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## Wyoming mayoral race includes Maher, Mercer and Potter

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
 For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Long-time Wyoming mayor Pat Maher faces a challenge from two other candidates in the upcoming April 1 election.

Jim Mercer has served on the City Council but is running for mayor this spring, as is Ian Potter. Here are questions asked of the three candidates.

**• Why are you running?**

Maher: I've been mayor for 16 years and would like to continue bettering Wyoming.

Mercer: I aim to bring fresh ideas and new approaches to address the town's needs and encourage community involve-

ment. Potter: Because I care deeply about Wyoming's future. I believe with fresh ideas and a focus on collaboration, we can strengthen our economy and create more opportunities for everyone.

**• Where did you grow up?**

Maher: In rural Wyoming on a farm. We raised Black Angus cattle.

Mercer: I was born and raised in Wyoming. My mother's family was one of the first settlers in Wyoming.

Potter: I grew up right here in Wyoming watching it grow and change over the years.

**• What goals do you have**

**for Wyoming if you are elected?**

Maher: My main goal is getting some sort of senior living, getting a family physician for our town and a new subdivision in the TIF-2 District. We also need more playground equipment for all three parks, along with a pickleball court.

Mercer: My goals include improving infrastructure, upgrading water equipment, enhancing school safety and strengthening business relations. I also would promote Wyoming as a very safe city and a great place to live.

Potter: My main goals are to enhance quality of life for all

residents. I would like to get the movie theater up and running again.

**• Do you see any problems that need addressing?**

Maher: Yes. Some of our residential areas need addressed – clean up yards and show pride in our city. Sidewalks need repair all over town. I would like to see some trees planted.

Mercer: Better relationships with our town's Chamber of Commerce, improving our downtown streets and updating our city parks. We also need to work on freeing up land for building new homes.

Potter: The aging infrastructure, roads, public facilities and

sidewalks to better serve our community.

**• What is the single largest problem you would work on in the next four years?**

Maher: Affordable housing for the elderly.

Mercer: Securing more grants and state funding for the city's needs.

Potter: The single largest problem I would focus on is revitalizing our town's infrastructure, our roads, public facilities and sidewalks. Addressing them would improve safety, attract businesses, and enhance overall quality of life.

**• What qualities would you**

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### TOULON NATIVE HONORED

## Blakey Field

### Mount Zion dedicates diamond to coach

MOUNT ZION – Community members, former players, assistant coaches and current players showed up in force last Saturday to honor Toulon native Greg Blakey during a dedication of the Mount Zion softball diamond as Greg Blakey Field.

Blakey is in his 34th season coaching softball at Mount Zion, where he has a career record of 790-323 – fourth on Illinois' all-time list for softball coaching wins.

Blakey has coached Mount Zion to 21 Apollo Conference championships, 21 regional titles, seven sectionals championships and two state finals, where the Lady Braves placed third in 2019 and fourth in 2018. He is the son of Danny and Sandy Blakey.



Greg Blakey holds a plaque during the March 22 dedication of the Mount Zion softball diamond as Greg Blakey Field. Blakey is in his 34th season of coaching softball at Mount Zion, where he has a career record of 790-323.



## Two seek Bradford village presidency

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
 For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Tony Carlton and Sharon Cauthon are running for the village presidency here after incumbent John Cler decided not to seek reelection.

Here are questions asked of the two candidates.

**• Why are you running?**

Carlton: Because I believe in the community and want to see it grow. I come with a lot of experience and feel I could help make things happen.

Cauthon: To give myself an opportunity to listen. I would like to hear the concerns and ideas of my community. I would like to

ask the questions that need to be brought forward and to give a new outlook of the next generations.

**• Where did you grow up?**

Carlton: Rural Elmira. I attended Stark County schools.

Cauthon: I am born and raised in Bradford. Four generations of my family attended Bradford schools. Our family invested time with three businesses and volunteered for the Bradford Fire Department, PTO, Music Boosters and Girl Scouts.

**• What goals do you have if you are elected?**

Carlton: I would like to see growth in Bradford and

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# WYOMING: Sense of community praised

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## bring to the office that might help Wyoming be a stronger community?

**Maher:** Sixteen years of experience as a mayor, plus 14 years as an alderperson.

**Mercer:** Leadership and the ability to listen to the community's needs. I have run many projects in my years in industrial business and know how to prioritize land for building new homes.

**Potter:** I bring a strong sense of dedication and a collaborative mindset and a deep love for Wyoming.

## • What are strengths of Wyoming you would like to build on?

**Maher:** Wyoming is a great community with great schools and many great businesses.

**Mercer:** Very strong belief of

community from everyone who lives in Wyoming. We have great employees who take their jobs seriously. One of the friendliest towns in the whole U.S.A.

**Potter:** Wyoming has a strong sense of community with people who care deeply about each other.

## • Over your years in Wyoming, do you think the community has improved, or declined, or stayed about the same and why?

**Maher:** I feel Wyoming has definitely improved. Some of the things we have done since I became mayor: new water tower, new water hydrants, new water mains, beautification of the downtown district, TIF-2 was established, disposal plant was completely overhauled, new handicap accessible sidewalks downtown, city clock, purchase and renovation of the Paramount The-

ater and marquee.

**Mercer:** Over the years we have become a smaller community, have lost a lot of businesses. The younger generations prefer to live closer to their jobs. We need to focus on trying to bring more jobs to our area. I believe we have declined, not due to one person or one thing. All rural America is in decline. That is why we need stronger leadership in the role of the mayor's office. Let's put Wyoming back on the map.

**Potter:** I believe Wyoming has had its ups and downs. I've seen positives and negatives to business due to the lack of investments in certain areas in the community. There is a lot of untapped potential here in Wyoming.

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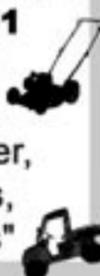
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be able to work together as a community.

**Cauthon:** I want to invest in our future. Clean up the housing. Bring in new businesses that will in turn bring in new families. Make Bradford inviting like it once was. Develop programs with our schools for our youth to grow and succeed.

## • Do you see any problems that need to be addressed?

**Carlton:** The biggest problem in the village is working together. There are many good ideas but you have to follow procedures to get them done.

**Cauthon:** Bradford is such a great place to raise a family, however we have a vast number of homes currently unoccupied. Those homes could have children who would attend our

schools, which could give us more access to state funding. Each empty home is also one less revenue to the city and to the businesses within it.

## • What is the single largest problem you would work on in the next four years?

**Carlton:** Bradford's biggest problem is working together to get things done. Bradford needs growth. It takes many people to get things done by working together and not all against each other.

**Cauthon:** Bradford needs growth. Bradford needs more business. We need to focus on the availability of new ideas. With a major state highway that passes through the Main Street of our town, we need to utilize resources wisely. We cannot continue to leave empty businesses decaying.

## • What qualities would you bring to the office that might help Bradford be a stronger community?

**Carlton:** I bring experience to the board and I am willing to listen honestly.

**Cauthon:** I am ready to stir things up. I want to learn how our community

system works and throw out new plans, ideas and strategies to bring people in. I think a fresh set of eyes could give a different perspective.

## • What are strengths of Bradford you would like to build on?

**Carlton:** Bradford is a good community with few houses for sale, which means residents are staying. Along with staying, we need to build growth in businesses.

**Cauthon:** Personally, I cannot brag about our schools enough. Bradford Grade School was ranked on the U.S. News & World Report "Best Elementary Schools" and Bradford Junior High was ranked in the top 10% of junior highs in the state of Illinois. Growth for the youth within our community could be so beneficial in the future. We are also lucky to have fantastic individuals who are willing to put in their time, effort and love whenever possible. There are so many things that are possible in Bradford just with the helping hands of a community that cares.

## • Over your years in Bradford, do you think

## the community has improved, or declined, or stayed about the same and why?

**Carlton:** Bradford has stayed the same in years and now it is time to go forward in growth.

**Cauthon:** The roots of Bradford run very deep. We have several families like mine who have raised multiple generations. We have improved by continuing to share that bond with the next generation. Amazing opportunities exist with the Silver Streak touring and the beginning of the Yellowstone furnishings through Green Gables.

We have declined, however. The warmth and welcome spirit of Bradford has gone downhill. We have a separation that needs resolved. I want people on U.S. Route 40 to drive through and see kids in the park, businesses on Main Street, and pride in where we live. That is the Bradford that I want to live in and the legacy that I will leave to the next generation.

## West Jersey Township Roads are posted with a 5 Ton Weight Limit

As a reminder, West Jersey Township roads have an imposed weight restriction on certain roads to prevent damage caused by the seasonal freeze/thaw cycle. Among these restrictions, 5-ton posted roads play a crucial role in protecting infrastructure, ensuring road longevity, and reducing costly repairs that require the use of local taxpayer dollars.

During the transition from winter to spring, the ground beneath the roads undergoes a freeze/thaw cycle. As temperatures fluctuate, moisture trapped in the pavement and subgrade expands and contracts. This process weakens the road structure, making it highly susceptible to damage from heavy loads. Without restrictions, heavy vehicles can cause significant harm, leading to potholes, cracks, and structural failures.

A 5-ton posted road means that vehicles exceeding a gross weight of 5 tons (10,000 lbs) are prohibited from traveling on the designated roadways during the restricted period. This limitation applies to single-axle and multi-axle vehicles unless an exemption is granted. These postings are temporary and typically last several weeks, depending on weather conditions and road stability.

### These Restrictions Protect Infrastructure

1. **Prevention of Pavement Rutting and Cracking** - Weakened road surfaces are prone to deep rutting and cracking under excessive loads. The weight limits help minimize stress and deterioration.
2. **Reduced Maintenance Costs** - Limiting heavy vehicle traffic decreases the need for frequent and expensive road repairs, ultimately saving taxpayers money.
3. **Extended Road Lifespan** - By preventing excessive strain during the most vulnerable period, roads last longer and maintain their integrity for years to come.

This is not intended to be an inconvenience to motorists with weight restricted vehicles. It is to protect current infrastructure for longevity in hopes to delegate funding to additional road projects in the township. Local authorities and township officials are expected to enforce these weight restrictions through signage, patrols, and penalties for violators. Businesses and truck operators should plan alternative routes or schedule deliveries outside the restriction period to comply with regulations. In some cases, special permits may be issued for essential services, such as emergency vehicles and critical supply deliveries.

5-ton posted roads during the spring freeze/thaw period are an essential measure to protect infrastructure from seasonal damage. It is appreciated that motorists with weight restricted vehicles consider the residents of the township and the ordinances that are in place. These restrictions help maintain the quality and safety of sealed roads while reducing the financial burden of repairs. Compliance with these regulations benefits the entire community by ensuring a durable and reliable road network for the future.

Thank you, Paul Webster, West Jersey Township Road Commissioner

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

**3-18** - Dexter L. Angion, 32, Peoria, icked for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

**3-18** - Tara R. Derry, 29, Princeville, cited for illegal use of an electronic communication device.

**3-18** - Kassidee A. Swan, 24, Ke-wanee, ticketed for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone.

**3-18** - Tobias J. Webb, 37, Dunlap, was ticketed for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

**3-20** - Ryan M. Demuynck, 39, Mineral, cited for illegal transportation of alcohol.

**3-20** - Ashton L. Forstrom, of Toulon, reported the theft of her purse from her vehicle while it was parked at the Wy-Hi Center in Wyoming. In another related complaint Natasha R. Terwilliger, Wyoming, also contacted authorities and reported the theft of her wallet discovered missing from her vehicle while parked at the same location.

Both women were attending a workout class being held at the center between 7:10 and 8:20 p.m. The vehicles were parked at the south end of the building.

**3-21** - An employee from the Toulon Casey's General Store contacted authorities with a complaint involving an unruly customer reportedly yelling and throwing sugar.

**3-22** - A Stark County Sheriff's deputy responded to a report of a single-vehicle accident on 1120 E south of Grain Bin Road where a car had run into the ditch. The driver was Thomas R. Stoecker Jr, 29, of Wyoming. He was transported to a local hospital.

### Knox County report

**3-13** - A two-vehicle crash south of Edelstein resulted in no apparent injuries. Shortly before 5:30 p.m., Ruth A. Young of Wyoming was driving a 2019 Jeep Grand Cherokee south on Illinois Route 40 at Lake Shore Drive when her vehicle rear-ended a 2022 Honda Odyssey, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Geneva R. Keyster of Edelstein was the other driver. She said she was stopped and attempting to turn east on Lake Shore Drive. Young said she didn't see Keyster's vehicle until it was too late. Young had one passenger, a female, and Keyster had four passengers, all males.

**3-18** - David D. DeWolfe Jr., 42, of Speer was transported about 3 p.m. March 18 from the Bureau County Jail in Princeton to the Peoria County Jail regarding a Peoria County warrant in a 2022 case of aggravated use of a weapon.



### Galva Report

#### Officer dispatched:

**3-17** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud-noise complaint.

**3-17** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**3-17** - to assist a resident who had accidentally locked their keys inside a vehicle with a small child. Officer contacted Tarleton's to assist ,as the child did not appear to be in any distress. They were able to unlock the door.

**3-17** - to the 00 block of NE 2nd St. in reference to a civil property dispute.

**3-17** - to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave for a juvenile runaway complaint. Officer located the child, who did not want to return home. A crisis intervention worker spoke with the child and parent.

**3-17** - to a disturbance in the 400 block of N. Center Ave.

**3-18** - While patrolling, an officer checked on a subject walking during the night in the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. The subject advised they were walking home after falling asleep at a friend's house.

**3-18** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance.

**3-18** - along with the fire department to the 900 block of W. Division St. for an activated smoke alarm. It was a false alarm.

**3-18** - to the 600 block of SW 1st Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a lawnmower driving on the roadway late at night. The officer did not locate.

**3-19** - to speak with a resident in the 500 block of SW 2nd Ave. about large items being put out for trash. They were informed to purchase a large item sticker and contact Eagle Enterprises.

**3-19** - to the 200 block of NE 1st St. to assist a transient who needed lodging.

**3-20** - to the 300 block of Front St. to check on a suspicious person. The subject was determined to be a transient waiting for a ride.

**3-20** - to assist a transient by providing a ride for the subject to a location several miles west of town.

**3-20** - to the 700 block of NW 4th Street to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**3-20** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd Street to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**3-20** - to a residence on NE 7th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

**3-21** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**3-21** - to the 100 block of Market St. for a gas drive-off complaint.

**3-21** - to a residence on NE 7th St. to remove an unwanted subject. The offender was served with a written banning letter.

**3-21** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**3-22** - Leighland Overfield, 19, Rock Island, was issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of SE 2nd St.

**3-23** - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a civil standby to exchange personal property.

**3-23** - to Wiley Park for a complaint of two dogs running loose. The officer also located the animal owners, who were out looking for the dogs. The dogs were returned to their owners.

**3-23** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a motorist assist for a subject who locked their keys inside the vehicle. Henry County also responded and was able to unlock the door.

**3-23** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to assist a resident who was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

### Property Transfers

**3-17** - Lorrie A. and Robin R. Nowlan to Emily A. and James L. Roesner, Trustees - Pt. Sect. 36-13-5 NE - 6361 Wallace Hwy., Toulon - Consideration = \$65,000.

**3-19** - JICTB, Inc. to Sean Breese - Pt. Sect. 27-13-6 SE - Consideration = \$15,000.

**3-20** - Kristine M. and Ruel Buzz Iloff to Elizabeth D. and Joseph W. Iloff - Pt. Sect. 6-12-7 SW - 12465 Township Road 500 N. Wyoming - Consideration = \$40,000.

**3-21** - Jeffrey A. and Stacy M. Gehrig to Jeffrey A. and Stacy M. Gehrig, Co-Trustees - Pt. Sect. 21-12-6 SW. Sect. 31-13-6 NE - Und. 1/3 Int. Pt. Sect. 32-13-6 NW and SW - Und. 1/3 Int Pt - Consideration = \$0.

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**3-21** - Calli Danielle Nevells and Paul Albert Sowden Jr., both of Wyoming.

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**Brexit shows what's ahead for U.S. trade war**

In the seven weeks that global markets and U.S. farmers have been living in the uncertain trade world of the Trump Administration, prices for most American ag exports have headed south faster than a Canada goose in late October.

In fact, futures prices for most key ag markets – soybeans, corn, cotton, wheat, and pork – are 5% to 8% lower than when the president first spun his trade-roulette wheel in February. Only cattle futures, still dominated by historically low herd numbers, have regained February's lost footing.



Alan GUEBERT

The U.S. equities market is following the commodity markets. In the four-week period prior to mid-March, the S&P 500's market value fell 10%, from an estimated \$52 trillion on Feb. 19 to \$46.8 trillion March 14. That's a \$5.2 trillion punch in the mouth.

That smacking, like the earlier drop in commodity prices, was forewarned. After all, anytime you take a crowbar to some of the key floor joists of today's integrated global marketplace – like free trade or the value of the U.S. dollar – there will be consequences.

If you choose to look past that reality – or, worse, believe that reality doesn't apply to you or your policy choices – spend a minute catching up on Brexit, the United Kingdom's

2016 vote to remove itself from the commercial and trade umbrella supplied by the European Union.

Like the White House now, UK Conservatives back then firmly tied the stumbling national economy to out-of-control government spending, the EU's regulatory bureaucracy and a tide of EU-sanctioned immigrants landing in the UK. The complaints carried Brexit – the British exit from the EU – to a startling win.

Now, however, eight years after that history-changing blame shifting, Brexit is seen as an indefensible blunder sold to an aging, immigrant-fearing UK by fear-peddling politicians and reality-defying royalists.

The price of the blunder, according to the Financial Times, has been steep. According to a recent academic report, exports from the UK since 2016 are down an average of 17% while imports, because of rising protectionism, are down an even bigger 23%.

Moreover, since 2016, the EU economy has grown 24% while the UK GDP has increased an embarrassingly tiny 6%.

A final comparison is even more stark. One year before Brexit, Greece, another EU member nation, faced a UK-like choice: leave the EU and its tough management of the Greek economy or stay in the multinational group, clean out its systemic corruption and rebuild under EU rules and loans.

Unlike the UK in 2016, though, Greece followed its EU leaders. "Greece was rational," Bloomberg

noted bluntly a year ago, "and since then its economy expanded 11%, representing a 1.53% annual rate, easily exceeding the UK's anemic 0.7% annual growth."

Moving forward, nations trading with the United States, Politico suggested March 17, face a similarly stark choice. As the White House continues to escalate tariff talk, countries can choose to follow the recent Mexico model, a slow approach that favors "laying low and buying time," or the Canadian method that's "more confrontational, including immediate trade retaliation."

The latter drew "swift White House retribution," and the former "doesn't have much more to show for it." That's because trade wars – forget all the chest-beating, social-media rants, or hockey metaphors – have no winners. Losers, however, are everywhere.

Sooner or later, all aggrieved parties in this fight will learn that lesson. Again.

Right now, however, Politico goes on to report, farmers and "some agriculture groups are growing tired of feeling like their private requests for exemptions or support ... are failing to result in any tangible change."

Go figure.

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# Venison a game changer for food pantries

By HANNAH SPANGLER  
FarmWeek

Hunters Feeding Illinois is taking a shot at tackling food insecurity throughout the state by connecting hunters, meat processors and food pantries.

During the 2024-25 deer hunting season, the program provided 24,278 pounds of venison to 54 food pantries. Hunters donated 584 deer to 20 meat processors, increasing access to lean protein in central and southern Illinois.

“All of the venison that is donated stays local,

which we're really proud of, and the funding that is raised also stays local,” said Kaitlyn Streitmatter, a senior manager of Illinois Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education at University of Illinois Extension.

The process starts when a hunter donates meat to a local food processor. Streitmatter said the program helps address deer nuisance issues. Hunters who have more meat than they need can donate it to families in their communities.

After the donation, Feeding Illinois pays food processors who turn deer into ground meat. Probst said in past years, U of I Extension would reimburse meat processors, but partnering with Feeding Illinois helps the reimbursement process run smoother.

Streitmatter added that the deer donation program included in Illinois Senate Bill 2160 would further streamline the reimburse-

ment process. If passed, the legislation would establish the Hunter Food Bank Fund to support grants for food banks to pay processors.

Hunters, processors or food pantries interested in getting involved can visit [extension.illinois.edu/food/hunters-feeding-illinois](http://extension.illinois.edu/food/hunters-feeding-illinois).

*This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.*

**VILLAGE OF BRADFORD CEMETERY CLEAN UP**  
April 1st & 2nd, 2025  
Please remove any items, such as flowers and vases from the Bradford Cemetery gravesites that you wish to keep prior to April 1st, 2025.

**Celebration of Life for Robert (Rob) Whittaker**  
Saturday, April 5 2 p.m.  
Goshen Township Building  
3986 St. Rt. 17, Toulon  
Light Lunch  
Any Pictures or remarks you would like to share are welcome. If any questions call Gordon 238-2794 or Dian 238-4673

**Public Auction**  
Saturday, April 5 at 10 a.m.  
Because we are moving a public auction will be held at 2745 State Rte. 91 Princeville, IL.  
**PHOTO ALBUM TO BE ADDED SOON:**  
<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.1217853690345842&type=3>  
Items to be sold include: home décor, glass front curio, gun cases, lightning rod bulbs, knives, farm toys, pots/pans/dishes, Longaberger baskets, wildlife art (DU , Pheasants Forever and others), Amish made 2 pc oak step back hutch, padded footstool, Small World Rhythm Clock, 2 recliner love seats, 2 Lazy Boy leather recliners, oak White Clad lamp tables, oak tv stand, 5 Harley Davidson coats (women's and men's), beautiful 4 pc oak queen size bedroom set, oak sofa table, deacon's bench, hall tree, painted drop front, kneehole desks, golf clubs, several 4 drawer file cabinets, tanning bed, Decca 6 string electric guitar, Decca amp, old Wyoming bottles, old Kewanee bottles, primitives, John Deere pedal tractor, canning jars, live trap, kid's toys, Tonka toys, Ertl trucks, Antique bedroom set beautiful marble top dresser and double bed, 4 drawer dresser w/ mirror, cedar chest, night stands, collector glasses, book shelves, Aaladin 360 Swivel diesel powered pressure washer 220 volt (nice), galvanized water tank, lawn chairs, US General tool chest, coolers, base cabinets, Men's and ladies Schwinn bikes, electric smoker, potting bench, long handle tools, Chicago Electric 90 amp flux wire welder, flat cart, hose reel on cart, 4 10" sections of chain link dog kennel with a walk through gate, 4 bottom 18' Case plow, barge wagon on John Deere gear, Glencoe 4 row 30" 3 point cultivator, scrap metal, front mount square tube boom, North Star 17hp gas generator, Poly oil tanks on stand, Craftsman table saw, butt fan, portable sprayer w/ gas motor booms and spot sprayer fits inside a side by side, Land Pride TB 25108 universal mount snowblade (nice), Little Giant aluminum ladder, Kinze 4 row 30" 3 point planter with no till coulters, bean and small seed cups, Bush Hog 1812 Batwing mower w/ 1000 PTO and hard tires (nice), 2 500 gallon fuel tanks with electric pumps, John Deere 150 gallon 3 point sprayer w/ 540 pump, 15' booms spray wand, electric shut off, 16' flat bottom Jon boat with trailer, 20' manual fold harrow on cart, and more to be brought out  
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To help some people downsize and settle some small estates a public auction will be held at 7642 Grain Bin Road Toulon  
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The following nice ranch home on over 7 acres, firearms, vintage cars, outdoor, antiques and more will be sold on location at 615 Township Rd. 500 E. Toulon, IL 61483 (Take Rt. 78 north of Laura, IL, then turn east onto Duncan Rd(100N), continue to 500E and then turn south to sale site), on  
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Bids are now being accepted for the mowing of the LaFayette Cemetery which includes the McClenahan Cemetery, south of LaFayette and the Himes Cemetery, north of LaFayette for a total of (3) Cemeteries.  
Proof of insurance is required. Must be age 18 or older, Bids should be submitted to:  
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**Galva School Board has 4 candidates for 3 spots**

GALVA – Two incumbents and two newcomers seek three seats on the Galva School Board that must go to people living outside of Galva Township. Election day is Tuesday, April 1.

Incumbents are Laura Burke (Weller Township) and Kaleena Conrad (Burns Township).

The two newcomers seeking election are Brandy Ann Funke (Weller Township) and Stephanie Olando (Cambridge Township).

Board President Andrew Larson is not seeking another term. Larson has served for 20 years, with six of those serving as board president.

The remaining board members, all from Galva Township, whose terms will not be up for two more years, are Jill Pankau, Eric Bates, Brittany Boston and John Van De Velde.

– Carol Townsend

**Bradford schools rehire all non-certified staff**

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board on Monday approved rehiring all current non-certified staff for the 2025-26 school year.

At its meeting, the Board also approved a request by Lacy Jackson to rescind her acceptance of a teaching



Bradford Junior High School's 2025 Scholastic Bowl team finished a perfect season with zero losses, earned the Conference Championship title and won the conference tournament. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

position.

The Board also approved a Fiscal Year 2026 consolidated district plan to certify state grants; noon dismissal days next school year of Sept. 19, Oct. 24, Feb. 27 and March 27; and use of school facilities for the senior recognition ceremony on April 14.

Recognized were top performers from the state chess tournament: 6th grader Athan Barto-Colvin, 7th grader Silas Smith and 8th grader Aidan Parrish.

The building and grounds committee also met on March 25. Superintendent Chad Gripp will be seeking quotes for an update on the track and will work with an architect to continue the junior high HVAC project.

The committee is also considering two bids to replace the old mower,

but is not yet ready to bring a recommendation to the full board.

Additional bids for snow removal will also be sought for this winter in an effort to reduce costs.

**Bradford seniors will be recognized on April 14**

BRADFORD – The Bradford Community Scholarship Fund senior recognition ceremony will be Monday, April 14, at 7 p.m. in the Junior High gym. All seniors will be recognized and scholarships and awards will be presented. Seniors who have not returned information should do so before April 10. Information can be emailed to b.hoffert@bcusd1.net, faxed to (309) 897-4451 or mailed or dropped off at the Junior High at 302 Silver St., Bradford, IL 61421.

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# Construction stalled at state universities

By RYAN GRIESER

Capitol News Illinois

Buildings on Illinois' college campuses were falling apart when lawmakers approved \$2.9 billion for higher education construction as part of the 2019 Rebuild Illinois capital plan. The funding brought hope for long-overdue upgrades, but the slow rollout has left colleges in limbo.

Five years later, half of the 16 promised projects are still tied up in planning.

A series of setbacks have stalled progress, including staffing issues at the Capital Development Board, the state's construction management agency, rising post-pandemic construc-

tion costs and local disputes over how to stretch funding that no longer covers what university officials originally planned.

Construction costs shot up nearly 40% by 2023 compared with pre-pandemic levels, according to Associated Builders and Contractors.

SIUE was able to build its Health Sciences Building, but it came with major changes to the original plan.

SIU Carbondale faced a similar problem with plans to fully renovate its 1960s-era Communications Building on the Carbondale campus with roughly \$85 million allocated from

Rebuild Illinois. By the time they set out to finalize the design, officials no longer had enough funds to do what they'd originally planned. SIU leaders initially asked lawmakers for additional money, but finally started moving forward with a scaled-down design, according to Hong Cheng, dean of the College of Arts and Media.

Lately, state officials have sought to provide some relief. The Illinois Board of Higher Education's 2025 budget included \$575 million to help schools affected by rising costs see their projects to fruition. For 2026, the board is urging law-

makers to carry over any unspent funds and speed up project approvals to ensure those under Rebuild Illinois are completed within the six-year timeframe, according to IBHE spokesperson Jose Garcia.

The state has also faced challenges. The Capital Development Board oversees all major projects. But the agency's staff has been overwhelmed by the surge of projects under Rebuild Illinois. The agency reported in 2023 that many projects fell behind schedule due to a wave of retirements.



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[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
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Sunday Worship: 9:00

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Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191  
Fr. Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

### 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](mailto:WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com)  
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### Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

### Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

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## OBITUARIES

### Delabele Jacobson

GALVA – Delabele “Del” (Wheeler) Jacobson, 97, of Kewanee, died at 4 a.m. on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at Gardens at Kewanee.

She was born on June 16, 1927, in Burwell, Neb., the daughter of Lloyd and Florence (Gray) Wheeler. When she was seven, during the Great Depression, the family moved to Illinois. She married the love of her life, Dwain E. “Jake” Jacobson, on Feb. 14, 1949, in Toulon. They were inseparable from that day on. Dwain preceded her in death on Oct. 14, 2021.

Survivors include her three children, Diane (Steve) Winslow of Toulon, Dan (Linda) Jacobson of Cambridge and Denise (Mike) Kellogg of Kiowa, Okla.; nine grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and a brother-in-law, Glenn Beall of Lake Forest, Ill.

Del graduated from Toulon High School and in her early years she worked at the State Bank of Toulon until she was married. After marrying Dwain, she was a homemaker and farmed with him in the Toulon area, which included milking cows until 1986.

She was very creative at decorating cakes for weddings, graduations and birthdays, and also “smiley face” cookies for Jacobson’s Bakery, which she and Dwain operated together until Jan. 1, 2018. She loved her family and cherished the time spent with grandchildren, traveling to many sporting events to cheer them on, no matter if it was in Illinois or another state. Dwain and Del spent most of their days together in all their endeavors and traveling. Del was of the Methodist faith.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Eldon Wheeler; and three sisters, Mildred Worrell, Lois Headley and Patsy Beall.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, March 26, at Galva Cemetery with Chaplain Jordan Knight officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr Ave., Ste. 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

### Virginia M. Williams

TOULON – Virginia May Williams, 94, of Toulon, formerly of Peoria, Ill., and Lehigh Acres, Fla., peacefully passed away at 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at Arcadia at Toulon.

Virginia was born on May 9, 1930, in Peoria to the late Elmer and Sylvia (Caldwell) Sommers. She married Mahlon L. Williams on Aug. 18,

1951. He preceded her in death on July 19, 2014.

Surviving are two daughters, Celeste Woerner of Wyoming and Angela M. (Ken) Lynch of Wetumpka, Ala.; six grandchildren, Bruce (Sabine) Woerner, Beth Ann (Brett) Cooper, Julie A. (Jordan) Riedl, Brett A. (Heidi) Woerner, Danielle (Kyle) Albertson and Cord (Jennifer) Thorpe; 13 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Eldon H. Woerner; sister, Geneva Williams; and brother, Eugene Sommers.

Virginia’s first job was working as an elevator operator in the Jefferson Building in Peoria. Later in life she learned to play the piano and organ and eventually began teaching lessons at a music store in Peoria. After she retired, she moved to Lehigh Acres in Florida where she resided for many years. She loved to sew, do needlework and tole painting. She was a faithful woman, singing in the choir and actively serving in various churches throughout her life.

Her funeral service was Tuesday, March 25, 2025, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor Brett Woerner officiated. A graveside service followed at 1:45 p.m. in Springdale Cemetery in Peoria.

Condolences may be left for Virginia’s family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Robert G. Whittaker

MAHOMET – Robert Gordon “Rob” Whittaker passed away peacefully at his home in Mahomet, Ill., on March 11, 2025, surrounded by his loved ones and cherished pets.

He was born on Oct. 10, 1972, at Kewanee Public Hospital in Kewanee, Ill., to Gordon and Dian S. Whittaker. He grew up and attended K-12 schools in the small town of Toulon, Ill.

Rob is survived by his son, Ethan Whittaker of Carbondale, Ill.; his sisters, Deann (Mark) Rewerts of Wyoming, Ill., and Stephanie Whittaker of Chicago; his niece and nephew, Karsyn and Luke Rewerts of Wyoming; and his girlfriend, Angi Vance of Mahomet. He also leaves behind his beloved pets – Tucker, Sweetie, Gandolf, Piper and Jaba – who brought him great joy.

Rob earned his master’s degree in education in 1996 and dedicated himself to teaching. He taught at Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in Urbana, Ill., teaching a year each of fourth and fifth grade from the fall of 2003 until the spring of 2005 when he left to take care of his son full-time.

His passion for fast cars was something he eagerly shared with his son, passing down his knowledge of mechanics and driving. Rob was known for his determination and resilience, always striving to overcome challenges and achieve his goals. He served as an inspiration to many, particularly his wheelchair racing teammates and coach at the University of Illinois.

Those who knew Rob understood the depth of his love and loyalty. He gave wholeheartedly to those he cared about and faced life’s obstacles with unwavering strength. His legacy serves as a reminder to meet challenges head-on and never back down from pursuing one’s dreams – no matter the obstacles in front of you.

A celebration of life will be held at the Mahomet Masonic Lodge at 414 E. Main St., Mahomet, IL 61853, on March 29 from 1-3 p.m. He will receive Masonic Rites first, followed by words from Pastor Seth Emerson. This will be a private service for family and close friends, followed immediately by a time for friends to offer condolences and pay their respects.

Rob will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

### Bruce Bryner

GALVA – Bruce Bryner, 86, of Galva, passed away at 9:25 a.m. on Saturday, March 22, 2025, at his home, surrounded by his loving family.

Cremation will be accorded and a celebration of life will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, at the Galesburg Park View Seventh-Day Adventist Church. A visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. A time of fellowship and refreshment will follow the services at the church.

He was born on April 7, 1938, in Kewanee, the son of Melvin and Mildred (Ray) Bryner. He married Margaret M. Hasbrook in 1960 in Kewanee. She survives as do his children, Sondra (DeVon) Laursen of Clearlake, Wis., Judi (Patrick) Hill of Galva and Jason (Elizabeth) Bryner of Cleveland, Tenn.; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. with one on the way; and one great-great grandchild, with one on the way, two brothers, Terry (Linda) Bryner and Kirk Bryner, both of Kewanee; and three sisters, Kay (Bill) Hampton of Farmington, Kathy (Les) Anderson of Kewanee and Deanna (Rich) Jones of Naples, Fla. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Phil.

Bruce graduated from Hylandale Academy in Wisconsin. He worked as a design engineer for Caterpillar Inc. In addition to living in the Galva and Kewanee areas, he also lived in Oregon and Florida.



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**NOTICE**

**Spring Cemetery Clean up week:**

All grave blankets, artificial flowers, potted flowers, and all other plants are requested to be removed from the Galva Cemetery by Sunday, April 13, 2025 if relatives wish to save them.

No more flowers should be placed on the graves until after Thursday, April 17, 2025.

~ Galva Cemetery Board



# Separatist New Illinois group convenes April 4-5

By GREG BISHOP

The Center Square

The divide between rural and urban areas in Illinois is one of the main drivers of many looking to split the state in two.

G.H. Merritt is chairman of New Illinois, a group that has its seventh constitutional convention next weekend in Bloomington. The movement aims to make a new state out of most of Illinois, excluding Cook County.

"When you have a very large group of people that is disenfranchised, that is going to cause division and I think separating states

maybe would help people get along better," Merritt said. "People look at this on the surface and think it's a Democrat versus Republican thing, that is not the way we see it at all. It is an urban versus rural, small town and suburban thing."

Merritt said a 1964 U.S. Supreme Court ruling effectively allowed a state's largest populated area to dictate politics for the rest of the state.

"When you take a state that already has a history of corruption and you apply Reynolds v. Sims to that, that causes all the power to be concentrated

like that, that opens the door for no accountability, opens the door for more corruption," Merritt said.

Among grievances New Illinois lists on its website are lack of representative government, extreme gerrymandering, violation of

Second Amendment rights and "the government of Illinois is a tyranny."

The New Illinois Convention is Friday evening, April 4 and all day Saturday, April 5, at the Chateau Hotel and Convention Center in Bloomington.

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Please remove all items that you wish to keep.  
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Thank You,  
Wyoming Cemetery Association

**TOULON YARD WASTE NOTICE**  
The CITY of TOULON WILL RESUME PICKING UP LIMBS AND YARD WASTE ON MONDAY, APRIL 14TH

**Marshall County Lawn Ridge Cemetery**  
Please remove all flowers from gravesites by April 4th  
Thank You for your cooperation,  
Lawn Ridge Cemetery Assoc.

**CITY OF GALVA WATER DEPT. NOTICE**  
On 12/2/24, the Galva City Council voted to end the "RED DOOR TAG" process for delinquent water bills. Beginning with the bills processing 5/1/2025, your second notice shut-off date is a true shut-off date. The City of Galva staff will no longer be placing red door tag notices at residences offering another 5 days to pay. Second notices will print on yellow paper and must be paid by the due date to avoid disconnection. If you cannot make the payment by the due date, you must call City Hall to make arrangements to pay in a reasonable amount of time. Failure to follow through on these arrangements will result in disconnection with no additional notice.  
Once disconnection occurs, a \$100 reconnect fee will be added to your water account and must be paid to restore service.  
We would like to remind everyone that when payment cannot be made on time, a call to City Hall with reasonable arrangements to pay will avoid disconnection and additional charges.  
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

1. Novocaine (R)
2. Black Bag (R)
3. Mickey 17 (R)
4. Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)
5. The Day the Earth Blew Up: A Looney Tunes Movie (PG)
6. Dog Man (PG)
7. Anora (R)
8. Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
9. Rule Breakers (PG)
10. In the Lost Lands (R)

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

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**Trivia test** by P&H

1. GEOGRAPHY: Mount Everest is part of which mountain range?
2. MOVIES: Which color film was the first to win an Academy Award for Best Picture?
3. ASTRONOMY: Which planet in our solar system is believed to be the windiest?
4. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Where is the U.S. Constitution stored?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of lemurs called?
6. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the dramatic series "The Wire"?
7. GEOLOGY: Which country has the most active volcanoes?
8. LITERATURE: Which character in a Charles Dickens novel famously said, "Please, sir, I want some more"?
9. ART: Which Dutch artist is considered a master of light and shadow, creating dramatic effects in paintings?
10. SCIENCE: What is an ectothermic animal?

**Answers**

1. The Himalayas.
2. "Gone With the Wind."
3. Neptune.
4. The National Archives.
5. A conspiracy.
6. Baltimore, Maryland.
7. Indonesia.
8. Title character in "Oliver Twist."
9. Rembrandt.
10. Cold-blooded.

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**Answers**

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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## LEGAL ADS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF  
BRUCE PHILLIP FEHRENBACHER,  
Case No. 2025-PR-2  
deceased.

### CLAIMS NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BRUCE PHILLIP FEHRENBACHER, deceased, Village of Bradford, Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on January 31, 2025, to MaryKay Fehrenbacher, 14527 Township Road 1800 E, Bradford, IL 61421, whose attorney is Ryan J. Anderson, 611 Second Street, P.O. Box 174, Henry, IL 61537.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of said Court at the Stark County Courthouse, P.O. Box 426, Toulon, Illinois 61483 on or before September 13, 2025, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before said date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative within 10 days after it has been filed and proof of such mailing must be filed with the Court.

Dated: March 13, 2025.

MaryKay Fehrenbacher  
Independent Executor of the  
Estate of Bruce Phillip  
Fehrenbacher, deceased

Ryan J. Anderson  
Attorney for the Executor  
611 Second Street, PO Box 174  
Henry, IL 61537  
(309)364-2354  
Published 3/14, 3/21, 3/28/25

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

PENNEY L. GRABBE  
(BY AND THROUGH HER  
PROPERTY POWER OF  
ATTORNEY AGENT  
JEFFREY A. HAMPTON,

Plaintiff, Case No. 2025FC14

v.  
JOSHUA SUMMERSON;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND  
NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned foreclosure action was filed on March 6, 2025, and is now pending.

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

2. The name of the titleholder of record is: JOSHUA SUMMERSON

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:

Lot Five (5) in Block One (1) of W.H. Lyle's First Addition to the Village, now City of Kewanee, except a strip twelve (12) feet wide off the East side thereof, being in the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Twenty-eight (28), Township Fifteen (15) North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in Henry County, Illinois.

PIN: 20-28-479-012

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 706 N. Walnut St., Kewanee IL 61443.

5. An identification of the Agreement for Sale of Real Estate sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Names of Vendees: Joshua Summerson; Lacey L. Abbot  
b. Names of Vendors: Robert A. Grabbe; Penney L. Grabbe  
c. Date of Agreement: January 15, 2013

d. Date of Recording: N/A  
e. County Where Recorded: N/A  
f. Recording Document

Identification: N/A

6. An identification of the Memorandum of Agreement sought to be foreclosed is as follows:

a. Names of Vendees: Joshua Summerson; Lacey L. Abbot  
b. Names of Vendors: Robert A. Grabbe; Penney L. Grabbe  
c. Date of Memorandum: January 15, 2013

d. Date of Recording: January 17, 2013

e. County Where Recorded: Henry

County, Illinois

f. Recording Document  
Identification: 20-1300392  
7. Vendor Robert A. Grabbe passed away on November 13, 2015.

8. A Quit Claim Deed was entered into by Grantor Lacey L. Abbot and Grantee Joshua Summerson, wherein Lacey L. Abbot conveyed, quit claimed, released, and waived all rights to the subject property. Said Deed also extinguished all of Lacey L. Abbot's rights, title, and interest in the subject Agreement for Sale of Real Estate. The Deed was recorded on December 15, 2016, with the office of the Henry County Clerk-Recorder, as Document No. 20-1607467.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before April 16, 2025, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley  
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF Helen Jeffriess,  
No. 2025PR29  
Deceased

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Helen Jeffriess. Letters of Office were issued on March 11, 2025, to Isabella Jeffriess as Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before September 11, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Barash & Everett, LLC  
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Published 3/21, 3/28, 4/4/25

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Town of West Jersey in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. at the West Jersey Township Building for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town and a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. The regular monthly meeting will follow.

Dated March 21, 2025  
Michelle Webster,  
West Jersey Township Clerk  
Published 3/21, 3/28/25

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

ESTATE OF  
GARY W. CARRINGTON, deceased  
No. 2024-PR-126

Notice is given of the death of GARY W. CARRINGTON. Letters of Office were issued on December 17, 2024, to TONYA S. BROWN, 504 S. East St., Annawan, IL 61234, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St.,

Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF:  
Donna L. Johnson,  
No. 2025PR31  
Deceased

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Donna L. Johnson. Letters of Office were issued on March 13, 2025, to Diane C. Nesbitt as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before September 13, 2025

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

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Published 3/28/25

### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Township of Toulon in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6 o'clock p.m. at the Toulon Township Building, Toulon, Illinois for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said town; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting; and especially to consider and decide the following: Review

annual reports, transfer of funds, Adoption of Resolution Opposing Township Consolidation and any other business to come before the voters. Regular monthly meeting to be held immediately following the Annual Town Meeting.

Dated: March 28, 2025  
Barbara Allen, Toulon Township Clerk  
Published 3/28/25

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

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY CRAVENS,  
No. 2025 PR 34  
Deceased.

**NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CLAIM NOTICE TO: UNKNOWN HEIRS**

Notice is given of the death of Shirley Cravens.

Notice is also given to the above who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on the 18th day of March, 2025 admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on March 18, 2025 to Patricia Wohl as Executor, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC, 211 W. 2nd St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representative, or both on or before September 29, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of the court at the address set out below.

Filings are to be made with:  
Henry County, Circuit Clerk  
Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois  
61238  
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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, SARAH BETH MILLER 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.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before April 27, 2025, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to [www.illinoislegalaid.org](http://www.illinoislegalaid.org). You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

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

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ARDC # 6321577  
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**CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF  
JOAN E. MARCHESE, deceased  
No. 2025-PR-35

Notice is given of the death of JOAN E. MARCHESE. Letters of Office were issued on March 20, 2025, to MICHELLE L. JACKSON, 18133 E 950th St., Geneseo, IL 61254, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

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

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

ESTATE OF RICHARD R. STURM,  
deceased  
No. 2025-PR-26

Notice is given of the death of RICHARD R. STURM. Letters of Office were issued on February 25, 2025, to E. LYNN STURM, 18285 County Hwy 14, Atkinson, IL 61235, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie

& Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

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

Massie & Quick, LLC  
Attorneys for Estate  
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### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that the Kewanee Airport Authority will receive sealed bids to Construct a Snow Removal Equipment Building and Access Pavement at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, until **2:00 PM on April 24, 2025**. The scope includes but is not limited to site preparation and grading, building erection, concrete slab on grade construction, concrete perimeter pavement, utility work, landscaping and erosion control measures at the Kewanee Municipal Airport in Kewanee, Illinois.

Requests for bidding documents will be filled by contacting Springfield Reprographics, 1620 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 217-523-4632, [www.springfieldrepro.com](http://www.springfieldrepro.com). The documents will be purchased by the Contractor, the cost of which will be nonrefundable.

The successful bidder shall be bonded, insured, and required to pay the prevailing rate for each trade or craft per the Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations (U.S. Department of Labor) for Henry County, Illinois and comply with the Federal Provisions included within the bidding documents.

The successful bidder shall have been in business for a period of not less than five (5) years, undertaking work similar in scale, scope, and cost to that included within the proposed project.

Prequalification (required) shall be requested by the proposed bidder (to the Engineer identified in the bidding documents) no later than 5:00 PM on APRIL 10, 2025.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Kewanee Municipal Airport Terminal Building, Kewanee, Illinois shortly after **2:00 PM on APRIL 24, 2025**.  
Published 3/28/25

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

ESTATE OF: Margo J. Berry,  
No. 2025PR32  
Deceased

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Margo J. Berry. Letters of Office were issued on March 21, 2025, to Dennis B. Berry as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before September 21 2025.

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Name Barash & Everett, LLC  
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# SPORTS: Princes SB 2-1

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 ful were successful in a Dillon Steelman theft of home in the bottom of the first. Chase Holstrom, Kaedon Steelman and Blair Daum each had one hit.

In last week's story, Dillon Steelman should have been credited with a triple.

• **Galva softball** – A season-opening game March 20 vs. Monmouth-Roseville was rescheduled, then canceled. Also canceled was a game Monday vs. Lowpoint-Washburn.

Galva was scheduled to begin its season Thursday at Bushnell-Prairie City.

• **Princeville softball** – Claire Sutherland went 3-for-3, had four RBI and as a pitcher held Bushnell-Prairie City to two hits in a 16-1 three-inning victory Monday.

Reagan Walsh was 3-for-3 with three RBI. Emma Trees and Leah Vaughn each had two hits as everybody in the Princeville

lineup had at least one.

Vaughn's single in the top of the seventh drove in the winning run March 21 for Princeville (2-1) in an 8-7 victory over Eureka. Mekaya Cihla had a two-run double in the three-run seventh.

• **Princeville baseball** – Six errors and six walks issued by pitchers played a part in dropping the Princes to 0-3 in the young season after a 4-2 loss to Galena at Jacksonville last Saturday. Coley Palmer, Logan Olshawsky and Carter Peterson had the only hits, all singles, for PHS.

The Princes lost 19-3 to Eureka on March 18 at home. Eureka waited until late to turn on the offense, with six in the fifth inning and eight in the sixth.

Parker Dickinson doubled and drove in two for the Princes.

Next up for Princeville is a Saturday nonconference trip to Henry.

**Thank You**  
*I want to thank everyone for coming to my "90th" Birthday party, and for the gifts and all the cards I received. Also, a big "thank you" to my family for doing the party. Thank you all so much!!*  
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 ONCE YOUR STREET HAS BEEN PICKED-UP EMPLOYEES WILL NOT RETURN!  
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 Village discretion on all of the following,  
**The following items will NOT be picked up:**  
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# Prairie News Sports



## Galva BB rallies to tie

### Stark County softball tops Kewanee 6-0 in season opener

By PHIL JOHNSON and NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

KNOXVILLE – The Galva baseball team battled back twice on Monday to finish tied with Knoxville, 7-7.

Galva (0-1-1) first fought back from a 4-0 deficit with two runs in the third. Then, down 7-4, the Wildcats scored three in the seventh to avoid the Lincoln Trail loss.

The 10-hit offense was balanced with MJ Louck going 2-for-5 with one RBI, Ty Dowell-Keup hitting 2-for-4 with one RBI, Alec Gustafson going 2-for-3 with a run batted in and Braxton Hulstrom hitting at a 2-for-3 clip with two RBI. Tommy Funke added an RBI to the attack.

JP Sloan threw four innings, giving up eight hits, four earned runs, two walks while striking out six. Hulstrom threw three frames with no hits, one earned run, three walks and six strikeouts.

The Wildcats fell to Port Byron Riverdale 9-1 at home last Tuesday in a non-conference game in

their season opener. Louck pitched the first four innings with a line of eight hit, two walks and six strikeouts. Funke finished the last three frames with four hits, two earned runs, one walk and four strikeouts.

Dowell-Keup drove in the only run for the Wildcats. Sloan, Gustafson, Hulstrom and Funke each recorded a hit in the matchup.

Galva next goes against Lewistown April 3 at home in nonconference play.

• **SC softball** – Sophie Finnegan and Kenna Newton each had two hits and two RBI in a 6-0 Stark County victory on March 22 over Kewanee.

The game was scoreless until the third inning. Stark County then scored one in the third, two in the fourth and three in the fifth.

Rebels pitcher Brooklyn Ostrowski scattered six hits, struck out five and walked one.

A doubleheader today, March 28, at West Central is scheduled next for Stark County.

• **SC baseball** – The

Rebels (1-2) lost 15-4 to Roanoke Benson at home in nonconference action on Saturday. A six-run third inning, followed by three in both the fifth and sixth overwhelmed the hosts. Five errors compounded the problem for Stark County.

Connor Daum pitched two innings with two strikeouts but four earned runs. Kaedon Steelman threw the middle frames, giving up five hits, fanning five and walking just one. Connor Down finished on the bump, walking one and giving up three hits.

Blair Daum drove in two runs in the setback. Dillon Steelman connected for a double and one RBI. Connor Daum hit a double.

The Rebels lost 8-3 to Eric-Prophetstown at home last Tuesday in a non-conference meeting. Down just 3-2 after five, the guests picked up five in the top of the sixth towards the win. Four errors, along with just three hits were a part in the Stark County defeat on this day.

The hosts were successful. *Continued on Page 11*

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