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April 1 ballot features some contested elections

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Prairie News

While there are no major national positions to decide in the upcoming April 1 consolidated election, the ballot for Stark County shows several contested races.

In the Wyoming mayoral election, Ian Potter and James Mercer are running against Incumbent Pat Maher.

In Bradford, Tony Carlton and Sharon Cauthon are vying to replace current Village President

John Cler, who is running for village trustee.

Goshen Township has two contested races. Incumbent Highway Commissioner John Forstrom faces a challenge from write-in candidate Kevin Baumann. Six candidates are running for four trustee positions: Incumbents Joe Day, Danny Blakey and James Castagna and Joe Winans, Bryan Down and Brad Nelson.

In West Jersey Township, Incumbent Paul Webster and Rex

Early Voting

Early voting for the April 1 consolidated election runs through March 31 at the office of the Stark County Clerk, 130 Main St., Toulon. Hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 29 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Alm are on the ballot for township highway commissioner.

The highway commissioner spot is also contested in Essex Township, where John Carroll

and Incumbent Michael Cox are on the ballot.

Two other contested races involve positions as college trustees. Four candidates are competing for two six-year terms on the Black Hawk Community College District 503 board of trustees: Douglas Strand, Mark Carlson, Jon Looney and Douglas Nelson. Strand is currently on the board.

Four candidates are also vying for two six-year terms on the Illinois Central Community Col-

lege board: Gale Thetford, Christine Bare-Kemper, Diane Unes Lamb and Kim Armstrong.

Henry County Clerk Barbara Link said she is working on a sample ballot that should be available on the county website (www.henrycty.com/245/Sample-Ballot) by the end of this week or possibly next.

Early voting runs through March 31 at the Henry County Courthouse, in Link's office. Hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

STATE GRANT

Bradford park to get upgrades

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

BRADFORD – Elsie Drawyer Hodges Park will get a facelift this year courtesy of a \$600,000 state grant. Bradford's downtown park was one of several selected to receive \$55.2 million in Open Space Land Acquisition and Development grants awarded last December.

For the third straight year, all money awarded went to communities deemed by the state to be economically distressed.

"It's exciting to be part of this," Bradford Village President John Cler said. "I'm tickled to death to get this grant."

Cler said Bradford learned about applying for the grant from the North Central Illinois



The Village of Bradford was awarded a \$600,000 state grant that will pay for updates at Elsie Drawyer Hodges Park.

Council of Governments and that organization wrote the grant application. Bradford signed a contract with NCICG on Jan. 16 declaring that the money must be utilized within two years.

Cler said grant money will be used for upgrades in the park, including new backboards, rims and nets for the basketball court. Prices for materials to replace the Lions' Club's pavilion and picnic tables are also being ex-

plored. The park will also be fitted with new sidewalks (already replaced), new swings and other playground equipment.

"I've lived in Bradford for over 40 years and the park has never been updated during those decades," Cler said.

The plan is to bring the park into compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Cler said the grant should cover all expenditures.

Galva seeks immediate cleanup of four homes

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News

GALVA – Several alderman asked that four houses in the city be moved to the top of the list to have their yards cleaned up immediately.

Second Ward Aldermen Jim Hartman and Rick Otterstrom said at Monday's meeting of the City Council that the resident at 509 SW 3rd St. is cutting up items in his yard, loading a trailer with the junk and burning items early in the morning creating black smoke. They said the resident has put up a homemade fence, adding this needs attention immediately as he is also using the neighbor's driveway.

Otterstrom and Hartman also discussed 318 SW 3rd Ave. as having a garage standing on two walls with a car inside, people driving all over the terrace and generally messy con-

ditions that need immediate attention.

First Ward Alderman Jeff Olson reported that two houses on Northeast 9th Street are also in dire need of clean-up. One on the corner of Northeast 9th Street and Northeast 2nd Avenue has an abandoned truck in the yard with five or six mattresses in it.

The aldermen instructed that letters be sent out immediately to the property owners.

The council also approved spending \$160,000 for the 2025 street program. This year the program will concentrate on the northwest section of Galva with seal and seal-coat aggregate. The city maintenance yard will also be seal coated.

The city has \$77,000 in the motor fuel tax account and hopes to have more by the

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GALVA : City declines BCBS fitness center

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time the work is done. The MFT fund was at \$9,000 in January.

The council declined a grant for a Blue Cross Blue Shield fitness center at the Galva Park District.

City Administrator David Dyer reported that the grant was for \$60,000 but the city would have been required to spend another \$168,500. Council members said they would rather replace the play-

ground in Wiley Park.

“That playground is used extensively and that should be our focus,” Olson said.

The city is also going to consider a suggestion made by Dustin Williams to add another basketball court in Wiley Park.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that Galva has had some burglaries in unlocked cars and garages. He said there has also been burglaries in Colona and Geneseo.

It was reported that water employees were busy Sunday with a

water-main break in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reported that the spring cleanup for the Galva Cemetery is April 13-17. All flowers, wreaths, etc. must be removed and he suggested that statues be removed and if any are broken, workers will throw them away.

Finally, residents were reminded there will be a consolidated election on April 1 for city council members that includes a contested election in Galva’s Ward 3.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

2-27 - Diane L. Larson - Expired registration.

3-1 - Ali J. Asadi - Driving 15-20 mph above limit on a suspended license.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-25 - Jason L. Delva, 48, Westville, was cited for driving on a suspended registration due to mandatory vehicle insurance. Two passengers were also arrested during the same traffic stop: Leslie F. Prozzo, 38, Rock Island, charged with illegal possession of adult-use cannabis and possession of meth with less than five grams; and Joshua G. Randle, 41, Peoria, for possession of meth with less than five grams. All three individuals were released with notices to appear in court.

2-25 - An abandoned vehicle was reported parked along Illinois Route 78. Stark County authorities located the abandoned vehicle described as a 1998 Chevrolet pickup truck and had it towed to the impound lot.

2-25 - A neighbor complaint from a Toulon resident in the 100 block of N. Henderson St. was investigated with both parties involved spoken to by authorities.

2-26 - Doroteo Duarte, 33, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

2-28 - Caitlin R. Ybarra, 37, Creve Coeur, was ticketed for speeding 64 mph in a 55 zone and for possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver. Also cited in the same traffic stop was Darius C. Benne, 39, of Creve Coeur, for illegal possession of adult-use cannabis. Both were issued notices to appear in court.

3-1 - Contina M. Hernblom, 51, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding

69 mph in a 55 zone and for driving on suspended registration for a lack of mandatory vehicle insurance.

3-1 - Emily N. Jessen, 21, Decatur, was ticketed for speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone.

3-1 - A possible vehicle theft was reported to the Stark County Sheriff's Department. The vehicle was later located and recovered from an address in Mineral.

3-2 - Conner J. Downing, 18, Washington, was ticketed for speeding 87 mph in a 45 zone. He was released with a court date to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

2-24 - to speak with a subject by telephone in reference to a lost or missing cellphone. It has not been located or turned in yet.

2-24 - to the 200 block of Morgan Road for a two-vehicle accident with only damage.

2-25 - to assist Henry County with a disabled vehicle east of town on U.S. Route 34. The driver was located in Galva.

2-26 - to the 100 block of Exchange St. to assist a citizen who left keys in a door. The keys were retrieved and given back to the owner later.

2-26 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a verbal domestic dispute between a father and son.

2-26 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a road-rage incident that ended there. The victim did not want to press charges.

2-27 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a neighborhood complaint involving a subject breaking their own windows. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

2-28 - While patrolling, officer noticed a large tree branch had fallen into the road in the 300 block of N. Center Ave. It was removed.

2-28 - along with the Galva Fire Department to the 400 block of NW

5th St. for an out-of-control burn in the yard. A neighbor's trampoline was destroyed. As a result, Brenda Johnson, 52, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for burning on a non-burn day.

2-28 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St., Justin Hare, 35, Altona, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

2-28 - While patrolling, an officer noticed a crossing-arm malfunction at the SW 6th Ave, railroad crossing. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

2-28 - Kevin McCutchan, 29, Aledo, cited for having expired registration in the 800 block of SE 2nd St.

3-1 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. to assist a motorist. The subject locked their keys inside the vehicle. Tarleton's Service Inc. was contacted to assist the motorist.

3-1 - along with the ambulance service to a medical emergency in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

3-1 - to a residence on NW 1st Ave. for a welfare check. The complainant saw a social media post about the residents being deceased. The officer made contact and the subjects were alive and well.

3-1 - Riley Hansen, 22, Neponset, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

3-2 - to assist Henry County with a traffic stop in the 900 block of SW 2nd St. involving a wanted subject. The subject was able to post bond and was released.

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Galva coach says hoops team made progress

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Prairie News

Galva advanced as far this boys basketball season as it did last season. But the team made progress well beyond its state-tournament finish, according to their coach.

Blake Stahl had 26 points and 11 rebounds Feb. 26 in a Class 1A Savanna Regional semifinal, but Sterling Newman took control in the final minute or so to break a tie and take a 70-66 victory.

Seeded fourth in its Pecatonica sub-sectional, Galva finished 22-8. Last season, when it also lost in the regional semis, Galva won 10 games. The season before that, it won twice.

"We made leaps and bounds from the first year I took over (to) last year to this year," Galva Coach Jake McClintic said. "We finally hit that turn that we've been looking for, to go with a very good record and some good wins and some close games."

The regional semifinal at West Carroll became close down the stretch, after JP Sloan hit four consecutive 3-pointers to turn a 10-point Galva deficit into a two-point lead to begin the fourth quarter.

"He hit them from about every corner of the court," McClintic said. "He was feeling it. You just let a kid go when he's feeling it like that."

Fifth-seeded Newman and Galva

traded leads for most of the fourth. Stahl was the Wildcats' season-leading scorer, with a 17.2 per-game average, and rebounder (8.0). MJ Louck and JP Sloan shared the assists lead (3.2 each).

Louck, who averaged a team-high 2.9 steals, broke the school record for season field-goal percentage (70.1, 115-for-164). Tom Bulthaus shot 67% in the 1989-90 season.

Next season might hold even more progress for Galva, which is to return five starters and its top two substitutes.

"We're hoping next year we can start from where we left off and start rolling," McClintic said.



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Super Crossword **BODILY ACTIVITY**

ACROSS
1 Hair salon workers
8 Visits briefly
15 Sharp-image flat-screens, e.g.
20 Very fast cat
21 Not challenging enough
22 Balcony window, perhaps
23 Be on track
25 D.C.
26 Bricklayer's blend
27 Unit of work
28 2015-16 CBS "Cyber" series
29 Send again, as a parcel
30 — buco
31 Kin of "fluff"
33 Greek "H"
35 Reputed by
37 Assume an onerous duty
40 "I haven't —" ("No idea")
44 Strapped garment
45 Meadowland
46 Pop's mama
47 Pay
50 Cafe addition
52 Lobster limb

DOWN
56 Second purchase
57 — Larika
58 Everyone
59 1978-89 New York mayor
61 Like a player who has hit a triple
63 Chinese temple
66 — Brothers ("It's Your Thing" group)
67 Do speaking motions
71 Actress (Bingham of "Baywatch")
75 Akron native
76 Collector of useless items
81 12.5% fraction
83 Actress (Sothorn)
84 Cavaliers, on sports tickets
87 Capital of Saudi Arabia
88 Fencing sword
89 Enthusiastic
91 Focus on what you'll get if you win
93 Bulk beer buy
95 Angry music genre
97 Film director (DuVernay)
98 Weighed down (with)
99 Support one who ultimately fails
105 2009-17, politically
106 Equal: Prefix
107 "The Addams Family" cousin
108 Poker holding
112 "Nick and —" Infringe Playlist
113 Car navig. aid
115 Actor (Kilmer)
117 Consumed no cooked food
119 Kris Kingle
120 Conform to one's political group
123 1989 Disney princess
124 Captivates
125 Kind of spray
126 Latin "that is"
127 Really foolish
128 Paternity prover, perhaps
1 Joe —

2 Baltimore ball team, for short
3 Decade parts
4 Caused
5 Jazz singer
6 Enthusiastic (jazz genre)
7 Hen or heifer
8 Mix together
9 Wearing dapper duds, with "out"
10 "—-le-ll"
11 Dog or cat owner's concern
12 Toothy tools
13 Bible book before Jeremiah
14 Big Apple team, on sports tickets
15 Four-bagger
16 Fixtures for displaying wedding gowns, say
17 Donated 10%
18 Cinema — (filmmaking technique)
19 Apply messily
24 Renovates, in brief
29 Partial refund
32 Judge's garb
34 Notify
36 "—, vicl, vicl"
37 Fixed maximum
38 Forest den
39 Fatty tissue of animals
40 — Cuban (jazz genre)
41 Joel or Ethan of film
42 Misplaced
43 Ogden's state
48 Male lead
49 Brand of 120-Down
51 Actor — Ray
53 Email giggle
54 Superb serve
55 "How come?"
58 Bureau
60 Apostle
62 Couple
64 "I've got it!"
65 Dadaist
66 Bangkok native
69 Impede
70 Take a risk
71 No-bills shirt
72 Split
73 Census stat
74 King-trapping situations
77 Actress (Sedgwick)
78 FBI attack
79 Wood-shaping tool
80 At that time
82 Discusses in detail, with "out"
85 Actress (Remini)
86 French "Ta-da!"
89 Zig or zag
91 Vast time spans
92 Former senator
94 On hold
96 Make damp
99 Tiny tree
100 On a train or plane
101 Singer (Wilson of Phillips)
102 Farm carts
103 Rule over
104 — Island Ferry
108 Ancient seal
109 Come to light
110 Thin iPods
111 Resided
114 Mari- —
116 Church nook
118 Model Banks
120 Sleaped drink
121 "Ball —"
122 "Super cool!"

Weekly SUDOKU

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Phil Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: Who lives at 4 Privet Drive?
- TELEVISION: Which 1980s sitcom featured the Keaton family?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American-born president?
- COMICS: What is Deadpool's profession?
- AD SLOGANS: Which makeup company's slogan is "Maybe she's born with it"?
- HISTORY: Which battles marked the beginning of the American Revolution?
- INVENTIONS: The 1904 World's Fair introduced which fluffy confection?
- MOVIES: In which year were the first Oscars awarded?
- MEASUREMENTS: What does 1 gallon of water weigh?
- GEOGRAPHY: What are the colors of the Italian flag?

Answers

- Harry Potter and the Dursley family.
- "Family Ties."
- Martin Van Buren, born after the Revolutionary War.
- Mercenary.
- Maybelline.
- Battles of Lexington and Concord.
- Cotton candy.
- 1929.
- 8.34 pounds.
- Green, white and red.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Captain America: Brave New World (PG-13)
- The Monkey (R)
- Paddington in Peru (PG)
- Dog Man (PG)
- Heart Eyes (R)
- Chhaava (NR)
- Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
- The Unbreakable Boy (PG)
- Ne Zha 2 (NR)
- One of Them Days (R)

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

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU
Answer

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CryptoQuote
answer
Food is not just sustenance. It's a way of opening up entire worlds and new cultures in your little kitchen.
— Molly Yeh



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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.

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Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371
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LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

West Jersey United Methodist Church

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

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Rev. Art Blegen
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(309) 896-3481

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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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202 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491
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Galva First United Methodist Church

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

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

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Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
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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OBITUARIES

Kevin P. Donovan

WYOMING – Kevin P. Donovan, 67, of Wyoming, passed away at 10:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 26, 2025, at OSF St. Luke Medical Center in Kewanee. Born on Feb. 17, 1958, he was the son of Charles and Delores (Shane) Donovan. On Dec. 11, 1976, he married Crystal Reeves; she survives.

Further surviving are three children, Amber (Jeff) Hemminger of Wyoming, Justin Donovan of Wyoming and Chelsea (Kevin) Shutz of Lake Villa; seven grandchildren, Audrey, Gracie, Donovan, Tori (Tyler), Hunter, Jack and Lucy; two great-grandchildren, Braxton and McKinleigh, with a baby girl on the way; four siblings, Roger (Sandra) Donovan, Dennis (Kathy) Donovan, Jeff (Linda) Donovan and Jeanne (Steve) Foffel; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and two siblings, Danny Donovan and Donna Hulsey.

Kevin began his career at Caterpillar Inc. and later went into HVAC. He owned and operated Donovan's Heating and Cooling which he operated with his son, Justin, until his cancer diagnosis in November of 2019.

He enjoyed hunting with his dad, fishing and was an avid NASCAR, Packers and Cardinals fan. Most of all, he enjoyed attending his grandchildren's many events they participated in. He was so proud to be a Dad and Papa.

A funeral service was to take place on March 4, 2025, at 11 a.m. at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor Rebecca Klemm officiated. Burial was private. Memorial contributions can be made to the Stark County Ambulance Service or to the Wyoming Fire Department.

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

Theodore C. Fairfield

TOULON – Theodore Charles Fairfield, 92, of Toulon, Ill., passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at Arcadia Care in Toulon.

Ted was born on Aug. 16, 1932, in Monica, Ill., the son of Peter and Pauline (Dimmick) Fairfield. He graduated from Princeville High School with the class of 1950 and enlisted in the U.S. Army. Ted served from 1953-55 while stationed in Germany during the Korean War.

While in uniform, Ted met Leah Gertrude Scott and won her affection. They donned their best suits and married on Nov. 7, 1957, in Princeton. Together they

settled into farm life outside of West Jersey and Ted began his Bib Overalls Era. To this union they raised four children, 10 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his early years trucking and farming, Ted also worked at Kewanee Machinery Conveyor. He retired in 1992 after 19 years with the company.

Ted is survived by his three children, Scott (Paige) Fairfield, Bradley (Sarah) Fairfield and Marjore (Randy Earnest) Oesch; 10 grandchildren, Terese (Mike McNairy) Fairfield, Brooke (Tyler) Apland, James (Emma) Fairfield, Hannah (Danny) Cole, Katie (Chris) Hillyer, Emily Fairfield, Sarah Fairfield, Marrisca (Ben Mueller) Oesch, Myles Oesch and Liz (Michelangelo LaTona) Scoville; six great-grandchildren, Jason and Ivy Cole, Levi, Elaina and Jenna Hillyer and Brynn Apland; along with daughter-in-law Donna Lefler and two sisters, Char Hankinson and Sharon Shive.

He was preceded in death by his wife on June 20, 2018; one son, Stacey Fairfield; his parents; and six siblings, Fran Richards, Jean Theobald, Bill Fairfield, Peter Fairfield, Jr., Vicki Fairfield and Mary Kathleen Fairfield.

Ted was a generous blood donor, a lifetime member of the VFW in Princeville and a longtime member of West Jersey Methodist Church.

A private graveside service will be held on Aug. 17, 2025, at Osceola Grove Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship at Anderson State Bank in Oneida or in his name to the American Red Cross.

Online condolences may be directed to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Bruce L. Simmons

PRINCETON – Bruce Lee Simmons, 88, of Princeton, Ill., passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 1, 2025, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee, Ill.

He was born on June 16, 1936, to the late Everett and Doris (Palmer) Simmons, in Kewanee. He married Helen (Gerard) Foffel on Feb. 2, 1961. They would later divorce. He found love again with Catherine (Koop) Ouellette, and they married on Sept. 26, 1981. They shared almost 25 years together before her passing on Feb. 4, 2006.

He was a graduate of Galva High School and attended Bradley University. He served in the Army National Guard. He worked for Galva Creamery and Jones & Laughlin Steel Company. He would later retire from LTV Steel in Hennepin, Ill. In his early retirement, he drove buses for the Bureau County Senior Center.

Bruce spent much of his time in lawn chairs and on bleachers watching over his grandchildren as they participated in school activities and sports. They were the same bleachers a lot of the time that he sat and cheered on his own children. He was a very proud and vocal supporter of his family.

He loved his Chicago Bears and White Sox. He enjoyed traveling to Texas for many winters in an RV with Kathy by his side. They were members of a large RV group and made great friends over the years. He had quite the knack for restoring old furniture pieces, he really was talented at it. He enjoyed a good cup of coffee at his favorite restaurant, the Red Apple.

Bruce was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in Princeton, and an active member of the Lions Club.

He is survived by his four children, two sons, Steven (Jeanne) Foffel and Howard Simmons, and two daughters, Penny (Terry) Warren and Kelly Smith, all of Toulon; four step-children, Robert (Judy) Ouellette of Saginaw, Mich., Cheryl (Dave) Biddix of Dover, Ill., Mary (John) Cooper of Butner, N.C., and Mike (Andrea) Ouellette of Riverview, Fla.; grandchildren Ian (Danielle) Foffel, Christen (Austin) Charlet, Jaymes (Taylor) Warren, Ashlyn (Chris) Baumann, Cari (Mike) Spencer, Jamie Ouellette (Adam Wolfgang), Catherine (Sam) Sturdevant, Melinda Biddix Olliges (Brandon Ouellette), Rob Biddix, Jake Biddix, Christian Ouellette, Mick Ouellette, Elizabeth (Corey) Mitchell and Abigail (Hunter Prince) Ouellette; 15 great-grandchildren and one great baby girl on the way; and one sister-in-law, Marie Grunert.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Doris Simmons, wife Catherine Simmons, son-in-law Todd Smith and sister, Bonnie Conrady.

Visitation was to be Thursday, March 6, 2025, at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments from 4-6 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, March 7, 2025, at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. & Monuments at 10 a.m. with Pastor Scott Schmidt officiating. Graveside services will follow in Oakland Cemetery in Princeton.

Pallbearers are Jaymes Warren, Chris Baumann, Austin Charlet, Ian Foffel, Sam Sturdevant and Michael Spencer. Honorary pallbearers are Rob Biddix, Jake Biddix, Christian Ouellette and Mick Ouellette.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Matthews Lutheran Church, ALS Association, Theresa Tracy Strive to Survive Foundation or the Lions Club.

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LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF KIP C. SLEAFORD, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 17

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Kip C. Sleaford. Letters of Office were issued on February 13, 2025, to Trudy Sleaford as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 22, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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

ESTATE OF:
Bonnie J. Rogers,
No. 2025PR18
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Bonnie J. Rogers. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2025, to Chad Rogers 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 August 7, 2025.

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

ESTATE OF:
Susan Somers Neal Rhode,
No. 2025PR24
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Susan Somers Neal Rhode. Letters

of Office were issued on February 19, 2025, to Cary Schaub as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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

ESTATE OF:
Sandra D. Johnson
No. 2025PR25
Deceased

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CLAIM NOTICE

To: Dan K. Richison, Heirs of Larry Richison, Deceased, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of Sandra D. Johnson.

Notice is given to Dan K. Richison, Heirs of Larry Richison, Deceased, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS, 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 February 14, 2025 admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2025 to Kraig Townsend as executor whose attorney is Barash & Everett, LLC, P.C., PO Box 165, Galva, IL 61434.

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 August 14, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives 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 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 of 1975 (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.

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Filings are to be made with: Henry County Circuit Clerk Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois

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

ESTATE OF:
Robert J. Gale,
No. 2025PR23
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Robert J. Gale. Letters of Office were issued on February 14, 2025, to Kraig R. Gale 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 August 14, 2025.

Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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

ESTATE OF:
Lana McDonough,
No. 2025PR20
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Lana McDonough. Letters of Office were issued on February 7, 2025, to Wanda K. Stahl 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 August 20, 2025.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Annual Town Meeting Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Township of Penn in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Township will take place on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:30 o'clock p.m. at the Township meeting room, Castleton, Illinois 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.

Dated March 7, 2025
Johanna Mueller,
Penn Township Clerk
Published 3/7/25

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Town of Osceola Township 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.

The Town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7 o'clock p.m. on said day at the Township Office, 201 West St., Bradford, 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.

Dated at Feb. 28th, 2025
Ralph Moodie, Town Clerk
Published 3/7/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Elmira in the County of Stark State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2025, and ending February 28, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Town Clerk's home from and after 6:00 p.m., 14th day, March 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., 8th day, April 2025, at the Township Building in said Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on the 10th day of April 2025.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025.
Jana Clancy, Supervisor
Cliff Lane, Clerk
Published 3/7/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Elmira Township in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2025, and ending February 28, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Town Clerk's home from and after 6:00 p.m., 14th day, March 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., 8th day, April 2025, at the Township Building in this Elmira Township and that final action on

this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Township Building at 7 o'clock p.m., 10th day of April 2025.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025.
Cliff Lane, Clerk
Published 3/7/25

MEETING NOTICE

Elmira Township board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the township road maintenance building located in Osceola, Illinois, to approve payment of township expenses and consider any other township business.

Jana Clancy, Supervisor
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk
Published 3/7/25

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Town of Elmira 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. The Town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on said day at Elmira Township Road Maintenance Building in Osceola 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.

Dated this 28th day of February 2025.
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk
Published 3/7/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Illinois Department of Transportation State Fiscal year 2026 Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Application.

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held in Marshall County and Stark County. Please email your request for information, questions, or comments by March 30, 2025 to either Hannah Fuchs, Marshall

County PCOM, at pcom@marshallcountyillinois.gov or Traci Dowell, MSW Projects of Henry Executive Director, at tracimswprojects@gmail.com

Date: March 18, 2025
Time: 11:00 a.m.
Place: Toulon Nutrition Site, Toulon Methodist Church, 229 W. Main, Toulon, IL

Date: March 21, 2025
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Place: Henry Nutrition Site, St. John's Community Center, 1301 Second Street, Henry, IL.

For the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from Illinois Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants.

I. Description of Project: Application for financial assistance to provide transportation services to the general public, elderly and individuals with disabilities in Marshall and Stark Counties.

II. At the Hearing: Marshall County will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the Project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said Project.

III. Marshall County requests that any hearing impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing notify Traci Dowell at 309-364-2287 at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing date so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.

IV. Copy of the application for the state grant for the proposed project will be made available for public inspection at the MSW Projects office, 1013 Western Avenue, Henry, IL.

Traci Dowell
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P.O. Box 140
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Featured Speaker:

47th District State Senator Neil Anderson



State Senator Neil Anderson is a 19-year professional firefighter and paramedic for the City of Moline. He served the IL-36th District for 2 terms and was recently redistricted into the IL-47th District where he will seek re-election in 2026. His current district includes Adams, Fulton, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Knox, Mason, McDonough, Mercer, Peoria, Rock Island, Schuyler, Stark, Tazewell, and Warren counties.

Currently, Sen. Anderson serves as Republican Caucus Chair and Republican Spokesperson for the Senate's Assignments, Executive, and Pension committees. He also serves as a member of the Senate's Agriculture, Insurance, and Energy & Public Utilities committees.

Senator Neil Anderson is also the founder of the 2APatriot Project, a political action committee focused on educating the public on 2A policy and recruiting, supporting, and electing candidates with impeccable records on all issues related to the Second Amendment.

Neil was raised on the farm near the Quad Cities and worked alongside his father installing floors. A stand-out as a student athlete in high school and later at community college, he walked-on and made the University of Nebraska football team.

While he was in Nebraska, Neil met and married his wife, Brandi. They moved back to the Quad Cities and shortly after returning Neil joined a volunteer fire department in the local community. There he found his calling as a fireman. He earned his paramedic license and then won a position as a paramedic/firefighter on the Moline Fire Department in 2008.

Neil and Brandi reside in Andalusia with their two children, Steel (20) and Sophia (12).

Other Invitees:
 Congressman Darin LaHood, 37th District State Senator LJ Arellano, 73rd District Representative Ryan Spain, and 93rd District Representative Travis Weaver.

Please join us for our annual Lincoln Day Luncheon program featuring **Senator Neil Anderson**
 Several delicious homemade pies will be auctioned.

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