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Toulon council passes several rate hikes at special meeting

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Toulon's City Council met in a special meeting Nov. 13, and unanimously voted to pass two ordinances that increase the price of services for water, sewer, garbage and recycling.

Residents will be billed effective Dec. 1 for the increases.

The new water and sewer rates is a monthly fee of \$24.47 plus 45 cents per 100 gallons up to 5,000 gallons and then 60 cents per 100 gallons over 5,000 gallons. This will be reflected on the January 2025 bills.

The garbage/recycling rate will increase \$1 to \$23.59 per month.

The council decided at its October meeting to not increase rates in May 2025, as they normally would be due for a 3% increase. That rate increase will be pushed back to May 2026.

Two bids were received for the demolition of the house at 311 N. Fuller St., where Charles D. Slightom, Jr. had resided. Gordon Whittaker's bid of \$27,500 to demolish the house if intact or \$17,000 if burned down was accepted. MTG Excavating, Inc. of Chillicothe bid \$33,000 intact and \$18,000 if burned down.

Mayor Larry Hollis said he will contact Toulon Fire Chief Andy Colgan concerning the burning of the Fuller Street structure.

Hollis said the 315 W. Jefferson Street property, formally Andrew Szparkowski's residence, cannot be burned due to the close proximity to other houses located at that site.

City Attorney Kate Carter reported that the 315 W. Jefferson St. structure cleared the court for demolition, but that a house at 213 E. Greenwood St. requires permits before it can be demolished.

The board heard that mauso-

leum building in Toulon Cemetery needs its roof repaired or replaced. The city will seek bids to either sealcoat the existing flat roof or to have a pitched roof constructed. In addition, the council approved \$1,330 to build a concrete bunker in the cemetery to hold excess dirt from the digging of graves.

City Engineer Justin Reiese, of Giffin-Reiese Engineering, reported that the downtown speed limit of 25 mph is the lowest speed limit allowable by the Illinois Department of Transportation. This has become an issue due to numerous vehicles travel-

ing through Toulon on Main Street at high rates of speed.

The council will discuss its levy of 2025 estimated taxes during the December council meeting. It is hoped that only a 4.99 percent increase will be necessary in order to avoid a truth in taxation hearing.

Ben Leezer, of Toulon's Leezer Insurance Agency, presented the city's annual insurance renewal. Leezer said the current insurance carrier, Tokio-Marine, has declined coverage of Toulon due to multiple claims filed.

Illinois Counties Risk Management
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Levy to rise

Stark school board OKs up to 10% rise due to EAV

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board on Monday passed a tentative Fiscal Year 2025 tax levy that will increase due to a dramatic rise in equalized assessed values of district properties.

According to Superintendent Brett Elliott, the school district will see an increase of 10% to 13% in EAV for farmland and houses in the district.

Elliott presented three possible scenarios for the levy: increases of 4.99%, 9% or 10% compared to the previous year. Elliott emphasized that this does not reflect an increase in the school's tax rate, but said "It is a percent increase from the funding we received last year from the levy."

"We approved going as high as 10% and will hold a truth-in-taxation hearing (on Dec. 16)," Elliott said. "We

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HOLIDAY EVENTS



A busy week of holiday events awaits. Pictured above is a float featuring Santa Claus from a prior year's annual Moonlight Madness Parade in Wyoming. This year's event will take place today, Nov. 22, starting at 4:30 p.m. The parade is scheduled for 8 p.m.

At right is a Christmas light display in downtown Galva, celebrating Galva's Ol' Fashioned Christmas Festival, Saturday, Nov. 30.



Galva school board talks taxes, bonds

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Bonds and tax levies were major topics of conversation at the Galva School Board's Nov. 18 meeting.

The board held a public hearing for up to \$1.2 million in bonds it plans to buy. There were no comments heard during the hearing.

The board also set Dec. 16 at 6:55 p.m. for a truth-in-taxation hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 tax levy.

Galva's equalized assessed value for homes and farmland has increased significantly and the tentative levy is \$5,466,367 – up \$756,441 over last year. The rate is proposed at 4.2475%

which is down slightly. But the EAV went from \$103,920,607 to \$120,377,584.

Expiration of a downtown TIF District increased the commercial EAV to \$3,034,951, a 39% increase. The city still has three TIF districts.

Another \$8 million increase in EAV is due to the new wind turbines constructed north of town in Burns Township.

The part of the Galva School District located in Knox County had its biggest increase in residential EAV, which is up 24% for an increase of \$310,050.

And Knox County farmland went up 10% com-
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NOTICE OF CAUCUS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON December 3, 2024 A CAUCUS OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY IN Wethersfield Twp. of Henry County, Illinois will be held at Wethersfield Township Building commencing at 6:00 o'clock p.m. for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
• Road Commissioner
• Supervisor
• Clerk
• Trustees (4)
DATED: 11-15-2024
Patricia Newman, Presiding Officer

TOULON: City continues search for insurer

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ment Trust presented a premium coverage of \$49,449, up from the prior year of \$48,226 from Tokio-Marine. Leezer said he will obtain another insurance carrier's quote to be presented in December.

In regards to landscaping city hall, only one bid was received. GC Designs of Minooka bid \$30,445. Hollis said he would wait until next spring to possibly rebid the project.

American Legal quoted a \$1,000-

\$1,700 price tag to codify the city's ordinances. Hollis and Carter will discuss this because they said the price appears too high.

The council approved a \$1,000 donation to Toulon's Christmas Walk event scheduled for next month.

The mayor and council discussed briefly the real estate lots that the city owns located south of the Toulon High School campus. It has been proposed that the city utilize the lots for a business industrial park because

no houses have been built at that location for decades. A local businessman would like to purchase at least two acres at the site so that he can expand his thriving business.

The council entered into executive session to discuss the hiring of a new office employee. Hollis has interviewed four individuals for the position. Hollis said he plans to offer the job to Brad Milburn to see if he will accept the position.

GALVA: Three football coaches have resigned

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pared to Henry County's increase of 6%.

Superintendent Joe Becker said that this is "great timing for us."

The board unanimously approved increasing pay for substitute teachers to \$135 per day.

Principals Adam Norway and Kurtis Smyth gave reports on the school report card. Both are concerned about Galva's

school truancy being above the state average. The principals said Galva schools have a lot of students coming and going, which is also a concern. Some of the same families move in and out during the same year and some are home school students coming in and out.

Both principals said they are working very hard on this problem. One case of truancy is going to

court.

Elementary Principal Norway said that the school loans clothes for students who lack coats, hats or gloves, or for accidents. The school made a list of items that don't typically get returned. Norway said Tarleton's Service of Galva purchased the entire list of items for the school.

Norway said seven new students started school this week at the elementary school.

The principals said their schools have been struggling to get scores up on the stateide report card since the COVID years. The complete report card is posted online.

The following employment items were approved:

- Maternity leave for Christine Bentz starting March 31, 2025 until the end of the 2024-2025 school year.

- Paternity leave for the Joe Angelo.

- The resignation of Mark Jeffrey as head varsity football coach.

- The resignation of Tim Meier as assistant varsity football coach.

- The resignation of Chance Jones as junior high boys football coach.

- The resignation of Brynn Patty as 7th grade volleyball coach.

- Hiring Brynn Patty as 8th grade volleyball coach.

- Hiring Heather Anderson as 7th grade volleyball coach.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

11-7 - Jeremiah R. Munster - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-9 - Bryan Fernando Barrias Lopez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

11-15 - Kaiden S. Libby - Expired registration, disregard yield sign and failure to reduce speed.

11-16 - Christian Ramirez - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-8 - Jayson A. Noe, 22, of McLeansboro, cited for driving with no vehicle insurance. He was issued a court date.

11-11 - A rural Wyoming resident reported a possible theft of a lawn mower.

11-11 - A possible domestic battery incident was reported to authorities in the 300 block of E. Main St. in Bradford.

11-11 - Kyra J. Balice, 21, of Kewanee was involved in a deer-related vehicle on Illinois Route 78 south of Duncan Road. No injuries were reported. Vehicle damage was estimated over \$1,500. Balice was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle, driving with a suspended vehicle registration and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

11-12 - Zhiyong Yan, 51, Wildwood, Mo., cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

11-14 - Chad L. Dean, 45, Galva, cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55 zone. He was issued a court date.

11-14 - Steven A. Spencer, 62, of LaFayette was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Route 78 and 1200N. No injuries were reported. Vehicle damage was estimated at over \$1,500.

11-15 - Deceptive practice was the source of a complaint from a Bradford business owner. The incident involves possible fraudulent checks.

11-16 - A residential burglary was reported in the 400 block of Thomas Street in Toulon.

Peoria County report

11-13 - A Wyoming man appeared to avoid injury from a single-vehicle accident west of Chillicothe.

Ryan P. Dickman was driving a northbound 2007 Dodge shortly after 8:45 p.m. on Krause Road near Truitt Road when his vehicle approached a small bridge with guard rails, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Dickman realized he was driving on the east-side shoulder, overcorrected and lost control of the vehicle, which struck a guard rail. The vehicle sustained damage to its entire left side and was towed.

Knox County report

11-11 - A Cambridge woman sustained a minor injury in a single-vehicle accident northwest of La Fayette. Piper N. Lewis, 18, was driving a westbound 2009 Ford Focus about 3 p.m. on Knox Road 2800 North at Knox Road 2200 East when she drove over a gravel pile, lost control and overcorrected. The vehicle struck a power pole south of the roadway, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Stark County Ambulance responded. The vehicle sustained disabling front-end damage and was towed. No citations were issued.

10-30 - No injuries were reported following a two-vehicle wreck south

of Galva. Shortly before 5:30 p.m., 19-year-old Emma G. Evans of Toulon was driving a 2022 Chevrolet Spark that was stopped on Knox Highway 4 at Illinois Route 17 when a 2004 Chevy Impala rear-ended it, a Knox County Sheriff's Office report stated. Laci M. Johnston, 20, of Silvis was the other driver.

Johnston said her foot slipped off her vehicle's brake. Both vehicles were drivable.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

11-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 800 block of N. Center Ave., Angelo D'Andrea, 87, Galva, was arrested for driving with a cancelled drivers license, improper lane usage and operating an uninsured vehicle. His vehicle was towed and he was released with a court date.

11-11 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession that was occurring at Sentry Estates. The vehicle was recovered without incident.

11-11 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to a single-vehicle accident with minor injuries south and east of town. Officer stood by until Knox County arrived to handle the crash report.

11-12 - along with the fire department to the 500 block of NW 4th St. for a house filled with smoke.

11-12 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. for an out-of-control juvenile complaint. The juvenile was uncooperative and made suicidal and homicidal comments to the officer. The juvenile was taken by ambulance for evaluation/treatment.

11-12 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a verbal domestic disturbance. It was determined to be a subject having a mental-health crisis.

11-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SW 9th Ave., Jonathan Kohler, 27, Galesburg, was cited for suspended registration for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

11-12 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a disturbance complaint. The offender appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

11-12 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for several 911 open-line calls. The caller appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis and denied needing police, fire, or EMS.

11-12 - Kevin Shook, 54, Kewanee, cited for expired registration in the 200 block of S. Center Ave.

11-13 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to a single-vehicle accident with unknown injuries on Route 34, about 1 mile east of town. The Henry County Sheriff's Department also responded and handled the crash report.

11-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Billie Malesker, 49, Little York, was cited for registration suspended for mandatory insurance. She was released with a court date.

11-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SE 2nd St., Jonathan Kohler, 27, Galesburg, was cited for suspended registration for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

11-13 - to the 200 block of NW 4th Ave. for a group of juveniles fighting. The group was dispersed.

11-14 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a verbal domestic disturbance. It was a subject suffering a mental-health crisis.

11-14 - While patrolling, an officer located two solicitors going door-to-

door. Officer verified they did not have a permit. As the result, Adam Phillips, 27, East Moline, and Hanna Breuwet, 26, Rock Island, were each issued an administrative warning ticket for soliciting without a permit.

11-14 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Brandi York, 30, Galva, cited for registration suspended for mandatory insurance. She was released with a court date.

11-15 - to the 00 block of SE 3rd St. to assist a citizen who had a cat stuck under the hood of her vehicle.

11-15 - to the 100 block of NE 5th St. for a loose and vicious dog complaint. A neighbor's dog had dug under its fence to escape. It was returned home.

11-15 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 8th Ave, Jevante Powe, 35, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was later released with a court date.

11-15 - to the 1200 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving possible tampering with an anhydrous tank.

11-15 - Krystle Miller, 39, Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd Street.

11-16 - to the 100 block of Exchange St. for several 911 calls that plotted there. A subject there was suffering from a mental-health crisis. The subject was transported by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.

11-16 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a disturbance complaint.

11-17 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance.

11-17 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a reckless driving complaint.

Property Transfers

11-7 - Brenda J. Kaare, Ind. Admin. and Paul O. Kaare Estate to Carl Anderson and Rhonda Blakey - Pt Sect. 5-13-5 SE - 1667 Township Road 1100N, LaFayette - Consideration = \$158,500.

11-8 - Helen Dale Sammons-Hamilton to Helen Dale Sammons-Hamilton, Trustee - Pt Sect. 8-12-6 SW and SE, Pts Sect. 7-12-6 SE - Consideration = \$0.

11-8 - Charles D. and Debra L. Terwilliger to Charles D. and Debra L. Terwilliger, Trustees - Pts Sect. 34-13-6 SE, Pts Sect. 3-12-6 NE & Pts Sect. 2-12-6 NW - Consideration = \$0.

11-12 - LaFayette Methodist Church to Carson Sauer - Vg of LaFayette - Pt Block 19 Lots 1,2,7,8 - 307 E. Main St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$14,000.

11-15 - MacKenzie M. Siebert to Barbara Roley - Pt Sect. 30-13-6 NW - 300 S. Henderson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$153,000.

11-15 - Patricia and Robert Rouse to Blanca A. Mena - Vg of Bradford - Pt Lot 10 - 164 W. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$47,500.

11-15 - Michael F. and Susan D. Kristler to Shauna Kristler - Musselman's Subdivision of SE 1/4 19-13-6 Lot 14 - 810 E. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$98,250.

11-15 - Stark County Ventures LLC to FBFM Enterprise LLC - Original Town of Toulon - Pt Block 6 Lots 8 and 9 - 125 W. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$190,000.

Marriage

11-13 - Jacob Aaron Tucker, Pollok, Texas, and Kriel Inca, Sasolburg, Texas.

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— Cecil Beaton

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GUEST VOICES



Donald Trump ready for his second act

Every pre-election poll for the U.S. presidential race saw it as a too-close-to-call nail biter. Not one predicted the sweeping victory posted by former, now President-Elect Donald J. Trump. How did all miss the coming rout?

And rout it was. Trump swept all seven of the swing states, a feat no candidate had pulled off in the six presidential elections this century. Also, few national candidates this side of Franklin Roosevelt dominated the rural vote like Trump. He crushed challenger Vice President Kamala Harris by a bruising 63-to-36%.



Alan GUEBERT

Given the size of the win and its deep roots in rural America, the second act of a president Trump – if he carries through on his campaign’s incendiary promises – will deliver much uncertainty, even chaos, to U.S. agriculture.

That’s especially true for two of his promises: deportation of undocumented immigrants and steep tariffs on imported goods. Both are as anti-Big Agbiz as anything any politician, Democrat or Republican, has ever suggested.

First, deportation. It is estimated that 70% of all food served in American homes and restaurants passes through undocumented migrant hands somewhere on its way from American farms or ranches to our

plates. According to immigration experts, a massive deportation program on the order suggested by the president-elect would be a logistical tarpit: too few officers to locate the undocumented laborers, too little transportation to move detainees and too much money to implement.

Current estimates suggest the most effective White House plan would deport “1 million undocumented immigrants ... per year ... at a cost of more than \$96 billion.” At that rate, it would take over 10 years and \$1 trillion to carry out the Trump plan.

Meanwhile, a government-caused labor shortage in agriculture, construction and other service industries would cut U.S. economic growth by an estimated 4.2 to 6.8% over the next decade while tax collections would drop by \$940 billion.

Next up, tariffs: President-elect Trump has been adamant that his “beautiful” tariffs will be paid by the exporting country (they won’t), will grow U.S. employment (they never have) and not fuel retaliation by ag-grieved trading partners (they will).

The last Trump tariff fight with China, for example, was extremely costly. U.S. farmers received “\$23 billion in trade payments to offset lost food and ag exports during the Sino-U.S. fight that ended in 2020,” notes FERN.

If there is even a slim chance that farmers and ranchers could dodge another White House tariff program it likely rests on whomever the re-elected president chooses as trade

representative and as secretary of agriculture.

A trade rep or secretary with direct ties to agriculture might slow the Trump tariff train. A rock-ribbed political supporter, like Texan Ag Commissioner Sid Miller or Nebraskan Charles Herbster, however, could clear the tracks for more tariffs and more “market indemnification payments.”

And, almost certainly, fuel today’s already-sinking ag exports, a vital element in U.S. farm policy and key driver of farm income.

Also, a Trump-fueled Congress has the political horsepower to pass the stalled GOP Farm Bill, its \$30 billion in food assistance cuts and higher, more costly crop insurance reference prices. If Senate Democrats continue to hold out during any lame duck session, the Republicans can simply wait until January to pass it without them.

So, too, the recently-discussed, \$20 billion emergency farm payments scheme. If Congress wants it, Congress can soon deliver it.

The opposite is also true: If the GOP-led Congress chooses to kill the Biden Administration’s multi-billion dollar climate change plan, it’s as dead as Caesar.

So is the idea that there are no second acts in American politics.

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Bradford CUSD 1 honors local veterans

BRADFORD – Bradford School District 1 hosted a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 to honor and recognize local veterans.

The program included: the presentation of colors, Pledge of Allegiance, thank-you cards presented to veterans in attendance, facts about the history of Veterans Day and gratitude, a presentation on flag folding patriotic songs by the chorus and a speech by Jodi Stotler.

Bishop Hill's gears up for Julmarknad

BISHOP HILL – Bishop Hill's annual Julmarknad, or Christmas Market, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 29 -30 and Dec. 7. Hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Dec. 1 and 8.

Schedule of Events

• Nov. 29-30: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 1, Dec. 7-8 - cookie walk at the Colony



Pictured above Bradford CUSD 1 students recently presented a program and to honor express their gratitude to local veterans . Photo by Becki Hoffert.



Pictured above (from left to right), are teacher Emily Dulla, student Allison Bussell and coach Dan Russell, who were recognized for their commitment to the Wildcat Way at Monday's Galva School Board meeting. Photo by Carol Townsend.

School; Dala Horse take-home kits and make and take Dala painting at Vasa; Tomten and Julbock roaming the village; holiday photo-op at Peasant Works; model railroad in Steeple Building; 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Advent wreath workshop at Colony School.

• Nov. 29, 30, Dec. 1 - Swedish music by Lisa Horngren at the Steeple Building; 1-3 p.m. - cookie baking at Bjorklund Hotel.

• Nov. 30 only: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. holiday portrait photos (for a fee) by Schroeder Photography at the Colony School; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. book sign-

ings by Mary Davidsaver and Jan-nifer Powelson at Prairie Arts Center.

• Dec. 1 only: 7 p.m. concert by Rupert Wates in the Creative Commons.

• Dec. 7 only: make it/take it Christmas tree ornament for kid 12 and under at the Steeple Building.

• Dec. 7-8 only: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - chocolate walk at Creative Commons; Dec. 7-8, 1 to 3 p.m. - make edible tree ornaments at Bjorklund Hotel.

Wyoming council hears insurance proposals

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council heard two separate insurance presentations at its Tuesday meeting.

Ben Leezer, of Toulon's Leezer Insurance Agency, recommended continuing coverage with carrier Tokio-Marine at a cost of \$58,056 for the city's property coverage. That premium would be for coverage of \$9,975,186, up from \$7,702,230 last year.

The other proposed carrier, Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, offered property coverage of \$9,377,253 for a premium of \$60,256, which includes \$2,000 for cyber-security coverage.

Leezer said that he was waiting for another quote from a third carrier that he would present at the city's December council meeting.

Luke Leesman of Midwestern Insurance Associates of Minier presented the Blue Cross-Blue Shield options for fulltime employees' health insurance. The council approved health insurance for a monthly premium of \$5,508.55. Also approved was dental insurance with United Health Care at an estimated

monthly premium of \$249.30.

The council passed two other resolutions. One was a \$1,000 donation to The Society of Growth, Inc. organization, which provides several services for individuals attempting to recover and move beyond various types of addictions. Kim Dahl, co-founder of The Society of Growth, asked the council for a donation and gave a brief explanation of their services provided, including securing grants.

The second resolution, passed after executive session, was to award a \$700 Christmas bonus for each full-time city employee and a \$400 bonus for each part-time city employee.

T.J. Rodebaugh, of Ferguson Waterworks of DeKalb, spoke to the council regarding water-meter repair parts. He said Ferguson has stopped producing the "old style chambers of the meters" and so the price has increased \$25 per unit for new meters. Wyoming purchases approximately 40 meters a year that average a 20-year lifespan. Many of Wyoming's meters are 14 to 15 years old.

Superintendent of Services Joe Kinsella said an East Williams Street storm sewer was repaired.

Police Chief Jim Tiller said that since October's downtown police raid, the rate of thefts has dramatically declined, but illegal drugs are continuing to be a problem that will be addressed.

Economic Development Director Denny Rewerts spoke to the council concerning construction of proposed senior living apartments in Wyoming. He said developers don't want to move forward at present because a smaller facility is not profitable. A feasibility study would cost \$50,000, and the council balked at that cost. A committee will be formed at a later date to discuss the options.

Rewerts also said State Rep. Travis Weaver has helped secure a \$40,000 grant for the north ballpark.

Finally, Water/Sewer Manager Jim Mercer said the sewer plant becomes overwhelmed with just one inch of water it receives. He said this is a problem requiring attention.

Also, the water plant needs a \$3,000 programmable logic controller replacement, the reverse-osmosis system developed a leak that a plumber repaired and several reverse-osmosis filters need to be cleaned or replaced.

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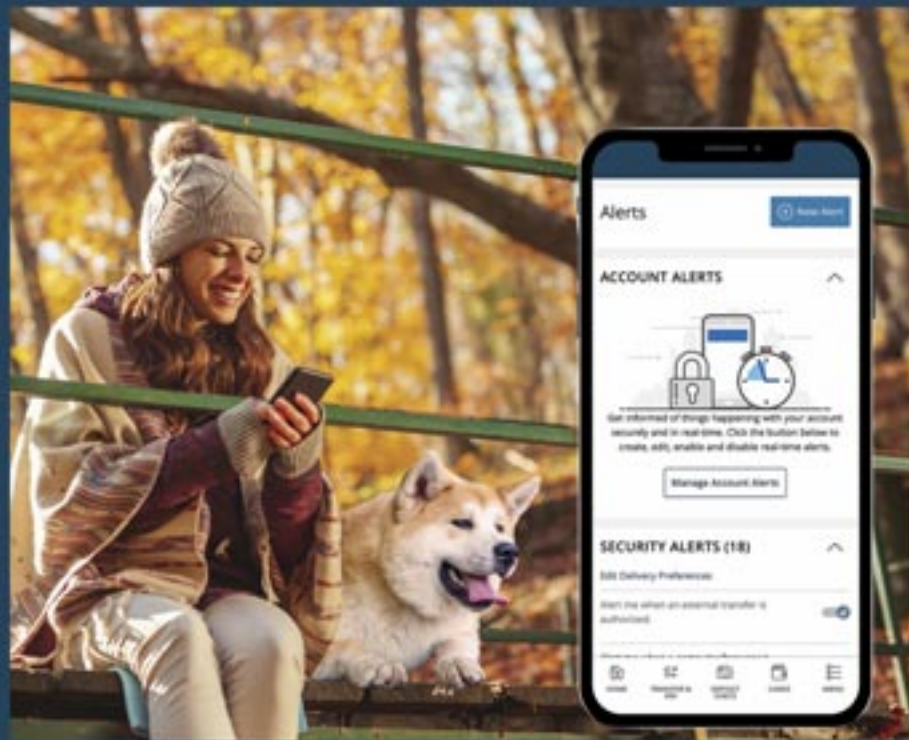
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY
 MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
 v.
 TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R. WILKINS,
 W. CLARK WILKINS,
 EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability 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, to a point fifty (50) feet South of the Place of Beginning; thence North, a distance of fifty (50) feet 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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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 - CHANCERY DIVISION
 CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. AMY SIGHTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED; JAYCE SIGHTS; SARAH BETH MILLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
 Case No.: 2024FC3
 Property Address: 124 South St, Bradford, IL 61421
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, JAYCE SIGHTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE WEST SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET OF LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADFORD, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 124 South St, Bradford, IL 61421 Names of the titleholders of record: HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED. Date of the Mortgage: November 21, 2008. Name or names of the mortgagors: TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, now deceased. Name of the mortgagee: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp.. Date and place of recording: November 25, 2008; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Stark County, Illinois. Identification of recording: Document No. 2008-94787.

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TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY AND HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 [Setting forth the increase in the corporate purpose tax levy from 0.30% of the value of all taxable property within the district to 0.40% of the value of all taxable property for corporate purposes.]
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-3

WHEREAS, a proper notice of the special meeting convened November 12, 2024 at 5 pm was published on November 8, 2024 in the "Prairie News"; and
 WHEREAS, the present corporate tax levy of 0.30% of the value of all taxable property within the district is inadequate to provide the necessary funds for corporate purposes;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY AND HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS:
Section 1. That the maximum tax rate for corporate purposes for the Toulon Community Fire Protection District is increased from 0.30% to 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the district as equalized and assessed by the Illinois Department of Revenue.
Section 2. That the Secretary of said Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois is hereby directed to file a certified copy of this ordinance with the County Clerks of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois.
Section 3. That the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois shall comply with all state statutes regarding publication and notice to registered voters regarding the Petition process to place a referendum question on the ballot at the next general election.
Section 4. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after December 16, 2024.

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois, this 12th day of November 2024.
 AYES 3 NAYS 0
 Gary Steward
 President of the Board of Trustees
 Attest:
 /s/ William A Foglesong
 Secretary
CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE
 STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)SS.
 COUNTY OF STARK)
 I, William S. Foglesong,
 Secretary of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County and Henry County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Ordinance 2024-3 of said district, passed and adopted the 12th day of November 2024.

William S. Foglesong, Secretary
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November 2024.
 Keith A Luymes
 Notary Public

NOTICE
 Unless a petition signed by 10% or more of the registered voters residing in the district – being 119 voters – is filed with the Toulon Community Fire Protections District Trustees within 30 days of the publication of this notice – November 22, 2024 – seeking a referendum on the rate limit increase, the higher allowable rate – 0.40% of the value of all taxable property within the district – takes effect 30 days after publication – the first business day being December 23, 2024.

Upon request from any registered voter in the district William S. Foglesong, the district Secretary, must provide a Petition form for the purpose of seeking a referendum.
 The Petition form may be obtained from William S. Foglesong by contacting him at 309-369-1067 or via email at william.foglesong@rcis.com.
 Date of prospective referendum – General Consolidated Election – April 1, 2025.
 Published 11/22/24

ASSUMED NAME BUSINESS - SUPPLEMENTAL CHANGE OF OWNER'S NAME OR ADDRESS OR BUSINESS OR ADDITION
 Name of Business: Have A Seat Table Rental Certificate No. 2798, Original Date Filed 01/31/19 Owner's Legal name or address changed from: Michael Minx, 22 Edgewood Dr., Kewanee, IL 61443. To: Yvonne Jannie, 7341 E. 2350 St., Kewanee, IL 61443 From: Chad Winter, 470 Midland Dr., Kewanee, IL 61443. To: Joshua Lindstrom 17017 10th Ave. N., East Moline, IL 61244 Business Address changed from: P.O. Box 24, Kewanee, IL 61443. To: 7341 E. 2350 St., Kewanee, IL 61443
 State of Illinois, County of Henry
 This is to certify the above changes(s) to the named business have been made effective this 1st day of November 2024.
 /s/ Yvonne Jannie, Joshua Lindstrom
 This foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 1st day of November 2024
 /s/ Marimar Jannie
 Notary Public, State of Illinois
 Commission No. 994595
 My commission expires Aug. 2, 2028
 Published 11/22/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY - TOULON, ILLINOIS
 Nationstar Mortgage LLC PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Norma R. Williams; Gwen Williams; Betty Williams; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants DEFENDANTS
 No. 2024FC5
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU:
 Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Norma R. Williams
 Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants
 That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:
 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 213 S Washington St., Toulon, IL 61483 and which said Mortgage was made by: Norma R. Williams the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stark County, Illinois, as Document No. 89396; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.
 NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Julie A. Kenney Stark County Courthouse 130 West Main, Box 426 Toulon, IL 61483 on or before December 23, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.
 CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-24-06200
 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector.
 13255746
 Published 11/22, 11/29, 12/6/24

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2024-1

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND AND AUDIT FUND PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2024, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2025.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protections District in Stark County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

AND WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 12th day of November, A.D., 2024, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from September 1, 2024 to August 31, 2025.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:
Estimated Receipts and Expenditures

| | |
|--|----------------------|
| 1. Balance on hand at beginning of year | \$ 117,427.76 |
| 2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2023 estimated to be received this fiscal year: | |
| Corporate | \$ 41,540.00 |
| Ambulance | \$ 31,000.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 9,000.00 |
| Audit | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Estimated Illinois replacement tax | \$ 2,200.00 |
| Estimated interest income and other revenues | \$ 100.00 |
| Foreign Tax – IL Municipal League | \$ 800.00 |
| Other income | \$ 1,000.00 |
| Total estimated receipts-including balance on hand | \$204,067.76 |
| Total estimated expenditures: | |
| Corporate | \$ 42,875.00 |
| Ambulance | \$ 37,000.00 |
| Insurance | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Audit | \$ 300.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$ 95,175.00 |
| Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year: | \$ 108,892.76 |

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024:

| | Budget | Appropriation |
|--|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND | | |
| 5015 (a) Attorney's fee | \$1,750.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5060 (b) Publication expenses | \$300.00 | \$ 800.00 |
| 5060 (c) Supplies and expenses | \$1,500.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 5015 (d) Hired accountant | \$1,750.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| 2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES | | |
| 5025 (a) Repairs/maintenance of fire trucks | \$8,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5030 (b) Repair and maintenance of firefighter equipment | \$ 2,000.00 | \$ 6,000.00 |
| 5050 (c) Replacement of turnout gear and other equipment | \$2,500.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 5055 (d) Fuel and Supplies | \$750.00 | \$1,250.00 |
| 5065 (e) Contingency/Incidental Expenses | \$500.00 | \$1,000.00 |
| 3. SALARY FUND | | |
| (a) Trustees fees | \$525.00 | \$750.00 |
| (b) Firefighter training and education | \$ 500.00 | \$2,000.00 |
| (c) Firefighter expenses | \$ 3,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| 4. BUILDING FUND | | |
| 5035(a) Repairs and maintenance | \$2,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| 5045 (b) Utilities and heat | \$ 6,000.00 | \$7,000.00 |
| 5040 (c) Telephone services | \$1,800.00 | \$2,500.00 |
| 5. EQUIPMENT | | |
| 5050 (a) Acquisition of new equipment | \$10,000.00 | \$50,000.00 |
| Total Estimated Corporate Expenditures | \$42,875.00 | \$107,300.00 |

Section 4. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of an ambulance service of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024:
 5075 FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE

| | Budget | Appropriation |
|---|---------------------|--------------------|
| Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures | \$ 37,000.00 | \$40,000.00 |

Section 5. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of a liability insurance fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024:
 5070 LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND

| | Budget | Appropriation |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Total Estimated Insurance Expenditures | \$15,000.00 | \$18,000.00 |

Section 6. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of the audit fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2024:
 AUDIT FUND

| | Budget | Appropriation |
|------------------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Total Estimated Audit Expenditures | \$300.00 | \$1,000.00 |

Section 7. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 8. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a who I or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2024-1.
Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3 Nays 0
 Passed: November 12, 2024.
 Published: November 15, 2024.
 Attest: /s/ Ross Walker, President
 /s/ Joseph Winans, Secretary-Treasurer
 STATE OF ILLINOIS
 COUNTY OF STARK
 I, Joseph Winans, Treasurer of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed November 12, 2024, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.
 /s/ Joseph Winans, Treasurer
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November 2024.
 /s/ Keith A Luymes
 Notary Public
 Published 11/22/24

OBITUARIES

James R. Jenkins

PRINCEVILLE – James Rodney “Rod” Jenkins, 71, of Princeville, passed away Nov. 11, 2024, at his residence, with his family by his side.

Rod was born Oct. 10, 1953, in Philadelphia to the late James Lee and Betty J. (Sheeley) Jenkins. He married Patricia “Patti” (Theobald) Jenkins on May 21, 1971, in Princeville; she survives.

Also surviving are their three children, Chad (Kelly) Jenkins of Princeville, Jennifer (Milt) Getz of Roanoke and Matthew (Pody Goines) Jenkins of Chillicothe; eight grandchildren, Charissa, Jake, Tristin, Morgen, Braden, Luke, Brooklyn and Alex; two great-grandchildren, Landen and Cullen; one brother, Dale (Carrie) Jenkins of Arkansas; and a brother-in-law, Bob (Jamey) Rickey of Metamora.

One sister, Diane Rickey, also preceded him in death.

Rod will be honored and remembered in a private celebration of life to be held at a later date.

To leave condolences for Rod’s family, please visit his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Sandra J. Neubert

GALVA – Sandra Jeanne (Williams) Neubert, 76, passed away peacefully on Nov. 18, 2024, in Galva, surrounded by her family, after a 2½-year battle with breast cancer.

Sandra was born on Feb. 2, 1948, in Sheffield to Floyd Williams and Marjorie Jean Wicht. In 1966, she

married Dennis VanMeir (deceased), and together they had three children. Following their divorce, she married Danny Ray Neubert in 1979. Together, they created a beautiful, blended family, raising her children, his children and fostering many others.

Sandra was preceded in death by her parents, Floyd Williams and Marjorie Jean Wicht, and her brother, Richard Floyd Williams (Tina).

She is survived by her sister, Kristi Jo LaBrake (Richard); her husband, Danny Ray Neubert; and their children, Shelene Marie (Bik) Lee, Colene Michelle (Dan) Verdick, Melissa Anne (Garth) Winn, Tracy Elaine Neubert, Rebecca Anne Langhammer, Amber Jeanne (Nathan) Barnes, Anna Neubert, Tashea Neubert, Jason Edwin (Katlyn) Neubert, Jared Wade (Nina) Neubert, Jacob Daniel (Angela) Neubert and Jessup Floyd Neubert.

Sandra was blessed with 31 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Sandra will be laid to rest at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Kewanee, with a private graveside service.

Edward S. Wyss

ROCKFORD – Edward Samuel Wyss, 92, formerly of Princeville and Watseka, passed away Nov. 16, 2024, at Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center in Rockford, surrounded by his daughters.

Ed was born on Oct. 12, 1932, in Princeville, Ill., to John and Minnie (Spahr) Wyss. He married Marilyn Peterson on Nov. 27, 1955, at the

Presbyterian Church of Princeville. She passed away on April 22, 2024.

Surviving are two daughters, Kimberly (David) Deetjen of Naperville and Karen (Steven) Ippen of Madison, Wis.; four grandchildren, Marc Deetjen, Grace Walder, Kevin Ippen and Erin Ziebarth; six great-grandchildren, Luke Deetjen, Micah Deetjen, Rebekah Walder, Benjamin Ippen, Owen Ippen and Zoey Ziebarth; and many nieces and nephews.

Besides his wife, Marilyn, he was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Richard, Kenneth and John (Jack); and one sister, Mardell Martin.

Ed graduated in 1950 from Wyoming Community High School. Ed farmed most of his life, initially in Wyoming and for over 40 years near Watseka. After retiring to Princeville, he worked for German-Bliss Equipment Inc.

Private burial was in Princeville Township Cemetery. A celebration of life for relatives and friends will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30, 2024, at the Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center in Rockford. Memorial contributions may be made at the memorial service or online to Billy Graham Evangelistic Association (billygraham.org) or Fairhaven Christian Retirement Center (fairhaven.cc).



Wyss

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
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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
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<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

The Gathering Church

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

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

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

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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
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.
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Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com
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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
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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.
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NOTICE OF CAUCUS & Monthly Board Meeting

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, a caucus of the Democratic Party in Valley Township of Stark County, Illinois will be held at the Town Hall, Valley Township, Wyoming, Illinois commencing at 6:30 PM.

Notice is also given that on Tuesday, December 3, 2024, a caucus of the Republican Party in Valley Township of Stark County, Illinois will be held at the Town Hall, Valley Township, Wyoming, Illinois commencing at 6:45 PM.

Both caucuses are held for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:
Supervisor, Clerk, Trustees and Highway Commissioner.

Notice is also given that the regular monthly meeting will be held after both caucuses in the aforementioned township and county on December 3, 2024, at the same location commencing at 7 PM.

Dated November 22, 2024

Jodi Dienst
Valley Township Clerk

Joyce Scholl
Valley Township Supervisor

Stark County Salvation Army Kettle

We are thankful for the blessings that we have received in the county this year. And the good folks of Stark County do a great job of sharing those blessings. Last year we were able to help many people get gasoline to make it to work or the doctor. We also helped many who found themselves running out of food at the end of the month. We bought medicine for some. Paid on rent, electric and water for others. I know that you will want to do those same things again this year. So when you see a Kettle in Stark County put in your donation. Or you can make your checks to Stark County Salvation Army Kettle and send to Stark County Salvation Army, PO Box 636, Toulon, IL, 61483. If you know someone who needs help have them call Al Harmon at 309-286-4611.

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STARK CO.: Tax rate decreasing

Continued from Page 1
will also hold a building-finance committee meeting on Dec. 9 to consider the options between 5 and 10%.”

Elliott said “with the increased EAV, all three options present an overall reduction in tax rate from the previous year, reflect-

ing a ‘reduction’ per \$100,000 assessed value compared to 2023.” He recommended the highest amount.

The 2024 estimated EAV would equal \$164,308,427 – an estimated increase of \$14,937,130. Elliott said the tax rate will be less

for the second year in a row. The 2023 actual total tax rate is 5.3682% with the 2024 rate equal to 5.3508%.

The proposed levy is \$4,818,345 with a .2264% decline in the tax rate.

The board intends to approve a final tax levy at its Dec. 16 meeting.

The new gymnasium will be completed in December with a tentative grand opening on Jan. 10. Varsity girls and boys basketball games are scheduled on that date to open the facility.

The new track project is officially completed with new landscaping and fencing added south of the track. Plans for hosting spring track meets are underway.

The school district received a commendable rating on the annual state report card for all three schools – elementary, junior high, and high school. That is second on the scale only to exemplary.

The graduation rate is 94.5% vs. 88.3% last year. The chronic truancy rate is 8%.

Finally, after closed session, the board announced Preston Parrish resigned as Scholastic Bowl sponsor and will be replaced by Mathew Bowen.

Also, Christine Cole was approved as a kitchen helper, Owen Mercer as second-shift elementary school custodian and Chelsea Stage as part-time interventionist aide.

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The Spats by Jeff Pickering



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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Trivia test by JHS

- 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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AXYDLBAXR is LONGFELLOW
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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Venom: The Last Dance (PG-13)
2. The Wild Robot (PG)
3. Smile 2 (R)
4. Conclave (G)
5. Here (PG-13)
6. We Live in Time (R)
7. Terrifier 3 (NR)
8. Bhoobhulaiyaa 3 (NR)
9. Singham Again (NR)
10. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13)

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GIRLS: Freshmen will play for Stark County

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Aledo boys team and two years coaching the West Central boys. His last basketball coaching was eight years ago at the junior-high level in AlWood.

Overall, Jackson has won six Lincoln Trail Conference titles, five regionals, three sectionals and made the Elite Eight twice. A proponent of a run-and-shoot offensive style, Jackson's 1993-94 AlWood team made a state-record 1,142 field goals and racked up 2,818 points to rank second all-time in that category, according to the IHSA.

Learning that style will take some time at Galva, which trailed 43-21 at halftime of its opener. Galva lost to Rockridge Tuesday night, 68-36, in the tournament, which runs through Saturday.

High scorer for Galva in both games was sophomore point guard Kaylyn Gale, who tallied 20 vs. Rockridge. She is the daughter of Kevin Gale, who along with his triplet brothers Kraig and Kyle led Galva to success in the mid-1990s.

Others who saw time last year out an eight-player roster include senior Maddie Bates and sophomores Jovie Weber, Kaylee Elgin and Amber Plummer. Newcomers are sophomore Scarlett Farmer and freshman KellyAnn Mensen.

• **Stark County** – Three seniors who saw considerable time are back from a 3-26 squad that went 1-11 in the Lincoln Trail Conference and opened

its season Tuesday with a 55-23 loss to Spring Valley Hall.

Emily Demetreon averaged around 7 points per game last year and will be looked on for more. Other key seniors on the 18-player roster are Kenna Newton and Maevé Colgan.

"These three seniors should be great leaders on and off the court," Coach Bob Bohm said. "We hope to finish in the middle of the LTC and get into the double-digit win column. Depending on how our younger kids come along, we could exceed expectations."

Sophomore Sophie Finnegan saw varsity action year ago and is looking to grow into a point guard, Bohm said.

Freshman Coley Johnston will start and is part of a group of first-year varsity players expected to contribute.

"Coley Johnston knows how to put the ball in the basket," Bohm said. "This year we will hopefully be fast and athletic, but will lack some size."

Bohm said the LTC will be tough with Kewanee Wethersfield and Abingdon-Avon favorites.

• **Princeville** – The Lady Princes dropped their home opener to Brimfield Monday, 52-37, despite 20 points from sophomore Sahara Streitmatter and eight points from Paisley Schock, the lone senior on a 10-player roster.

Those two will be looked to help replace graduated special-mention all-stater Brianna Brodie and her 1,000-point prep career.

Other regulars figure to be junior

Reagan Calder and sophomores Addison Buckley, Bethany Sennett, Cameron Smith and Riley Walsh.

"The strength of this team right now is youth," Coach John Gross said. "We've got a lot of work to do."

Gross said Abingdon-Avon is a strong favorite in the LTC, along with Kewanee Wethersfield and Monmouth United.

• **ROWVA-Williamsfield** – New Coach Jeff Hannam brings a new system to the Lady Cougars, 14-18 last season.

"We want to get up and down the floor and play an uptempo style," Hannam said. "We don't have a lot of height, so we want to get out and run in transition."

Returnees who saw some starting time last year are guards Erin Welch, Addysen Link, Riley Smith, Ella Rigg and Lauren Johnson. Megyn and Ella Erlacher and Alivia Jones are top returning front-court players.

"We have a strong group of sophomores who could also see some time this season," Hannam said

R-W won its opener Tuesday in the R-W/Ridgewood Tourney, topping Quad City Christian, 35-6, in a game that saw 11 R-W players score.

Hannam said Wethersfield and A-Town are top teams in the LTC and expects United to also contend.

In the ICAC, he points to Illini Bluffs ahead of Elmwood and Brimfield.

Rebels RB Orwig earns first team all-state

Stark County senior Nolan Orwig was voted to the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association Class 1A first team all-state squad.

Orwig finished his Stark County career with 1,356 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns in 145 attempts, good for 9.4 yards per carry. He also had six receptions for 117 yards. As a line-backer, he was fourth on the team in tackles.

Other all-staters from the Lincoln

Trail included Farmington quarterback Lane Wheelwright, Elmwood-Brimfield running back/linebacker Bo Windish and Princeville quarterback Jake Williams.

Wheelwright, a senior, is one of three quarterbacks on the Class 2A all-state team after passing for 1,944 yards and 24 touchdowns despite missing two games so far. He has also run for 300 yards on 93 carries.

Windish, a senior, ran for 1,822

yards and 26 touchdowns to make the Class 2A first team.

Williams, a senior, passed for 1,820 yards and 28 TDs to earn Class 1A first-team honors. He also ran for four scores.

Named to the Class 2A honorable-mention team were senior Matthew Glenn of E-B and Farmington's Jack Gronewold, one of four juniors on the 18-player honorable-mention list.

SCOREBOARD

IHSA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

CLASS 1A Quarterfinals
LeRoy 37, Galena 21
Lena-Winslow 40, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 7
Belleville Althoff Catholic 54, Casey-Westfield 7
Camp Point Central 16, Hardin Calhoun 7

Semifinals All Games Saturday
Lena-Winslow (12-0) at LeRoy (12-0), 2 pm
Camp Point Central (11-1) at Belleville Althoff Catholic (12-0), 2 pm
Championship, Nov. 29
Semifinal Winners at Normal, Hancock Stadium, 10 am

CLASS 2A

Quarterfinals
Farmington 42, Dwight/Gardner-South Wilmington 7
Palos Heights Chicago Christian 34, Bismarck-Henning-Rossville-Alvin 13
Johnston City 28, Pana 13
Maroa -Forsyth 22, Quincy Notre Dame 21

Semifinals All Games Saturday
Palos Heights Chicago Christian (11-1) at Farmington (12-0), 2 pm
Maroa-Forsyth (11-1) at Johnston City (11-1), 3:30 pm
Championship, Nov. 29
Semifinal Winners at Normal, Hancock Stadium, 1 pm

GALVA: 'Good situation'

Continued from Page 12 everything going. We've got players, we've got a junior-high program going and after next year we'll have a JFL program going too.

"So whoever steps in, they'll have a good situation. The senior class we'll have next year is kind of loaded. Next year, I wouldn't be surprised to see us in the playoffs."

Jeffrey, who teaches at

Excel Alternative School in Atkinson, said he still intends to coach track and field at Galva.

"I'll still come do chain-gang or whatever they need," he said of the football program. "For my family's sake, I knew it was time for a change."

Jeffrey also said it would be helpful to have a coach who is in the Galva school building on a regular basis.

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.

Village of LaFayette Caucus
Monday, Dec. 2, 6 p.m.
at the Village Hall

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Veteran coach at Galva

Longtime basketball coach Jackson to lead Lady Wildcats

JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Monday was not a glorious return for Brad Jackson to AlWood High School’s Walt Minder Gymnasium.

But while Jackson’s Galva team lost its season opener 79-25 to Monmouth Roseville, the longtime coach is working for the long run.



Jackson

“We’ve been working hard on conditioning. That’s what my teams used to do, we got out and ran and run and gunned,” Jackson said. “It’s going to take a little time, because our conditioning isn’t there.

“But my feeling is if we can get the

conditioning to where it needs to be and play a little defense, our scoring will improve.”

Hired as Galva’s girls coach in October to replace Dan Russell, Jackson has compiled a record of 389-211 in 35 seasons of basketball coaching. Many of his biggest moments came at AlWood, where he led the Aces to a 109-6 record and two trips to the state tournament from 1991-92 to 1994-95. In 1984, AlWood placed second in Class A, losing at Redbird Arena in Normal to Okawville, 80-68.

Since leaving AlWood after the 2003-04 season, Jackson also coached the West Central girls to a Class 1A sectional title game in 2008 and went 52-10 in two seasons, spent one season coaching the

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Galva football coaches resign

By **JEFF LAMPE**

By The Prairie News

GALVA – Mark Jeffrey has resigned as Galva football coach, citing his family as the main reason for his decision.

“It’s probably not really fair to my wife or kids to keep going,” Jeffrey said. “The way I like to coach, I’m 100% into it. But our kids are in everything and are steadily signing up for more things. I just think

it’s a good time to make the shift to someone else in the program.”

Jeffrey and his wife, Brenda, have three children between the ages of 9-16.

Also resigning were assistant coaches Tim Meier and Chance Jones.

Galva is advertising for a new head coach and staff.

And Jeffrey feels the Galva program has come

a long way in his tenure, though the Wildcats have been winless the past two seasons. Overall, Jeffrey has a 2-25 record as Galva coach. The program is 2-34 since resuming play in 2021 in 8-player football.

“When we first started, we really had nothing. We were using coaches as practice dummies,” Jeffrey said. “Now we’ve got

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– Festival of Wreaths and Mini Trees
- 11:30am to 1:00pm – Galva Arts Council - 130 N Exchange St
– Chili and soup luncheon
- 11:30am until sold out – Galva Arts Council - 130 N Exchange St
– Bake Sale benefiting the Galva Jr/Sr High Drama Club
- 12:30pm to 2:30pm – Galva Senior Citizens Center - 106 Front St
– Entertainment by The Nice List at 1pm, Hot Chocolate and Cookies provided 12:30pm-2:30pm
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm - Market Street
– Free Pony Rides sponsored by the City of Galva and Community State Bank of Galva
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm – Veterans Park - Front St
– Galva Girl Scout Troop LoveTree ToyDrive –collecting unwrapped gifts for newborns to age 15
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm – Veterans Park - Front St
– Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House - Sponsored by Community State Bank of Galva
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm – Veterans Park - Front St
– Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides sponsored by State Bank of Toulon
- 4:00pm – Parade Line-up
– Stackhouse-Moore Parking Lot 117 E Division St
- 4:00pm – Road Trip - 327 Market St
– Fundraising Benefit for our neighbor, Lynn Yelm
- 4:00pm to 6pm – Hathaway’s Ace Hardware & Fresh Market - 316 Market St
– Wine and Beer Tasting
- 5:00pm - Downtown Galva- Front St, Exchange St, Market St
– Lighted Christmas Parade around the downtown square
- 5:30pm – Veterans Park - Front St
– Lighting of Veterans Park – Join Santa as he leads the countdown to turn on the lights!
- After the Parade - Allenia Space - 330 Front St NEW BUSINESS - CHECK IT OUT!
– Family Sing-a-Long of “The Sound of Music” led by Allenia Space owner, Astrid Haryati
- 7:00pm to 8:30pm – Galva Arts Council 130 N Exchange St
– Christmas Coffeehouse feat. Greg Percifield

Business Open Houses

- 9:00am to 12:00pm The Rambling Rose @ 328 Commercial St (refreshments and giveaways)
- 9:00am to 5:00pm PollyAnna’s @336 Front St Suite C (Make & Take Craft and giveaways)
- 1:00pm to 4:00pm Allenia Space (NOW OPEN at 330 Front St) Screening of Holiday Movies and giveaways!
- 4:00pm to 7:00pm Special Kneads Bakery @ 326 Front St (refreshments available) also open regular hours