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Stark County hires architect for new highway building

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – After a closed session Tuesday evening to discuss the purchase of real property, the Stark County Board of Supervisors hired the services of an architect firm.

Board Chair Kari Bush said Mackinaw-based Atelier, P.C.was hired to design the new highway building.

No other details on plans for the new building were provided

during or after the board meeting.

This was the board’s eighth closed-session discussion on the topic of purchasing real property since May 2024.

In the closed session Tuesday were board members Bush, Vice-Chair Robin Nowlan, Tom Howes, Jamie Schaffer, Adam Wilson, Melissa Shipp, Joe Orwig and Bill Loane. Also in attendance were County Engineer Judd Giffin, State Bank of

Toulon Executive Vice-President/Chief Loan Officer Doug Blunier, County Treasurer Paula Leezer and Stark County State’s Attorney Austin King.

Giffin’s highway report informed the board that he is working on the new highway building and a survey. He said he wanted to discuss this in closed session.

Giffin also reported that the highway department has been replacing signs around the county

with larger ones. He said road patching has been worked on and bridge inspections and the Castleton Road repair should happen soon, since the county’s Motor Fuel Tax bid was approved as part of last year’s program.

Leezer reported that June 2 was the cutoff date to pay taxes and that the county received \$10.2 million that will be disbursed on July 2. She proposed that the board investigate pur-

chasing a generator as a backup for the courthouse and the annex building next to the courthouse. This would prevent closing county offices due to electrical outages.

Sheriff Steven Sloan reported various repairs were accomplished at the courthouse. He also reported that the new E911 Center’s backup generator did not run consistently during Toulon’s two electrical outages. It

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WELCOMING SUMMERTIME

Midsommar

Free concerts and family events at Bishop Hill for annual festival

For The Prairie News

BISHOP HILL – The annual Midsommar Music Festival returns here on June 21.

Highlights of the traditional Swedish holiday festival include free concerts in the park, a Swedish Maypole celebration and more. Attendees are asked to bring their own lawnchairs to better enjoy the day’s concerts.

Celebrating Midsommar, one of the two most popular holidays in Sweden – the other being Christmas – is a very ancient practice, dating

back to pre-Christian times. It has its roots in pagan rituals to welcome summer and the season of fertility.

In Sweden, Midsommar festivals have been around for at least 500 years. Even in agrarian times, people in Sweden welcomed summertime by decorating their houses and farm tools with foliage and raising tall Maypoles to dance around.

The free concerts at the village park gazebo will begin at 10 a.m. This year’s lineup includes Black Hawk Pipes and Drums, Chloe Finch, the

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Pictured above and left are scenes from a prior year's events at Bishop Hill's Midsommar Festival, which returns on June 21.

Toulon council approves \$45,000 for well repair

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council on Monday passed a motion to hire Peerless Well and Pump, Inc., of Dubuque, Iowa, to perform necessary repairs on the city’s No. 1 well.

Total cost is not to exceed \$45,000 for Peerless to pull the well parts out, including the pump, and replace it with a new one if required.

During the council’s May meeting, Mayor Larry Hollis said an immediate repair was required for a leak in well No. 1. At that time, an estimate was to be obtained for the cost of a crane to remove the well’s piping and associated pieces.

No cost was provided Monday for use of a crane, but evidently it was included in the possible \$45,000 expenditure. After repairs, the parts and pump will be reinstalled.

“The leak is progressively getting worse,” said Matt Forstrom,

a city employee.

In a disputed agenda item, Hollis told the council that secretary to the council Brad Milburn will be archiving old city paper records into electronic files.

“I would like see us increase Brad’s pay a little bit,” Hollis said.

Council member Mitch Hulsey responded, “We are supposed to give pay increases once a year. This (pay increase) keeps coming up every other monthly meeting or so.”

Added council member Donna Lefler, “He is getting paid. What difference does it make what he is getting paid? If he’s got that much time left over to do this (archiving). ... In other words we have to pay him more to work harder?”

At this juncture, Hollis dropped the issue without any action and moved on to the next agenda item.

Milburn was also appointed through an approved resolution

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TOULON: City acreage will be appraised

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to become Toulon’s agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. IMRF representatives will only communicate with a designated agent from a city.

The council also discussed selling a 3-acre piece of city land just south-east of Toulon across the creek from the cemetery. The council decided to have the land appraised, as opposed to having bids on it. City Employee Matt Forstrom, who lives near the property in the Arrowhead subdivision, wants to purchase it and build a shop on the property.

Bids for the new water tower project were postponed until June 16 because the bidding contractors have asked for additional information.

The Illinois Department of Transportation continues to dispute Toulon’s submitted Motor Fuel Tax application for work on city streets. This has delayed the MFT funding for this project for this year.

The dispute, according to Toulon’s city engineer Justin Reeise, is between IDOT officials. IDOT Auditor Deb Baxter told Toulon it was okay

to change part of last year’s MFT submission but IDOT’s permit technician and the field engineer say Baxter was incorrect in giving such permission.

The council discussed an agreement with Robert Boatman concerning his 223 E. Greenwood St. property. Boatman must officially sign the agreement in order to have the city remove a burned camper and debris from his property.

Several months ago, the city employees demolished the house just west of Boatman’s house but left an unattended debris pile that had been burned and was believed to be extinguished. The fire reignited and spread onto Boatman’s land, burning his camper and some of his unoccupied house.

In other action, the council approved spending money to renovate the former Faith Baptist church building at 310 E. Vine Street. It was donated to the city by the former church and will be used for city meetings and other activities.

Also approved was buying six water meters for an amount not to ex-

ceed \$2,400 . A \$1,000 donation was approved for the annual St. Jude Run that starts in Kewanee and goes though Stark County and into Peoria County.

Approved was vacating an east-to-west alley between South Franklin and South Henderson streets. Possession of the vacated alley will be split between two property owners.

Newly hired Toulon police officer Scott Waldrup presented a breathalyzer equipment purchase. The new unit is required by the state to be compliant with DUI regulations. Toulon’s present unit is outdated and not legal. The cost of the new unit is \$3,640 and was approved on a split vote. Ryan Kelly, Lefler voted against the measure while yes votes were was cast by Hulsey, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson and Michael Schott.

Finally, the policy updated its Open Meetings Act policy concerning video participation. The new policy allows members of a board or council to attend a meeting remotely when certain specifications are met.



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MIDSOMMAR: Free live music to be featured

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Orion Community Band and the Norwegian Bachelor Farmers.

Immediately following the musical performances at 4 p.m., everyone is invited to decorate the Maypole with flowers and to join a procession that will begin in the park and end at the Colony School. There visitors can join in Maypole dancing and have refreshments provided by

the Bishop Hill Vasa Lodge. No experience is required to join in the dancing.

The Vasa National Archives, a short block south of the park, will offer a midsummer respite, featuring drinks, snacks and a make-and-take clay sculpture station. The public is welcome to view exhibits, enjoy light refreshments and make a clay sculpture to take home. The Vasa National Archives will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Author Jannifer Stevens Powelson will have a book

signing from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Prairie Arts Center, located at 203 N. Bishop Hill St. Jannifer is author of the Rachel and Sammy books, as well as Nature Station Mysteries series. Visit her website at janniferpowelson.com for more details.

To finish off the day, country music artist Ryan Bizarri will perform at the Colony Inn from 7-11 p.m. Enjoy a cold drink while listening to live acoustic country music. Bizarri is a Nashville-based songwriter who will be playing songs you know and love from

artists like Toby Keith, Garth Brooks, Brad Paisley, Zac Brown, Alabama, Morgan Wallen, Bob Seger and more.

The Midsommar Music Festival is sponsored by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill State Historic Site, Bishop Hill Old Settler’s Association, Vasa National Archives, Bishop Hill Vasa Lodge 683, and area businesses. Funding is also provided by the Barbro Osher Pro Suecia Foundation, the Minneapolis Foundation and the Illinois Arts Council.

STARK BOARD: Awaiting pharmacy

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was tested and nothing was wrong with it. Sloan said it will be inspected and tested again soon.

The sheriff stated that he has plans to have his budget proposal completed with reductions in August.

Duane Stevens of the Henry-Stark County


Health Department gave a lengthy presentation based on the 2024 Annual Report. He covered various topics that affect Stark County’s healthcare and medical issues.

The Abingdon Telepharmacy has been closed due to low utilization. Stevens said it is being transferred

to Toulon, but a required state license has not been issued yet.


Also, Stevens said OSF St. Francis OnCall Urgent Care from Peoria will be available once a week on a limited basis for maternity issues. Plans are for a mental-health therapist to set up services in Toulon.

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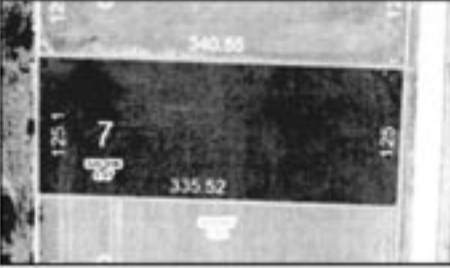
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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

6-8 - Emily J. Burdett - Uninsured vehicle.

6-8 - Thomas A. Null - Expired registration.

6-9 - James D. Stutler - Uninsured vehicle.

6-9 - Trevor L. Shimmin - Uninsured vehicle, driving 11-14 mph above limit.

6-9 - Aaron T. Arduini - Speeding 25-34 mph over limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

6-2 - Criminal misdemeanor - Caleb A. Deck - Escape: Did not report to Stark County Jail on June 2 at 9 a.m. and a warrant was issued for his arrest.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

6-2 - Melvin O. Rodriguez Espinoza, 19, Wyoming, cited for driving without vehicle insurance, while his license was suspended and unlawful use of a registration. He was issued a court date and his Jeep was towed and impounded.

6-2 - Two Bradford residents were arrested following a traffic stop. Alexis J. B. Green, 32, formerly of Colona, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a hypodermic syringe, driving without vehicle insurance and operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

A passenger Dustin E. See, 39, Bradford, formerly of Buffalo, Iowa, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a hypodermic syringe and obstructing justice. Both individuals were released with notices to appear . Green’s vehicle was towed and impounded.

6-3 - Mason L. Robinson, 26, Savannah, Ga., was cited for speeding 35 mph or more over the speed limit. The driver was clocked at 90 mph in a 45-mph zone. He was issued a court date.

6-4 - Daniel Kieser, 20, Wyoming, ticketed for driving 77 mph in a 55 zone.

6-5 - Marie L. Schloemer, 37, Bettendorf, Iowa, ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55-mph zone.

6-5 - A 16-year-old Bradford teen was cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55-mph zone, for driving an uninsured vehicle and issued a court date.

6-6 - Summer L. Christopher, 32, Disputanta, Va., was cited for driving while her license was suspended and for driving on suspended registration. Her vehicle was towed and impounded.

6-6 - Troy A. June, 25, Toulon, was booked for possession of adult-use cannabis by a driver, improper use of vehicle registration and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver. Also charged was Hunter L. Donovan, 23, of Toulon, charged with possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle by a passenger, threatening a public official and resisting or obstructing a peace officer. Both men were released with court dates to appear. A 2025 Dodge Ram pickup truck pulling a boat trailer and boat was towed and impounded.

6-7 - Dalton J. Palmer, 30, Cambridge, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle.

6-7 - Sara L. Brimhall, 33, Kewanee, was cited for driving on an ex-

pired registration and for illegal transportation noted as meth residue. Her vehicle was towed and she was released with a court date.

6-7 - Aaron Martinez, 24, Roanoke, Va., was cited for driving while his license was suspended. His vehicle was towed and he was released with a court date.

6-7 - Eddron D. Broaden, 43, Belleville, was cited for driving without insurance and issued a court date.

6-7 - Candace P. Robinson, 37, Dunlap, was ticketed for driving on expired registration and issued a court date.

Peoria County report

5-17 - An Edelstein man said he wasn’t injured in a two-vehicle crash east of Dunlap that resulted in a hospital visit for the other driver.

Kirk Hammer was driving a south-bound 2007 Chevrolet Impala at 10:15 a.m. on Illinois Route 40 at Cedar Hills Drive when the vehicle collided with a 2015 Ford Fiesta driven by Nancy A. Hoffman of Farmer City, a Peoria County Sheriff’s Office report stated.

Hoffman was driving west on Cedar Hills Drive and thought she had a green light, she said. Her vehicle clipped the rear driver’s-side fender of the Impala. Hoffman sustained a minor right-hand laceration and was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Both vehicles were towed.

A minor accident resulted from lanes being blocked because of this wreck. While merging, a 2023 Kia K5 driven by Cynthia L. Cravens of Bradford struck a 2010 Toyota Tundra driven by Louis V. Holmes of Peoria. No injuries were reported. Damage was minimal.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-2 - to a rural address on S. County Road to assist Henry County with a physical domestic disturbance.

6-2 – to speak with a resident in the 100 block of SE 2nd Ave. in reference to a city ordinance violation regarding furniture left in a yard.

6-2 - to speak with a resident in the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. in reference to a city ordinance violation regarding a disabled and abandoned vehicle parked in the yard.

6-2 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a complaint of juveniles knocking on doors and running away.

6-3 - to the 300 block of NW 3rd Ave. to check an open door. No one was around. The door was secured.

6-4 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 4th Ave., Samuel Busick, 29, Towanda, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

6-4 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for a neighbor dispute.

6-4 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on NE 4th Ave. for a suicidal subject.The subject was transported for evaluation/treatment.

6-4 - As a result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Nicholas Dillworth, 33, Robinson, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and issued a court date.

6-5 - to assist the Black Hawk area task force with a search warrant on a residence on W. Division St.

6-5 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for an ongoing neighbor dispute.

6-5 - to the 600 block of NW 1st

St. for a loose and aggressive pitbull. Officer spoke to the owner, who advised their child let the dog out. They were warned of Illinois leash laws.

6-5 - to Illinois Route 34 east of town for a disabled vehicle. The vehicle was moved off the roadway.

6-5 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on West Division Street for a subject threatening suicide. They were transported for evaluation/treatment.

6-6 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a male subject screaming. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

6-6 - to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for an illegal-burning complaint. The resident put the fire out after being educated on the city ordinance about burning regulations.

6-6 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

6-6 - Steven Ewing, 73, LaFayette, was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

6-7 - Andrea Lodato, 32, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 800 block of SE 2nd St. She was released with a court date.

6-7 - two more times to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

6-8 - to the 200 block of SW 4th Ave. for a complaint of an open door on a vehicle. During the complaint, officer determined that one of the subjects had a warrant. As a result, Jamie Howard, 36, Galva, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for failing to appear on several traffic charges. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.

6-8 - to Illinois Route 34 just west of town for a hitchhiker in the roadway.

6-8 - to the 400 block of SW 7th St. for a complaint of a young juvenile who wandered onto the complainant’s property. A parent arrived within minutes looking for the child.

6-8 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. and to the 100 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving juveniles harassing each other.

Property Transfers

6-2 - Payton Montooth to Katelyn A. Rumbold - Pt. Sect. 19-13-6 SW - 230 S. Miller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$55,000.

6-2 - Leo Pata Holdings, LLC and James L. Roesner to ELJUNE Properties, LLC - Pt. Sect. 36-13-6 SW - 518 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

6-4 - Suzann M. O'Neill to Jackson, Farm Trust - Pt. Sect 8-13-7 SE and Pt. Sect. 9-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$0.

6-5 - James M. Nellinger to James M. Nellinger, Trust - Pt. Sect. 3-13-7 SE - Consideration = \$0.

Marriages

6-2 - Theresa Rosalia Pelegrino and Tammy Audra Palmer, both of Toulon.

6-6 - Erin Elizabeth Kieser, Henry and Austin James Bahr, Fort Scott, Kan.

Divorces

6-6 - Elise Tara Hendrickson, Toulon and Eric E. Hendrickson, Liberty, S.C.

6-6 - Erica L. Witte, Princeville and Aaron A. Witte, Bradford.

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All political factions bought into the concept, as each knew that would have the opportunity to create legislation that they supported. That form of government has worked very well for this nation, except for those who believe they have the inherent right to protest the government outside of the legislative process.

This past weekend in Los Angeles we witnessed those who believe they do not have to conform to the rule of law if they can impose their will on the nation by riot. We are not speaking of a protest march or civil exchange. We are speaking of property damage, theft, defacing buildings and assault on others and the police.

We all understand that the nation has a serious immigration problem. The United States has a well developed and defined immigration process to allow entry into this nation by those of other countries. It worked, until it didn't.

President Biden chose not to enforce the immigrations laws that were and are on the books. President Trump has made it a mainstay of his administration to remove those who are in this country illegally.

I realizesome of those in this coun-

try have been here for years, have raised families here and are gainfully employed. There is certainly an argument for empathy for them. But there are also people who have no desire to assimilate into the society and be productive to the nation. Those individuals are simply criminals.

We have a Congress that is the authorized venue to address the immigration problem, as our constitutional forbears mandated. We have a president as authorized by the Constitution to enforce the law of the land. Those are the parties to address the immigration issues facing the nation, not a group of self-absorbed rioters.

Those who are rioting in Los Angeles have no interest in the betterment of this nation. They are simply anarchists seeking power through mob rule. The only thing these people respect or fear is a greater power.

That being said, the country needs to support the government that is trying to protect the residents and property rights of those in Los Angeles. The nation has national security and sovereignty issues at stake with these riots and needs to protect itself. Peaceful protests need to be protected by the government. In like fashion, those who riot need to go to jail.

The nation cannot bow down to mob rule.

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

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Stark County Regular Van Schedule for June

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Mon., June 9: Galesburg

Mon., June 16: Peoria

Mon., June 23: Geneseo

Mon., June 30: Princeton

Thurs., June 5: Kewanee

Thurs., June 12: Princeton

Thurs., June 19: Kewanee

Thurs., June 26: Kewanee

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Energy group awards grants in Stark Co.

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Apex Clean Energy has awarded more than \$15,000 in grants in Stark County in its latest round of the Goldrush Apple Wind Community Grant Program.

Apex Clean Energy is developing Goldrush Apple Wind, a proposed wind-energy project in rural Peoria, Stark and Marshall counties with the potential to generate 900 megawatts of energy.

Grants are allocated quarterly to support programs serving Peoria, Marshall and Stark County through economic development, environmental sustainability, education, and health and recreation opportunities.

During this cycle, Apex recognized the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District, the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement, the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce and the Wyoming Fire Protection District.

“We are grateful to the landowners, community leaders and business partners across the three counties,” said Shelley Schwab, director of development for Apex. “It is wonderful to be part of a regional effort, coordi-

nating our resources and talents to benefit each local community.”

- The Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District was awarded a grant to support outreach activities and educational resources. These include an annual Conservation Day for area students and events focused on the importance of sustainability and highlighting women working in conservation.
- The Stark Council for Continuous Improvement, formed to strengthen community ties and attract new residents, businesses and tourists to Stark County, received funding to support its marketing and outreach program.

The grant will help promote new housing and

subdivision construction in the Toulon-Wyoming area.

- The Wyoming Fire Protection District received a grant to purchase 12 new fire protective helmets and continue efforts to update its safety standards. The volunteer fire department has stations in both Wyoming and Speer.
- The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce received funds to help beautify the downtown to support the community and local businesses.

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NOTE: This is a large variety auction w/hwo lines running. Firearms will sell at approx. noon. See full ad and pics online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.**

FIREARMS, RELATED: FOID is required to purchase guns and ammo. Guns will be held and handled by Phil Albertson, Princeville, IL. A 12.00 handling fee per gun will be charged. New/like new guns—AA. Ruger 22 cal. pistol w/clp—BB. Smith & Wesson M & P Shield 9mm pistol w/clp—CC. Remington Wingmaster Model 870 12 ga. pump—DD. Winchester barrel load—FF Remington Sportsmaster Model 51222 rifle bolt action—GG. Winchester Model 97 12 ga. pump—Winchester model 1300 12 ga. turkey barrel—**AMMO:** Hornady, Winchester, Federal and Remington 12 ga. slugs, Winchester buck shot, Winchester, Sabot 12 ga. rifled slugs, Winchester 12 ga. 4-shot turkey loads, Rottweil 12 ga. 6 shot, leather long barrel revolver holster—bb, target and cap guns—3 deer hangers—NRA coll. coin—**KNIVES:** Case pocket and XX folding knives in leather cases, Eagle knife w/leagle sheath, 1987 Kabar Grizzly bear folding/1988 Kabar #4262 folding, 1993 Colt L.E. Bowie knife w/sheath #f d and cert., Tumbler Rattler TR87 Bowie knife w/sheath, new PRC NNTF knife/sheath, new buck skinning knife—5 Indian arrows—**BELT BUCKLES:** Colt Revolver, JD, Eagle, Jacques, Dresser Mining, Sulenta, and more—pigeon thrower, some fishing.

NUGGET AND JEWELRY: auth. 24K gold nugget—14K rings (5 diamond, diamond cluster, opal, 3 colored stone, men's and ladies bands, gamet and more)—18K and 14K necklaces, nice Ellis Jeweler's women's gold pocket watch—14K heart necklace, gold/pearl charm—10K Black Hills Gold ring earrings and charm, 10K men's band, 10K amethyst earrings, 10K marquee cut blue stone, Lindy Star necklace, lg. coll. of sterling rings, most modern but some antique, .925 necklaces, lg. .925 western bracelet w/pink stones, misc.—3 Mickey Mouse older watches, one Swiss made—flats of very nice costume—jar of loose genuine turquoise stones, Apache Tears, jars of rough green onyx, agates, fire and loose opals, misc.

FARM, PEDAL TRACTORS, TOYS, RELATED: Nice JD 4430 narrow front Ertl pedal tractor—new JD kid's bike—nice JD 7600 pedal tractor—nice International 826 pedal tractor—old JD 60 pedal tractor—JD plastic kid's 4-wheeler—The following are NB JD toy tractors (JD Ertl 7520 Coll. Ed., 4240 Prestige, 4440 Precision Classic, JD B general purpose tractor, 7610 Ertl, 4020 Special Coll., 720 w/80 blade and 45 loader Precision classic, JD 45 toy combine, 9200 Ertl 4x4 tractor, sm. 8770

AWD tractor, JD 9500 combine, 4x4 tractor and imp. set, 7410, 1/32nd JD Gator 6x4 Ertl premier, many 1/64th JD tractors and toys, 1/16th Coll. ED 9400 4x4 tractor, lawn mower, 1923 Model D die cast, 1930 Model GP standard, grain drill, forage harvester, JD A, Skidder 648 E, 1938 thresher, 820 diesel, 1963 yellow 5010 I—NB 2188 Case IH combine, 1995 Farm Show—NB Oliver 1555 tractor—NB Farm Show 1991 F20 Farmall—NB Farm Show 2008 Case IH 275 Magnum—NB Farm Show 2007 Case IH Puma 180 tractor—NB 2017 Farm Show Case IH 175—NB 1998 —sm. Case IH MX 240 Farm Show—1994 Case IH coll. of Farm Show tractors—NB Case IH 8120 combine—Nb 2014-2016 Case IH—**OTHER NB TOYS** (Farm Classic set, Vintage vehicles, Tractor Supply vintage banks, Farmall Cub tractor, Farmall A, MF tractor, Int. 826, Allis Chalmers WD and Wagon set, SE IH I-PR corn picker, Int. 1586 w/loader, New Holland sq. baler, several NB Case IH minis, Massey Harris 555, Co-op tractor, New Versatile 1156 Designation 6, 720 Hi Crop tractor, others—**NICE OLDER TOYS:** JD 569 baler and JD 630 tractor, JD chopper, Big very nice 1/16 JD 4430 tractor w/4 bottom plow, nice Pewter JD 4020 Historic Collection, JD 140 riding mower, Farmall 350, Int. 3588 ant eater, International (baler, mix mill, drill and manure spreader), IH 1586, 1990 Farm Show sm. Cat Challenger 75, AC 45 and roto baler, Ford 9600, Ford 8N w/mounted plow—Pan Am metal airplane—Plantation Thoroughbred truck and trailer—Tonka cement truck, van, etc.—**SPORTS CARDS:** Don Russ sets of 1982, 88 and 89 baseball cards—Pro Set 1990 football cards—Upper Deck set 1991 baseball cards—1980 set Score baseball cards—Score 199 sets of baseball cards—Topp sets of 1988-1991—vintage Hotwheel play set—Wheels of Time Workhorse—Bryer, other pigs—many older FP toys, plastic and metal—tinkertoys/blocks—old train cars and track—vintage Ken and Barbies and clothing, NB Barbies—Horses/wagons—Happy Tunes record player—story book 45s—nice firetruck toy/ storage box—kitchen set—plastic lunch boxes and thermoses (Return of the Jedi, Garfield, more).—Navy/Battleship toys—Maserati child's electric ride in car, needs battery—nice Sega Genesis game system w/NHL All Star and Madden NFL, etc.—90's figures—Flash Back 4 Atari system in box—Pez—plastic basketball hoop—Speedway Express wooden wagon w/witch—many misc. toys.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES, ETC.: nice Simmons complete drum set, (base, Yamaha snare, symbols, stool, stereo hook up, etc.)—nice Pioneer stereo w/speakers—nice 1930's child's barber chair—Yamaha radio/player—60's thru 90's albums (Arrowsmith, Stewart, REO, Elvis, Alice Cooper, Kiss, Toto, Segar, Star Wars/Rocky movie themes, Monster's Speak, Bobby Vinton, more)—nice Featherlite sewing machines (Eleanor

Grasshopper type 500970, needs cord, Singer alum. 301, Singer 221A in orig. carrying case w/access.)—nice quilts, 89x92" Indian, 86x96" double ring, H91x91 ring", 86x100" star pattern—local leather postcards—Elmore, IL postcard album—1800s Williamsfield marriage license and lodge cert.—old jars, bottles, Coke/caniers, old Milk bottles/carrier, Smoking Donkey cigarette dispenser in box—retro ashtrays, tobacco tins, items—Coca Cola bottle opener—pens/yardsticks—old goggles, bellow, pulleys, gauges, trunks, other primitives—pottery jugs, bowls, etc.—galv. Downing Dairy Foods box w/ild—FK bowls w/handles, custard white FK and more—Salesman sample trombone and guitar in cases—wall and cradle phones, old cameras/old movie camera w/case—Looney Tunes/other glasses—Ernst Leitz Wetzlar microscope in case—porcelain teapots—nice prim. school bell w/bracket—cow bells—old glass grinder in case—wood shaft golf clubs—many full sets of golf clubs in bags—hats (cowboy, Neff Avon, IL, Pioneer 60th Ann. in box)—misc. furniture/cabinets—lg. old Oriental field picture—Pure Breezy metal fan—Weilder International weight set, (bench, standing lift, like new Valor wts.)—coll. of JD tractor manuals, JD clock, canister set, lunch box, wood Checker's box—Neff Co. Avon cap—Coca Cola gas/oil tapestry—roasters and stock pots, canners—Friske Bros metal trash can—pet carriers—Nice Whirlpool washer and electric dryer—much misc.

TOOLS AND OUTDOOR: Husqvarna LGT48DXL hydrostat 25HP 48" deck riding mower w/1526 hrs.—antique Jacobson sickle mower with gas engine—Cub Cadet LT1024 riding mower, not running—old Simplicity 2110 mower, no deck, restorable—old Snapper push mower—Stihl 16" chain saw—2 additional Stihl chain saws—Delta post drill press—2" and 6" Stanley levels—Craftsman sander, 10" and 12" bandsaws, misc. metric/ standard tools, router, 1.5 HP 15 gallon port air compressor, more—Carpenter's tools, all types—Snap-On Mechanic's floor roller—pressure washer—Dewalt and Bosch battery tools w/batteries—clamps and planes—finishing nailer—Brad nailer—jig saw—Power Probe—Dewalt 1/2" hammer drill—Milwaukee heavy duty jig saw—Kobalt angle saw—combo Keller ladder—floor jack—Masterforce inspection camera—table skill saw—Bostitch stapler—1/2 ton chain air hoist—port. Performer on site angle saw—strut spring compressor—pipe bender—spark plug remover—Miller Thunderbolt welder—IP gas heater and tanks—Mac tool box—roll tool box—standing drill press—Sears 16" scroll saw on stand—pancake air compressor—misc. C clamps—Matco torque wrench, ratchet wrenches/ wrenches—18v tools—10.5" siding brake-socket sets—nice sm. acct. torch set, cart, extra hose and tank—Pittsburg Ind. sockets—fencing tools, roto tiller, wheel barrow, ladders, size 11 hip waders, electrical, tools, outdoor.

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NOTE: Proof of residency will be required.


The City of Galva will be having a clean-up week beginning June 16 and ending June 21 for Galva residents only. All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway located between Preferred Home Health Care and Mary's Family Dining and Lounge) to be placed in a roll off dumpster.

Anyone who is handicapped, elderly, or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard must have items out to the curb by Monday June 16. You will need to call City Hall beforehand and let them know so that they can arrange for the items to be picked up. Please make sure you only call for pickups if it is needed, staff is limited. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up and items must be on the curb, no backyard or structure pickups at all. *Please do not have items on the curb for more than 48 hours before the 16th *

Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size.

Televisions and electronic components will be accepted for a fee at Eagle Enterprises during their normal business hours. Their number is 932-2936 if you have any questions.

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours June 16-19 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. June 20 the yard will be open until 3:00 p.m. June 21 the yard will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon. If you have any questions, you can call **City Hall 932-2555 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.**



BRIEFS

Police seeks public help with investigation

EAST MOLINE – The Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 2 East Moline Major Crimes is investigating a Henry County homicide stemming from a missing persons report where the victim was later found deceased.

On May 27, the Kewanee Police Department requested the assistance of ISP special agents with a missing persons investigation. The victim, Catrell Reed, was reported missing to the Kewanee Police Department.

On May 30, Reed was found deceased on a property near the intersection of Illinois Route 81 and East 2350th Street west of Kewanee. On June 2, an autopsy revealed Reed's death was a result of a homicide.

If anyone has information regarding this investigation, contact ISP Special Agent Walt Willis at (309) 948-4818 or submit a tip via email to ISP.CRIMETIPS@illinois.gov.

College graduates

• **Katie Kocan** of Galva graduated Summa Cum Laude (3.9 gpa or higher) from Millikin University with University Honors and two degrees: a bachelor of science in film and video production and a bachelor of arts in theater.

College honors

• **Paige Rewerts** of Wyoming made the Dean's list (3.75 gpa or better) at Elmhurst University for the spring 2025 semester.



MSW Projects added new handicap-accessible vehicles in April that are equiped and ready to take passengers where they need to go. Travelers in need can call (309) 364-2287 to make a reservation.



Pictured above is Shelley Collis, recipient of the June Property Pride from the Galva Ready to Grow Committee for her home at 710 NW 7th Ave. Collis is pictured with her dog Norah and her father, Dale Collis, who helps her with yard work. Photo by Carol Townsend.

• **Blake Orwig**, of Wyoming, made the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Monmouth College for the spring 2025 semester.

Wyoming church hosts blood drive June 26

WYOMING – The Gathering Church at 105 N. 7th St. will host a



Bradford CUSD 1 held a Panther Stomp event earlier this spring that raised \$1,251 for the Mummert family of Bradford. Pictured are (left to right) Kymber Mummert, Kylie Mummert, Bradford Superintendent of Schools Chad Gripp, Brady Mummert and Milo Mummert. Kymber also received a box of items from the American Heart Association. Submitted photo.

community blood drive on June 26, from 12- 6p.m. Contact Julie Wages at (309) 370-0961 or via email at juliew@thegathering.life.

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Economist says rural economy is softening

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

Creighton University's Rural Mainstreet Index shows economic conditions are certainly tightening across America's Heartland.

But the downturn so far has not reached anywhere near what was experienced during the infamous 1980s farm crisis, according to Ernie Goss, chair in regional economics at Creighton's Heider College of Business.

"Farmers have been very judicious in paying back their loans and getting loans. And bankers have been judicious about lending," Goss told DeLoss Jahnke of the RFD Radio Network. "So, right now, the delinquency rates are not that high.

"Now, (delinquency rates) are up, but not as

high as I would've expected," he said

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reported the index of repayment rates on non-real estate farm loans declined in the first quarter compared to last year. It was the sixth consecutive quarterly decline.

But farmland values in the Chicago Fed's district increased another 1% last quarter compared to the previous year. Meanwhile, average cash rental rates for 2025 dipped 2% in the Chicago Fed's district, the first decline since 2020 as commodity prices remain

under pressure.

Other key findings in the latest index from around the Midwest showed farmland prices sank below growth neutral for the 12th time in the past 13 months and farm equipment sales

dropped below growth neutral for the 21st consecutive month.

Goss believes the challenges make a case for the Federal Reserve to lower interest rates during its next meeting June 17-18.



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OBITUARIES

Robert L. Beamer

WEST JERSEY – Robert L. Beamer, 84, of West Jersey, passed away on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at his home. Born in Milwaukee on Oct. 26, 1940, he was the son of Phillip and Arleen (Botsch) Beamer. On Oct. 31, 1964, he married Judith Winn in Elmira. She survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Carol (Alex) Ingels of Galva and Kathy (Jerod Wagher) Beamer of West Jersey; 10 grandchildren, Austin Ingels, Dexter Ingels, Emma Wallace, John Ingels, Ella Ingels, Eli Ingels, Holden Ingels, Harper Ingels, Layne (Ary Westfall) Steward and Jacob (Ivy Hengl) Steward; a brother, John (Pat) Beamer of Toulon; and his beloved cat, Griffin. He was preceded in death by his parents. Following graduation from Toulon High School, Bob served as a member of the Army National Guard. He attended Illinois State University, then went on to graduate from the Caterpillar Inc. Apprentice Program. Bob worked his career at Caterpillar as a tool-room supervisor for 35 years. He was an avid billiards player and St. Louis Cardinals fan and loved spending time with his family. A funeral service was to take place on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming, at noon. Burial was to take place privately at West Jersey Cemetery. Visitation was at the funeral home Wednesday, June 11. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Toulon Public Library. Condolences may be left for Bob's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.



Beamer

Carol R. Buckman

PEORIA – Carol R. Buckman, 86, of Peoria, formerly of Chillicothe and Bradford, passed away at 11:50 p.m. on Tuesday, June 3, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, surrounded by family. Carol was born on Nov. 29, 1938, in Peoria, the daughter of Raymond and Helen (Ferris) Cook. She married Gerald Buckman on March 19, 1955. Carol is survived by her children, Cynthia (Luis) Ramirez of Springfield, Va., Michael Buckman of Lake in the Hills, Ill., Valerie Tardiff of Peoria, Daniel (Mary) Buckman of Granite Falls, Wash., and David Buckman of Fountain Hills, Ariz. Also surviving are her granddaughters Jillian Bearce, Kellie Wadsworth, Hannah McKenny and her grandsons Spencer Ramirez and Gerald Buckman. Carol also had five great-grandchildren. Carol was preceded in death by her husband of 41 years, her parents, sister Donna Smith and brother Philip Cook. Carol attended Woodruff High School in Peoria. She managed Decker's Family Shoe Store in Chillicothe for many years before retiring to spend time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral mass will be Tuesday, June 17, 2025, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford officiating. Burial will immediately follow in St. John's Cemetery. Visitation will be from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford prior to the services on Tuesday, June 17. In lieu of flowers, memorials may



Buckman

be made to the Alzheimer's Association or any Alzheimer's charity of your choice.

Polly A. Philbee

PRINCEVILLE – Polly A. (Golden) Philbee, 64, of Princeville, passed away suddenly on Wednesday, June 4, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Born in Peoria on Feb. 9, 1961, she was the daughter of Charles Golden and Carol (Vanderford) and stepchild to Edward Simpson. On Dec. 11, 2004, she married Rick Philbee. After 21 years together, he survives. Also surviving is a child, Stone Riggen; stepchildren Kyle (Kate) Philbee, Christopher (Sheena) Philbee and Hailey (Ryan) Norbom; eight grandchildren; brothers Jim Golden, Brad Golden and Mike Golden; sisters Linda Simmons, Judy Hart, Michelle Berry and Mendy Noblin; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and two step-siblings, Peggy Sargent and Mike Simpson. Polly worked as a bookkeeper for nearly 20 years at The Salvation Army. She delighted in her grandchildren, loved her friends and family dearly and spread so much joy wherever she went. Her funeral was on Monday, June 9, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. Pastor Kate Philbee, officiating. Burial was in Glendale Cemetery in Elmore. Condolences may be left for Polly's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Claudia J. Wilson

PEORIA – Claudia Jean Wilson, 91, of Princeville, formerly of Peoria, passed away peacefully on June 4, 2025, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Funeral services were June 7, 2025, at Princeville Baptist Church. Burial was in Mount Hawley Cemetery in Peoria. To view the full obituary or to leave condolences visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Princeville Heritage Days begin June 19

For The Prairie News
PRINCEVILLE – A variety of family entertainment and fun is coming to Princeville Heritage Days.

New this year, the Princeville Civic Association will have a \$100 drawing every evening throughout Heritage Days. Visit the PCA tent from 5-7:45 p.m. each evening to enter. Participants must be 18 and older to enter and present to win. Winners will be announced each night at 8 p.m.

Presale Carnival ride tickets are on sale through June 16 at American Liquor & Foodmart, Dirt Road Designs, The Feed Store, High Voltage, Princeville Community Bank, Princeville Pharmacy, Princeville Prints and Princeville State Bank. Presale ticket prices are \$18 for 24 tickets.

Schedule of Events
• **Thursday, June 19:** Carnival and food tent opens in Stevens Square at 5 p.m., featuring Lions Club sandwiches, Masons onion rings and lemon shakeups, the St. Jude water and soda stand and a selection of pies and desserts from our local churches.

Bingo runs from at 5-7 p.m. in the Lillie M. Evans Library tent, voting for the

Cutest Pet Contest at the PCA is from 5-8 p.m. At the Main Stage, a community sing-along is offered from 7-8 p.m.; the first PCA \$100 drawing winner will be announced at 8 p.m.; and our Chris Delbridge performs from 8:30-9:30 p.m.

• **Friday, June 20:** The Lillie M. Evans Library’s Art show begins at 9 a.m. with an opening reception from 4:30-5 p.m., the food tent and carnival opens at 5 p.m. in Stevens Square and Cutest Pet voting continues at the PCA table from 5-8 p.m.

At the Main Stage, Vacation Bible School performs at 5:30 p.m., the Princeville football auction runs from 6-7:30 p.m., the PCA \$100 drawing winner will be announced at 8 p.m. and the alternative rock band Live Plants Band performs from 8-9 p.m.

The beer garden at High Voltage opens at 5 p.m., where Kickapoo Junction performs from 8:30- 1:30 p.m. followed by a DJ from 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

• **Saturday, June 21:** The Lions Club serves breakfast from 8-10 a.m., the 5K Run/Walk begins at 8 a.m. (registration starts at 7 a.m.) at the LME Library

and the library’s art show opens at 9 a.m. The Heritage Days parade begins at 3 p.m. and the carnival opens immediately after. Dennis and Jane Stoecker are the 2025 grand marshals and the parade theme is “The 50s,” Prizes will be awarded for first-, second- and third-place parade entries.

A variety of free children’s activities are available in Stevens Square from 3:30-4:30 p.m. including rock painting, a magic show and face painting.

Voting for The Cutest Pet concludes at the PCA table from 5-6 p.m.

At the Main Stage, the Incredible 45s perform from 6-8 p.m.

The beer garden at High Voltage opens at 5 p.m. with live music by Galactic Empress from 8:30-11:30 p.m. with a DJ closing from 11:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Princeville Heritage Days is hosted by the Princeville Civic Association, a group organized to promote community and economic development in Princeville that also sponsors

a Halloween cookout, Small Business Saturday and the Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll. The PCA also provides scholarships to graduating seniors and encourages community volunteerism. To join, attend a meeting. For more information visit princevillecivicassociation.pbworks.com or the group’s Facebook page.

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ACROSS

1 "Tookie Slide" rapper

6 "Top Chef" host Lakshmi

11 Mardi Gras city, for short

15 Wine vessel

18 French city

20 West vending

21 With, in Paris

22 Margaritas

23 1996 2Pac album with the hit "California Love"

25 Flo — ("Low" rapper)

26 Slinky ring

27 Mayhem

28 1996 Beastie Boys album with the hit "Fight for Your Right"

31 Eugene beast

34 "Piper" Planes" rapper

35 Unit of corn

36 1998 N.W.A. album with the hit "Express Yourself"

47 — my case" Ed of "Radio"

49 Gaffer's drive

51 Golden along adequately

53 50 — ("In da Club" rapper)

54 Reagan-era mil. protocol

56 Boxing great

57 "Let Me Blow Ya Mind"

58 Solar beams

60 1992 Dr. Dre album with the hit "Nuthin' but a 'G' Thing"

64 Strengthens

67 How some food is fixed

69 Des Moines natives

70 2020 Juice WRLD album with the hit "Come & Go"

74 Novelist Elizabeth George —

77 Battle-ready

78 — Typhoon

80 Lagoon (water park)

82 2010 Nicki Minaj album with the hit "Super Bass"

84 Strong — or

86 Six plus four

87 Half of dos

88 Statute

89 R&B singer

91 1980s jeans brand

94 Fee for the use of a pier

96 Wastewater

100 Kim of keno

101 2000 Eminem album with the hit "Stan"

105 Court divider

106 Charged bit

107 Actor Liotta

108 1993 Salt-N-Pepa album with the hit "Shoop"

115 Child poet

121 Napoleon exile locale

122 "Gold Digger" rapper Kanye

123 1986

124 Run-D.M.C. album with the hit "My Adidas"

125 "Gold Digger" rapper Kanye

126 Bride strap

127 — part (gorty)

128 Most jilly

129 Artist's stand

130 Russian news agency

131 Pro votes

132 Moist

133 "Work It" rapper Elliott

DOWN

1 Colorless

2 Part in a play

3 — long (sne)

4 Ship's spine

5 Irish New Age singer

6 Candy from a dispenser

7 From — Z

8 Pioneer

9 Boone, briefly

9 Actress Rogers of "Booth"

10 Actor Baldwin

11 Magical land of C.S. Lewis

12 Egg capsule

13 Bury the — (omit the key part of a story)

14 College life

15 Companions

16 Jai —

17 Peddle

18 DJ — Hero (founder of hip-hop in 1973)

24 Online "zine"

29 CPR pros

30 Masking

32 "Quiet"

33 Actor Keach

36 Back of a 45

37 Treasure pile

38 Hollywood's Zellweger

39 Enzyme

40 Sister Midori

41 Mine metals

42 Tea vessel

43 — for tat

44 Suffix with "nephro"

45 Extended family, to Hawaiians

46 Actress Gena Lee —

50 Twitches

52 "Toy" actress

53 Dene

54 Hood's knife

55 Hazing mark

59 Big primate

60 Two — sloth

61 Taking cover

62 French for "large"

63 Actor Wilson

65 Strong criticism

66 Freudist toter

67 "Your wish — command"

68 LA-to-MI dir.

71 Zich, in Peru

72 Do a sketch

73 Nutrition std.

74 Taler

75 — noir (jeine)

76 Cain's eldest

79 Lee — (Lins)

80 Streamed film of 1983

81 — Degg

82 "Drop It Like It's Hot" rapper

83 Robert of "The Sopranos"

84 Singer Levine

85 — Hill

86 Records ("Rapper's Delight" label of 1979)

89 "The Fresh Prince of — Aft"

90 Poking tool

92 Suffix with "nephro"

93 Oriano's capital, on scoreboards

95 Nairobi natives

96 "Fresh 17"

97 Portal

98 Without, in Paris

99 Greek vowel

102 Hoop rap

103 Lylite garden plants

104 Church song

106 Li Uti — ("Futsal Shuffle" rapper)

109 Zeno of — (philosopher)

110 Hating state

111 R&B singer

112 Oriano, a g.

113 Tabula —

114 Sharp bark

116 "What —" ("Yow (reckon)")

117 Spicy cuisine

118 Actress Harper

119 Bits of land in la mer

120 TV's — May Campbell

124 Create a lap

125 — ("O.G. Original Gangster" rapper)

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Lilo & Stitch (PG)

2. Mission: Impossible - The Final Reckoning (PG-13)

3. Karate Kid: Legends (PG-13)

4. Final Destination: Bloodlines (R)

5. Bring Her Back (R)

6. Sinners (R)

7. Thunderbolts* (PG-13)

8. Friendship (R)

9. The Last Rodeo (PG)

10. J-Hope Tour: Hope on the Stage (NR)

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answer

If people did not love one another, I really don't see what use there would be in having any spring. — Victor Hugo

1. AD SLOGANS: Which retail chain urges consumers to "Expect More. Pay Less"?

2. MATH: What is an obelus?

3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the last to own slaves?

4. LITERATURE: Author Ian Fleming's Jamaican estate has the same name as which James Bond movie?

5. TELEVISION: How many seasons of "Wheel of Fortune" did Pat Sajak host?

6. SCIENCE: What are cordyceps?

7. MOVIES: Which actor/comedian/filmmaker made his film debut in the movie "Donnie Darko"?

8. ACRONYMS: What does the acronym BBC stand for?

9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the only bird that can fly backward?

10. FOOD & DRINK: What is a mirepoix?

Answers

1. Target.

2. The division sign.

3. Ulysses Grant.

4. "GoldenEye."

5. 41.

6. A type of fungus or mushroom.

7. Seth Rogen.

8. British Broadcasting Corp.

9. Hummingbird.

10. A recipe base of onion, celery and carrots.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF MAXINE P. BOMLENY,
No. 2025 PR 6
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Maxine P. Bomleny. Letters of Office were issued on May 16, 2025, to Leah Sue Taylor as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before December 4, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Attorney for Executor
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Kewanee, IL 61443
(309) 852-5555
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TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2025TX7

To: Lorre Grigsby a/k/a Lorre Sprague; Spouse of Lorre Grigsby a/k/a Lorre Sprague; Lorraine & Lorre Sprague; Paul Knobloch, Potential Farmer; Charles Mueller, Potential Farmer; Heather Hollis, Stark County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:
Penn Township Farmland, No 911
Address, Stark County, IL
Property Index No. 05-08-300-001
Tax Sale Certificate No. 202100034
AND
Property located at:
Penn Township Farmland, No 911
Address, Stark County, IL
Property Index No. 05-10-300-002
Tax Sale Certificate No. 202100035
AND
Property located at:
Penn Township Farmland, No 911
Address, Stark County, IL
Property Index No. 05-13-400-001
Tax Sale Certificate No. 202100037

This property was sold on October 25, 2022 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2021. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 16, 2025.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 8, 2025. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Toulon, Illinois on December 12, 2025 at 2 PM before Judge Mack, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
JICTB, INC.
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100
Champaign, IL 61821
Published 6/13, 6/20, 6/27/25

TAKE NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2025TX5
To: Gwen Ames a/k/a Gwen Cullop; Spouse of Gwen Ames a/k/a Gwen Cullop; Kasity Yanez; William Yanez; Princeville State Bank; Heather Hollis, Stark County Clerk;

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at:
102 N Galena Ave, Wyoming, IL
Property Index No. 04-36-318-006
Tax Sale Certificate No. 202100032

This property was sold on October 25, 2022 for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2021. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 16, 2025.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 8, 2025. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

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JICTB, INC., Petitioner
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.
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1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100
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PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE
NO. 25-2

AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTIES OF STARK, AND KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026.

BE IT ORDAINED, that the Toulon Public Library District of the Counties of Stark and Knox, State of Illinois, shall levy a tax of .02 percent of the value of all taxable property within said District, for building and maintenance purpose, subject to the right of the electors in said District to petition and require an election concerning the imposition of such additional tax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, that within fifteen (15) days from the date of adoption of the resolution by the corporate authorities, it shall be published in the Prairie News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Toulon Public Library District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Toulon, Illinois this June 9th, 2025 to be effective immediately upon adoption.

1. The specific number of voters required to sign a petition requesting that the question of adoption of the ordinance be submitted to the electors of the District is 132
2. The petition must be filed on or before July 18, 2025.
3. The referendum would be held March 17, 2026.

Roberta Cinnamon
Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District
c/o Toulon Public Library District
617 E. Jefferson Street
Toulon, IL 61483
Posted: June 9, 2025
Published 6/13/25

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President of the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District
ATTEST:
Roberta Cinnamon, Secretary
June 9, 2025

Published 6/13/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
14TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF James E. Erdman,
No. 2025PR65
Deceased.

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES
AND CLAIM NOTICE

TO: Kenneth Erdman III
Notice is given of the death of James E. Erdman

Notice is also given to the above who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on the 4th of June, 2025, admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on June 4, 2025 to Leanne Williams as Independent Executor, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC, 211 W. 2nd St., Kewanee, IL 61443. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representative, or both on or before December 15th, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (75 ILCS 5/6-21).

You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (75 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of the court at the address set out below. Filings are to be made with: Henry County, Circuit Clerk Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF JAMES E. ERDMAN,
Deceased
No. 2025 PR 65

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of James E. Erdman. Letters of Office were issued on June 4th, 2025, to Leanne Williams 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 December 15th, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee, IL 61443

CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
OF ILLINOIS – STARK COUNTY

In Re **ESTATE OF
ROBERT D. KIESER,** CC 2025PR5
Deceased.

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **ROBERT D. KIESER** on April 19, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **KELLY L. KIESER**, of 205 West Grove Street, Wyoming, Illinois 61491, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 5th day of December, 2025, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 16th day of May, 2025.

**KELLY L. KIESER, Executor of
the Estate of ROBERT D. KIESER, Deceased.**

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NOTICE OF SALE
of Property Owned by
the City of Galva and Invitation
to Bid Thereon

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Galva will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real property:

The property commonly referred to as The Windish Mill Lot, Galva, IL 61434 which property has been assigned PIN # 24-28-485-013 and which is legally described as: E16 LOT 1 BLK 46 & PT ST E & ADJ ORIG TOWN CITY OF GALVA said property being appraised for \$775.00 (seven hundred seventy five dollars) which appraisal is on file with the Galva City Clerk.

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, during normal working days between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM until 02 July, 2025. Said proposals shall be contained within an opaque envelope addressed to:

Mayor and City Council
City of Galva
c/o City Clerk
311 N. W. 4th Avenue
Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend: PROPOSAL – SALE OF WINDISH MILL LOT

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva to be held at 6:00 p.m. on 07 July 2025.

A contract may be awarded to the highest, most responsible bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City of Galva, so long as that bid meets the minimum bid amount of

\$775.00 (seven hundred seventy five dollars. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 45 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

Bidders are encouraged to submit proposals for the development of the lot upon which they will be bidding. Development proposals should include, but are not limited to: an abstract of bidders building plans and specifications, a statement of financial capacity, a statement of other financial arrangements to facilitate performance of the contract, name of financial institution with contact information, line of credit (personal, special-purpose, or otherwise), or other statements indicating the financial capacity to perform the stated purpose upon which the bid proposal is based.

The corporate authorities reserve the right to include penalty clauses in any and all contracts awarded to successful bidders. Penalties may include, but may not be limited, to: monetary damages due the City for non-performance of the contractual terms, forfeiture of the lot for non-performance, loss of building permit fees and other assessments which may become a part of a development contract.

Any prospective bidder may inspect the "Land Appraisal Report" for any and all lots upon which they wish to bid at the City Clerk's office during normal working hours. The City Clerk's office may be reached by calling (309) 932-2555 or in writing to: City Clerk, City of Galva, 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.
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Galva’s Gale named second-team all-state

Kaylyn Gale of Galva was a second-team Class 1A all-state selection by the Illinois Coaches Association.

Picked for the ICA’s Class 1A all-state third team were sophomore pitcher Claire Sutherland of Princeville and the ROWVA-Williamsfield duo of junior catcher Ella Rigg and senior outfielder Emma West.

Local players also earned all-conference honors.

In the Lincoln Trail, won by West Central, Stark County pitcher Brooklyn Ostrowski was a second-team selection, as was Galva’s

Gale. Picked for honorable mention honors was the Stark County duo of Cambri Holmstrom and Sophie Finnegan.

Sutherland was a second-team selection as a pitcher, as was R-W’s Hannah Gehring. West and R-W teammates Rigg and Riley Smith were second-team positional players. Princeville’s Mekaya Cihla was an honorable mention all-LTC selection, as was Tieler Williams-Fouts of R-W.

• **Baseball** – Several local players were picked for the LTC’s all-conference teams.

In the East Division, ROWVA-Williamsfield had four first-team selections: senior pitcher Jaxon Strom, senior Talan Hull, junior Drake Dejaines and junior Brody Lytle. Princeville sophomore Carter Peterson was also a first-teamer.

Stark County junior Connor Daum was an honorable mention pitcher, as was Princeville senior Logan Olshawsky. East Division honorable mention positional players included sophomore MJ Louck of Galva, Olshawsky and Princeville sophomore Coley Palmer.



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Gun rights groups pushing to overturn gun ban

By **PETER HANCOCK**
Capitol News Illinois

Gun rights advocates once again are asking a federal appeals court in Chicago to overturn Illinois’ ban on assault-style firearms and large-capacity magazines in a case that may be destined for the U.S. Supreme Court.

In briefs filed last Friday with the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, attorneys representing plaintiffs challenging the law urged the court to uphold the decision of a lower court judge in East St. Louis who said the law violates the Second Amendment because it bans weapons that are commonly used for lawful purposes like self-defense.

The case made its way to the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals.

Two other sets of cases are pending in the Northern District of Illinois in Chicago.

Other legal challenges

The cases before the 7th Circuit are among several that have been making their way through the federal court system in recent years as states and local jurisdictions have enacted laws to restrict the availability of the type of weapons that have been used in mass shootings.

The Illinois law, known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act, or PICA, was enacted in 2023 following a mass shooting the previous summer at a Fourth of July parade in Highland Park that left seven people dead and dozens more injured.

“Opinions from other Courts of Appeals should assist this Court’s ultimate decisionmaking on the AR-15 issue,” Kavanaugh wrote. “Additional petitions for certiorari will likely be before this Court shortly and, in my view, this Court should and presumably will address the AR-15 issue soon, in the next Term or two.”

The court’s refusal to hear that appeal meant that a 4th Circuit Court of Appeals decision upholding Maryland’s law and a 1st Circuit decision refusing to block Rhode Island’s law remain in place.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s office is appealing that decision, arguing that the weapons banned under the law such as the AK-47, AR-15 and other similar firearms are primarily military in nature and therefore are not protected by the Second Amendment.

The state has until June 27 to file a response to the gun industry’s brief. The court is then expected to set a date for oral arguments, possibly later this year.

The 7th Circuit has already been asked multiple times to block enforcement of the law while legal challenges made their way through the courts, and each time it has refused to do so.

Most notably, in November 2023, the court refused to issue a preliminary injunction to block enforcement of the state law along with local bans in Naperville and Cook County. Months later, the U.S. Supreme Court later declined to review that decision, thus sending those challenges back to district courts for trial.

So far, the only cases that have gone to trial were a set of consolidated lawsuits in the Southern District of Illinois, where Judge Stephen McGlynn heard four days of testimony in September 2024 before ruling against the ban. His decision was ultimately put on hold as

So far, federal appellate courts have been consistent in upholding the bans and the U.S. Supreme Court not yet stepped in to review those decisions.

Most recently, on June 2, the Supreme Court declined to hear cases challenging Maryland’s ban on assault weapons and Rhode Island’s ban on large-capacity magazines.

Maryland enacted its law in 2013 in response to a mass shooting the year before at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut. Rhode Island’s law was enacted in 2022, three weeks after another mass shooting at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas.

Four votes are needed for the Supreme Court to take a case, but only three indicated they were willing to hear the Maryland case – Neil Gorsuch, Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas, who wrote a dissenting opinion suggesting he believed the Maryland law is unconstitutional and that the court should take up the matter.

A fourth justice, Brett Kavanaugh, wrote separately to say he, too, questioned whether the Maryland law was constitutional but that the issue was not yet ripe for review.

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113 West Court St, Toulon, IL





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from the
City of Galva



Bid Notice

The Village of LaFayette is seeking Sealed Bids for the purchase of the Library building (parcel #03-18-420-003) and adjoining Lot (parcel #03-18-420-001). Minimum \$6000 Bid.

For specific details, please call **Dean Rosebecke at (309) 238-3600**
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PRINCEVILLE CIVIC ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, JUNE 19

- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5-7 PM Bingo @ **Small Tent**
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 6:55 PM Welcome
- 7-8 PM Community Sing @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM Drawing 1 - \$100 winner announced
- 8:30-9:30 PM Chris Delbridge @ **Main Stage**

FRIDAY, JUNE 20

- 4:30-5:30 PM Art Show Opening Reception @ **LME Library**
- 5-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-8 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 5-11 PM **Beer garden @ High Voltage**
- 5:30-6 PM VBS Performs @ **Main Stage**
- 6-7:30 PM Football Auction @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM Drawing 2 - \$100 winner announced
- 8-9 PM Live Plants @ **Main Stage**
- 8:30-11:30 PM Kickapoo Junction @ **High Voltage**
- 11:30 PM-1:30 AM DJ @ **High Voltage**

SATURDAY, JUNE 21

- 8-10 AM Lion's Club Breakfast
- 7 AM St. Jude 5K Run/Walk Registration @ **LME Library**
- 8 AM Princeville St. Jude 5K Run/Walk
- 9 AM-1 PM Art Show @ **LME Library**
- 3 PM Heritage Days Parade (Grand Marshalls: Dennis & Jane Stoecker) Theme: 50s
- 3:30-10 PM Carnival Rides
- 3:30-4:30 PM Kid's Activities: Face painting, & rock painting @ **Small Tent**
- 4 PM Magic Show @ **Gazebo**
- 4-8 PM Food Tent Open
- 5-7:45 PM Drawing signup
- 5-6 PM Cutest Pet voting
- 5-11 PM **Beer garden @ High Voltage**
- 6-8 PM Incredible 45s @ **Main Stage**
- 8 PM Drawing 3 - \$100 winner announced
- 8:30-11:30 PM Galactic Empress @ **High Voltage**
- 11:30 PM-1:30 AM DJ @ **High Voltage**

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