took the top two spots in shot put at the May 9 Wethersfield Class 1A Sectional to earn trips to the state track meet. Stotler was first with a personal-record throw of 38 feet, 11.25 inches.

letes to the state meet.

Likely the grittiest group of qualifiers was in the 4x800 meter relay, an event in which Stark County earned a ninth-place medal last spring. Merely making it to state was a challenge at Wethersfield, as the Lady Rebels quartet of sopho-

more Cheyenh Smith, sophomore Paytin Terwilliger, junior Keagan Hamilton and freshman Dusti Smith placed fourth in a very strong field with a time of 10:20.39.

“Dusti has been banged up a little bit and then Cheyenh, she hadn’t been

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Gibson a champion

Stark County 8th grader wins AA 400

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

EAST PEORIA – Stark County eighth-grader Braxtten Gibson capped a stellar junior high track and field career with his first state championship on Saturday at the IESA AA state track meet.

Gibson posted a personal record time of 54.64 seconds in the 400-meter race to top runner-up Ethan Holden of Potomac.

Actually, it was a week-end of PRs for Gibson, who had a career-best time of 24.57 to place third in the 200 and ran a personal best 12.29 in the 100 to just miss a medal and finish ninth.

Gibson already held the Stark County school record for the 200 after running 24.88 at the sectional.

Gibson won four medals last year, placing second in the 200, third in the 400 and fifth in the 100 and long jump.

Stark County’s other medal-winner was seventh-grader Norah Rorem,



Stark County eighth grader Braxtten Gibson won a state championship in the 400 and was third in the 200.

who placed sixth in the 1,600 (PR, 5:38.07). Rorem also set a school record with her PR of 2:34.34, breaking the record of 2:34.4 set by Elizabeth Groter in 2006.

In the IESA A meet, Galva eighth-grader Ben Burris made a strong run at a title, posting his PR throw of 40-2.25 in shot put to place second.

Bradford eighth-grader Evan Knobloch was the other area medalist, placing third in the 1,600 in 4:50.53 and fourth in the 800 in 2:13.92.

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