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# Sheriff's Office salaries spark county board budget discussion

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

**TOULON** – Stark County Treasurer Paula Leezer presented the county’s financial report and informed the County Board about salary concerns of the Sheriff’s Office in particular at the board’s April 9 meeting.

Leezer read the portion of the police-union contract approved by the board of supervisors in November 2024 that pays holidays and emergency days, plus overtime.

“We are going to spend \$1.7 million in the Sheriff’s Office

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the determination that cuts in the budget will have to be made to support the salaries, then he's going to have hard decisions to make ... where those cuts can be made."

Sheriff Steven Sloan was ill and could not attend the board meeting, so Chief Deputy Chuck Demetreton attended in his place.

Bush also read Member Tim McMillen's letter of resignation from the board, which accepted his resignation. McMillen wrote a lengthy explanation for his resignation that is condensed here.

"I wish to resign as a Stark

County board member effective April 1, 2025. Now that I'm retired, I live in Arizona for six months of the year. I feel it is time for someone who lives in Stark County to take my place so the residents of the county are getting the consistent representation at the meetings they deserve."

McMillen was elected twice to the board in 2018 and 2022. His current term ends in 2026. Bush and Vice-Chair Robin Nowlan will interview applicants for the vacancy in District Two and they will bring recommendations to

the board for approval.

As part of the consent agenda, fire trustee appointments were approved for Jason Cresto, Bradford Fire District; Joe Winans, LaFayette Fire District; and Ron Elsasser, Wyoming Fire District. Toulon Fire District is currently unfilled because Gary Steward has decided to not accept the reappointment.

"I'm 76-years-old and the other three trustees are near 65," Steward said. "We need a 40-something-year-old to come onto the board to get experience before

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## SUMMER CONCERTS SET



*A band performs live at Galva's Doss Memorial Stage in Wiley Park at one of the previous Levitt AMP summer concerts. Photo by Alexandra Mikenas.*

# Galva's free concerts return June 7

For The Prairie News

**GALVA – Free live music will return to Wiley Park for a seventh season of the Levitt AMP Galva Music Series.**

Ten shows are scheduled for the free concert series that is hosted by the Galva Arts Council

and presented by Regional Media at Wiley Park.

“We’re excited to continue the tradition of bringing free, high-quality live music to Galva,” said John Taylor, organizer of the series. “It’s more than just concerts – it’s a community cele-

Concerts start on Saturday, June 7, and run from 6 p.m. to approximately 8:30. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, friends and

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# New mayor in Wyoming

## Mercer, council members sworn into office

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

**WYOMING** – New Wyoming Mayor Jim Mercer was sworn into office Tuesday along with two new council members, Carol Potter and Michelle Owens.

Outgoing Mayor Pat Maher thanked the council for working with him and he received a plaque of appreciation for his 30 years of service to Wyoming.

Also honored was longtime councilmember Ginger Carlyle for her many years of service as a councilmember. She elected not to run for another term. Additionally, Dan Hardman was sworn into office having been reelected to the council and Diane Baker was sworn into office for her second term as city clerk.

Mercer said he has a five-year growth plan for the city and will meet regularly with the



*Incoming Wyoming Mayor Jim Mercer presents outgoing Mayor Pat Maher with a plaque honoring his 30 years of service on the council. Photo by John A. Ballentine.*

council before monthly meetings to advise them of information. He will also conduct a review of city services.

The new mayor is talking with a liaison from the Illinois Department of Motor Vehicles about attempting to reestablish an office in Wyoming. Mercer offered the current city hall

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# COUNTY: Action brewing on highway building

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they choose to retire, also. It's been an honor to serve on this board. I'm proud to be president the last nine years."

Steward said he will continue as a trustee until a replacement is named.

Demetreon gave the sheriff's report explaining that repairs of the courthouse boiler will cost \$2,340. Also, a mutual aid agreement for coroners and medical examiners was passed that Demetreon said would bring additional coroners/medical examiners to the county if necessary to handle catastrophic events.

The purchase of real property agenda item was tabled for the 12th month in-a-row. Later during committee reports, Wilson indicated that there would be action next month concerning property for the new highway building.

Highway Engineer Judd Giffin reported he plans to "finalize a building layout/design for the new maintenance and administration buildings" but needs land for their construction.

Giffin met with Toulon Mayor Larry Hollis about placing an electronic messaging sign on highway property at the junction of Illinois Routes 17 and 91. Hollis said the sign will be visible on both sides and it will cost \$2.24/day to run. The board passed this agenda item.

Jenny Garner and Russell Medley presented their yearly University of Illinois Extension report of various activities the extension has done for the county. Medley discussed a housing study of Stark County.

Finally, Solar On Earth CEO Nathan McCarthy made a presentation on solar power and asked the board to enter into a three-year contract with his company to supply solar energy. The board decided that McCarthy, treasurer Leezer and State's Attorney Austin King should meet to discuss this request and report back to the board.

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# WYOMING: DMV office may close permanently

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DMV about a non-Wyoming location, but the liaison would not elaborate concerning this issue.

The DMV liaison also told Mercer that the Wyoming facility is the least-utilized DMV in the state and they would consider closing it in Stark County permanently. State Rep. Travis Weaver has said he is working to keep the DMV in Stark County.

Committees were formed as follows: Parks and trees – Owens and Steve Hansard; Police – Owens and Dave Lindahl; Water-Sewer – Hansard and Lindahl; Finance – Hardman and Potter; TIF – Dave Rumbold and Hardman; Streets and Alleys – Potter and Hansard. Mercer wants committees to meet by month's end and report funds required for budgeting.

Several citizens have told the new mayor that speeding on Main Avenue and Madison Street is a major concern. Police Chief Jim Tiller will be present at those locations for several days. Mercer said if traffic doesn't slow down, he will order speed-bumps to be installed.

Wyoming's clean-up



New Wyoming City Council member are sworn into office. From left to right are Carol Potter, Dan Hardman and Michelle Owens. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

days will be May 19 and 20 for residents to place yard waste/branches at the street for pickup. Elderly people who require assistance should call city hall and the street department will help move their yard waste to the street. Mercer said after cleanup days, he will strictly enforce nuisance ordinances on violators. Also, he noted that pools must have fencing around them to prevent accidental drownings.

The council passed six items. The city has suspended work on the front of the building located at 104 W. Williams St. as an unacceptable financial risk at this time. A new Regulating Development of Floodplains Areas was deferred to the county decision.

Motor Fuel Tax expenses of \$75,000 for street maintenance was approved, as was a \$1,000 donation to Spoon River Days at the Stark County Fairgrounds.

Also approved was authorization to purchase two new flow meters for the reverse-osmosis plant from Allied Instrumentation not to exceed \$13,378, as was authorization to upgrade the R/O plant control system by Sovereign Control Systems for a cost not to exceed \$48,475.

Member Dan Hardman reported that repairs to the downtown clock will cost approximately \$1,400. Also, a camera will be installed at Duryea Park to broadcast the softball games held there.

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# LEVITT: Summer schedule all set

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family to enjoy a picnic-style concert experience in a relaxed, welcoming setting. All but the first concert will be held on Sunday evenings.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from local vendors and guests are also welcome to bring their own. Well-behaved pets are welcome. For those with mobility challenges, a shuttle service is available, and street parking can be found around Wiley Park.

In the case of inclement weather, concerts will be streamed live on the Levitt AMP Galva Music Series Facebook and YouTube pages.

The Levitt AMP Galva Music Series is supported in part by the Mortimer & Mimi Levitt Foundation, which partners with changemakers and non-profits across the country to activate underused outdoor spaces with free, live music – bringing people together and invigorating community life.

The 2025 lineup showcases genres and artists from around the world:

- **Saturday, June 7 - Quique Escamilla** (Mexican) and **Charlotte Blu** (folk)
- **June 8 - Alysha Brilla** (folk, world, soul) and **Zach Pietrini** (rock, Americana)
- **June 15 - The Sweet Lillies** (bluegrass, hip hop) and **Sophie Coyote** (folk, Americana)
- **June 22 - Kiran Ahluwalia** (Indian, African, blues) and **Amanda Fish** (blues)

Member Dan Hardman reported that repairs to the downtown clock will cost approximately \$1,400. Also, a camera will be installed at Duryea Park to broadcast the softball games held there.



PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 4-7 - Steven C. Ellis - Expired registration.
- 4-8 - Joshua R. Petty - Uninsured vehicle and display plate attachment.
- 4-14 - Andrew N. Turner - Driving on a suspended license, uninsured vehicle and non-Illinois suspended registration.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 4-6 - Artice Griswell II, of Conway, Ark., was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Highway 40 and 1700N. No injuries were reported. Damage was estimated between \$501 and \$1,500.
- 4-7 - An employee from the Wyoming Casey’s General Store reported that a customer had attempted to pay with counterfeit money. The incident remains under investigation.
- 4-7 - Alexis K. Purdy, 22, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone.
- 4-8 - Shantiz M. Redd, 32, Peoria, was cited for driving on a suspended license, driving on a mandatory suspended registratio, and driving with no insurance. His vehicle was impounded and he has a court date set.

Peoria County Report

- 4-12 -Cade A. Foffel, 23, of Edelstein was arrested shortly before 2:15 a.m. and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol, improper traffic-lane use, illegal transportation of alcohol and not using a seat belt, according to the Peoria County Sheriff’s Office.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:
  - 4-7 - to assist Henry County and Stark County Medic with a subject having chest pains in a vehicle northwest of town.
  - 4-7 - to a residence on NW 1st Ave. for a suicidal subject. The subject was located.
  - 4-7 - to the 00 block of SE 6th St. for a disturbance and to remove an unwanted subject. The subject was advised to leave.
  - 4-7 - to the 00 block of NE 3rd St.



- for a loose-dog complaint. The owner was able to put the dog back inside.
- 4-8 - While patrolling, an officer noticed that all Galva railroad crossing arms were activated with no trains present. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
- 4-8 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a traffic obstruction involving a moving truck. The subject was advised to move the truck.
- 4-9 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. for a property-line dispute.
- 4-9 - to the 100 block of NW 7th Ave. for a complaint of Facebook threats.
- 4-10 - to the 800 block of SE 1st St. for a report of two loose dogs that were contained. It was learned they belonged to a neighbor and were returned.
- 4-10 - to the Galva Park District to assist a citizen.
- 4-10 - to the south edge of town for a motorist assist. The vehicle was able to continue on its way.
- 4-11 - to the 200 block of SW 5th St. for a criminal damage to property complaint. After an investigation, Jacob Simoneaux, 34, Galva, was arrested for two counts of violation of an order of protection and criminal damage to property. He also received an additional charge of aggravated battery to a police officer during his arrest. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
- 4-11 - to the east edge of town for a reckless-driving complaint. Officer located the vehicle, but did not observe any violations for a traffic stop.
- 4-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Sara Emery, 44, Tampico, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date.
- 4-11 - to the Galva Park District for an illegal-burning complaint. Two ju-

- veniles had transported a chair there and set it on fire. The fire was put out and the juveniles cleaned up the remnants.
- 4-11 - to the 600 block of Swank St. for a solicitor complaint. The subject was located and did not have a permit. He was asked to leave until he obtained a permit.
- 4-11 - to assist the Kewanee Police Department and Henry County with a pursuit involving a stolen car that began in Kewanee. The suspect vehicle crashed and rolled several times on the Galva-Atkinson blacktop south of Page Street. The suspect was arrested on multiple charges.
- 4-11 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a suspicious activity complaint.
- 4-11 - to assist the Kewanee Police Deparment attempt to locate a missing person. The subject was located in southern Illinois.
- 4-12 - to the Galva-Atkinson blacktop to assist a motorist. The subject was feeling sick and had pulled over. They were able to continue on.
- 4-12 - to assist a subject whose vehicle became disabled in the 500 block of NW 5th St. The vehicle was pushed off the roadway.
- 4-12 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for a juvenile complaint involving a subject throwing rocks.
- 4-12 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd St. for an illegal-burn complaint. The fire was put out.
- 4-12 - to a residence on SW 6th St. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.
- 4-13 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint. A family member responded and put the dog back inside the house.
- 4-13 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for a verbal-disturbance complaint.
- 4-13 - to the 100 block of Morgan Road for a minibike complaint. The officer was not able to locate.
- 4-13 - to remove an animal carcass from the roadway in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

Property Transfers

- 4-7 - Peggy L. and Raymond L. Yung to Betsy Jean DuneheW - Foster's Add'n Block A Lot 4 - 309 South St., Bradford - Consideration = \$30,000.
- 4-11 - Linda S. Melton to Parker A. Sornberger - West Jersey Pts Block 1 Lots 13,16,17,20 - 2955 W. Jersey Rd., 2965 W. Jersey Rd. and 2979 W. Jersey Rd., Toulon - Consideration = \$125,000.



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## Luna proves that sometimes it takes a woman

When it comes to relations between the sexes, I must admit the guys often just don’t get it or ignore the facts in front of them.

U.S. Rep. Anna Paulina Luna (R-Florida) recently came very close to stopping all action in the U.S. House of Representatives until her concern was addressed by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson.

Rep. Luna grew up in the school of hard knocks in California. She joined the Air Force to improve her financial situation. She met her husband while both were in the military and eventually they moved to Florida. She is the parent of one child and can politically best be defined as an ardent conservative Republican.

More importantly she defines herself as a mom. Sometimes that definition is forgotten in wells of Congress. She made everyone aware that you don’t mess with momma, especially if momma is a Momma Bear with young cubs.

For years, politicians on both sides of the aisle in Washington D.C. checked on the health of their opponents and supporters if a highly contested bill was to be voted on. Congress has required in-person voting by its members. If sick, or unable to be present for any reason, a member of Congress has no vote. You must vote in person.

There are some valid reasons for

this, as it does force members to be in proximity to each other and hopefully discuss pending legislation. In-person voting also allows for greater public scrutiny of a legislator, as his or her vote is cast in an open and public forum.

Speaker Johnson has voiced that in-person voting is required by the Constitution. I am not so sure about that.

In any event there are several young mothers in Congress this term and they are like most mothers: They give birth to babies. Rep. Luna had the audacity to think that a representative who is a new mom could vote by proxy, the act of granting someone else the power to vote on your behalf.

Proxies are done every day in the corporate world by stockholders. It is not a new concept. However the powers that be in the House, Speaker Johnson and his leadership group, completely rejected even a hearing on the proposal made by Luna.

Luna then used some of the House rules to require that she be heard on the issue. Luna invoking the rules essentially shut down all votes in the House until her matter was acted on.

Republicans are trying very hard to get a budget-reconciliation bill passed to enact their agenda and Luna stopped them cold as a brand-new representative. The lady has some real moxie.

The boys caved to the new girl on the block. They all cut a deal. Luna doesn’t get a true proxy, but she got

what she wanted. The agreement is called a pairing in which another representative, who would have voted the opposite of Luna, will not cast a vote. Essentially, the two representatives will cancel out each other. Luna also got a bipartisan vote that clearly showed the House was looking favorably at her proposal.

Today almost everyone has Zoom on their phone and computer, which clearly provides a video of the caller and his or her actions. The time-honored concept of vote by proxy is also available. It is time that governmental entities give at least consideration to remote voting in legislative sessions.

I acknowledge that remote voting has both some technical difficulties at times and there is always the possibility of fraud, but we are in the 21st century. It is time to modernize. I am not suggesting unlimited or constant remote voting, as the representatives do need to be in session with each other. Common sense seems to say we can carve out a few exceptions for maternity/family leave for a few weeks or to allow a representative to recover at home after surgery or an illness.

Even if you disagree with Luna’s political preferences, she is striving to best have representatives serve their respective constituencies. This bipartisan proposal warrants serious consideration. It takes a woman.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state’s attorney.*

## For whom is America being made great?

To the Editor:

Financial security for people of modest means can be difficult to keep on the plus side. The loss of 10% of worth from a retirement account in just three days due to political positioning is very worrisome. Many, many people experienced similar or worse loss.

When we expressed our concerns to media and our elected officials, the top elected official referred to us as being “yippy, just yippy.”

No meaningful reassurance nor expression of empathy; just a billionaire disdainfully calling us “yippy.”

He did boast that it is a time “to get rich.”

How? An opportunity for the already wealthy to use some of their excess cash reserve to buy up the now-depressed-priced stock that the “yippy” people just lost value on?

For whom is America being made great?

— **David Courson**, Elmwood

## Sunday is about more than egg hunts and suits

To the Editor:

This Sunday we celebrate Easter. We have an Easter Egg hunt and



people dress in their Sunday best. But what do we really celebrate this Sunday?

Our Savior was nailed to a cross on this holy week in God’s plan for our salvation. Then, in three days he rose from the dead. That’s what we really celebrate! He was the first to rise. So that awaits us. But what happened during those hours he hung on the cross?

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# Toulon well pump fails, one still running

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
For The Prairie News

TOULON – One of two Toulon water wells has been out of commission since March 25 it was revealed at Monday’s city council meeting.

According to Mayor Larry Hollis, one of the wells simply quit working to supply water to residents. Peerless Pump Company of Indianapolis was contracted to pull the pump and piping from the well for refurbishment. Their cost of \$31,000 to complete the repairs and reinstall the pump and piping was approved.

City Employee James King has given his two-week notice that he is quitting as a water/sewer employee. April 18 is his last day. Hollis said several people have applied for the job, although he would not reveal their names until someone is hired to replace King.

The council approved a pay raise for meter reader Abbey DeSplinter from \$375 to \$425 per month. Also approved was a \$9,000 expenditure to hire Bailey’s Excavating to complete work on a drain-

nage ditch near the Toulon High School campus. Core Construction had quoted \$50,000 for the project.

Larger speed limit signs were approved to be purchased at approximately \$25-\$30 per sign to replace speed-limit signs on Main Street in an attempt to slow traffic. Permission from the state will be sought to replace the signs.

A \$7,500 expenditure for a concrete pad to hold salt in a bunker at the sewer plant property was approved for T&J Builders.

Donations of \$500 each to the Stark County Athletic Program and to Wyoming’s Spoon River Days celebration were approved.

Hollis’ desire for a more cooperative spirit among Toulon, Wyoming and Bradford was his reason for suggesting that the council donate to Wyoming’s event. He added that he would expect Wyoming to donate to Toulon’s Old Settlers’ celebration this fall. Brandon Simpson voted no to the Wyoming donation

request. A new Sharp copier for city hall will be purchased for \$2,841 from Office Specialists. The current copier needs repairs and is decades old.

Hollis said there are six or seven applicants for the two positions for outside work employees. He will soon hire the new employees.

Toulon Police Chief Gary Bent is expected to retire in August of this year. He has been police chief since August 2015. Hollis read Bent’s retirement letter to the council.

The council also heard from Derek Welge who desires to become a new part-time Toulon police

officer. His employment will be discussed next week at a special meeting. With two council members absent, Hollis set April 22 at 6 p.m. for the special meeting.

Tabled for that meeting are agenda items that include TIF business approvals and the annexation of 16 acres of property located adjacent to West Clinton and Oak Streets.

Discussion of the splash pad for the city park, water meter purchases, vacating part of an alley between Franklin and Henderson Streets and a floodplain ordinance were also tabled at Monday’s meeting.

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## OBITUARIES

### William J. Allen

MARICOPA, Ariz. – William James Allen, 66, of Maricopa, Ariz., passed away at 6:41 a.m. on April 6, 2025, at Chandler Regional Medical Center in Arizona. Born in Peoria, Ill., on July 4, 1958, he was the son of James William and Mary Dorothy (Carroll) Allen.



Allen

Bill moved to the Phoenix area in August 1976 to attend Arizona State University, where four years later he received a bachelor of science degree in marketing. Later, in 2008, he earned a master of business administrator from the Keller School of Management of DeVry University.

His primary pleasure in life was the game of golf. He started playing at Arrowhead Country Club near Edelstein when he was still not 10 years old. He continued to play until the final months of his life.

Bill also was an avid fan and competitor in other sports. He was a three-sport letterman at Princeville High School, as a tailback in football, a guard in basketball and a pitcher and infielder in baseball. He also lettered in band as a tuba player. He not only competed in these sports, but he also taught his younger brothers how to play and succeed in them all. Nowhere was he more patient, helpful, and skillful than at teaching golf.

He was an avid fan of his Arizona State Sun Devils and was present for some of ASU's greatest triumphs – beating USC in 1978, in their first year in the Pac-10 – and its greatest falls.

Despite living in the Phoenix area for most of his life, he remained a steadfast supporter of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball team. Having started as a fan in the era of Bob Gibson and Lou Brock, he taught his younger brothers about the team and the game. He remained devoted even through the lean years and was known to give Mike Matheny a few words of advice when the Cards ventured to Phoenix.

Over the course of his life, Bill became an avid outdoorsman, regularly hiking in the mountains and deserts around Phoenix with his beloved blue heeler, Murphy. He even led his nephews on a tour of the sites in Arizona just two years ago, including a short hike on the upper edges of the South Rim of the Grand Canyon.

He gave generously of his time for charitable purposes. He was part of Big Brothers in the Phoenix area, and was board chair at Gabriels Angels, a charity for pets helping kids.

Bill is survived by his grieving parents. He is also survived by his five siblings: Deborah and her partner, Bill Lee; Denise; Jim and his wife, Sile; Robert and his wife, Cindy; and Jacqueline. Other survivors include two nephews, Seamus and Cormac; and numerous cousins and friends around the world.

He fought a valiant battle against cancer for five years. His upbeat attitude, tenacity, strength and determination to beat his cancer was an inspiration. It was his final lesson for those of us who knew him well. We will miss him dearly.

Funeral mass was to take place at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming on April 16, 2025. Burial was to follow in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to Gabriel's Angels at [www.gabriel-sangels.org/donate](http://www.gabriel-sangels.org/donate).

Condolences may be left for William's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### John M. Bowen

MILWAUKEE – John Mackey Bowen, the son of Robert E. and Helen (Green) Bowen was born on Sept. 27, 1944, in Minneapolis. He grew up in Mankato, Minn. where he graduated from high school.

In 1967, John earned his bachelor's in education from Mankato State University. He then accepted a teaching position in the Milwaukee Public Schools at South Division High School and began his coaching career in cross country and track and field.

After earning his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, John became a guidance counselor at South Division High School and completed his Milwaukee Public Schools career in Steuben Middle School.

John is survived by his wife, Kathryn Bowen; his sister, Nancy (Curt) Hanssen; brother-in-law, Craig Lucas; sisters-in-law, Alice Wilson Pratt, Sue (Keith) McFarland and Chris (Dale) Martin; 12 nieces and nephews; 15 great-nieces and great-nephews; three great-grand-nieces and nephews; and many students and athletes who

were like family to him.

John was preceded in death by his parents, Robert E. and Helen (Green) Bowen; his brother, Robert Bowen; his sister, Mary Woodruff; his parents-in-law, John and Mary Dewey; brother-in-law, Phil Dewey, sister-in-law, Jean Lucas; and brother-in-law, Ron Pratt.

A final memorial service will take place on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming at 2 p.m. Burial will follow at Toulon Cemetery.

To leave condolences for John's family please visit [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Mary Colgan

WASHINGTON – Mary "Colette" Colgan, 80, of Washington, passed away at 5:15 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025, at Carle Bromenn Medical Center in Normal. Colette was born on Nov. 22, 1944, in Peoria to Earl L. and Florence (Pauli) Colgan.

She is survived by one brother, Michael (Heidi) Colgan of Wyoming; one sister, Carolyn (Andy) Patterson of Springfield; four nieces, Anita (Ben Chisholm) Colgan, Tina Colgan, Marika (Kee-nan) Sharpe, and Danielle Colgan; and three great-nieces, Harper and Margaret Sharpe, and Alexandra Colgan. She was preceded in death by her father, Earl; mother, Florence; and stepmother, Margaret Colgan.

Colette attended Midstate College and went on to work at Country Company Insurance Agency in Bloomington prior to her long career at the Peoria Journal Star, where she retired after 20-plus years.

She enjoyed shopping and regularly meeting up with friends in Peoria, Galesburg, and Bloomington, and had a regular coffee group in Washington, which included special friends, Mike and Ginny, who were a great help to Colette in her final days. Colette was a wonderful woman, she loved her nieces dearly, and they loved her. Her presence will be missed.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, May 19, 2025, at St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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OBITUARIES

Lynne K. Roark

TOULON – Lynne Kaye (Wagner) Roark, 78, of Toulon, passed away at 9:38 p.m. on April 6, 2025, at the family farm, surrounded by loving family.

Born in Carpentersville, Ill., on July 11, 1946, she was the daughter of the late E. Elmer and Minnie (Witte) Wagner. On June 7, 1975, she married David George Roark. He preceded her in death on June 1, 2023.

Surviving are two children, James (Angie) Roark of Toulon and Megan (Zack) Anderson of Rantoul; and four grandchildren, Matthew Roark, Christopher (Rey) Roark, Cooper Anderson and Chase Anderson.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by five siblings and their spouses, Betty (Glenn) Rosenthal, Adele (Erv) Seyk, James (Nancy) Wagner, Luann (Charles) Hachtel and Donna (Henry) Karolus.

As the baby of the family, Lynne was raised with her nieces and nephews and they all shared a special bond.

Lynne graduated from Dundee Community High School in 1964, and completed a bachelor’s degree in music education at Millikin University in Decatur in 1968. After college, she performed with the Muny Opera in St. Louis. She taught music in Oak Lawn, Toulon, and later for the Stark County School District. One of her many



Roark

loves was teaching private piano and voice lessons as well as accompanying for the Stark County musicals.

Lynne was very active in the community participating in PEO, Stark County Fine Arts Network, Toulon Woman’s Club, raising funds for the Toulon Public Library and directing the Stark County Community Choir. She also served as the choir director and one of four talented keyboardists for the First Congregational Church of Toulon.

In her free time Lynne loved to spend time with her family, read, sew, do puzzles, watch her grandchildren and play cards with friends. In particular she loved getting together with a local group to play bridge and previously with a close group of friends lovingly known as the Card Club.

Funeral services will take place at the First Congregational Church of Toulon, on Saturday, May 3, 2025, at noon. Visitation will take place at the church prior, from 11 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will follow in Toulon Cemetery.

Memorial donations can be made to the First Congregational Church of Toulon or to the Toulon Public Library. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with services.

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

Glenn P. Sundberg Jr.

CHANA – Glenn P. Sundberg Jr., 73, of Chana, Ill., died at 3:02 p.m., Sunday, April 13, 2025 at his home.

He was born Aug. 5, 1951, in Geneseo, the son of Glenn P. and Lillian (Williamson) Sundberg Sr.

He married Glenda K. Perrine on Sept. 9, 1995, in Rockton, Ill.

Survivors include his wife of Chana; his mother, Lillian McIntosh of Bishop Hill; his mother-in-law, Joyce Yoakum; four children, Troy (Lidia) Sundberg of Clover, S.C., Eric Kelly of Loves Park, Ill., Joshua Perrine of DeKalb and Jennifer Perrine of Rockford; two brothers, Richard (Vicki) Sundberg and James (Pat) Sundberg, both of Ocala, Fla.; four sisters; Christine “Tina” Krause of Land O’ Lakes, Fla., Sandra Strand of Bishop Hill, Barbara (Robert) Gonzales of Stone Mountain, Ga. and Jean (Wayne) Sims of Lawrenceville, Ga.; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his beloved dog, Coco. He was preceded in death by his father.

Glenn graduated from Galva High School in 1970. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam era from 1971-74.

Over the years he worked in ranching, was a farmer and as a truck driver.

He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and following baseball. He also enjoyed horses.

Funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 18, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Pastor Martin Gutzmer will officiate. A visitation will be held from 6 p.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home. Cremation will be accorded following the services.

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Bids must be received by Sunday, May 4, 2025.

Please mail bids to: Village of LaFayette  
P.O. Box 116  
LaFayette, IL 61449

LEGAL ADS

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
Estate of STEVEN A. BENT, deceased  
No. 2025-PR-5  
Notice is given of the death of STEVEN A. BENT. Letters of Office were issued on March 28, 2025, to JAMES O. BENT, 403 S. Galena Ave., Wyoming, IL 61491, as Independent Administrator, 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 Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St.,

Toulon, IL 61483, 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  
P.O. Box 205  
Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2168  
Published 4/4, 4/11, 4/18/25  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

ESTATE OF  
JENNET R. RUSSELL, Deceased  
No. 2025 PR 4  
**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**  
Notice is given of the death of Jennet R. Russell. Letters of Office were issued on March 28, 2025, to Larry D. Russell as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 6, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered


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Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.

Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555  
Published 4/11, 4/18, 4/25/25  
\*\*\*  
**Stark County CUSD #100 School Board Announces Vacancy and Seeks Applicants**  
The Stark County Community Unit School District #100 (CUSD #100) Board of Education is seeking qualified applicants to fill a vacant board seat. The position will become available following the reorganization meeting to be held on April 21, 2025  
The Board of Education is responsible for setting policy, overseeing the district’s budget, and ensuring the quality of education for all students within

the Stark County CUSD #100. The successful candidate will serve a two-year term. To be eligible for appointment, applicants must reside within the Stark County School District boundaries.  
The Board of Education has 60 days from April 1, 2025 to appoint a new member.  
Interested individuals are encouraged to submit a letter of interest and resume to Board President Ann Orwig, at [aorwig@stark100.com](mailto:aorwig@stark100.com) by May 5, 2025.  
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## Super Crossword

**FROM ALABAMA  
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**ACROSS**

1 Complainers to ologists

9 Foreboding

16 ESPN datum

20 Feelings

21 Alternative to chocolate

22 Rev gauge

23 Aligned

24 suffered from being given too much leeway?

25 Bicolor whale

26 Poet Hughes

27 Tooth

28 doctors' org.

29 Scaff down

30 Cantata's kin

30 "The Ch"

31 airer, in brief

33 Alpo

34 alternative

36 Things people run on race tracks in Switzerland's capital?

39 Coke and Pepsi's business?

43 Collide with

44 Robots in human form

45 "Fer cryin' out loud"

48 Barkbeeper on "The Simpsons"

49 Audio game from Hasbro

50 Scoffthayer

52 Off-limits

54 Farrow of film

57 Storytellers' leagues?

63 The "A" of E.T.A. Abbr.

64 Tech sch.

65 Some raptors

66 Vinaigrette alternative

67 Team

68 Ledwrens

70 Apple tablets

72 Midge

73 Actor Kotikias

74 Thighbone

76 Walewring

79 Earth's star

80 Bivalve mollusk

81 that's neither anxious nor perturbed?

85 1040 ID

86 Sock fillers

87 Instant, in some brand names

88 "— come to save the day!"

90 Blubber

92 Suburb of Buenos Aires

95 Etched computer components

97 Eight-note spans

101 Monty Python member wearing no jewelry or fancy clothes?

103 Topmost point on a perfume bottle?

106 Alan of "Tower Heist"

107 Blast source

108 Lindsley of "Machete"

109 Barney Miller player Linden

110 Sue Gralfon's "— for Evidence"

112 Salve —

115 Gung-ho

116 Like a shutter so shabby there's no point in putting in a new lover?

123 Head, in Nice

124 Attacks like a bird

125 Tombs for pharaohs

126 Greek strife goddess

127 In a very similar way

128 Chiffanger feeling

**DOWN**

1 Conger, e.g.

2 Docs' org.

3 Decompose

4 Working hard

5 Quote

6 Magician

7 Harry

7 Call a halt to

8 Atlanta-to-Miami dir.

9 Ealed

10 Roman poet

10 Guessome

11 Balpoint

12 S.F. NFLer

13 City in southwest New York

14 Long, loose overcoat

15 Airline to Sweden

16 Snitching sort

17 Kill pattern

18 Say "yes" to

19 "No kiddin'?"

24 Lip off to

29 Interoffice note

30 Wound cover

31 Academic A-lists

32 Ancient cuneiform language

34 Attaches

35 Deep thinkers

37 Retina locale

38 Home of Pogo Pogo

40 Seed case

41 Wee amount

42 TV host

43 Banks

46 Arctic boot attachment

47 Paven

51 Approximate

53 U.S. soldiers

54 One of the

55 Leeward islands

56 Contained as a part of

56 Very pale

58 "— a ply"

59 Pottery

60 Downcast

61 Uno + due

62 Spy novelist

63 Fleming

63 Smart — (wise guys)

68 Actor Elliott

69 PC key abbr.

71 "Pick up the Czech," e.g.

72 "Well, I'll be!"

74 Antagonist

75 Grades K-6: Abbr.

77 Longtime bud

78 Lie out bread

81 Many times

82 Gator's kin

83 Karate blow

84 Blue-green

89 Has no life

90 False

91 appearances

91 Maker of Skin So Soft

93 Apt. units

94 True-to-fact

96 Finger-pointing people

97 Recently

98 Four-leaf —

99 One of the Windward Islands

100 Dr. " of insides

102 Diner grub

104 Sine, for one

105 Actor Cary

111 Envy

112 "Right away!"

114 "Game of Thrones" actress

116 Packers' and Panthers' gp.

117 Sugar suffix

118 Co- — (some apartments)

119 Sch. in Manhattan

120 "Hamilton" composer — Manuel

121 Tug plugs

122 Mao — tung

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# Super Crossword

## Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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4	2	9	5	1	3	7	6	8
6	5	3	8	9	7	4	2	1
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## CryptoQuote

answer

There are two kinds of people, those who finish what they start and so on.

— Robert Byrne



# SPORTS: Rebels baseball tops Peoria Heights

*Continued from Page 12*  
Knoxville.

• **SC baseball** – Stark County (4-7) was bested by Princeville 8-7 and 12-0 on the road Saturday in a Lincoln Trail double-header. The Rebels fought back for a 6-6 tie in the fifth but the guests answered with two in the fifth.

SC outhit Princeville 10-6 but four errors were detrimental. Dillon Steelman drove in one run and stroked a double. Chase Holstrom was 2-for-2 with an RBI and a double. Ben Browning had two hits and one RBI.

Connor Daum pitched 3.2 innings striking out six, yielding one run, giving up five hits and walking four. Browning tossed 2.1 innings.

In the second game Dil-

lon Steelman hit 2-for-2 with a double.

The Rebels beat Peoria Heights 6-4 on April 10 at home. Dillon Steelman and Kaedon Steelman shared pitching duties. Dillon got the win in four innings with a line of no earned runs and eight strikeouts. Kaedon saved it in three innings. Blair Daum collected two RBI.

• **Galva softball** – Ridgewood no-hit Galva (1-5) in a 10-0 victory Tuesday. Ridgewood scored six in the third inning.

The previous day, Galva lost a pitchers' duel to Henry, which in the third scored only run of the game. Amber Plummer struck out seven Henry batters. Maddie Bates and Kaylyn Gale each had two hits for the Wildcats.

Galva also dropped a

doubleheader April 12 to ROWVA-Williamsfield, 7-1 and 9-6. In the second game, Galva trailed 3-2 after Gale hit a two-run homer in the third. She and Arabella Porche each had two hits.

The Wildcats are to play a doubleheader Saturday against Monmouth United.

• **Galva baseball** – Galva (0-7-1) was topped by Anawan-Wethersfield in a doubleheader 7-3 and 20-2 Saturday at home in Lincoln Trail action.

Down by one run after four innings in the opener, GHS yielded four scores in the fifth which, turned the tide for the day.

Braxton Hulstrom hit 2-for-3 with a double, MJ Louck had a hit and Blake Stahl recorded one RBI. Louck pitched three innings, striking out three,

walking three and giving up three hits. Tommy Funke came in for four frames giving up three hits, three earned runs, striking out five but walking five.

In the nightcap the visitors lashed 17 hits. Hulstrom collected one RBI for Galva and Ty Dowell-Keup hit a double.

Galva battled Monmouth United to a nine-inning standoff April 10 at home before falling 10-7.

Louck had two hits and two RBI, Dowell-Keup and Sloan each drove in one run. Hulstrom tossed four innings, yielding two hits and two earned runs. Cyrus Hurd tossed 3.2 frames giving up two earned runs but striking out three.

Galva is at home on Saturday versus ROWVA-Williamsfield.

# TRACK: Dusti Smith, Stotler break own records

*Continued from Page 12*  
dles (PR, 18.67); Claire Bowser in high jump (PR, 5-1.75); the 4x200 relay (2:02.89) of Bowser, Lyla Rosado, Madison Ensey and Kamiyah Webster; and the 4x400 relay of Sarah Kraklow, Paytin Terwilliger and the Smith sisters in 4:25.12.

Terwilliger was second in the 800 (2:42.32) ahead of Kraklow (2:44.34) and SC was second in the 4x100 relay in 56.14.

Also at Galva, the boys scored 93.5 points to finish ahead of Princeville (81).

SC swept the 100 led by Jackson Knoblauch (PR, 11.80), Braxxten Gibson (PR, 12.37) and Justin Warner (12.76).

Evan Knobloch won the 3,200 (10:03.79) and 1,600 (4:58.29), Nolan Orwig placed first in the 200 in 23.26 and Nolan Snider won shot put (43-8).

Audon Frihetsli was second in discus (123-11) and the Rebels took second in the 4x100 (46.76).

Jackson Knoblauch was third in the 200 (PR, 24.95), Keyshon Webster was third in the 800 (PR, 2:27.71) and the Rebels were third in the 4x400 relay in 4:16.52.

The girls placed second Monday at Bureau Valley in an eight-team meet. Fulton won with 148 points to 92 for the Lady Rebels.

Stark County winners included Stotler, who broke her school record in shot put with a throw of 39-8. Orwig was third in shot (35-9.5) and second in the discus (102-9.5). Other winners were Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:30.33), Dusti Smith in the 1,600 (PR, 5:21.46) and two relays. The 4x400 of Kraklow, Terwilliger and Cheyenh and Dusti Smith

won in 4:20.74. The same quartet won the 4x800 in 10:28.7.

Kraklow was third in the 400 (PR, 1:05.43).

Stark County is at the Bullet Invite in Knoxville on Monday.

• **Galva track** – Reid Harris won two events at a home meet April 11, taking the 300 hurdles in 50.25 and the long jump with a PR of 19-10.5.

Other winners for Galva were Brayden Robinson in

boys triple jump (33-5.5) and Maddie Bates in girls triple jump (PR, 29-7.75) ahead of teammate Ella Ingels (PR, 28-3.75).

Also taking second were Randal Engels in the 800 (PR, 2:25.46), Harris in the high jump (5-10) and Galva's 4x200 of Charley Chamberlain, Olivia Calderon, Mia Gazzera and Sage Kaiser (2:15).

Galva is home Monday for the Pam Foley Memorial Invite.

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Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, has authorized the sale of the City-owned property described below by the sealed bidding process. The City-owned property is located at 227 E. South Street in the City of Toulon, which is legally described as follows:

Lot Number Eight (8) in Block Number Thirty-One (31) in Henderson & Whittaker's Addition to the City of Toulon. PIN: 04-19-342-010

This property is currently a vacant lot, located in a residential area. It is open for public inspection and can be used for any purpose that is in compliance with local ordinances. This property is being sold in its "as is" condition, and the City makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property.

All bids must be submitted to the City Clerk for the City of Toulon before 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025, at the following address:

City Clerk  
Attn: Sealed Bid for 227 E. South Street  
Toulon City Hall  
122 N. Franklin Street  
Toulon, IL 61483

Bids must be received on the "Bid to Purchase / Real Estate Purchase Agreement" available at City Hall at the address listed above. Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the City Clerk, but must be received by the City Clerk before 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025 for consideration by the City Council at its regular meeting to be held on May 12, 2025. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for this property sale.

The sale shall be made on the terms and conditions set forth in the Bid Documents. Among these terms and conditions are, without limitation, the following:

1. Seller will not furnish title insurance and the conveyance will be by quitclaim deed.
2. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Any questions can be directed to the Mayor, Larry Hollis by phone at 309-286-5042 or by email at [lhollis@hotmail.com](mailto:lhollis@hotmail.com)

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# Rebels records fall

Stark County boys and girls win meet, set school records

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

The Stark County track teams enjoyed another week of school and personal records and meet wins.

The boys and girls teams both won at the Wildcat Meet in Galva on April 10.

The girls rolled up 130 points to easily outpace Monmouth United (100 points) in the five-team meet.

Winners for the Lady

Rebels included Dusti Smith in the 1,600-meter run in a time of 5:36.80, placing her ahead of teammates Cheyenh Smith (5:51.19) and Darilis Knobloch (personal record, 6:21.52) in a Stark County sweep of the top three.

The Lady Rebels also swept both throwing events. Lauren Orwig won shot put and discus with a PR throw of 36 feet, 7.75 inches in shot and 107-6.5 in discus. Chelsey Stotler

was second in both (34-11.25 in shot and PR of 103-8 in discus) and Michelle Atchley was third in both (32-9.75 and PR of 96-0.75).

The Smith sisters also had PRs in the 3,200, won by Dusti in a school record 11:38.61 – 14 seconds faster than her previous best. Cheyenh Smith was second in 12:19.26.

Other winners were Kelsey Hawley in the 100 hur-

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# Johnston sparks SC softball win

**By NICK VLAHOS and PHIL JOHNSON**  
For The Prairie News

Coley Johnston's three-run double highlighted a six run second inning that propelled the Stark County softball team (4-6) to a 12-1 victory Tuesday over Abingdon-Avon.

Kenna Sparks also had three RBI. Sophie Finnegan and Katie Grinnell each drove in two for the Lady Rebels (4-6).

Hallie Newton's eighth-inning single the previous day drove in Kenna New-

ton with the winning run in a 5-4 Stark County victory over Putnam County. The Rebels trailed 4-1 in the fifth but scored once in the bottom of the inning, then twice in the sixth on a Johnston groundout and Jacey Endress' single.

Johnston also homered and was 3-for-4 with two RBI. Endress also was 3-for-4.

Stark County split a doubleheader April 12 against Annawan-Wethersfield. The Rebels won the first game 5-3 as Brooklynn

Ostrowski homered from the plate and struck out 11 from the pitcher's circle. Johnston was 3-for-3. A-W scored on a fifth-inning second-game error as it beat Stark County 3-2.


ROWVA-Williamsfield used three runs in the third and three more in the fourth to beat Stark County 6-3 on April 10. Endress' RBI single in the top of the fourth gave Stark County a 3-3 tie. She was 2-for-4. Stark County is to play a doubleheader Saturday at

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