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**CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

## Bradford Library turns 100 this year

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The ladies each bought a book from Plummer’s Drug Store. After they had exchanged and read all the books, they each bought another book. Once they had accumulated 45 books, they decided to start a library so they could lend books to the public.

From that humble start, the Bradford Public Library was born and later survived a devastating fire before moving into a brick building at 111 S. Peoria St. in July 1924. That same solid structure still provides patrons a chance to expand their reading opportunities, but has also evolved to offer events, computers and more.



*The brick building that houses the Bradford Public Library opened in July 1924 after a fire destroyed the previous library, which was housed in a room over the old Fairbanks Harness Shop.*

In 1992, voters of the Bradford School District voted to become a district library with services free to all residents of the district.

In the mid-1990s, a children’s department was created.

In 2021, the library stopped charged fines for late books.

And in 2023, the library added a lift, a handicapped-accessible restroom, an outdoor ramp, hand rail-

ings and wider stairs

The library has several special events to celebrate 100 years of providing free access to books and resources. The annual Summer Reading program was centered around the centennial. A trivia night will be held at the library on July 18 at 6 p.m. and a special anniversary party open house will be held July 30 from 4-7 p.m.

## Search continues

Stark Co. board will look elsewhere for a location to build a new highway building

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

TOULON – A new Stark County highway building will not be built on a dead-end residential street.

That decision of the Stark County Board of Supervisors Tuesday night brought smiles to the faces of residents of Toulon’s South Union Street, a group of whom had spoken out against using a vacant field at the end of their quiet street for a highway building.

“No action will be taken in pursuing the land at the end of Union Street,” Board Chairman Kari Bush said following a 27-minute closed session. “We will not be pursuing the purchase of that land.”

That means the board and County Engineer Judd Giffin will continue their search for a suitable site to house the

**Inside**

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- The Stark County Board of Supervisors OK’d a plan to examine bridges. **Page 7**

county’s heavy equipment and rock supplies.

Progress was made on another road-related front. Giffin reported he had a productive meeting with the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Motor Fuel Tax funds, his salary and other matters.

The board unanimously approved several IDOT-related resolutions, including:

- Appropriating \$135,000 of MFT funds for general road maintenance, salt, signs, equipment rental, spray-patching and other

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## Toulon serving notice on fire-damaged house

By **MOLLY RICHESON**  
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Infrastructure and the future of a house damaged by a recent fire were main topics of Toulon’s City Council meeting on July 8.

The city will send a notice to the homeowner of 315 W. Jefferson St. to correct problems on the property resulting from a fire. Following 15 days with no improvement or no response, a complaint will be filed in the courtroom to begin demolition proceedings. The city would cover the cost of the demolition, put a lien on the property and would then end up owning the

property.

Peerless Pump was to pull out a high-service pump to replace seals to see if that solves a problem that has the pump shut down. Peerless is also looking into a replacement pump that would have to be customized to fit into the current structure. Currently, one pump is running and cannot be shut off as the other is out of order.

Midco Diving and Marine sent divers into the city’s clear-water tank and identified a foot valve that needs to be replaced. They also cleaned the tank and did an inspection. The council expects to receive a repair quote from

Midco soon.

The city is getting information on a Safe Routes to School grant that could cover some costs of sidewalk repair on South Miller Street. The application is due by January 2025 and the city hopes to get the school involved to write letters to encourage its approval. Quotes for the sidewalk project will be attained in the near future.

An ordinance on sewer service laterals will be edited and resubmitted with new language. According to Mayor Larry Hollis, Yates City has a “fairly decent compromise” regarding

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**FREEDOM FEST**



*Spectators had high praise for Galva’s annual Freedom Fest fireworks show held on July 4, with some calling it, “The best smalltown fireworks display in Illinois.”*



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# COUNTY BOARD: New wind field discussed

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miscellaneous needs.

- Appropriating \$125,000 from the county’s General Fund to pay for Giffin’s salary from Dec. 1, 2023, to Dec. 20, 2024. Of that total, \$60,000 will be transferred back to the county from Federal Surface

Transportation funds. The county will also pay \$5,000 for Giffin’s expenses in that timeframe.

- Appropriation of \$293,025.84 in MFT funds for the replacement of the Colgan Bridge on North Valley Road over Camp Run Creek. That bridge project has already been completed. And as part of an amended resolution, due to higher bid prices, the county’s local match for the project was increased to \$279,252.60
- Appropriating \$315,000 in MFT funds for repairs to Castleton Road. One mile will receive double chip and sealcoat, according to Giffin, while the rest of the road will receive a single coat.

Giffin said he expects to

open bids in one month for the aggregate and sealcoat for the project. He said work should start in September, though sealcoating could be delayed until next year depending on the timing and conditions.

Board members also discussed a recent open house held by Apex Clean Energy, which is exploring the feasibility of a wind-energy project in Stark and Peoria counties. Board members Joe Orwig and Robin Nowlan attended the meeting.

The Goldrush Apple Wind project could include up to 60-65 wind towers with two-thirds of those in southern Stark County, according to Orwig. He said the project will feature 600-foot towers.

According to the Gold-rush Apple website, land-owners who participate in the project receive annual payments for 30 years.

In its latest newsletter, Apex said it has surpassed 50,000 acres signed up for the project. Peoria County will be the first phase and is expected to be operational in 2028. Stark County is the second phase and is projected to be operational by 2029.

The Stark County Zoning Board of Appeals was to hear requests for special use permits on July 8, but that meeting was cancelled due to the lack of a quorum. The permits, which pertain to erecting meteorological towers to gauge wind speeds, will be re-scheduled for August.

# TOULON: Water rates may increase

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sewer laterals.

Bids for Motor Fuel Tax road work were opened, and Potter and Sons Blacktopping was the lone bidder, coming in \$10,000 less than the city’s estimate of \$54,951.

The council approved \$2,470.64 to purchase a 3-inch trash pump and a semi-trash pump. Last week, when two water mains broke, the fire department had to supply a 2-inch pump that could not keep up with the flow from a 6-inch water main.

A discussion was held about raising water, sewer and garbage rates. Though the council seeks to break

even on the cost of garbage removal, that does not happen. And an ongoing project on city water mains is not completely covered by the grant obtained for that project.

The council plans to discuss possible rate increases at its next meeting.

Council members also heard that park bathrooms are being repaired at a cost of \$691 due to frozen pipes, a sinkhole is being repaired and quotes are being sought for the repaving of an alley and the East Jefferson Street culvert as well as for spray-patching in the Winslow shed area.

The council also ap-

proved the \$38,060 purchase of skid-steer equipment.

Christine Winscott will replace Barb Cantwell as city clerk starting next week, assuming she accepts the position with amended terms the council made after her initial interview. Currently, the hourly wage for the position is \$20 per hour, but the council was uncomfortable with offering her the same wage.

After a lengthy discussion, the council decided to offer \$18 per hour for the first three months of her employment, after which she would be given a wage of \$20 per hour.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic Citations & Ordinance Violations

6-28 - Erika M. Bailey, 20, Camp Grove, cited for driving on a suspended registration and possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle.

6-29 - Lacey D. Hall, 35, Galva, cited for driving with a defective windshield.

6-29 - Dale E. Livingston, 54, Kewanee, cited for driving a vehicle on a suspended registration.

7-1 - Neal R. Shryock, 53, Wyoming, cited for driving on expired and suspended registration.

7-5 - Joshua R. Petty, 44, Toulon, cited for driving with no front registration plate and no insurance.

7-5 - Jose J. Ramos, 28, Wyoming, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

6-24 - A traffic stop netted tickets for two individuals including driver Christopher R. Campen, 44, Peoria, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone, driving with revoked license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Passenger Todd Stenger, 41, of Peoria, cited for illegal transportation of alcohol and charged with possession of methamphetamine less than 5 grams and possession of a controlled substance, with intent to deliver. Stenger was also wanted on a Peoria County warrant for possession of dangerous drugs and meth. He was extradited to the Peoria County Jail.

6-27 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 north of Toulon. Driver David G. Cox, 86, of Wyoming reported no injuries but the 1981 Fiat convertible had estimated damages over \$1,500.

6-30 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on 1120E north of 950N. Driver Jacob A. Steward, 19, of Bradford reported no injuries, but estimated damages to the 2008 GMC Sierra 2500 were over \$1,500.

6-30 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 78 north of West Jersey. Driver Donovan A. Fluty, 24, Bloomington cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving without a front registration plate and improper lane usage.

7-1 - A possible break-in was reported by Jerry Stapel Jr., of Toulon, to his property at 200 W. Main St. in Toulon. Items were reported missing.

7-2 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 40, where a 2010 Mitsubishi drove off the road into a corn field. The driver was Derek R. Johnson, 36, of Kewanee.

7-3 - Janice A. Neff, Bradford, reported criminal damage to property after an unknown vehicle driver drove into her mailbox and destroyed it.

7-5 - Robert C. Boatman Jr., Toulon, reported his camper was found open and his silver 2006 Yamaha 650 motorcycle was stolen.

7-6 - A traffic stop on Illinois Route 78 in LaFayette netted two arrests. Driver Andrew K. Hulslander, 38,

Galva, cited for driving without vehicle insurance and while his license was suspended. He was also wanted on a

Peoria County warrant and extradited to Peoria County Jail. Passenger Steven W. Lambert, 45, Kewanee, was charged with possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle and possession of a controlled substance, less than 15 grams.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-24 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to the 1100 block of N. Center Ave. for a high-pressure gas line that had been struck and was leaking. Ameren was contacted for repairs.

6-24 - to the 200 block of SE 3rd Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a juvenile driving a lawn mower.

6-24 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a subject threatening family members with a knife. As the result, Brandon Swank, 28, Galva, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

6-25 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic, to a residence on SE 8th Ave, for a possible suicide attempt after a gas stove was left on, the thermostat was turned up and the resident was unresponsive. Subject was transported for evaluation/treatment.

6-25 - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a utility wire complaint. Two phone lines were pulled down by a vehicle. Frontier was notified.

6-25 - to the 100 block of NW 7th Ave. for a disorderly conduct complaint.

6-25 - to the 300 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a trespassing complaint.

6-28 - to the 100 block of Main St. for a physical domestic disturbance involving threats with a firearm. The suspect had left the scene prior to police arrival. A shotgun was removed.

6-30 - to the 300 block of SW 4th Ave. for a battery complaint.

6-30 - to the Galva Police Department for a medical emergency. A child was transported by ambulance.

6-30 - Officer was dispatched to the intersection of SE 2nd St. and SE 1st Ave. for a two-vehicle accident with air-bag deployment.

7-2 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a subject having a mental-health crisis.

7-2 - to the 500 block of SW 4th St. for a neglected-animal complaint.

7-2 - to a residence on SW 4th Street for a welfare check. The resident was deceased. Assistance provided by the Henry County Coroner and Illinois State Police.

7-2 - to a traffic complaint involving three juveniles riding off-highway motorbikes on the roadway in the 600 block of NE 4th St. Subjects were located, spoken to, warned and advised to push the minibikes back home.

7-3 - Brandon Rebout, 41, Galesburg, cited for expired registration in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

7-3 - After a traffic stop in the 100 block of SW 2nd Ave., Michael Seale, 40, Kewanee, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license.

7-4 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd Street for an illegal fireworks complaint. As the result, Kevin Hampton, 47, of Rantoul was issued an adminis-

trative warning ticket and his remaining fireworks were confiscated.

7-4 - to the 400 block of SE 2nd St. for an illegal fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to the 300 block of SE 6th St. for illegal fireworks complaint.

7-5 - to a residence in Galva for a subject threatening suicide while livestreaming on social media. Officers could not find the subject and referred it to Kewanee police, who located the subject, who was taken to the hospital for treatment.

7-5 - Officer notified about a stop sign destroyed at the Route 34/Route 17 junction west of town. The Illinois Department of Transportation was notified and a temporary sign was placed there.

7-5 - to the 200 block of NE 8th Ave. for illegal fireworks complaint.

7-6 - to the 100 block of SW 7th St. for a city ordinance violation for long grass and weeds. The resident was given time to correct the issue.

7-7 - to the 600 block of NW 7th St. for a subject having a mental-health crisis.

Property Transfers

6-24 - Thomas M. Nelson to Thomas Family Farm LLLP - Pt Sect. 3-13-5 SE NW, 10-13-5 NE, 10-13-5 SE, 14-13-5 NW, 14-13-5 SW - 4066 Township Rd. 975 N Toulon, IL 9311 Township Rd. 450 E. Toulon, IL - Consideration = \$0.

6-24 - Jessica E. and Dale Wesley Schott to Joy and Malcom Warren Henderson - Pt Block 15 Lot 2 Stickney's Sub - Henderson & Whitaker's add'n, Stickney's Sub of Lot Assr's SW1/4 19-13-6 - 405 N. Washington St., Toulon - Consideration = \$172,000.

6-25 - John Disharoon to Kristen Laureano - Gene Good Subdivision - Pt Block Lot 2 -103 W Grove St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$95,000.

6-26 - Kenneth E. Dutton to Julie C. and Kenneth P. Morrissey - Pt 20-12-6 SW - Consideration = \$120,000.

6-27 - Michael Curran to Elmira Township - Pt 11-14-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.

7-1 - Faith Baptist Church of Toulon to City of Toulon - Block 26, Pt. 3 and 4 - 310 E. Vine St., Toulon, IL Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - Consideration = \$0.

7-1 - Anna and Izzac M. Miller-Schipper to Courtney and Ryan R. Davenport - Pt.Sect. - 24-13-5 SE - 507 W. Main St. Toulon, IL - Consideration = \$75,000.

7-2 - Ann, Ryan Boarman to Janell M. Anderson, Trustee - Pt Sect. 30-13-6 SW - 7010 Township Rd. 625 E. Toulon - Consideration = \$300,000.

7-3 - Karen L. Campbell to David P. and Pamela D. Milburn - Pt 21-14-6 SW, Pt 20-14-6 SE - Parson's Sub of Clinton Fuller's - 8020 and 7959 St. Rte. 93, Toulon, IL - Consideration = \$7,000.

7-5 - Mary B. Groter to John and Rhonda Ratcliff - Block V - Giles C. Dana's Addn - 209 N 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = 0.

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## The Fourth of July that saved the nation

As an end-of-the-road farm boy growing up deep in southern Illinois, the Fourth of July was more of a shadetree holiday from the alfalfa field than a noisy celebration of national independence. Besides, we were more partial to a local hero, Abraham Lincoln, than any frilly “Founding Father.”

That leaning was confirmed a half-century later when, on July 4, 2021, I came across an essay by historian Ted Widmer that examined Lincoln’s 1861 Fourth of July, his first as president. In the essay, Widmer explained how one of Lincoln’s first acts as president, a 6,200-word letter to Congress calling it to Washington, D.C., for a special session, set the stage for his future greatness.

The bold act, just four months after his March 4 swearing in, Widmer thinks, was Lincoln using “democracy to save democracy ... by asking that the session ... meet on July 4” so it might link every American “to the Declaration of Independence, and the memory of a country that began in a most idealistic way.”

Lincoln needed to act boldly; six southern states had left the Union and four more were on the way. Also, Jefferson Davis, the “provisional” president of the fast-forming Confederacy, had already been in office a month longer than Lincoln.

More to the point, Lincoln knew he was no Davis; his single, two-year term in Congress was no match for Davis’s sterling career: West Point graduate, an officer in the Mexican-American War, a former U.S. senator, past secretary of war and former son-in-law of President Zachary Taylor.

But, explains Widmer, Lincoln possessed something Davis didn’t – an “expansive understanding” of the Declaration of Independence. Lincoln believed that America’s “freedoms belonged to all Americans, including immigrants” and, “in the fullness of time, he expected those freedoms to grow stronger, and reach other peoples, living in what he called ‘the vast future.’”

In other words, all Americans then and now or, as the historian simply notes, “us.”

All that served as a backdrop to the letter itself, a masterpiece in “the way a Fourth of July oration should” be. Equally important, its principled arguments and classic Lincoln lyricism hinted at the greatness yet to come in both his time in the White House and his historical timelessness.

Lincoln, says Widmer, “argued that the war was ‘essentially a people’s contest,’ and reminded Americans that democracy required a fundamental trust in others to work.”

And in language as relevant for today’s red-and-blue politics as that of a nation about to tip into a blue-and-gray Civil War, “If ‘discontented individuals’ attacked the government every time they lost an election, with false ‘sophisms’ – misleading arguments – “and other ways of ‘drugging the public mind,’ it would put an end to democracy everywhere.”

To ensure that all Americans north and south got his meaning, Lincoln added a punchline, “When ballots have been ‘fairly and constitutionally decided,’ there can be no appeal ‘back to bullets.’”

The letter was a triumph. “As members of Congress listened,” writes Widmer, “they often broke into applause, stunned that their new president had found a language so compelling.”

Later that same day, after reviewing Union troops on Pennsylvania Avenue, Lincoln “hoisted a flag himself, to the top of a tall flagpole.” Afterwards, soldiers did the same and “the papers reported that the Declaration was read over and over again, throughout the soldier camps.”

One Army regiment’s leader, however, asked the new president to speak. Lincoln deferred, writes Widmer, “...By saying that the dignity of his position required that he say nothing at all for fear of misspeaking.”

But, reminds the historian, “He had already spoken volumes through his message to Congress, and his unwavering belief in the Declaration. The real fighting had not started yet, but by winning the day, Lincoln began to win the war.”

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**Christopher Colvin estate     Jeff Colvin exec**



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The following Personal Property offered at Public Auction at the site located at  
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**SATURDAY, JULY 20th at 9:30 AM**

**ANTIQUES:** Beautiful inlay cedar chest, Writing desk, Grand Mother's clock, Deacon's bench, Church pew, Game table with matching chairs, Jellie/Pie cabinet, Huffy women's bike, Bicycle built for 2, 1960's era men's bicycle, Detroit Jewel stove, Quilt stand, Quilts and blankets, 20 Gallon Western crock, 6 gallon crock, 2 Penny candy machines(one Disney), GE Portable fan, Enamelware coffee pot.

**COLLECTIBLES:** Milk Glass, Precious Moments, Knick knacks, John Deere sign, Wine set, collectible cars, Collectible tins, Mason jars

**FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD:** Side chair, Lamps, Corner shelf, Pictures, Entertainment center, Dining room set, Golf club set, Traveling golf case, yard ornaments, Whirlpool washer and LP gas, Luggage, Sewing material and notions, Lots of kitchen ware and items.

**LIFETIME COLLECTION OF TOOLS:** Craftsman 6" table saw, 12" Delta planer, Delta edger, 10" miter saw on stand, Makita 1½" hammer drill with core and regular bits, Metal and wood band saws, Oxygen and acetylene torch set tank with turbo torch, 16 speed drill press, Plunge router plus other routers, Hydraulic Knock out set, 3 rollers on wheels, Steel and wood storage racks, 32 ft. aluminum ladder, Electric boxes and electric supplies, No. 10 drop cords, Lots of miscellaneous tools including pipe wrenches, hammers, sockets, open end wrenches, ½" -2" pipe threaders, ½", ¾", and 1"pipe benders, copper tubing, and fittings, sand paper, drills and drill bits, Dovetail maker, Iron wheel seed cart, carpenters table on wheels, Canvas painters tarp, 2 belt sanders, 2 expandable painters planks, nail gun, old vacuum pump, Hydraulic floor jack, wooden office chair, Poulon 20" chain saw, Hitachi 16" chain saw, Large selection of wood clamps, Lots of cherry wood rough sawed 1 1/8" thick, wainscoting, plus much more!!

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**Personal Property:** patio furniture, book shelves, quilt rack, lift chair, leather recliner/couch, flat screen tvs, step back hutch, dining room table and chairs, 4 bar stools, lamps, pictures, pots/pans/dishes, lift bed, dressers, night stands, 2 drawer file cabinet, computer desk, Kenmore stackable front load washer/dryer, Amana side by side refrigerator, lawn chairs, metal shelving, step stools, long handle tools, holiday decorations, 2006 Dodge Grand Caravan 129,600 well maintained miles.

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**NOTE:** This is a condensed ad of this large auction. See the full ad and pictures online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com) and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. Two auction rings will be running. Trucks and larger items will begin selling around noon.

**TRUCKS, CAMPER, BOAT:** Nice 2020 Chevy Colorado Z71 diesel crew cab 4x4 truck, 2.8 L Duramax turbo diesel 4 cyl., 6 speed transmission, loaded cab, trailer package, brush guard, 54,835 miles, good tires—2007 Chevy Silverado 2500 HD 4x4 truck, runs well, good AC, one owner—1999 Chevy 3500 HD dually truck, Vortec 7.4 L engine, electric dump box, 169,241 miles—Like new 2020 Forrest River Black Label Wolf Pup 16 PF camper, T-9 Chassis slide out living room, awning, single axle—Nice Sea Nymph FM160 Fishing Machine boat w/trailer, Johnson 40 HP outboard trolling motor, depth finder, swivel seats.

**TRACTORS, DOZER, MOWERS, ETC.:** 2005 Kubota B7510 FWA diesel hydrostat tractor, 848 hrs. showing—Kubota B hydrostat FWA 3 cyl. diesel w/1640 A loader and 4320 B backhoe, power steering, 2839 hrs. showing—Kubota 4s4 RTV 1140 CPX side x side dump box, 3 speed, 930 hrs. showing—Case D-350 dozer, diesel engine, roll bar, canopy, 7' 6-way blade, 873 hrs. showing—New Holland skid steer LS180 turbo, 6' bucket, 8888 hrs.?, 332T engine, 3.2 liter—New Holland C1420 skid steer 16" post hole digger, hydraulic w/mounting bracket—forks for skid steer—Ditch Witch R65 ditcher w/6' auger, front backhoe and blade, WI engine, showing 1426 hrs.—Nice Honda Foreman 400 4x4 4 wheeler, 1401 miles, 353 hrs.—Like new 2021 Spartan SRT-XDe zero turn mower, 60 hrs., GT trac, 61" deck, 24 HP Kawasaki motor—KUBOTA F2560 mower, front mount 72" deck, 3 cyl. diesel motor, 2080 hrs. showing—serial numbers are all online.

**MISC. EQUIPMENT/TOOLS:** Befco 4' 3 pt. roto tiller—1 bottom 3 pt. plow—4' box blade w/scabber, Bush Hog 4' 3 point rotary mower—Ford 6' 3 pt. disc—7' 3 pt. straight disc—6' 3 pt. roller/ seeder—Tailgate mulcher w/Kohler, hose—6.5 x 17.5' tandem axle trailer—6'x8' metal tilt bed utility trailer—7.5'x12' snowmobile flatbed single axle tilt bed trailer—6'x12' tandem axle trailer w/dove tail and ramps—6.5'x20' tandem axle trailer w/mounted cherry picker—16' Haulmark Model K7116BT-WT enclosed trailer, some damage—B-B 16.5'x18' tandem axle trailer, dove tail, tilt bed—7 rolls new Nibco Dura-Plex ½" 250' floor heating tubing—nice David White auto 900 laser system—survey equipment—Stihl chain saws 028, 066 36" bar, 009L, 028WB, 025 and more—Stihl and other string trimmers—Stihl HT75 gas pole saw—cement cutter and saw—gas power drill—pressure washer—Milwaukee right angle drill, Sawzalls, rotary hammer—Craftsman tool chest on cabinet—drill press—port. power jumpers, chargers—torch set on cart, extra tanks—Lincoln box welder—#7600 tire changing machine—cast iron upright 6-gallon air compressor—floor jacks—generators—parts washer—fiber glass ladders—port. gas tank—24" pipe wrench—log chains—old coal mine cart—tow straps—500 gallon diesel barrel—hand/power tools, landscaping tools, so much misc.—**LUMBER:** pressed board—1x12's 13' long oak—walnut boards—treated and regular 2x4s, 2x6s and more—shelving—Purington bricks.

**SPORTING:** Colorado and Old Town 15' canoes—12' John Boat—Camper bar, sway bars—hunting equipment, chest waders, hip boots, etc.—Fishing/ice fishing misc., 2 NB Fisherman anchor winches—NB swing back jack—duck decoys—B & L telescope—auth. tanned black bear skin rug w/head—2 tanned deer hides—antlers—tanned white and gray fox pelts—8 pt. deer head mount—live traps—8 gun gun cabinet—deer cart—cages—bull horns—mountain goat skull/horns—LP fish fryer—ATV alum. ramps—CTR Nat. meat chopper model 130—Coleman plug in cooler, others—Charles Fish signed decoy—Terry Redlin and other signed, #d prints—Hechorn carved bird—misc.

**ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES:** Buddy L Army truck—Structo metal truck—Old metal Dept. of Sanitation garbage truck—horse racing metal game—metal Amoco signs, Laura, IL NOS hats—Standard Oil 56 gallon barrel—very nice 2 sided Standard Motor Oil old metal sign ISO=VIS—Standard Motor Oil can—Metal Motor fuel signs—JD 6600 toy combine, silage wagon, tractor—1992 Hamm's Beer black bear mirror—1993 Hamm's brown, polar and Grizzly bear mirrors—metal Hartford Fire Ins. Co. sign—Leinenkugel's beer tray—metal NFO coll. bargaining sign—brass oil gun—plastic—2 gallon and 6 gallon Monmouth crocks—Peoria Pottery lg. crock—2 gallon Lowe crock—2 military hats—Wimpy music box—Miller Brewing Co. wooden crate w/lid—SW pottery—Gold Metal blasting box—Dan Patch 1-55 old horse framed print—brass boat prop—1950 Goff Imp. MH calendar—old brass watering can—chicken cage—copper tub—galv. wash tub—old coal furnace out of the Laura, IL Coal Mine—very old Cupie doll—Farmer's Nat. Bank Knoxville thermometer—1959 Chevy manual—Williamsfield Farner's Co-op thermometer—trunk—John Wayne print—kid's wagon—very old Lawn Boy mower—1950's Knox Co Farm Bureau, Beatrice Food, Knoxville Pres., 1969 Yates City Comm. and 1990 Maxey Chapel calendars—sm. Neptune Model WC1 outboard boat motor—bottles—grease/ oil cans—milk can—Coke case—License plates(1936-72, some soybean and cardboard)—very old military flag holder—cane bottom child's rocker—Elvis collectibles (albums, .29 stamps, bust and other decanters, misc)—prim. sled and more.

**HOUSEHOLD, ETC.:** heavy duty patio set—fire pit—LP tanks—lawn chairs—Mastercraft interior door—freezer—refrigerator w/ bottom freezer, GE—Whirlpool flat top stove—nice hardwood tall dining table w/4 chairs, 2 benches—nice brown leather couch and chair—glass top coffee and end tables—modern rd. claw ft. table/6 chairs—4 solid wooden bar stools—nice barnwood prim. bench—full sized bedroom set—RCA stereo/speakers—LG 50, 60 and 70" sized TVs—nice cloth lift chair—bar supplies, glassware—NB food slicer—canning, pots, sm. appliances, smokeless grill, NB ceiling fan, 2 NB Escort radar warning receivers—furniture, electronics, basic household.

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# Stark Co. board passes bridge plan

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

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors passed an agreement to check for scour damage on local bridges at a special meeting on June 26.

The board contracted with Hutchinson Engineering Inc. of Jacksonville for \$50,000. The agreement must be approved by the regional engineer of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

If approved by IDOT, then according to Thomas J. Winkelman, project manager for Hutchinson, nine bridges in Stark County will be inspected initially for scouring.

“Scouring is where there’s evidence that dirt has been moved away from a bridge’s structure and pilings,” Winkelman said.

As part of a scour plan, a consulting firm – in this case, Hutchinson – inspects a bridge and compares it later to see if scouring has occurred.

“If scouring occurs, then we (Hutchinson) will recommend Stark County hire at additional costs contractors to repair the damage to the bridges and provide a remedy to prevent further scouring,” Winkelman said.

The nine bridges slated for the scouring survey are: Township Road 99 over Indian Creek, Township Road 130 over East Fork Spoon River, Township Road 62 over Jack Creek, Township Road 135 and 151 over Camp Run, Township Road 128 over Mud Run and Township Road 10 over Walnut Creek at two locations.

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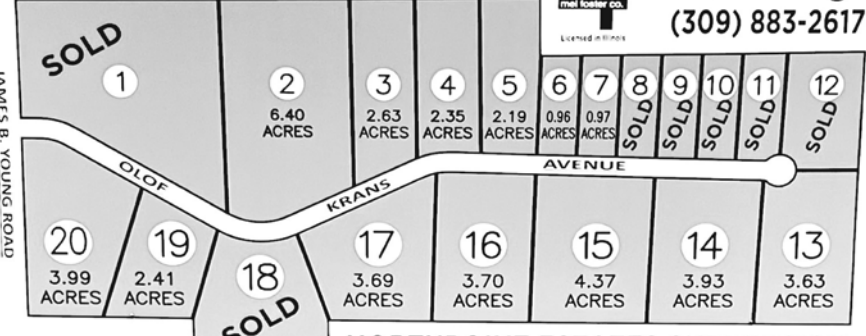


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**Trivia test**  
by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest peak in Europe?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the Netflix series "Stranger Things"?
- LITERATURE: What is the title of the book about a little girl who lives at The Plaza Hotel in New York City?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the traditional stone associated with the July birth month?
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- INVENTIONS: Which blue medication, originally developed to lower blood pressure, had an unexpected effect on male patients and later was used to treat erectile dysfunction?
- HISTORY: Who was crowned as Emperor of the Romans in 800 A.D.?
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- Hawkins, Indiana.
- "Eloise."
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- Epidermis.
- Viagra.
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- Inside Out 2 (PG)
- A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13)
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- Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R)
- Kalki 2898 AD (NR)
- The Bikeriders (R)
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF: DUANE O. BELL, Deceased  
No. 2024PR64

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Duane O. Bell. Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2024, to Steven D. Bell 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 December 13, 2024.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF: DIXIE M. KING, Deceased  
No. 2024PR8

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Dixie M. King. Letters of Office were issued on June 14, 2024, to Jeffrey D. King 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, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before December 14, 2024.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF: DEBRA SUE CATALANO-HALL, Deceased.  
No. 2024PR10

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CLAIM NOTICE To: Aaron R. Wiese and any UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of Debra Sue Catalano-Hall.

Notice is given to Aaron R. Wiese and any unknown persons, who are heirs in the above proceeding to open an estate and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to open an estate and that an order was entered by the court on June 21, 2024, opening the estate.

Letters of Office were issued on June 21, 2024 to Tammi Lynn Wiese as Independent Representative whose attorney is Barash & Everett, LLC, P.C., PO Box 165, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court Stark County, Toulon, Illinois 61483 or with the representative, or both on or before December 21, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Filings are to be made with: Stark County Circuit Clerk Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois

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

ESTATE OF RONALD E. DORAN, Deceased  
No. 2024PR69

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Ronald E. Doran. Letters of Office were issued on June 20, 2024, to William Stewart as Independent Executor 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 December 30, 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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**ORDINANCE 24-3 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2024 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2025**

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District, of the Counties of Stark and Knox, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative

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form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on July 8, 2024, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in the PRAIRIE NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation in the Toulon Public Library District; and WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF STARK AND KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows; to wit:

**FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES:**  
**[75 ILCS 16/35-5]:**

1. For salaries	\$180,000.00
2. For library materials	\$25,000.00
3. For computers/equipment/furniture	\$15,000.00
4. For office/library expenses	\$10,000.00
5. For postage	\$1,000.00
6. For utilities/maintenance	\$15,000.00
7. For programming/training	\$15,000.00
8. For legal fe	\$2,000.00
9. Contingency	\$5,000.00
10. Misc. Expenses	\$5,000.00
TOTAL	\$273,000.00

**FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES:**  
**[40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]:**

1. Social Security Taxes	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00
<b>FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-771]:</b>	
1. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$15,000.00
TOTAL	\$15,000.00
<b>FOR AUDIT PURPOSES: [75 ILCS 16/30-45 AND 50 ILCS 310/9]:</b>	
1. Contractual Services-Audit	\$4,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,000.00
<b>FROM LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: [745 ILCS 10/9-107]:</b>	

1. Insurance	\$12,000.00
2. Treasurer's Bond	\$1,000.00
3. Contractual Fees and Legal Fees	\$2,500.00
4. Workers' Compensation Insurance	\$3,000.00
5. Risk Management/Loss Control	\$50,000.00
6. Unemployment Insurance	\$1,500.00
TOTAL	\$70,000.00
<b>FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:</b>	
1. Building/Equipment Repair and Maintenance Costs	\$16,000.00
2. Contingency	\$2,000.00
TOTAL	\$18,000.00
FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND: 75	

ILCS 16/40-50:  
1. Building Fund \$24,500.00  
2. Contingency \$500.00  
TOTAL \$25,000.00  
**FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-35]:**

1. For Working Cash Fund	\$9,889.84
TOTAL	\$9,889.84
Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year:	
Projected cash on hand July 1, 2024	\$10,000.00
From the Special Reserve Fund	\$25,000.00
From the Working Cash Fund	\$9,889.84
Miscellaneous gifts and donations	\$18,500.00
Income of interest	\$5,000.00
Special purpose grants - Per Capita	\$10,000.00
Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous	\$15,000.00
Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax	\$1,500.00
Tax for General Corporate Library purposes	\$222,000.00
Tax for Social Security purposes	\$14,250.00
Tax for Ill. Municipal Retirement Fund	\$14,250.00
Tax for Audit purposes	\$3,000.00
Tax for Liability and Insurance	\$65,000.00
Tax for Maintenance purposes	\$16,500.00

Expected cash on hand June 30, 2025 \$0

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Toulon Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District and approved by the President this 8th day of July, 2024.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT  
By: Cheryl Hurst, Its President

ATTEST: Roberta Cinnamon, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
SS.  
COUNTY OF STAR  
CERTIFICATE

I, Roberta Cinnamon, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting Secretary of the Toulon Public Library District in the County of Stark and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 24-3 for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 8th day of July, 2024; that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accor-

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, STARK COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF LAURA C. ENGLAND, Deceased.** CC 2024PR9

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **LAURA C. ENGLAND**, on October 21, 2023. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **JOHN R. ENGLAND**, of **221 East South Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483**, and **MARLENE L. HAMMERICH**, of 17360 Township Road 500N, Wyoming, Illinois 61491, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the **17th day of January, 2025** or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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**JOHN R. ENGLAND** and **MARLENE L. HAMMERICH**, Executors of the Estate of **LAURA C. ENGLAND, Deceased.**

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dance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

I further certify that said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate of revenues, by sources, anticipated to be received by the Toulon Public Library District in the fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District, at Toulon, Illinois this 8th day of July, 2024.

Roberta Cinnamon  
Secretary, Toulon Public Library District

Published 7/12/24

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

ESTATE OF: DONALD A. STEVENS, No. 2024PR71 Deceased

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Donald A. Stevens. Letters of Office were issued on June 25, 2024, to Tammy Brody 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 December 26, 2024.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 24 - BM**

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Wyoming Public Library District of the County of Stark, State of Illinois, shall levy a tax of .02 percent of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the resolution, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Wyoming Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Wyoming, Illinois this 2nd day of July, 2024 to be effective immediately upon posting.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 138.

2. The petition must be filed on or before August 8, 2024.

3. The referendum would be held April 1, 2025.  
Maureen Nusz  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District  
c/o Wyoming Public Library District  
119 North Seventh Street  
Wyoming, IL 61491  
Published 7/12/24

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

## Toulon Methodist Church

229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483  
Phone (309) 286-2224  
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591  
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

## LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449  
Phone (309) 995-3371  
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.  
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

## West Jersey United Methodist Church

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.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

## 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](mailto:info@thegathering.life)  
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

## 1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901  
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Email [fcctoulon@gmail.com](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)  
website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

## Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones  
211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434  
(309) 932-3733  
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## Wyoming Nazarene Church

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  
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## 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](mailto:pastor@toulonbaptist.com)  
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16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491  
[allsaintsil.com](http://allsaintsil.com)

## Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL  
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9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship  
Contact: [messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com](mailto:messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com)  
1-309-932-3346  
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## Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2460  
[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
[galvafirst@gmail.com](mailto:galvafirst@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00

## Holy Trinity Polish National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer  
716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL  
Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon. - Thurs. at 9 a.m.

## Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm  
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.  
309-606-9027  
Email: [WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com](mailto:WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com)  
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

## The Oaks Community Church

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.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  
Website [www.theoakscommunitychurch.com](http://www.theoakscommunitychurch.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch)

## Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

## Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421  
Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.  
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# OBITUARIES

## Alan P. Dremann

EDELSTEIN – Alan Paul Dremann, 66, of Edelstein, Ill., passed away on June 27, 2024, surrounded by his family after a long battle with prostate cancer.

Alan was born to Lois and Ivan Dremann on Aug. 12, 1957, in Princeton. While he was both athletically and academically gifted, his sense of work ethic was established at home on the farm where he helped his father. His academic pursuits took him to Bradley University where he achieved his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, which was the catalyst for his 39-year career at Caterpillar Inc.

He demonstrated consistent excellence in his career and was an ever-present loving husband and father. He and his wife, Joyce, spent their years in partnership; building a home and home-educating all four of their children, but most importantly, as a team, worshiping God in the everyday.

Alan is survived by his wife, Joyce; their four children Rachel (Bradley) Schmoyer, David (Angela) Dremann, Hannah (Daniel) Watson and Sarah (Benjamin) Swenor; and nine grandchildren.

Alan is also survived by his father, Ivan Dremann, though he was preceded by his mother, Lois. He is also survived by his siblings Nancy Leichty, Herb Dremann, Mary King and Janet Farra along with their families.

Alan's love of Christ his Savior came first, followed by his persistent and sacrificial love of his



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family. He was characterized by a love of dry and absurd humor which enlivened many dinners at home and get-togethers with friends. His perseverance and steadfastness was inexhaustible whether at work, at home, or most important, in his faith. His ability to hold firm to truth was a gift that strengthened those around him. His joy in life and wisdom was shared by all he knew. The lack of his earthly presence will be a chasm in our lives, but our joy and hope is in the promise of life eternal though Jesus Christ our Lord. Oh, what a Love the Father has for us.

Alan's family was to be present at Bethany Baptist Church for a visitation on Friday, July 5th from 4-7 p.m. and again on July 6th from 10-11 a.m. with a funeral service to follow at 11 a.m.. Burial was to be at Blue Ridge Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the care and direction of Davison-Fulton Woolsey-Wilton Funeral Home in Peoria.

Condolences and memories may be shared through Woolsey-Wilton.com.

## Marita L. Irvine

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Marita Lynn (Christiansen) Irvine, 71, of Tallahassee, Fla., formerly of Galva, Ill., passed away peacefully, surrounded by the love of her family, on May 28, 2024.

Marita was born in Shelbyville, Ill., on Feb. 10, 1953, to Marjorie Christiansen (Swim) and Marvin L. Christiansen. Marita met the love of her life and soul mate, David Wil-



Irvine

liam Irvine in 1974, and they eloped on March 14, 1982, in Dallas, Texas.

Marita was an over-the-road truck driver with her husband for 35 years, retiring in 2009. She loved to cook and if you left her table hungry, it was your own fault. She loved exploring new restaurants, playing Yahtzee, and listening to "Cops" on the television. Above all else, she loved her family fiercely.

Marita is survived by her daughter, Anita Shae Porter, Tallahassee, Fla.; her "fluffy butt grandkids" Nova, Ox and Ravioli; three sisters, Joanne Glover of Phoenix, Ariz., Dorothy Stark of Davenport, Iowa, and Cheryl Godsey of East Moline, Ill.; her sister-in-law, Nancy (Poole) Roberts of Batesville, Ark., her "daughters-in-love", Cyndi McCoy of Galva; Jaymie Sanders of Davenport, Iowa, Sally Decrane of Kewanee, Rita Edelman of Lincon, Ill., and Denise Johnson of Zephyr Hills; and "son-in-love" Thomas (Angela) Leece of Ocala, both of Florida; her grandchildren, Andrea C. Irvine, Danial J. Porter, Robert Aaron Irvine Slavish (Jaimie), Jon-tavius Johnson, Megan L. (Gatling) Schreiber, Jessica Pitman, Brittany McNaught, Jaymie Slavish, Randi (Jake) Davis, Trai Anderson, Tabitha Davis, Robbie Anne Slavish, Belahna Slavish, Zohee Slavish, Alyssa Shadden, Gage Shadden, James (Beck) Frederick, Nelson Carlson; several great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews and extended family.

Marita was welcomed into heaven by her husband (who was probably waiting for her in a semi, with a big smile on his face), her parents, 16 brothers and sisters and her best friend, Myrabeth "Mickey" Rapp.

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Funeral services were July 10, 2024, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Marita will be laid to rest at the Galva Cemetery, next to her husband.

**Jacob E. Rewerts**

WYOMING – Jacob E. Rewerts, 44, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:59 p.m. Thursday, June 27, 2024, at his home. Born in Peoria, on Oct. 31, 1979, he was the son of Myron A. and Vicki L. (Beck) Rewerts.

Surviving Jake are his brother, Chris (Lacey) Rewerts of Washburn; three nephews, Riley, Reid and Westin; and aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his

parents.

Jake was employed at Nutrien in Princeville for 25 years and finished his career farming. He enjoyed hosting other farmers for coffee in the mornings, antique farm equipment and was an avid Chicago Cubs fan. He will be missed by his lunch and dinner friends at Curry's and Catalpa Grove.

Funeral service was July 2, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Rev. Rebecca Klemm officiated. Burial was at Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Wyoming Fire Department.

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

**Donald E. Bantz**

TOULON – Donald E. "Don" Bantz, 75, of Toulon, died June 24,

2024, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. He was born March 27, 1949, in Elmore, the son of Maurice E. "Buster" and Shirley J. (Lumbergy) Bantz. He married Barbara Graves on April 7, 1973. She preceded him in death.

Survivors include his son Michael (Megan) Bantz of Forsyth; daughter, Donna Bantz of Toulon; four brothers, John (Jennifer) Bantz of Williamsfield, Harley Bantz and Dennis (Gina) Bantz, both of Happy Hollow, and Larry Bantz of Fairview; and nine grandchildren, Chance and Chloe Deilkes, Kayden, Maci, Piper and Easton Bantz, Isabelle and Owen Thompson and Elayna Orwig..

Don worked as a power shovel operator for the State of Illinois Department of Transportation from 1969-2000 and for West Jersey Express from 2002 until June of 2022.

Funeral services were July 3.



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