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## Highway department a topic at meeting

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County highway department was the focus of discussion three different times during the Stark County Board of Supervisors' Aug. 13 meeting.

The first came during public comment, when Phil St. John said a land survey by Bruner, Cooper, & Zuck, whom he hired, shows that the highway building is 1.4 feet on his farm property. It was generally agreed that it has been that way for approximately three to four years.

County Engineer Judd Giffin said the county will move the building, but only after hiring its own survey contractor to verify the claim.

The second moment came when Giffin presented a brief oral report. The highway department has received approval from the Illinois Department of Transportation for its

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## FIRST-RESPONDER TRAINING



First responders from Williamsfield, Oak Run, Dahinda, Appleton and Yates City recently received training on new extrication equipment (above). Oak Run first responders recently received a \$26,000 grant from the Illinois State Fire Marshal that paid for the majority of battery-powered extrication equipment.

The Illinois Fire Service Institute recently instructed a class on grain bin rescue awareness (right). Trainees from Williamsfield, Oak Run, Dahinda, Galva, Wataga and Armstrong were in attendance.



## Toulon passes new sewer ordinance

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The City of Toulon has established a process to reimburse property owners for repairs to existing lateral sewer lines.

The Toulon City Council approved an ordinance established a reimbursement policy at its Aug. 12 meeting.

"It reimburses property owners 50 percent of the cost of replacing their sewer lines if the lateral is more than 40 feet from their property line," City Attorney Kate Carter said. "Reimbursement will be up to \$5,000 per project with \$20,000 available per year. It's a first-come, first-serve basis."

A property owner has to submit an estimated cost to Toulon Mayor Larry Hollis prior to work being performed. The mayor and property owner both have

to sign an agreement. The property owner will be paid after the work is completed and approved.

This is for existing properties and not for new properties being constructed. Restoration of sidewalks and streets or roads will be completed by the city and not the property owners.

Council member Brandon Simpson raised a concern about speed-limit violators on Main Street.

"We should inquire about an Illinois Department of Transportation traffic study," Simpson said. "Are there a lot of people driving faster than 25 mph? Yes, I'm even guilty of that."

City employee Matt Forstrom has called trucking companies about speeding drivers.

Toulon Police Chief  
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## Stark Co. FFA qualifies 4 for national finals

For The Prairie News

CAMBRIDGE – Chelsey Stotler, Adam West, and Toby Williams of the Stark County FFA chapter in Toulon have been named national finalists this year in the National FFA Agriscience Fair competition.

Senior Cole Kinsella of the Stark County FFA chapter in Toulon received a bronze, placing in the Animal Systems category for Division 5 (grades 11-12). Kinsella, son of Jim and Joni Kinsella of Wyoming, had previously won the Illinois Agriscience Fair Division 5 Animal Systems state title and was recognized onstage in June during the Illinois FFA Convention.

Kinsella's project, "Evaluating the Viability of Freeze-Dried Bovine sp. Sperm in Tris-EDTA," evaluated the effects of freeze-drying bovine sperm cells and their effectiveness once rehydrated and studied. Kinsella finished in the top 35 in the nation.

Stotler, daughter of Jim and Jodi Stotler of Bradford, qualified in the Food Products and Processing Systems Division 5 category. Her project, "Storage Method Effects on Escherichia coli Contaminated Ground Beef" focused on the variables affecting meat contaminated with E. coli.

West, son of Bruce and Crystal West of West Jersey, qualified in the Social Systems Division 5 category. In his project titled "Perceptions of Agricultural Educator Characteristics by Secondary Educator Peers," West studied how ag teachers are viewed by their co-teachers and what characteristics ag teachers exhibit. He was able to survey

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Pictured above (left to right) are Adam West, Cole Kinsella, Toby Williams and Chelsey Stotler who recently competed at the 2024 National FFA Agriscience Fair. Submitted photo.

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## TOULON: Service rates may increase

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Gary Bent suggested placing speed-indicator signs on Main Street, but warned it would be expensive to obtain the signs.

The council discussed options to curb speeding, including police presence with radar guns and issuing citations. Hollis said he will contact IDOT about a traffic study.

The council discussed the water operator's contract in regards to replacing the retiring Don McCauley. Hollis interviewed two candidates, Chad McCleary of Iowa's ION Solutions and Kurt Downie of Utica. Downie received the council's support because he is also Wyoming's water operator and lives closer to Toulon. Hollis wanted the council's input and said he will offer the position to Downie.

Bent explained the new police truck purchase and a new police department hire. The city is purchasing a 2025 GMC pickup truck to serve as the police department's police vehicle. Bent said he has hired Toulon's Valerie Wagner to help part time with administrative paperwork.

A water, sewer and garbage committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss increases to those rates to be charged for those three services.

"We lose money every year," Hollis said. "We have fairly low rates but we need to be charging a little more."

The council approved a \$1,000 donation to the Stark County Continuous Improvement organization. Also approved was the \$21,000 purchase of a new high-service pump to feed water into the water tower.

A bid of \$7,250 by T&J was approved to replace sidewalks on Jefferson Street in front of the Baptist Church and one on Miller Street. Also approved was AAA Excavating's proposal for \$4,000 to remove brush and weeds that surround the banks of Toulon's sewer system lagoons. A preventative layer of material will be installed on the banks to keep brush and weeds from growing back.

The council approved, by a split vote, paying Potter & Sons \$16,566 for street paving on West Jefferson Street and paving at Miller Street and Turner Avenue. Hollis cast the deciding "yes" vote.

Finally, \$9,934 was approved to Potter & Sons to refurbish the alley from South Franklin Street east 97 feet.

The council will ban large garbage trucks from using the alley after the repairs. Apartment residents will have to take garbage cans to South Franklin Street.

## FFA: Qualifiers won state titles in May

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over 200 teachers.

Williams, a sophomore and the son of Nora Williams of Toulon and Shawn

Williams of LaFayette, qualified in the Food Products and Processing Systems Division 3 category (grades 9-10). In his proj-

ect, "Evaluating the Production of Lactic Acid Bacteria in Traditional and Gluten-Free Sourdough Starter," Williams studied the production of probiotic bacteria in sourdough starters that can be used as preservative agents in food production.

The four Stark County FFA members won their respective state titles in their divisions earlier in May and were recognized at the Illinois FFA Convention in June.

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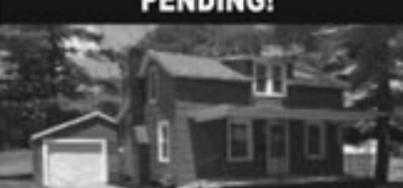
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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Traffic Citations**

- 8-5 - Carlos A. Pantosa Diaz - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 8-7 - Marcus A. Smith - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 8-9 - Tristan J. Shaw - Driving 11-14 mph above limit and uninsured vehicle.

**Incidents & Accidents  
Stark County**

7-16 - A Galesburg man sustained a minor injury from a single-vehicle accident west of LaFayette. Shortly before 6:30 a.m., 26-year-old Dalton J. Coulter was driving a 2008 Chevrolet truck east on Knox Highway 4 but didn't stop at an intersection with Illinois Route 17. The vehicle proceeded through the intersection and crashed into a ditch, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Coulter said he couldn't see the stop sign because of fog. He sustained a facial laceration but refused medical transport. The vehicle was towed. Coulter received a citation.

8-5 - A two-vehicle accident occurred in the 100 block of Vine St. in Toulon. Driver Lynnette S. Verscha, 64, of Toulon, struck a parked vehicle at the Toulon Post Office owned by Majid J. Jabber, 45, also of Toulon. No injuries were reported but estimated damages to the vehicles were over \$1,500.

8-7 - Hollis C. Vanleer, 38, Bloomington, arrested for possession of cannabis between 500-2,000 grams with intent to deliver. He was also cited for improper lane usage and taken to Bureau County Jail. The vehicle was impounded. On Aug. 9, Vanleer was released with a notice to appear.

8-8 - Karalyn N. Bryner, 20, of Kewanee hit a deer on Illinois Route 78, about one mile from Tucker's Trailer Service. There were no injuries, but the vehicle sustained estimated damages of over \$1,500.

8-9 - A possible theft of items was reported by an employee at the Toulon Dollar General Store.

8-10 - Santasha M. Peterson, 30, Peoria, cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**Peoria County Report**

7-17 - Franziska J. Hurliman, 31, of Galva was arrested shortly before 4 a.m. and accused of armed robbery/no firearm, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

8-2 - A single-vehicle accident

southwest of Galva resulted in four people seeking hospital treatment for minor injuries.

It also resulted in multiple citations after one of the passengers lied about who was driving, according to authorities.

Jared A. Gould, 18, of Kewanee was driving a northbound 2010 GMC Sierra pickup truck at about 3 p.m. in the 2900 block of Knox Road 1800 East when the vehicle struck a mud hole and he lost control.

The vehicle rolled across two sets of train tracks and landed on its wheels, per a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. Gould said he was going at least 60 mph on the dirt road. Paramedics treated him at the scene.

Initially, one of Gould's four passengers - Duane S. Clague Jr., 19, of Kewanee - was identified as the driver, and he received two citations. Later, a passenger contacted the sheriff's office to say Gould was driving. Clague said he was trying to help Gould, who had a suspended driver's license.

The original citations against Clague were voided, but he was cited for obstructing an officer. Gould was cited for obstructing an officer, careless/reckless driving, driving with a suspended license and driving without valid insurance. He is to appear Sept. 4 in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg.

Gould's passengers, including Clague, were transported to hospitals in Galesburg, Geneseo and Kewanee. The vehicle sustained more than \$1,500 in damage and was towed.

8-5 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up call. The subject appeared to be suffering a mental-health crisis.

8-5 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd Ave for a complaint involving young juveniles driving off-highway vehicles on the roadway. The youths and their parents were spoken to.

8-6 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave for a family disturbance/theft.

8-6 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a dispute over the validity of a hand-written eviction notice.

8-7 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave for a neighbor dispute.

8-7 - Officer spoke to a resident by telephone about a possible trespassing situation.

8-7 - to the 800 block of NE 1st Ave for a complaint involving unattended children.

8-7 - to a residence on NW 3rd Street for a welfare check. The sub-

ject was fine.

8-8 - While patrolling, the officer saw an ordinance violation in the 300 block of SE 1st Ave. The subject was spoken to about the issue.

8-8 - to 100 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving juveniles threatening each other.

8-8 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a complaint of subjects shooting a BB gun and hitting a neighbor's fence.

8-8 - to meet a subject on SW 6th Ave. who reported seeing about 20 UFOs flying around Galva. Officer could not locate anything.

8-8 - Holly Niedermann, 54, Tama, Iowa, cited for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.

8-10 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.

8-10 - to the Galva Park District during the concert for a three-vehicle crash with damage only.

8-10 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 call. The subject was suffering a mental-health crisis.

8-10 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 1st Ave., Leah Anderson, 27, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle. She received a required court date.

8-10 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for an intoxicated subject causing a disturbance.

8-11 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a possible violation of an order of protection.

8-11 - to the 300 block of SE 6th St. on a suspicious vehicle complaint.

8-11 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 call. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

8-11 - to the 200 block of SE 1st Ave. for an illegal burning complaint. The fire was put out.

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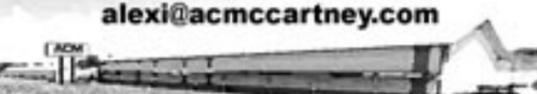
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## GUEST VOICES

# Tariffs are never a good idea

Milton Friedman, the patron saint of free markets and a founder of the Nobel-adorned Chicago school of economics, took a very dim view of all tariffs – ours, theirs and anyone’s.

Writing in “Capitalism and Freedom,” his surprising 1962 best seller, Friedman explained that if “unilateral free trade” is the goal, “reciprocal negotiations of tariff reductions ... seems wrong.” First, it’s too slow; “He moves fastest who moves alone,” he admonished.



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“In the second place,” he continued, “(i)t makes it appear as if tariffs help the country imposing them but hurt the other countries. In truth, the situation is quite different. Our tariffs hurt us as well as other countries.”

That’s Friedman’s entire tariff seminar: “Our tariffs hurt us as well as other countries.”

And don’t worry about other nations’ tariffs, Friedman adds. “We would be benefited by dispensing with our tariffs even if other countries did not.”

That’s not a political statement; it’s a key tenet of free trade from one of the most influential Nobel laureates in history. Many deeply conservative politicians worldwide – among them Barry Goldwater, Ronald Reagan, and Margaret Thatcher – however, did adopt Friedman’s advocacy of the free

market as their own.

So what’s changed in world markets since that Kennedy era pronouncement to now encourage former president Donald Trump to make import tariffs the centerpiece of his campaign’s economic policy?

Absolutely nothing. Tariffs – ours, theirs and anyone’s – remain terrible economics; they still “hurt us as well as other countries.”

Confirmation of this straightforward reality comes courtesy of the last Trump tariff fight in 2018 and 2019 on, chiefly, U.S. imports of Chinese steel and aluminum and U.S. exports of ag commodities. Neither tariff delivered what was promised: more American jobs, better economic growth, and increased U.S. sales.

In fact, reported the New York Times on Aug. 27, 2019, “Lucrative contracts that farmers long relied on ... have evaporated, with Chinese buyers looking to other nations like Brazil and Canada to get the commodities they need.”

The story then quotes an American Farm Bureau estimate that “total American agricultural exports to China were \$24 billion in 2014 and fell to \$9.1 billion last year,” the first year of the Trump tariffs on U.S. commodity exports to China.

The Times wasn’t the only one to notice Trump’s southbound tariff policy. In January 2020, Forbes reported that the “Trump administration gave more taxpayer dollars to farmers harmed by (its) trade policies than the federal government spends each year building ships for the Navy or maintaining America’s

nuclear arsenal.”

Despite the clear evidence, the Trump campaign insists its current push for import tariffs – from 10% on all U.S. imports to 60% or more on U.S. imports from China – will ensure the American economy grows faster than competitors.

Nonsense, says the Peterson Institute for International Economics, a nonpartisan economic research firm in Washington, D.C. “Unlike (today’s) Biden tariffs,” the Institute posted in January, “the Trump plan is for increased tariffs on all products from all countries.”

That’s “not just America First,” the analysis continues parroting the Trump campaign’s economic theme, “it is America alone.” Tariffs “are in fact added taxes on us, and having them will have real costs.”

American farmers are very familiar with those “real costs.” Within weeks of imposing 25% import tariffs on Chinese products in 2018, “Beijing accused the United States of ‘launching the largest trade war in economic history,’” reported the Los Angeles Times July 2018.

Then it “fired back with dollar-for-dollar tariffs mainly on American farm products and other food.” It also quickly pivoted to “buying more from Brazil and Argentina.”

Which is the exact outcome Milton Friedman predicted in 1962: “Our tariffs hurt us as well as other countries.”

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# AUCTIONS AND REAL ESTATE SALES

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS**  
 FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (CHICAGO), Plaintiff,  
 vs.  
 CLARENCE E. WAGHER, DEBORAH L. WAGHER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendants.  
 CASE NO: 2024FC1  
 Property Address: 209 Jackson La Fayette, IL 61449

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**  
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2024, the Sheriff of Stark County will on September 12, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Stark County Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483 or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stark and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

The common address of said real estate is 209 Jackson, La Fayette, IL 61449  
 Parcel Number: 03-18-307-002  
 The Judgment amount was \$28,364.79  
 Sale terms: 10% due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
 If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, or the Mortgagee of the Mortgagee's attorney.  
 Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.  
 The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no

representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
 For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A., 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60601, Telephone: 312-782-9676, Facsimile: 312-782-4201. Please refer to file number WWR# 10151703.  
 /s/ Greg Czaicki  
 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.  
 Greg Czaicki; ARDC No.: 6285993  
 Casey B. Hicks; ARDC No.: 6289784  
 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400 Chicago, IL 60601-2704  
 Phone: 312-782-9676  
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 By: /s/Stacia Roberts  
 Stacia Roberts  
 Legal Assistant  
 Service List:  
 Clarence E. Wagher  
 209 Jackson  
 La Fayette, IL 61449  
 Clarence E. Wagher  
 PO Box 72  
 La Fayette, IL 61449  
 Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
 209 Jackson  
 La Fayette, IL 61449  
 Published 8/16, 8/23, 8/30/24

**SPOON RIVER ANTHROPOMORPHIC LIVE ARTIFACT AUCTION**  
 The following amazing collection of Paleo era artifacts and statuettes will be sold at the Knoxville American Legion located at 749 Henderson Rd. Knoxville, IL 61448. (located off of Int. 74 directly beside Love's Travel Stop), on  
**SUNDAY AUGUST 25th, 2024 AT 12 NOON**  
 (Doors will open at 9:00 A.M.)  
**DESCRIPTION:** This is an extremely vague description of this one-man collection. There is a VERY detailed catalog online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com). Many pictures are included in the catalog. Almost all items were found by him directly, with only a few being purchased by a prior owner. The collection was found in one of the oldest documented Spoon River Native American Indian archeological local sites. Washed out of a bottom ground cornfield are 97 RARE Paleo figurines of Shamans, Venuses, Ice Age animals (turtles, fish, owl, buffalo, camel, beaver, snakes, bear, elk, mammoths and more. There are also Shaman medicine stones, Ice Age erotica, arrowheads and tools. Items also include a Paleo scalpel, over 40 Paleo and Archaic hand axes, hammers, scrapers and points of various sizes and types. 5 sling shot loads/game balls, 11 Coprolites (fossilized Dino poop, one is five lbs. and shaped like Illinois oddly enough). Also featured are hand-made replica weapons mounted w/imitation Eagle feathers, beads, turkey feathers, and authentic Spoon River artifacts on deer bone or wormwood-willow handles from this same site. Unrelated projectile points and various items will also be offered. This is a very unique auction that we will conduct gallery style one at a time. Plan to attend on time. The legion is comfortable and cool, so come join us for this unique and informational auction.  
**FOLGER'S AUCTION SERVICE, INC.** (JIM AND CATHIE GIBBS, MATT SHIPLEY)—WILLIAMSFIELD, IL Ph. 309-337-2150 and 309-368-6314 Email: [folgersauctionservice@gmail.com](mailto:folgersauctionservice@gmail.com) and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for more. Cash, check or credit card accepted.  
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**VICTORIA, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION**  
 The following very nice 3 bedroom brick ranch home, Model A car, RR items, antiques, coins and primitives will be sold at live public auction, on  
**Sunday Sept. 22nd, 2024 at 12:00 NOON**  
**(R.E. sells first)**  
**NOTE:** See pictures and full ads online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com). See the full ad of personal property online and in papers soon.  
**REAL ESTATE:** This 1935 sq. ft. house sits on a .44 acre shaded lot in Victoria, IL. The main level of this home contains 3 bedrooms, a full sized bath, an open kitchen and dining room area, a nice sized living room and ample closet space. The attached garage area has been transformed into an extra family room with a separate patio entrance. The dry basement is full and partially finished with another bathroom included. There is a wood burning fireplace in the basement. The house has been improved with a new whole house Generac generator, a 2 yr. old roof, 2009 furnace/central air and a 3 yr. old water heater. The windows are almost all new with just a couple left to replace. The house is structurally sound but in need of updating. With some cosmetic TLC, this would be a beautiful family home in the Rowva School District.  
 An **OPEN HOUSE** will be held on Tuesday August 20th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact Folger's Auction Service for further viewing options.  
**TERMS:** A non-refundable 10% deposit is due on auction day with the balance due in approx. 30 days at closing. This is an As-is auction. A valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale.  
**FULL AD** contains a one owner 1931 Model A Tudor Sedan w/ good body, original title, old RR items, primitives, coins, old advertising and much more.  
**RAYMOND ZIEGLER ESTATE—SELLER**  
**FOLGER'S AUCTION SERVICE, INC.** (JIM AND CATHIE GIBBS, MATT SHIPLEY) WILLIAMSFIELD, IL Ph. 309-368-6314 and 309-337-2150  
 Email: [folgersauctionservice@gmail.com](mailto:folgersauctionservice@gmail.com) Terms are cash, check or credit card (no cards may be used for car or real estate).  
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<p><b>2023 FORD BRONCO 2 DOOR OUTER BANKS</b></p> <p><b>SAVE THOUSANDS</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$55,190                  REBATE...\$1,000                  EMAG.....\$1,419</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$52,771</b></p>	<p><b>2024 FORD EXPLORER XLT</b></p> <p><b>PLUS 1.9% FOR 60 MONTHS</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$50,615                  REBATE.....\$800                  EMAG.....\$2,008</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$47,807</b></p>	<p><b>2024 FORD MUSTANG GT</b></p> <p><b>PLUS 3.9% FOR 60 MONTHS</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$55,450                  REBATE...\$2,653</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$52,797</b></p>
<p><b>2024 FORD MUSTANG GT</b></p> <p><b>PLUS 3.9% FOR 60 MONTHS</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$55,155                  REBATE...\$2,639</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$52,516</b></p>	<p><b>2023 FORD F-150 LARIAT CREW</b></p> <p><b>OVER \$10 K OFF</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$66,465                  REBATE...\$6,000 (OR 1.9% FOR 72 M)                  EMAG.....\$4,080</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$56,285</b></p>	<p><b>2023 FORD F-150 XLT CREW</b></p> <p><b>OVER \$10 K OFF</b></p>  <p>MSRP...\$64,555                  REBATE...\$6,000 (OR 1.9% FOR 72 M)                  EMAG.....\$4,193</p> <p><b>SALE PRICE \$54,362</b></p>

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Applications may be obtained in person at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 311 W Center St., Cambridge, IL or download the application from: www.henrycty.com (Sheriff's Office, then to Employment). Testing for applicants is required on Sept. 18, 2024 @ 6:00 p.m. @ the Henry County OEM 4424 US Highway 34 Kewanee, IL. Lateral transfers are exempt from written testing. For questions, call 309-937-3614.

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Notice is hereby given that on December 2, 2024, at the Toulon Fire Station at 6:00 p.m. a Caucus of the People's Party, in the City of Toulon, County of Stark, in the State of Illinois will be held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

- Mayor - 4 year term
- Clerk - 4 year term
- Treasurer - 4 year term
- Alderman Ward #1 - 4 year term
- Alderman Ward #1 - 2 year term
- Alderman Ward #2 - 4 year term
- Alderman Ward #3 - 2 year term
- Alderman Ward #3 - 4 year term

Anyone choosing not to attend the Caucus may obtain nominating petition packets at the office of the City Clerk - 122 N. Franklin St. Toulon, IL. Office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 and 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Completed petitions may be filed with the City Clerk during the filing period, November 12th - 18th, 2024.

Last day to file is November 18th. The City Hall will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday the 18th for your convenience.

Barbara J. Cantwell  
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- Kellen, Kinsley and Kennedy Wall

Answers on Page 3

### Super Crossword

ENDING IN FIVE DIGITS

**ACROSS**

- 1 Big name in health insurance
- 6 2010 Apple debut
- 10 Love to excess, with "on"
- 14 "Get lost!"
- 19 Park for mobile campers
- 20 Reuben offerer
- 21 "Bejabbers!"
- 22 Sycophant
- 23 Welcome words to a job applicant
- 25 House badly in need of repairs
- 27 Bake-off dish
- 28 Yoko of art
- 29 Floor layers
- 30 Active Sicilian volcano
- 31 Tampa Bay Rays' stadium
- 36 Org. for some ex-GIs
- 38 Tjuana Mr.
- 39 Makeup of Hawaii
- 40 Yellow-orange fruit
- 44 Bed for sushi
- 47 ---wester
- 48 Fish feature
- 50 Prefix with botany
- 51 Dean of Truman's Cabinet
- 54 Agreed-upon time
- 57 Hitter Gehrig
- 58 African land
- 60 Phonies
- 61 Pre-U queue
- 62 Liberalism
- 67 Low-key "hey!"
- 70 Ram hard
- 71 Winter hrs. in D.C.
- 72 Haiti citizens
- 76 "Doggone it!"
- 77 Additional plateful
- 79 Lupino of "High Sierra"
- 81 Trifled (with)
- 84 Purposes
- 85 D.C. ballplayer
- 86 Certain role-playing game
- 91 Gives, as duties
- 94 Spanish national hero
- 96 Part of ENT
- 96 Ar-tee linkup
- 97 Dandy dudes
- 98 Dismissive facial reaction
- 100 One --- (long odds)
- 102 Delta rival, once
- 106 Gallic pal
- 107 Spread on "Bonanza"
- 111 End-of-workweek cry
- 114 Formulas of belief
- 116 LA-to-IL dir.
- 117 "Kitchy-kitchy- ---!"
- 118 Appliance that cooks batter
- 120 In advance ... or where nine key words in this puzzle might appear
- 124 Whether by land ---
- 125 With 112-Down, she had a "Tootie" role
- 126 Sheik, e.g.
- 127 One of the Osmonds
- 128 Smelting waste
- 129 Deputy: Abbr.
- 130 "Doggone it!"
- 131 1998 Apple debuts
- 135 Dud
- 37 Mr. Flintstone
- 40 Feed the kitty
- 41 Chuckling with glee
- 42 Big burden
- 43 Civil wrong
- 45 Attending
- 46 Ratfy
- 48 Royal decree
- 49 Writing fluid
- 51 Swiss peaks
- 52 "Neat!"
- 53 Lulu entertainment brand
- 55 Departing for
- 56 Potent coffee
- 59 Language akin to Thai
- 63 "--- bad boy!"
- 64 Bronze metal
- 65 West Yorkshire city
- 66 Key near F1
- 68 Mino of film
- 69 Month no. 9
- 72 SSNs, e.g.
- 73 Paper bundle
- 74 --- instant (vry quickly)
- 75 Some NCOs
- 77 Scotch
- 78 Baby's bottle
- 79 Notion, to Luc
- 80 "--- noted"
- 82 "The --- larra, he's a priest"
- 83 Sumac of song
- 87 World's tallest creatures
- 88 Ancient Dead Sea region
- 89 Takes care of
- 90 Punta del ---
- 92 San Antonio hooper
- 93 "Insecure" co-star Rae
- 99 Dog pests
- 100 Part of the conspiracy
- 101 Diet-friendly, maybe
- 103 Turkey's capital
- 104 Like sacred images
- 105 --- Scholar
- 107 French for "fathers"
- 108 Bad smells
- 109 Uppity types
- 110 --- Lingus
- 111 Having length and width, but not depth, for short
- 112 See 125-Across
- 113 "In case it's true ..."
- 115 Post Dove
- 119 Part of UNLV
- 120 Watering hole
- 121 Notable period of time
- 122 Former big record co.
- 123 Easter entree

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## LEGAL ADS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF: JOAN VUJAKOVICH, No. 2024PR80 Deceased.

**NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CLAIM NOTICE**

To: George Vujakovich and UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of Joan Vujakovich.

Notice is given to George Vujakovich and unknown, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on July 25, 2024, admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on July 25, 2024 to Nickolas Vujakovich 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 Cambridge, Illinois 61434 or with the representative, or both on or before January 25, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

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.

Filings are to be made with: Henry County Circuit Clerk Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
PO Box 165  
Galva, IL 61434  
Telephone: 309/932-2001  
Facsimile: 309/932-3151  
Email: [everett@barashlaw.com](mailto:everett@barashlaw.com)  
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**TAKE NOTICE**

Certificate # 7

TO: Jake Alvis; any spouse; any unknown occupants all unknown interested parties;

A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Toulon Illinois as Case # 2024 TX 4

The real estate is described as: 206 JACKSON ST, VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE 40 E SD LOTS 1 & 2 BLOCK 6 40 X 132

PARCEL#(s) 03-18-306-006

Said property was sold on 10/26/2021, for the general taxes for the year of 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2024. On November 8, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/26/2024.

JEREMY BENSON PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS  
Petitioner  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF MARK ALAN VANHYFTE, Deceased No. 2024PR83

**CLAIM NOTICE**

(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Mark Alan VanHyfte. Letters of Office were issued on August 1, 2024, to Erica VanHyfte as Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before February 11, 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.

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Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555

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**TAKE NOTICE**

Certificate # 17

TO: Justin Young ; any spouse; any unknown occupants all unknown interested parties;

A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Toulon Illinois as Case # 2024 TX 5

The real estate is described as: 417 E JEFFERSON ST. CULBERTSONS EASTERN ADDITION S 1/2 LOT 18 115.5 X 163

PARCEL#(s) 04-19-402-009

Said property was sold on 10/26/2021, for the general taxes for the year of 2020. The period of redemption will expire on 10/26/2024. On November 8, 2024 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/26/2024.

JEREMY BENSON PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS  
Petitioner  
Published 8/2, 8/9, 8/16/24

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

ESTATE OF WALTER E. BAUER, DECEASED

NO. 2024-PR-14

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Walter E. Bauer. Letters of office were issued to Jana L. Bauer of 6631 E. Paseo San Andres, Tucson, AZ 85710 as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Angel, Isaacson & Tracy, 111 Park Avenue East, Princeton, Illinois 61356.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, IL 61483, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before February 16th, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Executor is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorneys 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 <https://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>.

Dated this 7th day of August, 2024.  
Angel, Isaacson & Tracy  
Attorneys for Estate  
111 Park Avenue East  
Princeton, IL 61356  
815-875-6551  
Published 8/16, 8/23, 8/30/24

**Ordinance No. 24/25-BA BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT WYOMING, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WYOMING, ILLINOIS:

It is hereby proposed to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Wyoming Public Library District, Wyoming, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, for the library purposes and objects hereinafter more particularly specified and which expenses and liabilities are to be paid and discharged from revenues anticipated by the District hereinafter set forth, to wit:

**SECTION I. ANTICIPATED REVENUE:**  
a) General Fund:  
Taxes: \$107,300.00  
Interest, Fees & Misc. \$4,350.00  
Total: \$111,650.00  
b) Building & Maintenance  
Taxes: \$13,500.00  
c) Insurance:  
Taxes: \$11,000.00  
d) Social Security:  
Taxes: \$5,000.00  
Total Special Funds: \$29,500.00  
Total Budget: \$141,150.00

**SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL LIBRARY PURPOSES:**  
a) Personnel Expenses:  
Salaries, etc: \$68,000.00

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b) Operating Expenses:  
Telephone: \$1,300.00  
Postage: \$150.00  
Professional Fees: \$100.00  
Legal Fees: \$2,000.00  
Travel: \$500.00  
Books & Ebooks \$12,800.00  
Supplies: \$1,500.00  
Public Relations: \$1,000.00  
Programs: \$2,200.00  
Periodicals: \$700.00  
Videos: \$2,000.00  
RSA/OCLC: \$4,000.00  
Gifts: 400.00  
Utilities: \$5,000.00  
Audio: \$1,000.00  
Miscellaneous \$3,000.00  
Contingencies \$6,000.00  
Total: \$111,650.00

**SECTION III. APPROPRIATIONS FOR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PURPOSES:**  
Building & Equipment: Purchase & Maintenance: \$13,500.00  
Total: \$ 13,500.00

**SECTION IV. APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES**  
Insurance: \$6,500.00  
Risk management and loss control \$4,500.00  
Total: \$11,000.00

**SECTION V. APPROPRIATION FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES:**  
Social Security & Medicare Taxes \$5,000.00  
Total: \$5,000.00

**SECTION VI.**  
That the Total Appropriations for the Wyoming Public Library District for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 is \$141,150.00, and that portion to be raised by Levy is \$136,800.00.

**SECTION VII.**  
That the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby applies for a specific fund to be accumulated from the unexpended balance of the proceeds received from library taxes, said fund to be accumulated and set aside as a reserve for the purchase of sites and for construction and furnishing of buildings, or remodeling and improvement of existing buildings and to furnish necessary equipment for said buildings, for library purposes in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/35-5(b) or may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/30-95 & 15/30-35.

**SECTION VIII.**  
That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by Law. PASSED by roll call this 6th day of August, 2024.  
AYES:5 NAYS:0 ABSENT:2  
Approved this 6th day of August, 2024.

Marsha Goodwin  
President, Board of Trustees  
Wyoming Public Library District  
Attested and filed this 6th day of August, 2024.  
Maureen Nusz  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Wyoming Public Library District

**CERTIFICATION**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, SS.

COUNTY OF STARK,  
The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, in the County of Stark and the State of Illinois, does hereby certify that the attached and foregoing 24/25-BA Wyoming Public Library District Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is a true and accurate copy of said Ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District on the 6th day of August, 2024, after a Public Hearing held thereon.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof and that said Ordinance was duly passed by yeas and nays vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yeas on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have

signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, at Wyoming, Illinois.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2024.

Maureen Nusz  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
Wyoming Public Library District

**CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATED REVENUES**  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, SS.

COUNTY OF STARK,  
The undersigned Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby certifies that the revenues, by source, shown for each fund of the District in the foregoing Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance 24/25-BA, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, are the revenues anticipated for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Dated this 6th day of August, 2024.  
Susan Howard  
Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer

Wyoming Public Library District  
Published 8/16/24

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois, that the Budget for said School District for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024, is on file beginning August 12, 2024 and is conveniently available for public inspection at the Unit Office, 115 High Street, Bradford, Illinois.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of September 2024, at the Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois.  
Dated this 2nd day of August, 2024  
By Jessica Petersen, Board Secretary  
SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN me, a Notary Public, on the 2nd day of August, 2024. Notary Public Bureau County, Illinois. My commission expires: 08/17/2027  
Mary E. Robbins  
Published 8/16/24

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**ANNUAL REPORT TOUN PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT**

Toulon Public Library District Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year ending June 30, 2024

**SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS**

CASH BALANCE  
JULY 1, 2023 \$0.00  
Cash Receipts, Schedule I \$289,884.55  
\$289,884.55

Cash Disbursements, Schedule II \$326,169.60  
Balance June 30, 2024 -\$36,285.05

**SCHEDULE I**  
Property Taxes \$272,871.63  
State of Illinois, Per Capita Grant \$3,243.53  
Sun Grant \$1,000.00  
Interest \$3,315.59  
Donations \$5,601.29  
Fines and other fees \$3,852.51  
\$289,884.55

**SCHEDULE II**

Salaries under \$25,000.00  
Janet Kamerer, Janet Wilkinson, Mary McMillen, Karmella Reining \$25,000.00 to \$49,999  
Ashley Meyer, Crystal McReil \$50,000.00 to \$74,999.99  
Michael Baumann \$161,034.51  
Ameren IP, Utilities \$5,911.43  
American Express \$38,863.56  
Blue Cross Blue Shield, Health Ins. \$8,275.50  
Capital One \$5,256.13  
Center Point \$2,876.40  
Compton Accounting LLC \$3,150.00  
Douglas W. Irwin & Co. Ltd. \$2,700.00  
Illinois Department of Revenue \$7,148.11  
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$27,167.07  
Internal Revenue Service \$39,327.87  
Leezer Insurance

**ESSEX TOWNSHIP of Stark County, IL**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2024**

**Town Fund Cash Receipts**

Property tax \$108808, state replacement tax 14642, interest 113, TIORMA dividend 731, transfers \$2000. Total cash receipts \$126294.

**Cash Disbursements**

Wyoming Cemetery \$10960, Sheets Cemetery 3760, TIORMA Insurance 5022, Transfer of Funds 54000, Compensation \$25000 to \$49999 (M Cox), Compensation under \$25000 (G Goodwin, P Daum, L Eberle, T Shane, M Tracy, S Jackson) \$4953, US Treasury Payroll taxes 6062, Cash distributions under \$2500: 9849. Total cash disbursements \$122311.

	Town Fund	Gen Assist Fund	Cemetery	Total
Balance 3/31/23	\$72849	\$9672	\$18462	\$100983
Cash Receipts	105052	10	21232	126294
Cash Disbursed	102011	0	20300	122311
Balance 3/31/24	\$75890	9682	\$19394	\$104966

**Road & Bridge District Cash Receipts**

Property tax \$74637, state replacement tax 12709, Interest 203, Transfers In \$52000. Total cash receipts \$139549.

**Cash Disbursements**

Teubel Excavating LLC \$20438, Wagenbach Trking 42444, Metal Culverts Inc 14669, Knobloch Farm Trking Inc 8049, Potter Spray Patch 15960, Galena Gravel 56135, Ozinga Gravel 6188, Cozadd Diesel Inc 8120, AgViewFS 3288, Compensation under \$2500 (L Hartz, T Nelson) and other cash disbursed under \$2500: \$8398. Total Cash Disbursements \$183689.

	R & B Fund	Bridge Fund	Equip/Bldg Fund	Total
Balance 3/31/23	\$61349	\$76279	\$60052	\$197680
Cash Receipts	122561	10093	6895	139549
Cash Disbursed	161542	22147	0	183689
Balance 3/31/24	\$22368	\$64225	\$66947	\$153540

Subscribed and Sworn to this 12th day of August 2024, I Gary Goodwin, Supervisor of Essex Township, County of Stark, St of Illinois, do certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. Gary Goodwin, Supervisor  
Published 8/16/24

Agency, Inc. \$5,172.00

Resource Sharing \$3,305.00

Alliance NFP \$15,982.02

Total \$165,135.09

Total Disbursements \$326,169.60

I, Jan Curry, Treasurer of Toulon Public Library District, hereby certify that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

Treasurer  
Published 8/16/24

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**NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED MEETING OF THE KEWANEE AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Public notice is hereby given that the regular meeting of the Kewanee Airport Authority to be held on Monday, August 12, 2024 has been rescheduled due to a lack of quorum and will be held on Monday, August 19, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, 3761 Midland Road, Kewanee, Illinois 61443.  
Chad Winter, Secretary  
Kewanee Airport Authority  
Published 8/16/24

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOLON, ILLINOIS**

FIFTH THIRD BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO FIFTH THIRD BANK (CHICAGO), Plaintiff,

vs.  
CLARENCE E. WAGHER, DEBORAH L. WAGHER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS

Defendants.  
CASE NO: 2024FC1  
Property Address:  
209 Jackson  
La Fayette, IL 61449

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 31, 2024, the Sheriff of Stark County will on September 12, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. at the Stark County Courthouse, Courtroom 1, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483 or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stark and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate.

LOTS FIVE (5), SIX (6), SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) EXCEPTING THAT PORTION OF SAID LOTS SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) LYING NORTH OF THE RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY WHICH CROSSES SAID LOTS SEVEN (7) AND EIGHT (8) ALL IN BLOCK SEVEN (7) IN THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDED PLAT THEREOF, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STARK, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

The common address of said real estate is 209 Jackson, La Fayette, IL 61449

Parcel Number: 03-18-307-002  
The Judgment amount was \$28,364.79

Sale terms: 10% due by cash or certified funds at the time of sale and the balance is due within 24 hours of the sale. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special

assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, or the Mortgagee of the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A., 180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400, Chicago, IL 60601, Telephone: 312-782-9676, Facsimile: 312-782-4201. Please refer to file number WWR# 10151703.

/s/ Greg Czaicki Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.

Greg Czaicki; ARDC No.: 6285993  
Casey B. Hicks; ARDC No.: 6289784  
180 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60601-2704  
Phone: 312-782-9676  
Fax: 312-782-4201  
Email: [ChicagoREDG@Weltman.com](mailto:ChicagoREDG@Weltman.com)  
WWR#: 23-001152

This is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt for our client and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

**PROOF OF SERVICE**  
I, the undersigned, a non attorney, certify pursuant to §1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure that I served this notice on the parties hereto by mailing copies to the address(es) specified below, with proper postage prepaid, by depositing same with iMailTracking, LLC, a mailing service, to be mailed via the U.S. Mail from San Diego, California, before 5:00 p.m. on August \_\_\_\_, 2024, and/or copies were transmitted to the email address(es) specified below, via Odyssey eFileL electronic filing service, pursuant to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 11, on August \_\_\_\_, 2024.

By: /s/ Stacia Roberts  
Stacia Roberts  
Legal Assistant

Service List:  
Clarence E. Wagher  
209 Jackson  
La Fayette, IL 61449  
Clarence E. Wagher  
PO Box 72  
La Fayette, IL 61449  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants  
209 Jackson  
La Fayette, IL 61449  
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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

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 fctoulon@gmail.com

website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

### Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones

211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434

(309) 932-3733

Service Time 10 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

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Main Service: Sun 10:30

Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor

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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

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

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### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491

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### Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com

1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434

(309) 932-2460

preachinghope@gmail.com

galvafirst@gmail.com

Sunday Worship: 9:00

### Holy Trinity 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

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

Facebook: 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.

Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyand Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421

Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Rev Dan Wright

309-897-8113 309-507-1626

thewrights62@hotmail.com

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## OBITUARIES

### Donald W. Betts

DES MOINES, Iowa – Donald Wayne Betts, 80, Des Moines, Iowa, died Wednesday, July 31, 2024, with his family present. Don was born June 21, 1944, in Princeville, Ill., to Clement and Lois (George) Betts. He was a U.S. Navy veteran serving on the USS Enterprise during the Vietnam War.



Betts

Survivors include wife Marcella Robinson Schneberger Betts; children Sherry Smith and Tom Spence; stepchildren Diane Thacker and Mark Zindelo; sister Shirley Bland; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

The family greeted friends on Friday, Aug. 9, from 7-8 p.m., with a prayer service at 8 p.m., at Iles Grandview Park Chapel in Des Moines. A Mass of Christian Burial was Aug. 10, 2024 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Des Moines. Burial followed at Glendale Cemetery with military honors.

A complete obituary is available at www.ilescares.com.

### Jared P. Code

BRADFORD – Jared Patrick Code, 25, of Bradford, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, Aug. 10, 2024, at his home.

Born in Peoria, on June 9, 1999, he was the son of Brian and Sherri (Barnett) Code. He was a 2017 graduate of Stark County High School and went on to study at Illinois State University.



Code

Surviving are his parents, Brian and Sherri Code of Bradford; three siblings, Jim (Justine) Code of Chicago, Katelyn (Tony) Gripp of Annawan and Jacob (Megan) Code of Bradford; two nephews, Theo and

Knox Gripp; a niece on the way; paternal grandmother, Patricia Code; and many aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Dean and Phyliss Barnett; paternal grandfather, Raymond "Luke" Code, Jr.; and a cousin, Jennifer Morrissey.

Jared loved golfing, reading and playing video games, and was an avid Chicago Cubs, Green Bay Packers and Notre Dame fan. He enjoyed history, trivia, a good musical and a bag of pizza rolls. Above all else, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially the opportunities he had to babysit his nephews. His infectious smile will be remembered by all who knew him.

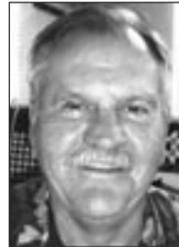
Funeral Mass was Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. Father John Thieryoung, officiated. Burial was in St. John Cemetery. Memorial contributions will be given to Suicide Prevention Awareness. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

### Orval Evans

BRADFORD – Orval "Ray" Evans, 84, of Bradford, Ill., passed away on Monday, Aug. 12, 2024, at his home surrounded by loved ones.

Ray was born on March 18, 1940, in Anchor, Ill., the son of Floyd and Glenda (Pittsenbarger) Evans. He was raised by his beloved grandparents Glen and Addie Pittsenbarger.



Evans

Ray married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Marilyn Punke on July 3, 1960, at El Paso Lutheran Church in El Paso, Ill. He worked as an electrician at Caterpillar Inc. in Peoria for 31 years prior to

his retirement in 1992.

Ray loved fishing, woodworking, gardening and traveling, but most of all he cherished spending time with his family and beloved dog, Opie.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Marilyn Evans; two children, Scott (Judy) Evans and Lori (John) Nelson and adopted daughter, Jacqui Grant, all of Bradford; two granddaughters, Sara and Ashley Nelson; and two great-grandchildren, Ryker and Addisyn.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

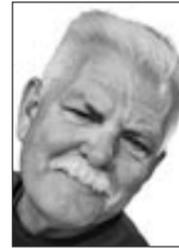
Online condolences may be made at www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

### Philip H. Wilkinson

WYOMING – Philip Herbert Wilkinson, 67, born in Kewanee, Ill., on Aug. 15, 1956, and peacefully passed on Aug. 13, 2024, surrounded by family and friends.

Phil was the youngest son of five children of Wesley 'Newt' and Charlotte Wilkinson.

Phil was married on June 30, 1984, to Patricia Hough in Toulon. Preceding him in death are his parents, Wesley (Newt) Wilkinson and Charlotte Wilkin-



Wilkinson

son; his brothers, Paul N. Wilkinson and Wesley L. Wilkinson; father-in-law, Pat Hough; and brother-in-law, Scott Hough.

Surviving are his wife, Patricia E. (Hough) Wilkinson; son, Travis (Amanda) Wilkinson of Peoria; daughter, Taylor Wilkinson of Wyoming; three grandchildren, Kathryn, Matthew and Joseph; brother, Robert (Janet) Wilkinson of Wyoming; sister, Carolyn Conklin of Peoria; sister-in-law, Denise Wilkinson; and brothers-in-law, Stephen and Shan-

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Wyoming (309) 695-3131

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## CLASSIFIEDS

### WANTED

• **Houses to clean:** (just like Bob). Call (309) 525-3505.

### HELP WANTED

• **Fall Help Needed:** Spoon River Valley Farms, located 3 miles North of Princeville is looking for a fall driver and/or Auger Wagon Operator. Class A CDL is required for driving position. Duties will include hauling out of the field to our grain setup, and to local elevators. Farm experience is helpful but not required. Would be needed from 2nd week of September to the end of October. Call/Text Nick @309-712-5468.

### FOR SALE

• **Yamaha Digital Piano:** \$150.00 includes case, stand, and music. Like new. You haul from Kewanee. Cash only. Contact robertcn3@gmail.com

• **2007 Honda CR-V:** AWD, Cruise, AC, CD player, 238,600 miles, sky

blue, \$3,100. Call Mike at 1-815-878-6374, Wyoming, IL, as is, cash only.

### FOR RENT

• **TOULON:** Upstairs 2 bedroom apartment for rent in Toulon, 105 E. Main. Call (309) 678-1831

• **WYOMING:** 104 East Elm, Wyoming, 2 BR apartment, \$500 per month plus utilities, \$400 deposit, work and landlord references required, no smoking, no pets. Call (612) 940-5208.

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• **SALVAGE:** Buying junk autos, farm equipment, grain bins, and also doing total farm clean up. Call Doug Lofgren at Spoon River Salvage (309) 299-8531.

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## GARAGE SALES

**Garage/Man Shop Sale - Aug. 16,17 - 822 W. Singing Woods Rd., Edelstein**  
Garage/Man Shop Sale, 822 West Singing Woods Road, Edelstein. August 16 & 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Housewares, vintage items, home decor, men clothing, assorted ceramic tile, assorted handles and knobs, leaf blower, power washer, lots of free items, and so much more.

**Garage Sale - Aug. 16,17 - 545 Payson, Kewanee**  
Garage Sale Friday, Aug. 16, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 17, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 545 Payson, Kewanee. Upholstery material, mirrors, set of silverware w/box, wall pockets, reverse pictures, table lamps, 4 piece bamboo room divider, paperback books, Precious Moments in boxes, old Brownie box camera, VHS old movies, bone colored toilet, tablesaw, 22 gal. 5 horsepower compressor, Bostitch nail gun with nails, fur coats, rocking chairs, furnace filters, lots more!

**Large Yard Sale - Aug. 23,24 - 389 W. Chestnut, Canton**  
Large Yard Sale - Aug. 23 and 24 - 389 W. Chestnut, Canton Large Antique and Primitive Yard Sale. Friday, August 23 & Saturday, August 24. 389 W. Chestnut, Canton. Jeannie Overcash. Rain date following Friday and Saturday (Aug 30 and 31)

## OBITUARIES

non (Lezlee Hough) of Olney, Ill.; and numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Phil graduated from Toulon-Lafayette High School in 1974 and earned a bachelor of science in ornamental horticulture from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1978. Phil was chairman of the 1978 Mom's Weekend Horticulture Club Flower Show and was Horticulture Club Member of the Year in 1978.

Upon graduation from the University of Illinois, Phil worked as a greenhouse grower and manager in Pawhuska, Okla., and Oklahoma City from 1978 to 1987. While living in Oklahoma, Phil sang in the OK Chorale Men's Barbershop Chorus and volunteered many hours with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Oklahoma. Phil also taught horticulture and greenhouse management at the DuPage Horticulture School in West Chicago and, in 1988, Phil became a sales representative for Mid-American Growers in Granville. He later

worked in the materials department at Great Dane Trailers in Kewanee, retiring in 2023.

Phil and Patty owned and operated Stark County Design for over 30 years and specialized in weddings, special occasions, craft shows and funerals. He enjoyed tending to his plantings at the State Bank of Toulon and in the City of Toulon for many years. He also enjoyed spending time with his three grandchildren, cheering on the Illini, tending to his garden and supporting his children and wife, Patty. Phil was immensely proud of the personal and professional successes of his children, Travis and Taylor, and wife, Patty. Phil has always been a person of great faith and those values were known by many who knew him.

Phil was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Kewanee and was a lifetime member of the University of Illinois Alumni Association. Special thanks to Compassus Hospice of Gallesburg, Dr. Remi Satkauskus, De-

nise Wilkinson and family, Mike and Theresa Rediger and family, Dave and Dawn Milburn Family, and the numerous family and friends who aided in his journey.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 19, 2024, at Elmira United Presbyterian Church in Elmira. Danny Blakey and Rev. Art Blegen will officiate. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18, 2024 at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Burial will follow in Elmira Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Phil Wilkinson Agricultural Scholarship Fund or the family needs fund at the Congenital Heart Center at the Children's Hospital of Illinois in honor of his granddaughter, Kathryn, who received a successful heart transplant at Lurie Children's Hospital in 2017.

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

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**The Henry County Sheriff's Office**  
**is accepting applications**  
**for Correctional Deputy until August 30th, 2024 by 4:00 p.m.**

We accept lateral transfers that have Basic Correctional Officer certification. We can honor up to 10 years of prior service for those that meet the criteria.

The Henry County Sheriff's Office has excellent benefits include health, dental & life insurance for employee, paid holidays, paid vacation, starting salary \$48,360.00 with anniversary and contractual raises, and IMRF pension (Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund). Applications and additional information may be obtained from the Henry County Sheriff's Office @ 311 W Center St Cambridge, IL or by calling 309-937-3902, or download an application from: [henrycty.com](http://henrycty.com) (Sheriff's Office, then to Employment) Henry County is an E.O.E. The written test information will be provided at a later time.

**DESCRIPTION & INFORMATION**  
**Correctional Deputy**

- Must have a Valid Drivers License
- Illinois Basic Correctional Officer certification is preferred, but not required
- Starting Salary \$48,360.00 (as of December 2024 +2.5% \$49,566.40)
- Uniforms furnished
- Benefits include health, dental & life insurance, paid holidays & vacation
- Must be available to go to schooling which is provided by Henry County
- Life & Health insurance provided for employee (family insurance available @ cost to employee)
- Assist the public (in person & over the phone)
- Report writing
- Transport / Supervise inmates
- Required to do other necessary departmental tasks
- Be at least 18 years of age and have a high school diploma
- Be able to present a positive and professional image on and off the job

**TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**MARSHALL, PUTNAM, STARK COUNTY**  
**PROBATION DISTRICT**

**Job Title: District Probation Officer**  
(Primary Duties in Putnam County)  
**Closing Date: August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

**Minimum Qualifications:** A bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university, preferably with major coursework in criminal justice, psychology, sociology, social work, or related social sciences.

**Duties:** To serve the court by monitoring and supervising a caseload of offenders, juveniles and adults; perform a variety of fieldwork such as conducting home visits and referring offenders to appropriate community agencies; work closely with the State's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department and jail, all City Police Departments, the Courts, community agencies and treatment programs; complete written reports and notices required by State statute and to file such reports with the Circuit Clerk as required by statute; appear in Court and testify as needed. Maintain thorough and accurate records of all case activities; collect urine/saliva samples for drug testing; perform duties as assigned per an on-call schedule to handle after-hour calls, and/or emergencies; and to perform other duties as directed, including those mandated by the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

**Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:** Requires the ability to communicate effectively both orally and in writing; requires knowledge of psychology, substance abuse, and other areas of mental and physical problems to identify human needs and make appropriate referrals; requires excellent organizational and time management skills; requires ability to work well with a wide array of people, including offenders and their families, victims of crime, co-workers, court personnel, and law enforcement as well as members of the community.  
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**Special Requirements:** Must be a U.S. Citizen; must be a resident of the State of Illinois within ninety (90) days of appointment; must be on the employment eligibility list maintained by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts must have a valid Illinois motor vehicle operator's license.

Interested persons must submit a cover letter and resume to the Chief Probation Officer  
122 N. Prairie St. Lacon, IL 61540 or email to [probation@marshallcountyillinois.gov](mailto:probation@marshallcountyillinois.gov) as well as submit a state application for Probation/Court Services Employment per the application instructions on the website:  
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