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Galva city council passes amended parking ordinance

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The City Council passed an amended parking ordinance at Monday's meeting.

The council had worked on the ordinance for months and then, when it was passed, some residents wanted several items revised. In response, the council made several changes to the ordinance, which goes into effect in 30 days. Copies of the new rules are available at City Hall.

Every residence is allowed to store six items on their property. None of these items can be on

the terrace and only three of the items can be visible from the street view. If you live on a corner, three items can be visible from each street.

Items included in the ordinance are boats, campers, trailers, tractors, mowers and construction trailers. They all need to be licensed, if applicable, in good shape and only two of any one kind can be stored on a property.

All items parked on a property must be mowed around and maintained.

Campers may only be used seven days per quarter at a res-

ident's home. Campers must be registered to the homeowner, unless someone comes to visit with a camper. In other words, you can't store a camper that is registered to someone else.

"If everyone took pride, we wouldn't be here," First Ward Alderman Jeff Olson said following much discussion of the changes.

In another effort to keep the city looking tidy, clean-up days are set for June 17-22. Residents are asked to bring their items to a roll-off dumpster at the city maintenance building.

If someone is not able or does

not have a truck, they may call City Hall and have workers pick up one time from each residence.

A second clean-up is planned for September.

A resident asked about rent paid at a city-owned building on Market Street and questioned how someone can live on the first floor in the building.

City Administrator David Dyer said Rambling Rose's rent is \$300 per month. Stark County Ambulance's rent of \$400 per month is deducted from the city's monthly payment to the ambulance service.

Dyer said Jordan Murray does stay on the first floor sometimes but also has a home. Dyer said Murray does art work for the city and bought the goats displayed around town, so he does not pay rent.

Dyer also said that the city wants to sell the building on Market Street.

Second Ward Alderman Jim Hartman asked about cars sitting near Southwest 2nd Street on the old Lily Tulip property. He said he asked for them to be removed several months ago. "I don't want another junk yard," he said.

Wyoming employees receive 3% pay raise

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City council passed three resolutions on May 21, to pay a loan distribution, donate to a local event and increase employees' pay rate.

The council approved paying \$101,467 of an Illinois Environmental Protection Agency loan for work performed at the wastewater treatment plant in the amounts of \$92,635 to Leander Construction, Inc. and \$8,832 to Farnsworth Engineering.

The council also approved a \$1,000 donation to the annual Wyoming Tractor Pulls group. Tractor pulls are scheduled for July 20.

After a seven-minute

closed session, the council authorized a 3% cost-of-living raise for all full-time employees.

The council also heard various reports.

Superintendent Joe Kinsella said summer help has been hired, spray-patching of streets has begun and noted that a tree will be taken down just north of the Wyoming Library on Seventh Street.

Kinsella said sidewalk removal and replacement may start next week beginning on Fourth to Fifth streets.

Police Chief Jim Tiller said 25 ordinance violation notifications have been served.

Economic Development representative Denny Rerwerts stated that North

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LIBRARY HONOREES



Janet Kamerer (left) and Jennifer Nutzhorn were honored by the Toulon Public Library during a recent Library Board meeting.

Library honors two

By SANDY BLAKEY

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon Public Library took time to thank Jennifer Nutzhorn and Janet Kamerer during its May 13 Library Board meeting.

Nutzhorn has served on the library board for 10 years, the last two as president. She shared memories of when her family first moved to the area and took part in library programs for the

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Free meals

Stark Co. schools receive 4-year grant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board heard good news at its May 20 meeting about a grant to provide free meals for students.

Stark County has received a four-year Community Eligibility Provision grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture that will pay for free breakfast and lunches for all students. CEP grants are given to school districts in low-income areas.

The board also considered several other agenda items and heard various reports at the meeting.

Elementary Principal Jenn Bibb said that fifth graders recently visited Stark County Junior High School for a transition visit. She said the fourth

grade took a field trip to Wildlife Prairie Park on May 20 and said a Celebration Assembly is scheduled for today at 9 a.m.

Principal Megan McGann said all 53 seniors graduated last week and were awarded more than \$85,000 in scholarships. McGann said eighth grade promotion was May 15 and 50 students participated.

Superintendent Brett Elliott reported that the new all-weather track will be completed in June. He said work continues on the new gymnasium, with pre-casts to be installed in June.

A special board meeting is scheduled for June 20 at 6 p.m. for the tentative budget amendment.

Future school board
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WYOMING: Stark County Automotive opens

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 Central Illinois Council of Governments has sent emails out about grants and that Ernie Unhold has his new business, Stark County Automotive, open for clients.

Rewerts also said an open house is being scheduled for the business Yellow Dog and said it would cost

around \$5,000 to purchase new banners for the city's light poles.

Engineer Justin Reeise said Motor Fuel Tax requests have been submitted and told the council that he is waiting for approval from IDOT. Reeise said NCICG grant applications for projects have also been submitted.

Water-sewer Superintendent Jim Mercer reported that the wastewater plant is looking good. Mercer said that Melvin Rodriguez is working at the plant and new pumps will arrive in June, along with reverse-osmosis equipment. Mercer said that Reeise is working on grants for downtown sidewalks.

SCHOOL BOARD: OKs purchase of new van

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 meetings (at 6 p.m. unless noted) are scheduled for: July 15, retreat at 8 a.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m. in the grade school cafeteria; Aug. 19; Sept. 23; Oct. 21; Nov. 18; Dec. 16; Jan. 21, 2025; Feb. 18; March 17;

April 21; May 19; and June 16.

The board approved purchasing a new cargo vehicle for up to \$40,000 and buying a new trailer from Tucker Equipment for \$4,000, minus the trade-in on an old trailer.

Approved was Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. as district auditor. The board approved Elliott to let bids for milk, bread, trash pickup and the Rebel Re-

porter.

After executive session, the board approved:

- Hiring Cole Hartley as junior-high school electives/Appex instructor, Kasey Juskiv as custodian, Alisha Lee as assistant junior high basketball coach and Jack Colgan as summer custodian;
- Naming Lance Gentle as head bass fishing coach, Dustin Down as volunteer bass fishing coach and Bill

McNutt as bass fishing volunteer;

- Accepting the resignation of Ann Knoblauch from kitchen staff, Dylan Miller as assistant football coach and James Brown as bass fishing coach;
- Maternity leave for Principal McGann for Sept. 16 to Dec. 19.

LIBRARY: Quilt given as gift to both honorees

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 kids that also offered an opportunity to meet people. Nutzhorn, whose family has moved from the area, said that she loves this library.

Kamerer retired in March after 31 years working at the library. She said she loved her job and thanked the the board and Director Michael Baumann for making the job easier.

"If there was a problem, everyone came together to solve it," she said.

Both women received a quilt made by Roberta Cinnamon. Embroidery on Nutzhorn's quilt was done by Crystal McRel.

Summer Vacation

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 5-8 - Zachary M. Custer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-8 - Joshua J. Sibley - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-8 - Joshua M. Dunn, Jr. - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 5-8 - Deja J. Spencer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-8 - Olivia M. Bessler - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 5-10 - Shannon E. Taylor - Uninsured vehicle and driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-15 - Quinn M. Durbin - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 5-17 - Max Thompson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-18 - Larry D. J. Melvin - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 5-19 - Daniel R. Crouse - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-19 - Demario R. Brooms - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-19 - Trudy K. Landwirth - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 5-8 - Bryce L. Schwerbrock, 27, rural Kewanee, was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign.
- 5-16 - A 16-year-old Wyoming teen was reported missing by a relative. The minor was later located and returned to the custody of a parent.
- 5-13 - A single-vehicle accident occurred in the 700 block of E. Main St. in Toulon. Driver Samuel E. Grigg, 67, Toulon overcorrected while turning left into a driveway and drove into the ditch, according to a police report. It was rainy at the time of the accident. No injuries were reported, and no tickets were issued. Estimated damages to the vehicle were over \$1,500.
- 5-13 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on North Valley Rd. The driver was Ronald J. Eberle, 86, of Sparland. According to the accident report, Eberle was traveling eastbound on the North Valley Road when he fell asleep and veered off the north side of the roadway and struck a guideline cable.

Knox County

- 5-4 - A Galva-area resident was accused of threatening to punch in the face a man who was picking up a dog from him. The incident happened about 10:30 a.m. in the 2800 block of Illinois Route 17, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

The alleged victim, a pet-delivery operator from Russellville, Ark., said he intended to press charges against 65-year-old Ronald P. Bombliss.

According to the report, the victim arrived at Bombliss' residence to pick up a Tibetan Mastiff one of his clients ordered. Bombliss became angry the victim arrived early. At that point, the victim placed the dog in his vehicle. The victim objected when Bombliss opened the vehicle's doors so he could clip the dog's nails.

In response, Bombliss called him vulgarities and threatened to punch him, the report stated. The victim showed the deputy a video of part of the incident. A report on a possible disorderly-conduct charge against Bombliss was to be sent to the Knox County State's Attorney's Office.

5-6 - A Galva man stopped for speeding in Altona also had cannabis and drug paraphernalia in his vehicle illegally, according to authorities.

Chase M. Sall, 33, was driving a 2017 Lincoln MKZ when a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy stopped him about 3:45 p.m. at Main St. and Johnson Pyle Drive in Altona. Just east of town, the officer clocked Sall as driving 71 mph in a 55-mph zone, according to a report.

Sall was cited for careless/reckless driving and for possession of drug paraphernalia.

5-9 - Shortly before 5:45 a.m., Brent C. Swanson, 44, of LaFayette was driving a southbound 1998 Ford Ranger pickup truck in the 2700 block of U.S. Route 34 south of Altona when the vehicle struck a deer, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. The truck sustained minor disabling damage and was towed.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

5-13 - to the intersection of NE 2nd Ave. and NE 3rd St. after a semi-truck destroyed a yield sign and metal post. The driver agreed to pay for damages.

5-13 - to the 00 block of NE 7th St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer recognized the dog as belonging to a family from rural Bishop Hill. The owner retrieved the dog.

5-13 - Luke Myers, 33, Peoria, cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended in the 600 block of NW 3rd Ave. He was released with a court date.

5-14 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for an unfounded complaint. The subject was believed to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

5-14 - to meet a subject who found a women's purse. The owner was located and the purse was returned.

5-15 - to the 700 block of N. Center Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The officer recognized it as belonging to a family in rural Bishop Hill. They picked the dog up again.

5-15 - As the result of an investigation into inappropriate images being sent to another subject, Collin Elgin, 19, Galva, was arrested for "harmful material." He was transported to the Henry County Jail and later released with a court date.

5-16 - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for a barking-dog complaint. Officer spoke to the owner, who agreed to put the dog inside.

5-17 - to the 800 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. It was impounded and later released to its owner.

5-17 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for an illegal-burning complaint. The fire was extinguished.

5-18 - to the 100 block of NE 8th Ave. for a complaint involving two loose pitbulls. The owner took the dogs home.

5-18 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. to check the welfare of a subject "slumped over" in a vehicle. They were napping.

5-18 - to the intersection of SE 1st Ave. and SE 4th St. for a complaint involving an obstructed street sign.

5-18 - to the 100 block of NE 6th Ave. for a domestic dispute involving two adult brothers. One brother agreed to leave for the night.

5-18 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a disturbance involving a juvenile and a grandparent.

5-18 - Bryce Jefko, 35, of St. Louis, was cited for speeding in the 700 block of W. Division St.

5-19 - to the 200 block of Morgan Rd. for a loose-dog complaint. The owner took it back home.

5-19 - to the 1000 block of W. Division St. for a child-custody dispute.

5-19 - to the 600 block of NW 7th St. for a verbal disturbance after a child-custody exchange.

Property Transfers

5-15 - Kyle D. and Renee L. Wallace to Blu Development Group, LLC - Original Town of Toulon - Pt 12 Lots 5 and 8 - 123 W. Court St., Toulon - Consideration = \$42,000.

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Some in a bad way, as in classified ads for services needed that are posted by scammers whose credit-card payments are later reversed.

Fortunately, there are also happier stories, like the one shared recently by **Abbey Curran** of Kewanee (pictured above right). If you don't know about Curran and her inspirational story, she is a former Miss Iowa who became the first disabled participant to compete in the Miss USA Pageant. She suffers from cerebral palsy, but that has never stopped her from living a full life.

Currently on leave from her job as a pharmaceutical rep, Curran had her first child, **Cozette**, five weeks ago. Needless to say, the last few weeks have been stressful, as they would be for any parent. But Curran had added anxiety that can finally be alleviated this week.

You see, her 91-year-old grandmother, **Elizabeth Barry** of Sheffield, is what Curran calls "a diehard Catholic." Barry's influence has rubbed off on Curran in several ways, including praying to St. Jude when

extra help is needed.

So when she went to the Miss USA pageant, Curran prayed to St. Jude. Throughout her in-vitro pregnancy and the birthing process, she also prayed frequently.

All that praying comes with a grandmotherly contingency, Catholic guilt at its most audacious. Basically, Grandma Barry says that if Curran prays to St. Jude, she must also print a Novena in a newspaper or risk a bad result.

Unfortunately, finding a newspaper in which to print such an ad is getting harder and harder. That's why, on this page, you will see an advertisement featuring a Novena to St. Jude with instructions for prayer and pay-back.

I realize some readers will view this as sort of a hocus-pocus approach to prayer. Not me. Curran's story makes me smile. Hey, why take chances? If something good happens to you, why not share it with others?

In our other paper, The Weekly Post, we often print a **Mother Teresa** prayer. That one doesn't make us any money, but the wise words in that prayer sure make life clearer for at least one person involved with these publications.

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Driving southeast through the Wind River Range of Wyoming last week, it was impossible not to notice the fanciest barbed-wire ranch fence I've ever seen. There were miles of wood posts with wood top-rails in the scenic Hoback River Valley. No steel posts. No hedge. All treated lumber. Turns out the man who bank-



rolled all that fence is billionaire **Joe Ricketts**, whose stock-market success has allowed him to buy lots of land in Wyoming and whose family owns the Chicago Cubs. It also turns out that many of his Hoback Valley neighbors aren't very excited about Ricketts. According to a Cowboy State Daily story, Sublette County last year voted down a Ricketts proposal to develop his land into a "Little Jackson Hole." If you've never been to Jackson Hole, it's worth a visit. But be warned: The billionaires are forcing out the millionaires. And that creates friction for those who live near this unique valley of wealth. In the story, Sublette County Commissioner **Doug Vickrey** is quoted as saying, "I would like Mr. Ricketts to know that with all his wealth, there are some things in this world money cannot buy. And by God, I'm one of them." I don't know Vickrey or Ricketts. I do know who I'd rather drink a Coors Banquet with.

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Galva schools to get mentor for students

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The School Board heard at its May meeting that the Regional Office of Education will be assigning a mentor to help students who need extra support.

The board also set June 17 at 6:55 p.m. for an amended budget hearing and will hold a retreat on June 6 at 6 p.m.

Superintendent Joe Becker said school fees for 2024-25 will remain the same, with the exception of lunch fees and the yearbook.

Board member Brittany Boston re-

ported that the chair lift in the Elementary School will be installed this summer, the high school gym will be painted, the track bleacher project will be finished, some doors that are rusted will start to be replaced and the high school gym roof will be replaced.

A district window project started in 2021 with East Moline Glass is now down to one window which does not work right. A window has been re-ordered, after which the project will be complete and can be paid for in full.

Both the elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks were ap-

proved.

The board also approved an understanding of services agreement with Gorenz and Associates.

The board approved the following employment items for the 2024-25 school year:

- Cody Freeman as elementary teacher.
- Brynn Patty as 7th grade volleyball coach.
- Becky Wigant as 8th grade girls basketball coach.
- the resignation from Michelle Mersman from JV volleyball coaching.



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 Interested third parties must sign in and provide proof of payment of at least 10% of the sale price, by certified funds or cash, only, at the


time of sale. Personal checks or a bank letter of credit will not be accepted. The sale will not be continued to allow such parties time to obtain the required funds. If an interested party does not have such proof of payment, then such party will be ineligible to bid at sale.
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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.

2024 Season DAILY FEES
 0-2 Years: No Charge.
 3 years and Older : \$5
PRIVATE PARTIES
 Galva pool may be reserved. Inquire at pool office for dates.
 50 people or less: \$125
 51+ people: \$150
 6:15 - 8 p.m.

10 SWIM LESSONS
 In-district: \$40. 3 or more children in same family enrolled in same session: \$25 per child.
 Out-of-District: \$45. 3 or more children in same family enrolled in same session: \$30 per child.
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Al Gloyd

Card of Thanks

Carroll Family

The family of Cindy Carroll wishes to thank everyone for their love and support and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Special thanks to Galva High School Class of 1973, her friends and staff at Seminary Manor, OSF Hospice, Messiah Lutheran Church/WELCA and her Lake Calhoun neighbors and friends

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Wyoming hosts Rural Roots Family Fun Day

WYOMING –The Wyoming Public library and Illinois Extension will hold a family fun day of learning and discovery to celebrate agricultural heritage at the library, 109 N. 7th St., on Wednesday, May 29, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Activities include:

- Hands-on interactive stations exploring agriculture, horticulture, nutrition and 4-H.
- Ag fun facts and a trivia game.
- Games and prizes.
- A free petting zoo featuring live farm animals.
- Hot-dog lunch, including chips, applesauce, cookie and drink for \$5
- Free Illinois Extension resources on gardening, canning, nutrition and more will be available .
- Free gifts will be handed out (while supplies last) including grocery totes, calendars and recipe cards.

Galva Legion seeking Avenue of Flags help

GALVA –The Galva American Legion is asking for help putting up the Avenue of Flags on Memorial Day. Volunteers are asked to meet at the Galva American Legion building at 45 Wallace St. on Monday, May 27, at 6 a.m. or to come to the Galva Cemetery at 6:15 a.m.

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College graduates

• **Olivia Hopp** of Toulon graduated from Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo., this spring.

Bishop Hill host free Folk music festival

BISHOP HILL – A free folk music festival will be held here on Saturday, June 1.

The festival will feature Illinois folk musicians such as Bucky Halker, the Bucktown Americana Music Show, Barry Cloyd and Mike Anderson, the Dulcimer Guy, who will present a program on the mountain dulcimer at the Steeple Building Museum at noon.

The festival is family friendly and free to the public. Music starts at 10

a.m. with local favorite Hammer and Pick, followed by Coffee Creek at 11 a.m. Chicago singer Halker will perform at 1 p.m. Bucktown Americana Music Show will perform at 2 p.m. Cloyd will finish the event with his performance at 3 p.m.

For more information visit www.bishophillheritage.org.

Bishop Hill marriages honored June 2

BISHOP HILL – The United Methodist Church in Bishop Hill is honoring all couples who have been married in Bishop Hill in the past. The service will take place Sunday, June 2 at the church at 10:15 a.m.

The service will honor everyone who has been married at the Methodist Church, park, Colony School, Colony Church or anywhere in the village.

You are also welcome to attend even if your spouse is deceased.

Feel free to bring memorabilia from your wedding.

Et cetera

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Bring the family out to the Wyoming Public Library and join Illinois Extension for a fun day of learning and discovery as you celebrate our agricultural heritage.

Stop by between 11 am - 1 pm. Here's what's planned:

- **Hands-On Stations:** Explore interactive stations on agriculture, horticulture, nutrition, and 4-H
- **Ag Fun Facts:** Learn about popular farm animals, and crops when you play the Ag Facts Trivia Game.
- **Games & Prizes:** Try fun challenges to win prizes.
- **Petting Zoo:** Kids of all ages will enjoy seeing the live farm animals at the free petting zoo!
- **Lunch Options:** Buy a hot dog with chips, applesauce, cookie, and a drink for \$5.
- **Free Resources:** Pick up IL Extension fact sheets, free grocery tote, and recipes, (while supplies last).
- **Rain or shine:** In case of rain, the event will be held inside the Paramount Theatre in Wyoming, IL



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 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.

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Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 5/10, 5/17, 5/24/24

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.

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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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Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Name Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor Address P.O. Box 165 City Galva, IL 61434 Phone (309) 932-2001 Email: everettr@barashlaw.com Published 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24

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 clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, 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. Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24

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.

- The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
- The name of the titleholder of record: Michael D. Fesler and Debra Fesler.
- 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
 Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 211 W 2nd St Kewanee, IL 61443 309/852-5555 Published 5/17, 5/24, 5/31/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF STEVEN STIVERS, Deceased
 No. 2024 PR 41
CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Steven Stivers. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2024, to Teri Jonmarker, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU, Plaintiff, vs. JUDY A. EBERLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
 Case No. 2023 FC 6
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1), that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale made and entered in the above-captioned case on March 15, 2024, the Sheriff of Stark County, Illinois, or any deputy or officer acting in his stead, will, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said day, on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or such other room as shall be

designated, sell the property hereafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, at public auction to the highest and best bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate: Kevin First Mortgage Adjuster Citizens Equity First Credit Union P.O. Box 1715 Peoria, Illinois 61656-1715 (309) 633-7000

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 311 W. Smith St., Wyoming, IL 61491.

(C) The legal description of the real estate is: LOT SIX (6) AND ALL OF LOT FIVE (5), EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT FIVE (5), FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, IN BLOCK FIFTEEN (15) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF WYOMING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. PIN: 07-02-215-001;

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family residence.

(E) The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: June 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or such other room as shall be designated.

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified funds, payable 10% on the day of sale, and the balance payable to the Sheriff's office, by either certified funds or cash, only, by no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day following the sale. No refunds. Sold "as is" without any warranties, express or implied. Purchaser or purchasers to pay applicable transfer taxes, if any, and any sale fee due pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507.1.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

Additional Terms: Interested third parties must sign in, and provide proof of payment of at least 10% of the sale price, by certified funds or cash, only, at the time of sale. Personal checks or a bank letter of credit will not be accepted. The sale will not be continued to allow such parties time to obtain the required funds. If an interested party does not have such proof of payment, then such party will be ineligible to bid at sale.

If a buyer does not pay the balance of the purchase price as provided above, then the plaintiff's attorney will request that the court enter an order declaring that the bid of such buyer is invalid, and that the winning bid at the sale is the bid of the next highest bidder.

At said sale, there will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers a Receipt of Sale which shall describe the real estate purchased and shall show the amount bid, the amount paid, the total amount paid to date and the amount still to be paid. An additional Receipt of Sale shall be given at the time of each subsequent payment. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the Sheriff will issue, in duplicate, and give to the purchaser or purchasers a Certificate of Sale in recordable form. The Certificate of Sale shall describe the real estate purchased, indicate the date and place of sale, show the total amount paid, and further indicate that it is subject to confirmation by the court. The duplicate certificate may be recorded, and the Certificate of Sale shall be freely assignable by endorsement thereon. The sale and Certificate of Sale shall be subject to confirmation by the court.
 CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT

UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU, Plaintiff
 Thomas A. McConaughay, Esq., WSTERVELT, JOHNSON, NICOLL & KELLER, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff
 IN CHANCERY vs. Case No. 24-MR-13 ESTATE OF JUANITA LAMPSON JOHNSON 1095 INVESTMENTS, LLC; MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC; FIRST SELECT INCORPORATED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS Defendants
NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY PUBLICATION
 The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Estate of Juanita Lampson-Johnson, 1095 Investments, LLC; Midland Credit Management, Inc; First Select Incorporated, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled action was filed and is now pending.

- The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
- The name of the titleholder of record: Juanita Lampson Johnson
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The South Fifty (50) feet of Lot Number Four (4) of the Subdivision of Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Twenty (20) of Blish's Addition to Kewanee, County of Henry and State of Illinois.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 210 S. Walnut Street, Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien 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
 Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W 2nd St Kewanee, IL 61443 Phone: 30918524555 Published 5/24, 5/31, 6/7/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 JOSHUA MUMMERT, No. 2024-PR-14
 Notice is given of the death of Joshua Mummert. Letters of Office were issued on May 10, 2024, to Sally Mummert, 4977 Twp Rd 1700 E., Wyoming, IL, 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 Marshall

County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Lacon, Illinois 61540, 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.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 5/24, 5/31, 6/7/24

PUBLIC NOTICE
 A public hearing will be held in the Supervisor of Assessments office at the Stark County Courthouse on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 8:30 a.m. The purpose of this hearing will be to inform taxpayers of equalized assessed values of farmland for the 2025 assessment year. The Property Tax Code, sections 10-110 through 10-125, (35ILCS200/10-110 through 10-125) requires farmland to be assessed in relation to productivity and use, using assessed values certified to County assessing officials by the Department of Revenue.

Renee L. Johnson SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS
 Published 5/24/24

Bradford Community Unit School District #1 PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois, that the amended Budget for said School District for the fiscal, beginning July 1, 2023, is on file beginning May 9, 2024 and is conveniently available for public inspection at the Unit Office, 115 High Street, Bradford, Illinois.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 P.M. on the 25th day of June 2024, at the Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois.

Dated this 10th day of May 2024.
 By Jessica Peterson, Board Secretary SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN me, a Notary Public, on the 10th day of May, 2024. Notary Public Bureau County, Illinois. My commission expires: 8-17-27
 Mary E. Robbins
 Published 5/24/24

Public Notice On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Toulon Public Library District
 Notice is hereby given to the Public that on July 8, 2024, at the hour of 7 p.m. at the Toulon Public Library, Toulon, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Toulon Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Toulon Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public. Roberta Cinnamon, Secretary Board of Trustees Toulon Public Library District
 Published 5/24/24

ORWIG: 'Fire lit' after tight 110 race

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sure it's big enough where next year I'm going to crush it.

"I wouldn't turn down a medal, I promise you that. I obviously will push myself to the best of my ability. I'm not going down there to lose. If there's going to be kids that beat me, they're going to have to work their tails off to do it."

Orwig and Elmwood-Brimfield senior Dax Alger traded places in both hurdles events at the sectional. In the 110, Alger outleaped Orwig to beat him by one-hundredth of a second, in 16.64. Then in the 300, Orwig won in 42.28 seconds. Alger ran 43.16.

"If I didn't have a fire lit under me after the 110s, I'd be lying to you," Orwig said about his first duel with Alger. "I dove for the finish, and I thought I got him. I said, 'I can't let him beat me twice.' That's what really pushed me."

The top two finishers in each sectional event qualify for state automatically. In the 200, Orwig was third, in 23.05. That time matched the state-qualifying standard and was a personal best.

"That was a hotly contested 200," Stark County Coach Bart Frey said.

"He's really emerged and is improving as he goes. He started the year in the mid-23's, worked hard and put himself in a position to run the 200 really well."

But the hurdles might be becoming Orwig's niche. He hadn't run them regularly until this season.

"It takes a gritty person to do it. I feel like it fits me perfectly," Orwig said. "I take it with a big piece of pride. I love to do it. It's where I find kind of my place."

Frey suggested Orwig could follow recent former Stark County hurdlers of note, including Daniel Kieser and Keagan Newton. Runners with good physical attributes and necessary speed can make good hurdlers, in Frey's view.

Orwig appears to have that. Perhaps he also has the right mental attitude.

"Running for a couple of

months, he's not perfect, but he also has another year to compete," Frey said. "This is kind of an exploratory year, and next year is when we're going to really make our move. He's stepped up to the challenge."

Orwig also led off the Stark County 4x100 relay that just missed a state trip. He and teammates Riley Masters, Baptiste Robineau and Chris Barnwell finished fourth in 44.66. The state-qualifying standard is 44.52. The sectional finish was the second-fastest 4x100 time in school history, according to Frey.

In the sectional team standings, Stark County received 35 points to tie Princeville for ninth. Aledo Mercer County was team champion (92 points), and Elmwood-Brimfield was runner-up (87).

Robert L. Potts
Stephanie F. Schmieg
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Answers on Page 3 - Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Choco-coffee flavor
6 Bow of respect
12 Global rivalry concerning weaponry
20 Customary
21 Last pope of the 1700s
22 Bishop's jurisdiction
23 Iconic logo of McDonald's
25 Proceeds forward
26 Long, thin cut
27 Three, in Germany
28 Sgt., say
30 Poet's "always"
31 Suffix with percent
32 "Hulmes" (2020 Mike Bobby Brown film)
34 Biblical metaphor for Jerusalem
36 Drs.' org.
39 Slimy veggie
41 "Sweet"
42 Hush-hush U.S. org.
43 Original name of Norway

DOWN

1 Coffee holders
2 Italian encore song, often concerning cooking
4 Coughn't help but
5 Beer for a Brit
6 Box lightly
7 Temer breed
8 Saint — (island country)
9 Hearth waste
10 Get back at
11 Violinist Elman or actor Auer
12 Computer pioneer Lovelace
13 Person on a bus, e.g.
14 Classic soul song by Curtis Mayfield
15 Wolves (down)
16 Sidekick of Simpy
17 PC character set acronym
18 Singer Green formerly on "The Voice"

UNspoiled EXPANSES

19 Ruhr city
24 Its cap, is Bamberg
29 Ex-Giant Mel
33 Ton of, casually
35 Not pleasurable, colloquially
36 Aurora, to the Greeks
37 Most wacky
38 Aster
40 TV's O'Donnell
44 Mayberry's Ols, e.g.
46 Brand of bottled water
48 Sassy quality, for short
50 Elite NFLer
51 Medieval war weapon
52 Cathy
54 Wheel bars
55 Singer Rita
56 "Onkel" role
57 Sloping
59 Counterfeit
62 Needle case
64 Flute sound
65 Respond to
66 Toluca locale
68 Flombauer of cooking
70 Actor Malcolm — Warner
72 Line of family rulers

73 Attendee
75 "Hooked on Classics" label
79 At any time
80 Seer's skill
82 Pool growth
85 Tuscan city
88 Baby sheep
89 Top pilot
91 Irrating
93 Outsider
94 Be a pioneer
95 Arcane
96 Uncooked
99 B&B, e.g.
103 Big Texas city
105 Has too much, with "on"
106 Brezhnev of the USSR
107 Error forcibly
109 Tabula —
111 Bleating
112 Basis
113 Singer
114 Talk loudly
115 Singer Cleo
117 Italian island
122 Make tangled
124 — ball
126 Geller of the paranormal
127 Denials
129 "For shame!"
130 Indy circuit

Amber Waves

HEY LITTLE FELLA. WHAT ARE YOU UP TO? WISH I COULD UNDERSTAND YOU.

YOU'RE ALWAYS YACKING AWAY ABOUT SOMETHING AND GIVING ME FUNNY LOOKS.

WISH I KNEW WHAT'S GOING THROUGH THAT HEAD OR WHAT YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT.

GEEZ, I FEEL LIKE I'M TALKING TO MY KID.

by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats

THEY USED TO TIME ME WITH A STOPWATCH.

...NOW THEY USE A CALENDAR.

by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs

WHY IN THE WORLD DO THEY CALL THIS A ROMANTIC COMEDY? BASED ON 20 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, IT'S MORE LIKE ROMANTIC SCI-FI.

by Dave T. Phipps

GRIN & BEAR IT

"A simple 'I object' will do, Counselor!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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 Rifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What does the human vestibular sense do?
- MOVIES: The phrase 'As you wish' is key to which 1987 movie?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the largest island in the Caribbean?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are Chinese astronauts called sometimes in the West?
- TELEVISION: Which sitcom features a character named Phoebe Buffay?
- MEASUREMENTS: What is the square footage of an acre?
- SCIENCE: What are the four states of matter?
- HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution gave women the right to vote?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel contains the line, "I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship"?
- MONEY: In the old British monetary system, how many pennies were equal to a pound?

Answers

- It is the sense that deals with movement, gravity and balance.
- "The Princess Bride."
- Cuba.
- Taikonauts.
- "Friends."
- 43,560 square feet.
- Solid, liquid, gas and plasma
- 19th.
- "Little Women."
- 240.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (PG-13)
- The Fall Guy (PG-13)
- Challengers (R)
- Tarot (PG-13)
- Godzilla x Kong: The New Empire (PG-13)
- Unsung Hero (PG)
- Kung Fu Panda 4 (PG)
- Civil War (R)
- Star Wars: Episode I - The Phantom Menace (PG)
- Abigail (R)

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 Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
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 Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
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 LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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 Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty
 Phone (217) 425-5707
 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Elmira United Presbyterian Church
 Rev. Art Blegen
 7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483
 (309) 896-3481
 Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
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The Gathering Church
 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
 218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Email fcctoulon@gmail.com
 website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church
 Pastor Marshall Jones
 211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434
 (309) 932-3733
 Service Time 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church
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 211 NW 4th Ave GALVA
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 Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor
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 517 N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491
 309-695-4523 leave message
 Sunday School: 10:00, All ages
 Sunday Worship: 11:00
 Wednesday Night TBD
 Check us out on Facebook: Wyoming Naz

First Congregational Church
 204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491
 (309) 695-4091
 Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
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Toulon First Baptist Church
 110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon
 (309) 286-4611
 Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
 Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.
 Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
 Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
 Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com
 www.ToulonBaptist.com

St. Timothy Lutheran Church
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491
 allsaintsil.com

Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL
 Casual, family friendly
 Rev. Katie Gallagher
 Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)
 Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
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 Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
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Galva First United Methodist Church
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 214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434
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 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
 Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

The Oaks Community Church
 1868 Congregational Road, Dahinda, IL
 (309) 879-2042
 Pastor Marty Briney and Pastor Dean Lane
 Worship Service 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.
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Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

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OBITUARIES

Alice Nowlan Allen

MARIETTA, Ga. – Toulon native Alice Nowlan Allen passed away on May 14 at her residence in Marietta, Ga.

A 1955 graduate of Toulon Township High School, Alice was the daughter of Robert J. and Barbara Dunlap Nowlan.

Alice married Harry D. Allen of West Jersey in 1956. She attended the University of Illinois and received bachelor's and master's degrees in education psychology from Georgia State University in Atlanta. She was for many years the testing psychologist for the Cobb County, Georgia school district.

Alice is survived by a daughter, Mary Jane Guzman, and grandchildren Camille and Allen Guzman and John Allen.

She was preceded in passing by her husband; two children, Christopher and Scott Allen; and one grandchild, Nowlan Allen.

Christopher A. Piper

EAST PEORIA – Christopher A. Piper, 60, of East Peoria, passed

away unexpectedly at 3:22 a.m. on May 15, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital.

Chris was born on May 12, 1964, to W. Allen and Kay (Boswell) Piper. On Nov. 25, 1989, he married Peggy Fidler; she survives.

Also surviving Chris are his two sons, C.J. Piper and Zachary Piper, both of East Peoria; grandson Elijah Piper; parents Allen and Kay Piper of Bradford; "adopted" son, Noah Galetti of East Peoria; brother, Robert (Diane) Piper of Chillicothe; and a sister, Stephanie (Tom) Ellison of Macomb.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother-in-law, George and Mary Fidler.

Chris received his bachelor's degree from Eastern Illinois University and worked as a school music and band teacher for many years, educating in Paw Paw, Stark County, West-

mer and retiring from Peoria Heights in 2018. When Toulon and Wyoming merged, Chris wrote the Stark County Fight Song "Rebel Rouser."

He was a jokester who enjoyed playing the tuba and trombone and mowing the lawn with his John Deere. He was an avid fan of the Green Bay Packers. Above all else, he loved spending time with his sons and grandson.

Funeral services were May 20, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor Rebecca Klemm officiated.

Condolences for Chris' family may be left on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Douglas M. Dial

EDELSTEIN – Douglas M. Dial, 57, of Edelstein, passed away unexpectedly on May 18, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Funeral services will be held at noon on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. A visitation will be held at the funeral home on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the service.




Piper

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Elmira Memorial Day Service

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Elmira Presbyterian Church

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A procession to the Elmira Cemetery to honor Veterans' graves will follow. The General public is invited to attend

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THE STORY OF PUMPKIN

My name is JUDY HAND. I am writing this from Galva, IL. Pumpkin is a 4 yr. old cat. She went missing on Tuesday April 30th. We had her out at the vets in Galva. We had just arrived, reached in the back seat and took her carrier out of the car. As I went to shut the back door, Pumpkin proceeded to bust the door completely off the carrier. The next thing I knew she went flying like 10 ft. in the air, hitting the ground running.

That was the last time I had seen her. I have been trying really hard to find her since. I miss her very much.

In the last 2 weeks she has been spotted all over Galva...SE side of town, down the main drag of Rte. 34 (Heading West) and just recently (Sunday May 5th) She was hanging around Cenex.

Each time I have gone where she has been seen Pumpkin is always gone.

Please, I am asking for anybody's help in getting Pumpkin home safely. She has a brother (Patches) who is just heartbroken...he also misses her very much.

Again, Pumpkin is 4 yrs. old Her fur is long and fluffy. She is orange and white. Basically, she is orange on top and white on the bottom. Her paws are white and she is white around collar. She also has her left ear clipped.

Pumpkin is very timid around people. I raised her from the time she was 4 week old. She is my Baby.

So, please if you have been lucky enough to take her in, I would really love to have her back. And, if you happen to see Pumpkin, she is not just another stray cat running around Galva, She is a kitty trying to find her way HOME.

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Wyoming American Legion Post 91 Memorial Day Services Monday, May 27, 2024

Snareville Cemetery • 8:30 a.m.
 Pleasant Valley Cemetery • 9 a.m.
 Lawn Ridge Cemetery • 9:30 a.m.
 St. Dominic's Cemetery • 10 a.m.
 Wyoming Library Lawn • 10:30 a.m.
 Wyoming City Cemetery • 11 a.m.

Please join us in honoring all the veterans who have served our country especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.




"God Bless America"

MEMORIAL DAY Monday, May 27, 2024

SCHEDULE FOR THE TOULON
 AMERICAN LEGION POST 416 CEMETERY SERVICES

7:30 a.m. – Available & Able Members Assemble at Post 416
7:45 a.m. – Depart for Starwano Cem.
8:00 a.m. – Starwano
8:30 a.m. – Stringtown
9:00 a.m. – West Jersey
10 a.m. – Elmira
 Return to Post 416 to prepare for service at Toulon Cemetery.
11:00 a.m. – Toulon

RAIN OR SHINE
TOULON AMERICAN LEGION #416



Rebels baseball reaches regional semifinals

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

The Stark County baseball team saw a successful season end in a 12-3 loss to Annawan-Wethersfield on May 15 in a Class 1A regional semifinal at Kewanee.

A-W was up 6-0 after its first at-bat. Stark County (15-14) was held to three hits. Blair Daum and Dillon Steelman each doubled and had one RBI.

Tim Giesenhagen started pitching for the Rebels but struggled in the first. Steelman pitched the remaining innings, yielding six hits, five earned runs and one walk, while fanning five.

Stark County reached the semifinals by battling back to beat Galva, 5-4, on May 14 in a game played over two days due to rain.

Connor Daum and Steelman each drove in a run for the Rebels. Blair

Daum hit 2-for-4. Ben Browning recorded a double in the win.

The Rebels relied on three pitchers to get the job done against Galva. Connor Daum threw two innings, walking three and fanning four. Steelman tossed one frame, giving up one hit and striking out one. Will Rumbold was on the bump in four innings, yielding four hits and striking out eight.

Galva (5-17) had battled Stark County all the way. Tied 3-3 going into the third on Monday, the contest had to be moved to Tuesday for the finish.

GHS scored one in the third inning to take the lead, followed by SC tying it at four in the fifth. In the sixth, the Wildcats stopped a Stark rally with a triple play, but the Rebels walked it off in the seventh.

“Shortstop M.J. Louck went to one

knee to snag a line drive, threw the ball to second baseman J.P. Sloan, who fired to first sacker John Bersell for the third out,” Galva Coach Van White said.

Louck pitched two innings, giving up two earned runs while striking out four. Braxton Hulstrom struck out three and did not yield an earned run.

Louck hit 2-for-3 with one RBI and a double, Bersell had two hits and Cyrus Lilly and Hulstrom each had one RBI.

White discussed the state of high school baseball at Galva, saying, “Our overall play improved this season. We were young but our talent level has improved. Going forward with eighth graders coming up next year, we will have the best group of players since I’ve been here”

GIRLS TRACK: Stotler peaked at end of season

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County girls distance-running coach. “Boy, they did it. They did it. You peak when you need to.”

That also might describe the late-season performance of Stark County shot-putter Chelsey Stotler. The junior’s 38-foot, 8.75-inch heave in the preliminary round was good enough for fourth place overall. It was 3.5 inches short of her personal best, which she threw at the sectional.

“I threw a really good PR in warmups, but it didn’t really count,” Stotler said about state.

Said Stark County Coach Clint Terwilliger: “She was at her peak at the end of the year. (Conference), sectional, state, the whole thing. Perfect timing.”

The time the Rebels’ 4x800 relay posted at O’Brien Stadium on the Eastern Illinois University campus might have been a bit unexpected. That despite Stark County’s 4x800 relay finishing ninth last

season. Hamilton spent the first five weeks of this season in a walking boot because of injury, according to Rennick. Dusti Smith had been battling a hip ailment in recent weeks.

Still, she ran the anchor leg in the state final in 2:19.85. That was faster than anchors for the top two finishing 4x800 teams, including champion Glen Carbon Father McGivney (9:30.01).

“She was essentially running on one leg,” Rennick said of the younger Smith. “And we really had to step up as a unit. And they did exactly that.”

Cheyen Smith, Dusti Smith’s sister, ran the lead leg and was in fourth early.

“I actually got tripped at the start, so I was a little worried about that,” she said. “I was trying to stay close to the girls in front of me. I knew they were all really fast, so a little distance was fine.”

A little heat weather-wise might not have been so fine. Temperatures under a steady sun were in the mid-to-upper 80s. That was unlike the preliminary round, which was held in cooler, damper conditions.

“On the track, you could feel the heat just kind of coming off around you,” Cheyenh Smith said.

With all four runners returning next season, Rennick appears to believe bigger things might be in store. Also looking toward next season is Stotler.

Her first shot put at state turned out to be her best. It put her in third place headed into the final day, when she fouled on two of three attempts.

“She had a real nice toss (in prelims), so we kind of knew we could kind of go after it a little bit,” Terwil-

liger said following the finals. “Her form wasn’t quite there today, but some of that is trying to get the best throw out there, trying to go fast.”

Stotler suggested the mental preparation for the finals might outweigh the physical.

“You can practice, practice, practice and have great PRs, but at the end of the day, it’s you and that ring,” she said. “I didn’t have the series that I wanted at the state meet, but I also have things that I can take home and practice with, and I know how to be able to get after it next year.”

Nashville freshman McKayla Gajewski threw 39-8.75 to claim first.

In team standings, Stark County finished tied for 28th, with nine points.

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The Prairie News Sports



Stotler, SC relay earn medals

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News

CHARLESTON – Bruised and battered but unbowed, the Stark County girls 4x800-meter track-and-field relay team returned home from Charleston with a big prize. So did junior Chelsea Stotler, who



Stotler

earned a Class 1A fourth-place medal in shot put. The relay quartet of sophomores Cheyenh Smith and Paytin Terwilliger, junior Keagan Hamilton and freshman Dusti Smith finished seventh in the state finals May 18 with a time of 9:50.74. The school-record finish was a 15-second improvement from the preliminary



Stark County's 4x800 relay placed seventh in Class 1A last Saturday. From left to right are Cheyenh Smith, Paytin Terwilliger, Keagan Hamilton and Dusti Smith.

round two days earlier. It also was 30 seconds better than what the foursome ran May 9 in the sectional at Kewanee Weathersfield.

"We talk about it all the time – last race, fast race," said Bob Rennick, the Stark

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Orwig qualifies for state in 3 events

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News

FARMINGTON – Nolan Orwig made his first visit to the boys track and field state finals. Sounds like he wouldn't mind returning next year, too.

The Stark County junior qualified from the Class 1A Farmington Sectional in three events at state,

which began Thursday in Charleston with the preliminary round. Orwig was scheduled to run in both hurdles races and in the 200-meter dash.

Orwig's state seeds weren't high – 30th in the 200, 27th in the 110 hurdles and 18th in the 300 hurdles. But Orwig's confidence in what might be drawn from

the experience appeared to be off the charts.

"I know where I stand," Orwig said following the sectional May 15. "I'm going to have to work really hard this week and take it seriously. I just want to get the whole experience. If I'm going to leave a footprint, I want to make

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