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E911 UP AND RUNNING

Stark County E911 service operational

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

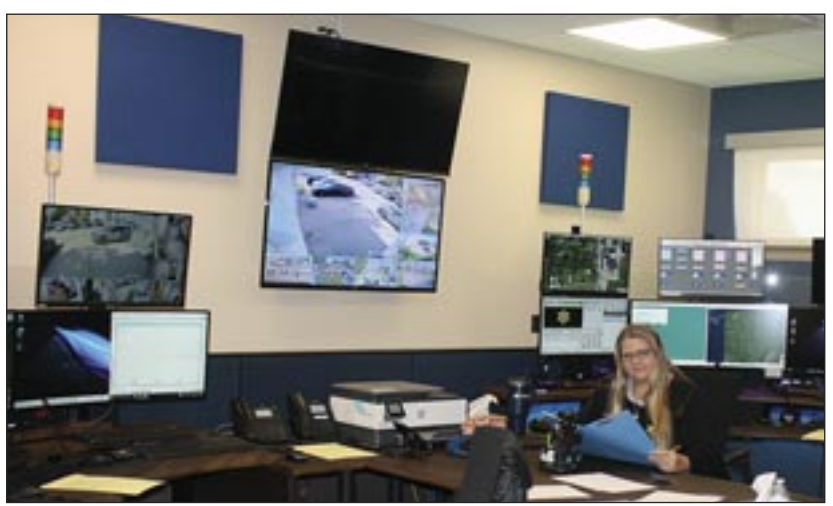
TOULON – After a decade of waiting, Stark County finally has E911 service. That was the announcement made Monday by state and local county officials in front of Stark County’s historic courthouse.

Stark County is the last of Illinois’ 102 counties to gain the enhanced emergency service.

On hand to celebrate that were Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly, Illinois Statewide E911 Administrator Cindy Barbera-Brelle, Stark County Sheriff Steven Sloan and Peoria-Stark County Joint Emergency Telephone System Board Chairman David Tuttle.

Kelly said the Illinois Legislature

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Stark County Sheriff’s Office’ staffer Heidi Shimmin studies a file in the new E911 Stark County call center. Photos by John A. Ballentine.



Stark Sheriff Steven Sloan addresses the importance of the new E911 service.



Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly discusses Stark County E911 service.

Thieves hit Wyoming Police chief advises locking doors

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

WYOMING – At an otherwise uneventful Wyoming City Council meeting Tuesday, Police Chief Jim Tiller had unwelcome news to share.

“We’ve had a series of burglaries recently. We are working on that. What I ask is that residents lock their doors to their garages and homes,” Tiller said.

“That will help keep down the thieves who are looking for a quick opportunity to steal something to further their drug habits.”

Tiller explained that Wyoming’s police department is trying to improve its computer system and the way it takes calls. He said a new computer system will be purchased if approved by the council and

mayor. Grant money and Tax Increment Financing money will be used for the purchase.

Additionally, Tiller spoke about a Stark County community town hall event that was to be held Sept. 19, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Wyoming’s Paramount Theater. The purpose of the meeting is to address solutions to the methamphetamine drug crisis and recovery plans for addicts.

In a handout on the city water and wastewater plants, Council Member Jim Mercer wrote, “I am glad to report both plants are in good shape and finally the last hurdle has been overcome. The water and wastewater facilities are up and running with no problems. It’s the moment

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Wandering fugitive finally caught in Iowa

By **NICK VLAHOS**
 For The Prairie News

The manhunt for Victor Farris that began earlier this month in northern Peoria County ended earlier this week in southeast Iowa. By way of Kansas, apparently.

Victor Farris was arrested Monday in Albia, Iowa, according to law-enforcement authorities there and in Peoria. The Ohioan had been on the run after he was accused of stealing a vehicle in Peoria in which a 3-year-



Farris

old child was inside. That incident, which ended with the child found safe, happened Sept. 4.

Twelve days later, Farris turned up in Albia. The city of about 3,700 is located 64 miles southeast of Des Moines and almost 200 miles west of Peoria.

According to Albia Police Chief Jacob Miller, Farris took a circuitous route to get there. It included a stop in El Dorado, Kan., which is near Wichita and more than 350 miles southwest of Albia.

That the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office wanted Farris for multiple felonies appeared to surprise Miller.

“They go, ‘We’ve been looking for

this guy,’” he said Tuesday about his contact with Peoria authorities. “One of our officers looked up their press releases, and this guy’s all over their website and news media. We had no idea who we were dealing with.”

About 9 a.m. Monday, a man later identified as Farris was spotted on a BNSF Railway freight train stopped next to Albia High School. Miller said Farris was using a washroom in the caboose or locomotive. When a conductor confronted Farris, he jumped off the train and fled on foot.

Within about 15 minutes, on the Albia city square, Monroe County Sheriff

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E911: 10-year effort comes to fruition

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in 2015 assigned the Illinois State Police the challenge of getting all counties E911 service. As a result, all counties were mandated that Enhanced 911 service be provided to the public for safety reasons.

Stark County entered into an agreement with Peoria County to create a Joint Emergency Telephone System Board so that Stark County residents and those traveling through the area can quickly and efficiently receive emergency services.

Before this partnership, Stark County residents had to call a specific, 10-digit number for emergency services, such as the sheriff's office

or fire department. People traveling through Stark County who didn't know which number to call had to be routed and sometimes rerouted to Henry, Bureau, Marshall, Knox or Peoria counties.

Routing delayed responses by police, fire and emergency ambulance services. Now, a call to 911 by people in or traveling through Stark County will go directly to Stark's new dispatch center and pinpoint the caller's location.

The process took over 10 years for Stark to obtain E911 because various neighboring counties rejected Stark's appeal to partner with them.

Through Sloan's efforts and Bar-

bera-Brelle speaking with counties, Peoria County finally agreed to partner with Stark to bring the county "into the 21st century," Sloan said.

A grant for the E911 system ensured that Stark County would finally obtain the E911 service.

"Peoria County has been fantastic to work with, as they have so much knowledge on 911," Sloan said.

Sloan said texting is not yet possible, "but is being worked on."

Along with the new center, the county has gained a new communication tower that allows countywide radio coverage without dead zones — which had been a problem for deputies.

FUGITIVE: Farris was sitting on a park bench

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Dan Johnson and other law-enforcement personnel located a man who

matched the description of the man aboard the train.

"He was sitting on a park bench in front of a storefront," Miller said. "He was pretty relaxed. The square was bustling with activity. When we approached him, he claimed not to understand why we were approaching him. He was very nonchalant about the whole thing."

"He didn't have an ID on him. He said, 'What are you bothering me for? I haven't done anything wrong.'"

Farris, a 45-year-old from Cincinnati, dropped his identification and cell-phone after he was spotted Sept. 5 on the Rock Island Trail south of Princeville. He disappeared into a cornfield before authorities could apprehend him.

To the law-enforcement officials in Albia, Farris offered the name and birth-date of a real person in

Maryland, according to Miller. But a photo of him didn't provide a close-enough match with the suspect.

County dispatchers did some digging and discovered Farris' true identity.

Among items Iowa authorities found was evidence Farris visited a doctor's office Sept. 7 in El Dorado. By then, a massive search for Farris in northern and western Peoria County had been futile and was going dormant.

"He was telling us in his roundabout way that he's been jumping trains all over the country for the last couple of days," Miller said. "He was trying to get to Des Moines."

Instead, Miller was awaiting a court appearance in Albia. Officials there charged him with trespassing, interference with official acts and malicious prosecution, all mis-

demeanors. The malicious-prosecution accusation is connected to the incorrect name Farris provided.

Peoria County prosecutors have charged Farris with aggravated vehicular hijacking, kidnapping and unlawful possession of a stolen vehicle.

Farris' extradition to Illinois might take a while, according to Miller. But he said Farris eventually was cooperative and the public was never in any danger.

Everything happened so quickly the high school didn't need to take precautions.

"For such a small town, we worked really well together to bring this to a peaceful and swift conclusion," Miller said. "Hopefully we helped Peoria with their charges and their investigations, and we apprehended somebody who needed to be apprehended."

WYOMING: R-0 inspected and online

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I've been waiting for over a year."

Mercer said the Reverse Osmosis system passed inspection on Sept. 11 and is back in operation.

Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported the city will be cutting down 16 dying trees. A bad sewer line was repaired and spots in the

streets have been fixed.

Economic Development director Denny Rewerts reported that building rent increases downtown are a concern for business owners. Rewerts said there are untrue rumors going around about downtown Wyoming. He said while there will be changes downtown, he thinks the

city will be alright.

City Engineer Justin Reiese reported that the plan for Motor Fuel Tax concerning roads and streets is delayed but will be done this year.

The Stark County Fall Festival is Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 21-22, in Wyoming's Thomas Park starting at 8 a.m.

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Traffic Citations

8-31 - Marvin D. Smith Jr. - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents

Stark County

8-25 - Tickets were issued to Drake M. Johnston, 22, of Wyoming, following a single-vehicle accident discovered by a passing motorist in the 200 block of Monroe St. in Wyoming. Johnston was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to notify authorities of an accident and for leaving the scene of an accident. He was issued a court date.

8-28 - Jerry L. Hufnagel, 67, Buda, cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

9-8 - Victor W. Koelling, 77, Toulon, was arrested for driving under the influence. He was released with a court date.

9-9 - A possible stolen vehicle was reported to authorities by a rural Wyoming resident.

9-15 - Ronald A. Horsley, 41, of rural LaFayette was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on 1100N west of Vineyard Road in rural Toulon. No injuries were reported but estimated damage to the vehicle were over \$1,500.

Peoria County report

9-11 - Ryan G. Smith, 40, of Bradford was arrested shortly after 9:45 a.m. and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

9-9 - to the 500 block of NW 5th Ave. for a wild-animal complaint involving a red fox that was sitting on the front porch. The fox left prior to the officer's arrival.

9-9 - Officer was notified of a disabled tractor in the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. It was removed by a dealership for repairs.

9-9 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a report involving a subject shooting a BB gun toward a roadway. The subject ran into the residence when an officer approached. Two BB guns were seized.

9-9 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of Market St., Juan Palacio-Garcia, 26, Miami, Fla., was arrested for not having a valid driver's license, not having valid registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. A passenger, Rolando Brand, 30, Miami, was arrested on a valid warrant from Broward County, Flor-



ida, for third degree grand theft. Both subjects were taken to the Henry County Jail.

9-9 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. for a suicidal subject. The subject was located and transported by ambulance.

9-9 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a harassment complaint after a vehicle repeatedly drove past with loud music, revving the engine. The officer located two juvenile offenders and advised them to cease.

9-10 - to the 900 block of West Division St. to assist Knox County attempt to locate a subject.

9-10 - to the 500 block of West Division St. for a residential burglary complaint.

9-10 - to the east edge of town to watch for a reckless driver who was reportedly heading toward Galva. Officer located the suspect vehicle in the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street. The driver said they were fatigued. There were no signs of impairment. Subject called for a ride.

9-10 - to the 200 block of County Highway 5 for a civil standby to retrieve property.

9-11 - to the 900 block of West Division St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

9-11 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a lost juvenile complaint. Officer called the parent, who came and picked the child up.

9-11 - to the SW 6th Ave railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

9-11 - Tamera Henderson, 26, Toulon, cited for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

9-11 - Delmer Bermudez, 42, Peoria, was issued a citation for speeding in the 300 block of S. Center Ave.

9-12 - to the 100 block of SE 1st Ave. for two dogs running loose. The dogs were returned to their owner.

9-12 - to the Galva Park District for a criminal damage complaint involving some carving located on the playground equipment.

9-13 - to the SW 6th Ave. train tracks for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

9-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of South Center Ave., Sean Carlson, 26, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended, possession of drug paraphernalia, operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and having expired registration. He was taken to the Galva Police Department for processing and released with a court date.

9-13 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department, who brought a loose dog they had captured. The dog was impounded and later released to its owner.

9-14 - to the 00 block of NW 5th St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

9-14 - to assist Henry County with a traffic stop east of town on Route 34 for a misdemeanor speeding violation.

9-14 - Christopher Donelson, 37, Davenport, cited for speeding in the 800 block of North Center Ave.

9-14 - John Komarek, 70, Boulder, Colo., cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

9-15 - to a residence on NE 5th St. for a suicidal subject. The subject was located in a nearby town.

9-15 - to the west edge of town to watch for a reckless driver. The vehicle was located, but there was no probable cause for a traffic stop.

9-15 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist with a disabled vehicle.

9-15 - Gabrielle Ackel, 33, Kewanee, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

9-11 - Taylor C. and Tracy F. Van Loo to Katelyn and Tyler Marquardt - Original Town of Toulon - Pts Block 1 Lots 7 and 10 - 115 E. Vine St., Toulon - Consideration = \$137,000.

9-12 - Kyle D. and Renee L. Wallace to Alexis R. and Braden J. Hart - Pts Sect. 24-13-5 NE - Culbertson's Western Add'n Pt Block 6 Lots 1,2,3 - 900 W. Clinton St., Toulon - Consideration = \$249,900.

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Merger of grain giants betrays prairie origins

As American grocery buyers await a Federal Trade Commission verdict on Kroger's two-year-old, \$24.6 billion bid to buy competitor Albertsons, the European Commission took just 35 days to give its blessing to the merger between two of the world's largest grain merchandisers, Bunge and Viterra.

The mega-deal, valued at about \$34 billion at the time of its June 2023 announcement, isn't a slam dunk, though. Canada, where both companies own substantial export facilities in Vancouver, is holding up approval as it evaluates the deal's impact on western Canada's grain markets.



Alan GUEBERT

And for good reason. Bunge, the world's fifth-largest grain merchant, operates in 40 countries and has about \$57 billion in annual revenues. It's the "world's largest oilseed processor" and is "globally dominant in soybeans, canola and corn," notes a recent 92-page report on the deal by SOMO, an Amsterdam-based independent agency that examines corporate power in business, politics, and culture.

Viterra is no slouch, either. Owned by mining giant Glencore, it has extensive grain processing and export facilities in 38 countries and, in 2023, had revenues of \$53 billion.

Together, however, the pair would challenge industry cornerstones.

"The proposed transaction ... will create a global grain giant to rival Cargill and Archer Daniels Midland, further contributing to the consolidation of the crucial commodity trading and logistics segment of the global food value chain," explains SOMO.

That type of latent market power, notes Canada's National Farmers Union, belies Viterra's deep roots in the nation's "prairie co-operatives that built Canada's grain handling system over the course of nearly a century."

Those co-ops – founded, funded, and fueled by "remarkable" farmer members – developed an "elevator system to gain control of the (local grain) trade" and "operated as profitable farmer-run businesses that handled nearly 60% of Canada's grain from country elevator to port terminal."

When the North American Free Trade Agreement went into effect in the mid-1990s, however, the prairie co-ops and the nation's single-desk export agent, the Canadian Wheat Board, lost political favor with the newly installed, Conservative Harper government.

Shortly thereafter, explains the NFU, the "Harper government stripped the CWB of its authority" which quickly "led to restructuring that ultimately and controversially converted these farmer-created co-operatives into the corporation that rebranded as Viterra in 2007."

But now, "If Bunge is allowed to buy Viterra, it will get billions of dollars worth of revenue potential created by and for Canadian farmers

to counter the very exploitation of private grain traders like Bunge visited on them a century ago," warned NFU in a Sept. 3 press release.

It's not idle speculation. A March 2024 "preliminary" report on the Bunge-Viterra deal by three University of Saskatchewan ag economists showed that "by any measure the grain industry in Canada is already very concentrated and will only become more concentrated with a BV merger."

The trio then tested their hypothesis. A "merger simulation indicates that Vancouver export basis will increase by about 15% ... while canola crush margins will increase by 10%." When added together the total impact of the proposed Bunge-Viterra deal "reduces grain producer income by approximately \$770 million per year."

And outside of Canada, says SOMO, the merger is equally troubling: "It will significantly contribute to the consolidation of the global agribusiness sector by creating the world's largest grain trader (that can) undermine the resilience of food supply chains, economic democracy and food security and sovereignty."

It's a story almost as old as agriculture itself: Companies accumulate market power to squeeze otherwise unobtainable revenue from their market's least protected, most vulnerable players.

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Oak Run area a hotspot for deer dying of disease

One thing you do not want to see this time of year is a kettle of turkey vultures soaring low over your deer-hunting spot. Yet that was the scene greeting me Saturday morning in Knox County, northwest of Oak Run. That and swarms of flies and the smell of death.

Before the day was over, we located two rotting deer corpses along the small creek that runs through the farm. Based on the smell, I suspect there are a few more corpses out there, but finding two was depressing enough.



Jeff LAMPE

Other deer hunters and landowners in Illinois have been experiencing the same thing in recent weeks. And as harvest heats up, numbers of deer found dead will surely increase.

Cause of death at this time of year for whitetails is generally epizootic

hemorrhagic disease. The disease is spread by biting midges that carry the virus and live near the edge of water. EHD is usually most pronounced during dry, warm conditions. Because deer congregate around limited water supplies during dry conditions, the disease is more likely to be transmitted.

EHD first showed up in Illinois in the 1970s and generally occurs between August and October. Impact is often spotty. A few years ago, landowners east of Elmwood reported substantial numbers of dead deer. Folks west of town did not.

Reports this year are coming from all over the state, with a local hotspot the area around Oak Run. There you'll hear plenty of stories of deer being found dead near ponds, creeks and in fields. My fear is another dry, hot week will kill more whitetails.

A hardcore deer-hunting friend of mine told of a 2007 outbreak of EHD that devastated his Adams County farm. In all, 170 deer died during that

hot summer. The smell was so bad that he and his wife left their house for two weeks. Worse still, at least from a hunter's viewpoint, is that the disease seems to have a larger impact on adult deer, in particular mature bucks. That same Adams County friend said that of 16 big bucks on his farm, 15 died from EHD.

To some it might seem ironic to fret about a disease killing deer that we hope to shoot later this fall. But the hope of a big buck walking past makes cold mornings easier to endure. And for me, more of the enjoyment derived from deer hunting comes from managing for whitetails – seeing them interact and thrive. That a little biting insect can bring those healthy critters down so easily is humbling.

About all we can do now is hope for rain, cooler temperatures and a hard frost that will kill the midges ... until the next hot, dry summer.

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ADM carbon sequestration site suffered leak

By **ANDREW ADAMS**

Capitol New Illinois

DECATUR – Agribusiness giant ADM violated federal regulations, a federal permit and the Safe Drinking Water Act earlier this year when a monitoring well at their carbon sequestration site in Decatur leaked liquified carbon dioxide into “unauthorized zones,” according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

In an August notice, the federal regulatory agency also alleged the company failed to follow proper emergency response and remediation plans after it identified the leak.

ADM’s carbon-injection facility is the first and only project of its kind in the country. It stores more than 4.5 million tons of carbon dioxide, generated from industrial processes, at a company facility in Decatur more than a mile underground. The project began operation in 2011.

The leak was first detected in March, according to an Aug. 22 letter to the EPA from the company, although the company had known about corrosion in tubing at the well since October 2023.

In the original notice of violation,

EPA’s director of enforcement and compliance for the region, Michael Harris, told ADM that the issue could be grounds for an “enforcement action, including administrative and civil judicial penalties” and that ADM’s permit for the project could be terminated.

ADM spokesperson Jackie Anderson said the company is now working with the EPA to address the issue.

“That monitoring well was plugged, is not in use, and none of the other wells were impacted,” the company said in a Friday statement. “At no time was there any impact to the surface or groundwater sources or any threat to public health.”

Roughly 8,000 metric tons of liquid carbon dioxide and other ground fluid was leaked. This is equivalent to about three days’ worth of injection, according to Anderson.

The leaked carbon dioxide stayed about 5,000 feet below ground, well below groundwater in the area, which is about 200 feet beneath the surface, according to the company.

The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition, a group of labor organizations and environmental advocates, were quick to criticize the company recently for

failing to notify the public.

“There are significant risks at every step of the CCS (carbon capture and sequestration) process, and it’s not a matter of if carbon sequestration facilities leak, but rather when,” the coalition said in a statement.

The coalition also characterized the lack of public disclosure as “unacceptable and dangerous.”

Other critics of the technology said the risks of carbon capture outweigh the potential benefits.

“This leak is a wake-up call. It’s a stark reminder that carbon capture is not the climate solution it’s sold as, but a dangerous gamble with our drinking water,” Pam Richart, co-director of Eco-Justice Collaborative, said in a statement.

Last week, Rep. Carol Ammons, D-Urbana, filed a bill that would prevent other carbon sequestration projects from being built in areas where the sole source of drinking water is an underground aquifer.

This legislation follows a law passed earlier this year that lays out a state-level regulatory framework for CCS projects. ADM’s project is not subject to the new requirements outlined in that bill.



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Specimen planters performing very well

By **RON DIETER**
For The Prairie News

Located on our porch and patio and in the surrounding gardens are 73 flower pots and planters. Two-thirds are a mix of annuals and perennials, known in the horticulture trade as combination planters. The others are specimen planters, each holding just one plant, or several plants of a single variety.



Let me tell you about four specimen planters I'm particularly pleased with. I know. You're not supposed to end a sentence with a preposition. Winston Churchill once said to an opponent, "That is an insult I will not put up with." When the fellow reminded him he shouldn't end a sentence with a preposition, Churchill responded, "Would you rather I said, 'That is an insult up with which I will not put?'"

Now where was I? We have four specimen planters with which I am especially pleased. They hold plants that are fairly uncommon in these parts.

The first one is a large 14-inch hanging basket containing a Bougainvillea 'Raspberry Ice.' It's probably 25 years old and right now it's smothered with blossoms. The "flowers" are actually specialized leaves called bracts that surround tiny white flowers. Its rich cream and green variegated foliage make it an attractive plant even when not in bloom.

We overwinter it in our house in a bright sunny window. It gets very angry when we bring it inside and proceeds to drop every single leaf. Then, naked as a jaybird, it sits there and pouts for several weeks before reluctantly manufacturing new foliage.

If you have visited the Pirates of the Caribbean at Disney World, you have surely seen the huge bougainvillea plants adorning the balconies of the shops near the entrance.

Number two on the list is Xanthosoma aurea 'Lime Zinger.' Its huge leaves give rise to its common name "elephant ear." This

hybrid cultivar produces large chartreuse leaves that spring up from the base of the plant. Literature says 'Lime Zinger' can grow up to 6 feet high and wide with "ears" 2 feet long in tropical climates. Our specimen is only 4 feet tall and wide. I'm sure that's because it doesn't like spending the winters indoors. Most of the foliage dies back by the time spring rolls around, so the plant must start from scratch.

To many plants, especially tropical ones, the brightest spot in your house is darker than the shadiest spot outside. The comparatively low light in our sunny windows triggers leaf drop of both bougainvillea and elephant ear. Your results may vary.

The next specimen is another tropical plant, cape plumbago, Plumbago auriculata, a South African native. It's sometimes called blue plumbago or skyflower because of the beautiful phlox-like blossoms that cover the plant from mid-summer onward. I'm a sucker for true blue-flowered plants but very often, flowers touted as blue are actually a pale purple. A clear sky-blue color like that of cape plumbago flowers is rare. It looks great when mixed with golden-flowered lantana 'Samantha.'

Cape plumbago is actually a woody shrub in Florida and similar climates. In fact, you may have seen it planted in highway medians on your way to Disney World. It hibernates in our garage and even in low light it maintains most of its foliage.

We're fortunate to have a

garage we can keep above freezing. In the fall, before lethal frosts and freezes do their dirty work, we cut back our specimen planters and move them into the garage. There's hardly any light in there and, by spring, some plants look pretty sad. But sunshine and warm temperatures

bring most of them back to life. Most of them.

Finally we have three large 15-inch pots filled with the 4-foot-tall burgundy grass Pennisetum purpureum 'Prince.'

You're probably thinking, "A pot with just grass? Sounds pretty boring." And you would be right. But place P.p 'Prince' next to combination planters of Dragon Wings pink begonias, white Euphorbia 'Diamond Frost' and trailing variegated Swedish ivy. Arrange these pots by your front door or in a corner of your deck and you've created a right pretty little scene.

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Galva Cemetery cleanup starts Oct. 14

GALVA – The Galva Cemetery will have a second cleanup for 2024 during the week of Oct. 14-19.

All artificial flowers, potted flowers, all plants including plants in vases, all shepherds' hooks and figurines are requested to be removed. Military markers and solar lights may stay in place.

The cemetery requests that everything be removed by Sunday, Oct. 13.

No more flowers or items should be placed on the graves until Saturday, Oct. 19.

– Carol Townsend

Knox Co. radio club holding testing session

GALESBURG – The Knox County Amateur Radio Club will have a VE testing session for

anyone wishing to get their ticket into amateur radio, or for those who want to upgrade their class of license.

The next test will be Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1 p.m. at the Galesburg Public Library, 264 W. Main St., F&M Room.

The club uses the ARRL VEC as its coordinator. There is a \$15 charge for the exam session. You must have an FCC registration number for this session. Bring a photo ID. If you are upgrading, bring a copy of your current license. For more information, visit w9gfd.org or contact Rick Lotz at AC9AH@outlook.com.

First Baptist Church holding mystery dinner

GALVA – First Baptist Church of Galva will have its third annual Mystery Dinner on Saturday, Oct.

5, at 5 p.m. The theme is 70s Celebrity Gala, A Murder Mystery Red-Carpet Dinner Theater.

Tickets are \$20 each, with \$5 going to help Operation Christmas Child. The appetizer will be chocolate fondue, and the meal will be smoked apple pork loins, candied carrots, garlic butter roasted potatoes, green beans almondine, a molded jello salad, Watergate salad and a molten lava cake for dessert.

Participants are invited to come dressed in 70s attire and be prepared to enjoy 70s music and a murder mystery.

To play a part in the murder mystery, call the church at (309) 932-2713.

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Jordbruksdagarna returns

Annual Bishop Hill harvest festival will be Sept. 28-29

BISHOP HILL – The annual 19th century harvest festival Jordbruksdagarna will take place Saturday, Sept. 28, and Sunday, Sept. 29.

There will be a variety of traditional craft demonstrations, food, vendors, and hands-on activities for the children during the 52nd Jordbruksdagarna from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Demonstrations, hands-on activities, music and a history skit are all free.

In the village park each day, artisans will make rope, process flax, carve wood, forge metal, make butter and more. Vendors will also be selling baked goods, crafts and much more in the park.

Musical performances will include Hammer and Pick at noon and 2 p.m., and the Nordic Dancers at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day at the gazebo. A petting zoo is located in the northwest corner of the park.

At the Colony School, the Old Settlers' Association will be selling Colony Stew from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Uncle Bud Apple Cider Slushie and Pop of the Morning will be next to the Carpenter Building serving food and drinks.



Behind the Bjorklund Hotel from noon to 4 p.m. each day, visitors, especially children, can try their hand at a variety of crafts. Visitors can explore Henry County's agricultural heritage at the Henry County Historical Museum, where a variety of antique tractors and implements will be on display outdoors.

Each day at the Henry County Historical Museum, the Bishop Hill Agricultural Association will conduct a kid pedal tractor pull at 11 a.m., have an antique tractor parade at noon and then have demonstrations from 1:30-2:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, only, the Krans Kafe will host Showbarn Creations Hat bar and Forever and a Day Jewelry bar from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At the Steeple Building, enjoy Swedish music of Johan Johansson and friends at 10 a.m. Following that, the BHHA Acting Troupe will perform a Bishop Hill Colony history skit at the Steeple Building starting at 11 a.m.

In the southwest corner of the park, TriCo Equestrian Center will have pony rides from noon to 3 p.m. for a fee. Author Mary Davidsaver will sign books at the Prairie Arts Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Finally, the Bishop Hill Methodist Church will have a bake sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. by the Steeple Building.

On Sept. 29 only, the Krans Kafe will host Draw Me Bill from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Also, there will be a church service in the park at 10 a.m. open to all.

Stark County Fall Festival

September 21st and 22nd 2024

September 21st Saturday

- 7 am to Noon : **Lion's Pancake Sausage Breakfast** / East Pavilion (handicapped accessible) Park
- 9 am to 5 pm : **Opens** - food and craft vendors Free Entertainment and Free Kids Day (all activities on Saturday for the kids) **Make and Take Crafts** - Christine Best
- 10 am : **Face Painting** / Free by playground - Katie Gibler
- Obstacle course with pedal tractors** / Basketball court - Scott Schaffer (Register for the pedal tractor pull now for the 3:30 pull, age groups 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 w/trophies) Adult pull after, if enough interest
- 10 am - 2 pm : **Petting Zoo** - Linguist Mini Farms
- Element Obstacle Course (All ages - test your skills)** - south side of park by restrooms
- 12 pm : **Lil Miss and Mr. Stark Co Fall Festival 2024 Announcement** - at bandstand followed by **Rivertown Whiskey**
- 1 pm : **Free Pony Rides** - South end of park / Trico Equestrian Center
- WFD Bags Tournament** - South end of park / Register with Joe Charvet @ (309) 854-2282
- 2 pm : **Kids games** - south end of park by restrooms - Stark Co Queens
- 3:30 pm : **Pedal Pull Competition** - 5 divisions / trophy for each age group - basketball court (if enough adults are interested, they can compete too! Open pull)
- 5 pm : **Park Closes** - Join us on Sunday!!

September 22nd Sunday

- 7 am to 11 am : **Biscuits and Gravy etc** - East Pavilion (handicapped accessible) - Cozzi Ranch
- 9 am to 4 pm : **Park Opens** - food and craft vendors and exhibits, pumpkins and more!
- 10:30 am : **Community Church Service** - bandstand - Methodist, Nazarene, The Gathering Church and Congregational Church - sharing the pulpit, praise and music teams, God's word! Some seating, lawn chairs are welcome (in case of rain service will be located at 105 N. 7th St.)
- 12 pm to 4 pm : **DJ Chad Patel** - at bandstand / Register for the "Karaoke Contest" with Chad. Allowed 2 songs each. Prizes to be awarded for 1st and 2nd (3 age groups: 5-9, 10-14, 15-20) Open mic to follow contest for anyone that just wants to share their talent
- 3 pm : **Clown Car Competition** - How many people can you fit in a car? Gather your crew and put it to the test! Join us at the park at 3 p.m. to see how many clowns (or friends) you can pack into the car. It's time for some fun - don't miss out on this hilarious challenge!

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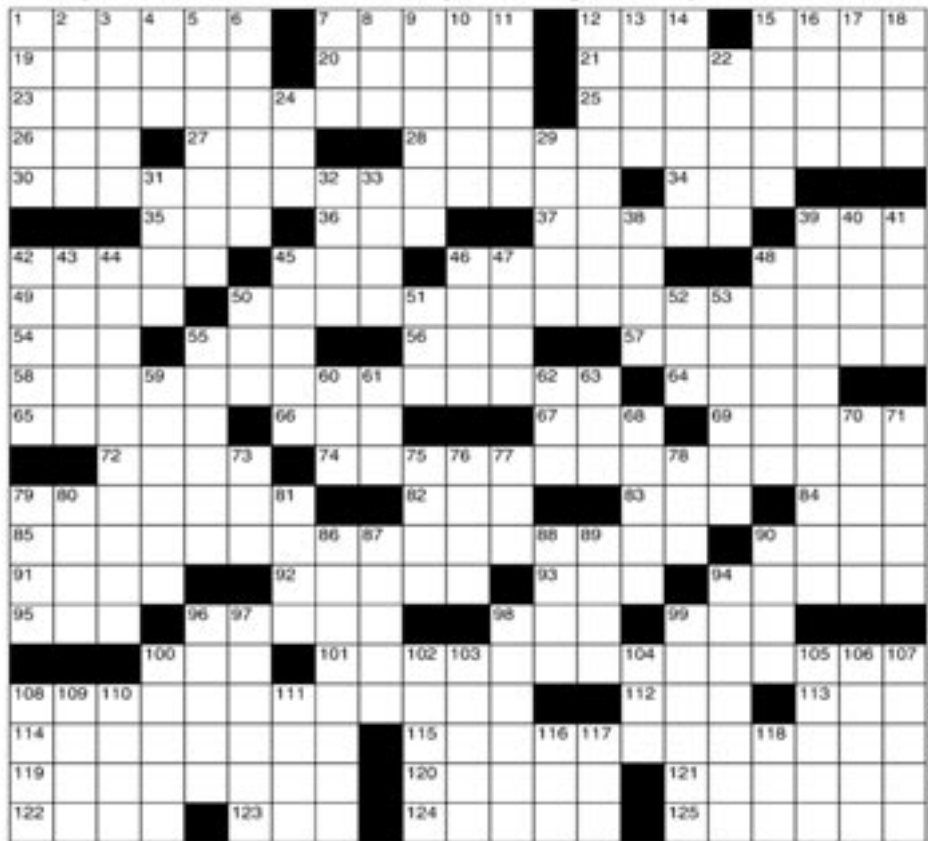
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Super Crossword

DISORDERLY CREATURES

- ACROSS**
- 1 Old-time crooner
 - 7 James — Garfield
 - 12 Taxing org.
 - 15 Old news-paper section
 - 19 On cloud nine
 - 20 Having fine granules
 - 21 Refilled to the brim
 - 23 Nocturnal burrower wearing clothes?
 - 25 "Ricky" star
 - 26 French "a"
 - 27 Taking after
 - 28 Semaquatic reptile that's really zealous?
 - 30 Big spotted cat released from jail early?
 - 34 Doc treating laryngitis
 - 35 Orig. texts
 - 36 Sports official
 - 37 Interprets
 - 39 Antifraud org.
 - 42 1990s Toyota coupe
 - 45 "McQ" actor
- DOWN**
- 1 Starting boost
 - 2 Actress — De La Garza
 - 3 More scarce
 - 4 Gambling parlor, in brief
 - 5 "Look here, too," in a reference
 - 6 Befuddles
 - 7 Doc's gp.
 - 8 Shut-eye site
 - 9 Dust picker-upper
 - 10 Take — of faith
 - 11 Actress Loy
 - 12 "Agreed!"
 - 13 Campus mil. gp.
 - 14 Zoned (out)
 - 15 Ignited again
 - 16 2004-11 Laker Lamar
 - 17 Bluefin, e.g.
 - 18 Unbox, e.g.
 - 22 Schemes
 - 24 With 31-Down, it doesn't bode well
 - 29 Like the verb "go": Abbr.
 - 31 See 24-Down
 - 32 Humdinger
 - 33 Aussie birds
 - 38 "... three men in —"
 - 39 She starred in "Room"
 - 40 — Actress (award for 39-Down)
 - 41 Thai currency
 - 42 Serenity
 - 43 "Hi," in Hilo
 - 44 Nonpolluting power source
 - 45 Bonnie's pal
 - 46 — torch
 - 47 Linear, briefly
 - 48 Sahara's land
 - 50 Agent's cut
 - 51 "Say what?"
 - 52 Seize
 - 53 Spruces up
 - 55 Sinful
 - 59 Group of PC gurus
 - 60 Hard wood
 - 61 Covert org.
 - 62 Actress Long
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Galva cleanup Sept. 30

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The City of Galva will have its second cleanup week beginning Monday, Sept. 30, through Saturday, Oct. 5, for Galva residents only. Residents must show proof of residency

All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway between Preferred Health and Mary's Family Dining) and place them in a roll-off which will be provided by Eagle Enterprises.

Anyone who is handicapped or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard can call City Hall at (309) 932-2555 to schedule a pick-up. Assistance will only be available from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mon-

day, Sept. 30, Tuesday, Oct. 1 and Wednesday, Oct. 2. The city will only come to a residence one time during the pick-up week.

Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint or hazardous materials.

Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size.

TVs and electronic components will be accepted for a fee at Eagle Enterprises during business hours. Their phone number is (309) 932-2936.

The maintenance yard will be open Sept. 30 through Oct. 3 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Oct. 4 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Oct. 5, 7 a.m. to noon.

If you have questions, call (309) 932-2555.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR 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 different.

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1. GEOGRAPHY: Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern Italian city?
 2. MYTHOLOGY: What kind of creature is half bird and half woman with an alluring song?
 3. SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?
 4. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of pastry is used to make baklava?
 5. MOVIES: What is the name of Elle's chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
 6. MEDICAL: What is a common name for bruxism?
 7. LITERATURE: Prospero is a character in which of Shakespeare's plays?
 8. ASTRONOMY: How many stars make up the Big Dipper?
 9. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Sunflower State?
 10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which is the only continent without bees?
- Answers
1. Naples.
 2. Siren.
 3. Rust.
 4. Phyllo or filo.
 5. Bruiser.
 6. Teeth grinding.
 7. "The Tempest."
 8. Seven.
 9. Kansas.
 10. Antarctica.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)
2. Deadpool & Wolverine (R)
3. Reagan (PG-13)
4. Alien: Romulus (R)
5. It Ends with Us (PG-13)
6. The Forge (PG)
7. Twisters (PG-13)
8. Blink Twice (R)
9. Despicable Me 4 (PG)
10. The Front Room (R)

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Bumper crop generating storage concerns

By RHIANNON BRANCH

FarmWeek

Local elevators across Illinois are working hard to free up as much bin space as possible before combines start rolling.

With a large amount of last year's grain still in the bin and high-yield expectations for the 2024 corn and soybean crops, industry representatives are questioning the availability of grain storage capacity heading into fall harvest.

A recent nationwide survey by Allendale Inc. suggested only 20% of new-crop sales have been marketed, and with USDA predicting record yields, there could be a lot left waiting in the wings.

"You're going to have a fair

amount of corn in storage still going into harvest in a lot of areas of the Corn Belt, so storage is going to be a tight situation," Matt Bennett with AgMarket.net told FarmWeek. "If Illinois truly sees a 225 bushel per acre corn yield, I expect to see a lot of corn piles this fall."

In some cases, elevators may not want to take grain unless it is getting sold, and that creates implications growers will need to consider.

"Later in the window for harvest a person could run into some interesting challenges as far as wide basis levels or simply having a place nearby that they can deliver," Bennett said.

Stephen Nicholson, grain and oilseed strategist with Rabo AgriFi-

nance, said he is optimistic there is enough room for record U.S. crops, but some will be on the ground before it is all said and done.

"I think you could have some local situations where you may have to truck it a little bit longer distance from home than you would want to," he said. "Or you may have to put those old bins you don't normally use into service until they get unplugged at the local elevator, local port, or in your own storage at home."

Mark Heil, manager at Prairie Central Co-op based in McLean County, said the co-op plans to ship a few more trains out at harvest time in anticipation of a corn crop similar to last year and a bigger soybean crop

Notice to Stark County Voters

Early voting for the November 5th 2024 General Election will begin September 26th and end November 4th at the office of the Stark County Clerk 130 W. Main, Toulon. Voting hours are Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. We will also be open Saturday October 26th from 8-11 and Saturday November 2nd from 9-12 p.m. for early voting.

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AUCTIONS AND REAL ESTATE SALES

PUBLIC AUCTION

BUREAU COUNTY Recreation/Farmland 160+/- ACRES The following described farmland real estate will be offered by PUBLIC AUCTION on:

Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

On line bidding available, redigerauctionservice.com Sale Day Location: 107 S. West St., Wyanet, Ill 61379

Farm Location: W 1/2 of SE 14 & S 1/2 of NE 14 of Section 25, Indiantown Township, Bureau County, Illinois. 8 1/2 miles east of Il. Rt. 40 or 6 miles west of Il. Rt. 29 on County Road 700N(Kentville Road) to farm location. WATCH FOR SIGNS.

Parcel Description: 163+/- acres. 88.41+/- production acres with 71.55+/- currently in CRP acres. CRP contracts paying \$276.56/acre. Production acres maintain a Productivity Index of 123.1+/- as per Surety. 75.03 +/- acres include timber, waterways and improvements with private drive. Improvements include a 28'x38' 2 story hunting cabin (furnished) with full bath, kitchen, 2 bed room and 1 1/2 car garage. A 42'x60' Morton building, concrete floor & drain, insulated, sleeping quarters, 3/4 bath and 16' overhead power doors, drilled well and septic system. Taxes: Tax ID #21-25-200-003 & #21-25-400-001 (2023 taxes paid in 2024 - \$8,423.82)

Flat locations, Aerial Photos, Soil Map and Tile Map information available @ redigerauctionservice.com

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:
1.) Subject parcel will be sold by the assessed acre. 2.) The successful bidder will be required to enter into a standard purchase agreement contract. 10% of the contract purchase price will be due immediately following the auction. The balance will be due and payable on or before November 25th, 2024 at closing. 3.) The seller shall provide a title insurance policy in the amount of the purchase price of the subject properties. 4.) The 2024 real estate taxes due and payable in 2025 will be credited, based on the most current evidence available, by the Seller to the Buyer at closing. All subsequent real estate taxes will be the responsibility of the buyer. 5.) The property is being sold in "AS IS" condition, with no implied warranties of any kind. 6.) The information is believed to be accurate. However, we strongly urge all prospective buyers to thoroughly research all pertinent data and to draw their own conclusions. 7.) All announcements made the day of the sale take precedence over any previously printed material. 8.) It is pertinent that all on line bidders contact Rediger Auction Service, at least 3 business days prior to the auction, for qualified registration.

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Attorney: Michael L. English
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To help settle the estate a public auction will be held at 7109 Lakeshore Princeville IL.

PUBLIC AUCTION

Saturday, September 21 @ 10 a.m.

Items to be sold include: 1971 Air Stream Sovereign 31', 1978 Dodge Adventurer 150, 1994 Dodge Ram 3500 dually, 1999 Honda Odyssey, 2009 Kia Forte, pots/pans/dishes, kitchen primitives, 5 pc bedroom outfit, 8'x12' building on skids, Stihl string trimmer, fiberglass stepladder, picnic table, wheelbarrows, smoker, jack stands, bottle jacks, big shop fan, chain hoist, Mantis tiller, pushmower, Troy Bilt Horse rear tine tiller, gas cans, Rigid shop vac, butcher kettle, squirrel cage fan, 6' 3 point mower, single axle utility trailer, long handle tools, poly lawn roller, bench grinder, shop lights, bar clamps, pipe clamps, Craftsman tool chest, hand tools, power tools, household items, Maytag wringer washers, rough cut walnut planks, band saw, Deutz Allis 1920 Ultima lawn tractor, garden planter, County Line pull behind sprayer, roller stands, Delta 12" bench top drill press, shop benches, routers, Ryobi 10" surface planer, Jet table saw, Rockwell scroll saw, miter saws, palm sanders, circular saws, cast iron pcs, retractable hose reel, turkey fryer, kid's books, log chains, 100 gallon portable fuel tank, pumps, coolers, 3 rolls woven wire, 3 point quick hitch, single shank 3 point ripper, deer stand, 6' 3 point disk, fiberglass extension ladder, harrow section, steel runner sleds, barrel wood burning stove, Franklin wood burning stove, air conditioners, hydraulic cylinders.

For pictures and updates please go to auctionzip.com or my facebook page. We will accept cash, check, or credit card with a 3% convenience fee. There will be a lunch stand and restrooms available. We will have a loader tractor onsite to help load some of the bigger items.

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WILLIAMSFIELD, IL REAL ESTATE, VEHICLES, ANTIQUES AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

The following very nice ranch home and personal property will be sold at 309 S State Rt. 180 Williamsfield, IL 61489, on

SUNDAY SEPT. 29TH, 2024 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)

NOTE: This is a condensed ad. See full ad and pictures online at www.folgersauctionservice.com.

REAL ESTATE: This very nice ranch style home was built in 1976 by Herrmann Construction Company and sits on a .34 acre corner lot. There is approx. 1008 sq. ft. on the main level and the same footage in the full basement. There is a 672' attached garage with automatic door. The main floor contains a large eat-in kitchen, laundry room w/half bath and exit door, living room, lg. full bath and 2 large bedrooms w/ample closet space. The basement is full and partially finished with much potential for additional family room, bedroom and bath. Roof, siding, windows, heat, air all sound. Williamsfield School District. Contact the auction company for viewing options.

TERMS: A non-refundable 10% deposit will be required on auction day, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an as-is auction. NO credit cards may be used for real estate or titled items.

VEHICLES: 2000 4x4 Ford Explorer XLT w/ 93,340 miles, running—nice 2006 Mercedes Benz , runs fine, 4 door, 118,000 miles—see pics online. Will sell around 1 p.m.

VINTAGE ITEMS/COLLECTIBLES: Local old advertising items including (cream can from Western Dairy marked J.G. Scott, Williamsfield, Hienolds, Williamsfield Rescue, mini Bomber balls, Tom Voyles Standard Galesburg, West Construction, Baird Ins., Fraternal Eagles Galesburg broom, Neighbor's Tap back scratcher, DeKalb keychain, Peoria Labor, rulers, Hospitality House magnet, much more)—1892 lg. Victorian framed marriage license—vintage clothing including dresses, ladies hats, men's smoking jacket in box, aprons, old hankies in orig. boxes, retro hats, baby items, etc.—coll. of hand stitched and crouched vintage table cloths, fancy work, napkins and more—cross stich framed bird picture—vintage dresser set in orig. case—coll. of dolls, some NB, old including China dolls, 1903 Ideal plastic doll, bisque doll, orig. Cabbage Patch in sealed boxes (one German)—orig. Strawberry Shortcake metal trike—vintage barbies, clothes, old Barbie case—old FP barn w/box—FP phone in box, FP wood pull ducks, Playskool, old children's books/games, plastic toys, cardboard doll house, NB Thundercat sword, Batman, Robin, other figurines—coll. of 45's and albums (Glenn Miller, Moody Blues, Bee Gees, King Kong, Hercules, Disney, etc.), velvet/other posters from 70's era rock—Halloween Happy Meal bucket—holiday décor—vintage Hallmark ornaments—huge coll. of old miniature and large figurines, Eagles, chickens, Indian, animal statues—metal 4H Club Member sign—ant. pictures, paintings—Zenith 8 track player/8 tracks—Corningware, Pyrex, Jade FK, misc. glass, old china cups/saucers, WSCO IL pottery—old Redwing pottery water cooler—old Sleepy Eye creamer, no chips—old Art Glass clown, Postal items, many old sewing notions, new vintage material in orig. sacks—many old collector plates—bears—sheep bell—Embury #2 Air Pilot lantern—kerosene lamps—galvanized sled—old books—2-gallon Western crock—milk can—Schick razor—trunk—wooden bowls, butter crock, jars—old photos—Pioneer old stereo headphones in box—much more to uncover. ANTIQUE FURNITURE/HOUSEHOLD: Prim. kitchen cabinet-oak secretary—ant. wardrobe/dresser—full bed w/ant. ornate head/foot boards—vintage telephone seat—ornate pedestal ant. kitchen table—cane bottom chairs—wooden rocker—misc. pieces—Samsung white fridge w/bottom freezer—Whirlpool electric dryer—GE flattop stove—sm. appliances, Dirt Devil, basic household.

OUTDOOR: Simplicity 13 HP Coronet 34" riding mower—Yard Machine 55 HP front tine tiller—sm. B & S 5HP 4 cycle boat motor—cultivator—yard/hand tools—fishing poles—gas cans, air tank, log chains, sprayer, 12v Minekota trolling motor, 7' wood ladder, basic garage items.

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LEGAL ADS

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

STATE BANK OF TOULON, Plaintiff,
Case No. 2024FC40

v.
CORINA L. GALBRAITH;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned mortgage foreclosure action was filed on August 28, 2024, and is now pending.

The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of record is: CORINA L. GALBRAITH

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOTS 1, 2, AND 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF WEST END ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF WETHERSFIELD, NOW A PART OF THE CITY OF KEWANEE, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF HENRY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
PIN: 25-05-277-029

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

5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Name of Mortgagor: CORINA L. GALBRAITH

b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon

c. Date of Mortgage: May 24, 2022 (Mortgage Extension Agreement)

d. Date of Recording: October 27, 2022 (Mortgage Extension Agreement) April 17, 2017 (original Mortgage)

e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois

f. Recording Document Identification: 20-2206291 (Mortgage Extension Agreement) 20-1702194 (original Mortgage)

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before October 9, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorneys for Plaintiff
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee IL 61443

Phone: 309/852-5555
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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE ARCH STORAGE

111 S. CHESTNUT ST. KEWANEE, IL 61443

is foreclosing on the following storage unit for: Kristen Zeigler & Theodore Lundeen for non-payment of rent. Possessions to be disposed of after October 13th, 2024, per building owner's discretion.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF RICHARD E. NEWMAN, Deceased

No. 2024PR94

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Richard E. Newman. Letters of Office were issued on September 4, 2024, to Misty Fike and Shelden J. Newman as Independent Co-Executors 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

March 14, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor

211 W. 2nd St.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of
CAROL A. OUART, deceased

No. 2024-PR-96

Notice is given of the death of CAROL A. OUART. Letters of Office were issued on September 5, 2024, to MARK S. OUART, 303 E. Prospect St., Kewanee, IL 61443, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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

CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

No. 2024MR4

ANDREW W. SZPARKOWSKI; 1095 INVESTMENTS LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS;

UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois ("the Property") that a Petition for Demolition Order was filed in the above-named Court on August 15, 2024, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Andrew W. Szparkowski.

4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:

Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Number Nineteen, Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Commencing at the Southwest (SW) Corner of Lot No. Ten (10), Block Twelve (12) Original Town, Now City, of Toulon, Running Thence North, One Hundred Forty-Two (142) Feet; Thence West Sixty-Six (66) Feet; Thence South One Hundred Forty-Two (142) Feet; Thence East Sixty-Six (66) Feet to the Place of Beginning. Situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois.

PIN: 04-19-331-007

5. The parties to be served by publication are: Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.

6. The date after which a default may be entered against the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson,

Toulon, Illinois is October 13, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, on or before October 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition Order.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Stark County

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

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

CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

No. 2024MR-2

CHARLES D. SLIGHTOM, SR.; LEAH SLIGHTOM; CHARLES SLIGHTOM, JR.; CAROL HULTMAN; ROBERT HULTMAN; 1095 INVESTMENTS, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Charles Slightom Jr. and the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois ("the Property"), that a Petition for Demolition Order was filed in the above-named Court on May 17, 2024, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.

2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.

3. The name of the title holder of record is: Charles Slightom Sr.

4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number Seven (7) of the Henderson and Whittaker's Addition to the Town, now City of Toulon, situated in Stark County, Illinois.
PIN: 04-19-303-007

5. The parties to be served by publication are: Charles Slightom Jr.; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.

6. The date after which a default may be entered against Charles Slightom Jr. and the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois is October 13, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Defendants Charles Slightom Jr., Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, on or before October 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition Order.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Stark County

Published 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY - CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,

vs.

AMY SIGHTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED; JAYCE SIGHTS; SARAH BETH MILLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2024FC3

Property Address:
124 South St, Bradford, IL 61421

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO

Toulon, Illinois is October 13, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, 61483 on or before October 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition Order.

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CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

No. 2024-MR-2

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NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before October 13, 2024, a JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. 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://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org for information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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/s/ David Reyes, Esq.
David Reyes, Esq.
Counsel of Record for Plaintiff
ARDC # 6340981

Published 9/13, 9/20, 9/27/24

ORDINANCE 2024-03 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY 2024 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2025

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District of the counties of Stark, Marshall, and Bureau, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on September 16, 2024, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publishing notice thereof in a newspaper of general circulation in the Bradford Public Library District; and

WHEREAS all other legal requirements have been duly compiled with by the Board of Trustees of the Bradford Public Library District;

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

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

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

1. For Wages \$60,000.00

2. For Library materials

a. Printed Material \$16,000.00

b. Audio Visual \$12,500.00

c. Library of Things \$500.00

\$29,000.00

3. For utilities \$7,500.00

4. Telephone \$1,700.00

5. For postage \$1,400.00

6. For legal \$3,300.00

7. For RSA and annual fees \$5,000.00

8. For travel \$300.00

9. For advertising and publications \$2,200.00

10. For online subscriptions \$5,500.00

11. For office supplies \$3,500.00

12. For Library supplies \$5,000.00

13. For education \$2,000.00

14. For programs \$22,000.00

15. For miscellaneous \$500.00

16. Contingency \$2,664.00

TOTAL \$151,564.00

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

1. For Social Security Taxes \$3,007.00

2. Contingency \$815.00

TOTAL \$3,822.00

FOR MEDICARE FUND [40 ILCS 5-1-110.1]:

1. For Medicare Taxes \$1,031.00

2. Contingency \$349.00

TOTAL \$1,380.00

FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 AND 50 ILCS 310/9]:

1. For Contractual Services \$2,492.00

2. Contingency \$431.00

TOTAL \$2,923.00

FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE [75 ILCS 10/0-107]:

1. For Insurance \$6,000.00

2. For Safety \$5,900.00

3. For Unemployment Insurance \$200.00

4. Contingency \$1,334.00

TOTAL \$13,434.00

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35

X-COUNTRY: Knobloch breaks own record

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nick Jr. stated. "Five of the top 7 cut time from FTTF 2023 (Dusti :20 seconds, Cheyenh 1:29 seconds, Alexis Martinez 1:48 seconds, Sarah Kraklow 1:21 seconds and Halie Moodie 1:49 seconds). In addition, Knobloch cut 1:23 from her July 26 run on the full Detweiller course."

Other scoring runners for Stark County were Martinez (77th, 20:24) and Kraklow (177th, 22:23).

In the boys race, freshman Evan Knobloch earned a medal for placing 13th in 15:38, which broke his own school record.

"Clearly Saturday's race was a big step up in class and he responded extremely well," Rennick stated. "He ran a very aggressive first mile and finished incredibly well thereafter. There was only

one other freshman in the race that finished ahead of him and only by :05 seconds."

Knobloch had run 16:57 on July 26 on the same Detweiller course.

Stark County is at the Dale Donner Invitational in Walnut.

• **Galva VB** – Galva (3-4) lost to Abingdon Avon 25-12, 25-15 at home on Sept. 11. Reese Sumner scored three kills, one ace, got 16 attacks, eight digs and five assists.

Maddie Bates collected three kills, four digs and six attacks. Karstyn Jones had three kills and six attacks. McKenna Anderson recorded two kills and seven attacks. Addie Moore blocked two.

GHS topped Quad City Christian 25-7, 25-13 Sep. 9 on the road. Moore had three kills. Saige Kaiser

recorded two kills and one block. Bates had four digs. Gale recorded four digs.

Galva is in a tournament at Oneida on Saturday.

• **Stark Co. VB** – Stark County (2-8) competed Saturday in the Midland Invitational. The Lady Rebels defeated LaMoille but fell to Peoria Heights, Spring Valley Hall and Midland.

Coley Johnston led SCHS in kills and blocks in the tournament. Kenna Newton rivaled Johnston in kills for the day. Sophie Finnegan also rivaled Johnston in blocks. Hallie Newton topped the team in assists and ace serves.

"We played close games all day but couldn't seem to finish," Coach Mary Jo Groter said. "We started strong but had trouble finishing."

SCHS battled Mercer

County but came up short 29-27, 25-18 on Sept. 12 in Lincoln Trail Conference action.

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GARAGE SALES

Garage Sale - Sept. 21, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 605 W Elm St., Wyoming, IL
Huge Garage Sale at 605 W Elm St Wyoming Saturday Sept. 21 - 8-2 Decor, Designer purses, miss me jeans Coats winter and sweatshirts, lots of name brand like new items wedding decor Barbie dream house, books, puzzles, toys, comforters Boys size 6 and up, men's size small, t-shirts and jeans Girls 3t and up jr, girls size 3 and up, jeans, jean shorts, basketball shorts, woman's dress clothes size 6 & 8, woman's clothes small med, jeans tennis shoes, fashion boots, baseball cleats. lots of items.

Garage Sale - Sept. 21 - 22 - Rt. 17 Orwig Road
Garage Sale: Saturday, Sept. 21 & Sunday, Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., take Rt. 17 towards LaFayette, last road before LaFayette turn left on Orwig Road. (7943 Twp. Road 100 E, LaFayette) Furniture, women's clothes (all sizes), kids things, knick knacks, home interior/pictures, lots of misc.

Garage Sale - Sept. 20 - 22 - 111 N. Miller St., Toulon, IL
Annual Garage Sale - 111 N. Miller St., Toulon (by water tower). Friday, Sept. 20, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. John Deere mower with grass catcher, treadmill, 2 gas generators, Toro snowblower, computer printers, lg. grain scale, 36' aluminum ladder, antique gas stove (works), old Victrola with records, child school desks, table saw, sleds, toys, lawn ornaments, fruit jars, men's jeans, clothing, purses and lots of everything.

Garage Sale - Sept. 20 - 21 - 210 E. South St., Wyoming, IL
Garage Sale - Friday Sept. 20 8:30-4:00 and Saturday Sept 21 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 210 E. South Street Wyoming, IL. Multi family sale with home decorations, drop leaf table and 2 chairs with extra leaves to seat 14, clothing (women's, kids, youth, and men's), shoes, 9 x 11 area rug, small floor rugs, toys, luggage, lego tables, light fixture, butterfly chair. and lots of miscellaneous. Bake sale on Saturday.

Garage Sale - Sept. 20 - 21 - 202 N. Galena, Wyoming, IL
Garage Sale: Friday, Sept. 20 - 8am - 3 pm; Saturday, Sept. 21 - 8 am - 1 pm; 202 N Galena, Wyoming: new name brand purses, Housewares; home decor; tall book shelf; baby girl clothing 3 mos - 3 T; women's clothing - lots of XS & S; men's clothing - L-2 XL; homecoming dresses; Murray riding lawn mower; and lots of misc. CASH ONLY

Garage Sale - Sept. 27 - 29 - 3967 Duncan Rd. Toulon, IL
Huge Indoor Garage Sale - 3967 Duncan Rd. Toulon, IL - 2.1 Miles South of West Jersey, IL on Rt 78 Turn left on Duncan Rd. One mile down on left. Friday, Sept. 27 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat., Sept 28 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sun. Sept. 29 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.. Lots of nice clothing: girls, boys, junior, misses and men's, name brands: Miss Me, Silvers, Vigoss, AE, Pink, Maurices, Under Armour, Nike, Adidas, Abercrombie, etc., shoes, jewelry, Bath&Body, authentic purses: Coach, Kate Spade, Michel Kors, etc., Bath&Body, Barbies, Disney, Rainbow High, Nickelodean, LOL, Nintendo DS Lite w/Case, DVD's, vanity, Tupperware, Thirty-One, Pioneer Woman, home décor, Hearth & Hand, kitchen items, small desk, Longaberger, vanity, book bags, electric space heater (fireplace) and much more. Lots of new items. Stop by do some early Christmas shopping. Not responsible for accidents.

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• **Free Day Lilies:** Yellow and Orange mix. Approximately 80 feet. You dig them up and haul them away. Singing Woods Road area. Interested call, 309-657-1711 to schedule an appointment.

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• **TOULON:** 401 N. Franklin, Toulon. Two BR, 1 bath. Call 309-678-1831.

• **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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• **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.

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ROGER L. BETCHER, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 99

CLAIM NOTICE

(Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Roger L. Betcher. Letters of Office were issued on September 11, 2024, to Kevin P. Betcher as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before March 21, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee, IL 61443
(309) 852-5555
Published 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/24

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF POLICYHOLDERS TO VOTE ON PROPOSED MERGER
TO THE POLICYHOLDERS OF ELMIRA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND LAPRAIRIE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Elmira Mutual Insurance Company ("Elmira Mutual") held on August 6, 2024, and at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company ("LaPrairie Mutual") held on July 31, 2024, it was determined by each said Board that a merger of Elmira Mutual, an Illinois farm mutual insurance company of Toulon, Illinois, and LaPrairie Mutual, an Illinois farm mutual insurance company of Henry, Illinois, is desirable, and the said Boards further determined to submit to a vote of policyholders of each company the question of such merger in accordance with the terms approved and recommended by the Boards, the Board of Elmira Mutual by resolution authorizing the President to call a special meeting of the policyholders of the company which will be held on the 5th day of November, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at Elmira Mutual's office, 127 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, and the Board of LaPrairie Mutual authorizing the President to call a special meeting of the policyholders of the company which will be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at 401 Edwards Street, Henry, Illinois, to consider and vote on the proposed terms of merger approved and recommended by the Boards as aforesaid and further to consider and act on any and all matters that may be brought before said meetings.

THEREFORE, pursuant to such actions and orders, notice is hereby given of such special meetings of policyholders to be held at the times and places aforesaid to consider and vote on the question of merger of said companies and the terms thereof.

A Summary of the Proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger is as follows:

Under the terms of the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger between Elmira Mutual Insurance Company and LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company, the former company will merge with and into the latter company, which shall be the surviving company, the Agreement and Plan of Merger further providing for transfer by the former company to the latter company and acceptance by the latter company of all policies and contracts of insurance issued by the former and all assets and books and records and contracts of the former, for the assumption by the latter of all liabilities of the former, for the protection of rights of creditors and policyholders by the inclusion of a provision that such rights shall not be impaired by such merger, for the retention by any policyholder of the former company of rights under Section 168 of the Illinois Insurance Code, for the effectiveness of the Agreement only after approval thereof by the Board of Directors of each company, said approval having been given by the Board of Directors of Elmira Mutual Insurance Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held August 6, 2024, and by the Board of Directors of LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 31, 2024, and only after the approval of the policyholders of the former company and the policyholders of the latter company and the Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, and for such other provisions as are appropriate to the effectuation of said merger.

Said vote on the merger of said companies and the terms thereof may, at the election of any policyholder not represented in person at the aforesaid special

meetings of policyholders, be effected by proxy, in due form submitted by said policyholder and subject to proof of authenticity by the company.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024.
Elmira Mutual Insurance Company
By: /s/ Mark Wilson, President
LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company
By: /s/ Craig Doyle, President
Published 9/20, 9/27, 10/4/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2025, will be available to public inspection at the Toulon Fire Department, 420 N. Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 27th day of September 2024.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 5:00 o'clock P.M., on the 29th day of October 2024, at the Fire Station, Toulon, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Toulon, Illinois on said 20th day of October 2024, at 5:15 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.
Dated this 16th day of September, A.D. 2024.
Toulon Community Fire Protection District
/s/ William S. Foglesong
Secretary
Published 9/20/24

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 fcctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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

First Baptist Church
"faith in truth"
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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.
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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.
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www.ToulonBaptist.com
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1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

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Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
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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 Wyant Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421
Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.
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OBITUARIES

Barbara I. Elliott

KEWANEE – Barbara I. Elliott, 88, of Kewanee, died at 6:45 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Cremation has been accorded and private graveside services will be held at Lehigh Cemetery in Elmwood. A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Bradford American Legion Post 445 on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024. Memorials may be directed to the Bradford American Legion Post 445.

She was born Sept. 23, 1935, on Center Prairie in Knox County, the daughter of Dale Catton and Nina Cain Meehan. She and her family moved to Elmwood Township in 1938, where she attended a country school, Moore School, for eight years and graduated from Elmwood High School in 1953. She married Richard D. Elliott on June 8, 1977, in Macomb. He preceded her in death on Nov. 10, 2011.

Surviving are her five children, Debbie Koelling (Jeff McDonald) of Kewanee, Dale (Linda) Cecil of Rockwall, Texas, Pat (Mia) Cecil of Rowlett, Texas and Mike (Anita) Cecil of Kewanee; stepson Ron Elliott of Bradford; stepdaughter-in-law Dianna Elliott of Bradford; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and a brother, Donnie Meehan of Elmwood.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, great-grandson Austin Lee Porter and brother Dick Meehan.

Barbara started working in the food business when she was 16 years old and continued for 55 more years. She was president of the Bradford American Legion Auxiliary Post 445 for 25 years, having served as 16th District President. She was also a member of the Kewanee VFW Auxiliary Post 8078, a member of Daughters of American Revolution (was regent for two years), a member of the Osceola Research Club, attended the Elmira Presbyterian Church and was one of the original Bradford Saddle Tramps, a group that she and her husband helped organize.

She dedicated many years of her life working with the veterans, especially the homeless veterans. Barbara was also a 10-year cancer survivor.

Dorothy A. Morrissey

WYOMING – Dorothy A. Morrissey, 83, of Wyoming, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024, at her home.

Dorothy was born on July 29, 1941, in Peoria to William and Flor-

ence (Moran) King. She married Raymond F. Morrissey on Feb. 27, 1960, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Jan. 8, 2021.

Surviving are three children, Bill (Karen) Morrissey of Wyoming, Debbie (Rob) Miller of Lake-wood Ranch, Fla., and Raymond Joseph (Michelle) Morrissey of Wyoming; eight grandchildren, Matt, Lauren (Logan), Brandon, Logan, Jake, Ryan (Ashley), Emily (Jake) and Tyler; six great-grandchildren, Bridgid, Patrick, Colin, Norah, Vera and Clara; and one brother, William "Bill" (Diane) King of East Du-

buque, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents; one granddaughter, Jennifer Morrissey; and one sister, Shirley Patrick.

Dorothy worked alongside her husband since 1960, shortly after he began his own business, and continued after opening their appliance store, Morrissey Appliance in Wyoming, in 1977. Their two sons joined the family business where they all worked side by side. Dorothy and Ray were the grand marshalls of the Moonlight Madness Parade, recipients of the 2018 Excellence in Business Member award from the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce, the Wyoming Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and the Wyoming Lions Club Joe Cogan Community Champion Award in 2019.

Dorothy enjoyed annual RV trips to Walt Disney World with Ray. She was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church and their altar and rosary society. She was also an active member in the Wyoming Area Chamber of Commerce and the Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

Dorothy will be remembered for her kindness, her infectious smile, and her dedication to her family, as her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were her pride and joy.

Her funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 20, 2024, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. The Rev. John Baptist Uwigaba will officiate. Visitation was to be from 5-7p.m. Thursday, Sept. 19, 2024, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. A rosary service was to begin at 4:15 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be to Abilities Plus in Kewanee or the Stark County Fair Building Fund.

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

Marsha L. Persinger

WYOMING – Marsha Lynn Persinger, 61, of Wyoming, passed away at 9:45 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, at her residence. Marsha was born on March 8, 1963, in Peoria, the daughter of Emery J. "Wilkie" Wilkinson and Donna (Will) Wilkinson King.

She married Dwight Dean Persinger on Oct. 2, 2010, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Nov. 23, 2013.

Surviving are five children, Justin (Jessica) Williams of Castleton, Lisa Williams of Kewanee, Hannah (Jason) Theobald of Princeville, Rebecca (James) Saner of Wyoming and Zach (Keisha) Willi of Virginia; 13 grandchildren, Alexandria, Rhys, Corbin, Dallas (Sammi), Guinevere, Xander, Hunter, Gabriel, Ember, Maverick, Ross, Jackson and Kennedy; one brother, Wade (Tammy) Wilkinson of Wyoming; one sister, Darlene (John) Selmarten of Houston, Texas; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and one grandson, Joseph Theobald.

Marsha was an avid Chicago Bears fan. She enjoyed reading books, playing board games and cards, doing puzzles, decorating Christmas trees and collecting owls. Above all else, she loved her family, time spent with them and supporting her grandchildren in all their activities.

Her funeral service was Sept. 17, 2024, at the First Congregational Church of Wyoming. Rev. Rebecca Klemm officiated. Burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery at a later date. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary or to the Stark County Junior Football League. To leave condolences for Marsha's family please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Mark A. Baker

BRADFORD – Mark Anthony Baker, 59, of Bradford died Sept. 1, 2024, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Kewanee.

Mark was born on Jan. 11, 1965, in Canton. He married Susanna "Sue" West on March 21, 1987, in Stark County.

Survivors include his wife, Sue Baker of Bradford; two children, Joshua (Destinee) Crow of Ligonier, Ind., and Amber Spaniel of Kewanee; one granddaughter, Hadley Peach; his mother, Alma Gardner of Bradford; and two siblings, Tracey (Pam) Baker of Bradford and Michele (Sean) Gardner-Anderson of Norfolk, Va.

Cremation Rites have been accorded. There will be no services.



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FOOTBALL: Galva falls to defending champs

Continued from Page 16 ning hard and our guys are doing a pretty good job opening up some holes for him.”

Still, Noard believed his team needed to better establish its passing game. Steelman, a first-year senior starter, and junior receiver Connor Daum helped accomplish that. Daum caught two Steelman passes for scores.

“We gave him time to find the open guys,” Noard said about Steelman. “I think he’s always had the ability. It’s just confidence in the fact that he can put the ball where he wants to.”

“Daum, he’s a good receiver. We probably should even find a way to get the ball in his hands a little bit more, because he’s pretty dangerous with it.”

Stark County averaged 10.6 yards per offensive play. It held A-Town to a 4.8-yard average.

Noard also praised junior Justin Warner, who caught three Steelman passes for a total of 80 yards. Warner had played only a handful of special-teams snaps before he filled in for Chris Barnwell, who sat because of a minor quadriceps injury.

Barnwell is expected to be able to play against Havana, according to Noard.

— Nick Vlahos

Amboy 60, Galva 0

AMBOY – The run through the eight-man football gauntlet continued last Friday for Galva (0-3), which fell to 2023 champion Amboy.

Amboy (2-0) led 46-0 by

halftime and held Galva to nine yards rushing on 25 carries.

The Wildcats are home Friday at 6 p.m. to face West Central (3-0), which won a matchup against Galva earlier this year, 52-8.

— Jeff Lampe

ROWVA-Williamsfield 42 Monmouth United 36 (OT)

ONEIDA – The Cougars are becoming adept at last-second football escapes.

For the second time in their first three games this season, R-W won in heart-stopping fashion, this time in overtime.

Drake DeJaynes passed 7 yards to Talan Hull for the winning score. That play, followed by a stop on the subsequent United overtime possession, lifted R-W (3-0) to 2-0 in LincolnLand small-division games headed into a showdown at home today (Sept. 20) vs. undefeated Princeville.

United (0-3, 0-2) tied the game with 14 seconds left in regulation, but R-W defender Carter Smith stopped the ensuing two-point conversion to force the tiebreaker.

The Red Storm had the ball at the Cougars 1-yard line on fourth down in OT. Jeremiah Johnson and Cayden Sanders stuffed an up-the-middle run and preserved victory for the hosts. “Exhausted. Relieved. Just glad we won,” R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said about his reaction.

Gullstrand should be used to it. In the season opener, R-W needed a touchdown in the waning seconds to

beat Havana. This game began as if the margin would not be that tight.

Touchdown passes from DeJaynes to Hull and Kole Miller sandwiched a Preston Schroeder scoring run as R-W led 21-0 in the second quarter. But United rebounded behind quarterback Nolan Jenks and wide receiver Zeke Clark. They connected on two third-period scores that gave United a 24-21 lead.

Long touchdown runs by Jack Cordle (186 yards rushing overall) and DeJaynes put R-W ahead 36-30 down the stretch. That set up the furious finish.

“We played really well at the beginning and at the end, and really bad in between,” Gullstrand said. “Luckily enough, we’ve been in tight games lately. I guess we weren’t panicked to be in that situation.”

Princeville provides a challenge with its recent prolific passing game. Princes senior Jake Williams passed for 249 yards last week against Knoxville in a 48-19 LincolnLand crossover victory.

— Nick Vlahos

Princeville 48 Knoxville 19

PRINCEVILLE – Williams was 16-for-21 passing and threw touchdowns to four different receivers. Perhaps the most important was a 40-yarder to Hunter Johnson three seconds before the first half ended.

Princeville (3-0) led 14-0 after 12 minutes, but winless Knoxville closed to 20-13 with 3:27 left in the second period. Princes

Coach Jon Carruthers said his team intended to run out the clock, but big gains from Eli Christianson and a Williams-to-Johnson connection altered the plan.

“We didn’t have a play called,” Carruthers said about that pass reception. “Jake called a play. It was like one of those times in basketball where you’re yelling ‘No, no, no’ on a 3-point shot. He got us in position for that last play.”

Princeville had possession to begin the third quarter. That made the pre-halftime touchdown even more important, according to Carruthers.

Knoxville gained 220 yards rushing, but its passing game was nonexistent. Carruthers credited middle linebackers Ethan Cunningham and Robert Garza, among others.

“Fun year,” Carruthers said. “It could be a pretty stressful year.”

Running back Jack Lied might return this week from an ankle injury.

• Elsewhere – Rushville-

Industry (2-1, 2-1) ruined homecoming for banged-up Annawan-Wethersfield with a 26-13 win. R-I ran for 282 yards and held the ball for over 30 minutes. Jordan McGinnis scored twice and Rylan Reimolds ran for 118 yards. ... Havana got two scores and 135 rushing yards from junior Cayden Green in a 20-6 win over South Fulton.

SCOREBOARD

Stark County 40 Abingdon-Avon 16
Stark County 13 13 7 7 - 40
Abingdon-Avon 0 0 0 16 - 16

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
SC - Orwig 75 run (Frihetsli kick)
SC - Kinsella fumble recovery in end zone (kick blocked)

Second Quarter
SC - C.Daum 21 pass from Steelman (pass failed)

SC - Orwig 48 run (Frihetsli kick)

Third Quarter
SC - Orwig 11 run (Frihetsli kick)

Fourth Quarter
A-A - Hook 22 run (Haase-Dirth run)

SC - C.Daum 50 pass from Steelman (Frihetsli kick)

A-A - Darst 38 run (Johnson run)

Team Statistics

	SC	A-A
First downs	18	11
Rushes-Yds	28-255	31-171
Yds per carry	9.1	5.5
Comp-Att-Int	11-15-1	10-25-1
Passing yds	199	97
Fumbles-lost	3-0	4-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing - SC: Orwig 14-218, C.Daum 2-31, Sparks 3-17, Gentle 1-(-2), Gibson 2-(-3), Steelman 5-(-6). A-A: Stenger 17-76, Darst 2-46, Hook 2-29, Kenon 2-15, Haase-Dirth 1-10, Anderson 5-4, Johnson 2-(-9).
Passing - SC: Steelman 11-15-1 199. A-A: Anderson 10-25-1 97.
Receiving - SC: Warner 3-80, C. Daum 4-76, Saner 2-33, Browning 1-8, Orwig 1-2. A-A: Hall 6-51, Hook 4-46.
Tackles - SC: Kinsella 8, Holmstrom 7. A-A: Stromson 5, Belville 4.

Amboy 60, Galva 0

Galva 0 6 0 8 - 14
Ridgewood 36 14 6 0 - 56

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

A - 2 run (conversion good)

A 16 run (conversion good)

A - 30 pass (conversion failed)

Second Quarter

A - 46 run (conversion good)

A - 25 run (conversion good)

A - 1 run (conversion good)
Third Quarter
A - 3 run (conversion good)
A - 10 run (conversion failed)

Team Statistics

	G	A
First downs	6	13
Rushes-yds	25-9	34-320
Yds per carry	0.4	9.4
Comp-Att-Int	11-24-1	2-2-0
Passing yds	65	32
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2

Individual Statistics

Rushing - G: Hulstrom 7-11, B.Stahl 4-10, C.Hurd 9-4, C.O'Brien 1-(minus-3), Gustafson 4-(minus-13).
Passing - G: Hurd 11-24-1 65.
Receiving - G: B.Stahl 6-38, T.Funke 2-14, Gustafson 3-11, Hulstrom 1-2.
Tackles - G: B.Stahl 11, L.Rodseth 8.5, Hudson 8.

Princeville 48, Knoxville 19

Knoxville 0 13 6 0 - 19
Princeville 14 12 14 8 - 48

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

P - Day 14 pass from Williams (Ahten kick)

P - Geiger 1 run (Ahten kick)

Second Quarter

K - Laws 35 run (kick good)

P - Geiger 5 pass from Williams (kick failed)

K - McClay 65 run (kick failed)

P - Johnson 40 pass from Williams (conversion failed)

Third Quarter

P - Johnson 15 pass from Williams (Blunier pass from Williams)

K - McClay 59 run (kick blocked)

P - Christianson 3 run (conversion failed)

Fourth Quarter

P - Benningfield 43 pass from Williams (Blunier pass from Williams)

Team Statistics

	K	P
Rushes-yds	42-220	34-187
Yds per carry	5.24	5.5
Comp-Att-Int	0-1-1	16-21-0
Passing yds	0	249

Individual Statistics

Rushing - K: McClay 19-164, Laws 11-46, McGrath 3-11, Walters 7-3,

LincolnLand - Large

Overall	W	L	Conf	W	L
Elmwood-Brim.	3	0	3	0	0
Macomb	3	0	3	0	0
Farmington	3	0	2	0	0
Bureau Valley	2	1	1	0	0
West Hancock	0	3	0	2	0
Knoxville	0	3	0	2	0
Illini West	0	3	0	3	0
LVC	0	3	0	2	0

Last Week

Elmwood-Brim. 71, W. Hancock 36
Farmington 42, Decatur St. Teresa 18
Macomb 21, Illini West 6
Princeville 48, Knoxville 19
Bureau Valley 46, LVC 16

Friday, Sept. 20

Elmwood-Brim. at Decatur St. Teresa
Bureau Valley at Farmington
Illini West at South Fulton (Astoria)
West Hancock at Macomb
LVC at Knoxville

Cummings 1-0, E.Harshbarger 1-(-1).

P: Christianson 13-91, Geiger 8-46, Williams 6-26, Freres 7-24.
Passing - K: Cummings 0-1-1 0. P: Williams 16-21-0 249.

Receiving - P: Johnson 7-111, Benningfield 4-77, Day 3-33, Blunier 1-23, Geiger 1-4.
Tackles - P: Cunningham 12, Lowery 9, Geiger 6, Carruthers 6.

ROWVA-Williamsfield 42 Monmouth United 36 (OT)

Mon. United 0 8 16 12 0 - 36
ROWVA-Will. 7 14 0 15 6 - 42

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

R-W - Hull 14 pass from DeJaynes (Miller kick)

Second Quarter

R-W - Schroeder 1 run (Miller kick)

R-W - Miller 3 pass from DeJaynes (Miller kick)

U - Passing TD (conversion good)

Third Quarter

U - Passing TD (conversion good)

U - Passing TD (conversion good)

LincolnLand - Small

Overall	W	L	Conf	W	L
Stark County	3	0	3	0	0
Princeville	3	0	2	0	0
ROWVA-Williamsfld	3	0	2	0	0
Rushville-Industry	2	1	2	1	2
Abingdon-Avon	1	2	1	2	1
Annawan-Weth.	1	2	1	2	1
Havana	1	2	1	2	1
United	0	3	0	2	0
South Fulton	0	3	0	3	0

Last Week

Princeville 48, Knoxville 19
ROWVA-Will. 42, United 36 (OT)
Stark County 40, Abingdon-Avon 16
Havana 20, South Fulton 6
Rushville-Ind. 26, Annawan-Weth. 13

Friday, Sept. 20

Princeville at ROWVA-Williamsfield
Havana at Stark County
Annawan-Wethersfield at United
Rushville-Industry at Abingdon-Avon
Illini West at South Fulton

Fourth Quarter

R-W - Cordle 29 run (Miller kick)

U - Rushing touchdown (conversion failed)

R-W - DeJaynes 71 run (Schroeder pass from DeJaynes)

U - Passing touchdown (conversion failed)

Overtime

R-W - Hull 7 pass from DeJaynes (conversion failed)

Team Statistics

	K	RW
Rushes-Yds	-	45-314
Yds per carry	-	7.0
Comp-Att-Int	-	9-13-2
Passing yds	-	98

Individual Statistics

Rushing - R-W: Cordle 30-186, DeJaynes 8-110, Schroeder 4-13, Gerlach 2-4, Main 1-1.

Passing - R-W: DeJaynes 9-13-2 98.

Receiving - R-W: Hull 6-81, Cordle 2-14, Miller 1-3.

Tackles - R-W: Gerlach 5.

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The Prairie News Sports

SC girls 13th at First to Finish

By The Prairie News
PEORIA – The annual First to the Finish Invite is generally a good measuring stick for high school cross country teams.

Contested on the state course at Detweiller Park, the invite attracts top teams from all corners of Illinois. After you run, you have an idea where you stand.

The Stark County teams have to feel good about their position heading into the rest of this season.

The Lady Rebels placed 13th overall and beat six teams ranked in the top 25 in state polls along the way.

Stark County's top fin-

isher Dusti Smith earned a medal with a ninth-place finish and set a new school record with her time of 17:59.9. Race winner Elena Rybank of Glen Carbon Father McGivney's winning time was 16:51.9.

Other Rebels runners also had fine showings. Cheyenh Smith (59th, 19:57) and Darilis Knobloch (156th, 22:04) ran personal bests Saturday.

"Comparing where the girls team is this to this time last season, the 2024 team finished five places and 96 points better at FTF than last year," Coach Bob Ren-

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Dusti Smith posted a new Stark County record time of 17:59 last Saturday. Photo by Dave Giagnoni.

Ranked Rebels do it all in win

By The Prairie News
ABINGDON – Stark County football was able to run and pass with relative impunity last week.

Nolan Orwig ran for 218 yards and three touchdowns and Dillon Steelman passed for 199 yards and two touchdowns Sept. 13 to lead the Rebels to a 40-16 victory over Abingdon-Avon.

The victory made No. 8 ranked Stark County 3-0 overall and in the Lincoln-Land Conference small-school division heading into a league game tonight (Sept. 20) in Wyoming against Havana. The Ducks (1-2, 1-2) had two last-second losses before a 20-6 victory last week

against South Fulton.

Havana will have to deal with a Stark County team that against A-Town (1-2, 1-2) was as adept in the air as it was on the ground.

Orwig, a senior, set the tone when he ran 75 yards for a score with about 7 minutes left in the first quarter. Stark County scored five times in a row before A-Town had its first points, with about 10 minutes left in the game.



"He had (a) touchdown run that he must have broken four or five tackles on the way to the end zone," Stark County Coach Jade Noard said about Orwig. "He's run-

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