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Stark County Board approves police contract, tentative budget

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County Board approved a contract for sheriff’s department staff after a lengthy discussion on Nov. 12.

Salaries and insurance costs increased for the sheriff’s office staff, with insurance increasing from \$70,000 to \$82,500 for coverage. Hourly rates for deputies increase \$4 per hour in the

first year of the contract, \$1 the second and \$0 in the third.

Board member Tom Howes repeatedly asked, “How much is this contract going to cost (the county)?”

The answer given was that the third year of the contract was not predictable in terms of costs.

“I think this is a fair contract,” Board Member Bill Loane said. “It sounds reasonable.”

After approving the sheriff’s department contract, the board approved a tentative county budget for Fiscal Year 2024 through a resolution. The budget has to be on public display for 15 days before it can be formally approved, which will be at a special meeting on Nov. 27 at 7:30 a.m. at the courthouse.

One significant item was allocation of the remaining

\$508,816 in American Rescue Plan Act funds that must be completed before the end of the year. The board approved spending that \$508,816 toward a new county highway maintenance and administrative building that currently has an unknown total cost.

Discussion about purchasing a location for the new building was again tabled.

John Leezer, of Toulon’s

Leezer Insurance Agency, presented a new county insurance package that shows an increased premium cost of \$13,121, due mainly to increases of building coverages. The total premium is \$155,728, which is an 11.5% increase.

Board Member Joe Orwig said he wants to provide county employees with insurance coverage and pay the insurance pre-
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FAMILY FARMING

Keeping a promise

Father, son cherish annual combine ride together

By **RHIANNON BRANCH**

For FarmWeek

For 35 years, Gary Brelsfoard spent countless hours in the combine seat during harvest, often with his son, Jason, by his side.

Fast forward and their roles have reversed.

In 2020, when Gary’s health prevented him from climbing the ladder on his own, Jason promised him an annual combine ride together, just like when they were younger.

Now retired and dependent on a wheelchair, the elder Brelsfoard looks forward to that day each year.

“I feel like I owe that to him to give him some time in the combine so

he can feel like he’s a part of the operation,” Jason said.

While it takes a lot of time, coordination and help to hoist his dad into the machine, Jason said the smile on his face makes the delay in harvest worth it.

“That crop will be there tomorrow. If I don’t get that extra 10 or 20 acres out because we took time to get dad in the combine, there will be another day for that,” Jason said. “One of these days there might not be another day to get him in the combine. So, we make that our priority.”

The younger Brelsfoard shared a video of his father entering the combine this year on so-



Jason Brelsfoard snaps a selfie with his father Gary in the combine cab. Photo by Jason Brelsfoard.

cial media. On TikTok alone, the video was viewed more than 947,000 times, generat-

ing over 88,000 “likes” and more than 5,000 comments.

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State legislators face \$3.2B budget deficit

By **BEN SZALINSKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois lawmakers returned to Springfield Tuesday for the first time since May following news earlier this month that they’re facing a projected \$3.2 billion budget deficit for the fiscal year that begins July 1.

The news didn’t surprise Republicans, who condemned “drunken spending” policies, but the Senate’s top Democratic budget leader defended the state’s spending priorities and cautioned next year’s budget is still more than six months away from passage.

“This was not unexpected and certainly there’s a long time between now and the end of the fiscal year and we’ll be prepared,” Sen. Elgie Sims, D-Chicago, said.

The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget

released a report on Nov. 1 projecting the state will face a \$3.2 billion deficit for fiscal year 2026, which begins July 1. The annual report from the governor’s budget office typically sets a benchmark for state lawmakers as they begin budget talks early in the year.

How this shortfall will be addressed, either through spending cuts or new revenue increases, will be the focus of lawmakers and Gov. JB Pritzker during the spring session that begins in January.

The General Assembly was to be in town this week and next for their annual fall veto session, and Senate Republicans held a news conference about the projected deficit.

Republicans said Democrats should start by cutting out programs for noncitizens and migrants.
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BUDGET: \$568M to immigrant health care

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“These are tradeoffs. So when Gov. Pritzker supports spending over \$1 billion on illegal immigrants, that means that schools aren’t being properly funded in Illinois, that means developmentally disabled aren’t being properly funded in Illinois,” Senate Republicans’ budget leader Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, told Capitol News Illinois. “That’s a choice the Democrats are making.”

Preliminary estimates show the state is on pace to spend \$568 million this year on a program that provides health care to undocumented immigrants, according to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services. State lawmakers appropriated \$629 million in the spring for the programs, which are currently paused to new enrollment, plus \$182 million to pay for services for mi-

grants sent to Illinois from Texas. Senate Republican Leader John Curran also demanded Democrats spend more time negotiating with Republicans on the budget.

Sims noted recent budgets have also increased education funding. “If they want to classify investments in education and making investments in health care as overspending, I’ll let them make that case,” Sims said.

Pritzker declined to give many details when asked how he plans to propose closing the deficit when he presents his budget in February.

“It’s kind of a flat projection forecast. It’s been wrong every year, I guess you might say, or we’ve defeated it every year,” Pritzker said, adding the budget he will present to lawmakers is going to be balanced.

The Illinois Constitution requires

the General Assembly to pass a budget that is balanced on paper.

But Pritzker also received some of his first significant pushback to a budget in May when multiple Democrats in the House and Senate voted against parts of the spending plan.

This year’s \$53.1 billion budget is currently expected to meet spending and revenue expectations and run a \$16 million surplus when accounting for contributions to the state’s “rainy day” fund, according to the report. Lawmakers chose to raise about \$1 billion of new revenue to support this year’s spending, such as by raising taxes on sportsbooks and video gambling and capping a sales tax discount for retailers.

Sims said there have been no discussions about tax increases. Curran said Democrats should pledge not to hike any taxes to balance the budget.

CO. BOARD: Seeking options for new building

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miums for employees. Currently, employees are offered insurance but there was no incentive to aid in paying the premiums. Employees would have to pay out-of-pocket the costs. This is set for future discussion.

The board passed a resolution for the county to pay \$3,500 toward paying the state’s attorney appellate prosecutor, if necessary to have that individual available for legal cases.

The board also approved a county federal-

aid matching tax fund that requires the county to levy at a minimum rate of .045 percent in order to receive state matching funds.

Funds can be used to pay up to 80% of eligible project costs. Stark County’s tax rate was too

low, which required a transfer of \$2,904 from the county’s general fund.

Giffin said he is still working on estimated costs for multiple options for a new county highway maintenance building.

Giffin said he also is continuing to obtain bids for a surveyor to conduct a county property survey that is possibly in a dispute with a landowner who alleges that a county building is 1.4 feet on his property.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

10-27 - James W. Schupp - Improper use of registration/title.

11-5 - Elijah Mauricio Menold - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

8-3 - Criminal felony - Melvin Johnson - Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine).

9-6 - Criminal misdemeanor - Julie B. Weir - Cause child to be endangered.

9-20 - Criminal felony - Robert F. Barnes, Jr. - Possession/Sell a stolen vehicle.

11-4 - Domestic violence - Antwain R. Cabil - Domestic battery/physical contact.

11-4 - Criminal misdemeanor - Jerid A. Smith - Violate order of protection.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-2 - Viviana G. Calderon, 18, Bradford, ticketed for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

11-3 - An abandoned truck with a boat and trailer was parked partially in the road. Authorities had the vehicles towed from a location near Illinois Route 91 and the South Valley Blacktop.

11-3 - Rebecca P. Eddy, 31, Altona, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone and driving on an expired registration. She was issued a court date.

11-3 - Michael S. Collins, 34, Bradford, cited for operating a vehicle with a registration suspended due to non-insurance and for driving an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.

11-3 - Efrain Servin, 41, Elgin, was ticketed for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

11-3 - Christopher M. Schwigen, 34, Toulon, cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone. He was issued a court date.

11-5 - A 17-year-old Princeville teen was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone. He was issued a court date.

11-5 - Isaiah J. Jordan, 18, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

11-7 - Darryl W. Waldrop, 46, Washington, was cited for disobeying a stop sign, driving while his license was suspended and driving without vehicle insurance. He was issued a court date.

11-8 - Joey L. Vinson, 30, Princeville, was ticketed for speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone and for driving an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.

11-8 - Charles A. Rice, 74, Toulon, was cited for driving on a revoked license and for driving without vehicle insurance. He was scheduled for a court date.

11-8 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on the North Valley

Blacktop. Driver was Frances M. Hamilton, 68, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported but estimated damage to the 2016 Chrysler van were reported at over \$1,500.

11-8 - A single-vehicle accident involving a dog occurred on Illinois Route 93. The driver was August W. Hooker, 60, of Bradford. No injuries were reported but estimated damage to the 2013 Ford vehicle was reported at over \$1,500.

11-8 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 93 approximately one-quarter mile east of 1800E. The driver was Joseph H. Kelly, 62, of Kewanee. No injuries were reported but the 2004 Ford F-150 pickup truck had estimated damages over \$1,500.

11-9 - Bryan F. Barrioslopez, 27, North Hills, Calif. was ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

Peoria County report

11-4 - At 5:30 a.m., Anthony E. Schaffer of Wyoming was driving a 2019 Ford Explorer south on Illinois Route 91 near Hicks Hollow Road north of Dunlap when the vehicle struck a deer. Neither Schaffer nor his passenger were injured, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle was drivable.

11-7 - Troy L. Bowen, 54, of Edelstein was arrested shortly after 2 p.m. and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
11-4 - to meet a resident at the Galva Police Department to gather more information on a battery complaint reported this past weekend.

11-4 - to a residence on NW 9th St. to attempt to locate a subject who had made suicidal and homicidal comments at a medical office in Kewanee. The subject was not located.

11-4 - to the 200 block of SW 6th St. for a complaint involving a violation of pretrial conditions. A report was forwarded to the State's Attorneys Office for consideration of charges.

11-4 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave., Nicole Piper, 37, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date.

11-4 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of NW 6th Ave., Savannah Kulavic, 28, Rantoul, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. She was released with a court date.

11-4 - to the east edge of town to watch for a reckless driver. As a result, Anabelle Twomey, 23, Galva, was issued a citation for improper lane usage.

11-5 - to Route 34 several miles east of town for a possible two-vehicle accident. The accident was later located north of Kewanee.

11-5 - to the 200 block of NE 4th

Ave, for an aggravated battery complaint.

11-5 - Michael Anderson, 46, Valparaiso, Ind., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of N, Center Ave.

11-7 - to the Chester Street railroad crossing for construction workers present without a BNSF permit.

11-7 - to assist Henry County with a two-vehicle accident with damage only on Route 34 near Midland Road.

11-7 - to the NE 2nd St. railroad crossing for juveniles who were standing very close to the railroad tracks as a train approached. The train engineer reportedly had to apply the emergency brakes and ultimately blocked all of the Galva crossings for an extended time.

11-8 - to the 300 block of NE 5th St. for an obstruction in the roadway. The item was removed.

11-8 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of NW 6th Ave., Nicole Piper, 37, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for mandatory insurance. She was released with a court date.

11-9 - to the intersection of Industrial Ave. and SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving the stop sign being knocked down by an unknown vehicle. IDOT was notified and brought a temporary sign.

11-9 - to the 100 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving a group of juveniles standing in the roadway. They had departed prior to the officer's arrival.

Property Transfers

11-4 - Anna and Dariusz Tyszkowski to Richard D. Schlegel - Pt Sect. 30-13-6 NW - 323 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$107,500.

11-6 - Frank J. and Lona Hazel Mercer to Donald A. and Laura A. Charvat - Pt Castle's Add'n Block 9 Pt Sect. 36-13-6 NW - 805 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

11-6 - Robin J. Stotler to Samuel Levi Ehnle - Pt Sect. 25-13-7 SW - 17343 State Route 17, Wyoming - Consideration = \$270,000.

11-6 - Robert J. Shane to Danny L. and Vicky J. Cantwell - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - Block 28 Lot 1 - 230 E. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$34,300.

11-6 - Claudius Roy Webster, Estate and Eric David Webster, Exec. to Ammy M., Brian, Eric D., and Lynnellen Webster - Pt Sect. 33-12-5 NW and NE and Pt Sect. 32-12-5 SW - Consideration = \$0.

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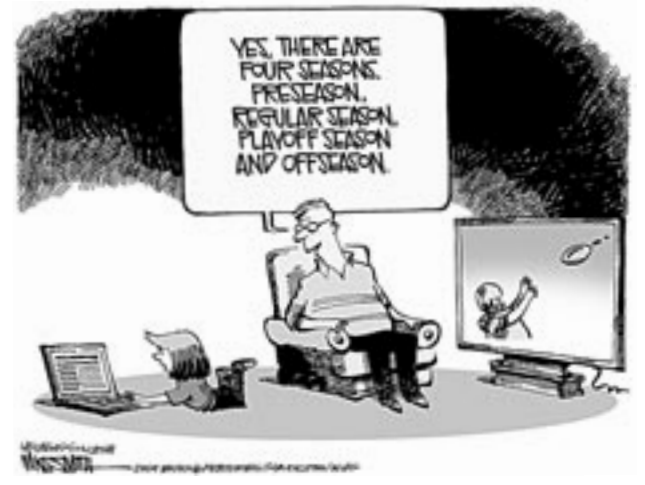
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GUEST VOICES



Buy more deck chairs or chart a new course

Calls for \$20 billion in “emergency” farm-program payments won’t go away now that the proposal’s principal audience, voters, has done its duty. The idea’s chief promoters, Congressional Republicans, have built a wobbly case for the aid and, lame ducks or loud winners, their quacking will continue.

Should they succeed, federal ag subsidies tied to the 2024 crop will total a whopping \$30.4 billion – the new \$20 billion added to the current \$10.4 billion already authorized by the Farm Bill, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Alan GUEBERT

That sum would make 2024 the second-largest ag subsidy year in American history. The record, 2020’s \$45.6 billion, marked the peak giveaway of the Trump Administration’s export loss “indemnification” program after the White House jumped into a tariff war with America’s biggest ag export customer at that time, China.

One of Congress’s more interesting pitches for emergency payments came Sept. 9, shortly after USDA released its updated 2024 farm income estimate. That report confirmed what sinking grain and commodity markets had indicated most of the summer: 2024 net farm income, estimated at \$140 billion,

would fall 4% compared to a year ago and a sharp 24% compared to two years ago.

A significant portion of the two-year drop can be tied to 2022’s record-smashing, \$182 billion net farm income. Despite this year’s forecast of \$42 billion less, 2024 will still be the fourth-largest net farm income on record and only modestly less than 2021 and 2023’s almost identical (\$146.3 billion and \$146.5 billion, respectively) higher marks.

So how does a year that brings home the fourth-largest net farm income on record become an occasion for a \$20 billion emergency bailout?

The short answer is to de-emphasize USDA numbers that weaken your pitch – like net farm income – while spotlighting numbers like “net farm cash income” to make your arguments appear more dire.

The problem with that approach, however, is that every number has its own story. Net farm cash income, says USDA, is “a measure of income available to farm business owners for living expenses, reinvestment, and other obligations” while net farm income is “income after expenses from production in the calendar year.”

Of the two measures, net farm income – like net income for any business – delivers a rock-hard bottom line. That’s why policymakers, academics and lenders use it and not the more fluid net cash income to more accurately measure on-the-

ground conditions. Shortly after USDA released its September farm finance forecast, however, Senate Republicans pointed out that 2024’s net cash farm income, at \$154 billion, was “down 7% from 2023, and down 27%, or \$56 billion, from the highs reached in 2022.”

And, they added, “When adjusted for inflation, the two-year decline... represent(s) the steepest drop in U.S. net cash income of all time.”

True, but net cash income isn’t the best metric to show actual farm income – net farm income is – unless, of course, you’re trying to sell “emergency” aid to Congress.

Lost in the lopsided request is the fundamental question of why American taxpayers should fork over another \$20 billion without getting one farm program reform to head off more “emergency” bailouts.

After all, U.S. agriculture is facing massive structural changes – ag export deficits, a fading ethanol industry, the industrial takeover of its meat sectors, the rise of South American production – with farm policies still stuck in the 1990s.

Throwing more taxpayer money at failing farm programs is like the Titanic buying more deck chairs after hitting the fatal iceberg: Getting comfortable with your fate doesn’t mean you’re not sinking.

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Pages From the Past

Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago in 2014

Bradford School District 1 discusses tuition rates with three high schools: Stark County, Bureau Valley and Henry-Se-nachwine.

Judge John Finley's desk returns to Stark County. The circa 1850 antique roll-top desk was sold by Sundquist Furniture & Funeral Parlor in Toulon. Judge Finley was Stark County's second county judge, serving from 1857 to 1861. Judge Finley is the great-great grand-father of John A. Ballentine.

Wyoming's Pete Johnson said this would be his last year to announce Stark County High School football games. Johnson announced his first home game for Wyoming High School in 1956.

Toulon's Tasji Bachman entered and won the Rising Stars Contest at the Heart of Illinois Fair, in Peoria.

25 Years Ago in 1999

The Toulon Community Foundation was organized

for the economic and community development.

The Amaquonsippi Trail, located 2½ miles west of Bradford, was known nationwide for being a challenging and interesting trail.

The Himes Cemetery north of LaFayette was restored by members of the Stark County Genealogical Society. The cemetery was severely damaged in the 1950s when hogs were allowed to graze in the small plot.

Stark County State's Attorney James D. Owens, a Democrat, sought another four-year term with Republicans Wyoming's Stuart Borden and Toulon's John Deuel challenging Owens after their face-off in the primary election.

35 Years Ago in 1989

A Princeville-Brimfield-Elmwood high school consolidation was rejected in an election, with 2,125 no votes to 1,306 yes votes.

A large Trojan figure

from the former Bergan High School that consolidated with Spaulding High School to form Notre Dame High School, in Peoria, was obtained by Toulon-LaFayette High School and stood in the front entrance of Toulon-LaFayette High School, in Toulon.

A Wyoming-Princeville high school consolidation was proposed but a state law prohibited more than one consolidation at a time to be voted upon. Princeville was part of a Princeville-Brimfield-Elmwood proposed consolidation.

Wyoming High School's football program was courted by Toulon-La-Fayette High and also by Princeville to form a co-operative football team.

40 Years Ago in 1984

No newspaper was published in Stark County between mid-1984 to 1987.

50 Years Ago in 1974

Kenneth Dison was re-elected Stark County Sheriff in a race with challenger Terry Dorman.

Donald D. Rumley of Kewanee and Robert J. Cashen of Toulon announced they were forming a private practice law partnership.

Lucille Polk was elected Wyoming's first woman mayor by defeating James Traphagan

Toulon-LaFayette High School sought funding for new band uniforms to replace the 1940-42 uniforms that were still being utilized over 30 years later.

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The home has a living room, dining room, kitchen & bedroom w/ 1/2 bath on the main floor. The upstairs has 2 bedrooms w/ full bath. The home has

a full basement & a deck of the kitchen and a 2 car attached garage. There is a 28' x 28' shop w/ concrete floor and steel siding & roof all sitting on 1/4 of an acre (+ or -). To see the inside call Adam at (309) 738-8858.

Terms: There will be a \$5,000.00 down payment day of auction and a Purchase Agreement signed after the auction sale. The balance due at closing on or before December 18th, 2024 when possession will be given. Title insurance to be furnished at closing. The home is being sold "as is where is" basis. All announcements made day of sale to take precedence over all others.

Appliances & furniture: Hisense French door fridge S.S. (1 year old); G.E. gas stove; Hot point washer & ele. dryer; 40" TCL T.V.; kitchen maid cabinet; Cavalier ice box; Sellers Kitchen cabinet; 2 oak commodes & dresser; dining & kitchen tables; 2 pcs. Bedroom set; cedar chest; davenport table; 2 recliners; ele. lift chair; tiffany style lamp; curio & jewelry cabinet; wood trunk; bent wood love set; Collectibles: C.I. skilllets & book ends; sad iron; enamel ware; 1937 Galva year book & Twp. Danger sign; Michelin man ash tray; blown glass chicken; Hall pitcher; 36 pocket watches (newer); bull horns; costume jewelry; 40's & 50's J.D. pocket ledgers; cistern pump; bubble & ruby glass; l blooms; cream can; wash tubs; Household: Revere pots & pans; Pyrex; corning ware; Excell china service for 12; small kitchen appliances; towels comforters; 21 toy tractor: J.D. precision A; J.D. G, R, 70, 520, 630, 3010, Case 800, 600; AC WD, Ford 901; M.H. 44; Cat. Wheel loader & scraper, D 10 N, D11 R; 1/64th scale tractors; Tools: 60 gal. air compressor; cutting torch on cart; metal band saw; delta table saw; craftsman radial & band saw; rem line toolbox; welding table; benches; slige anvil; snap on allen sockets; I.H. sockets; ratcheting wrenches; 1/4, 3/8, 1/2" sockets; 3/8 crow feet; open, box, & combo wrenches 2" & down; vise grips; 36" pipe wrench + others; 18" crescent wrench + others; pliers; hammers; drill bits; tap & dies; 2 chain saws; ele. tools; drop cords; hardware; Lawn & garden: Aries IKONA 52" zero turn mower 52" 23 hp. 305 hrs.; 2 Poulan pro push mowers (NIB); 5 hp. Snow blower; lawn tools; 8' al. ladder; other items!!!!!!

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BRIEFS

Vokert retires after 33 years as Galva fireman

GALVA – Mayor Rich Volkert, was presented with his fireman helmet, locker plaque and his fireman's coat tail Tuesday night at a meeting of the Galva Fire Department.

Presenting him the items were Galva Fire Chief Nathan Byers and Assistant Galva Chief Jeremy Wood.

Volkert started in July 9, 1991, and retired Oct. 8, 2024.

Chief Byers thanked Volkert for his 33 years served and said he helped a lot, as he was able to take daytime calls when others were working out of town.

- Carol Townsend



Pictured above (left to right) are Galva Fire Chief Nathan Byers, Mayor Rich Volkert and Assistant Chief Jeremy Wood. Volkert was honored for 33 years of service. Photo by Carol Townsend.

The last pick-up will be free and no sticker will be required. All residents must have items out by 6 a.m. on Nov. 18 and all yard waste must be in paper yard-waste bags. Bags are available at no cost at City Hall.

Any yard waste to be picked up after Nov. 18 will require a sticker and you must call City Hall to schedule to have it picked up.

- Carol Townsend

Galva UMC hosts Thanksgiving dinner

GALVA – Galva First United Methodist Church at 2nd Street and 2nd Avenue in Galva will host its annual Thanksgiving/World Hunger Dinner on Nov. 24 from 4-6 :30 p.m.

The dinner is a free-will donation event and is available as dine-in, carry out or delivery. For delivery or more information, call the church at (309) 932-2460 or (309) 932-3255 from 2-3:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner.

Mary's Family Dining raises \$3,700 for pantry

GALVA – Mary's Family Dining and Lounge in Galva raised approximately \$3,700 last Sunday for the Galva Food Pantry through a chili cook off. They had 14 batches of chili, 44 auction items and a 50/50 raffle that raised the amount.

Galva yard waste final pickup date is Nov. 18

GALVA – The City of Galva will hold its last scheduled yard waste pick-up for 2024 on Nov. 18.

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Moonlight Madness
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November 22
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- * Food & beverages
- * Music
- * Pictures with Santa
- * Children's activities
- * Live Christmas story
- * Tree lighting
- * Lighted parade
- * Raffles, prizes & giveaways
- * Shops open & open houses
- * Face Painting

See next week's issue of The Prairie News for the complete schedule!

NOTICE

Ward Caucuses of the People's Party of The City of Galva -WARD CAUCUS-
to be held
MONDAY, December 2nd, 2024
at 7:00 p.m.
at the following sites:

FIRST WARD: City Administrator Room of the City Administration office, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

SECOND WARD: American Legion, 45 Wallace St, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

THIRD WARD: Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

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"Traditional Thanksgiving Meal"

Turkey, Dressings, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Roll & Butter, Dessert, and Drink (eat in only)

Delivery: Call 932-2460 by Fri., Nov. 22th by 1pm and leave a message, or on the day of the Dinner, call church kitchen at 932-3255 from 2-3:30pm.

Community Event, All Are Invited!
Freewill Donation to fight World Hunger!

The following will benefit from your donation.

Midwest Mission Distribution Center - Blessing Bags: One bag feeds 6 people and costs \$2 to make. It contains vitamin + seasoning packet, dried vegetables, soy and rice. A suggested donation of \$10 feeds 30 people.

Society of St. Andrews: A UMC ministry that brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors.

Local Food Ministry, Galva First UMC - Bountiful Blessings Food Ministry: Soothing soup or hearty casserole that are provided during a time of need.


RIDE ALONG: Viewers engaged with positivity

Continued from Page 1
 Jason Brelsfoard said viewers connected with it because it served as a positive story in a world often filled with negative news. "I think when people saw that video, they realized there are better things out there in life if you stay true to your roots and take care of your parents," he said. The comments from neighbors and strangers alike were overwhelming. "People were saying 'You don't see that very often anymore,'" Jason said. "You don't see kids taking care of their father or a lot of family farm actions like that." The Brelsfoards said the conversations in the cab during their annual rides are just as memorable, usually centered around yields. "When dad was farming, the yields weren't near as good as they are

now with all the new genetics and hybrids they have out," Jason said. And Gary enjoys watching the yield monitor from the buddy seat, two things they didn't have back when he was driving the combine. "Dad can see the numbers pop up on there and how the yield changes throughout the field," Jason said. "I think that maybe amazes him a little bit." The Brelsfoards grow corn and soybeans with a cover crop rotation near Maroa in Macon County. Jason Brelsfoard took over the farm in 2015 and his 20-year-old son, Mason, helps out. Their goal is to obtain more ground so Mason can join the farm full-time soon. When asked about the future of the operation, Gary Brelsfoard shared his vision with Jason and Mason.

"Just keep it together and keep farming, but adding to it every year," he said. But for now, they look forward to continuing the harvest ride-along tradition in 2025. "I want to do that for him every year and keep him as much of a part of the farm

as I can, for as long as I can," Jason concluded. "I owe that to him for all that he's taught me." *This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.*

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STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 100 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30 annually.
Individuals wanting to review this form should contact:

Stark County CUSD 100 **300 W Van Buren St Wyoming, IL 61491 1172** **309-695-6123** **8:30 - 4:00 Monday - Friday**
School District/Joint Agreement Name Address Telephone Office Hours

Also by January 15 annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024 will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website at www.isbe.net.

SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2024

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	5,814,657	1,120,177	1,072,964	402,381	191,806	77,164	133,185	413,383	70,823
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,849,832	50,000	0	258,649	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	838,039	15,334	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		8,502,528	1,185,511	1,072,964	661,030	191,806	77,164	133,185	413,383	70,823
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		7,025,225	990,592	1,047,000	680,071	215,382	2,403,825		370,407	270,451
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	0	379,883	0	0	6,002,800	0	0	0
Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2023		8,476,673	1,692,942	110,296	1,321,713	219,822	708	1,496,046	459,571	252,325
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		9,953,976	1,887,861	516,143	1,302,672	196,246	3,676,847	1,629,231	502,547	52,697
Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2024		10,132,510	1,887,861	516,143	1,302,672	196,246	3,676,847	1,629,231	502,547	52,697

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PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Accident Fund Insurance Co.	46,641	Gerber Life	4,308	Kohl Wholesale	207,744	Roto Rooter Service of Galesburg	4,047
AG View FS Inc.	95,652	Getz Fire Equipment Co.	3,199	Kone, Inc.	3,752	Ruyle Mechanical Inc.	16,944
All American Sports Corporation	5,480	GFL Enviromental	10,478	Kreiling Roofing Company Inc.	263,000	Ryko Enterprises LLC	4,572
Amazon Capital Services	65,189	Gorenz and Associates LTD	19,110	Lakeshore Learning	5,744	Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	4,864
Ameren Illinois	10,742	Great Minds PBC	4,605	Lampe Publication LLC	10,868	SAVVAS Learning Company LLC	2,905
Apple Inc.	3,996	Green Street Schools LLC	14,880	Leslie R. Seefeldt	20,888	School in Sites	2,700
Athletic Seating LLC	8,150	Guardian Basic Life	4,139	Linewize	11,000	School Specialty LLC	5,590
Bernard Food Industries Inc.	3,295	Guardian Dental	36,201	Locker Room	2,686	Self Insurance Fund	660,395
Bills Auto Body LLC	6,480	Guardian Vision	6,751	Martin	13,708	Sherwin-Williams Co.	7,564
Black Hawk College	27,470	Guardian Vol Life	5,237	Mediacom	8,393	Skyward	5,775
Breedlove Sporting Goods	12,696	Heart Technologies, Inc.	36,846	Menards Kewanee	15,879	Stark County Collector	3,670
BSN Sports LLC	7,436	Henry-Stark Counties	954,132	Midland Golf Club	5,100	State Bank of Toulon Wire Account	116,315
Byrne & Jones Construction Inc	1,611,913	Hobart Service	2,819	Midland Paper	7,484	State Bank of Toulon	1,165,624
Camelot Therapeutic Schools LLC	178,469	HUDL	9,300	Midwest Bus Leasing LLC	162,419	State Bank of Toulon - Investments	12,182,683
Capital One/Walmart Community Card	4,727	I.M.R.F.	111,010	Midwest Bus Sales, Inc.	43,986	T & J Builders LLC	4,000
Carolina Biological Supply Company	2,777	IASA	4,240	Miller, Hall and Triggs	15,325	Teachers Health Insurance	55,535
Carroll Seating Company	2,702	IASB	5,217	Mohawk USA LLC	3,285	Teachers Retirement System	328,164
CDW Government, Inc	3,171	IEA Membership Processing	34,429	Morrissey Refrigeration	4,026	Team Fitz Graphics	6,382
Charles Schwab #201892	34,500	IHSA	2,722	National Council for Agricultural Education	2,900	Thompson Electronics Co.	6,733
Children's Home Association of IL	26,054	ILLINI Plumbing Inc.	7,361	NCPERS- IL IMRF	2,528	Tony Frontier PHD	4,267
Constellation New Energy	45,956	Illinois Department of Revenue	212,975	Nelson Auto Sales Inc.	39,272	Toulon, City of	53,656
Core Construction Services	611,907	Illinois School for the Deaf	12,046	Net2Phone Global Services LLC	8,104	TRS - New Employer Contribution	20,517
Cornerstones of Care - BIST	28,671	IMEG	3,074	Pacific Onesource Inc.	4,640	Tucker Equipment Sales	3,840
Edmentum	15,218	Imprest Fund	93,181	Paxson, Scott	7,040	US Bank Equipment Finance	20,829
EMS LINQ Inc.	8,254	Integrated Systems Corp.	3,180	Peoria Public Schools District #150	40,941	Vernier Software & Tech	4,452
Enerco Corporation	2,970	IRS - FICA	214,288	Potter & Sons Blacktopping Inc.	12,000	VISA	53,850
Engie Resources	104,903	IRS - FIT	342,352	Prairie Farms Dairy Inc.	31,053	VOYA Institutional Trust Company	3,116
Environmental Control Solutions, Inc.	26,396	IRS - Medicare	90,606	Pro Player Supply/Pro Player Team	3,300	Widmer Interiors	12,622
Factory Tire Outlet	4,509	James Unland and Co, Inc.	103,989	Regional Office Education	3,650	Wyman Group	43,750
Fairmont Chicago Millennium Park	3,029	Johnson Mechanical Service, Inc	8,930	Renaissance Learning Inc.	11,893	Wyoming, City of	7,785
Farnsworth Group, Inc.	229,489	Jostens Inc.	4,237	Roark, Angela	5,675	Zaner-Bloser Inc.	3,692
Fast Signs	8,792	Kaeb Sanitary Supply Inc.	36,133	Ron Turnbull Construction	7,814		
Forstrom, John	8,325	Kidder Music Service	3,210				

OBITUARIES

Clyde C. Cade

BRADFORD – Clyde Calvin Cade, 83, of Bradford passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2024, at his home, surrounded by his family.

He was born at home in Bradford, Ill., on Aug. 5, 1941, to Thomas and Alice (Poff) Cade.

Clyde worked most of his life as a welder and for the last several years helped farm for a local farmer. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Bradford.



Cade

Clyde enjoyed fishing, especially for catfish and bluegill. He also enjoyed camping and rabbit hunting. Most of all, he cherished spending time with his grandchildren and family get-togethers.

Clyde is survived by his children, Marlin Miller of Ohio, Jerry (Michelle Blackburn) Cade of Bradford, Calvin Cade of Grove, Okla., Randy (Tanya) Cade of Bradford and Garry (Leanne) Cade of Longmont, Colo. Also surviving is his brother Fred Cade of Bradford. Surviving as well are 18 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Clyde is preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Frances Jones; and 11 siblings.

Graveside services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the Bradford Cemetery, in Bradford. Pastor Mark Graves will officiate. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be directed to the Bradford Fire Department.

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

William J. Hogsett

PRINCEVILLE – William J. “BJ” Hogsett, 63, of Princeville, passed

away at 10:20 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital.

BJ was born on June 18, 1961, in Peoria, Ill., to parents, John and Mary Lou (Copas) Hogsett.

BJ was preceded in death by his father, John; a brother, Curt Hogsett; and his beloved dog, Jubel.

Left to cherish BJ’s memory is his loving family, daughter, Marissa (Jeff) Royer of Brimfield, Ill.; mother, Mary Hogsett of Princeville, Ill.; brother, Wes Hogsett of Topeka, Ill.; sisters, Vicki (Jack) Anderson of Thornton, Colo., and Cheryl (Scott) Archer of Mapleton, Ill.; four grandchildren, Riley, Landon, McKenna and Kohen; and several nieces and nephews.

In BJ’s earlier years, he excelled in high school athletics. He was involved in track, football and basketball.

His hobbies included hunting (both game and mushrooms) and fishing. He treasured the time spent with his grandchildren and making memories with them. He was very proud of his eldest grandson, Riley, for recently enlisting with the United States Army.

A celebration of life will be held held Saturday, Nov. 23, 2024, at Princeville Baptist Church from 12-3 p.m..

Cremation has been accorded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Services has been entrusted with the arrangements.

Paul J. Reismeyer

TOUNON – Paul J. Reismeyer, 81, of Toulon, passed away at 5:47 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Born in Kewanee on Oct. 24, 1943,

he was the son of the late Walter L. and Mary E. (Towne) Reismeyer. On Aug. 22, 1964, he married Martha Mummert; of Toulon. She survives.

Also surviving is a son, Matt Reismeyer of Fairview, Tenn.; two sisters, Agnes L. Innis of Peoria and Linda S. (Pat) Corbly of Normal; a brother-in-law, Howard (Ruth) Adams of Toulon; a cousin who was like a brother, Charles A. (Linda) Towne of Houston, Texas; and many loving nephews and nieces, especially Kathy Shepard of Waverly, and Paula Heuermann of Toulon.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Joanne Adams; a brother-in-law, Gene Innis; and a nephew, Mark Buley.

Paul began his career working for Hyster Corporation in Kewanee, the City of Toulon, DIMAS Industries until its closure and later for Quality Industries, until his retirement. He loved his job as an industrial diamond manufacturer. He enjoyed antique and classic cars, especially the fast ones, and watching his son, nieces, and nephews in their many activities. He served as a volunteer fireman for the Toulon Fire Department for 26 years.

Funeral Mass will take place on Friday, Nov. 22, 2024, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming at 11:30 a.m. The Rev. John the Baptist Uwigaba will officiate. Visitation will be at the church from 10:30 a.m. until the time of Mass. Burial will be private. Memorial donations can be made to the Toulon Fire Department. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

To leave condolences for Paul’s family please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.



Hogsett



Reismeyer

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
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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.
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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/>
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1st Congregational Church of Toulon

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

Galva Congregational Church

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

First Baptist Church

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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
Sunday Worship 9 a.m.
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First Congregational Church of Wyoming, Illinois

Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon
(309) 286-4611
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday Kid’s Club 5:30-7 p.m.
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Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com
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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491
allsaintsil.com

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317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL
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Rev. Katie Gallagher
Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School
9:30 a.m. Children’s Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship
Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

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

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer
716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL
Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon. - Thurs. at 9 a.m.

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.
309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

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 Wyonet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421
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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3 — **Super Crossword** — **WAX SHOP**

ACROSS

1 Cheer shouts
5 Specialty of Penn & Teller
10 Meddles, with "in"
15 Goller Sneed and politician
20 Port in Japan
21 TV's Winfrey
22 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
23 Start of a riddle
26 Four-term Georgia senator
27 Cal's meat
28 Make a dining surface of
29 Fastening bars with crosspieces
31 Hog hangout
33 Riddle, part 2
38 Koth of morning TV
40 In this place
41 Sun Yat- —
42 Travel bags
43 Nice scent
45 Government bigwig
47 Deer — (street sign)
48 Riddle, part 3
53 More tightly packed
58 In the habit of
59 Common origami birds
61 Pass on
62 Durance of "Smallville"
66 Astronaut Buzz
68 Own
69 Riddle, part 4
75 Shine
76 Alleviation
77 Worshiper of Jah, for short
78 Bits of Viking script
80 Decelerate
82 Ultimatum ender
87 Bonuses
89 Riddle, part 5
93 Robert of "The Sopranos"
95 Twin brother of Jacob
96 Clear mist from
97 Sci-fi writer L. — de Camp
101 Place to get a mud wrap
104 To be, in Toulon
106 Sahara-like
107 End of the riddle
111 Directed
112 In last place, say
113 Plastic wrap
114 Rock bassist
116 Stork's kin
117 Riddle's answer
124 Fork feature
125 Extracts juice from
126 Olympics award
127 Depraved emperor
128 Wise off to
129 Ballerina's field, in France
130 Affirmative answers
131 Gas brand in Canada

DOWN

1 Coarse
2 Campfire residue
3 Large amount of medicine
4 Surflet
5 Bread
6 Horse relative
7 Gun, slangily
8 1950s prez
9 Military pupil
10 Infant's sock
11 Northern part of an urban area
12 Robbins of "underground comic"
13 Tic- — -toe
14 Kind of sheepdog
15 Maalox's company
16 Grown-ups
17 Crème de —
18 Feels
24 Furry "hand"
25 Slangy refusals
30 Ray who portrayed the scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz"
31 Famed orca, once
32 Bagel shape
34 Faith faction
35 Rice-shaped pasta
36 On or about
37 56, to Caesar
39 In the hub of
44 One- — (brief drama)
46 Part of R&R, for short
47 Nissan model until 2015
49 More peeved
50 Amount of food carried in a cafeteria
51 50%
52 Slashed words of choice
54 Old soda brand
55 Czech, e.g.
56 Roof feature
57 Seedy loaves
60 Perches
63 3/15, e.g.
64 Self shirt part
65 It's negatively charged
67 Sleep aid brand
69 Hideous giant
70 Continuous change
71 It might be boldface
72 Fancy jug
73 Prunier
74 Capacitance unit
79 Broadway's "Miss —"
81 Edgar Allan —
83 Pair for vision
84 Rescue ropes
85 Sleep noisily
86 Goaded (on)
88 Habitually lazy sort
90 Tiny fraction of a min.
91 Cat, in Spain
92 Sound from a 91-Down
94 Always, to poets
97 Cracks
98 Extreme fear
99 Cello bow rub-ons
100 Liqueur flavorings
101 Cramps, e.g.
102 Sentence structure
103 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
105 1950s Fords
106 C.S. Lewis lion
109 Foe
110 Chevy Tahoe, e.g.
115 Web mag
118 Grassy tract
119 Spot
120 Spots
121 Actress Issa
122 52-wk. spans
123 Lav, in Leeds

LEGAL ADS

NOTICE OF AUCTION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

What: Auction of personal property belonging to Jeff Andrews, living at last known address of 19 Lakeland Terrace, Kewanee, IL 61443.

Where: Stall 12 located at 1109 North Main St., Kewanee, IL 61443

When: Saturday, November 23rd, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

Items: Bookshelf, dressers, coffee table, Stool, crutches, clothes dryer. A few other misc. items. Cash or credit/debit card only. No personal checks. Photos of items can be provided by email.

Please contact: Tom Greiner tgreinerbgs@gmail.com 319-863-3232.

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

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

v.

TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R. WILKINS, W. CLARK WILKINS, EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No.: 2024FC6

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

NOTICE is hereby given to Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants of the Complaint for Foreclosure filed in the above entitled case on October 31, 2024, and that they are named Defendants in the above-entitled case, pursuant to the provisions of 735 ILCS 5/2-206, 5/15-1218 and 5/15-1502, and that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure suit is now pending in said court and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said Defendants is December 13, 2024, and the following information applies to said foreclosure proceeding:

- The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
- The court in which said action was brought is identified above.
- The names of the titleholders of record are: Tina Renee Wilkins a/k/a Tina R. Wilkins
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: A part of Block 18 of CASTLE'S

ADDITION to the City of Wyoming, more particularly bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a gas pipe at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Block 14 of said Castle's Addition; thence East, a distance of One Hundred (100) feet to an iron rod; thence North along the East line of Main Street, a distance of 456.5 feet to an iron rod, the Place of Beginning for this description; thence East along a property line fence, a distance of 207.5 feet to an iron rod, said rod being fifty (50) feet West of the center line of the C. B. & Q Railroad; thence South along the West right of way line fifty (50) feet West of and parallel to the centerline of said railroad, a distance of fifty (50) feet, more or less; thence West, a distance of 207 feet, more or less, to a point fifty (50) feet South of the Place of Beginning; thence North, a distance of fifty (50) to the Place of Beginning; EXCEPTING from the above tract an alley Sixteen (16) feet wide along the West side and adjacent to the West right of way line of said Railroad; AND

That portion of the abandoned Burlington-Northern Railroad right of way being approximately 50 feet wide by 99.5' in length running adjacent to the grantee's property and running adjacent to Charles Hawley's property West of the center line of said right of way lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all being situated in Stark County, Illinois;

P.I.N.: 04-36-103-009.

5. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1013 N. Main Avenue, Wyoming, Illinois 61491.

6. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows: Names of mortgagors: Tina R. Wilkins Name of mortgagee: Morton Community Bank Date of recording: November 13, 2023 County where recorded: Stark County Recording document identification: Doc No. 2023-110553

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

ESTATE OF DORIS J. ANGEL, No. 2024PR117 Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

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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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Trivia test by King Features

- MOVIES: In the movie "The Shawshank Redemption," what is Andy Dufresne's occupation before he was imprisoned?
- LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays features the characters of Rosencrantz and Guildenstern?
- TELEVISION: Which 2000s TV drama starred a character named Jack Bauer?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was First Lady Jacqueline Kennedy's maiden name?
- HISTORY: Which dynasty built the Forbidden City in China?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the mythical creature who is half man and half horse?
- CHEMISTRY: What is aqua regia?
- GEOGRAPHY: Where was the ancient region of Mesopotamia mostly located?
- ANATOMY: Where are the alveoli located?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is hummus mostly made of?

Answers:
1. Banker.
2. "Hamlet"
3. "24."
4. Bouvier.
5. Ming Dynasty.
6. Centaur.
7. A corrosive mixture that can dissolve gold.
8. Iraq.
9. Lungs.
10. Chickpeas.
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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.

IJGZTBZS VZO IAAM QAJ S
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IAAM QAJ S EGGT YG IJGZTBZS.
— AYVAP LAJLZM

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Venom: The Last Dance (PG-13)
- The Wild Robot (PG)
- Smile 2 (R)
- Conclave (G)
- Here (PG-13)
- We Live in Time (R)
- Terrifier 3 (NR)
- Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (NR)
- Singham Again (NR)
- Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports



Friday, November 15, 2024

SC 19th in XC

Smith, Knobloch break school records

JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

PEORIA – Stark County runners Dusti Smith and Evan Knobloch made the most of a fast course last Saturday at Detweiller Park for the Class 1A races.

First Smith broke her personal record, and her school record, by finishing in 17:57 to place 27th – two spots and a mere two seconds off an all-state medal. Smith placed 22nd last year in 18:03.

“The race was extremely fast and the field was very strong,” Stark County Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said.

No question about that, as race winner Kate Foltz of Tuscola, a junior, broke the 1A record in 15:59 – at the time the second-fastest finish by a girl at Detweiller. A few hours later, Mia Sirois of Barrington ran 15:53.4 to win the Class 3A race and to edge Naperville North runner Judy Pendergast’s course record of 15:53.8, set in 2015.

“Dusti was battling all race long for all-state and did well to keep herself in a position to finish top 25,” Rennick said.

Then in the boys races, freshman Evan Knobloch finished 42nd in 15:37 and



The Stark County girls cross country team gets off to a quick start at last Saturday’s Class 1A meet at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Stark County placed 19th as a team.

to break his own school record. Chaz Oberkfell of Gillespie won in 14:31.

“He knew he had to get out extremely fast to stay in it and he certainly did; his 2 mile was 10:11,” Rennick said. “He ran with courage and absolutely laid it all out. For the season, simply put he crushed

every previous record we had and far and away put in the best season we have ever had for a boys runner. To say that he has a bright future is a massive understatement.”

The Lady Rebels finished 19th overall, the same finish as the two pre-

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Barnwell voted top defensive player

5 Rebels 1st team all-LincolnLand

By NICK VLAHOS

By The Prairie News

Led by Defensive Player of the Year Chris Barnwell, Stark County had five players on the LincolnLand small-division all-conference first team.

Barnwell led the honor team at defensive

back, where he had 40 solo tackles and 45 assists. Joining him on first-team defense from Stark County

was senior linebacker Cole Kinsella, who like Barnwell was a unanimous selection.

A trio of seniors represented Stark County on the first-team offense – Audun Frihetsli (kicker) and unanimous picks Chet Gillespie (lineman) and Nolan Orwig (running back). Stark County finished 8-2 this season and lost in the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

Princeville senior quarterback Jake Williams, who passed for 1,820 yards and 28 touchdowns, was

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Barnwell

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