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WORLD TURTLE DAY

Illinois home to 17 species of turtles

By **TOM EMERY**
For The Prairie News

Every terrapin, snapper, and slider can pop his head out of his shell and smile.

Friday, May 23, is World Turtle Day, and there are plenty of reasons to celebrate in Illinois. The Prairie State is home to 17 turtle species, though seven are either state-threatened or state-endangered.

Biologists are working to ensure the long-range future of Illinois turtles and note that the general public can do much to help.

“Turtles are generally long-lived animals,” said Scott Ballard, state herpetologist for the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. “Habitat destruction or alteration is probably the No. 1 concern for the future of turtles. Once you destroy or encroach upon a good habitat, you’ve reduced the habitat available for turtles to forage and exist in.”

Species of turtles are found statewide, with a slightly higher diversity in the southern half of the state. By far, the most common species of turtle in Illinois is the red-eared slider, known

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The Blanding's turtle (above) is one of six state-endangered turtle species in Illinois.

Galva schools will gain from new wind turbines

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – A new wind turbine development planned for Knox County is poised to benefit Galva CUSD 224.

Superintendent Joe Becker told the Galva School Board on Monday that the district will receive tax money from a NextEra Energy wind turbine field scheduled to begin construction this fall in northern Knox County.

The 150-megawatt Knox Wind Farm project is being developed by Orion Renewable Energy Group LLC, a subsidiary of NextEra.

Becker noted that a portion of the Galva district is in Knox County. He told the board he would find out more details about potential tax benefits and report back.

Becker also said the Galva district has been granted a cafeteria grant to replace two freezers. He said the walk-in freezer was the original one when the school was built in 1967.

News was not as encouraging regarding a federal grant that was to pay for a mental-health counsellor in Galva schools. Becker said that grant is going to be cancelled. A counsellor has worked half of the year and Becker said the district will seek reimbursement for the remaining half year.

Becker said it took six months to find a counsellor and noted the work done to get a room for

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Another Toulon well in need of repairs

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

TOULON – After recently repairing one well, the City of Toulon needs to repair another.

Mayor Larry Hollis reported Monday that Well No. 1 has developed a leak and needs immediate repair. Well No. 2 was refurbished and repaired recently.

Hollis did not have an estimate of repair costs, but said the city will hire a contractor who will use a crane to pull the piping and parts out of the well for refurbishment and repair.

Also on Monday, council members took the oath of office. Sworn in were City Clerk Barb Cantwell, Larry Hollis, and all council members except Michael Schott, who was appointed to the council.

Treasurer Valerie Wagher, members Mitch Hulsey, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson, Ryan Kelly and Donna Lefler all took the oath of office simultaneously. They were reelected to the council and city positions in April.


Hollis announced committee assignments for the council: Water and Sewer is Lefler (chair),

Schott and Kelly; Streets and Alleys is Jacobson (chair), Kelly and Hulsey; Police is Kelly (chair), Simpson and Jacobson; Parks is Schott (chair), Hulsey and Lefler; Finance is Simpson (chair), Jacobson and Lefler; and Cemetery is Hulsey (chair), Schott and Simpson.

Appointments by Hollis are City Attorney Kate Carter, of Miller, Hall & Triggs, Salmi & Associates are city auditors, City Engineer is Justin Reeise of Giffin-Reeise Engineering, deputy city clerk is Bradley Milburn, TIF

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LANDSPOUT TORNADO



This landspout tornado was spotted in Stark County on Tuesday just after 5 p.m. According to Illinois Storm Chasers, landspout tornadoes are not associated with any sort of rotating severe thunderstorm. They can develop from a cumulus cloud and often cannot be detected by radar. But that can cause damage. Photo by Teri Ferguson.

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TOULON: Council approves 1 percent grocery tax

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administrators are Jacob & Klein and TIF assistant is Teresa Macy. A water and sewer superintendent will be assigned later.

In other business, the council approved Brock Quart for the \$30 per-hour position of third outside worker. He will be reviewed after 90 days. The vote was split on Quart’s hiring with Hulsey, Lefler, Kelly and Hollis voting yes while Schott and Simpson voted no and Jacobson abstained.

The sale of the 227 E. South St. was approved for Alan and Sandi Muggleton for a bid of \$5,007.18.

The council also OK’d buying a new John Deere mower for \$24,500 from Kewanee’s Heritage Tractor. The new ExMark mower purchased last year that didn’t run properly was taken as trade-in for \$9,600.

Other approvals on Monday were a



Toulon council members and city employees take the oath of office after being reelected or reappointed. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

\$1,000 membership renewal for Toulon to participate in the Stark County Continuous Improvement organization that promotes communities in Stark County.

A quote not to exceed \$40,350 was approved to have the sewer plant flow meter replaced. Also, a payment not to exceed \$10,000 was approved for Potter & Sons for spray patching some city streets.

The council approved an ordinance

to create a 1% grocery tax because the state has previously eliminated its grocery tax.

City engineer Reeise addressed the OSLAD grants and said bids for a new elevated water tank are out and will be read June 5 at 10 a.m. The city is waiting for the state to approve the Motor Fuel Tax proposal for refurbishing the city’s streets. No update has been received for a proposed splash pad at the city park.

TURTLES: Ranavirus impacting turtle numbers

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by its bright red patch on the sides of heads of juveniles and females.

However, the painted turtle, a colorful species described as a “classic pond turtle,” holds the title of official Illinois state reptile, an honor awarded in online voting in July 2005.

The largest of the state turtles is the alligator snapping turtle, which can reach up to 155 pounds. That species is one of six that are classified as state-endangered, joining the

river cooter, smooth soft-shell, Illinois mud turtle, Blanding’s turtle and spotted turtle. Another, the ornate box turtle, is listed as state-threatened.

Turtles play valuable roles in Illinois ecosystems.

“Aquatic turtles help maintain the health of lakes and ponds by eating diseased or dying fish,” remarked Ballard. “Box turtles contribute to forests and prairies by assisting in plant reproduction, by eating vegetation and distributing seeds from those native plants.

quality of aquatic and terrestrial habitat for turtles,” Ballard said. “Collecting for the pet trade also leads to declines in turtle populations.”

The turtle pet trade, hunting and trapping and other threats to turtles have been addressed by the state legislature at various times, particularly in the Illinois Herpetological Code (510 ILCS 68/), or “Herp Code” for short.

Auto traffic also kills a number of turtles, mainly because they are often found on the roads in warmer weather.

“Controlling native-plant species is also important to maintaining a higher-quality habitat for turtles,” Ballard said. “Also, leaving turtles in the wild assures that adult turtles will be left to reproduce, and not be plucked out as pets.

“If deciding to get a turtle as a pet, obtain one produced in captivity, and make sure that you realize a commitment of 20 years or so. If you can’t make that commitment, then don’t get a baby turtle.”

Anyone who is aware of illegal collecting or selling of turtles, especially endangered or threatened ones, may report it to the Department of Natural Resources.

“Turtles are good long-term natural stewards of the environment, without question.”

As elsewhere, Illinois turtles face a number of challenges, including the Ranavirus, an illness that can kill turtles in large numbers.

“We have literally found dozens of dead turtles in certain areas because of this virus,” Ballard said. “But we’re fortunate to have a good partner in the University of Illinois Veterinary School, who is working on testing and treating specimens with the virus.”

Humans may also help with several other threats to Illinois turtles.

“Pollution reduces the

“Being cold-blooded, turtles’ temperatures take on the temperature of their surroundings,” Ballard said. “Therefore, when they come out of hibernation in the spring, they like to find areas to warm their body temperatures up. Roads and highways hold heat, and they like that.

“Helping to move turtles off roads is one way to protect them. But make sure it is done safely, and doesn’t result in accidents.”

Simply straddling turtles on highways is another method, again within the limits of safe driving.

There are many other ways for the average citizen to protect turtles across the state.

Overall, the outlook for turtles in Illinois is optimistic.

“I would say that as long as the concerns for turtle protection stay on people’s radars, and are attended to, turtles will continue to thrive for generations,” Ballard said. “Maintaining a healthy environment will allow the turtle diversity of the state to continue to exist.”

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GALVA: Graduation Sunday at 2 p.m.

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her. Becker said the counselor has many students and families she is presently seeing.

In other business, the board approved changes to the elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks.

The board set Tuesday, May 27, at 5 p.m. for its annual board retreat.

Galva Athletic Boosters Secretary Rickelle Rice attended the meeting and told the board the boosters had paid out over \$12,000

to assist with district athletic programs.

Rice said the athletic boosters received a notification from Galva Athletic Director Marland Rachel that there would be about 30 vouchers for free meals at a recent track meet. Rice said boosters were told that if they did not honor the vouchers they would be charged rent to use the concession stand.

Rice said there were 53 vouchers turned in, which amounted to \$530 in food.

The board approved hir-

ing Lexi Morse and Brynn Patty as paraprofessionals for the 2025-26 school year and the resignation of Linda Hamilton as a cafeteria aide.

The next board meeting will be June 16 with the tentative amended budget hearing at 6:55 p.m. and the regular meeting at 7 p.m.

High school graduation is to be Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m. and the 8th grade promotion is Thursday, May 22, at 6 p.m.

PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 5-11 - Isaac M. A. Martinez - Expired registration.
- 5-11 - Samantha S. L. Lauer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-11 - Precious N. Haywood - Unlawful cannabis possession and driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 5-11 - Latravis T. Carpenter - Unlawful cannabis possession and carry/transport alcoholic liquor.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 4-24 - Criminal felony - Nicholas T. Evans - Aggravated battery/great bodily harm and criminal damage to property.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 5-4 - A possible domestic dispute was reported by a Toulon resident in the 400 block of W. Thomas St.
- 5-5 - Breckyn A. Birkett, 20, Chillothe, was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.
- 5-5 - Jeremy R. Sloat, 23, Odin, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance. He was issued a court date to appear.
- 5-6 - Marlon G. Peppers, 59, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 65 mph in a 55 zone and for driving while his license was revoked. His vehicle was impounded, and he was issued a court date to appear.
- 5-6 - Jerid A. Smith, 45, Toulon, was cited for driving a vehicle without insurance and for driving a vehicle with a suspended registration. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date.
- 5-6 - Steven M. Gallegos, 60, Lake Station, Ind., was cited for driving a vehicle without insurance and for possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle. His vehicle was impounded, and he was issued a court date.
- 5-7 - Stephanie D. Fritz, Wyoming, reported a theft from the Osceola Grove Cemetery where she discovered a handcrafted cross was missing from her father’s gravesite.
- 5-7 - Dalton J. Dean, 23, Sheffield, was ticketed for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.
- 5-7 - The owner of a rental house in Elmira reported they had missing items and property ruined by former tenants who were evicted.
- 5-8 - Ricardo C. Lopez, 67, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.
- 5-8 - Ruth Lang, Galva, reported the theft of a John Deere Gator side by side and a 1968 Honda minibike from her machine shed. Upon further investigation the items were later located and returned. It was noted that a second estate owner had given permission to remove the items without the complainant’s knowledge. The parties were advised to have the estate issues handled through a legal process.
- 5-10 - Jorge L. Cortez-Paredes, 35, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55 zone. He was issued a court date.
- 5-10 - Michael L. Rucker, 22, Gallesburg, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a court date.
- 5-10 - Joshua R. Petty, 45, Toulon, was cited for driving a lawn tractor and trailer on a public street while on a suspended driver’s license. The mower and trailer were impounded



and he was issued a court date.

5-10 - Jace M. Alldredge, 28, Kewanee, was cited for driving without a valid registration, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and for driving without a valid driver’s license. He was also issued a notice to appear for possession of a hypodermic needle.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 5-5 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to remove an unwanted subject who was causing a disturbance. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 - 5-5 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 - 5-5 - to the 700 block of SE 2nd St. to recover a container full of used hypodermic needles. The needles were collected and disposed of properly.
 - 5-5 - several more times to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 - 5-5 – to the northwest side of town to assist Henry County with a trespassing complaint.
 - 5-6 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 - 5-6 - to the 800 block of NW 7th Ave. for a cat-bite complaint. A resident received a very minor bite wound from their own cat.
 - 5-6 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a runaway juvenile complaint. Officer located the youth near the park district and returned them home to a guardian.
 - 5-7 - to speak with a subject by telephone about crimes they were maybe involved with in the early 1980s in the Galva area. The subject appeared to be suffering from mental-health issues.
 - 5-7 - to the 200 block of SE 5th Ave. to recover a debit card that was found. It was returned to the owner.
 - 5-7 - to assist Knox County deliver a message to a Galva resident.
 - 5-7 - to a residence on NE 8th St. for a welfare check involving a child-custody dispute.
 - 5-8 - to the 100 block of SE 6th Ave. for a civil-property dispute.
 - 5-9 - to assist the ambulance with a medical emergency in the 00 block of Burlington Road.
 - 5-9 - to the Galva-Atkinson blacktop just north of town to assist a motorist who had a flat tire.
 - 5-9 - to the 100 block of SW 4th St. for a physical disturbance. This case remains under investigation.
 - 5-9 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a theft complaint.
 - 5-9 - to the 400 block of SW 6th Ave. for a wild-animal complaint involving a raccoon stuck under a vehicle.
 - 5-9 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a physical domestic disturbance. As a result, Jamie Howard,

- 36, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.
- 5-9 - to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave. to assist the fire department with a possible structure fire.
- 5-10 - to Route 34 just west of town for a suspicious person who appeared to have blood on them. Officer located a subject who was involved in a serious motorcycle accident further west of town. Stark County Medic and the LifeFlight helicopter were paged to assist.
- 5-10 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., Christina Williams, 47, Altona, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date.
- 5-10 - to the east edge of town for a reckless-driving complaint. Officer located the suspect motorcycle and made a traffic stop. A warning was issued.
- 5-10 - to a residence on SW 9th Ave. for a trespassing/remove unwanted subject complaint. The subject was served a written notice.
- 5-11 - to the NE 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
- 5-11 - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dogs was inside the residence upon officer’s arrival.
- 5-11 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a civil standby to retrieve property.
- 5-11 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a child-custody dispute.
- 5-11 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a loud-music complaint.
- 5-11 - Daniel Bosi, 44, Peru, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

- 5-5 - 4C Mokena Property LLC to Daniel Jr. and Trisha Berchtold - Pt. Sect. 13-13-6 NW - Consideration = \$575,000.
- 5-5 - 4C Mokena Property LLC to Daniel Jr. and Trisha Berchtold - Pt. Sect. 13-13-6 NW - Consideration = \$0.
- 5-5 - James O. Bent to Lisa D. Bent - Giles C. Dana’s Add’n - Pt. Block 5 Lot 2 - 403 S. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
- 5-6 - Hattie E. Rose to Derek Gray and Jamie Stone - Lt. 60 Assr’s Sub. - Sect. 36-13-6 SW - 107 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$50,000.
- 5-6 - Kim A. and Teri L. Moore to Jeremiah A. Calef - Pt. Sect. 11-14-7 NE - Vg. of Lombardville Block 1 Lots 3-10 - 17045 Twp. Rd. 1700 E, Bradford - \$40,000.
- 5-7 - Ernst P. Unhold to Rhett Bliss - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt. Block 8 Lots 11 and 12 - 114 S. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$73,000.
- 5-7 - Douglas J. Webster to James H. Webster LLC - Pt. Sect. 21-12-5 NW, NE, SW, SE - Consideration = \$0.

Marriage

- 5-5 - Hannah Elizabeth Dries, Bradford and Gregory Bryce Knowles, Toulon.



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The export line slackens as Brazil reels it in

From 30,000 feet, the Port of Los Angeles looks like a child’s toy being unfolded into a multi-faceted Transformer. This blocky, brawny big brother, however, covers 7,500 acres and lies shoulder-to-shoulder with its 3,200-acre little sister, the Port of Long Beach.

Together, these trade titans make the largest American port. By itself, the Los Angeles side handled the equivalent of 8.6 million, 20-foot containers in 2023; Long Beach loaded and unloaded a similar amount.

That hyper-volume has kept their 68 miles of waterfront and wharfs packed, stacked and humming month after busy month for decades.

Until this month, that is, as the White House's on-again, off-again tariffs appear to be on again. That means the LA side is expecting a 35% drop in imports during the first week of May, according to its director.

When that expected shortfall is combined with an anticipated slowdown at Long Beach, “(b)oth ports ... expect to see nearly 60 blank sailings” – scheduled unloading or loading times that ships now either skip or cancel – for the month of May.

Fewer ships unloading foreign goods means fewer ships to be

loaded with U.S. goods. This reality fattens – not trims – the U.S. trade deficit, slows the economy and threatens the 5.6 million U.S. jobs dependent on the goods that move through the two ports every year.

And they aren’t the only West Coast ports being hit hard by the White House’s trade policies. Oakland, Seattle-Tacoma and Kalma, Ore., are three other avenues for American ag exports headed to China, Japan, South Korea and other Asia-Pacific customers.

And each is substantial in size and dollars. American soybeans, for example, were the third-largest export from the Port of Los Angeles in 2024. All told, most of the \$12.84 billion in soy exports – or just over half of all U.S. ag exports to China in 2024 – went through West Coast ports.

Given the massive tariffs the White House clings to in its trade war with China, American farmers now face unknowable risks as they plant their 2025 crops.

Recall that before the first Trump Administration’s tariff war in 2017, Brazil increased its soybean exports to China by 45%, noted University of Illinois ag economist Joana Colussi recently, from 2.5 billion bushels to 3.6 billion bushels.

Then, in 2018, when China responded to U.S. tariffs with 25% import tariffs, Brazil’s share of Chinese soy imports peaked at a staggering 82% as the U.S. withered to 18%.

Only after both sides agreed to re-

move tariffs on soy did U.S. soybean exports to China rebound to a 50% market share, better but still below its pre-2018 level of 60%.

Today, “American soybeans now face double the tariffs in the Chinese market compared to the levels during Trump’s first term,” Colussi explains. Worse is that “other major trading partners like the European Union are also affected. In fact, all of the top 10 markets for U.S. soybeans have been hit with tariffs.”

But the world outside the careening Trump tariffs continues to operate as normal.

Recently, the Brazilian Association of Vegetable Oil Industries, comments Colussi, projected Brazil’s soybean exports will reach 3.9 billion bushels this year, with 73% headed to China.

And post-tariffs – whenever and whatever that might be – American farmers shouldn’t expect to get that massive market back because “Chinese companies are also investing in Brazilian ports, roads and railways.”

Little wonder. After two bitter tariff wars in less than a decade, China now sees Brazil as a better long-term bet for groceries than the U.S.

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Shipp sworn in as Stark Co. Board member

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News
TOULON – Melissa Shipp of rural Toulon is rejoining the Stark County Board of Supervisors after a five-year absence.

Shipp was sworn in at Tuesday’s meeting to replace Tim McMillen, who resigned. Shipp was on the board previously, but opted not to run for reelection in 2020. Shipp who will serve until Nov. 30, 2026.

Robert Finney of Toulon was appointed to the Planning Commission for three years until May 31, 2028. Dennis Daum and John Nowlan were reappointed to the Farmland Assessment Review Board for three years, while Daum and Phil Shaner were reappointed

to the Board of Review for three years.
Matthew Kieser of rural Bradford addressed the board to explain why he and other farm-animal producers have requested an informational meeting. The meeting would be facilitated by the Illinois Department of Agriculture in regards to a proposed 1,984-hog confinement facility that would be located approximately 3.2 miles north of Bradford. The county board did not act on this request.
Seventy-five or more county residents who are registered voters can petition the county board with a request for the Department of Agriculture to conduct an informational meeting.
The board passed two motor fuel tax resolutions.



Melissa Shipp is sworn into office by county clerk/recorder Heather Hollis at Tuesday’s county board meeting. Shipp rejoins the board after a five-year hiatus and replaces Tim McMillen. Photo by John Ballentine.

One is for Castleton Road to have 8 inches of CA6, often referred to as sub-base granular backfill. It is crushed limestone placed on a road to reconstruct it. It will cost \$140,000.
The second approval was for \$275,000 for the purpose of maintaining county streets/highways. The board held a closed session to discuss the purchase of real property to construct a new county highway building. No action was taken after the closed session.
The county finance report by Treasurer Paula Leezer had no surprises except for a transfer of funds concerning the county’s two K9 units for animal control.

REAL ESTATE AND AUCTIONS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
STARK COUNTY
MORTON COMMUNITY BANK,**
An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.
TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R. WILKINS,
W. CLARK WILKINS, EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a
Delaware Limited Liability Company, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2024FC6
NOTICE OF SHERIFF’S SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in

the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.
1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M. Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.
2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1013 N. Main Avenue, Wyoming, IL 61491.
3. P.I.N.: 04-36-103-009;
4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence.
5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the

following times: This property will not be open for inspection.
6. The time and place of the sale are: June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the courtroom at the Stark County Courthouse.
7. The terms of the sale are: This is an “AS-IS” sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.
8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein and redemption rights of the United States of

America. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises.
MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
By: /s/ Lynne M. Binkele
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Super Crossword

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ACROSS

1 Neighbor of Croatia
7 Pakistan's largest city
14 Hajj or Indra
20 For only the price of production
21 Rarely used golf club
22 Alive rival
23 Spectator's loud cheers
25 Sitable sales
26 Angled
27 Southeast Kansas city
28 River sleet
30 Beginner's painting class
31 Sousaphone, e.g.
33 Loaf flavored with a certain fragrant herb
39 Incorporates gradually
43 Hitler Grifley
44 Having a basic knowledge of arithmetic
45 "The Wild West" actor
47 São — (largest of the Cape Verde)
48 Actress Jessica
49 — permigians
50 Hi — image
51 Gaffer's peg
54 Vote in favor
55 Clairnetel Shaw
58 Wander
62 Temporary committee
63 Creator of Oz
65 Neighbor of Croatia
66 Acquisec, figuratively
71 Virgil epic
72 Noted Deco master
73 Paper opinion pieces
74 Many a song by Journey or Chicago
77 Eight x five
78 Knight's title
81 Suffix with journal
82 Alley —
83 Plateware item
85 Ho-hum thing
86 Hurl
89 Site-to-site transfer of data
93 "Glass half full" attitude
96 JFK posting
97 Deprived of parental care
98 It's east of Croatia
101 "The devil — the details"
102 Cure — (panacea)
103 Alabama-to-its il
104 Per unit
106 Pound pen
110 Popular video-sharing service
113 Apt thing to drive on while pondering this puzzle's theme?
118 Villa
119 Fine-toed fan by Journey or Chicago
120 Turn to ice
121 "Get —"
122 Chooses
123 Hurdled
DOWN
1 Fishhook
2 Siouxan tribe member
3 Read hastily
4 The Rhine flows into it
5 Thermal or lateral lead-in
6 Initially
7 Germany's Helmut
8 Land — (pay attention)
9 — center (community facility)
10 Make public
11 — Magnon
12 " — I supposed to know?"
13 Dairyming or pekee
14 Gallivant
15 Darth Vader, in boyhood
16 CNN political commentator
17 U.S. capital's vicinity
18 Allude to
19 Not affresco (John Travolta film)
24 Drink mixer
29 Fact
32 Adap. to posts
34 Gumbo vegetable
35 Fasten shut
36 Tenuis
37 Vocalist
38 Ask earnestly
39 Ask earnestly
40 Golf target
41 "SOS" band
42 Tyro
46 Born, on a society page
50 Lively frolic
51 Sousaphone, e.g.
52 Oklahoma city
53 Self-help writer LeShan
55 Go off script
56 Old Valerie Harper role
57 "Mazel —" novelst
58 B-mannered
59 Up until now
60 "I Am Woman" singer Helen
61 Mixed metals
62 Supermodel
63 Social insect
64 Minstrel poet
66 Some antique
67 In time past
68 Gather in
69 Depend on
70 Mo. in spring
71 Exist
75 Unlace, e.g.
76 Having vulgar interests
77 To and —
78 Imminently
79 "Dies —" (hymn)
80 Comic Fox
83 Selly Greek cheese
84 Neighbor of Yemen
85 Boils a little
86 Wild West sheriff's badge
87 Med. plan
88 Comic actor Mayall
89 Minister's study: Abbr.
90 "Love Story" novelst
91 Segal
92 Switch to second gear, maybe
93 Chi preader
94 Speechless
95 Chai with
96 Seal
100 John of Iam
105 Fruit drink
107 Wines
108 Stare
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111 Ex-Giant Mel
112 Lock go-with
114 Crooner
115 Here, in Arles
116 Fizzling thing
117 Miracle —

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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TOP 10 MOVIES

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1. Thunderbolts* (PG-13) | 7. The King of Kings (PG) |
| 2. Sinners (R) | 8. Warfare (R) |
| 3. A Minecraft Movie (PG) | 9. HIT: The 3rd Case (NR) |
| 4. The Accountant 2 (R) | 10. The Surfer (R) |
| 5. Until Dawn (R) | |
| 6. The Amateur (PG-13) | (c) 2025 King Features Synd., Inc. |

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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1. MOVIES: What is the name of Han Solo's ship in the "Star Wars" series?
2. TELEVISION: What is Ray Barone's job on the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond"?
3. U.S. STATES: The Baltimore Ravens' name is a nod to which past famous resident?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called "alliumphobia"?
5. LITERATURE: Who created the fictional detective Lord Peter Wimsey?
6. GAMES: Which chess piece can't move in a straight line?
7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby mouse called?
8. SCIENCE: What does the acronym RNA stand for?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to wear contact lenses?
10. ASTRONOMY: Which constellation contains Polaris, the North Star?

Answers

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Millennium Falcon. | 6. Knight. |
| 2. Sportswriter. | 7. A pinky or pup. |
| 3. Edgar Allen Poe, who wrote the poem "The Raven." | 8. Ribonucleic Acid. |
| 4. Fear of garlic. | 9. Lyndon Johnson. |
| 5. Dorothy L. Sayers. | 10. Ursa Minor (The Little Dipper). |
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Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuote
answer
I find television very educating. Every time somebody turns on the set, I go into the other room and read a book. — Groucho Marx



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Elmira Memorial Day service announced

ELMIRA – The annual Elmira Community Memorial Day Service will be held at the Elmira United Presbyterian Church on Monday, May 26, at 2 p.m.

The service will begin at the church with a short business meeting and program. Bob Wilkinson will speak on “Burial of American Soldiers Killed in War and Other Veteran Burials.”

A parade to the Elmira Cemetery will follow the program at the church with local piper Bill Good in the lead. Crosses will be carried and placed by participants at the graves of all veterans buried there.

Galva UMC hosts blood drive on May 20

GALVA – The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will hold a

blood drive on Tuesday, May 20, from 1-6 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Galva.

For an appointment, please call 1-800-733-2767.

College honors

• Kathryn Kidd of Toulon made

the Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) at Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for the spring 2025 trimester.

Abilities Plus hosts resource fair on May 22

KEWANEE – Abilities Plus will host a Community Resource Fair on May 22 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Abilities Plus, located at 1100 N. East St. in Kewanee.

The Resource Fair is meant to provide a one-stop shop of all of the local services and support available in our area to those in need. This event brings together various organizations and services that support our community. From health resources to educational opportunities, there’s something to help everyone.

Community resource providers interested in having a table at the event can contact Lauren Dynes-Gillespie at (309) 852-4623.



Pictured above (left to right) are Oliver Karnes, Ellie Kendall and Parker Kaiser, recipients of the Wildcat Pride Award, and retiring teacher Kris Sullens, who was honored for 33 years of teaching. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Smoke from a fire near Altona last Friday evening could be seen for miles. Nine local fire departments responded to help battle the blaze, which engulfed multiple structures on the property on County Highway 12.

Smoke from Altona fire could be seen for miles

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

ALTONA – Nine fire departments battled a fire that engulfed a farmhouse and buildings last Friday just south of Altona on County Highway 12.

Smoke from the fire could be seen for miles and the Altona Fire Department was called back several times during the night for flareups.

Altona immediately called for mutual aid from Bishop Hill, Oneida, Wataga, La-Fayette, Victoria, Toulon, Wyoming and Galva.

Altona Fire Chief

Keith Holland said there were multiple structures fully engulfed when firefighters arrived.

Galva Fire Chief Nate Byers said his department remained on the scene until about midnight.

Holland said that the cause of the fire is unknown at this time and the Illinois State Fire Marshal was notified.

Holland said he could not comment on whether any animals had lost their lives, or if anyone was living there at the time of the blaze.



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Pages From the Past

Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago in 2015

- Funeral services were held for 101-year-old Joseph P. Colgan, of Wyoming.
 - Judge Thomas A. Keith, of Wyoming, gave the Commencement Address at the 47th Annual Carl Sandburg College graduation.
 - Jenna Bibb is hired for the Stark County elementary school principal position. (She left that position in 2024 to become the Cambridge School District superintendent).
 - Stark County Ventures sign a 10-year lease to have Chad Patel operate the new Toulon grocery store when it opens in November.
 - Wyoming History & Arts Association continues the restoration of the Paramount Theatre.
- 25 Years Ago in 1990
- Bradford High School's 1960s classes plan reunion of classes from 1960 through 1969.
 - Bradford Youth Center "kids" invade the Springfield Holidome. The group visited Lincoln's Tomb and went for a one-mile hike at the Wildlife Refuge Park.
 - Long-time Toulon resident 81-year-old Clyde Ham passed away at his

- residence. He was a WWII veteran, worked in the local cheese factory industry from 1936 to 1988 and also held other various occupations during those years.
- The Bradford house located at 315 South Peoria Street is believed to be the oldest house in Bradford having been built in 1856.
- 35 Years Ago in 1990
- The Toulon-LaFayette High School band under the direction of Rod Reed and the T-L High School choir under the direction of Angie Dallefeld (Roark) performed during the Spring Concert.
 - The Rock Island Trail is scheduled for an official opening in Wyoming.
 - A hearing on Stark County schools' consolidation plan is scheduled in Toulon. Bradford, Wyoming and Toulon-LaFayette High Schools would
- form a new school district being known as Stark County High School.
- Gerald C. Stapel, of Toulon, retired as The State Bank of Toulon president and was succeeded by Ivan Donner. Stapel began his banking career following his WWII military service.
- 40 Years Ago in 1985
- There was no published newspaper during this time.
- 50 Years Ago in 1975
- The Toulon "Fire Bell" was placed in the city's park. The bell was purchased in 1895 and it was utilized to summon firemen to the fire station and also to signal the evening's curfew for underage children. The curfew practice was discontinued in the early 1940s. The bell was for fires until a siren replaced it in 1916.
 - Carmack Ford Dealer-

ship, of Wyoming, advertised a 1971 Datsun as a "Special Buy" regularly priced at \$1,495 but listed for the Special at \$1,295. LaFayette Women's Club celebrated its 50 th anniversary.

- Bradford's Bill Greek Chevrolet advertised the "New Monza Town Coupe" with free coffee and donuts for coming into the dealership. Also, Woodford Sales & Service, in Bradford, had small appliances and cookware for sale.



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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
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(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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Robert A. Baskovic

GALVA – Robert Allen Baskovic, 82, of Galva, Ill., passed away on Friday, May 9, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Funeral services were to be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, May 15 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Rebecca Gearhart officiating. Visitation was to be held from 5-7 p.m., on Wednesday, May 14, at the funeral home. Burial was to be in the Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Galva, Lake Calhoun Country Club or the First Congregational UCC Church of Punta Gorda, Fla.

Robert was born on July 11, 1942, in Oak Lawn, Ill., the son of Frank and Lillian Baskovic. He is survived by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Wendy (Mitch) Nystedt, of Morris, Ill.; son, Wes (Maria) of Silvis, Ill.; and a sister, Patricia Reilly of Kettering, Ohio. Also surviving are his grandchildren Haley, Molly and Trevor Nystedt, Lisette Martinez and Macio Baskovic.

Bob graduated from Riverside-Brookfield High School and Illinois State University with a master’s degree in instrumental music. His first teaching job was in Virden, Ill. He married Joyce Bauman in Normal, Ill., on Dec. 18, 1965.

In 1965, they moved to Galva where he continued teaching music until his retirement. Many, many students had “Mr. B” as their band teacher. Then he spent several years teaching music appreciation at Black Hawk College East Campus.

Bob was a longtime member of the Bishop Hill High Society Band. He sang in Choral Dynamics of Galesburg and in church choirs in Galva, Kewanee and Punta Gorda. He also played in other area bands. He was an avid golfer at Lake Calhoun and enjoyed playing other area courses and taking golfing vacations with friends. For the last 18 years, he and Joyce enjoyed winters in Florida, mostly at Windmill Village in Punta Gorda.

He was a member of the First Congregational Church of Galva and the Congregational UCC Church of Punta Gorda.



Baskovic

Rose

Chillicothe, Ill. He preceded her in death on Oct. 10, 2011.

Rose was a member of the Dallas City High School Class of 1956. Rose worked at different jobs through the years, but helping Steve with his Berry Tax and Accounting business was her favorite job of all.

Rose was a devoted member of St. Edward’s Catholic Church in Chillicothe.

Rose enjoyed traveling the U.S. with Sonny and spending the winter in warm locations.

Rose’s pride and joy were her grandson and great-granddaughters. Survivors include one daughter, Sheila (David) Robertson of Hot Springs Village, Ark.; her grandson, Jason (Melissa) Catton; two great-granddaughters, Aurelia Rose and Ella Mae Catton, all of Peoria; one foster son, Benjamin Conway of West Palm Beach, Fla.; four brothers, Dennis McNaught of Covina, Calif., Curtis (Sue) Clark of Sacramento, Calif., Dale (Judy) Clark of Donnellson, Iowa, and Nick Clark; four sisters, Sandy Penrod of Fort Madison, Iowa, and LaVeta Smith, LaVera (Gary) Leebold and Sheryl Clark, all of Dallas City; as well as many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; both husbands; one sister, Sylvia “Sally” Clark; and two brothers, Montray Clark and Larry Clark.

Cremation was accorded, graveside services and burial will be held in Princeville Township Cemetery at 11 a.m. on May 24, 2025. A celebration of life is also be planned for Rose at a later date.

Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Rose’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Rita M. Henneberry

TOULON – Rita Marie Henneberry, 94, of Toulon, Ill., passed away at 8:30 a.m. on May 5, 2025, at The Garden of Kewanee, in Kewanee, Ill.

Rita was born on Oct. 25, 1930, in Ivesdale, Ill., the daughter of John Thomas “Tom” Walsh and Mabel “Marie” (Wood) Walsh. She married Harry “Lee” Henneberry on June 24, 1950, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Ivesdale. He preceded her in death on Aug. 3, 2001.

She was a member of St. Dominic’s Catholic Church in Wyoming, Ill.

Lee and Rita and their children entertained with a family variety show. They traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. She was a seamstress for the family business, making all their outfits. Rita loved to travel. Her biggest love was being with her family and having her family all together.

Rita is survived by her children: Michael L. Henneberry of Kentucky; Mark E. Henneberry and wife Joyce of North Carolina; Margy Marie Rogers and husband



Henneberry

Don

Don of Illinois; Mary Zita Miller and husband Brian of Ohio; Maria Catherine Henneberry and husband Adrian of Arizona; and Michelle Ann Baldwin and husband Doug of Colorado; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, four brothers and three sisters.

A Funeral Mass was to be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 10, 2025, at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church in Decatur, Ill., with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial was to be in St. Isadore Cemetery, Bethany, Ill.

Memorials may be made to St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Cambridge, Ill.

Condolences can be left at www.moranandgoebel.com.

Delbert E. Howell

BRADFORD – Delbert E. Howell, 93, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, May 8, 2025.

Services were to be held at Ankeny Baptist Church (2842 SW 3rd St. Pl., Ankeny, Iowa) on Friday, May 16, 2025, with visitation at 10:30 a.m. and a funeral at 11:30 a.m. A graveside service will be held in Bradford Cemetery in Bradford, Ill., on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at 11:30 a.m.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Doris; daughters Debbie (Gary) Wessels, Darcy (Tim) Stanley and Donya (Darrell) Bayles; 11 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Darla Gryder, and a great-grandchild.

The family asks that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Perrin’s Park at Cornerstone Baptist Church, 8508 Pelham Rd., Greenville, SC 29615 (please be sure to designate the gift for Perrin’s Park in honor of Delbert Howell) or to the Polk County Jail Ministries, Inc., 1985 NE 51st Place, Des Moines, IA 50313.

A full obituary is online at MemoirServicesOfflowa.com.



Howell

Timothy D. Milroy

TOULON – Timothy Dean Milroy, 64, of Toulon, passed away at home on Friday, May 9, 2025. Tim was born on Oct. 15, 1960, in Galesburg to Robert and Lorraine (Middaugh) Milroy.

Surviving are one daughter, Andrea (Ricky) Quinn of Avon; one son, Michael (Brittany) Milroy of Groveland; seven grandchildren, Kaydin, Sawyer, Grayson, Tinley, Haddie, Cohen and Ivy; two brothers, Greg (Amy) Milroy of Toulon and Shane (Jill) Milroy of Kewanee; several nieces and nephews; and his former wife, Mary Kretzer of Wyanet. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Rose Milroy and Valerie Grant.



Milroy

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Tim started his career at Young’s and became part of the Nelson family, working many years for Ivan at Nelson Auto Sales. Tim spent the last 23-plus years of his career working for CMS for the State of Illinois, retiring at the end of December 2024.

Tim spent many years volunteering for the Toulon Fire Department, was a former Knights of Columbus member and loved time spent fishing. Tim had many accomplishments in one of his favorite past times of running. He met so many amazing people and ran some great races, completing several marathons. Most of all Tim loved a good time with a cold drink ... until he had that thing to do. Party on!

His visitation will be from 2-to-4 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Family and friends are then invited to celebrate his life following the visitation at Catalpa Grove followed by The Tap in Toulon.

A private graveside service will take place at a later time in Oak Lawn Memorial Gardens in Galesburg.

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

Sue E. Slygh-Carrington

TOULON – Sue Ellen Slygh-Carrington, 82, passed on while surrounded by family at OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Ill., on May 6, 2025. She was born Dec. 14, 1942, in Kewanee to George and Jeanette (Johnson) Slygh, later to become big sister to Barb and JoAnn.

In high school she would meet Danny, in 1964 marry him in Toulon, and go on to a 61-year marriage, which added Jill and Scott to their number. She created a home in the multiple states they lived, from Michigan, to Missouri and Colorado, but primarily as a native of Illinois, including Glen Ellyn, Peoria, Kewanee and finally Toulon, the place she was raised and is now to be laid to rest.

Following her mother into teaching, she earned her bachelor’s degree in education from Illinois State University and cherished her time as a teaching assistant in multiple school systems, all while supporting her family as wife and mother.

She taught, and was herself a life-long student, pouring herself into study of personal faith and Biblical ministry. Wherever she lived, she was consistent and steadfast in prayer and support of her church, with a focus toward lifting up other women of faith. Sue was a lay minister at Toulon Congregational church, a member of Kewanee Ladies Reading Group, a number of prayer groups and Bible studies and was a hospital chaplain in Sebring, Fla.

Occasionally, she also pursued her early interest in geology, taking shape in the form of hand-crafting jewelry. She was a servant in her faithfulness, and a bright lantern on the path for those trying to find

their way. She is survived by husband Dan, along with one daughter Jill (Joseph) Hulsey of Toulon and one son Scott (Joy) Carrington of Normal; seven grandchildren, Hannah (Brandon) Simpson, Cammille (Klayton) Kiburz, Grace Carrington, Ella Carrington, Wilson Carrington, Mitchell (Kaylie) Hulsey and Devon (Ryan) Clark; one great-grandchild Elena Simpson; two sisters, Barbara (Donald) Struckmeyer of Cottage Grove, Wis., and JoAnn Tipping of Marietta, Ga.; and several nieces and nephews.

Her funeral was Saturday, May 10, 2025, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Dr. David Pendergrass was to officiate. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Toulon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Condolences may be left for Sue’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Alfred S. Wentworth III

KEWANEE – Alfred Spaulding Wentworth III was born on June 11, 1951, at McGhoe Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pa. He passed away on May 3, 2025, in Walnut, Ill.

He married Michele Pillen on Nov. 30, 1985, at the First Presbyterian Church in Kewanee. Survivors include his wife of Kewanee; son Mason (Kathleen); daughter, Rachael; and his two grandchildren, Gideon and Elora. He is also survived by his sister Constance (David) Longo.

Al was an alumnus of Hinsdale Township High School Central, Class of 1969, and Monmouth College, Class of 1973. In his youth, Al was active in the Explorer Scouts, was a member of the Westminster Fellowship Group and participated in his high school wrestling program and swim team.

Al worked as a master carpenter for 45 years and became a member of the Carpenter’s Union. He began his career in Bishop Hill as a restoration carpenter and since then spent years working in the surrounding communities.

He was a dedicated family man who adored his children and grandchildren. He was a dedicated and loyal friend who had a passion for gardening, music and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joan Wentworth and Alfred Spaulding Wentworth Jr.

A memorial service will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, May 17, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Pastor Art Blegen officiating. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the First Presbyterian Church in Kewanee or to the Henry County Humane Society-Kewanee Chapter.

Nancy Wilson

TOULON – Nancy Wilson, 86, of Toulon, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at her home surrounded by loving family.

Born on May 15, 1938, in Mineral, she was the daughter of the late Lyle

and Bertha (Morgan) Carrington. On Aug. 4, 1957, she married David Wilson at the Toulon Methodist Church; he survives. Also surviving are three children, Tamara (Hardy Klahold) Wilson of Denver, Colo., Bradley (Lorrie) Wilson of North Salem, Ind., and Mark (Cristin) Wilson of Toulon; six grandchildren, Jessica Beauchamp, Jacqueline (Sean) Johnson, Amanda (Pat) Hannon, Rachel (Andy) Painter, Luke (Autumn) Wilson and Jack (Calissa) Wilson; five great-grandchildren, Amelia Beauchamp, Reagan Johnson, Abigail Johnson, Elwood Hannon and River Hannon, with one on the way; and three siblings, Daniel Carrington of Toulon, Bonnie (Don) Schmidt of Toulon and Becky (Ralph) Lathrop of Robinson. She was preceded in death by a sister-in-law, Sue Carrington.

Nancy worked as a bookkeeper at Mower’s Soil Testing, as a secretary for state’s attorney Gene Rennick and retired from the University of Illinois Extension.

She was an avid sports fan, especially of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Kansas City Chiefs. She enjoyed shopping, traveling, going to swim at the YMCA and spending time with her family.

She was a member of the Toulon Methodist Church and the Toulon PEO. Nancy will be remembered for her great sense of humor.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at the Toulon Methodist Church from 1-4 p.m. Burial will take place privately at Toulon Cemetery.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to Cottey College or the Toulon Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for Nancy’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Jurretta S. Huffman

PRINCEVILLE – Jurretta Sue Huffman, 71, of Princeville, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at Evergreen Senior Living in Chillicothe, Ill., surrounded by loving family.

Born on June 8, 1953, in Peoria, she was the daughter of the late Milton J. and Dorcas J. (Gelling) Smith. On June 29, 1985, she married Glenn R. Huffman; he survives.

Further surviving are two daughters, Candice A. (Joseph) Rizzo and Amanda S. (Kevin) Bleichner; two stepsons, Robert A. (Sarah) Huffman and Shawn R. (Kelly) Huffman; eight grandchildren, Briana (Dylan) Sims, Jurretta J. Bleichner, Jonathan Bleichner, Brooke and Gage Huffman, Myles and Zander Huffman and Samantha Rizzo; two great-grandchildren, Owen G. Huffman and Zeke W. Briggs; and three sisters, Kim (Doug) Phillips, Bernice (Tho) Bunyarattaphantu and Bonnie (Ron) Riffey.

A funeral service will take place on Saturday, May 17, 2025, at Princeville United Methodist Church at 10 a.m. Pastor David Pyell officiating. Burial will follow in Princeville Township Cemetery. Visitation will take place on Friday, May 16, 2025, at the church from 5-7 p.m.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
Sandra J. Lang,
No. 2025PR43
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Sandra J. Lang. Letters of Office were issued on April 21, 2025, to Sarah Garcia 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 October 21, 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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Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
P.O. Box 165
Galva, IL 61434
309) 932-2001
Email: everettr@barashlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
Daniel L. Evans,
No. 2025PR44
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Daniel L. Evans. Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2025, to Teresa Allen 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 October 24, 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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Barash & Everett, LLC
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING (School Board)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois, that the amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year ending in July 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois in this School District from and after o'clock 8:00 am., on the 14th day of May, 2024.
Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 6:55 pm., on the day of Tuesday, June 17th, 2024, at the Galva Jr/Sr

High School Library in this School District Number 224. Dated this 17 th day of May, 2024. School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois.
Published 5/16/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, STARK COUNTY
MORTON COMMUNITY BANK,
An Illinois Banking Corporation,
Plaintiff,
v.
TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R. WILKINS, W. CLARK WILKINS, EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No. 2024FC6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M. Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.
2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1013 N. Main Avenue, Wyoming, IL 61491.
3. The legal description of the real estate is:
A part of Block 18 of CASTLE'S ADDITION to the City of Wyoming, more particularly bounded and described as follows:
Commencing at a gas pipe at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Block 14 of said Castle's Addition; thence East, a distance of One Hundred (100) feet to an iron rod; thence North along the East line of Main Street, a distance of 456.5 feet to an iron rod, the Place of Beginning for this description; thence East along a property line fence, a distance of 207.5 feet to an iron rod, said rod being fifty (50) feet West of the center line of the C. B. & Q Railroad; thence South along the West right of way line fifty (50) feet West of and parallel to the centerline of said railroad, a distance of fifty (50) feet, more or less; thence West, a distance of 207 feet, more or less, to a point fifty (50) feet South of the Place of Beginning; thence North, a distance of fifty (50) to the Place of Beginning; EXCEPTING from the above tract an alley Sixteen (16) feet wide along the West side and adjacent to the West right of way line of said Railroad;
AND

That portion of the abandoned Burlington-Northern Railroad right of way being approximately 50 feet wide by 99.5' in length running adjacent to the grantee's property and running adjacent to Charles Hawley's property West of the center line of said right of way lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all being situated in Stark County, Illinois; P.I.N.: 04-36-103-009;
4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence.
5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.
6. The time and place of the sale are: June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the courtroom at the Stark County Courthouse.
7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS-IS" sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.
8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated

by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein and redemption rights of the United States of America. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises.
MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,
By: /s/ Lynne M. Binkele
LYNNE M. BINKELE
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C.
101 NE Randolph Avenue
Peoria, Illinois 61606
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
CHARLES M. ORWIG, JR,
Deceased
No. 2025 PR 53

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF CHARLES D. JACOBS,
Deceased
No. 2025 PR 51

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Charles D. Jacobs. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2025, to Laura L. Martin as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the residence of Mike Werkheiser, Treasurer, 4295 County Highway 5, Galva, Illinois, from and after the 16th day of May, 2025.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 8:00 o'clock P.M., June 17, 2025, at the Galva Fire Department - Police Station, 210 Front Street, Galva, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Galva Fire Department - Police Station, 210 Front Street, Galva, Illinois, at 8:15 o'clock P.M., June 17, 2025.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.
Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.
Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois.
/S/ Josh Hopping
Josh Hopping, Secretary
Published 5/16/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF
BRUCE L. SIMMONS, Deceased
No. 2023 GR 15

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Bruce L. Simmons. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2025, to Penny Warren and Cheryl Biddix as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Clover Township Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, will be on file with the Secretary of the District and conveniently available to public inspection at Woodhull Village Hall, 150 N. Division Street, Woodhull, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 16th day of May, 2025.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:45 o'clock P.M., on the 17th day of June, 2025, at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees

of the Clover Township Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois on said 17th day of June, 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M.
By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.
Dated this 6th day of May, A.D. 2025.
Clover Township Fire Protection District
/S/ Larry Goff
Larry Goff, Secretary
Published 5/16/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025, and ending April 30, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Fire Station of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Bishop Hill, Henry County, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 16th day of May, 2025.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 17th day of June, 2025, at the Fire Station in said Fire Protection District, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station in the Village of Bishop Hill, in the Township of Weller, Henry County, Illinois on said 17th day of June, 2025, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.
By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.
Dated this 6th day of May, 2025.
Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District
/S/ Kent Youngstrom
Kent Youngstrom, Secretary
published 5/16/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
Earnest Edward Lamb, Jr.
No. 2025PR55
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Earnest Edward Lamb, Jr. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2025, to Lori L. Nyman 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 November 6, 2025.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
In The Matter of The Estate of KAREN E. BENNETT,
Case No. 25 PR 52
Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of KAREN E. BENNETT, of 29428 North 350th Avenue, Kewanee,

Illinois 61443. Letters of Office were issued to SHERMAN C. BENNETT, Independent Executor, of 29428 North 350th Avenue, Kewanee, Illinois 61443, whose attorney is DAVID L. COVER of Cover Law Group, LLP, with offices at Twin Towers Plaza, Suite 203-456 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, and 107 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Claims must be filed on or before December 15, 2025, or six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred as to the estate. If mailing or delivery of a notice from the independent executor is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, then the date of filing claims shall be the later of the date stated above or three months from the date of mailing or delivery.

Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Henry County, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the court, a copy of the claim must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to his attorney and file with the court proof of mailing or delivery of the copies.

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Dated: May 6, 2025
Sherman C. Bennett,
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PUBLIC NOTICE
A public hearing will be held in the Supervisor of Assessments office at the Stark County Courthouse on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 8:30 a.m..

The purpose of this hearing will be to inform taxpayers of equalized assessed values of farmland for the 2025 assessment year. The Property Tax Code, sections 10-110 through 10-125, (35ILCS200/10-110 through 10-125) requires farmland to be assessed in relation to productivity and use, using assessed values certified to County assessing officials by the Department of Revenue.

Renee L. Johnson
SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS
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Galva baseball improving as postseason nears

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

The Galva baseball team traveled to Biggsville on May 9 to score a 7-1 Lincoln Trail Conference win over West Central.

MJ Louck pitched a complete game, striking out seven and yielding four hits. Galva had four hits, two by Braxton Hulstrom.

“MJ pitched outstanding. He has won his last two starts. Defensively, we played very well,” Galva Coach Van White said. “Ty Dowell-Keup, Alec Gustafson, MJ Louck, Braxton Hulstrom and Tommy Funke have been hitting consistently for us while the rest of the order has improved at putting the ball in play which makes us more competitive.”

Galva (6-16) fell twice at Ridgewood 6-1 and 8-6 on Saturday. Louck and Blake Stahl had the only hits for the Wildcats. In the nightcap Galva rallied with five scores in its final at-bat but ran out of outs. Gage Simoneaux provided two RBI with two hits. Alec Gustafson drove in one run.

Galva is at Princeville on Monday at 4:30 p.m. for a Class 1A Putnam County Regional game.

• **Stark County softball** – Stark County carried a lead into the final inning Monday, but ROWVA-Williamsfield scored 11 times in the seventh to win 14-4. Coley Johnston’s sacrifice fly in the fourth scored Kenna Newton to give the Rebels (12-13) a 4-3 lead. Jacey Endress was 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Stark County was on the other end of two big scores May 10 in a 9-0, 16-1 doubleheader sweep of Monmouth United. Endress and Katie Grinnell were 2-for-3 with one RBI each in the first game. Johnston and Kenna Sparks had two RBI. Brooklyn Ostrowski scattered five hits and struck out six.

In the second game, Ostrowski allowed four hits over four innings and Stark County scored six in the first inning and eight in the second. Among 13 walks for the game, four drove in four first-inning runs.

Ridgewood held Stark County to four hits in a 10-0 victory May 8. The Rebels committed six errors. Holmstrom was 2-for-2.

Stark County opens postseason play at 4 p.m. on May 21 with a Class 1A regional semifinal against host Anna-

wan-Wethersfield in Kewanee.

• **Galva softball** – A 9-0 loss Tuesday to Knoxville was the fourth straight for Galva (3-17), which had six hits but four errors. Leadoff batter Arabella Porsche was 3-for-4.

Bureau Valley swept a doubleheader May 10 from Galva, 8-0 and 11-1. The Wildcats had three first-game hits, two from Kaylyn Gale. Her ctriple in the third inning of the second game brought home Amber Plummer to tie it at 1-1, but Bureau Valley scored nine in the fifth.

Annawan-Wethersfield scored 10 in the sixth on May 8 to beat Galva 18-3. Gale had a two-run homer in the sixth, and teammate Jovie Weber had an inside-the-park homer.

The eighth-seeded Wildcats play host to No. 9 Varna Midland in a Wethersfield Regional quarterfinal at 4:30 p.m. on Monday.

• **Stark County baseball** – Stark County (7-18) struggled in an 18-2 loss at home on May 6 to Brimfield. Chase Holstrom and Connor Daum each hit safely for the Rebels.

Stark County is at AlWood on Monday at 4:30 p.m. for a Class 1A regional game.

SPORTS: Bates wins long jump

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at Galva’s a Pam Foley Memorial Invite with a throw of 34-3.

• **Galva track** – Maddie Bates won the LTC triple jump last Friday, posting a PR leap of 31-2.25.

Reid Harris was the top Galva boys finisher, placing fourth in the high jump (5-7) and fifth in the 300 hurdles (47.29).

Bates also had a big night Monday at the Pam Foley Memorial Invite in Galva. She won the 100 (14.12); anchored Galva’s winning 4x100 relay (56.05) along with Addie Moore, Ella Ingels and Reese Sumner; and was first in long jump with a PR of 15-7.75.

The Galva girls were also got a win from Addie Moore in the high jump (4-7.75), a second from



Galva’s Maddie Bates won the triple jump at the Lincoln Trail Conference meet last Friday and won the 100 and long jump on Monday in the Pam Foley Memorial Invite.

Moore in the long jump (PR, 14-11) and a second-place finish in the 4x200 relay (2:13.19).

Harris was third in the 300 hurdles (PR, 45.81), high jump (PR, 5-10.75) and long jump (19-3.75).

Local athletes advance to IESA state track meet

A total of 15 local athletes qualified for the IESA State Track Meet in sectionals last Saturday. The Class 1A and 2A state meet is Friday and Saturday (May 16-17) at EastSide Centre in East Peoria. Here are qualifiers:

BRADFORD
7th grade girls
Sedona Smith won the 1,600-meter race in a personal record of 5:46.23.

GALVA
7th grade boys
Brigham Carasca won the 800 (2:26.76) and was second in high jump (4-11.5).

8th grade boys
The 4x100 relay (54.44) was first with Carasca, Drayce Powe, Donovan Sarver and Kaison Wood.

7th grade girls
Elizabeth Sellers won the 100 (PR, 13.19) and was second in the 100 hurdles (PR, 18.43) and long jump (PR, 15-1.5).

Aubrey Dowel-Keup was second in high jump (PR,

4-6.25).

8th grade girls
Kinsley Gale won the 1,600 (6:14.75).

STARK COUNTY
8th grade girls
The 4x100 relay was second (53.14) with Brandon Swearingen, Levi Sparks, Seth Duttlinger and Edwards Bickett.

8th grade boys
Will Denton was fourth in the 1,600 (PR, 5:14.69).

8th grade girls
Gia Swearingen won the 200 (PR, 28.09), was second in the 100 (PR, 13.46) and third in long jump (14-8).

Norah Rorem was fifth in the 1,600 (5:50.53).

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Stark County Regular Van Schedule for MAY

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| Mon., May 12: Peoria | Thurs., May 15: Kewanee |
| Mon., May 19: Geneseo | Thurs., May 22: Peoria |
| Mon., May 26: Princeton | Thurs., May 29: Kewanee |

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Prairie News Sports



Lady Rebels set 3 LTC records

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

While first place eluded the Stark County girls track team last Friday, a trio of meet records did not.

The Lady Rebels set three Lincoln Trail Conference meet records at Wethersfield en route to a second-place team finish to ROWVA-Williams-field.

Dusti Smith was part of two LTC records, winning the 1,600-meter run in 5:04.29 and anchoring the 4x800 relay's 9:45.44 time along with Sarah Kraklow, Paytin Terwilliger and Cheyenh Smith. Both times were also Stark County school records.

Chelsey Stotler set the other LTC mark by winning the shot put with a throw of 42 feet, 0.75 inches.

Other winners for the Lady Rebels were Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:21.77), Lauren Orwig in discus (119-2.25), Claire Bowser in high jump (5-0).

Orwig finished second in shot put (35-8.25) and



Stark County's 4x800 relay set school and Lincoln Trail Conference meet records last Friday with a winning time of 9:45.44. From left to right are Cheyenh Smith, Paytin Terwilliger, Sarah Kraklow and Dusti Smith.

Stark County was also runner-up in the 4x400 relay (4:11.52).

The girls were to compete Wednesday in a Class 1A track sectional at Mercer County in Aledo.

Heading into the sectional, Cheyenh Smith had the top time in the 800, Dusti Smith led the 1,600 and 3,200, the 4x800 relay was first and so was Stotler in shot put and Orwig in discus. Stotler led the state with her

shot put throw and Stark County's 4x800 relay also ranked second in the state, behind only the 9:40.2 time from Pleasant Plains.

Evan Knobloch was the top finisher for the seventh-place boys team at the LTC meet, winning the 3,200 in 9:55.18 and placing second in the 1,600 in 4:38.14. Nolan Snider was third in shot put with a PR of 45-7.25.

On Monday, Michelle Atchley won the shot put

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