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Pritzker picks running mate for 2026

Mitchell in for Stratton
 By BEN SZALINSKI
 Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker announced Tuesday that former Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell will be his running mate for the 2026 campaign. Pritzker’s selection, made just days after announcing a third campaign for governor, comes from a close circle of trust in Pritzker’s administration. Mitchell previously served in the governor’s office as one of four deputy governors overseeing key projects in Pritzker’s first term. “Christian Mitchell is a proven leader with deep experience, steady judgment, and an unshakable commitment to the working families of Illinois,” Pritzker said in a state-



Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker has chosen former Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell to be his running mate for the 2026 campaign. Photo illustration by Capitol News Illinois.

ment. “Whether it’s transforming our clean energy future, rebuilding our infrastructure, or keeping our communities safe, Christian has been a force behind so much of our progress. I couldn’t ask for a better partner to continue delivering results for the people of Illinois.” Mitchell, 38, will replace Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton on the ticket as she seeks the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate. Mitchell comes in with hefty experience in state government and public policy. A resident of Chicago’s Hyde Park neighborhood, Mitchell served three terms in the Illinois House beginning in 2013 and was executive director of the

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Warrant issued for former Toulon man

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – A bench warrant was issued June 27 for the arrest of Brant R. Knowles, 23, formerly of Champaign and Toulon. His current address and whereabouts are unknown. Knowles was charged last Sept. 16 with Class 2 felonies of burglary and theft, plus a Class A misdemeanor of criminal trespass to state land. The bench warrant was issued in Stark County Circuit Court for failure to appear in court for the above charges. His court appointed Public Defender Bradley P. Popurella, of Princeton, told Judge James A. Mack that he has had no contact with Knowles since his initial court appearance on Nov. 15, 2024. Knowles has failed to appear the past seven times when scheduled for court. He has been implicated in the burglary and theft of items from Wyoming’s Illinois Department of Transportation site on South 7th Street. It is alleged that he and Caleb Deck stole various items from that facility and possibly from other immediate area locations. Knowles’ criminal history shows a McLean



Knowles

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Oglesby found guilty of murder

By NICK VLAHOS
 For The Prairie News
 GALESBURG – Marcy Oglesby was led from a Knox County courtroom to jail last week, possibly never to be free again. After a bailiff placed Oglesby in handcuffs, the person who might have been second-most responsible for that situation was the one in tears. “I’m just very relieved that we were able to get justice for Richard Young. That’s what it’s about,” Knox County State’s At-

torney Ashley Worby said after a judge convicted Oglesby of Young’s murder. A path that began with Young’s death in late 2021, continued to the discovery of his body a year later and included murder charges that were dropped and reinstated, came to a four-minute conclusion June 26 in a gray-painted, wood-paneled room on the second story of the Knox County Courthouse. Following lunch on the fourth day of a bench trial, Judge Andrew Doyle found Oglesby guilty of first-degree murder, attempted

murder and aggravated battery regarding the poisoning death of Young. He spent 30 years as a police officer in Maquon, which has about 220 residents. Law-enforcement officers found Young’s body in October 2022 in a Maquon storage unit after neighbors complained about an odor. Oglesby, 53, who admitted hiding Young’s remains, was arrested shortly thereafter. Oglesby was found not guilty of concealing a homicide. According to Worby, that verdict

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OGLESBY: Sentencing scheduled for Sept. 3

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and Oglesby being on pretrial release from jail were linked to the earlier dismissal of the murder charge. Doyle did that in early 2023 because of speedy-trial concerns, but a state appellate court overruled him.

The next scheduled court appearance in Galesburg for Oglesby is Sept. 3, for her sentencing. The murder charge mandates a 20-to-60-year state-prison term, to be served in full. Until then, Oglesby is to remain in the county jail.

Oglesby decided not to testify, according to one of her attorneys, public defender Christopher Kanthak. Clad in a pastel-pink T-shirt and black shorts, Oglesby departed the front of the courtroom before Worby and friends of Young exchanged hugs and well-wishes in the back.

This was Worby’s first successful murder prosecution since she became state’s attorney last December. She was an assistant state’s attorney when Oglesby first was charged.

“So many hours over the course of years to get here,” wet-eyed Worby said. “And hours of sleep lost and time away from my family to make sure that Richard can rest in peace. I have to keep this emotional distance so I can get through it. There’s just a huge amount of relief and release for everyone.”

If someone writes a book about this case, it could be titled “The Visine Killer.” The prosecution maintained Oglesby put eye drops and other medication in her longtime boyfriend’s food and drink over three or four months beginning in the summer of 2021.

Young’s death, in late October or early November of that year, was from tetrahydrozoline intoxication, according to Dr. Amanda Youmans, who performed the autopsy in Peoria.

Tetrahydrozoline is the active ingredient in eye drops. The drug is harmless when used as intended but can be fatal if ingested.

“This was the first time I had an autopsy where this drug was detected,” Youmans said June 24 on the witness stand. “It’s significant, because it’s an over-the-counter eye medication.”

In her closing argument two days later, Worby said Oglesby’s two-pronged motive – financial and romantic – was as old as time.

To access Young’s bank accounts, Oglesby initiated purchase of an 80-acre Knoxville-area farm that had a listed price of \$800,000. She and Young were to reside there. In evidence offered in court, Young texted friends about how he was planning to purchase a tractor.

But after the deal fell through, Oglesby drained at least \$60,000 from Young’s savings, Worby said. “And she is just spending it,” Worby said. “On what, we don’t know. She has no source of money other than Richard Young’s bank account.”

Oglesby worked for years in the medical field but had no recent gainful employment, according to Worby. Oglesby intended to pursue an art-related career, possibly with a Nigerian man nicknamed “Sonny.”

In an interview police recorded shortly after Young’s body was found, Oglesby accused Young of being stingy. She also said she and the Nigerian never met in person. They communicated online.

“More like a fantasy, more like something that filled in the blanks,” Oglesby said during the interview, which the court heard June 25. “We’re 6,224 miles apart. I was with someone who was 22 years older than me and not the most affectionate

person in the world. I had a midlife crisis.”

Not long after the farm deal was aborted, 71-year-old Young tested positive in August 2021 for COVID-19. He didn’t consult a doctor, according to court testimony. He texted associates about feeling dizzy, nauseous and unsteady.

“That’s when the light bulbs go off,” Worby said. “She’s not going to be able to pay back this money, and Richard is going to be upset she’s taken over 60 grand from him.”

“Perhaps Marcy caught something on TV about eye drops, and she got an idea. Rick is ill. She wants to get rid of him. How is she going to get out of it? This is her opportunity.”

Worby also referred to testimony Galesburg police officer Timothy Spitzer offered June 25. He conducted digital analysis of Young’s cellphone and determined Oglesby commandeered it in November 2021.

Oglesby impersonated Young in responses to text messages his phone received after October, Spitzer’s evidence indicated. Selfies of Young taken between July and November showed him becoming increasingly gaunt and bruised.

On the final day of the trial, the defense called two witnesses. One was Karen Doubet, Oglesby’s 79-year-old godmother, who earlier in court implicated Oglesby and alleged her eye-drop abuse. The other witness was Craig Chatterton, a forensic toxicologist for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Edmonton, Alberta. A paid witness, Chatterton disputed conclusions about how Young died.

Chatterton said tests of muscle tissue, which in Young indicated sky-high levels of tetrahydrozoline, were not as accurate as tests of blood. That option wasn’t available because Young’s body had decomposed.

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6-28 - Andrew R. Burwell - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
6-28 - Alexis J.B. Green - Disregard stop sign.
6-28 - Kennidey S. Dahl - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
6-29 - Alfonso Casiano-Rodriguez - Unlicensed.iving 11-14 mph above the limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

4-12 - Criminal felony - Andrew L. Martinez - Possession of methamphetamine.
6-25 - Domestic violence-criminal misdemeanor - Wyatt E. Schupp - Domestic battery/physical contact.
6-28 - Criminal felony - Alex R. Nowlan - Unlawful restraint of Ashley Gardner, Toulon.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

6-23 - Jason M. Gillan, 45, Peoria, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to wear a seat belt.
6-23 - Johnessa L. Griffin, 20, Peoria, cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.
6-24 - Paula M. Hoadley, 72, Tampa, Fla., cited for driving while license was suspended and driving without a front registration plate. Her vehicle was impounded, and she was released with a court date.
6-24 - Jonathan P. Hopkins-Bourque, 23, Saint Anne, ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.
6-24 - Matthew D. Muller-Harrison, 22, Kewanee, cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone, operating an uninsured vehicle and issued a notice to appear.
6-25 - Tayra K. Febles Bula, 21, San Antonio, Texas, cited for speeding 86 mph in a 55 zone. She was issued a court date.
6-26 - Ausencia Favela, 50, Kewanee, cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone.
6-27 - Lance E. Carder, 39, Kewanee, cited for possession of adult-use cannabis by a vehicle driver.
6-27 - Emily A. Vanauken, 43, Peoria, ticketed for speeding.
6-28 - Patrick C. Riley, 18, Sterling, cited for speeding.
Galva Report
Officer dispatched:
6-23 - to several addresses in the



NW side of town for complaints involving juveniles knocking on doors and then running away. Officer did not locate anyone.
6-24 - to a disturbance between siblings in the 00 block of NE 4th St.
6-24 - to the 200 block of NW 4th St. for a child-custody exchange.
6-24 - to a wild-animal complaint after an opossum was found inside a downtown business. Officer was able to remove the animal.
6-24 - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a utilities complaint involving phone wires down.
6-24 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for an unattended fire. It was extinguished prior to police arrival.
6-25 - to Illinois Route 17 south of Galva for a loose horse in the roadway. The owner was located and put the horse back in the pen.
6-26 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a city ordinance violation.
6-26 - to the 300 block of SE 7th Ave. for a city ordinance violation.
6-26 - to the 200 block of NW 4th St. for a child-custody dispute.
6-26 - to the 200 block of SE 6th St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.
6-26 - twice to remove an unwanted subject in the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. Brandon Swank, 29, Galva, was arrested for disorderly conduct and issued a court date.
6-27 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a resident who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
6-27 - While patrolling, officer found an abandoned bicycle in a lot in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.
6-27 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a harassment complaint. A subject was served with a written banning letter and told to leave.
6-27 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a civil-property dispute.
6-27 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a possible theft.It was learned a subject placed groceries into a similar vehicle, which soon drove away.

The vehicle owner called shortly thereafter, and the groceries were returned to their rightful owner.
6-28 - While patrolling, officer noticed a shopping cart abandoned in the 300 block of SW 4th St. It was returned to the business.
6-28 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a report involving criminal damage to property.
6-28 - to the intersection of NE 1st Ave. and NE 7th Street for a report of a male subject screaming at a house. The subject denied needing services and rode off on a bicycle.
6-28 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and later released back to its owner.
6-28 - to a two-vehicle accident with injuries at the intersection of SW 2nd St. and SW 2nd Ave.
6-28 - After a traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 4th Ave., Anthony Kummings, 38, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and issued a court date.
6-29 - to the west edge of town to watch for a reckless driver on U.S. Route 34. Officer located the vehicle, but did not observe any traffic violations to justify a traffic stop.
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6-27 - Jill C. Stieghorst to Jill C. Stieghorst, Revocable Trust - Pt. Sect. 7-12-5 SE, Sect. 17-12-5 SW, Sect. 20-12-5 NW and NE, Sect. 30-12-5 SW, Sect. 31-12-5 NW, and Sect. 32-12-5 SW - Consid. = \$0.
6-27 - Leslea S. Carroll to Leslea S. Carroll, Revocable Trust - Pt. Sect. 7-12-5 SE, Sect. 18-12-5 NE, Sect. 20-12-5 NW, Sect. 31-12-5 NW and NE - Consid. = \$0.
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PRITZKER: 2028 presidential race an option

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Democratic Party of Illinois in 2018 before joining the governor’s office in 2019.
Mitchell left Pritzker’s

administration in early 2023 to become vice president for civic engagement at the University of Chicago where he oversees government relations. Mitchell was appointed by Pritzker last year to an unpaid seat on the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority board, which oversees Navy Pier and McCormick Place. He is also a first lieutenant in the Illinois Air National Guard.
“The governor has led with courage and compassion, and together we’ve built a foundation that’s moving Illinois forward,” Mitchell said in a statement. “I’m ready to build on that progress – lowering costs, expanding opportu-

nity, and making sure every community has the resources and opportunities they deserve. This is about delivering real results for the people of Illinois, and I’m excited to get to work.”
Though the lieutenant governor has few constitutional responsibilities in Illinois, Pritzker has leveraged the position to task Stratton with leading key legislative initiatives and overseeing the implementation of some of his administration’s top priorities at state agencies.
If Pritzker is elected to another term, the role will hold greater importance as Pritzker considers running for president in 2028. Pritzker’s election to the

presidency would require Mitchell to serve the final two years of his term.
While keeping Mitchell’s selection under wraps, Pritzker told reporters in recent days he was looking for a running mate who was ready to immediately step into the governorship if required.
“The number one qualification is, ‘can you do the job of being governor because if you’re lieutenant governor, that may come to you,’” Pritzker said.
“The second thing I think about is person who I might choose for lieutenant governor somebody who has a heart for all the people of Illinois, not just some or some specific segment of the population because we have a big, diverse state,” he said.

In 2020 and 2021, Mitchell oversaw the negotiations of Pritzker’s marquee climate policy – the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act. It massively reformed the utility and energy industry and requires all fossil fuel power plants to close by 2045.
Mitchell was responsible for representing the governor in negotiations around the bill and was the face of the Pritzker administration as it went through the legislature.

KNOWLES: Past meth conviction

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County conviction for felony intent to deliver methamphetamine, plus a felony possession of meth for which he received 30 months of probation.
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Possible work outlined includes junior high HVAC, track upgrades and new playground equipment.

In other business, the board renewed property and casualty insurance with Bullis & Sundberg Insurance Services of Galesburg and passed FY26 family and athletic handbooks.

Heritage Days included \$100 nightly winners

PRINCEVILLE – A new promo-

tion at this year’s Heritage Days festival in Princeville saw the Princeville Civic Association give away \$100 each night in a random drawing.

Out of a total of 155 entries, the winners were Mandy Kistner, Adam Bender and Adam Will.

A Cutest Pet Contest raised a total of \$563.56 for the Princeville Food Pantry. Otis was the winner and raised \$59.34.

The 5K race on Saturday drew 57 participants. Hunter Keister was the overall winner with a time of 17:40. Top female finisher was Bethany Sennett in 20:58. Race results are at: stjudeville2peoria.pbworks.com. Race participants ranged in age from 5 to 72.

Dennis and Jane Stoecker were the parade marshals for Saturday’s parade. Parade prize winners were

Lifewise Academy, Country Financial and Wyoming Vet.

Learn more about the PCA at its next meeting, Tuesday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. at the Lillie M. Evans Library.

Hunter safety class offered in Princeville

PRINCEVILLE – Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever will hold a free hunter safety class on Thursday, July 31, and Friday, Aug. 1 at Princeville United Methodist Church, 420 E. Woertz Rd.

The class is held from 5-10 p.m. both nights. You must be present both nights. Those attending must be at least 9 years old by Dec. 31, 2025.

Dinner will be provided for free both nights. To register, contact Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

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TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CASE NO. 2025TX5
To: Estate of Gwen Ames a/k/a
Gwen Cullop, deceased; Aubrey
Ames; Alexis Ames; Unknown
Heirs/Devises of Gwen Ames a/k/a
Gwen Cullop, deceased; Kasity
Yanez; William Yanez; Princeville
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County Clerk; Persons in occupancy
or actual possession of said prop-
erty, unknown owners or parties
claiming any right, interest or title in
the described real estate:
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Property Index No. 04-36-318-
006
Tax Sale Certificate No.
202100032

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eral taxes for the year of 2021. A
Petition for Tax Deed for this prop-
erty was filed on April 16, 2025.
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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 6/20, 6/27, 7/4/25

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**
ESTATE OF: Roome, Bernice H.,
No. 2025PR66
Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)
Notice is given of the death of
Bernice H. Roome. Letters of Office
were issued on June 6, 2025, to
David Roome as Executor whose
attorneys are Barash & Everett,

LLC.
Claims against the estate may be
filed in the office of the clerk of the
court, Henry County, Cambridge,
Illinois or with the representative, or
both on or before December 13,
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Estate of
CLARENCE O. HODGES, deceased
No. 2025-PR-54

Notice is given of the death of
CLARENCE O. HODGES. Letters of
Office were issued on May 6, 2025,
to Brent R. Hodges, 154 Slant Rd.,
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Executor, whose attorney is Michael
Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O.
Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

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representative, or both, within six
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OF BIRDS

ACROSS

1 They're filled
at filing
stations

9 Causes of
some winter
roof leaks

16 Two or three

20 Its capital is
Springfield

21 Good time
to shop and
save

22 1977 hit for
Electric Light
Orchestra

23 Bird hanging
around

25 Bottom-of-
the-barrel bit

26 "Grace and
Frankie"
co-star Lily

27 Me, in
Name

28 Take a chair

29 Spike for a
rock climber

30 Icky food

33 Bird with a
pronounced
lower back?

36 Elite police
unit

41 35mm
camera type

42 Holy Week
follower

43 Bird with an
affliction?

48 Lead-in to
lateral

49 It flows
through Kila

50 Flicker

51 "Ammonium"

52 Single's

54 Response
to "You
weren't"

55 Jazz great
Fitzgerald

58 Give a bird
a monetary
reward?

60 "God Love
Us" rapper

61 Pecans and
cashews

64 Eggs

65 Slow-moving
reptile with
a bird on its
back?

73 Aussie critter

74 Outer surface

75 911 VIP

76 Waterway full
of birds?

82 Bifid bill

83 Employee
welfare agcy.

84 Dairy type

85 Dairy of
"Jill Abner"

86 Pull along

88 Old paper
sections

89 Bub

90 Share

95 Actress

98 Boating blade

99 "Are we out
of danger?"

100 Bird
starring in
"The Birds?"

104 Wise owl

105 Novelist Loos

106 Two times LI

107 Neighbor of
Oklahoma

109 "You did not
just say that"

115 Will of "The
Waltons"

116 Jacket with
bird hues?

120 Coastal eagle

121 100% correct

122 Overpraises

123 Old booming
jets, in brief

124 Catholic
prayer books

125 Pre-release
software trial

DOWN

1 Central idea

2 Certain sex

3 Skinny

4 Cash drawer

5 Opposer

6 One who's
hardly saintly

7 Tool set, e.g.

8 Guyana-to-
Bolivia dir.

9 "Money —
object"

10 Escalade

11 Wood for
darkboards

12 Certain belief
in God

13 Impromptu

14 Country
south of Sicily

15 — admin

16 Extra
installations

17 Courage in
adversity

18 Big surprise

19 Like the
operas

24 Wee devil

25 Free TV ad

31 That tongue

32 Taster's

34 Website ID

35 Family mem.

36 Run very fast

37 Outcast's
pedal effect

38 Pleading

39 That's partner

40 Boosted

41 — 5 movie

44 Tabriz native
spelling

45 Stephen of
"Utopia"

46 Actress
Irving

47 Suffix with
cartoon

52 Break off

53 — Tass

55 Slip-up

56 Allow to

57 Zodiac feline

58 H.S. junior's
hurdle

59 Hostess
snack cakes

61 — degree or
another

62 Consumer

63 Neighbor of
Oklahoma

67 Helen of —

68 Abbr. on a
food carton

69 It's in bronze

70 Greek
goddess of the
hearth

71 Doug who
is married to
Kamala

72 Just one bite

76 Website

77 Ones taking
a close look

78 Awarded, say

79 Taster's

80 Alternate wd.
spelling

81 "A mouse"

83 Circus cries

86 Feeling
gratitude

87 Not health

88 Post-Q string

90 Baby's cry

91 "Little piggy"

92 — for
"Evidence"
(Sue Grafton
novel)

93 "Hugo" star
Butterfield

94 Relative of a
wood
engraving

96 Petrol units

97 "Give — nest"

101 Gut
bacterium

102 Radio knobs

103 Celebrity
photographer
Herb

104 Even a hint of

106 Spy Aldrich

110 Spanish
greeting

111 Shuter piece

112 Short letter

113 God of war

114 "You ... over
there ..."

116 Engine
wheel

117 Singer Rita

118 Slop cuffs on

119 Fruity quail

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. How to Train Your Dragon (PG)

2. 28 Years Later (R)

3. Elio (PG)

4. Lilo & Stitch (PG)

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

6. Materialists (R)

7. Ballerina (R)

8. Karate Kid: Legends (PG-13)

9. Final Destination: Bloodlines (R)

10. Kuberaa (NR)

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXX
is LONGFELLOW

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

GR GD AUY LVYI GLFYIDDGTI

MPIW VRPIYD JGDXTYIY SVHY

KVVJ EHUNGRGID MGRPVRH

SVHY PINF.

— CHJGRP LUVRGW

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1. TELEVISION: What is the name of the bar where
Homer Simpson hangs out?

2. MUSIC: What are the first names of the Jackson
5?

3. MOVIES: What prop is found in almost every
scene in "The Fight Club"?

4. ANATOMY: What does the term "hallux" refer to
in human anatomy?

5. GEOMETRY: What is the perimeter of a circle called?

6. LITERATURE: What is Ron Weasley's patronus in the "Harry Potter" book series?

7. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many tusks does a warthog have?

8. GEOGRAPHY: How many states does the Pacific Crest Trail cross?

9. SCIENCE: What is a common name for iron oxide?

10. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross
for bravery in WWII?

Answers

1. Moe's Tavern.

2. Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, Marlon and Mi-
chael.

3. A Starbucks coffee cup.

4. The big toe.

5. Circumference.

6. Jack Russell Terrier.

7. Four.

8. Three (California, Oregon, and Washing-
ton).

9. Rust.

10. George H.W. Bush.

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Super Crossword

Answers

GASTANKS ICEDAMS AFEW
ILLINOIS SALEDAY DOYA
STILTATWINDMILLS DREG
TOMLIN MOISIT PITON
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ERNE ALLTRUE ADULATES
SSTS MISSALS BETATEST

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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

CryptoQuote

answer

It is far more impressive
when others discover your
good qualities without
your help.

— Judith Martin

OBITUARIES

Raymond C. Behnke
GALVA – Raymond C. “Ray” Behnke, 94, of Galva, died at 10:22 a.m., Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on May 7, 1931, in Burns Township, Ill., the son of John and Virginia (Mandle) Behnke. He married Alice Evans in 1953 in Galva. She preceded him in death on April 14, 2010.



Behnke

Survivors include his son, Bradley Behnke of Florida; his two daughters, Christine (Clint) Smith of Peoria, Ariz.; and Kim Lister of Galva; three grandchildren, Ryan Smith, Geri Siemers and Brett Smith; and five great-grandchildren, Malcolm Smith, Liam Siemers, Emma Smith, Jensen Siemers and Brynlee Smith. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Donald.

Ray graduated from Galva High School in 1949 and served his country in U.S. Air Force from 1951-55. He worked as an airline administrator for American Airlines for 32 years until his retirement.

He was a member of the Galva American Legion, Lake Calhoun Country Club and the Galva Wildcat Hall of Fame. He was an avid fan of the Galva Wildcats and the Chicago Cubs. He enjoyed golfing, hunting, fishing and playing poker.

A visitation was June 27 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Private graveside services will be held at Galva Cemetery, where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers.

Memorials may be directed to the Galva Athletic Boosters or to Galva American Legion Hagberg-Hamlin Post 45.

Linda R. Forbes

GALVA – Linda Ruth Tennis Bricker Forbes, 77, of Galva, died at 12:12 p.m., Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

A funeral service was July 2, 2025,

at Rux Funeral Home, Galva with Pastor Ivan Brake officiating. Burial was in the Galva Cemetery, where military rites were accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Linda was born on Oct. 25, 1947, in Huntington, Pa., the daughter of Robert and Ethel (Sheets) Tennis. She was married to William Bricker Sr. and then later to Robert Forbes on March 12, 1994, in Williamsfield. He preceded her in death on Nov. 25, 2016. She was also preceded in death by her parents and a grandson, William Bricker III.



Forbes

She is survived by four daughters, Tracy (Ronnie) Lambert of Galesburg, Mary Lawver (Paul Denny) of Indianapolis, William (Katie) Bricker Jr., and Amanda Bricker Jaco, both of Galva; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Linda was also the oldest of 12 children in her family.

Linda graduated from Huntington High School and then served her country as a U.S. Marine in Vietnam from 1965-69. She was a full-time mother but found time to work as a secretary for Sunbeam, operated Loving Hands Cleaning and Health Care Services, was a CNA, a licensed cook and provided home health care through the health department.

She was a member of the Assembly of God Church and sang in the choir. She enjoyed sketching and painting, baking and teaching chalk artistry at the church. She was also the founder of Biker Santa.

Roger N. Smith

GALVA – Roger N. “Radar” Smith, 63 of Galva, died at 7:15 a.m. on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at his home.

Per his wishes, cremation was accorded, and no services will be held. Memorials may be directed for an educational fund or to the Galva Athletic Boosters Association. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

He was born on June 30, 1961, in Berwyn, Ill., the son of Harold and Ethel (Emken) Smith. He married Debra Hill on May 27, 1984. She survives, as do his children, Krystle Smith (and fiancé Gordon), Jason Smith (and Johanna Kremer) Darrious Smith and Jatavius Smith; and nine grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister; his in-laws, Clarence and Virginia Hill; and all his aunts and uncles.



Smith

Radar was raised in Galva and graduated from Galva High School in 1979. He played basketball in high school. He attended Black Hawk East and received a welding certificate. He also served in the Illinois National Guard for 19 years. He also coached youth baseball and basketball. Roger was a welder and concrete worker, last working for Wilbur Nelson Farm Services. He was also a jack of all trades.

Naomi A. Peterson

GALVA – Naomi A. Peterson, 102, a resident at the Knox County Nursing Home, formerly of Galva, died June 25, 2025, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Sept. 20 at the First United Methodist Church in Galva.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1922, in East Galesburg. She married Frank “Junior” Peterson on May 11, 1946, in Knoxville. She is survived by her four children, Linda (James) Kennedy of Burr Ridge, Jolene (Bruce) Zukauskas of Groton, Mass., John (Sydna) Peterson of New Orleans, La, and Elizabeth (Bradley) Buck of Peoria, Ariz.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Chauncey C. Stewart

GALVA – Chauncey C. “Chan” Stewart, 79, of Galva, died June 22, 2025 at his home.

Survivors include his three children; Bobbie, Chad and Kermit; two sisters, Edie and Linda; 12 grandchildren; and two great grandchildren. No services are planned.



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Galva First United Methodist Church

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(309) 932-2460
preachinghope@gmail.com
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Pastor Rebecca Klemm
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309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

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