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Stark's new track open to the community

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Community members are welcome to use the new track at Stark County CUSD 100 – with certain requirements.

"We're proud of our new all-weather track and have had a lot of inquiries," Superintendent Brett Elliott said during the Aug. 19 School Board Meeting. "We have some community members using it.

"We ask the community to protect our

investment, wear proper shoes, please no bicycles, no pets or vehicles of any kind. We are going to have signs made" and posted.

Elliott said construction of the new gymnasium is on time and on budget. He also asked that parking on the street be discontinued at the Toulon campus and the school parking lots be utilized instead.

Elliott said eighth grade promotion will be held in the new gym on Thursday, May 15 at 6 p.m. and the high

school Class of 2025 graduation ceremony will be held in the new gym on Sunday, May 18 at 1 p.m.

In other business, the board approved maternity leave for Principal Megan McGann in the very near future. An interim principal will be hired to cover her leave. The board and school district look to hire a retired administrator who would be paid at a prorated daily amount.

The district will retain the Wyman *Continued on Page 2*



The community is welcome to use the new all-weather track at Stark County CUSD 100, but is asked to heed certain restrictions.

NEW FACULTY



Pictured are eight of the 11 new faculty members starting this year at Stark County CUSD 100. From left to right are Andrew Collins, Matthew Bowen, John Logan Carroll, Grace McClure, Alexa Beharelle, Kiersten Johnson, Erin McClanahan and Cole Hartley. Three new staff members are missing from the picture. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Stark Co. schools welcome new staff

By The Prairie News
Stark County CUSD 100
welcomed 11 new faculty
members when school reopened last week.

Here are short biographies of the new staff members.

Michael Jenkins, assistant principal – Jenkins and his wife, Cindy, have three children, Joshua, 32, DJ, 30, and Claire, 24. He has over 20

years of experience in education, served for the U.S. Air Force and earning his degree from the University of Phoenix.

Jenkins is a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and Miami Dolphins and enjoys spending time with family and friends.

John Logan Carroll - social studies teacher - Carroll has an associate of social sciences degree from Black Hawk College and a bachelor's degree of history and social science from Illinois State University. A Stark County High School graduate, Carroll is in his first year of teaching and will instruct in the junior and senior high schools.

He is the oldest child in his family. He enjoys golfing, *Continued on Page 4*

Galva school board OKs tentative deficit budget

By CAROL A. TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva School board approved the tentative district budget for 2024-2025 in the amount of \$8,114,053 in revenue and \$8,254,543 in expenditures.

Superintendent Joe Becker said that the budget in balanced except for a \$169,636 deficit in the education fund and a deficit of \$94,936 in the transportation fund, a result of the district buying a new bus. Becker said insurance costs have increased dramatically and noted that ESSER grants are no longer available.

The board set Sept. 23 at 6:55 p.m. for a budget hearing in the Galva Junior Senior High School library.

In other business, the board heard that the class of 2025 will graduate Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. and approved a volunteer bass fishing boat to be used for IHSA events by two Galva students.

It was reported that the weight room had been renovated by res-

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ident Mike Yepsen. The floor will be in by the end of the week and new LED lighting will be installed by the end of September. All of the equipment has been painted.

Yepsen was present and said he will be back at the September board meeting to discuss fundraisers for the project he has initially paid for. Board President Andrew Larson asked that before the next meeting Yepsen meet with the policy and finance committee, which is board members Jill Pankau and Kaleena Conrad, and the extracurricular committee, made up of Larson and Pankau.

Elementary Principal Adam Norway reported the windows are finally done in the elementary school and the chair lift is in use.

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GALVA SCHOOLS: Student attendance recognized

Continued from Page 1 He said Pre-K is full with 40 students and four on the waiting list.

Junior/Senior High School Principal Kurtis Smyth reported there was an assembly to recognize everyone who had perfect and good attendance last

He said Homecoming will be held the first week of October, with the parade Oct. 4 prior to the football

game vs. Peoria Heights.

Smyth said the gym roof was replaced and the gym was painted and new banners are being hung.

It was noted that homeschool students re-entering the district will be tested to determine placement.

The board toured the facilities at the close of the meeting.

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

- Josh Harris as 7th grade girls basketball coach.
- David Platt as 8th grade

boys basketball coach.

- Tim Foley as high school girls track coach.
- Tim Meier as high school girls assistant track coach.
- BJ Hulstrom as junior high assistant baseball coach andjunior high assistant football coach.
- Chance Jones as a junior high volunteer baseball coach.
- Brian Nance as a junior high assistant softball coach and volunteer high school softball coach.
- Brandy Funke as a jun-

ior high volunteer softball coach.

- · Brooke Jackson as high school assistant softball
- coach. • Mike Funke as a junior high volunteer football
- Kylee Conlin as a physical education and health teacher.
- · Darci Gustafson as assistant cook.
- Madelin DeJesus as head cook.
- · Barb Atkinson as cafeteria aide.

STARK: Insurance premium increase

Continued from Page 1 Group for insurance. Wyman worked with the Teachers' Association and recommended a 20% premium increase, which the board approved.

New high school boys basketball coach Kane Mastin presented a basketball clinic overview that he attended this summer in Italy. Mastin intends to introduce a new concept in coaching he called "Challenging Tradition."

The board approved Elliott to let fuel bids to companies for Fiscal Year 2025 and a winning bid will be approved next month. Also approved was a FY 2025 tentative budget. There will be a public hearing next month.

After executive session, the board approved Melissa Jackson as vocational director; Marianna DeBolt as junior high speech coach

and eSports advisor; John L. Carroll as sophomore class sponsor; Annabelle Young as kitchen staff; Michael Schott, Michael Wiley and Tim Giesenhagan as volunteer junior high baseball assistant coaches.; Cole Hartley as yearbook sponsor; Shannon Westphal as National Honor Society sponsor; Ronna Guelde as high school science teacher; and Matthew Bowen as high school English teacher.

A resignation was accepted from Bart Frey as high school science teacher and from all extracurricular positions, as was the retirement of Diana Gilles as an elementary teacher.

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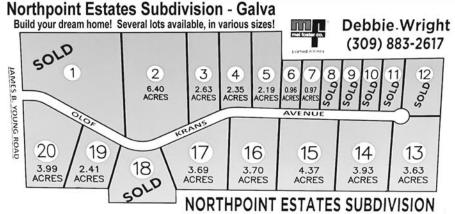
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Misdemeanors

& Felonies

7-6 - Criminal felony - Steven W. Lambert - Possession of a controlled substance (heroin).

7-7 - Criminal felony - Demetrious S. Arnold - Two charges of possession of a contolled substance (cocaine and MDMA or Ecstasy).

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

8-12 - A rural Wyoming resident reported a harassment and or threatening complaint to authorities.

8-13 - Renee M. Rose, 22, Bradford, cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to notify law enforcement of an accident and for leaving the scene of an accident. Rose was ticketed after a single-vehicle accident on County Road 650E. Rose was issued a court date and the vehicle was impounded.

8-14 - Gerald J. Stapel Jr., of Toulon, reported the theft of a bicycle in the 200 block of East St.

8-14 - Paulette G. Dalrymple, 45, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

8-14 -Dusty A. Tasker, 41, Paw Paw, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

8-14 - Jeremy M. Smith, 45, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

8-14 - Isaiah C. Franklin, 22, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.

8-14 - A traffic stop on Illinois Route 78 netted two arrests. Shamarjorea K. Washington, 21, Murphysboro, was cited for driving without a front registration plate and for operating an uninsured vehicle. She was issued a court date. Also arrested was passenger Shawnita N. Lewis, 38, Peoria, who was wanted on a Rock Island County

warrant for failure to appear for driving while her license was suspended. Unable to post \$100 cash bond, she was extradited to the Bureau County Jail.

8-14 - Syed S. Fatima, 32, Peoria, was ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

8-16 - Jose Hernandez, 54, Kewanee, cited for improper lane usage and driving without a valid driver's license. He was issued a court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

8-12 - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a complaint involving harassing text messages.

8-12 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an abandoned dog.

8-12 - to Wiley Park after a group of young children dumped a garbage can in the restrooms. A parent arrived and was confrontational. Officer ultimately cleaned up the mess.

8-12 - along with the fire department to a vehicle fire south of town.

8-13 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

8-14 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an abandoned-dog complaint. The dog was impounded. A written notice was posted on the door

8-14 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for an ambulance request. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

8-14 - Evon Zefo, 58, Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

8-14 - Brian Hoffman, 39, Galva, cited for expired registration in the 00 block of SE 6th Ave.

8-15 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a possible violation of an order of protection complaint.

8-15 - Damien Foster, 31, Aledo, cited for expired registration in the 00 block of SW 9th Ave.

8-16 - Officer was flagged down and given a wallet that was found.

Officer located the owner.

8-16 - to the 00 block of SW 8th Ave. for a 911 hang-up complaint. Officer spoke to a group of juveniles, who denied making any calls.

8-16 - to the 500 block of W. Division St. for a trespassing complaint.

8-16 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for an ambulance request. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

8-16 - to the 100 block of Market St. for a shoplifting complaint. A Galva juvenile was located and items were returned. No charges were filed.

8-17 - to the 200 block of SW 4th St. for a trespassing/trash dumping complaint.

8-17 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a disorderly conduct complaint involving a subject screaming obscenities. The subject agreed to go inside the house and to be quiet.

8-18 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a disturbance involving a firearm being displayed. The firearm was a small, plastic green toy gun.

8-18 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a possible violation of an order of protection.

Property Transfers

8-16 - Caitlyn B. and Clayton C. Ryan to Caitlyn B. and Clayton C. Ryan - Und 1/2 Int. Pt Sect. 31-13-6 SE - 5373 Township Road 100 E, LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.

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8-16 - Rhett Michael Holt and Tesmri Ayn Webb, both of Toulon.

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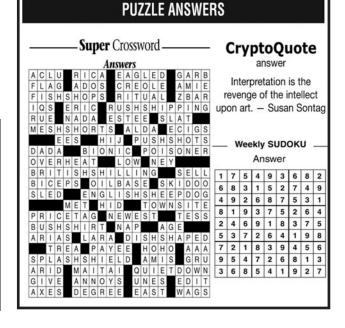
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NEW STAFF: Several SC alumni returning

Continued from Page 1 spending time with friends, making people laugh and petting dogs.

Matthew Bowen-Irving, English language arts teacher - Bowen-Irving has a bachelor's degree in middle level education from Northern Illinois University and is a Stark County alumnus. He will be teaching in the high school. He and his wife, Kaitlynn, have four pets - Luke, Maisie, Arya and Benjamin. He enjoys gaming, reading and writing.

Kiersten Johnson, math teacher -Johnson is from the Cambridge area and has a bachelor's degree in elementary education with a focus in mathematics from Iowa State University. She will instruct eighth graders in her first year of teaching. Johnson is the oldest child in her family and has four siblings, three sisters and one brother. Some of her hobbies include going on walks, golfing, cooking and baking.

Alexa Beharelle, social studies **teacher** – Beharelle is from Dunlap and has a bachelor' degree in social studies education from Bradley University. She will be in the junior high for her first year as a teacher. She is engaged to be married in December. She enjoys reading, history, theater, painting, watching hockey and going to Disney.

Cole Hartley, teacher and coach -Hartley has one daughter and has a bachelor's degree in sports and healthcare administration from Robert Morris University. He is working toward his master's degree in educa-



Bradford CUSD 1 welcomed two new staff members this year: Morgan Coleman (left) is a paraprofessional and a junior high coach and Maddie Wilson (right) is a fourth-grade teacher. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

tion from Grand Canyon University. He will teach a junior-high elective and will also monitor high school Apex Spanish, will coach junior high and high school baseball and will serve as the high school yearbook sponsor. He enjoys baseball, fantasy football and drawing andgraphic de-

Sophia Elswick, band and choir in**structor** – Elswick returns for a full year as the grade 6-12 band and choir instructor. She has a bachelor's degree in music and educational studies from Knox College. Elswick enjoys playing piano and percussion instruments, crocheting and playing the video games Minecraft and Stardew Valley.

Andrew Collins, science teacher -Collins returns after joining the Stark County team last December. He will teach science to sixth and seventh

graders. He has a bachelor of arts degree in biology and secondary education from Augustana University in Sioux Falls, S.D. He enjoys sports and plays basketball, football and soccer while also spending time paddle boarding, kayaking and hiking.

Ronna Guelde, science teacher -Guelde has a bachelor of arts degree in education studies from Western Governors University and and associate's degrees of science in human biology from Central Texas College. She will instruct high schoolers in her first year as a teacher.

Erin McClanahan, music teacher -Originally from Kent, Ohio, McClanahan graduated from Kent State University. She will teach at Stark County Elementary and is in her 11th year as an instructor. She is married to Eric, who is a doctorate level polymer scientist at Natural Fiber Welding in Peoria. They have two daughters, Avery, 4, and Morgan, who will be 1 at the end of August. They relocated to the area from Athens, Ga., last November. Erin has also taught in Ohio, Florida, South Carolina and Georgia.

Grace McClure, third-grade teacher - McClure was born and raised in Lexington and was married on July 13. Her husband is a City of Peoria police officer. They are proud owners of two blue heeler puppies. McClure graduated from Illinois State University in May with a bachelor's degree in elementary education. She will be teaching her dream choice of third grade.



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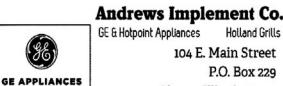
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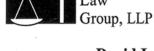
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By Capitol News Illinois

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An "interchange fee" is a standard charge applied over 150 billion times annually across the U.S. when a credit or debit card

is swiped. While it usually applies to a full purchase price, the Illinois law would exempt the portion that goes to tips and state and local taxes.

No other state has enacted such a limitation on interchange fees.

The Illinois Bankers Association, American Bankers Association, America's Credit Unions and the Illinois Credit

Union League have filed a joint lawsuit after weeks of public advocacy against the change.

The change is not slated to take effect until July 1, 2025. Plaintiffs argue it would "upend the intricate and carefully calibrated global systems for debit and credit card purchases."

The lawsuit asks courts to prevent the law from taking effect on July 1.

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fee grinder; Dazey butter churn; kerosene lamps; costume jewelry (lg amt);

hundreds of ornaments (old & new); HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: typical kitchen

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2024 @ 10 A.M. TOOLS & GARAGE ITEMS: John Deere GX335, 20 hp, gas lawn mower, 48" cut, 1051 hrs, ps, runs and looks good; Stihl SH56C lawn blower; Precision lawn sweeper; Craftsman cordless 3/8 drill & circ. Saw 18V w/

charger; B&D 12v drill; B&D elec. circ. Saw; air nail guns; Craftsman shop vac; Schumacher battery charger; 5" bench vise; lots of air hose and

drop cords; bench grinder; alum. Square; drill bits; tape measures; drivers;

hammers; portable air tank; clamps; hardware; aerosol paints & cleaners; 6' alum stepladder; hand tools; brooms; rakes; wheel barrow; handi- man

jack; metal shelves; treadmill; LAWN ITEMS AND YARD ART: Ideal

well pump; JD mailbox on steel wheels; 3 wrought iron tables and chairs;

umbrella; 2 - implement seats on stands; swing on stand w/canopy; park

benches; wood benches; cast iron kettle; wood and steel wheels; glazed flower pots; bird baths; 2 - bottle trees and blue bottles; rotary hoe sunflow-

ood angels on stakes; concrete goose and clothes; wash tub; Re

jacket cistem pump and sink in homemade cabinet; small dinner bell; small

windmill: gas grill: misc, holiday vard art; apple baskets; homemade wood

This is a 2 day live auction only with no buyer premiums.

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benches, chair plant stands; 50+ wood bird houses and feeders;

quilts - old & new; linens; cookbooks; numerous JD toy implements & collectibles; binoculars; Holiday decorations; multiple Christmas trees and

and household items too numerous to mention.

GWTW, satin w/pink ruffle; 38" Pillar lamp 38" embossed rose, satin yellow

top buffets; dining table w/2 leaves; 8 ladder-back chairs w/rush seat; end tables; desk w/bookcase top; bedroom suites including king and gueen

spool cabinet; 3 – Cast treadle sewing machine bases w/register grate

w/hankie drawers; 3 drawer dresser w/mirror; Afgan multi drawered cabinet

ANTIQUE & VINTAGE FURNITURE AND COLLECT-

pine cabinet base; Oak 40" round pedestal table; Sideboard w/mirror;

VIRTUAL ONLINE KNOX & HENRY COUNTY, IL LAND AUCTION

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2024 AT 10:00 AMCT





Tract 1: From Woodhull, go east on State Route 17 approx. 4 miles to E 980th St., then south approx. 1 mile to the farm. Tract 1 is further described as being located in the NE ¼ of Section 3, T13N - R2E, Ontario Township, Knox County, IL Tracts 2 & 3: From Woodhull, go east on State Route 17 approx. 5 miles to E 1080th St., then north approx. ½ mile to the farm. Tract 2 is further described as being located in Section 26 & Tract 2 is further described as being located in Section 25, both in T14N - R2E, Clover Township, Henry County, IL. Woodhull is located approx. 20 miles north of Galesburg, IL or approx. 30 miles south of Moline, IL

All 3 tracts represent Prime, Class A tillable farmland

LITTON LAND TRUST **LUANN DEMICK - TRUSTEE**

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VIRTUAL ONLINE **HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

LAND AUCTION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, 2024 AT 1:00 PMCT





The Bjorling farm is located approx. 5 miles west of Galva, II

along Highway 34 and is further described as being located in

Section 34, T14N - R3W, Weller Township, Henry County, IL.

The farm represents productive tillable farmland with Class A soil.

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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),

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

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

Auctioneers: JEREMY REDIGER, JON MOON, BRIK REDIGER REDIGER AUCTION, WYANET, IL 815-699-7999 estate and is offered for sale without

any representation as to quality or

to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition.

quantity of title and without recourse

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 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

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 & Description of the 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 & Dry Reis Co., L.P.A. Weltman, Weinberg & Design 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

Chuck & Rita Hodel Farm Retirement Auction

September 7, 2024 @ 9 a.m.
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'81 JD 4440;'83 JD 8650; '81 Steiner 4wd Hydro; '00 Suzuki 500 4-Wheeler; Bush Hog 2615 Legend Batwing Mower 15'; JD 7000 12 RN Planter w/ Filbrun Hyd Fold; JD 750 NT Drill; Tools; 50 Years of Collection

Neighbors Will Also be Selling Steven & Michael Pfister '10 JD 8320R; JD 4040 w/ 158 Ldr.; JD 6700 Highboy Sprayer; '01 Kenworth T-600; '02 Freightliner FL 80; '00 Freightliner FL 80; Ed Oltman JD 4620

Call the owners for more information on the equipment Chuck Hodel 309-212-2174; Steven Pfister 309-231-8996 Michael Pfister 309-645-0148; Ed Oltman 309-251-2511 Auctioneer Note: There are 8 racks of tools, parts, antiques, & misc. items. All items must be removed by

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KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS LAND AUCT

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2024 AT 1:00 PMCT





The Strand farm is located in eastern Knox County, IL on the southside of Hwy 17 (on the Knox/Stark County Line) in Section 24, of Lynn Township. From La Fayette, IL go west on Hwy 17 approximately 1/2 mile. (Generally located approximately 12 miles south of Kewanee, IL or approximately 7 miles southeast of Galva, IL)

> Both tracts offer productive tillable cropland and are ideally located on State Hwy 17!

PHYLLIS M. STRAND ESTATE

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2024, and/or copies were transmitted to the email address(es) specified below, via Odyssey eFileIL 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 Published 8/16, 8/23, 8/30/24

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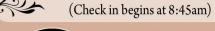
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BRIEFS

Stark Co. group to visit one-room schoolhouse

TOULON – The Stark County Genealogical Society will visit Bunker Hill School near Buda for its Saturday, Aug. 24 program, at 1:30 p.m.

Sharon Wilson will welcome the group to Bunker Hill School on her farm, which has been in her family for six generations. Bunker Hill School was one of nine one-room schools in Macon Township in Bureau County.

Surviving from this school are all the teachers' grade books plus family heirlooms that Wilson shares with former students' families and those who enjoy history.

Bunker Hill School is located at 9291 Illinois Route 40 near Buda. Take Route 40 north to County Road 925N, turn left and go 200 feet. Park along the blacktop and enter through a gate by the mailbox.

Bradford legion auxiliary seeking donations

BRADFORD – The Bradford American Legion Auxiliary is seeking donations for Goodwill's Stand



The Galva Fire Department had a very successful hog roast last Saturday night. Pictured are two raffle winners, Michelle Mersman, left, won a wood flag made by Cody Wood. Kelly Torbert and her son Skylar won a speaker. Other winners were Ron Grymonprez (Yeti cooler), Nancy Blair (cutting board made by Rod White), Shawn Kendall (grill), David Dyer (oil changes at Tarleton's Service Station) and Shelly Wood (50-50 drawing of \$212). Photo by Carol Townsend.

Down for homeless and at-risk veterans. The project provides food, hygiene products, winter clothing and haircuts to veterans in need. Participants also receive information and support on topics such as benefits, mental health, maintaining sobriety and legal and medical issues.

Items needed include large and extra-large clothing items such as zip-up sweatshirts or hoodies, gloves, socks, stocking caps and long underwear. Other needed items include hand and foot warmers, glasses, cleaning supplies, food gift cards, thank-you cards, sleep mats, blankets, combs, nail clippers, shaving creme, first-aid kits and dental

floss.

Those wishing to donate may bring items to the Pelz Agency, 142 W. Main St., Bradford, by Sept. 17.

- Angie Stange

Et cetera

- TOULON Matthew R. Shipp, who is charged with ten counts of dissemination of child pornography, had a court date scheduled for Stark County Court on Aug. 20 continued to Oct. 1.
- State Representative Travis Weaver (R-Edwards) has a 100 percent voting record from the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) for the 2023-24 legislative session periods.









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Postmaster a no-show for meeting

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING - A chance to meet and ask questions of the new Wyoming postmaster never materialized during a City Council meeting on Aug. 20.

Postmaster Christian Ogbebor was listed on the pre-meeting agenda "to introduce himself to the council and inform them and the public what he is doing to address the problems with mail delivery."

But Ogbebor did not show up at the meeting.

City Clerk Diane Baker said after the meeting, "He was told by someone higher up (in the postal system) that he was not to attend the meeting. He wants people to contact him or come in and discuss the problems. Or call the complaint phone number."

Reached by phone, Ogbebor seemed to dispute Baker's comment, but then said he had no comment. A U.S. Postal Service media spokesperson did not reply in time for The Prairie News deadline.

The phone number given out during the meeting is 1 (800) 275-8777.

discussion occurred regarding the city's Open Space Lands Acquisition and Development grant application. OSLAD is a state-funded program to help local government agencies acquire and develop land for public parks and open spaces.

Wyoming intends to apply for a \$600,000 grant by Aug. 30. A majority of Tuesday's meeting was devoted to determining how to spend grant money at Thomas Park.

Various items were suggested for the park from electrical upgrades to new centrally located restroom facilities.

The city council has to select and submit on the grant application what items they intend to pursue. A state grant review board will then approve items or reject them. The city can reapply next year for another \$600,000 grant.

In other action, the council approved a finance committee proposal to increase the mileage rate for gas reimbursement from 58 to 67 cents per mile, effective immediately.



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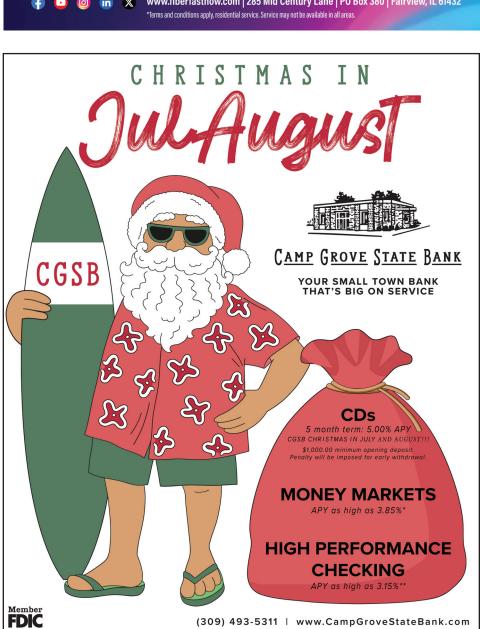


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Answers on Page 3 CALLING FOR SILENCE **Super** Crossword 88 Harper of "Far North" 46 They're like 122 Tomahawks 36 Word after ACROSS 75 Torrid 1 Human lay-ups, but farther from 123 Level big, cold or soft 76 Untidy 89 Top worn on a safari 91 Snooze 92 Epoch rights org. **5** Costa — 124 Indiana-tothe basket 48 Father, to a 37 Albeit, in brief 39 For — (very Ohio direction 77 Afr. country 9 Scored two under par 125 Witty types 80 Keglers' org tiny tot 51 Like some cheaply) 81 Karel Capel 41 Former rival 15 Apparel 19 Stars and DOWN 94 Opera solos95 Tomb-raiding sci-fi play 82 Question artificial 1 Validate of AT&T Stripes, e.g. 20 Big whoops 21 Louisiana cuisine style 22 French body parts 54 A snake injecting 42 Former Russ starter in old 97 Resembling a state Memorex ads plate 103 Turner of the 45 First lady after Melania 4 "Yuck!" 5 Pep rally 83 Total shams 84 Plotting in math class 86 Walked in venom, e.g. 55 Become too Washington Trump 47 Move hastily girlfriend 23 Places to Nationals 6 Excited response to "Who wants dessert?" Police ride 48 Lou formerly 58 Like a 105 Check buy salmor fillets and bass voice 60 Napoleonic of CNN 87 Dermis or 49 Pop rocker Pen lead-in 90 Turncoat such 25 Everyday marshal snack cake 108 Flat-fixing Lavigne 50 Rid of frost Michel 8 Horse cousin 92 Most pasty 61 Coin that 51 Crank's cry org. 109 Guard to 9 Beige shades 93 Phantom 52 "Challenge accepted!" 53 Rum mixers 26 Metal heam 96 "Yes, cap'n!" 98 Reporter on "Parks and 12 pence 65 Purvey 69 Often-flexed 10 Sony record label 11 Be assisted with two flanges 27 Brainpower keep something 56 Clued in dry 112 Novelist Recreation 57 Lion chaser? arm muscles 12 Bungled 59 Hope (for) 62 Opposite of 58-Across 99 Buds from 28 Actor Bana 13 "In the Valley 70 Paint coat Kingsley or Martin applied to 29 Overnight of —" (2007 drama film) delivery, say 113 "Despicable Me" villain 114 Very dry 14 Slaw sources 15 Cold Spanish 63 temple 101 Winged bug with pincers snowmobiles deeply 32 Nothin' at all (1986 Run-D.M.C. hit) 73 Snow glider 115 Tiki bar drink soup 16 Eager desire 17 "Knives Out" director Johnson 33 Lauder of 74 Informal 116 What nine 64 Avian abodes perfumery 34 Shutter strip 35 Breathable gym bottoms 38 Actor Alan answers in this puzzle suggest that you do twice? 65 Savors Earl Grey, say 66 Funny Murphy name for a 104 Sportscaste herding breed 76 Congregated 78 Concealed Rashad 106 "Für — (piano piece) 109 Chronicle 18 Arctic hazard 67 Sacks in war 24 Gut feeling 79 City develop-40 Vaping devices 43 Some tech. inst. grads 44 Trio after G 68 Balcony sections 71 Use stitches 72 Mattel man 74 Online biz ment area 119 Peeves 29 Pine product 110 Grand – 80 Dangler on a garment in a store 85 Most modern 80 Les — (French "some" 121 Emend (annual race) Ferguson (landmark (French for 111 Clearheaded 116 "— pasa?" 117 Dawn drops court case) 16 17 18 10 11 12 13 | 14 19 69 123 125

Main Street Tap donating to Bradford

By ANGIE STANGE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD - Main Street Tap celebrated its five-year anniversary in March and has made a strong effort in that time to assist the local community with various events and charitable donations.

Soon after opening, bar owners started saving aluminum cans to help assist fundraisers. Now several local bars from Galva, Toulon and Buda donate cans to this cause and several individuals donate

Main Street Tap started golf outings in 2019 and used the money raised to help support the Henry County Humane Society, the Bradford Food Pantry, the Bradford Fire Department and the Bradford

The bar also started having fish fries and hog roasts to raise more money to donate to other causes such as the Bradford wwimming pool, the Bradford CUSD 1 reading program and to the Children's

Hospital of Illinois.

A Queen of Hearts fundraiser was initiated on Tuesday evenings to help the Bradford American Legion Post 445 with drawings. A percentage of the winnings go to the legion post.

For Main Street Cruise Outs, bar owners teamed up with Rick Barto to hold events every other Wednesday at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the 50-50 drawings are donated to various causes such as the Stark County Police Academy Make A Wish Foundation and this year to the mechanics program at Bureau Valley High School.

On June 29, the bar held its third vendor show, with the proceeds going to the Bradford Betas' Christmas Tree Tags, which provide gifts for needy children in the Bradford community.

To date, Main Street Tap has donated more than \$20,000 to groups, much of which has gone back to the Bradford community.





DID YOU REMEMBER

TO PUT THE TOILET

SEAT DOWN?

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The Spats





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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS **SEE PAGE 10**

CryptoQuote

is **Longfellow**

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

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Answers

1. Athens, Greece. 2. Dungeons & Dragons

minutes underwater?

3. Sidney Poitier, "Lilies of the Field."

1. GEOGRAPHY: Where is the Par-

2. TELEVISION: What game are the

4. LITERATURE: What is floo powder used for in the "Harry Potter" book

5. U.S. CITIES: Which U.S. city's

company's slogan is "Move the way

7. ART: Which artist painted a work

9. HISTORY: Who became U.S. pres-

ident after Abraham Lincoln was as-

10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal can hold its breath for up to five

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thenon located?

Award for Best Actor?

nickname is Beantown? 6. AD SLOGANS: Which ride-share

titled "The Potato Eaters"? 8. MUSIC: Who wrote the song "God

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- 4. Rapid transportation.
- 5. Boston.
- 6. Uber. 7. Vincent van Gogh.
- 8. Irving Berlin.
- 9. Andrew Johnson.

10. Hippopotamus.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Deadpool & Wolverine (R)
- 2. It Ends with Us (PG-13) 3. Twisters (PG-13)
- 4. Borderlands (PG-13)
- 5. Despicable Me 4 (PG)
- 6. Trap (PG-13)
- 7. Inside Out 2 (PG)
- 8. Harold and the Purple Crayon (PG) 9. Cuckoo (R)
- 10. Longlegs (R)
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(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 Published 8/16-24, 8/23, 8-30-24

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF WALTER E. BAUER,

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 efiling 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 efiling, visithttp://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

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,

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

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 SÉVEN (7) IN THÉ 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 & Description of the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: 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/ <u>Greg Czaicki Weltman</u>, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co.,

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

WWR#: 23-001152 This is a debt collector attempting to collect this debt for our client and

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 eFileIL 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 8061-945693 Published 8/16, 8/23, 8/30/24

ORDINANCE NO. 02-24 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY

GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

DISTRICT, HENRY AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

Whereas, the Board of Library Trustees of the Galva Public Library District has prepared or caused to be prepared in tentative form the Annual **Budget and Appropriation Ordinance** for said Library District, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025 and the Secretary of the said Library District has made the tentative budget and appropriations ordinance conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to the final action thereon; and

Whereas, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on August 13, 2024, notice of which was given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within said Library District, and all other legal requirements have been complied

NÓW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY COUNTY AND KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS: Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as FOR CÓRPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5] 1. LIBRARY FUND \$220.000.00 (a) Library Salaries

(b) OPERATING EXPENSES: Programs (per Capita, general \$15,000.00 summer) Health Insurance \$44,000.00 contributions Bookkeeping \$3,500.00 Legal \$3,000.00 \$3,200.00

Dues and Travel Postage/Publication Expenses/Printing \$ 400.00 Purchase of Books \$30,000.00 Audio-Visual \$5,000.00 Periodicals/Newspapers/ \$3,800.00 subscriptions

(inc. water and refuse) \$10,000.00

Marketing and

Public Relations \$1,500.00 Computer expenses (hardware/software) \$3,500.00 Telephone \$1,500.00 Library Supplies \$6,000.00 Legal and **Audit Services** \$5,000.00 \$4,000.00 Repairs Furniture and fixtures \$5,000.00 Automation \$29,000.00 /technology systems Miscellaneous \$10,000.00 Contingencies \$15,000.00 TOTAL \$418,400,00

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-I. Social Security

\$15,600,00 & Medicare TOTAL \$15,600.00 FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]: I. Municipal retirement fund \$26,000.00

\$26,000.00 FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 and 50 ILCS 310/9]: I. Contractual Services-\$4,500.00 Audit TOTAL \$4,500.00 FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE,

[745 ILCS 10/9-107]: Insurance (including public liability; property damage (fire); workers' compensation;

ompensation, unemployment comp.; & Pastirer's bond) \$10,000.00 treasurer's bond) 2. Legal Fees \$1,500.00 3. Risk Management/Loss Control \$30,000.00 program 4. Contingency \$5,000.00 \$46,500.00 TOTAL

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]: Building Maintenance Costs:

a. general maintenance \$12,900.00 \$13,000.00 b. custodian c. building repairs \$10,000.00 Contingency \$1,500.00 TOTAL \$37,400.00 FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-50]:

Building Fund \$10,000.00 2. Contingency \$500.00 OTAL \$10,500.00 Section 2: Appropriated for the TOTAL

foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year: Projected cash on hand \$750.00

Special Reserve Fund \$10,500.00 Miscellaneous gifts and donations \$10,000.00 Income of interest

Special purpose grants \$9,500.00 Personal Property Replacement Funds \$7,500.00 Photocopy, cards, fax, and \$8,500.00 miscellaneous Tax for General Corporate Library purposes \$398,300.00

purposes Tax for III. Municipal Retirement purposes Tax for Audit purposes \$4,500.00 Tax for Liability and \$46,000.00 Insurance

Tax for Social Security \$15,600.00 purposes . Tax for Maintenance \$20,000.00 purposes Expected cash on hand June 30, 2025

Section 3: \$414.400.00 Library Fund Social Security Fund \$15,600.00 Illinois Municipal Retirement \$26,000.00 Audit \$4,500.00

Insurance Fund Building and \$46,500.00 Maintenance \$37,400.00 Special Reserve Fund \$10,500.00 \$554,900.00

Section 4: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant

to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled

Section 5: The Secretary of the Galva Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Galva Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 13th day of August, AYES 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT By:Linda VanDeVelde ts President

ATTEST: Barb J. Caravello Secretary STATE OF ILLINOIS

SS. COUNTY OF HENRY CERTIFICATE I, Barbara J. Caravello, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed,

qualified and now acting Secretary of the Galva Public Library District in the Counties of Henry and Knox and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. 02-24 for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 13th day of August, 2024; that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Galva Public Library District, at Galva, Illinois, this 13th day of August, 2024. Barbara J. Caravello, Secretary, Galva Public Library District

Published 8/23/24 NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by TLS Investment Properties LLC, 2330 Knox Road 1675N, Williamsfield, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a change in zon-ing from (R-1) Residential to (C-1) Commercial for property located at 3049 State Route 78, Toulon, Illinois described as Village of West Jersey, Lot 12 & N1/2 Lot 13 Part Lot 8 and all Lot 9. The request for the rezoning from

Residential to Commercial is for the construction of a 32 x 50' building for the operation of a Drive Thru Coffee business and storage facility.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., September 9, 2024, at which time and place all interested persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson STARK COUNTY ZONING OFFICER Published 8/23/24

Request for Fuel Bids: The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education is seeking bids for the following petroleum pro-

Unleaded gasoline (w/10% ethanol, 87 octane) beginning December 1, 2024, and extending through November 30, 2025.

Diesel (#2 ULS clear w/5% bio) beginning December 1, 2024, and extending through November 30,

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Superintendent's Office, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois 61491. Outside of envelope should be marked "FUEL BID". Deadline for submitting bids: 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Interested bidders may contact Superintendent Brett Elliott at 309-695-6123 or belliott@stark100.com for more information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Stark County CUSD #100 is an equal opportunity employer. Published 8/23/24

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

On Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Of Bradford Public Library District

Notice is hereby given to the Public that on September 16, 2024 at the hour of 5:45 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 111 S. Peoria St., Bradford, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Bradford Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and appropriation ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Bradford Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Hollie Scott Secretary, Board of Trustees Date: August 19, 2024 **Bradford Public Library** 111 S. Peoria Street Bradford, IL 61421 Legal Notice Published 8/23/24

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stark County C.U.S.D. #100 Board of Education directed its superintendent to prepare a budget for the 2024-2025 school year. This action was taken at a special meeting on June 24, 2024. This budget will be on display beginning Tuesday, August 20, 2024 in the Office of the Superintendent, 300 W. Van Buren. Wyoming, Illinois.

The Public Hearing on this Budget will be held Monday, September 23, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stark County Elementary Cafeteria, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

Emily Leezer, Secretary Board of Education Stark County CUSD #100 Published 8/23/24

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CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon Methodist Church

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

LaFayette Methodist Church

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

West Jersey United Methodist Church

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

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Wyoming Nazarene Church

N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491 309-695-4523 leave message Sunday School: 10:00, All ages Sunday Worship: 11:00 Wednesday Night TBD Check us out on Facebook: Wyoming Naz

First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491 (309) 695-4091
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
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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

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

Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL Casual, family friendly Rev. Katie Gallagher Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall) Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School 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 Wyanet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421

Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.
Rev Dan Wright
309-897-8113 309-507-1626
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OBITUARIES

Cassie L. Boorn

DUNLAP - Cassie Lynn Boorn, 37, of Dunlap, Ill., formerly of Galva, passed away on Aug. 16, 2024, at OSF St.

Francis Medical Center in Peoria from injuries sustained in a fatal car accident.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Aug. 21 at St. John's Catholic



Boorn

Church in Galva. A rosary was recited Aug. 20 followed by a wake service and then a visitation vigil at the church. Burial is in St. John's Catholic Cemetery in rural Galva followed by a luncheon in the church hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to an educational fund for Aiden Boorn through the State Bank of Toulon.

She was born on July 15, 1987, in Ulm, Germany, to Leigh Anne (Holevoet) Boorn and Kenneth Paul (Beth) Boorn.

Cassie lived her life with a vibrancy and fearlessness. She lived boldly, laughed loudly and always carved her own path.

Cassie graduated from Galva High School in 2005 and received a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Saint Ambrose University in 2010.

Cassie's greatest joy was her son, Aiden Joseph Boorn, of Dunlap, together with Brad (Jessi) Peck. Cassie poured all her love and energy into motherhood with the same enthusiasm that defined her life.

Cassie also found family in her

special friend, Adrienne, and her son, Quinton Veasley, whom she treated as her own. Her boys were the light of her world, and she loved them fiercely.

A loyal and constant companion of Cassie's was her mixed Labrador retriever-pit bull named Harlem Nights.

Cassie was as sharp as she was spirited. Her passion for social media and marketing led her to create a mom's blog, sharing her journey of motherhood – a venture that quickly blossomed into a thriving career. She became a trailblazer and developed innovative social media strategies for well-known brands like Samuel Adams, Pond's Cold Cream and Bounce.

After college, Cassie worked for Disney Magazine before embarking on a decade-long freelance socialmedia marketing career. Her unique blend of humor and insight made her a standout in the industry. Most recently, she became the first Marketing Director at Getz Fire Equipment in Peoria, where her creativity and tenacity shone brightly.

Cassie was a dynamic presence, full of life, bringing immeasurable joy to the world whether through her work, her travels, or the love she shared with others. May her adventurous spirit find eternal rest in the arms of the Lord, where her laughter echoes in heaven and her light continues to shine brightly.

Cassie is survived by her son Aiden; mother Leigh; father Kenneth; maternal grandparents Deacon John and Cheryl Holevoet; and paternal grandmother Joyce Boorn. Cassie was preceded in death by her paternal grandfather Paul Boorn.

Vivian A. Bergthold

DOWNS - Vivian Arlene Knowles Bergthold, 93, of Downs, Ill.,

formerly of Wyoming, Ill. (80 years) passed away peacefully with family on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2024. She passed in the home of her daughter and sonin-law, Marlene and Tom Wells.



Bergthold

Vivian was born in Wyoming on May 13, 1931, daughter to Devaine E. Knowles and Wilma Wirth Knowles. She was their first child and was followed by four sisters and one brother: Mary Lou Knowles, Wanda Lee Knowles, Delores Ann Knowles (Jose) Coronado, Willadean Knowles (Donald) McGraw and Charles (Sally) Knowles.

She attended North Side School in Wyoming and Wyoming High School.

She married Harold Eugene Bergthold on June 5, 1949. They were blessed with four children, Pamela Arlene Bergthold Cunningham, Harold Eugene Bergthold Jr., Christopher Rodney (Kim) Bergthold and Marlene DeeAnn Bergthold (Tom) Wells. Vivian has eight grandchildren, Stanley Dean Cunningham Jr., Amy Cunningham (Shawn) Marksity, Robert (Sara) Bergthold, Aaron (Krista) Bergthold, Paul (Jessica) Wells, Thomas Coleman (Paige) Wells, Allison Wells (Kyle) Lenihan and Emerson Wells.

She has 13 great-grandchildren, Michael Marksity, Timothy Marksity, Levi Bergthold, Hayden Bergthold, Benji Bergthold, Micah Bergthold, Thomas Wells, Emma Wells, Pene-









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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 reguired. Would be needed from 2nd week of September to the end of October. Call/Text Nick @309-712-

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GARAGE SALES

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

lope Wells, Caroline Wells, Quinn Wells, Liam Lenihan and Vivian Lenihan. Vivian loved and was close with her many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Devaine and Wilma Knowles; her husband, Harold Bergthold; her son, Harold Bergthold Jr.; her sisters, Wanda Lee Knowles and Mary Lou Knowles; and her brother, Charles Knowles.

Vivian was devoted to her family and friends and loved feeding everyone who visited her home. She was happiest when all her family was around and loved attending family reunions. She was always taking care of everyone and was a vital member of her community. She cooked for the local school and was an active

member of the United Methodist Church in Wyoming. She participated in the church as a board member, Sunday school teacher, member of the United Methodist Women's group, and bible study member.

Vivian was an avid bowler for many years and loved to crochet, knit and sew. She made many baby blankets and swaddles for family and friends over the years. She loved discovering genealogy and was a member of the Genealogy Club.

Vivian studied at Black Hawk College and was a bookkeeper for Simpson & Paulson Lumber Company. She also worked as a customer service manager at Jackson Sales and Service Implement Dealership. Viv-

ian participated in the American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

She worked hard both outside the home and as a homemaker. Harold and Vivian had a large garden, and she spent a lot of time gardening and canning. She was always happiest around children and loved taking care of all the babies. Vivian was beloved by family and friends and her loving presence will be missed by many.

A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. Sept. 14, 2024, at Wyoming United Methodist Church. The family requests that all memorials be made to Wyoming Methodist Church in Wyoming.

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PID NOTICE

The Village of LaFayette is currently seeking bids for a new furnace and AC for the Village Hall. For further information contact Chris Smith at 309-509-2522 or Dean Rosebecke at 309-238-3600. Proof of insurance is required.

Bids must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 9, 2024.

Land prices climb; rental rates set record

By TAMMIE SLOUP

FarmWeek

Farmland values continue to rise but show signs of cooling off compared to increases in recent years.

The farm real estate value, a measurement of the value of all land and buildings on farms, averaged \$4,170 per acre for 2024, up \$200 (5%) per acre from 2023, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's (NASS) annual land values summary. This follows a 6.7%, or \$250, increase between 2022 and 2023 and marks the fourth consecutive increase in agricultural land values.

Cropland value averaged a record \$5,570 per acre, an increase of \$250 per acre (4.7%) from the previous year, and pastureland is up 5.2% to \$1,830 an acre over last year.

NASS also released its cash rents survey results, showing values for cropland were up 3.2% to a record \$160 per acre.

"While record rental rates are an increased production expense for renters, on the flip side, when land values stagnate or decrease, so do collateral values, limiting farmers' ability to secure loans and access the increased capital needed to acquire higher-cost inputs," American Farm Bureau Federation Economist Daniel Munch said in a recent Market Intel.

Agricultural land values vary significantly throughout the country, with the highest real estate values concentrated in areas producing high-value crops, such as wine grapes and tree nuts in California.

Areas near urban centers with limited developable land, particularly in Northeast states, experience upward pressure on real estate values from competing uses. Much of the Midwest had higher total comparative agricultural land values, followed by the South and Pacific Northwest, with the Plains and Mountain states experiencing the lowest values.

In Illinois, the farm real estate value averaged \$8,700 per acre – a 3% increase from 2023, while the cropland value came in at \$9,550, which is a \$3.2% bump.

The cash rental rate in Illinois averaged \$269 for the first half of 2024, which is the fifth highest in the country behind Ari-

zona, California, Hawaii and Iowa. "As pressures on open

land intensify across the nation for residential and energy development, leasing cropland becomes less profitable," Munch said. "These trends have been strengthened by some employees' ability to work at home or away from a central urban office location, which provides people flexibility to work from rural communities and buy properties that compete with agricultural land use. Previously heightened commodity prices that led to larger increases in cash rents have cooled, paralleling the slowing in ag land values more broadly."

In periods of low crop prices, high rental values pose significant challenges to farmers' balance sheets, with this year's income expectations appearing even

more dire than originally expected, Munch said, adding record rental rates are a significant problem for those reliant on renting land and new or beginning farmers.

USDA's Economic Research Service will release updated forecasts for 2024 net farm income Sept. 5, which will likely show lower returns for most crops in 2024 than were previously projected.

"The current economic environment highlights the farmers' call for updates to their safety net in the farm bill to support the continued stability and productivity of the agricultural sector," Munch said.

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PID NOTICE

The Village of LaFayette is currently seeking bids to replace the ramp in front of the Post Office and the back door frame on the Village Hall. Contractor must provide proof of insurance. For further information contact Chris Smith at 309-509-2522 or Dean Rosebecke at 309-238-3600.

Bids must be submitted by Monday, Sept. 9, 2024.

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Sports seasons heating up

Golf underway; football, volleyball and XC start soon

By PHIL JOHNSON and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

High school sports season is already underway for golfers, but the real contests and races are still a few days away for most sports.

For instance, the Stark County football team has its Soda Game tonight (Aug. 23) at 6 p.m. at Gary Johnson Field in Wyoming. But the Rebels open the regular season one week later on Aug. 29 with a 7 p.m. game on the road against Rushville-Industry.

With that in mind, we are starting our annual preseason previews for area teams, this week highlighting girls volleyball and golf teams for which information was provided to The Prairie

Watch for features next week on local football and cross country teams.

Galva volleyball – Galva is again led by Coach Krystal West and must replace several key graduates from last season. Ava Anderson, Kendall Rogers, Chloe Ruhl and Ava Strom have moved on.

Addie Moore, Maddie Bates and Kaylyn Gale are among those who West said she expects move up to lead the Lady Wildcats this fall.

GHS opens the season on Tuesday (Aug. 27) at DePue.

Stark County VB – Stark County has a good returning core for its volleyball program this season, according to Coach Mary Jo Groter.

That solid group of experienced players includes senior setter Kenna Newton and outside hitter and defensive specialist Claire Bowser. Sophomore Sophie Finnegan brings varsity experience hitting from the right side. And Emily Demetreon returns to action after breaking an ankle at the beginning of the 2023 season.

"The athletic ability and talent we have this year in our program exceeds that of any year that I've coached. We're excited to get this season rolling," Groter

Stark County has its volleyball scrimmage today(Aug. 23) at 4:40 p.m. at Stark County High School.

The regular season begins for the Lady Rebels at Peoria Christian next Thursday (Aug. 29).

Stark County girls golf – The girls team topped Annawan-Wethersfield at Midland Golf Club on Aug. 15, 226-268. Senior CJ Richards led Stark County with a nine-hole round of 50.

Richards is expected to be the top player for the Lady Rebels according to Coach David Wallace.

Other seniors on the eight-player team are Emily Hurst, Maeve Colgan and Lauren Orwig.

"Our goal is just to get better ... try to finish in the top half of the conference and try to beat as many teams as we can," Wallace said. "We are hosting a tourney this year."







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> > FOOD: 11am-8pm: Snack Shack & Main St. Tap

ENTERTAINMENT:

Live Music at Main St. Tap by "Sadistic Cowboys" 7PM - 11PM, My Place

SUNDAY, SEPT 1

8am-11am: Bradford Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 8am-3pm: Bradford's 17th Annual Car Show Sponsored by Main St. Tap

FOOD: 10am-8pm: Bradford Snack Shack, 11am-6pm Main St. Tap 3pm-7pm: American Legion Fish Fry & Auxiliary Bake Sale

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - "Route 38" at 7pm-11pm, My Place CRATER FIREWORKS: Bradford Ball Park at Dusk

SATURDAY, AUG 31

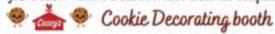
FREE FAMILY FUN DAY at Bradford Ball Park - 1PM - 5PM

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ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap by "303" 8-11pm, My Place

MONDAY, SEPT 2

11am: Bradford Lions Club Parade

FOOD: After parade - 2pm: Pork Burgers & Cutlets at Fire Station, 10am - 2pm: Bradford Snack Shack, 11am-4pm Main St. Tap

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