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Weaver says there’s no hope for new DMV in Wyoming

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News
TOULON – State Rep. Travis Weaver reiterated that the Illinois Secretary of State has permanently closed Stark County’s Department of Motor Vehicles facility during an address to the Stark County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday.
“The Secretary was looking for a reason to close the Wyoming facility and he got it when there was criminal activity in the apartments above the DMV,” Weaver said.
He said the Wyoming facility was the least-utilized DMV in Illinois and efforts by Weaver and Sen. Neil Anderson to reestablish a Stark County DMV were

thwarted by the Secretary of State.
Weaver also said a new pharmacy in Toulon’s First Choice Healthcare facility at 120 E. Court St. still requires a state inspection before it can open. He said the inspection has been delayed by the state.
The purchase of property for a new county highway building was tabled Tuesday night for the 15th month in a row. Heading into the meeting, the board had a letter of intent to purchase property owned



Weaver

by Matt Plumer on Illinois Route 17 between the former Kraft cheese plant and the current county highway department building. No action was taken and there was no discussion.
Society of Growth representative Kim Dahl addressed the board about the Wyoming-based organization’s goal to help people with addictions. She also spoke about the need to finance residents’ community health needs, plus grant writing.
County Engineer Judd Giffin reported that about 70 new larger road signs have been installed to replace smaller signs in the county. There will be over 100 signs replaced once the project is completed. Giffin also said South

Castleton Road continues to be rebuilt in order to replace the pot-hole riddled roadway.
Giffin also wrote in his July report that the new maintenance building ground has been surveyed. Whether this included the proposed property purchase just east of the highway department is unknown.
County Treasurer Paula Leezer told the board the first \$943,969 in property taxes received has been distributed to various county agencies.
Chief Deputy Chuck Deme-treon gave the sheriff’s report and explained that two Flock cameras costing \$6,000 are expected to be up and operational in about six months. These cam-

eras are mounted on tall poles in order to monitor vehicle speeds and other traffic related items.
Bills from the Sheriff’s Office were not submitted to the board for approval this month.
The board approved Joseph Charvat’s appointment to the Emergency Telephone System Board, replacing Chuck Terwilliger, who resigned. Charvat will fill out the remainder of that term.
Before the regular board meeting, there were county budget presentations at a finance committee meeting. No major changes were given except for an annual request for salary increases for county employees.

Estate debate

Federal estate tax rising, no change yet in Illinois

By CATRINA BARKER
The Center Square
While President Donald Trump’s recently signed “big, beautiful bill” raises the federal estate tax exemption, offering relief to family farms and small businesses nationwide, Illinois has yet to follow suit.
Trump’s newly signed “big, beautiful bill” raises the federal estate-tax exemption to \$15 million per estate, or \$30 million for couples, and permanently eliminates the sunset clause.



The estate-tax threshold in Illinois is \$4 million, far below the new \$15 million federal threshold and one of the lowest in the country. Some say that low threshold threatens the future of family farms.

Illinois’ estate tax threshold is \$4 million, far below the \$15 million federal exemption, one of the lowest state estate tax thresholds in the country.
Given that, Samuel Karnick, senior fellow at The Heartland Institute, warns Illinois’ outdated estate tax

continues to threaten the future of generational farms, even as the federal government moves to ease the burden.
“If you raise the exemption from \$5 million to \$15 million, more farms are protected, but it becomes a

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Galva city OKs appropriations

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News
GALVA – The Galva City Council unanimously passed a Fiscal Year 2026 appropriation of \$4,429,182 at Monday’s meeting.
The total is \$49,632 more than last year with an extra \$166,873 in the general fund to help purchase a truck for the Fire Department.
The council also opened the only bid on a lot located at 301 Market Street. The approved bid of \$2,010 was from Jeff Campbell, who owns Trash Bandits, and is opening a store next to the lot in the near future. The bid stated he plans to expand his building and also have public parking.

The city has sold two building lots – Lot 7 in the Olaf Krans Subdivision to Brian Lapan and Lot 8 in Northpoint (next to Villas at Galva) to Nelson Lay.
Second Ward Alderman John Wirth led a discussion about residents who own vacant lots in Galva and want to put up a storage shed. Among the discussion topics was limiting the sheds to a single-story, 120-square-foot building that must be on cement and must have vinyl siding that matches. Also discussed was having the property surveyed before anything can be built and not renting the buildings.
It was noted that two buildings have gone up on vacant lots, one built by Ernie Barlow on SW 7th

Street and one owned by the City of Galva and the Youth Sports Association, who were allowed to put up a building to keep their supplies.
It was noted that there are several pools in Galva that are 24 inches deep and have no fence around them. By code, pools must be enclosed by a fence that is 4-feet tall.
In other discussion, residents were asked to not put building materials in piles of brush that the city picks up for free.
Second Ward Alderman John Wirth said some electric bikes are not following traffic rules on the streets. He said he was almost hit by one the other day, as the operator was texting. Po-

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GALVA: City receives grant to repair post office

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lice Chief Kraig Townsend said that he and the mayor are working on something with the schools.

City administrator David Dyer said there are new backboards in Wiley Park that were paid for by the city, Jane Doss and Jim Anderson of Player's Edge.

Dyer also reported that the American Job Center has provided Galva a grant of \$101,000 to fix the building next to the Galva Post Office.

He said the Job Center is also paying wages of Department of Corrections inmates from the Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center. Inmates are learning a trade while working on the upstairs of the building.

Dyer said the downstairs had some structural damage and the city and David and Allison Triggs are taking care of first-floor repairs.

Dyer said he hopes to get the same grant next year for another building next year. He noted that the trades union will interview the inmates who have the skills from the project that might help them with employment after they are released.

Jamie Hopping served as mayor pro-tem in the absence of Mayor Rich Volkert.

ESTATE: Very few estates pay federal tax

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value judgment,” said Karnick. “Why should a \$15 million farm be taxed while a \$5 million one isn’t? Eliminating the estate tax entirely would be far more beneficial to the state’s economy.”

According to Alex Murensianu of the Tax Foundation, very few estates actually end up paying the federal estate tax. In 2022, only about 3,000 estates, just 0.1% of all deaths, owed any estate tax. While around 8,000 estates were required to file returns, only a small number were farms. In fact, just 112 of those taxed were in agriculture-related sectors.

Karnick said the best fix isn’t a higher threshold, but full repeal.

“Yes, the state would lose revenue short-term,” Karnick said. “But over time, you get more production, more private-sector activity, and more economic growth. That’s what expands your tax base, not driving family farms out of business.”

A bill at the Illinois Statehouse backed by both Republicans and Democrats would raise the farm exemption to \$6 million but remains in committee.

Karnick questioned why transferring assets from parent to child should be taxed in the first place.

“When they say we’ll raise the threshold, I think what they’re trying to do is square the circle,” Karnick said. “So when you say, ‘okay, we’re going to raise the cap,’ what you’re saying is that ‘we found more farmers we’re going to say we care about.’”

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance Violations

7-5 - Ray A. Couch - Improper lane usage, uninsured vehicle, no valid registration and front-light violation.

7-5 - Andre J. Gerts - Uninsured vehicle.

7-5 - Austin K. Charlet - Expired registration.

7-6 - Karl E. Griffin - Improper traffic lane usage.

7-6 - Jean Carlos Real-Narvaez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit, improper lane usage and unlicensed.

7-6 - Luis D. Golding-Escalona - No valid registration and uninsured vehicle.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

5-29 - Felony: Eric M. Stabler - Possession of meth.

5-29 - Felony: David M. Harris - Possession of a controlled substance (psilocybin).

6-2 - Felony: Alexis J. B. Green - Possession of meth.

6-17 - Felony: Drake M. Johnston - Possession of a controlled substance (cocaine) and obstruction of justice/destroying evidence.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

6-30 - Blanca E. Tirado, 41, Kewanee, cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone and for illegal window tint. She was issued a court date.

6-30 - Kani S. Carson, 18, Lincoln, cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

7-1 - Logan M. Swank, 24, Toulon, cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

7-1 - Samantha G. Engholm, 23, Toulon, was arrested for domestic battery and criminal damage to property. She was transported to the Bureau County Jail and one day later released with a notice to appear.

7-1 - Robert A. Hankins, 28, of Peoria and Kendra M. Steelman, 39, of Toulon were involved in a two-vehicle accident on Tonti Road near the intersection of Clinton Street in Toulon. According to the accident report, Hankins was traveling west on Clinton Street when his vehicle struck Steelman's vehicle traveling east in the opposite lane. Hankins reportedly left the scene but was later stopped by authorities on Illinois Route 78. No injuries were reported. Hankins was cited for leaving the scene and improper lane usage.

7-2 - Andrew K. Geiger, 26, Morton, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

7-3 - Christian A. Mallonee, 20, Wheeling, cited for speeding 89 mph in a 55 zone.

7-4 - Willie J. Armstrong, 68, Peoria, cited for driving with a suspended license. His vehicle was impounded.

7-4 - Kendrick D. Fisher, 24, Sterling, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

7-4 - Rhonda K. Dastrup, 76, Sheffield, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

7-4 - Keenan E. Craig, 22, Springfield, ticketed for driving with a suspended license. His vehicle was impounded.

7-5 - A 17-year-old Neponset teen was arrested for driving under the influence and possession of a controlled substance. She was released and issued a court date. Her vehicle

was towed and impounded.

Knox County Report

6-24 - A LaFayette woman required a hospital visit after a single-vehicle wreck near the Stark-Knox county border. Lynda M. Busse, 79, was driving an eastbound 2006 Buick sedan about 11:15 a.m. in the 2300 block of Illinois Route 17 when the vehicle left the road, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Busse's vehicle went into a north-side ditch, struck a culvert and stopped about 20 yards off the pavement in a soybean field.

Busse was transported by ambulance to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. She was cited for an invalid driver's license and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The vehicle was towed and impounded.

Peoria County Report

6-19 - A Galva woman was accused of stealing almost \$1,000 in clothing from a department store at Northwoods Mall in Peoria. Jewel L. King, 27, was arrested during a traffic stop 16 days after the alleged incident at JC Penney. Security video showed a woman pushing a shopping cart out of the store about 3 p.m. June 3, according to a Peoria Police Department report. Merchandise worth \$958.50, was recovered. King was charged with retail theft over \$300 and taken to Peoria County Jail.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-30 - Officer was flagged down in the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. by a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

6-30 - After a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Chessa Griffin, 34, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. A passenger, Michael Guerrero, 33, Kewanee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for two counts of failing to appear on charges of driving while license suspended. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

7-1 - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. for an attempted break-in. Minor damage was noted, but entry was not made.

7-1 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a solicitor complaint. Officer located the subjects in the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. They did not have a permit and were told to cease their activities.

7-1 - During a traffic stop in the 200 block of Exchange St., Jonathan Rodriguez, 41, Galesburg, was cited for driving with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.

7-1 - After a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Rayvone Taylor, 36, Dahinda, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration, operating an uninsured vehicle and expired registration.

7-1 - Officer located a wanted subject in the 200 block of NE 7th St. As the result, Braden Jones, 46, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving while license revoked. He was issued a notice to appear and released.

7-2 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

7-2 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a domestic disturbance.

7-2 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a bicycle theft complaint. It

was later located in Veteran's Park.

7-2 - along with the fire department to the 00 block of NE 3rd St. for a kitchen fire.

7-3 - to the 900 block of NW 6th St. to assist a cat stuck in a tree.

7-3 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

7-3 - to the east edge of Galva for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.

7-4 - Officer flagged down in the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for vehicles parked along the 5K race route.

7-4 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a physical domestic disturbance.

7-4 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

7-4 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

7-4 - to a residence on NW 5th Ave. for a complaint involving an earlier altercation and suicidal subject. The subject was found in Kewanee.

7-4 - After a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 6th St., Jessi Choate, Avon, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration.

7-5 - While patrolling, officer found an injured person lying near the roadway in the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. Witnesses advised officer that subject was struck by a vehicle driven by a family member. Victim was taken by ambulance. Involved parties declined to cooperate so no charges were filed.

7-5 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

7-6 - to the 00 block of NE 5th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

7-6 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic after a vehicle struck a parked car and a house in the 500 block of SW 4th Ave.

Henry County also responded and ultimately charged the driver with traffic offenses and DUI, drugs.

7-6 - to the 200 block of NW 1st St. for a male subject passed out in a parking lot. Upon arrival, officer learned the subject had a warrant from LaSalle County for failing to appear on retail theft charges. Jason Sherbeyn, 48, Galva, was ultimately given a notice to appear and released.

7-6 - to the 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a complaint involving a group of juveniles who were knocking on doors and then running away. The subjects were located and ultimately turned over to a guardian.

Property Transfers

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7-3 - Brent R. Hodges, Succ. Trustee to Brenda R. Hodges - Pt. Sect. 24-14-6 SE and Pt. 25-14-6 NE - Consideration = \$0.

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7-3 - Kathryn Paige Kidd and Jayleen Hope Flores - both of Toulon.

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7-7 - Rebekkah Hess, LaFayette and Noah Hess, Spring Valley.

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‘Big, beautiful bill’ will impact local education

To the Editor:

I just finished reading an article in the Peoria Journal Star concerning Donald Trump’s “big, beautiful bill” that he sent to the Senate to pass by July 4.

As we all know, Trump and Elon Musk’s DOGE group spent the first months of Trumps term rampaging through the federal government, firing thousands of federal workers and cutting or eliminating entire programs.

One area hit hard that will affect families in Stark County and throughout Illinois is education. Federal support for local districts (more than one half of all districts in Illinois are rural) is being slashed in Trump’s terrible “big, beautiful bill.” As a result, state and local school districts may be faced with tough choices of cutting programs,

services for students or raising taxes for families.

The important education and support programs on the chopping block that affect our rural schools include:

- Services for students with limited English language skills.
- School safety.
- High quality training for classroom teachers.
- After-school programs.
- Homeless children’s services.
- Art education.

And while Trump said he wouldn’t cut services for children with disabilities, he is cutting specific funding for programs that support their parents, serve pre-school children with disabilities and provide ed tech for students with disabilities.

Why make these cuts, you ask?

Plus, there are deep cuts to the SNAP program, designed to help poor families afford groceries, and to Medicaid, which will take health insurance away from 10s of 1,000s of people in Illinois. Federal cuts hit farmers and food banks.

They plan to use these savings to help offset the trillions in lost tax revenues caused by the massive tax cut for corporations and millionaires and billionaires.

– **Letitia Leeper**, Bradford

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SUMMER BREAK

The Prairie News

Will not publish a newspaper July 25.
Our offices will be CLOSED July 21 - 25.
Normal office hours will resume on Monday, July 28
We will publish an August 1 edition.

BRIEFS

Stark County roads second safest in state

TOULON – A new statewide traffic study by Onward Injury Law has named Stark County the second safest county in Illinois for car accidents, based on 2022 crash data from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

With just 44 reported crashes and zero fatalities that year, Stark trails only Hardin County in overall road

safety.

Stark County’s low crash rate is likely influenced by its small population of 5,313 and the absence of any interstate highways, which tend to carry higher-speed, higher-risk traffic.

“It’s fascinating to see how the picture changes when you adjust the statewide data for population,” said Brook Paslay, Director of Marketing at Onward Injury Law. “This ranking shows how less-congested roads and

thoughtful driving habits can have a real impact.”

Et cetera

- BISHOP HILL – ABBA tribute band Dancing Queen performs Saturday, July 12, at 1 p.m. in the village park for free. Spectators are asked to bring lawn chairs. The Bishop Hill Old Settlers’ Association will have a food stand next to the Colony Store and Bishop Hill Methodist Church will be having a bake sale next to the Steeple Building Museum.

Pages From the Past

Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago in 2015

- One Eleven Coffee readied for a grand opening in Wyoming. Stacy Unhold, Sheila Rumbold and Melissa Nagode were the co-owners.
 - Toulon’s Marion (Bud) and Imogene (Meaker) Blair celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary.
 - Jerod and Dana Brown filed a motion in Stark County Circuit Court seeking \$40,169 in legal fees and various damages from the Village of LaFayette that was associated with a farming dispute between the parties.
- 25 Years Ago in 1990**
- The new St. Dominic’s Catholic Church community hall, in Wyoming, had its grand opening.
 - The Spoon River Drive returned as the Stark County Fall Festival.
 - Bud and Becky McKirgan, of LaFayette, decide to stop publishing the 14-year-old newspaper The Prairie Times, but continue with The Prairie Shopper.
 - The Miss Teen OSA Pageant made its debut in the Toulon Old Settlers’ Association event.
 - The Princeville State Bank cele-

- brated 50 years of service.
 - Joseph and Majella Colgan of Wyoming celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.
- 35 Years Ago in 1990**
- Toulon’s Jones’ Recreation closed its doors May 31, after being operated for six years by Bill and Mary Anne Jones.
 - Jerry and Donna Hickey of Camp Grove purchased Bradford’s Big Dipper ice cream and sandwich business from Red and Margaret Farley.
 - Bill Bomleny, of Bradford, received an award for 10 years service manning the National Oceanic Atmosphere Association weather station west of Bradford.
- 50 Years Ago in 1975**
- John Ingalls resigned as Toulon-LaFayette school unit superintendent, having been named to that position in the summer of 1970.
 - Effie Bergin was named the 1975 Toulon’s Old Settlers’ Association Badge Honoree.
 - Wyoming’s Carmack Ford’s Manager Bruce Jones announced the dealership now has a body-shop

- with free estimates available.
 - Toulon’s Jim Durbin retired from the Toulon Fire Department after 20 years of service. He joined in 1955 serving under fire chiefs Dean Blair, E.J. Blank, Phil Pyle and Sam Montooth.
- 60 Years Ago in 1965**
- Abbie Ham of Toulon celebrated her 100th birthday. She was one of 10 children of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Price. She married Harvey J. Ham in 1885. Over 200 people attended her celebration.
 - Donald Rumley joined F. B. Brian, of Toulon, to practice law.
 - After 39 years of teaching Toulon grade school math, John Leitch retired from the educational field.
 - A coal train derailed in LaFayette, blocking traffic for approximately nine hours.
 - Route 17 west of Toulon was scheduled to be closed for 5-6 weeks for the replacement of the existing bridge and highway over Indian Creek.
 - Wayne Jenkins was hired as the new industrial arts teacher and new head basketball coach.



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The following items will be sold on the first auction of this 2-part estate sale. Items will be sold on location at 1338 Spruce Ave. Galesburg, IL., on SUNDAY JULY 20TH, 2025 AT NOON

NOTE: This is the first of 2 auctions. The second auction will include this nice 3-bedroom ranch home, tools/wire, electronics and more. Watch for 2nd ad. The house will be auctioned on Sunday August 24th at noon. See pictures and full ads at www.folgersauctionservice.com and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for more. 2 lines will be running.

ANTIQUES/COLLECTIBLES: Large collection of Mickey Mouse and Disney items of all types (many new, hundreds of Disney ornaments/boxes—Christmas décor, some vintage like ceramic trees, ornaments, Santas and more—Outdoor Christmas, blow molds, animated Mickey and Minnie, so much holiday—indoor and outdoor fired plaster animals and other statues—wine making supplies and jugs—5 gallon jugs, jars, crock jars—old Bushnell, IL lodge ribbon/badge—vintage Hamm radio equipment, station receiver and headsets—early Garrard Model RC98/47 turntable w/speakers—Victor Victrola in stand wirerecords—hundreds of Emmitt Kelly, Red Skelton and other clowns—Life of Abraham Lincoln, Poe, old N. American Atlas, Hitler and history, RCA manuals, many books—retro stereos, electronics and speakers—1900 Nippon painted vase—old Oriental vase—albums, 45s, VHS, DVD, CDs—linens and fancy-work—ornate oval marble top table—French end tables—enamel top table and chairs—ant. oak glider—notary iron seal—cameras—adv. items—old Home Interior—Molson Golden sign—retro sm. appliances in boxes—cedar chests—steins—Traveler Motor Oil can—spools—10-, 12- and 20-gallon pickle crocks—telephone supplies—ant. drop front secretary and end tables—misc.

OUTDOOR AND TOOLS: nice 35' alum. heavy flag pole—like new electric start Cub Cadet snow blower w/cab, #524SWE, 208 cc engine—Huffy Stone Mountain nice 12 speed men's bike—nice Craftsman M270 electric start 4x4 self-propelled push mower—NB Craftsman router—NB router 40 piece bit set—Craftsman sander, drill, jig saw and more—cords/reels—HD Milwaukee Sawzall—bench grinder/wheels, stones—Milw. Chop saw—chargers, volt testers, grinders, air tools, sanders, heat gun, hardware, coil tester, sm. work bench/vise, 8" grinder bench, Dewalt battery tools, oils, lubes, electrical wire in boxes, F12 freon tank, kilovolt tester, electrical conduit in boxes—Sear's port. air compressor—many Lawn-Boy parts, decks, bags, pistons, nice hand tools, pole saws, Echo vac, electric chain saw, pole saws, oil pans, tri-pod bumper jack, hedge trimmers, yard tools, yard cart, new wiper blades—NB extra heavy duty steel shelving—other metal shelving—Tornado air vacuum—lockers—good florescent light bulbs—NB barbg access.—NB Craftsman BarBQ set—picnic tables, lawn chairs—Charbroil grill—rods/reels—tool locker cab. top drawer tool box—misc.

HOUSEHOLD ETC: vintage double bed w/nice matching dresser/mirror—queen bed and other misc. bedroom furniture—filling cabinets—tables and stands—nice dining table w/6 chairs—couch/chairs—24" and 42" flatscreens, computer misc., NB items (pots/pans, NuWave 6 qt. air fryer, Advanced Brewing system, NB paper cutter, ice bucket, retro), cane bottom/top magazine stand, modern curios, hutch, storage containers, trunks and tubs, glass top tables, desks and chairs, lamps, décor, pictures, tons of figurines, Craft-Mate sewing machine/cabinet, sewing items, meat slicer, pressure cooker, many sm. appliances, dishes, etc., nice mini fridge, so much more.

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Mon., June 14: Kewanee

Thurs., July 10: Princeton

Mon., July 22: Princeton

Thurs., July 17: Geneseo

Mon., July 28: Kewanee

Thurs., July 24: Kewanee

Thurs., July 31: Galesburg

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have
hereunder set our hands in Galva, Il-
linois this 8th day of July, 2025.

1. The specific number of voters
required to sign a petition request-
ing that the question of adoption of
the ordinance be submitted to the
electors of the District is 235.

2. The petition must be filed on or
before August 10th, 2025.


3. The referendum would be held
March 17, 2026.

Barbara J. Caravello

Secretary of the Board of Trustees
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THE VIEW

ACROSS

1 Short leaps
5 "No —
español"
10 Crammed
16 — Paulo
19 Milky gem
20 Like much
pond scum
21 Shoeless tips
22 Feeling sick
23 Luciano
Pavarotti had
a famous one
25 Verity or
falsity of a
proposition
27 Gershwin or
Glass
28 Physics
Nobelists Niels
29 Maine city
30 Camera part
31 Choosing a
"lesser evil"
candidate at
the polls
35 Central rail
through town
37 Moral debate
38 Bana of
"Troy"
39 Scary ghost,
silly
40 Encounter
41 Any of 12
spinal bones
46 Couple
47 Advocate of a
lawless state,
archaically

48 Document
allowing
passage
through a
country
55 Philies' div.
56 Astrologer
Sydney
61 Cleveland,
e.g.
62 Faux gas at
a dinner
table
64 "My Baby"
rapper of
2001
66 Fisher's lure
67 Creeper in
the bignonia
family
71 Football
player
Junior
72 Types,
as data
74 Ample,
in dialect
75 Cooling
appliance,
in brief
77 Singer
Lewis
78 E. Coast
ocean
80 Amount of
seawater that
periodically
rises
83 One feeling
sympathy
archaically
86 Blank claim

87 Fastest
speed of a
freely falling
object
94 Twist
98 Six Nations
members
99 Festive party
100 School,
in Sonnet
101 Finally
102 Central cavity
of the brain
107 Did pool laps
108 Black-and-
white cookies
109 Alternative to
Levi's
110 Large Brit.
lexicon
111 Lower-leg
blood vessel
114 10 things
featured in
this puzzle?
117 Dr. from Ariz.
to Ky.
118 "Burnt" color
119 Cries loudly
120 Castle branch
121 Plays — Ray
Lewis
122 Paper Mate
competitor
123 Antark train
124 Norway port

DOWN

1 Huge seller
2 Function
3 Spirited style
4 — pitch
5 Runation
6 Hawaii "hi"
7 Female
rap fan
8 Fond du —
9 Heady quaff
10 "Hud"
actress
11 "Glee"
actress
Diana
12 Held tightly
13 Like a very
low-carb diet
14 Archaic verb
ending
15 "seeQuest
—" (1990s
series)
16 Feature of
the word
"thumb"
17 Father or son
auto-racing
star
18 Fake fat
24 MLB stats
25 Flared skirt
29 Of the ear
32 Little tyke
33 Edition: Abbr.
34 "...cup —
cone?"
35 Podcaster
Maron
36 Writer
39 Found on
this page
41 Sulfies
42 Huge seller
43 Redentbach
of popcorn,
for short
44 Erin Burnett's
channel
45 Frankie with
a falsetto
46 Ad Council
ad, e.g.
48 Sears wear
Ades' river
50 — surface
missile
51 All-female
club's policy
52 Classic PC
53 Apartment
building VIP
54 "— we all?"
57 City in Iraq
58 "Would you
like to see
—?" (water's
question)
59 Draw a better
bead on
60 Path
63 Splitting
sound
65 "Megan —"
(2017 biopic)
68 Lassos
69 Up to such
time as
70 Hook-and-
ladder co.
73 Canoeist's
challenge
76 Scam
79 Bible book
after Exod.
81 Foe of
Lisbon
82 Enkindled
84 — the finish
85 Wider than
local
87 Saluted prior
to drinking
88 Interwoven
89 Tag snow
90 Florida port
91 Filmmaker
— von Trier
92 Antiquated
93 Cleveland
hoopster
94 Chem., e.g.
95 Pennsylvania
resort range
96 Not lawful
97 Really must
100 Once, once
102 Ex-senator
Lott
103 Post
Heinrich
104 Kemper of
"The Office"
105 Sam of
"Dead Game"
106 Thompson of
"Salem"
108 Broiler, e.g.
112 African viper
113 False story
114 Bygone
Plan Am
rival
115 Welding —
116 "As I see it,"
to a texter

Weekly SUDOKU

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

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. F1: The Movie (PG-13)

2. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

3. Elio (PG)

4. M3GAN 2.0 (PG-13)

5. 28 Years Later (R)

6. Lilo & Stitch (PG)

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

8. Materialists (R)

9. Ballerina (R)

10. Karate Kid: Legends (PG-13)

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

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

DUTS XK XW ORWUXSC

KUONRCU MNR, ZTWKONMXSC

MNR, VXYT XW CNOCTNRW.

CVNOXNRW.

— Z.U. VJDOTSFT

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1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female goat
called?

2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the town in
"Gilmore Girls"?

3. GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Appa-
lachian Trail cross?

4. MOVIES: Which actress voices the character
Jessie in "Toy Story 2"?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: What is believed to have caused President Zachary Taylor's
death?

6. ANATOMY: What is the most abundant protein in the human body?

7. GEOMETRY: How many sides does a hexagon have?

8. LITERATURE: Serial killer Hannibal Lecter first appears in which novel?

9. ASTRONOMY: What are planets outside our solar system called?

10. MUSIC: Who was the first women inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame?

Answers

1. A doe or nanny.

2. Stars Hollow.

3. 14.

4. Joan Cusack.

5. Acute gastroenteritis.

6. Collagen.

7. Six.

8. "Red Dragon" by Thomas Harris.

9. Exoplanets.

10. Aretha Franklin.

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Super Crossword

Answers

HOPS	HABLA	PACKED	SAO
OPAL	ALGAL	AGLETS	ILL
TENOR	VOICE	TRUTH	VALUE
IRA	BOHR	ORONO	LENS
TACTICAL	VOTING	MAINST	
ETHOS	ERIC	HAUNTER	
MEET	THORACIC	VERTEBRA	
	PAIR	ANARCH	
TRANSIT	VISA	NLE	OMARR
OHIOAN	BURP	LIL	ROME
WORM	TRUMPET	VINE	SEAU
ENTER	SIN	NUF	ACUNIT
LEONA	ATL	TIDAL	VOLUME
	PITIER	LIEN	
TERMINAL	VELOCITY	SPIN	
ONEIDAS	GALA	ECOLE	
ATLAST	THIRD	VENTRICLE	
SWAM	OREOS	LEES	OED
TIBIAL	VEIN	TV	LISTINGS
ENE	SIENNA	WAILS	MOAT
DEL	PENTEL	ACELA	OSLO

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuote

answer

When it is rushing
through you, destroying
you, life is gorgeous,
glorious.

— D.H. Lawrence

OBITUARIES


Brenda L. Shelley
TOULON – Brenda Lee Shelley was born Jan 6, 1941, in Canton, Ill., to James and Lolita Bewley. Brenda met her husband, Jimmy Celethian Shelley, at The United Methodist Church in Normal, Ill., in 1961, and they were married on Aug. 25, 1962, at her home church, Glasford United Methodist Church. Brenda was a proud resident of rural Toulon in Stark County for 51 years. Brenda was preceded in death by her father, James Bewley, on Feb. 1, 1998, and by her mother, Lolita Bewley, on March 18, 2001. Brenda is survived by her husband Jimmy Celethian Shelley; her son and only child Eric Joe Shelley of Fort Lau-



Shelley

derdale, Fla.; her brother Boyd Bewley and his wife Cris Bewley of Yates City; her cousin Edna Fischer Brown of Pueblo, Colo.; nephew Beau Bewley; and nieces Katy Bewley Enloe, Jenny Bewley Cas-sady and Rachel Bewley Smith. Brenda will be remembered for her unwavering warmth, wisdom and above all kindness. Brenda was an avid reader, explorer and thoughtful mentor. Brenda’s gift was teaching elementary students. Brenda taught school in Hanna City, West Jersey, LaFayette and Toulon. Brenda had the credentials to teach higher education but chose to teach kindergarten and first-grade students. Brenda taught consecu-tively for 30 years. She had a gift for conversation and a quiet strength that left a last-ing impression on all who knew her, including her students over the years. Brenda chose to seek out and at-

tain her master’s degree in science from Western Illinois University in Macomb in August 1985, while teaching full time. A celebration of life will be held at the Fort Lauderdale Center for Spiritual Living on July 20, at 1:30 p.m. Reverend Tina Migs will offi-ciate. Brenda’s final resting place will be at the VA South Florida National Cemetery in Lake Worth, Fla., under a white cross reserved for her and her husband. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made by using Zelle account 9545560871, which will bring up the name Eric Shelley. At that point, all proceeds will be donated to The Fort Lauderdale Center for Spiritual Living, 4849 N. Dixie Hwy, Oak-land Park, Fla. 33334.



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Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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Phone (217) 425-5707
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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(309) 896-3481
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Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: https://www.thegathering.life/
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1st Congregational Church of Toulon
Reverend David Graham
(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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(309) 286-4611
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Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

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

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church
Father John Cramer
716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL
Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon. - Thurs. at 9 a.m.
Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191
Fr. Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

Wyoming United Methodist Church
Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.
309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
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
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