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Climbing to the top: success after graduation with Dakota Leonard

By PAYTON LETKO
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Dakota Leonard hails from Wyoming and is a 2012 Stark County High School graduate. Since then, he graduated from Bradley University in Peoria in 2016 with a degree in computer science and has



Leonard

found success working as a software developer for Epic Systems Corporation. His employer, better known as Epic, is one of the biggest healthcare software systems for medical records in the United States. Leonard lives in Madison, Wis., right on one of the city’s five beautiful lakes.

Question: Tell us about your journey since graduating from Stark County?

Leonard: I spent four years at Bradley University where I studied computer science, originally

Where are they Now?

Editor’s note: Small-town kids can go on to make a big impact after graduation.

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with a focus on video game development. For two years I was president of the video game design club, which, at the time, was one of the biggest clubs on campus.

I completed internships with Caterpillar Inc. and Central Illinois Radiological Associates. After the internship with CIRA, I changed my focus to cyber security and became interested in healthcare technology.

Q: What career path did you pursue?

DL: The CIRA internship led me to my job as a software developer at Epic. I’ve been here ever since, for eight years.

Q: Your senior capstone project at Bradley was implemented by

Caterpillar, what was it?

DL: My senior year I worked in a small student team on a project for Caterpillar in their innovation division.

Nowadays, vehicles have all sorts of fancy tech in them. But at that time, they wanted us to figure out how to use sensors and GPS to track movements and locations of their old vehicles to get real-time updates on what those machines are doing.

We had to collect and go

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WIND TURBINES COMING

Wind energy plans abound in local area

Unless you’ve been living under a rock for the past couple of years or so, you are no doubt aware that Brimfield, Laura, and eventually Princeville will soon be surrounded by a herd of giant wind turbines. And “giant” is no exaggeration.

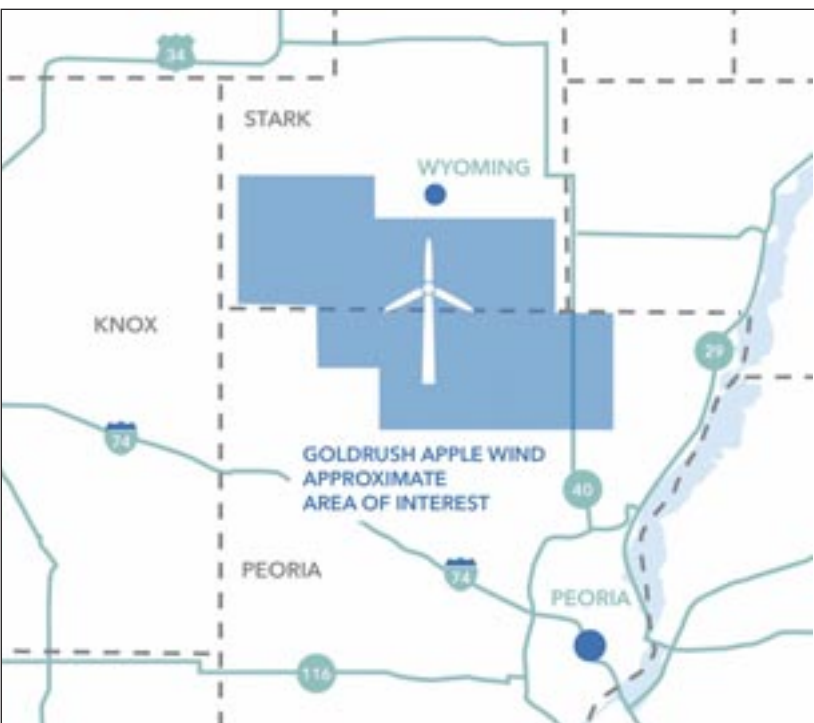
Here’s a little quiz for you trivia nerds. Rank these structures in order from shortest to tallest: the twin high-rise towers in downtown Peoria, the steeples of St. Mary’s Cathedral, the proposed Brimfield- area wind turbines and the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. No Googling allowed. Keep your eyes off your neighbors’ answers. I’ll check your answers later.

The Four Creeks Wind project was conceived and started by ConnectGen, a limited liability company founded in 2018. Connect Gen was owned at the time by the

Quantum Capital Group, who sold the company to the Repsol company late last year.

Repsol, a multinational energy and petrochemical company headquartered in Madrid, held two open houses for the local community a couple weeks ago to answer

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Storm damage


Trees down, power out after high winds

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The eerie sound of tornado sirens wailing Monday night were a precursor to high winds that left damage in their wake across the area. Storms felled trees, flooded roads and disrupted electricity service for thousands.

For some customers in Stark and Henry counties, power was still out Wednesday morning. Kewanee was particularly hard hit, with 2,785 customers without service Wednesday morning according to Ameren Illinois.

While tornado sirens sounded across central Illinois Monday night, as of Tuesday afternoon, the National Weather Service office in Lincoln had not confirmed any tornadoes



Power poles were down along Illinois Route 17 headed into Toulon after Monday's high winds. Photo by Sandy Blakey.

in Fulton, Knox, Peoria or Stark counties.

Elsewhere, a wind gust of 105 mph was reported near Tanners Orchard south of Camp Grove, according to the Weather Service. The wind destroyed a corn crib. Winds

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LEONARD: Advice: Dream big, don't say 'No' to opportunities

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through a lot of data for that project and there were a lot of random bounces on our graphs we had to interpret to identify patterns.

Q: *What are some significant milestones in your professional life?*

DL: I've represented Epic at some of the largest conferences in the nation and worked with high level executives on how to handle the biggest problems in healthcare. I get to travel for work about 10 times a year and it's taken me to

places I never would've gone before.

I trained nurses at Mayo Clinic how to use Epic in Phoenix, Ariz. I've traveled to New York City and on my own time seen shows on Broadway.

But I'm really proud to be a key contributor on a major project. Back in 2020, the government issued a mandate that required notifications be sent to physicians every time a patient was discharged.

Because of what was happening in the world, the

mandate was pushed back to 2021-22.

In the meantime, my team and I had to figure out how to efficiently notify doctors now receiving 1,000s of notifications on their already jam-packed schedules.

We worked with a dozen or so of the top vendors in the industry and on average, our end result saves physicians 15 minutes. That's time they can allocate to patient care instead of sitting at a computer.

The next project I have

my sights on is decreasing the percentage of unanswered referrals to specialists like Mayo Clinic. In the U.S., about 50% of specialist referrals go unanswered.

My anecdotal estimate is that about 90% of referrals are still done on paper and faxed. I think an electronic system would help make this more efficient.

Q: *Where do you see yourself in 5 years?*

DL: I hope to still be in Madison with Epic. I love the impact of my work. But I'd like to buy a house when the market calms down.

Q: *How did your time at Stark County prepare you for your current career?*

DL: From a knowledge perspective, Stark County didn't prepare me at all. Our curriculum doesn't have any coding or advanced tech classes.

However, teachers like Mr. Wagner and Mrs. Turner (now retired) taught me scientific thinking, and I utilize that. Especially, when Mr. Wagner was creating a lot of new college credit courses with Black Hawk. These had a huge impact on my education, since advanced courses were limited.

My senior year I took

Wagner's scientific research class. We only had three students in the entire class, but it was an essential foundation in my current career skills.

Some might find it surprising that non-athletic extracurriculars, like speech team, helped pave the way to my success early on, as well. My senior year, the speech coach, Mrs. Nowlan (now teaching speech at Carl Sandburg College), had me try extemporaneous speaking.

It was challenging, but it taught me how to form an argument and the importance of being well-versed in politics.

Even though I'm a software developer, I speak all the time – in front of crowds at conferences, to executives, leading trainings on our software. Learning this skill gave me a unique advantage as a software developer.

Q: *What were some big challenges you faced early in your career, and how did you overcome them?*

DL: Self-management. I had to learn that you'll be given work until you say "Stop'." It took me two years to become confident saying I had enough on my plate without feeling guilty.

But if you don't learn that you burn out and that's a super common problem in the tech industry. Rest is important. Some of the best ideas I've had come to me when I'm on a mountain top.

Make sure you have hobbies, too. I love hiking, biking, golfing, and photography. (Dakota used his skills for his feature photo).

Q: *How has your perspective on your career goals evolved since graduation?*

DL: Not everything is important, so learn to prioritize. If you're not good at English, but great at math, play to those strengths.

Don't say no to an opportunity. Being referred to and accepting my internship at CIRA changed my entire career path.

While I love video games, I'm much happier knowing the impact my work has on people's lives in healthcare technology.

Q: *Have you been involved in any community or volunteer activities?*

DL: I like to participate in The Ride: Bike Benefit for Cancer Research through UW-Madison. I wanted to do 100 miles last time, but I injured my foot and only did 20 miles.

Q: *What advice would you give to current students at Stark County?*

DL: Dream big. I came from one of the poorest families in the county. Now I work at one of the top healthcare companies in the world and I have a good life, but I still come back to visit home. I love seeing the stars.



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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic Citations & Ordinance Violations

7-8 - Lakeshia D. Jones, 37, Kewanee, was fined for improper lane usage. The citation was issued after Jones reported to authorities that she had fallen asleep while driving on Illinois Route 91 north of Toulon and drove her vehicle into the ditch.

7-9 - Jaylon A. Reints, 19, Rock Falls, was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone, driving on a suspended registration and driving without vehicle insurance. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date to appear.

7-13 - Theresa A. Rosado, 55, Elmwood Park, was cited for speeding 68 mph in a 55 zone.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

7-7 - Demetrious R. Arnold, 38, Virginia, was arrested for two charges of possession of a controlled substance with less than 15 grams, and cited for possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle and driving while his license was revoked. His vehicle was towed to the sheriff’s impound and Arnold was later released with a notice to appear.

7-10 - Victor W. Koelling, 76, Toulon, was arrested for improper lane usage, driving while his license was suspended, driving on an expired registration, illegal transportation of alcohol, driving under the influence, and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08. His vehicle was impounded and he was taken into custody and transported to the Bureau County Jail. On July 13 Koelling appeared in court and was ordered to be outfitted with a “scram” bracelet and ordered to abide by the legal terms of the monitoring device before he would be released.

7-12 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on 1700E and 400N in rural Wyoming. Drivers were James N. Headley, 45, of Buda, and Paul E. Bauer, 61, of Lacon. According to the accident report Bauer told authorities he was traveling east on 400N behind Headley when he attempted to pass. Headley reportedly attempted to make a left-hand turn when he collided with Bauer’s passing truck. No injuries were reported but Headley was cited for driving on a revoked driver’s license. He was issued a notice to appear. Both trucks were towed with estimated damages over \$1,500 on each vehicle.

7-12 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Illinois Rte. 93 near Castleton Rd. Driver was Sarah M. Bruecks, 43, of Bradford. No injuries were reported. The vehicle

sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

7-12 - A possible battery was reported by the owner of My Place in Bradford. The incident reportedly involved a patron at the establishment. The incident remains under investigation.

7-14 - Julie M. Hicks, of Toulon, reported a burglary from her rented storage unit in Toulon. Hicks reported to authorities that several missing vehicle related items were taken from the facility. The lock was discovered broken and all the stored items had been taken.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

7-8 - to the Rte. 34 / Rte. 17 junction for a utility pole and wire that was struck by an unknown vehicle that left the scene. Ameren was notified for repairs.

7-8 - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a dog-bite complaint. A subject was bitten on the finger by their own dog.

7-9 - to the 200 block of NW 5th St. for a burglary complaint involving a suicidal subject who broke into a home and stole and loaded firearm, while leaving a suicide note behind. The offender was located several days later and the firearm was returned. The complainant declined to pursue charges.

7-9 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for an unknown complaint. The subject was having a mental health crisis.

7-9 - Officer was notified that a subject in the 500 block of NW 2nd St. was planning to have a controlled burn. No issues were reported.

7-10 - Officer was notified that a vehicle was being repossessed in the 300 block of SE 1st Ave. No issues were reported.

7-10 - Officer saw three solicitors walking in the 400 block of SE 6th Ave. The subjects did not have a permit and were told to cease their activities until a permit was obtained.

7-10 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. to recover a set of car keys that had been found. The owner soon called and the keys were returned.

7-11 - to a residence on NE 5th Ave. to check the welfare of a subject. The resident had recently been moved to a nursing home.

7-11 - Officer requested by the Kewanee Police Department to check a Galva address for a suspect in a disorderly conduct complaint they were handling.

7-11 - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a domestic disturbance. As the result, Shandi Gustafson, 38, of Galva, was arrested for domestic battery and resisting or obstructing a police officer. She was taken to the

Henry County Jail.

7-12 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist. A wrecker ultimately removed the disabled car.

7-12 - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. to remove an unwanted subject.

7-13 - Contact was made with a missing person-endangered from several days earlier. The missing persons info was removed from LEADS computer.

7-14 - to the NE 2nd St. railroad crossing after a vehicle got stuck on the tracks. Within a few minutes, an eastbound Amtrak came through and struck the disabled vehicle, which was unoccupied at this time. The vehicle received significant damage but no injuries were reported.

Property Transfers

7-8 - Rumbold & Kuhn Inc., Rumbold & Kuhn Inc., to River Valley Cooperative, Pt Sect. 25-12-7 SW, 25-12-7 SE, 21-12-7 NE, 19-13-6 NW, 19-13-6 SW, 24-13-5 NE, 24-13-5 SE, 28-13-7 SE, 35-12-6 NW - Henderson & Whitaker’s Add’n - Block 12, 3 = Lot 3, Block 3 - Lot 4, Block 3 - Lot 5 - Consideration = \$22,350,094.

7-9 - Charles McGuire to Cody E. Carmack and Kelsea P. McGuire-Carmack - Pt Block Lot 11 - John H. Drawyer’s Add’n- 131 Silver St., Bradford - Consideration = \$75,000.

7-11 - Patricia J. and David W. Turner to Richard T. Murray and Ashley L. Welsh - Pt. Sect. - 23-13-5 SE - 8433 Township Road 500 E. Toulon - Consideration = \$232,000.

7-12 - Jessie Barks and Stephen DeMay Jr. to Colton Blunier - Block 3, Lot 1 - Giles C. Dana’s Add’n - 301 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL - Consideration = \$115,000.

7-12 - Karen K. Clancy, Christopher M. Crowley, Jonathon C. Crowley, Alicia Selquist to Elvis Weir - Pt. Block Lot - 31-5, 5-4 - Henderson & Whitaker’s Add’n - 213 E. South St., Toulon - Consideration = \$30,000.


7-12 - Shafer Farms Family LLLP to Keith McClellan Foster - Pt. Sect. - 8-12-7 SW - Consideration = \$10,000.

7-12 - Norma Patricia Brown, Dec’d by Exec to Rachel Renee Casey - Pt. Sect. - 24-13-5 SE - 506 W. Main St., Toulon- Consideration = \$165,000.

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7-9 - Joshua Michael Streitmatter and Mercedes Gonzalez Reyes, both of Toulon.


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Is more oversight by Congress, courts good?

The U.S. Supreme Court’s June 28 ruling to overturn the *Chevron* deference was a business-favoring decision to upend 40 years of legal precedent and redirect federal power from agencies like the Department of Agriculture to the courts and Congress.

Big Ag loved the news. The National Cattlemen’s Beef Association “celebrated the ruling,” and Big Meat’s lobbyist saw it as the bullet to defeat the Biden Administration’s “misguided and damaging proposed rules” to reform the Packers and Stockyards Act.



Alan GUEBERT

House Ag Chairman Glenn Thompson (R-Pa.) thanked the court for “reaffirming a core principle of our Constitution: the power to legislate rests with Congress.”

True, but also true is that the power to legislate always rested with Congress. It doesn’t need *Chevron* gutted to do its job better. It just needs to do its job better, period.

Moreover, it’s pretty rich for any current ag committee member to comment on their inherent power to legislate given the fact that this Congress is nearly two years late on legislating anything that passably resembles a Farm Bill.

The irony of the court’s *Chevron* decision is that it gives both Congress and the federal court system a larger role – in short, more work and a new bureaucracy – to write and in-

terpret legislation when neither institution has shown an interest or ability to do either.

Ian Millhiser, a Vox senior correspondent and the long-time U.S. Supreme Court watcher, explains this legislative trap in a lengthy, July 8 post titled “The Supreme Incompetents.” In it he takes a measure of the court’s recent decisions and finds most either incomplete, unworkable, unsuitable or all three.

“All of the United States’ most important governing institutions are failing at once,” he begins. “Congress, of course, has barely been able to function ... The Republican Party has atrophied into a cult of personality” and the “Democratic Party ... may be unable to dislodge a senescent leader.”

“And then there’s the Supreme Court,” Millhiser, a Duke University Law School graduate continues, that if “the justices did not wield such awesome power ... most ... would be laughingstocks. Few people this famous are so ostentatiously bad at their jobs.”

But they better get better and in a hurry, he explains, because six of them just made “the Supreme Court the final word on hundreds, and even thousands, of policy questions that Congress delegated to federal agencies like the EPA or Department of Labor.”

And, of course, USDA. That means there’s a good chance that this Court’s judges – eight of whom graduated from either Harvard or Yale law schools – might very well determine whether your crop insurance claim is valid or if your

neighbor can legally spread manure on his hilly pasture next to your family’s well.

That’s if they ever get around to it, suggests Millhiser, because the Supreme Court has become decidedly unproductive.

In fact, “As a young Reagan White House lawyer in the 1980s,” he explains, Chief Justice John Roberts joked that the court “can hear only roughly 150 cases each term,” suggesting that this limit kept “the Constitution ... safe for the summer.”

The joke, as it turns out, is on us: The Roberts-led court decided only 59 cases this term. This limited, hand-picked docket means the “Court ... no longer really functions as a court” because it spends “more and more time resolving political questions that often should be decided by people who hold elective office.”

Going forward that likely means “(f)ederal judges will now have the first and final word about what statutes mean,” Craig Green, a Temple University law professor, told the Associated Press.

Not economists, doctors, chemists, agronomists, veterinarians or any expert. Instead, a federal judge – whose docket already is backlogged by years – will be the “first and final word.”

That simply won’t work, and that’s this court’s plan.

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Galva school board OKs buying mini-bus

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News
GALVA – The Galva School Board met for an abbreviated meeting Monday night in an effort to conclude before the storm arrived.

The board approved buying a used 2022 mini-bus for \$89,608. The bus has 21 seats and will transport one wheelchair. It replaces a 2001 model.

The board also authorized Superintendent Joe Becker to develop a tentative budget for Fiscal

Year 2025 and approved the expenditure of the district funds for fiscal year 2025 until the budget is approved.

Becker reported that summer projects for the district were coming along as planned. Projects include: a new roof on the Junior-Senior High School; repainting of the gym which has been completed; outside bleacher work that is almost completed; installation of new carpet in the elementary school that was to start on Tuesday;

updates to the weight room; a new chair lift to be installed; and new cameras to be installed before school starts.


The board approved the following personnel items:

- Kylee Conlin as a long-

term substitute for the Junior-Senior High School for 2024-25.

- Brynn Patty as Pre-K parent coordinator for the 2024-2025 school year.

- The resignation of Josh Morris from all positions.



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BRIMFIELD, IL RURAL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
This very nice (bi-level home on 3.59 acres and personal property will be sold on location at 10420 N Princeville Jubilee Rd. Brimfield, IL 61517 (Just north off of Rt. 150 on Princeville/Jubilee Rd.), on
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WIND: Zoning laws favorable to developers

Continued from Page 1 questions and provide updates on their Four Creeks Wind Project to be built in northern Peoria County. I attended the first meeting and hustled to get there because I was sure it would be standing room only.

Much to my surprise there was no crowd, maybe a dozen or so while I was there. The atmosphere was friendly and cordial, although some folks there were less than enthusiastic about the project coming to their neighborhood.

As the open-house announcement in the June 13 issue of The Weekly Post said, there was no formal presentation. Instead, company representatives were on hand to discuss the project and answer questions. Large maps showing the land area for the project were on display. Copies of the maps, along with handouts explaining the project's long-term economic benefits to area citizens and taxing districts, were there for the taking.

A sheet explaining the



The Four Creeks Wind project in Peoria and Knox counties is one of several being planned in Central Illinois. Current plans call for more than 100 turbines to be built across 25,000 acres as part of the Four Creeks Wind project.

terms of their land-lease agreements was available, too.

"Expression of Interest" forms were available for businesses interested in working on the project with Repsol, such as concrete and gravel suppliers, heavy equipment operators, truckers, rebar suppliers and fuel suppliers, to name a few.

Repsol expects to construct more than 100 turbines in the fields north of Brimfield, east of Williamsfield and west of Princeville. The area encompasses more than 25,000 participating acres in Brimfield, Millbrook and Princeville-Jubilee townships.

According to the project's website, each turbine will occupy "less than one acre of land, so most of the anticipated leased acreage is needed to meet

setback requirements, to maintain spacing between the turbines and for underground collection to electrically connect the wind project together." You can visit the website, Four-CreeksWind.com to learn more.

A second project, Four Creeks South, is in the development stages for the area south and west of Brimfield, bounded by Interstate 74 on the north and Illinois Route 8 on the south, just north of Elmwood.

A third project, the Goldrush Apple Wind project by developer Apex Clean Energy, is in the planning stages for southern Stark County and northern Peoria County. The area is south of Wyoming and north of Princeville.

Apex development manager Shelley Schwab told WCBU-FM radio's Tim Shelley that transmis-

sion upgrades in the Princeville area have made room for larger projects. She added that landowners' positive reception and Illinois' favorable zoning ordinances make the area attractive to wind developers. More than 50,000 acres have already been signed up by Apex, according to Schwab.

Now let's check your answers to the quiz. If you guessed the shortest structure to be Peoria's St. Mary's Cathedral, give yourself a cigar. Its spires reach a mere 230 feet toward the heavens. Next are downtown Peoria's Twin Towers condominiums on Fulton Street standing tall at 308 feet.

Runner-up for the title of the tallest structure, believe it or not, is the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, the tallest monument in the United States. The arch rises 630 feet from base to peak. On a clear day the Arch is visible from locations 30 miles away.

The tallest of the four contestants is the proposed Four Creeks Wind turbines. Measured to the tip of the blades at their highest point, the giant turbines will stand 640 feet tall, the equivalent of more than 60 stories.



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STORM: Kewanee hit hard by high winds

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of 71 mph in Elmwood and 58 mph in Trivoli also were reported.

Authorities in Galva reported widespread tree damage and at least four power lines downed. Felled tree limbs blocked U.S. Route 34. Other limbs fell on at least three residences; one of them sustained roof damage, a broken window and a gas leak, according to the Weather Service. It reported Galva received about three-quarters of an inch of rain.

Trees and power lines were reported on the ground in Wyoming and Toulon, which was without power as of noon Tuesday.

Kewanee was also hit hard by the storm. Wind damage to cornfields was more pronounced from Kewanee north according to many observers.



Pictures of damage from Monday's storm include, clockwise from the top of the page: A tree downed in Galva next to St. John's Catholic Church, Photo by Carol Townsend; Power lines down in Toulon, Photo by Sandy Blakey; The damaged facade at Midland Plaza in Kewanee, Photo by Sandy Blakey.

And the Henry County Office of Emergency Management declared a local state of emergency for Kewanee and Wethersfield townships. Underinsured homeowners who need assistance with tree removal can seek assistance from the OEM by calling (309) 937-3999 as soon as possible to be added to a list.

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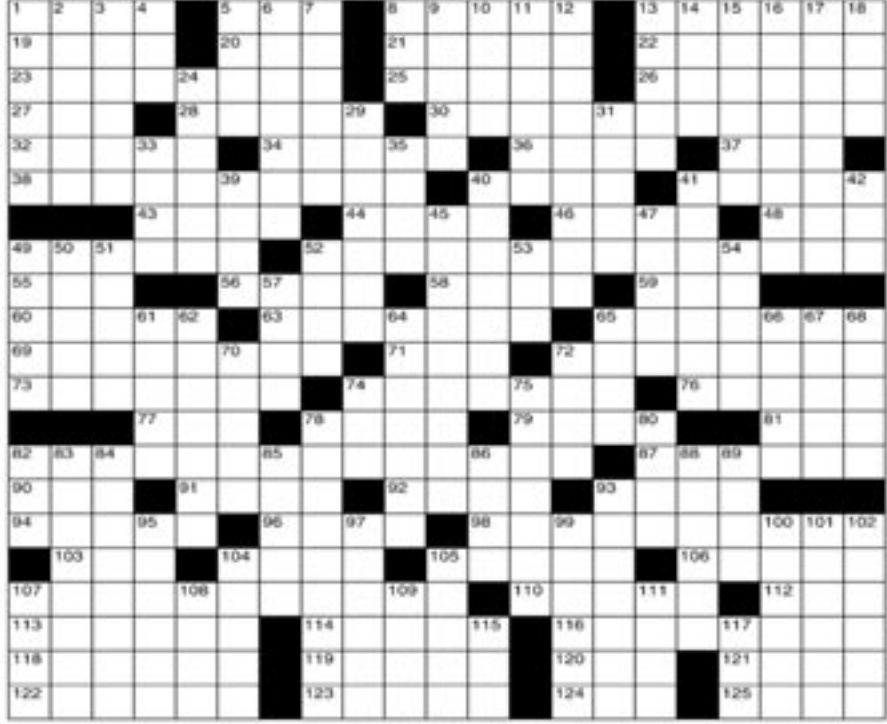


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Super Crossword

POTENTIAL SPIN DOCTORS

ACROSS
1 Pairs
5 Actress Thurman
6 "Well done!" for a diva
13 "Shame on you!"
19 Bows' shapes
20 Is able to
21 Fundamental
22 Not planted
23 Coach inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame in 2008
25 Make dim, as by tears
26 Meal with a pastry crust
27 Spanish for 70-Down
28 "Star Trek" lieutenant
30 Fashion designer once known for his metal couture
32 Equal to the face value
34 Shul test
36 Cartel formed in '60
37 Dress up, with "out"
38 "The Human Stain" novelist
40 Hazy stuff
41 Heads, to fill
43 Seek, in brief
44 Foot cover
46 Fido's pests
48 — Magnon
49 Soccer's Chastain
52 Player of Clair Huxtable on "The Cosby Show"
55 Drink like Fido
56 Greek coin
58 Baseballer Slaughter
59 Jurists' gp.
60 Speck in the ocean
63 High choir voice
65 Ivory tickler
69 Star of 2015's "Ant-Man"
71 Prior to
72 She played Lulu Hogg on "The Dukes of Hazzard"
73 Six-stanza poem
74 Siberian husky, e.g.
76 Skyrockets
77 Tolkien fend
78 Moisturizer brand
79 Film
81 Tiny peeve
82 Star of "Trapper John, M.D."
87 Apprise
90 Bullfight cry
91 Really unkind
92 German river
93 Golf champ McIlroy
94 Gettysburg victor George
96 Bucket
98 "Kindergarten Cop" co-star
103 Obsolete TV hookup
104 Mia of soccer
105 Chichi tie
106 Give birth, as a cow
107 1960-89 NFL commissioner
110 Ordeal
112 Kuwait export
113 Reply
114 Cacophony
116 What nine featured celebrities in this puzzle are?
118 Puerto Ricans, e.g.
119 Certain opening for a bolt
120 Bray syllable
121 Sensed
122 Bitcoins, e.g.
123 Ends
124 Census stat
125 Punky Brewster player Scott Moon —
DOWN
1 Mic-testing sound
2 Ghost
3 Ink-squirting mollusks
4 Lithuania, once: Abbr.
5 West Coast sch. with the Bruins
6 Eminent conductor
7 Slangy "Well, then..."
8 Fraud-finding org.
9 Polo designer Lauren
10 Sailing
11 It bought MTV in 1985
12 Old Athenian citadel
13 Rap's Shakur
14 Snooty sort
15 Univ. in the Midwest's Manhattan
16 First-rate
17 Heyday of Glenn Miller
18 Leg part
24 "That was my best shot"
29 Place to buy sketchpads
31 Aqua — (cosmotic liquid)
33 Actor Ladd
35 Masey's cry
39 — dieu (prayer bench)
40 Scraped, as an 18-Down
41 Pouches for infusion
42 Turf for lawns
45 Having bright peepers
47 James Bond player Daniel
49 Radar signals
50 Tabulae — (blank slates)
51 High grade
52 Spur on
53 Dove sound
54 Panasonic bought it in 2009
57 Beef quality rater, in brief
61 "Candle in the Wind" singer John
62 Old Greek warship
64 Change the tag on
65 Actor Simon of "Mission: Impossible" films
66 Tehran native
67 Sans — (font style)
68 Delicious
70 Dad's brother
72 Peas' places
74 — mo
75 Take away (from)
78 Holiday tree danglers
80 Organic compound
82 Petite pouch, for short
83 An hour before noon
84 Laughs at, say
85 Bolivian capital
86 435 in Cong.
88 Seer's shrine
89 Fashionable flanks
93 One no longer working
95 Lured
97 Declaration when asking for directions
99 Transforms (into)
100 One fleeing to get hitched
101 In a devilish way
102 Cross out
104 Tot's equine rocker
105 Fable author
107 Pastly-looking
108 Philosopher Descartes
109 — & Stich
111 Pinnacle
115 UFO crew
117 On's opposite



Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

OOH, THERE'S A REALLY EXCELLENT YUMMY PATCH OF GRASS RIPE FOR THE TAKING!

IF I DON'T GET OVER THERE AND CLAIM IT SOMEONE ELSE WILL COME AND GRAB IT.

... AH, FORGET IT. I DON'T FEEL LIKE MOVING. THAT'S TOO FAR AWAY TO BOTHER.

WOW, IT'S LIKE WATCHING MY DAD ON THE COUCH WHEN HE FORGETS TO GRAB THE REMOTE.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

MY WIFE AND I SHARE THE SAME SENSE OF HUMOR.

WE HAVE TO...

...SHE DOESN'T HAVE ONE!

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO GOLF. YOU GUYS DON'T HAVE IN-LAWS VISITING.

GRIN & BEAR IT.

"I think I have amnesia. ... I can't remember whose identity I stole!"

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	8			9		6	

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 Riti Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in the sitcom 'Parks and Recreation'?

2. GEOGRAPHY: The Earth's equator runs through how many countries?

3. MOVIES: Who plays the character Morpheus in 'The Matrix'?

4. MYTHOLOGY: Which Greek hero was dipped in the River Styx as a baby and made almost invulnerable?

5. EXPLORERS: Which English explorer claimed Australia for Great Britain?

6. HISTORY: Which two Native American leaders fought Gen. George Custer's troops at the Battle of Little Bighorn?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the two traditional flowers associated with the July birth month?

8. LITERATURE: Which poem begins with the line, 'Once upon a midnight dreary, while I pondered, weak and weary'?

9. ANATOMY: Where is the smallest skeletal muscle in the human body located?

10. INVENTIONS: What medication, originally used to treat eye muscle spasms, later became a success in reducing facial wrinkles?

Answers
1. Pawnee, Indiana.
2. 13.
3. Laurence Fishburne.
4. Achilles.
5. James Cook.
6. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.
7. Larkspur and water lily.
8. "The Raven" by Edgar Allan Poe.
9. Middle ear -- the stapedius.
10. Botox.
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TOP 10 MOVIES
1. Despicable Me 4 (PG)
2. Inside Out 2 (PG)
3. A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13)
4. MaXXXine (R)
5. Bad Boys: Ride or Die (R)
6. Horizon: An American Saga - Chapter 1 (R)
7. Sound of Hope: The Story of Possum Trot (PG-13)
8. Kalki 2898 AD (NR)
9. The Bikeriders (R)
10. The Fall Guy (PG-13)
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LEGALS

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.

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

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

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.

Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

ESTATE OF: ROBERT KREMER, Deceased
No. 2024PR78

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Robert Kremer. Letters of Office were issued on July 12, 2024, to Johanna Kremer as Independent Administrator of the Estate 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 January 15, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

ESTATE OF: BERTHA D. MORTIMER, Deceased
No. 2024PR11

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Bertha D. Mortimer. Letters of Office were issued on July 12, 2024, to Kimberly L. Roberts as 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 January 15, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE NO. 01-24
AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF KNOX AND HENRY, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Galva Public Library District of the Counties of Knox and Henry, State of Illinois shall levy a tax of .02% 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 ordinance, it shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the Galva Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Galva, Illinois this 9th day of July, 2024.

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 233.
2. The petition must be filed on or before August 18, 2024.
3. The referendum would be held April 1, 2025.

Barbara J. Caravello
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of Galva Public Library District
c/o Galva Public Library District
120 N.W. Third Street
Galva, IL 61434
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HEARING NOTICE – CITY OF GALVA

Notice of Proposed Amendment To Comprehensive Plan

1. A public hearing to approve a proposed amendment to the Comprehensive Plan for the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois, will be held on 22 July 2024 at the regularly scheduled council meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva at 6:00 PM in the City Administration Building located at 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, IL.

2. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the Corporate Authorities of the City of Galva may contact the City Clerk's office at (309) 932-2555.

3. The Proposed Amendment will be available for viewing in the City Clerk's office on 15 July through 22 July 2024, during normal working hours. The City Clerk's office is located in the City Administration Building at 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, IL.

4. The hearing shall be open to the public, and the corporate authorities shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as they determine.

Any notice which includes any information not specified and required by this Article shall be an invalid notice.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY
CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Munic-

ipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
No. 2024-MR-3

v. CHARLES D. SLIGHTOM, SR.; UNKNOWN HEIRS and LEGATEES of BETTY I. SLIGHTOM; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to the unknown owners, unknown occupants, and non-record claimants of 311 N. Fuller, Toulon, Illinois ("the Property"), and the unknown heirs and legatees of Betty I. Slightom that a Petition for Demolition Order was filed in the above-named Court on May 17, 2024, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Betty I. Slightom
4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

A part of the East side of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section No. Twenty-four (24) in Township No. Thirteen (13) North, Range Five (5) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stark County, Illinois bounded and described as follows: Beginning as a point on the East line of said Quarter Section Six Hundred Nineteen (619) feet South of the Northeast corner of said Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of Section Twenty-four (24), thence West parallel with the North line of said Quarter Section two hundred fourteen and one-half (214 ½) feet, thence South parallel with the East line of said Quarter Section One Hundred Thirty-one and one-half (131 ½) feet, thence East Two Hundred Fourteen and one-half (214 ½) feet to the East line of said Quarter Section, thence North along the East line of said Quarter Section One Hundred Thirty-one and one-half (131 ½) feet to the place of beginning.
PIN: 03-24-404-003

5. The parties to be served by publication are: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Betty I. Slightom; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.
6. The date after which a default may be entered against the unknown owners, unknown occupants, and non-record claimants of 311 N. Fuller, Toulon, Illinois, and the unknown heirs and legatees of Betty I. Slightom, is August 18, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless the unknown owners, unknown occupants, and non-record claimants of 311 N. Fuller, Toulon, Illinois, and the unknown heirs and legatees of Betty I. Slightom, file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, 61483 on or before August 18, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Stark County
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff
vs. Case No. 24-MR-25k
ANGELA WALKER and INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE Defendants)

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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DATED this 7th day of June, 2024.

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

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NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Motion for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Angela Walker and Internal Revenue Service, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled action was filed and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
2. The name of the titleholder of record: Angela Walker
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: A part of Lot 122 of the Village of Wethersfield, now annexed to the City of Kewanee, described as follows: Beginning at a point 132 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Lot 122, running thence South 66 feet along the West line of said Lot 122, thence East One hundred Fifty (150) feet, thence North Sixty-six (66) feet, thence West One Hundred Fifty (150) feet to the place of beginning

ALSO KNOWN AS Lot 18 in Block 2 of Crabtree's Subdivision of the Original Lots 121, 122, 123 and 124 of the Village of Wethersfield, now a part of the City of Kewanee, and a strip of land Three and One-Half (3 ½) feet in width adjacent to the North boundary line of Lot 17 in Block 2 of Crabtree's Subdivision of the Original Lots 121, 122, 123 and 124 of the Village of Wethersfield, now a part of the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 504 Beach Street, Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for 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

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

ESTATE OF JEFFREY E. GERARD, Deceased.
No. 2024-PR-12

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jef-

frey E. Gerard. Letters of Office were issued on July 12, 2024 to Kevin P. Gerard, as Independent Administrator, 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 January 20, 2025. 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 his attorneys within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

ESTATE OF BRADLEY LEGGETT, Deceased
No. 2024PR77

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Bradley Leggett. Letters of Office were issued on July 10, 2024, to Sonja Everitt 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 January 22, 2025. 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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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon Methodist Church

229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
Phone (309) 286-2224
Pastor Glenn Corby 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 Corby 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
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
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

"faith in truth"
211 NW 4th Ave GALVA
Main Service: Sun 10:30
Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor
(309) 932-2713 • GalvaBaptistChurch.com

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
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.
Check us out on Facebook
First Congregational Church of Wyoming, Illinois

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
www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon
Call us for Salvation Army Assistance

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OBITUARIES

Richard E. Evans

GALVA – Richard E. Evans, 91, of Galva, died at 1:55 p.m., Friday, July 12, 2024, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

He was born Nov. 10, 1932, in LaFayette, the son of William and Lena (Shoff) Evans. He married Janice R. Likes on Oct. 13, 1961, in Altona and she preceded him in death on Dec. 27, 2020.

Survivors include his daughter, Gretchen (Shane) Hickman of Galva; his son Eric Evans of Altona; two grandchildren, Brooke (Aaron) Bachman of Annawan and Taylor (Eli) Beinke of Washington, D.C.; and several nieces and nephews.


He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter-in-law, Tammy Lynn Evans; and half-brother, Bill Briggs.

Richard graduated from LaFayette High School and served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

He worked at Hyster in Kewanee until his retirement. He was also a Galva resident entrepreneur earning the name, “Trader Dick.”

He was a member of the Galva American Legion and especially enjoyed telling stories and, of course, visiting the junkyard.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, July 19, at Galva Cemetery where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to the Galva American Legion Hagberg-Hamlin Post 45. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.



Evans

Francis J. Waldinger

GALVA – Francis “Frank” Joseph Waldinger, 83, of Bradford, Ill., passed away peacefully on July 15, 2024, at Genesis East Medical Center in Davenport, Iowa, after a brief illness.

Frank was born on April 12, 1941, in Princeville, Ill., to Emilie (Lang) Waldinger and Franz Waldinger. He graduated from Bradford High School in 1959.


After first noticing her at church on Aug. 15, 1961, Frank met up with Alice Parkin at a football game. They dated for two years before marrying on Aug. 10, 1963, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford.

Together, they had four children and farmed in Buda, Ill., for 41 years, raising corn, soybeans and hogs. He had the straightest rows of corn and the cleanest beanfields (with the help of his wife and children!) in Bureau County. Early in his farming career during the offseason, he also worked as a carpenter, building houses for Colgan Brothers Construction.

Frank was a lively teller of jokes, and, if he could overcome his own laughter before he got to the punchline, his jokes were always funny.

He loved watching Jeopardy! with Alice, making sure to write down the final questions to quiz the kids and grandkids when they came to visit. He avidly solved crossword puzzles – often with the help of his friend, Siri. Frank also had an exceptional memory, recalling farming details, people’s names and sports facts like no one else while his family had to refer to Google just to join the conversation.

He was well known in his family for his witty, pithy sayings, including one that would always come after



Waldinger

hearing of the deals and savings from shopping excursions: “You’re going to go broke saving money!”

One of Frank’s proudest moments came when his first grandchild, Ryan, was born on his birthday. They shared many special days together over the 27 years, often savoring a bunny cake Alice would bake for them.

Those surviving to cherish his memory include his doting wife of nearly 61 years, Alice; his devoted children, Kyle Waldinger (Danielle Svetcov) of Corte Madera, Calif., Corey (Laura) Waldinger of Naperville, Ill., Cynthia (Todd) Carlson of Amboy, Ill., and Teresa Waldinger (Tom O’Connor) of North Aurora, Ill.; his adoring grandchildren, Charlotte and Jo Waldinger (Corte Madera, Ryan Waldinger (Chicago), Alex Waldinger (Nashville, Tenn.), Sarah Waldinger (Chicago), Emma Waldinger (Naperville) and Avery and Beckett O’Connor (North Aurora); his beloved siblings, Ginny (Ted) Gilles, Henry (Paulette) Waldinger, Ruth (Don) Stahl, Clarence (Kathy) Waldinger and Tom Waldinger; his amazing Parkin “out-laws”; and 36 dear nieces and nephews.

Frank was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Liz Code; his brother, Willie Waldinger; four brothers-in-law, Phil Code, Bill Hinkle, Rodger Woodley and Jim Parkin; and two nephews, Travis Parkin and Billy Hinkle.

A visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. with the recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, 2024, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 24, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford with Rev. John Thieryoung, officiating. Burial will immediately follow at St. John’s Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to St. John’s Cemetery or to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.



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Stark Co. adding vape detectors to restrooms

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board on Monday approved a plan to add vape detectors to restrooms in the Junior-Senio High School.

Principal Megan McGann recommended adding vape detectors to reduce the number of incidents and increase student security.

Heart Technologies will install the vape detectors for \$35,083.

The board also approved athletic/activity fees for the upcoming year. The cost is \$60 per student and capped at \$120 per family. The free and reduced fee will be \$30 per student and \$60 per family.

Superintendent Brett Elliott reported that work on the new gym is moving along well. Roofing is scheduled to be completed this month and painting and reopening of the main corridor to the gym will happen prior to the start of school.

Elliott said there will be a teacher institute on Aug. 13-14 and the first day of school is Aug. 15. School days will last 8 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. through Sept. 2.

Elliott reminded parents to get vaccinations, physicals and sports physicals in time for the first day of school or the start of a student's athletic season.

After closed session, the board approved the following personnel items for the 2024-25 school year:

- Hiring Heather Missal and Felicia Potter as assistant cooks and Tyler Dorsey as a high school assistant football coach.
- Adding Ryan Gentle as a volunteer bass fishing

coach.

- Accepting the resignation of Jacob Best as summer custodian, effective July 19.

In other business, the board approved:

- Allowing the district to pay for expenses as needed until the FY2025 budget is approved.
- A three-year strategic plan that was outlined to the board Monday morning during its annual retreat.
- A 2024-25 Threat Assessment Management plan, providing step-by-step guidance of any threats in a school setting. A follow-up meeting will be held with local police.
- A 2024-25 transporta-

tion handbook that was updated with new dates but no other changes.

- A 2024-25 support staff handbook that was updated with new dates but no other changes.
- PRESS Policy updates, including a requirement to have a written procedure for handling criminal background documentation.



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