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PUMPKIN POTPOURRI

Plenty to know about pumpkins

By **RON DIETER**
 For The Prairie News

It's that time of year. Everywhere we see that soft orange glow and the ghoulish grin. No, I'm not talking about a particular political personality. I'm talking about the jack-o'-lantern. Permit me to present a potpourri of impressive pumpkin particulars you can use to dazzle your friends.

Have you ever wondered why pumpkins are orange? The pumpkin's bright-orange color comes from pigments called carotenoids, the same compounds that give color to sweet potatoes and carrots. Pumpkins are an excellent source of the important antioxidant, beta-carotene. A diet rich in beta-carotene



Last year Illinois produced about 690 million pounds of pumpkins, more than the next five most-productive states combined.

tene may lower the risk of heart disease and certain cancers. Scientists say beta-carotene also helps protect the body from the degenerative aspects of aging.

Hmmm. I wish they'd told me that sooner.

Pumpkins start out green but

change to a rich orange in the fall. They change color the same way tree leaves do in the fall. Bright fall colors are always present in tree leaves and pumpkin fruits throughout the summer but are masked or overpowered by green chlorophyll.

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Ballots show very few contested local races

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

Aside from a contentious election for President of the United States, voters in Stark and Henry counties won't have much to choose between when they head to the polls for the Nov. 5 general election.

In Stark County, there are no contested local races. Beyond choosing between Donald Trump and Kamala Harris for president, voters face a handful of yes-or-no questions and several uncontested races.

First is to answer yes or no on three non-binding statewide advisory questions. Stark County voters will also be asked if they favor retaining Appellate Court Judge William E.



Holdridge and Circuit Court Judge Kate Gorman.

Henry County voters face the presidential choice and the three advisory questions, as well as retention of Holdridge.

Henry County also has two additional contests to help decide, most notably the race for 17th Congressional District between Democratic Incumbent Eric Sorensen and Republican challenger Joe McGraw.

Residents of District 1 can also choose between nine candidates running for five spots on the Henry County Board.

Get to know Debbie Dunbar Ryan of Bradford

By **PAYTON LETKO**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Debbie Dunbar Ryan, 60, is a Bradford native and a source of local news and knowledge. Read on to learn more about her.

Question: Do you use the internet?

DDR: Yes and I type well on my computer, but I'm terrible at typing on my phone. Ask anyone in my family.

I'm known as the town advertiser on Facebook. I post all the information about local Bradford happenings.

I also run a few Facebook pages including Bradford Alumni, If You Grew Up in Bradford and Memories of Bradford. It doesn't take me more than a minute to

post things, so that's what I do.

Q: How did you meet your husband Tom?

DDR: We met through a mutual friend. I asked my girlfriend from Bradford if she knew any good men. That friend was married to Tom's best friend, so they set us up, and Tom and I got married 10 months later. We've been married for 32 years.

Q: What was the happiest day of your life?

DDR: It's tough to choose between the day I married Tom and the day I had my first child and became a mom, so both.

Q: How would you say you're unlike other people your age?

DDR: Probably that I'm comfortable

being around a bunch of kids and I don't mind all the noise associated with that.

Q: What did you do for work?

DDR: I was an in-home daycare provider for 30 years. I retired (in July). It started out I had two little girls of my own, so I decided to watch other kids. I babysat in high school and really enjoyed it.

I loved watching those kids grow up, go to school, and be happy.

It feels like being an extra set of grandparents, getting invited to graduation parties and birthdays.

Like I said, I like my noise and there was always something happening, but no disasters over the years. My husband had

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Bradford residents Debbie Dunbar Ryan and her husband, Tom, have been married for 32 years and have four children and five grandchildren.

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DUNBAR-RYAN: 'If you're not happy, move on'

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to pull toys out of the toilet, the kids accidentally dropped a dixie cup in the furnace once and one day one of the little boys climbed on the sink, then water was shooting to the ceiling.

The kids felt bad when they did something wrong and would just line themselves up on the couch and sit quietly.

Years later a girl apolo-

gized to me at her graduation party, but at the end of the day it was all fine. I loved seeing them grow up happy.

Q: What's been your favorite age?

DDR: Probably my 20s when I had started a family. I had three of my four kids then: Jennifer, Sarah, Jeffrey and Blake.

Q: What do you miss most about that time?

DDR: Having the kids

around, in and out of the house. I miss sleepovers, football games, doing stuff with and for the kids.

Q: How many times have you been in love?

DDR: Ten times because of my spouse, kids and grandkids: Henry, Molly, Ivy, Maverick and Beckham.

Q: What makes you happy?

DDR: My family.

Q: What's the best ad-

vice you've ever received?

DDR: If you're not happy, move on. There's happiness somewhere else.

Q: What has been the saddest day of your life?

DDR: The day my parents died.

Q: What are you most looking forward to in life right now?

DDR: More grandkids. We recently had another one. A boy this time.

PUMPKINS: Turnips original jack-o'-lanterns

Continued from Page 1
As the late-summer and fall nights grow longer, chlorophyll production slows to a standstill exposing the bright colors we associate with autumn.

Nowadays pumpkins come in a kaleidoscope of colors. A particular favorite among decorators is naturally white pumpkins. A jack-o'-lantern carved from a white pumpkin looks like it's been turned inside out. It's pretty

creepy when lit from inside with a flickering candle.

Other colors include gray, blue, brown, deep orange-red and variegated variations. You can also find specimens with lumps and bumps, which are surprisingly attractive when used in arrangements.

You may be surprised to learn pumpkins were not the original jack-o'-lanterns. The idea of carving a face into a piece of produce has its roots, so to speak, in Ireland. Celtic pagans would hollow out turnips or potatoes, carve fierce faces into them and illuminate them with candles or glowing coal. They used these "lanterns" to keep evil spirits away.

The practice was picked up by Christians who used the lanterns on All Hallows' Eve, the day before

All Saints' Day, aka All Hallows' Day. Early American settlers continued the practice and discovered that native pumpkins, being bigger and easier to carve, made scarier lanterns.

According to USDA 2023 figures, Illinois pumpkin farmers planted 15,400 acres of pumpkins, more than twice as many as any other state. And when it comes to pumpkin production, no state holds a candle to Illinois. Last year Illinois produced about 690 million pounds of pumpkins, more than the next five most productive states combined. An acre of Illinois farmland yields about 40,000 pounds of pumpkins, predominantly pie varieties for processing into products like pumpkin puree.

The two largest pumpkin processing plants in the

U.S. are in Princeville and Morton. Pumpkins are delivered to the plants from nearby fields and in less than 24 hours, they're washed and sliced, pureed, then cooked in the can. No matter where you live in the U.S., your Thanksgiving pumpkin pie will most likely come from here in central Illinois.

Personalizing a pumpkin might be a fun project for kids or grandkids. They can inscribe their name on a pumpkin as it grows in the garden. It might be one way to get them to set down their phones.

The National Gardening Association recommends waiting until the pumpkins are about the size of a basketball. Then inscribe the name on the surface of the pumpkin using a sharp instrument to poke a series of dots into the skin. Use a series of dots, not cursive, and there's no need to go deep. Just prick through the skin. As the pumpkin grows, the name will grow in size with it.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic Citations

10-17 - Debra L. Williams - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.
10-17 - Ricardo Lopez - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.
10-17 - Ysabell Marie Benton - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-17 - Jaskaran Singh - Disregard stop sign.
10-17 - Elijah Edward Tutell - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-19 - Kelsey N. Hawley - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-19 - Laura L. Crump - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.
10-25 - Mason R. Cooper - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-25 - Cole Y. Goodell - Unlawful use of cannabis.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

10-19 - Zuniga L. Hernandez, 20, Kewanee, ticketed for disobeying a stop sign.
10-20 - Destanie C. Shepley, 26, Walnut, cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone.
10-21 - Ashley J. Irby, 38, Peoria, cited for driving without vehicle insurance. She was issued a court date.
10-21 - Stephanie L. Whitehead, 39, Wyoming, ticketed for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.
10-22 - A 17-year-old Wyoming teen was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Route 91, one mile south of the Route 91 and 93 junction. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.
10-23 - Tevan K. Dorian, 32, of Galva was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on the West Jersey Road approximately 100 feet east of 00E. No injuries were reported but the vehicle had estimated damages over \$1,500.
10-23 - Joel H. Willocks, 31, Toulon, cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.
10-23 - A possible battery was reported to authorities from a resident in the 500 block of N. Galena Ave. in Wyoming.
10-23 - Erin E. Shaw, 44, Dixon, cited for driving with suspended registration due to non-insurance and for driving with a suspended license. She was issued a court date and her vehicle was impounded.

10-24 - A harassment complaint and possible dog theft was reported in the 400 block of S. Franklin St. in Toulon.
10-24 - Ramon Gomez-Zarate, 27, Pekin, cited for speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone and driving a vehicle with an expired plate/sticker.
10-24 - A rural Lombardville resident reported possible theft of a camera.
10-25 - James C. Knox, 60, Bend, Ore. cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.
10-25 - Chandler C. Down, 26, Wyoming, was ticketed for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone. Passenger Cole Y. Goodell, 25, Toulon, cited for illegal possession of adult-use cannabis

in a vehicle. Goodell was released with a court date.
10-25 - Shytya L. Alexander, 33, Peoria, cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.
10-26 - Michael L. Kutyna, 48, Chicago, ticketed for driving on a revoked license, failure to signal, and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.
10-27 - Terry R. Weaver, 62, Wyoming, cited for driving on a revoked license, speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone and improper lane usage. He was released with a court date.

Peoria County report

10-24 - Ryan G. Smith, 40, of Bradford was arrested at 1:30 a.m. and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
10-21 - to the 200 block of Main Street for a theft report.
10-21 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a verbal disturbance.
10-21 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a scam complaint.
10-21 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a shoplifting complaint involving several juveniles. The juveniles were released to parents.
10-21 - to the 00 block of SE 5th Ave. for a loud-noise complaint.
10-22 - Officer was flagged down in the 00 block of NE 4th Ave by a subject who had received suicidal text messages from their child. The subject was located in Kewanee and transported to the hospital for evaluation/treatment.
10-22 - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint. It was returned to a neighbor.
10-22 - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded.
10-22 - While patrolling, an officer saw a car entering Galva near the high school at a very high rate of speed. The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop, but the vehicle sped up and fled. Officer began to pursue the vehicle but decided to terminate due to safety concerns.
10-22 - to the 300 block of Swank St. for a child-custody complaint.
10-23 - to the 300 block of Front Street for a disturbance and child-custody dispute.
10-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of NW 5th St., William Barnes, 40, Galva, cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and no insurance. He was released with a court date.
10-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Terry Sarver, 52, Galva, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.
10-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SW 3rd St., Rhea Wheelhouse, 40, Bloomington, cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and no insurance. She was released with a court date.

10-25 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud-noise complaint.
10-25 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of S. Center Ave., Dacota Hanson, 26, Odell, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance. He was released with a court date.
10-25 - Officer dispatched to Wiley Park for a complaint involving kids jumping on picnic tables and electrical boxes. They were advised to stay off equipment.
10-26 - near the railroad tracks at NE 6th Ave. to recover a safe that had been stolen in a burglary in June, 2024.

10-26 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Leah Middleton, 24, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. She was released with a required court date.

10-26 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Cody Cooper, 35, Galesburg, cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

10-26 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of E. Division St., Robert Peed, 45, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

10-26 - Chance Yocum, 20, Galva, cited in the 100 block of NW 3rd Ave. for expired registration.

10-26 - Cynthia McCoy, 61, Galva, cited in the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for no vehicle insurance.

10-26 - Adriana Landeros, 33, Cicero, cited in the 00 block of SE 2nd St. for speeding.

10-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 700 block of SE 2nd St., Edward Mensen, 58, Galva, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance. He was released with a court date.

10-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 6th Ave, Tyler Talk, 21, Galva, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance. He was released with a court date.

10-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of SE 2nd St., Ashley Jones, 35, Galesburg, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance. She was released with a court date.

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 - Moliere

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GUEST VOICES



New trade war with China could cost farmers

Here's a headline worth noting: "New U.S.-China Trade War Could Cost Farmers Billions." Let's pause to consider these words. First, it's a quote; I didn't write it.

That's important because the third rail of today's ag journalism – the deadly, high-voltage topic that can burn your career – is Donald J. Trump. Question a Trump-related topic like tax cuts, tariffs or immigration and you're quickly tagged a Trump hater or, worse, a liberal.



Alan GUEBERT

The headline and its fact-centered claim comes courtesy of that bastion of wild-eyed ag uniformity, the farmdocDAILY team at University of Illinois, reporting the on-farm results of a second Trump-promised trade war if the former president is elected Nov. 5.

The Oct. 17 analysis begins hard and hot: "United States corn and soybean farmers could lose billions of dollars in annual production value in the event of a potential new tariff-induced U.S.-China trade war ..."

Then, like me, the UI writer reaches for a towel to dry their hands of any responsibility for a perceived attack on Trump. The report, he notes, is "according to a new economic study commissioned by the American Soybean Association and the National Corn Growers Association."

Wow, two of Big Ag's most powerful commodity groups commissioned a detailed analysis of Trump's threatened trade war and found "that 'U.S. soybean farmers (could) lose an average of \$3.6 to \$5.9 billion in annual production value'" while "U.S. corn farmers would lose an average of \$0.9 to \$1.4 billion in annual production value" depending on how China would respond to increased U.S. tariffs."

But this burden is not limited just to American corn and soybeans growers. There will be a substantial "ripple impact ... in rural economies where farmers live, purchase inputs, utilize farm and personal services and purchase household goods."

In fact, the "total economic contribution of soybean and corn production could drop between \$4.9 billion and \$7.9 billion annually."

While American producers and their suppliers are two of the trade war's biggest losers, two of its biggest winners are one of our best customers, China, and one of our most aggressive competitors, Brazil.

According to the ASA/NCGA study, "(I)f China cancels its current waiver," a tariff dodge put in place during the first Trump term, "and reverts to tariffs already on the books, U.S. soybean exports to China would ... on average decline 51.8% from baseline levels expected for those years ... (while) U.S. corn exports to China would fall ... an average ... 84.3% from the baseline expectation."

On top of that catastrophic "loss

of over 25 million metric tons of soybean exports to China and nearly 90% of corn exports to China ...

Brazil gains an average of 8.9 million metric tons of annual soybean plus corn exports over the projection timeline."

What will happen to U.S. farmers if an election-winning Trump sticks to his tariffs-are-beautiful policy that, according to the ASA and NCGA, will deeply undermine future U.S. farm income?

If the past is prologue, a second Trump Administration will reprise its unprecedented government spending to bandage over the self-inflicted hemorrhaging again caused by trade-killing tariffs. In an Iowa campaign stop last January, the former president bragged about that earlier spending by shouting, "Twenty-eight billion for the farmers!"

In fact, Reuters reported, total ag spending during the Trump years was "about \$217 billion in farm payments, including crop support, disaster, and aid programs. That's about \$73 billion more than in any prior four-year period since 1933."

So, yeah, tariffs work just fine – if the White House again sends farmers taxpayer money at least as fast as they lose export markets.

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Leezer FARMLAND SALES **Nov 13, 2024**
at 1:30PM
79.5 Acres Stark County Farmland
—Kraklow Farm—
FOR SALE – Online Auction

Location: 3 miles East of West Jersey, IL at the 4-way stop

TOTAL ACRES: 79.5
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 77.68
PI: 122.8

LEASE: Farm is open for 2025 crop year.
OWNER: Kraklow Family Irrevocable Trust
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at 9 AM
77.8 MWL Acres of Bureau County Pattern Tiled Farmland
and 209.66 MWL Acres of Peoria County Farmland
FOR SALE – Online Auction

Location: Bureau County, approx. 7 miles East of Kewanee, IL on the South side of Kentville Rd or approx. 9 miles Northwest of Bradford, IL.

TOTAL ACRES: 77.8
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 72.52
PI: 136

Location: Peoria County, 1/2 a mile North of Princeville, then East on Streitmatter Rd, located on the North side of the road.

TOTAL ACRES: North: 104; South: 105
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: North: 98.05; South: 99.77
PI: North: 107.4; South: 111.3
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RURAL DAHINDA, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
 The following nice home on approx. 1.13 acres is located at 1951 US Highway 150 E Dahinda, IL. (Located right off of Rt. 150 approx. 2 miles east of the Dahinda Persifer township building), on **SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)**
 NOTE: See pictures and full ads online at www.foigersauctionservice.com. No credit cards accepted for real estate or titled items.
REAL ESTATE: This 2-story cottage style home is conveniently located in between Dahinda and Williamsfield, IL on approx. 1.13 acres. The house has a kitchen, nice sized dining/living room area, 2 bedrooms and 1 full bath on the main level. The 2nd level has an additional 2 bedrooms and one other room for storage etc. The block basement is large with good flooring. The furnace, central air, windows, roof and exterior are in good condition. There is also a generator installed. The property is also improved with a nice 38'x18' unattached garage w/16'x7' overhead door and auto opener. The garage has another 9'x7' overhead rear door, is insulated, has a cement floor, LP hanging heat, and walls lined with plywood. There is a 18'x10' carport attached to the rear of the garage for additional storage. There is another 24'x36' metal shed with cement floor and 10'x8' rolling front door, 10'x10' rolling rear door and is wired with good lighting. A good 12'x20' wooden yard shed w/floor on runners with 2 front doors sits on the property along with a 25'x14' metal lean-to shed for firewood. The property is located in Williamsfield School District. The house is in need of updating but could make for a perfect family country home. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Tuesday Oct. 22nd from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact the auction company for other possible viewing times. **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.
TRUCK: 1997 Ford F150 XLT Supercab 4x4 truck in near mint condition w/44,421 actual miles, never driven in winter, always stored in shed, 4.6 L engine, cloth interior, power windows, locks and mirrors, cruise, AC, AM-FM radio, exc. Cooper 245-75R 16 tires, plastic bed liner, rear bench seat, split front seat, running boards.
GUNS: #1 Springfield Model 15 single shot 22--#2 Wards Westernfield 22 semi auto, barrel load #1 4M495B--#3 LB double barrel black powder flint w/rod--#4 Springfield Model 67F 20 ga. pump--#5 Tapper M48 41 0 single shot J67452--#6 German RGIO 22 short revolver, broken--#7 German RG 22 short revolver #906437--#8 Ruger MK 11 22 pistol #219-25239--**AMMO:** 1 box Winchester 20 ga 7 1/2 shot, 6 boxes Federal 20 ga. shells 6 & 9 shot, 7 boxes CCI 22 LR, 3 boxes Winchester 410 6 shot, 2 boxes of 100 CC1 22 shorts, 525 rd. packs of Remington and Federal 22 LR, 500 rd. pack of Remington Thunderbolt 22 LR, 4 boxes Winchester 22 Win mag, 1000 rd. pack of Winchester 22. LR, 5 new Mossberg 22 LR 10 rd. 702 pinkster clips.
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7642 Grain Bin Road Toulon
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Sunday, November 3 at 12:00 noon

Items to be sold include: holiday decorations, dressers, china hutches, Char Broil gas grill, spindle bed, tile top patio table, parts bins, Craftsman tool box, 17 cu/ft garden cart, spindle sander, shop lights, tool cart, fishing poles, 6 1/8 planer jointer, hardwood dollies, saw horses, Precision lawn sweeper, kitchen chairs, Porter Cable air compressor, desk chairs, garden statues, picnic table, pub table with 2 chairs, electric chainsaw, Husqvarna YTH 24V48 lawn mower, Coca Cola cooler, Earthquake front tine tiller, kneehole desk, twin bed, pictures, BB guns, DVD's, book shelves, oak commode, chain link dog kennel, kennel heated pad, 1 room air conditioner, hunting knives, belt knives, flash lights, Hot Wheels, Match Box cars, sports collector cards, fire pit, Boyds Bears, archery target, home décor, rugs, linens, 1996 Ford Explorer, much more to be unpacked.
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Real Estate Open House:
Sunday, November 3rd 2024 at 4 p.m.
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 will be offered at public auction.
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Personal Property to be sold includes: dolly cart, coolers, hand tools, bottle jacks, Whirlpool washer and electric dryer, Amana refrigerator, Hamilton Beach microwave, pots/pans/dishes, small kitchen appliances, Sanyo flat screen tv, lamps, Longaberger baskets, books, 2 leather recliners, twin beds, Avon bottles, folding chairs, glassware, cedar chest, vanity, dresser, painted commode, extension cords, John Deere D 130 lawn mower w/ 418 hours, 20# LP tanks, aluminum extension ladder, long handle tools, Toro push mower, railroad jack, Keller 6' fiberglass stepladder, Harley Davidson motorcycle in parts, much more.

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Citizen Party Nominating Caucus will be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2024
 At the hour of 7 P.M. at the Town Hall located at:
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 for nomination of candidates to offices of the Township.
Dated October 28, 2024
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Leezer FARMLAND SALES **Nov 20, 2024 at 9 AM**
165.64 Acres Stark County, IL Farmland - Whittaker Farm - FOR SALE – Online Auction

Location: South of West Jersey, IL. 1 mile than East on 200N. The farm is 1 mile on the North side.
TOTAL ACRES: 165.64
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 152.29
PI: 134

| EAST AND WEST TRACTS | | |
|----------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| TOTAL ACRES: | East: 59 | West: 107 |
| FSA TILLABLE ACRES: | East: 50.61 | West: 101.68 |
| PI: | East: 135.7 | West: 133.1 |

~Possible Wind Contract~
 LEASE: Farm is under Cash Rent until Nov. 1, 2026.
 OWNER: Estate of Paul Whittaker
 REGISTER TO BID: www.leezerfarmland.com – Select "Online Auction" Box
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BRIEFS

Stotler earns 4th place at FFA convention

INDIANAPOLIS – Chelsey Stotler of Stark County FFA earned fourth place last week in the 2024 National FFA Agriscience Fair at the National FFA Convention & Expo.

Stotler was competing in the food products and processing systems competition. Toby Williams of Stark County FFA was seventh in food products and processing systems.

Adam West of Stark County FFA placed ninth in social systems at the Agriscience Fair and Cole Kinsella placed 18th in his category.

Bradford students receive reading awards

BRADFORD – Bradford Community School District #1 presented the annual Dorothy Lord Reading Awards to the students with the most improved reading skills in grades 1-7 and the best overall reader in the 8th grade, using data from the previous school year.

Each recipient earns a \$100 gift card to Barnes and Noble and a \$50 gift card to enjoy dinner after their book shopping. Along with the recipients receiving gift cards, every teacher in the district who teaches reading receives a \$75 certificate for reading supplies in the classroom.

Pheasants Forever has free pheasant hunts

PRINCEVILLE – The Illinois River Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever is offering free pheasant hunts for women, youngsters age 9-



Pictured above (left to right) are Bradford CUSD #1 Students Schuyler Garlish, 8th grade; Stella Brady, 6th grade; Michael Divert, 7th grade; Abigail Cade, 4th grade; Carter Divert, 5th grade; Charlie Wilson, 3rd grade; and Braxton Schmitt, 2nd grade. These students are this year's recipients of the Dorothy Lord Reading Awards at Bradford. Pictured in back are award presenters Lynn and Ferrell Lord.



Pictured above (left to right) are Stark County FFA national award winners Adam West, Toby Williams and Chelsey Stotler.

18, veterans and men who have never hunted pheasants before.

Pheasant hunts will be Saturday, Nov. 30, and Sunday, Dec. 1, at the Gilles Farm, 22512 N. Maher Rd., north off of Illinois Route 90 and west of Princeville.

Participants do not need a hunting license. Pheasants Forever will provide each hunter with two pheasants to be hunted. Shotguns and ammunition will also be available.

Youths must have passed a hunter-safety class to participate.

Hunting times are offered in one-hour blocks, starting from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. To sign up, contact Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

Youth deer hunters shot 4,057 deer Oct. 10-12

SPRINGFIELD – Youth hunters in Illinois shot a preliminary total of 4,057 deer during the youth deer-hunting season Oct. 12-14. Comparatively, youth hunters took 4,576 deer during the season in 2023.

Youth hunters with an unfilled, youth deer permit can hunt with the permit during the first firearm deer season Nov. 22-24.

Youth hunters shot 77 deer in Fulton County, 35 in Knox County, 36 in Peoria County, 30 in Henry County and 11 in Stark County.

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Rehab work underway at ex-Alcoa plant

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – Rehabilitation work is underway at the old Alcoa Building Products facility on Princeville’s north side, according to village officials.

The new owners of the long-dormant property have undertaken plumbing and roof repairs, municipal Code Enforcement Officer Dan Sullivan told Village Board members Oct. 22. New, various doors also have been ordered.

“We’re making progress,” Sullivan said. “I wanted you guys to know there are things being done.”

West Jersey Express, a Stark County-based transportation-and-logistics company, assumed ownership last month. The property is to house a West Jersey Express parts-distribution expansion.

In 2001, Alcoa ceased operations at its 300,000-square-foot structure along Santa Fe Avenue. In recent years, a local man owned the facility and used it for storage.

Sullivan said he’s working with the Greater Peoria Economic

Development Council regarding possible grants that would help fund property repairs and modifications. Renovations might take a couple of years at undetermined expense, according to Matt Plumer of West Jersey Express.

Board members also were asked to review a draft of a village ordinance that would regulate wind-energy operations. Among other things, the draft stipulates wind turbines be at least 5,000 feet from public roads and towers be a maximum height of 200 feet.

Trustee Ron Delbridge said the proposed ordinance is based on one the Brimfield Village Board

approved. The template is from an anti-wind-farm group that’s been active in Peoria County.

According to Delbridge, the draft ordinance is not more restrictive than what state regulations allow. The village has zoning authority up to 1½ miles beyond its corporate limits.

The Princeville Zoning Board is to review and offer its opinion regarding the proposed ordinance. No meeting for that purpose has been scheduled, according to Village Treasurer Julie Delbridge. Once the Zoning Board signs off on the proposal, the Village Board is expected to consider it.

Peoria County officials are expected to consider two wind-farm proposals sometime next year.

In other business, the board OK’d a \$105,690 one-year deal with The Wyman Group of Peoria regarding health insurance for five village employees. That represents an increase of \$8,756 from the current year, according to Trustee Rick Pope.

The board also approved a \$2,500 residential-rehabilitation reimbursement for pressure washing and new paint at 216 W. Evans St.

BBC Bingo Night
 When: Saturday, November 2nd
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P-ville FFA News
 Event: Annual Hog Roast November 16th @ 6:30 p.m.

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 ESTATE OF TRACY LYNN WARNER BROOKS,
 No. 2024PR105
 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Tracy Lynn Warner Brooks. Letters of Office were issued on October 10, 2024, to Robert E. Brooks as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before April 10, 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 provider. Visit 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
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 Attorney for Executor
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 Phone (309) 932-2001
 Email: everett@barashlaw.com
 Published 10/18, 10/25, 11/1/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF NADINE D. SWANSON,
 2024PR109 Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Nadine D. Swanson. Letters of Office were issued on October 11, 2024, to Tamra L. Dynes as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before April 11, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing provider. Visit 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 www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.
 Name Barash & Everett, LLC
 Attorney for Executor

Address P.O. Box 165
 City Galva, IL 61434
 Phone(309) 932-2001
 Email: everett@barashlaw.com
 Published 10/18, 10/25, 11/1/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF LAURETTA J. WOTRING,
 Deceased
 No. 2024PR110

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Lauretta J. Wotring. Letters of Office were issued on October 16, 2024, to James David Anderson, Jr. 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 April 28, 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 10/25, 11/1, 11/8/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF MARY ALICE LINDBURG,
 Deceased.
 2024PR111

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Mary Alice Lindburg. Letters of Office were issued on October 16, 2024, to William K. Lindburg as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before April 16, 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 provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to

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 Email: everett@barashlaw.com
 Published 10/25, 11/1, 11/8/24

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET
 NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 7:00 P.M. on the 2nd day of December, 2024, at the WYOMING FIRE STATION, 214 East Williams Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., the 2nd day of December, 2024 in the WYOMING FIRE STATION, 214 East Williams Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2024.
 KEITH KNOBLOCH, Secretary
 WYOMING COMMUNITY Fire Protection District.
 Published 11/1/24

Toulon Community Fire Protection District Trustees Report
September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

The Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District hereby report the following schedule of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2023 and ending August 31, 2024.

RECEIPTS

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| Balance from 8/31/2023 (Cash & Savings) | \$218,367.28 |
| Stark County Treasurer (Taxes) | \$290,033.50 |
| Henry County Treasurer (Taxes) | \$6,434.25 |
| Illinois Contoller | \$7,669.27 |
| Foreign Tax | \$4,430.14 |
| Interest Savings & Checking | \$1193.02 |
| Misc/Refunds/Donation | \$239.26 |
| TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE DURING YEAR | \$528,366.72 |

EXPENDITURES

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| Clothing Allowance | \$16,784.00 |
| ABC Fire Extinguisher | \$150.65 |
| Accident Fund | \$1,519.00 |
| Ag View FS-fuel | \$3,329.25 |
| Alexis Fire-repairs | \$2,766.29 |
| Ameren-utilities | \$4,287.92 |
| Banner Fire-truck | |

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| payment | \$27,024.60 |
| Barash & Everett-attorney fees | \$1,128.00 |
| Cardio Partners/AED machines | \$8,123.88 |
| Conway Shield-fire fighter equipment | \$27,629.80 |
| Eds Heating-boiler repair | \$1,024.22 |
| Emergency Service | \$1,470.00 |
| ESO Solutions-software | \$1,087.27 |
| Frontier-phone | \$2,542.11 |
| IL Assoc of Fire Protection-dues | \$325.00 |
| Lampe-publications | \$301.50 |
| Leezers-insurance | \$11,904.00 |
| M. Cantwell - Mowing | \$950.00 |
| Mediacom-internet | \$1,181.48 |
| Moore's-tires | \$4,273.08 |
| Nutzhorn - Mowing | \$210.00 |
| O'Reilly Auto Parts | \$103.96 |
| Orkin-pest control | \$650.00 |
| SCBAS | \$591.52 |
| Stark County Sheriff-dispatch | \$1,200.00 |
| Stark County Ambulance | \$157,488.00 |
| State Bank of Toulon - Loan | \$55,910.19 |
| Strong Power | \$360.00 |
| Supplies | \$3,970.63 |
| Toulon Fire | \$1,991.09 |
| Tracy Peterson | \$1,986.36 |
| Trustee Mileage | \$525.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$342,788.80 |
| CASH ON HAND 8/31/2024 | \$185,577.92 |

Respectfully Submitted Trustees
 Gary R. Steward, William S. Foglesong, John Boarman of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District
 Published 11/1/24

Bradford Public Library District Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024
 Receipts: Property Taxes \$121938, PPRT \$1070, Grants \$2120, Services \$987, Interest \$1430, Donations \$8056
 Disbursements: Wages \$52148, Materials & Programs \$19368, Utilities \$1468, Office \$21181, Payroll Tax \$3813, Acctng \$2160, Ins \$6713, Maint \$5143, Building \$123557, IMRF \$6746
 Published 11/1/24

TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
 Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois, will be held November 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. at the Toulon Fire Department, 420 N. Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District.
AGENDA: Consideration and adoption of an ordinance regarding the tax levy for ambulance service.
 By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.
 Dated this 29th day of October 2024.

Toulon Community Fire Protection District
 /s/ William S. Foglesong
 William S. Foglesong, Secretary
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ELECTION DAY IS APRIL 1, 2025

XC: Knobloch second in boys regional race

Continued from Page 12 they finished behind the 4/5 duo from Sherrard, however, they came in right behind them limiting the advantage," Rennick said.

No. 6 runner Sarah Kraklow (32nd, 22:25) was five spots ahead of Sherrard's No. 6 and junior Haylie Moodie (49th, 23:57) had a personal record time.

"You cannot ask much more than that," Rennick said.

As an added bonus, though, Stark County also had freshman Evan Knobloch place second in the boys race in 15:54. Only junior Braeden Bode of Riverdale was faster, winning in a PR of 15:42. Senior Karson Shrum of Kewanee Wethersfield was third in 16:13.

Evan Knobloch cut 17 seconds from his Sept. 28 time on the course.

"He ran a terrific race, running up front right off the start. It was soon a battle of three runners, Evan, Shrum and Braeden Bode," Rennick said.

"It became a race with Evan and Bode with just under a mile left.



Stark County freshman Evan Knobloch was second in his Class 1A boys regional race last Saturday in a time of 15:54.

Evan was in control and composed all race, which was extremely impressive to see a freshman deliver a performance like that battling a junior (Bode) and senior (Shrum).

"Beyond his terrific race performance I was so impressed with his confidence. The last couple of battles with Shrum did not end in his favor,

but he didn't lose faith. Evan believed in himself, ran confidently. The kid is just unflappable."

Next up for Stark County is the sectional race Saturday over the same layout at Saukie Golf Course. Girls run at 10 a.m. and boys are scheduled to start at 11.

• **SC VB** – Stark County (6-27) lost in its Class 1A regional volleyball opener on Tuesday at Kewanee Wethersfield vs. Annawan, 25-19, 19-25, 25-9.

Prior to that, the Lady Rebels defeated Ridgewood 25-14, 20-25 and 25-15 in their final regular-season match. Coley Johnston recorded six kills and four aces. Claire Bowser scored three kills. Hanna Newton tallied three kills. Emily Demetreou scored on four ace serves.

• **Galva VB** – Galva (6-30) lost in its Class 1A regional opener at Wethersfield, falling to Midland 25-22, 25-16. In its regular-season finale on Oct. 24, Galva dropped a 25-11, 25-10 decision to North Fulton at home.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR GALVA PARK DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Galva Park District in Henry County, Illinois for 2025 will be held on November 13, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Galva City Hall, 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL 61434. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district, may contact President, Peter VanDeVelde, 512 Swank St., Galva, IL 61434.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2024 were \$164,106.16. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$191,000.00. This represents a 16.39% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2024 were \$0.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 are \$0.00. This represents a (0%) increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2024 were \$164,106.16. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2025 are \$191,000.00. This represents a 16.39% increase over the previous year.

Laura Nordstrom
Corporate Secretary

Amber Waves by Dave T. Phipps

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

GRIN & BEAT IT

"We didn't get many answers in our door-to-door poll, chief, but we got lots of candy."

Weekly SUDOKU by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦
♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

CryptoQuote
AYOLBAAXR 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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Trivia test by TRS

- MOVIES: Who was the only actor to receive an Oscar nomination for work in a "Star Wars" movie?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is a body of land with water on three sides called?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: In 1960, which two candidates participated in the first televised presidential debate in 1960?
- FOOD & DRINK: What type of flower produces vanilla bean pods?
- MUSIC: What was the name of blues musician Stevie Ray Vaughn's first Fender Stratocaster?
- SCIENCE: What type of gas is absorbed by plants?
- LITERATURE: What is the name of the submarine in "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Seas"?
- TELEVISION: What is Clair Huxtable's profession in "The Cosby Show"?
- ANATOMY: What is a more common name for the sternum?
- ART: Which European city houses the Rijksmuseum?

Answers
1. Alec Guinness.
2. A peninsula.
3. John F. Kennedy and Richard Nixon.
4. Orchid.
5. Number One.
6. Carbon dioxide.
7. Nautilus.
8. Lawyer.
9. Breastbone.
10. Amsterdam
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Smile 2 (R)
- The Wild Robot (PG)
- Terrifier 3 (NR)
- Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)
- We Live in Time (R)
- Joker: Folie à Deux (R)
- Piece by Piece (PG)
- Transformers One (PG)
- Saturday Night (R)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)

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Toulon Methodist Church

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

LaFayette Methodist Church

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

West Jersey United Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty
Phone (217) 425-5707
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen
7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483
(309) 896-3481
Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones
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Sunday Worship: 11:00
Wednesday Night TBD
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First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491
(309) 695-4091
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Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon
(309) 286-4611
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Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
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Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

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

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

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Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
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309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

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OBITUARIES

Marian E. Bates

GALVA – Marian E. Bates, 97, of Galva died on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at the OSF Richard Owens Hospice House in Peoria.

A private graveside service was held on Oct. 28 in Galva Cemetery. There are no public services.

Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services, Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

Marian Yarger was born June 29, 1927, in Kewanee, Ill., the daughter of Lester and Bessie (Cosner) Yarger. She was educated in Kewanee schools and graduated from Kewanee High School in 1945.

On Aug. 8, 1948, she married Donald C. Bates in Kewanee. Don passed away on Jan. 14, 2021.

Marian had been employed during and after high school at Ford Hopkins and S.S. Kresge, in Kewanee. She enjoyed watching wildlife and marveled at cooking and baking, researching her family ancestry and raising and spending time with her children and family.

Marian is survived by a daughter, Eileen Neuhalfen, Galva; four sons, Donald E. Bates, Elizabethton, Tenn., Leslie and Gary Bates, Galva, and James Bates, Phenix City, Ala. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren; sister, Lois Mundz, Kewanee; and a brother, Howard Yarger, Mendota, Ill.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Jeanette Witte and Irene Boelens; brother, Kenneth Yarger; daughter, Janice Baysingar; and two grandchildren, Michael Mitro and Levi Baysingar.

Condolences may be expressed in Marian's obituary at www.stackhousemoore.com.

Daniel M. Stephens

WYOMING – Daniel M. "Danny" Stephens, 80, of Wyoming, passed away at 4:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2024, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Born on April 19, 1944, at home in Castleton, he was the son of LaVerne and Eleanor (Champion) Stephens.

On Jan. 18, 1964, he married Carol Ann Curry of Wyoming at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Camp Grove. She survives.

Further surviving are four children, Lisa Evans of Wyoming, Mark (Amber) Stephens of Chilli-cothe, Erin (Ryan) Breese of Wyoming and Sara (Jake) Nowlan of Toulon; 11 grandchildren, Samantha (Brad) Roberts, Tyler Evans, McKenzie Evans, Jacob (Ana)

Stephens, Jillian (Brandon Short) Stephens, Evan (Courtney) Webber, Michaela Breese, Quinlan Breese, Kali (Daegan Porter) Breese, Emma Webster and Addison Nowlan; nine great-grandchildren, Logan, Kaylie, Jesse, Skylar, Logan, Cleo, Kenton, Olivia and Myla; three sisters, Linda Dennison of Toulon, Debra (James) Waite of South Carolina and Lori (George) Lacy of Castleton; and a brother-in-law, Francis Hollis.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three sisters, Janet Goodman, Janice Hollis and Karen (Paul) Shane; a brother-in-law, Lonny Dennison; and a grandson, Christopher Swearingen.

Danny graduated from the Caterpillar Inc. toolmaker apprenticeship and worked as a tool designer at Caterpillar until his retirement after 42 years.

In his younger years he was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his later years he enjoyed bowling and golfing. He loved to play cards, and his dog, Louie. Above all else, Danny enjoyed spending time being involved with his children's and grandchildren's many activities. He was a member at St. Dominic Catholic Church.

A funeral Mass was to take place on Oct. 28, 2024, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming at 11 a.m. Father John the Baptist Uwigaba, officiated.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Dominic Catholic Church, Haskell

Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

To leave condolences for Danny's family please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Wayne H. Winans

TOULON – Wayne Henry Winans, 92, of Toulon, passed away at 8:20 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2024, at Carle Eureka Hospital.

Wayne was born on Nov. 13, 1931, in Kewanee to Joseph Henry and Mildred Pauline (Parish) Winans. He married Carol Jane Goodwin in Pearl Harbor Submarine Base in Hawaii on June 13, 1954. She preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2020.

Surviving are three daughters, Cindy (Jerry) Stapel of Toulon, Susan (Bill) Weibel of Kalispell, Mont., and Linda Ater of Bloom-

ington; seven grandchildren, Chris Stapel, Jonathan (Mary) Stapel, Bethany (Jason) Krieg, Doug (Lisa) Weibel, Laura (Warren) Obenski, Michael Ater and Kyle Ater; nine great-grandchildren, Anna, Micah, Joel, Asher, Lakyn, Davis, Blake, Lucille and Miles; one brother-in-law, John (Bonnie) Goodwin of Toulon; two nephews; and two nieces.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; sister, Marilyn Boyer; and his beloved mini-dachshund, Lovie.

Wayne was a United States Navy submarine veteran, serving from 1951-55. He worked as an electrician for 41 years and managed several rental properties in the Toulon area.

He served on the Toulon Fire Department for 20 years and was a trustee for 14 years. He was a 40+ year member of the Toulon Lions Club, and 50+ year member of the American Legion Post #416. He was also a member of the First Christian Church in Kewanee.

Carol and Wayne enjoyed traveling together and they often spent time during the winter in Florida. Wayne enjoyed running in various 5k races, participating in and following sports and he was an avid Chicago Cubs and Chicago Bears fan.

A visitation will be from 10-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 8, 2024, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. A private burial with military honors will be in Toulon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Toulon Fire Department.

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

Jeanne A. Blakey

IRONTON, Mo. – Jeanne Ann Blakey, 73, wife of Pastor Marty Blakey, passed away on Oct. 27, 2024, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

Jeanne is a Kewanee native who was born on Sept. 26, 1951. Her husband Marty Blakey grew up in Toulon.

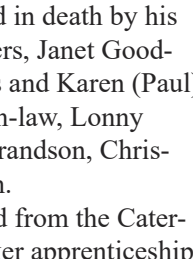
Visitation will be held on Monday, Nov. 4, 2024, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Arcadia Valey Global Methodist Church, 521 W. Park Dr., Ironton. A funeral service will follow starting at noon at the Arcadia Valley Global Methodist Church. Burial will be in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.



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Stark County won its first Class 1A girls cross country regional title last Saturday at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. Pictured above are (left to right): Coach Bob Rennick Jr., Darilis Knobloch, Dusti Smith, Hailie Moodie, Alexis Martinez, Sarah Kraklov, Cheyenh Smith, Paytin Terwilliger, Kelsey Hawley and Lyla Rosado.

League champ Rebels face Galena in playoffs

By NICK VLAHOS

By The Prairie News

With a conference championship secured, the Stark County football team is switching to a statewide focus.

At 2 p.m. Saturday (Nov. 2), the Rebels begin their third consecutive trip to the Class 1A state playoffs, against Galena at Gary Johnson Field in Wyoming. In pairings released Oct. 26, Stark County (8-1) was seeded fifth in the northern bracket and Galena (5-4) was seeded 12th.

Stark County also is the official LincolnLand Conference small-division representative in the postseason.

A 49-22 victory Oct. 25 at Monmouth United put Stark County in a first-place conference tie with Rushville-Industry, which also won that night. The Rebels' 27-6 season-opening victory over R-I was the league tiebreaker. Both teams finished with 7-1 league records.

Galena didn't win its nine-team conference; it finished fifth. But the Northwest Upstate Illini, in the far-northwest

corner of Illinois, is fabled for powerful football teams.

The four NUIC teams that finished above the Pirates advanced to the postseason, including undefeated Lena-Winslow, seeded second in the 1A north behind LeRoy. Le-Win was state runner-up last season and has won six championships overall.

"They come from a conference that it's probably pretty safe to say is the best small-school conference in the state," Stark County Coach Jade Noard said about Galena.

"They're going to be a physical team, and they've definitely played the top programs in the state already. We have to be ready to play."

The NUIC is famous for grind-it-out football, but Galena is a little more diverse, according to Noard.

Senior running back Myles Schumacher led Galena with 771 rushing yards, on 117 carries, headed into the final game of the regular season, a 34-0 loss to Stockton. Junior quarterback Roman Romer had

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SC girls win first regional XC title

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

ROCK ISLAND – After an agonizing number of second-place finishes, the Stark County girls cross country team broke through to win its first regional title last Saturday.

Racing at Saukie Golf Course in the Class 1A Port Byron Riverdale Regional, the Lady Rebels finished with 56 points to nip runner-up Sherrard (58 points).

"We have finished second many

times, I believe four times, so it was extremely satisfying," Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "Again, it was a team win with Dusti (Smith) getting us critical points finishing ahead of their No. 1, with the big points coming from senior Alexis Martinez, finishing seven places ahead of the Sherrard No. 3."

Sophomore Dusti Smith led Stark County, placing third in 18:28 and cutting 28 seconds from her Sept. 28 run over the same

course.

Other scoring runners were junior Cheyenh Smith (7th, 19:49), senior Martinez (8th, 20:07), junior Paytin Terwilliger (24th, 21:52) and freshman Darilis Knobloch (25th, 22:07).

Rennick said Knobloch was 2:04 faster than on Sept. 28, Cheyenh Smith cut 50 seconds and Terwilliger was 40 seconds faster.

"Paytin and Darilis were terrific," *Continued on Page 9*

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