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## Toulon tower project still treading water

Stark board waiting

on sheriff's budget

#### By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News TOULON - City Engineer Justin Reeise gave a detailed presentation concerning the elevated water tank project at Monday night's Toulon City Council meeting.

The project has been in the works for months.

"The grant agency won't actually give us an extension until (the contract) is awarded. North Central Illinois Council of Governments said it has never had one denied," Reeise said.

Reeise said total cost of bids will be over the grant amount, but it is unknown by how much.

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON - A major

question remained unan-

County Board of Supervi-

swered after Tuesday's

meeting of the Stark

He said that the project is ready to rebid, but there is no date yet as to when the bids will come in. Reeise expects he will have bids ready by the Sept. 8 council meeting.

The council voted to reject the prior bid.

The Toulon splashpad was discussed and Reeise said it will be rebid as well. RainCheck and Vortex are the expected contractors who will bid on the proj-

The council voted to hire CodeRed for a cost not to

exceed \$1,600 per year for supplying an alert warning system for Toulon res-Continued on Page 2

#### **BRIDGES TO THE PAST**



The Red Bridge near Princeton is the most photographed bridge in Illinois and is one of six original, period covered bridges in the state. Photo by Pam Lange of the Bureau County Historical Society. Below is the Wolf Covered Bridge near Gilson, one of five covered bridges in the state built since the 1970s. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

# Landmarks of rural landscape

#### Six original Illinois covered bridges cherished in their communities

#### **By TOM EMERY**

For The Prairie News

Few images evoke Americana more than a covered bridge. Thousands of the rustic structures dotted the nation in the 19th century and have become synonymous with rural landscapes of days gone by.

Today in Illinois, only six covered bridges remain in their original form. While some have seen renovations, the original spans are still true to the period in which they were built.

Mostly nestled in outof-the-way rural locales, many have become indel-



ible landmarks of their nearby communities and neighborhoods.

In addition to the six, there are at least five covered briges that were built or rebuilt since the 1970s, including the Wolf Covered Bridge (above) that spans the Spoon River.

The Wolf Covered Bridge was destroyed by fire in 1994 and the replica that stands today was rebuilt in 1998-99.

The most recognizable original covered bridge in Illinois is the Red Bridge, located less than a mile north of Princeton. Built

in 1863 at a cost of \$3,148.57, the 93-foot Red Bridge is a short drive off Interstate 80 at Exit 56.

Spanning Big Bureau Creek, the Red was a hallmark on the legendary Galena Trail, connecting Peoria and Galena. Today, it has become a significant tourist attraction in Princeton, a welcoming community with an attractive downtown and enticing shops. The picturesque structure is the most photographed of the Illinois bridges. Scenes depicting the Red Bridge adorned the cover Continued on Page 7

"I think our question is, where is the budget?" County Board Chair Kari Bush asked of Sheriff's Deputy Calib Ingel, who was the sole sheriff's office's representative at the

meeting Tuesday night. "I was contacted and advised that (Sheriff Steven Sloan) was going to be

busy at a doctor's appointment," Ingel said. "He did say that if you guys had any questions, to give him a call."

Ingel said that no one from the sheriff's office knew if Sloan had his budget ready or not.

"That's a big question! We can't move forward with the (county) budget until we have the sheriff's budget," Bush said.

Bush asked the police committee chair Jamie Schaffer to contact the sheriff to get his budget.

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## TOULON: Unsatisfied with Toulon Ridge plans

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idents. Residents can register their phones at city hall to receive alerts for emergencies and also an option for general information such as boil orders, events, dates, etc. In 2020, the Stark County board of supervisors disputed a bill from OnSolve concerning a CodeRed software submis-

The county entered into a five-year contract in 2015 with OnSolve for CodeRed when Stark had its own Emergency Management Agency. In November 2019, Stark merged with Henry County's Emergency Agency service and no longer required the CodeRed software. The county experienced difficulties with On-Solve/CodeRed in exercising an option to discontinue with CodeRed.

Forty-eight new water meters will be purchased for no more than \$16,000 from Ferguson Waterworks. The meters will replace older, nonfunctional meters being used in residences as part of an ongoing upgrade project.

Cole McDaniel of Hometown

Consulting gave an economic development presentation that focused mainly on the Toulon Ridge subdivision. The property is located south of Toulon High School campus and the new all-weather outdoor track.

Toulon has spent decades attempting to develop this land with new houses.

At the end of the meeting, some council members expressed discontent with Hometown Consulting, saying they believe the money spent on Hometown Consulting has been wasted and they want to end their association with the firm.

In other business:

- The council agreed in a 5-1 vote to award Charley Holmstrom, a water/sewer employee, a raise after his 90 days with the city. Holmstrom was hired in April. His pay is increased \$1.50 to \$23.50 an hour.
- The council passed an agreement for safe routes to school for the \$3,000 grant application fee. The city will replace some existing sidewalks with new compliant ones starting at the schools and work out from there.

Miller and Franklin streets as well as Jefferson Street to the library will be included in the project. The project will be run by the Illinois Department of Transportation and the grant application was written by NCICG.

- Problems with Toulon's water wells continue. The wells are not able to keep up with the water demands. The city is hoping that opening fissures in the ground below the wells will produce increased water supplies from the aquifers.
- · The council discussed a new lawn mower that was previously approved for \$24,500 in May, at which time a purchase agreement was signed with Kewanee's Heritage Tractor for a John Deere mower. Heritage has not provided a mower per the agreement. As a result, the council approved spending \$27,435 to purchase a Kubota lawn mower from German-Bliss Equipment Inc. of Princeville. The council is seeking to revoke the May purchase agreement with Heritage.

## **STARK BOARD:** Stark part of 16-county lawsuit

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"We'll need that sent to the board electronically," Bush said.

Sloan was to present his budget in July but wasn't present at that board meeting, either. He last attended a board meeting in June and suggested that he

would have his budget presentation in August.

The board approved the appointment of Christopher Henderson as a Toulon fire trustee through April 30, 2028. The board also passed a resolution to keep past closed session minutes as closed and approved Tressler, LLP to represent Stark County in a federal litigation lawsuit against Integrity Investment Fund, LLC.

Stark County State's Attorney Austin King spoke about a lawsuit that involves 16 Illinois counties and Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul. Stark's possible cost would equal 1/16th of the total charged by Tressler. King said he hopes Stark County will be dismissed from the lawsuit, which involves property tax sales that were purchased by investment companies who are suing for "surplus equity." King said the lawsuit is extremely complex.

Giffin told the board he did not prepare a monthly highway department report but said bids for sealcoat work would be done in September. Giffin also said reconstruction of South Castleton Road continues and striping of county roads will occur.

During a budget presentation, Giffin requested a 3% salary increase for county highway employees. He also spoke about monies budgeted for construction of a new highway building construction.

The purchase of real property for the new county highway building was tabled for the 10th time since May 2024. The board was scheduled to approve a letter of intent to purchase property from Matt Plumer at 3134 Route 17 in Toulon between West Jersey Express and the county highway department land to the west.

be completed, Giffin said that he didn't know because it is an Illinois Department of Transportation project.

Apex Clean Energy's Shelley Schwab gave a length presentation concerning Goldrush Apple Wind's proposed wind towers in Stark County. She said Peoria, Marshall and Stark counties are currently targeted for new wind towers. The focus in Stark County is the West Jersey area.

Ryan Tate, Illinois Farm Bureau representative, spoke about development grant opportunities and the Farm Bureau's rural development grant program. The Farm Bureau plans to award \$120,000 in 2025-26. Tate said there has not been a grant application from Stark County in the first two years of issuing



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## Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

**8-4** - Timothy J. Cantwell - Failure to obey a stop sign.

**8-11** - Ethan W. Koehler - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

**8-11** - Kyler J. Pickett-Williams - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

## Misdemeanors & Felonies

**8-12** - DUI - Jaclyn M. Connolly - Driving under the influence and driving 15-20 mph above limit.

# Incidents & Accidents Stark County

**8-6** - William C. Schnekenburger, 49, Peoria, cited for driving on a suspended license and for operation of a vehicle without insurance.

**8-6** - Erin M. Dougherty, 54, Valley Park, Mo., cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-7** - James T. Christian, 28, Kewanee, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone

**8-7** - Steven R. Scheel, 39, Henry, cited for driving with a suspended license and charged with possession of a firearm without a FOID card.

**8-7** - Alissa M. Scheel, 36, Henry, cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger and given a notice to appear for possession of methamphetamine.

**8-7** - Shawn P. Kenny, 46, Tiskilwa, was issued citations for improper use of vehicle registration, operating an uninsured vehicle and possession of a certificate of title without complete assignment.

**8-8** - Chad L. Dean, 46, Galva, cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-9** - Thong P. Ingels, 58, Wyoming, ticketed for speeding 83 mph in a 55 zone, driving under the influence and driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08.

**8-9** - Matthew C. Wilson, 54, Rochester, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-9** - Miranda A. DeBoard, 21, Kewanee, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

**8-10** - Dino C. Hanes, 45, Houston, ticketed for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone and driving on a suspended registration.

**8-10** - Collin J. Barbour, 25, Highland, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.



**8-10** - John T. Rulason, of Kewanee, reported the possible theft of his truck license plate.

## Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

**8-4** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a child-custody dispute.

**8-4** - to the 400 block of SW 6th Ave. for a disabled vehicle. The owner was located and agreed to move it out of the traffic lane.

**8-4** - to assist Stark County Medic with a medical emergency in the 00 block of SW 4th St.

**8-5** - twice to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-5** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint of a subject throwing fireworks at motorists.

**8-6** - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. to direct traffic after a gas line was struck by a utility company. Ameren was contacted for repairs.

**8-6** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-6** - to assist Stark County Medic with an unresponsive subject in the 00 block of SW 4th St. The subject was transported by ambulance.

**8-6** - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a theft complaint.

**8-7** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-7** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to remove several unwanted subjects.

**8-7** - to the Galva Park District for a loose-dog complaint. The owner retrieved the dog.

**8-8** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-8** - Officer was flagged down by a motorist in the 200 block of Main St. about a passenger having severe

chest pains. Stark County Medic was paged and transported the subject to an area hospital.

**8-9** - to the 100 block of N. Center Ave. for a loud-music complaint.

**8-9** - to the Galva Park District to assist a motorist.

**8-9** - to a few different 911 calls at the Galva Park District during the Backroads Music Festival. They were determined to be pocket dials.

**8-9** - to the 200 block of SE 5th Ave. for a tree limb that had fallen and had power lines entangled. Ameren was contacted.

**8-9** - to assist event security with removing an unwanted subject at the Backroads Music Festival. After a physical struggle, Jason Harden, 50, of Bloomington, was arrested for resisting a police officer and criminal trespass to property. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

**8-9** - to the 200 block of Front St. to check on a suspicious vehicle.

**8-9** - to a fight at the Backroads Music Festival near the main gates.

**8-10** - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to assist two intoxicated subjects who were walking.

**8-10** - to a 911 open-line call in the 600 block of NW 7th St. As a result, Lucas Nelson, 24, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery and taken to Henry County Jail.

**8-10** - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a neighbor dispute.

**8-10** - to the 400 block of NW 9th St. for a loose-dog complaint.

**8-10** - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for an illegal burning complaint.

#### **Property Transfers**

**8-4** - Dennis P. and Patricia A. Brugger to Anthony and Stefie Stodghill - Pt. Sect.18-14-7 SW - 15242 Township Road 1200 E Bradford - Consideration = \$235,000.

**8-6** - Debra K. Higgins to Jeffrey L. Higgins - Pt. Sect. 2-14-7 SE and Pts. Sect. 11-14-7 NE - 17071 Township Road 1691 E. Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

**8-7** - Dakota M. Leonard to Donald A. and Laura A. Charvat - Pt. Sect. 36-13-6 NW Castle's Add'n. Pt. Block 9 - 803 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$10,000.

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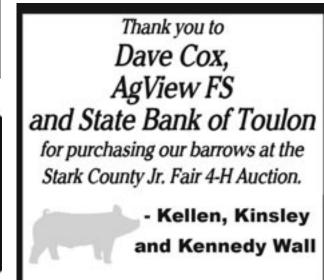


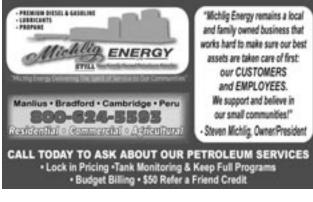


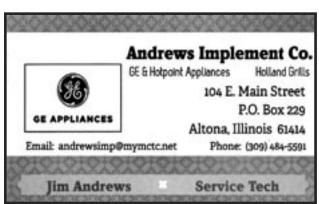














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#### **BRIEFS**

#### Children's Safety Expo returns to Black Hawk

KEWANEE – State Senator Neil Anderson and Rep. Travis Weaver are hosting the second Children's Safety Expo on Aug. 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Black Hawk College Educational Center, 404 E. 3rd Street.

The free event will include demonstrations for kids, like the landing of the MedForce Medical Helicopter, police K-9 unit, touch a truck, face painting, safety tips and giveaways, including a free bike. More information can be found at senatorneilanderson.com/event/safetyexpo2025/.

## SCGS presents Sloan concert on August 23

TOULON – The Stark County Genealogical Society will host a musical program featuring Patrick Sloan at the Toulon Public Library's community room on Aug. 23 at 1:30 p.m.

Sloan has been singing and playing guitar locally since his mid-20s. His repertoire includes folk, country and popular music. The program is free and open to the public.

## Blood donations sought in Wyoming on Sept. 11

WYOMING – The Gathering



Judge Will Hilty high-fives Cash Kinsella of Wyoming after picking his barrow for Reserve Overall Market Barrow honors last weekend at the Illinois State Fair. Kinsella is the son of Jim and Joni Kinsella. His brother, Cole Kinsella, won Reserve Grand Champion Overall Master Showman. Photo Courtesy of The Pulse - Powered by Sullivan Supply.

Church at 105 N. 7th St. will host a community blood drive on Sept. 11, from noon to 6 p.m.

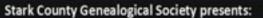
For appointments, contact Julie Wages at (309) 370-0961 or via email at juliew@gathering.life.

#### **College honors**

- Lena Becker of Toulon made the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Western Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's honor roll (3.0 gpa or better). Becker is a psychology major and member of the track team.
- Tristan Gerber of Toulon made the Augustana College Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the spring 2025 semester.
- Avery Gerber of Toulon made the St. Ambrose University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the spring 2025 semester.
- Azal Jameel of Toulon made the Knox College Dean's list (3.6 gpa or better) for the spring 2025 semester.

## Galva firemen host hog roast this Saturday

GALVA – The Galva Fire Department will hold its annual hog roast supper Saturday, Aug. 16, from 4-7 p.m. at the fire station. The meal includes pork sandwich, baked beans, coleslaw, chips, drink and dessert. Adults are \$8 and children are \$5.



#### A Musical Program with Patrick Sloan



Patrick will perform popular and folk music of his parents' era along with the country music he heard while living in eastern North Carolina.

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#### **OBITUARIES**

#### Terry R. Weaver

WYOMING - Terry Richard Weaver, 63, of Wyoming, passed away at 3:37 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, after a battle with cancer.

Terry was born on April 27, 1962, in Flora, to Warren and Elsie

(Feterly) Weaver. He married Connie (French) Weaver on August 14, 1999. She survives.

Also surviving are three children, Mandy (Robert) Carter of Wyoming, Billy Row-

ell of Clayton, N.C., and Sabrina (Rebecca) Rowell of Peoria; and five grandchildren, Olivia Lopez, Gracie Rowell, River Rowell, Samantha Morrow and Daniel Mor-

Weaver

Terry graduated from Cahokia Senior High School. He worked for Peoria Plastics for six years and PI&I Trucking for 10 years.

He enjoyed golfing and bowling but was best known for his ability to fix just about anything, and his garage was a haven for tinkering on various projects. His hands were rarely still.

Terry's legacy is one of a life well-lived and well-loved.

Family and friends are invited to join in a celebration of Terry's life on Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at 4 p.m. at his home in Wyoming.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

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

#### Cheryl M. Roper

BRADFORD - Cheryl M. Roper, 80, of Kewanee, passed away peacefully on Aug. 10, 2025. She was born July 23, 1945, in Brad-

She was the beloved mother of Tony (Julie) Roper and Tammy (Rick/Mick) McBride; cherished grandmother of Heather, Mark (Sara), Erica, Jesse (Ayla) and Kayla; and proud great-grandmother of Zoey, Kane, Vincent, Ronin, Freya and another one on the way.

Cheryl is also survived by her siblings, Leonard, Charlene, Denny (Deirdre) and Bernard (Jeanne); and sister-in-law LuAnn.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George; her parents, Darlene (Ferris) Scott and Bernard; her brothers, Leland, Ronald, Steven, Jerry and David; great-grandson, Jakob; sisters-in-law, Sherry and Liz; and parents-in-law Josephine, Gerald "Sonny" and Phil.

In keeping with her wishes, there will be no services. The family will remember her privately and encourages friends and loved ones to honor her memory in their own spe-





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The real estate is described as: 507 Galena Ave, ASSRS SW 1/4 SECTION 36 LOT 17 156.3 X 56 CITY OF WYOMING

PARCEL#(s) 04-36-302-016 Said property was sold on 10/25/2022, for the general taxes for the year of 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2025. On October 31, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such cou said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/25/2025

JOHNNIE MCKEE PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS Petitioner

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TO: Earl Feucht; Margaret Feucht; any spouse; any unknown occupants all unknown interested

A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Toulon Illinois as Case #

The real estate is described as: LOTS 3 & 4 W 1525 LOTS 5 & 6 BLOCK 37 180 X 132, VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE

PARCEL#(s) 03-18-437-003 Said property was sold on 10/25/2022, for the general taxes for the year of 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2025. On October 31, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/25/2025.

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF BEHNKE, RAYMOND C, No. 2025PR76 Deceased

#### **CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of Raymond C. Behnke. Letters of Office were issued on July 21, 2025, to Kimberlee R. Lister and Christine R. Smith as co-executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT** STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DANNY L. WAGHER, Deceased. Case No. 2025PR9

#### **CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of DANNY L. WAGHER of 215 East Commercial Street, Toulon, Stark County, Illinois 61483. Letters of Administration were issued on August 1st 2025 to JULIE L. WAGHER, as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.

filed in the Office of the Stark County Clerk, Stark County, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main Street, P. O. Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the Representative, on or before FEBRUARY 8TH 2026, and 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 ten (10) days after it has been

Claims against the estate may be

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat., Ch 755

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 Petition to Terminate Independent Administration form from the Clerk of Court at the above address

Dated this 1st day of August 2025. JULIE L. WAGHÉR, Independent Representative By: /s/ Robert H. Rennick, Jr. Robert H. Rennick, Jr., Her Attorney

Robert H. Rennick, Jr. The Rennick Law Firm. P.C. 117-119 West Court Street, P.O. Box

Toulon, Illinois 61483 Telephone: (309) 286-5921 / (309-) 286-2171 Fax: (309) 286-5000

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#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff,

IN CHANCERY

Case No. 25-0V-25K KYLE L. CHARLETT, Defendant

## NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Kyle L. Charlett, all Non-Record Claimants. and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled petition for property clean-up and lien action was filed and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of record: Kyle L. Charlett

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# CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon Methodist Church 229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483

Phone (309) 286-2224

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

LaFayette Methodist Church

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

West Jersey United Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty Phone (217) 425-5707 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

#### Elmira United Presbyterian Church

7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483 (309) 896-3481 Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m. https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852

The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491 Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m. Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491 email: info@thegathering.life web: https://www.thegathering.life/ https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

#### 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

#### Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones 211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434 (309) 932-3733 Service Time 10 a.m.

#### First Baptist Church

"faith in truth" 211 NW 4th Ave GALVA Main Service: Sun 10:30 Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor (309) 932-2713 • GalvaBaptistChurch.com

#### Wyoming Nazarene Church

517 N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491 Rev. Shawna Marsh Sunday School: 10:00, All ages Sunday Worship: 11:00 Wednesday Night Fellowship & Prayer 5:30 Kids Club 309 5:15 checkin to 7:00 p.m. Check us out on Facebook: Wyoming Naz

First Congregational Church 202 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491 (309) 695-4091 Sunday Worship 9 a.m. Check us out on Facebook First Congregational Church of Wyoming, Illinois

#### Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon (309) 286-4611 Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m. Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.
Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com www.ToulonBaptist.com www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon
Call us for Salvation Army Assistance

#### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. 16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491 allsaintsil.com

#### Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL Casual, family friendly Rev. Katie Gallagher Wednesday: 4:30 p.m. Adult Discussion Group, 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, 10 a.m. Children's Sunday School 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 Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

#### Bradford Leet United Methodist Church Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421

Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m. Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyanet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421 Services on Sundays at 9 a.m Rev Dan Wright 309-897-8113 309-507-1626

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Ordinance No. 25/26-101

BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT WYOMING, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BE IT PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WYOMING

PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WYOMING, ILLINOIS:

## PUBLIC NOTICE AND CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

To all interested agencies, groups, and persons

Rebuilding Together Henry County intends to submit a pre-application to the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, for a Housing Preservation Grant (Section 533) for FY2025. Rebuilding Together Henry County seeks this grant to provide housing rehabilitation grants to 8 to 10 very low and low-income homeowners. The rehabilitation grants will make critical repairs to ensure the safe and healthy occupancy and preservation of their homes in the eligible areas of Henry County.

A proposed Statement of Activities will be available for public review and comment at the Rebuilding Together Henry County offices located at 101 Church St. Atkinson, IL 61235, from August 11th to August 26th during office hours 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Comments on the proposed Statement of Activities are to be submitted in writing to Sarah Snyder, Executive Director, at Rebuilding Together Henry County at PO Box 254, Geneseo, IL 61254 or via email at ssnyder@rebuildingtogether-hc.org. Comments will be accepted through August 26th, 2025.

Rebuilding Together Henry County is an affiliate of Rebuilding Together, the nation's largest volunteer organization preserving and revitalizing homes. For further information, contact: Rebuilding Together Henry County at (309) 288-4600.

Rebuilding Together Henry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois, that the Budget for said School District for the fiscal year, beginning July 1,2025, is on file beginning July 31,2025 and is conveniently available for public inspection at the Unit Office, 115 High Street, Bradford, Illinois.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 P.M. on the 23rd day of September 2025, at the Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois. DATED this 31st day of July, 2025

By: /S/Jessica Peterson, Board Secretary

Subscribed and sworn to me, a notary public, on the 31st day of July, 2025. Notary public, Stark County, Illinois. My commission expires: 05/31/2028

/S/ Andrea Jo Scott. Published 8/15/25

#### TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2024 through JUNE 30, 2025

| Receipts  |               |
|---|---------------|
| Property taxes  | \$286,019.46  |
| Replacement Tax   | \$428.41      |
| Per capita  | \$3,265.52    |
| Grants  | \$1,000       |
| Interest  | \$3,889.87    |
| Donations   | \$5,525       |
| Fines & fees  | \$2,757.54    |
| Disbursements: Salary range \$50,000 to \$74,000: M Baumann. \$25,000 |               |
| to \$50,000: C McRell, A Meyer. Under \$25,000                        | ): A Hurst, M |
| McMillen, K Reining, T Wagner, J Wilkinson.                           |               |
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| Expenses:                                      |              |
| Salaries                                       | \$178,002.32 |
| Maintenance                                    | \$8,927.12   |
| Payroll taxes                                  | \$13,617.20  |
| IMRF contributions                             | \$13,112.42  |
| Insurance                                      | \$52,443.62  |
| Legal and accounting                           | \$3,735      |
| Contractual services                           | \$6,503.99   |
| Staff development                              | \$8,073      |
| Utilities                                      | \$6,675.14   |
| Public relations                               | \$8,762.77   |
| Office supplies                                | \$582.81     |
| Building supplies                              | \$65         |
| Library materials                              | \$14,632.14  |
| Disbursements to vendors over \$2,500:         | . ,          |

Ameren \$6,675.14, American Express \$28,629.67, Blue Cross Blue Shield & Humana \$8,686.02, Center Point Publishing \$2,948.40, Douglas Irwin & Co \$2,900, IL Dept of Revenue \$8,080.98, IMRF \$32,874.57, RSA NFP \$3,580, Spark Cap One Visa \$4,576.86, United States Treasury \$43,476, Compton Accounting \$3,035.00, Toni Nowlan \$2,550, Leezer Insurance \$6,404, Streamline Websites \$3,953,99

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3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23 That parcel of land situated in the Northwest corner of the East One-Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Number 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, beginning at a point 30 feet South and 13 feet East of the Northwest corner of the East One Half of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, said point being the intersection of the East line of May Street and the South line of Lake Street, in the City of Kewanee, Illinois, thence East along the South line of Lake Street 150 feet, thence South 67 1/2 feet thence West to the West line of May Street 150 feet, thence North along the East line of May Street 67 1/2 feet to the place of beginning, in the County of Henry and State of Illinois. ALSO DESCRIBED AS Lot 5 of Zang's Replat of a part of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 5 East of the 4th P.M., Henry County, Illinois according to the Plat thereof recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds, Henry County, Illinois, on October 18, 1944, in

Book 468, page 112.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 1101 Lake St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/S/ Terilyn A. Motley Circuit Clerk Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W 2nd St Kewanee, IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 Published 8/15, 8/22, 8/29/25

#### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF RODNEY HOLLAND,

Deceased

#### No. 2025 PR 82 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Rodney Holland. Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2025, to

ming Public Library District, Wyoming, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, for the library purposes and objects hereinafter more particularly specified and which expenses and liabilities are to be paid and discharged from revenues anticipated by the District hereinafter set forth, to wit: SECTION I. ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

It is hereby proposed to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Wyo-

\$114,290.00 \$ 7,225.00 \$121,515.00 Interest, Fees & Misc. Total: b). Building & Maintenance Taxes: \$13,500.00 c) Insurance: Taxes: \$11,000.00 d) Social Security: Taxes: \$5,000.00 Total Special Éunds: \$29,500.00 Total Budget: SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL LIBRARY PURPOSES.

\$151,015.00 a) Personnel Expenses:b) Operating Expenses: \$71,400.00 Salaries etc: Telephone: \$1,300.00 Postage: \$190.00 Professional Fees: \$125.00 Legal Fees: \$2,000.00 Travel: \$500.00 Books & Ebooks: \$12,800.00 \$1,800.00 Supplies Public Relations: \$1,000.00 Children Programs: \$2,200.00 Adult Programs: \$2,000.00 Periodicals: \$800.00 Videos \$2,000.00 RSA/OCLC: \$4,000.00 Gifts: \$400.00 Utilities: \$5,000.00 Audio: \$2,000.00 Miscellaneous: \$4,000.00 \$8,000.00 Contingencies \$121,515.00 SECTION III. APPROPRIATIONS FOR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PURPOSÉS: Building & Equipment: Purchase & Maintenance: \$13,500.00

\$13,500.00 SECTION IV. APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES: \$6,500.00 Insurance: \$4,500.00 Risk managment and loss control \$11,000.00 SECTION V. APPROPRIATIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES: \$5,000.00 \$5,000.00 Social Security & Medicare Taxes Total:

SECTION VI. That the Total Appropriations for the Wyoming Public Library District for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 is \$151,015.00, and that portion to be raised by Levy is

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS **FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2024 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2025**

Receipts: July 1,2024 Programs: \$2267.62 through June 30,2025 Public Relations: \$985.93 \$136.951.47 Real Estate Taxes: Telephone: \$761.67 Disbursements: Travel: \$389.59 Salaries under \$25,000: Utilities: \$4342.77 Disbursement to Vendors: McCauley, Mary, Meaker, Mary \$4517.00 State Farm: Mungons, Emily Amazon: \$15354.44 Reynolds, Taylor Ameren: \$4342.77 Scholl, Jane RSA: \$3184 40 Expenses: Building Mtn: \$3000.00 Hoopla: Certified by: \$11,275.00 \$2,591.41 /S/Suz Howard, Treasurer Contingencies: \$2,989.42 Wyoming Public Library District Miscellaneous: \$300,00 Attested: Legal Fees: \$1,500.00 /S/ Brenda Jo Colgan Notary Public August 8, 2025 \$16,310.69 Library Materials: Library Supplies: \$1,639.30 \$85.00 Memberships: Published 8/15/25 Postage: \$48.59

## PUBLIC NOTICE ORDINANCE NO. 25-100 AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY AND ASSESS A TAX FOR WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF ILLINOIS FORTHE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2025

AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026
BE IT ORDAINED, that the Wyoming Public Library District of the County of Stark, 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 petirequire an election concerning the imposition of such adtax, pursuant to 75 ILCS 16/35-5.

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunder set our hands in Wyoming, Illinois this 5th day of August, 2025 to be effective immediately upon posting.

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 133.

2. The petition must be filed on or before September 14, 2025. 3. The referendum would be held March 17, 2026.

Maureen Nusz Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District c/o Wyoming Public Library District 119 North Seventh Street

Wyoming, IL 61491 Published 8/15/25

Tyler Glaser as Independent Administrator 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 February 18, 2026. 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.

Visit: http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/ service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/ gethelp.asp, or talk with your local

of the proceeds received from library taxes, said fund to be accumulated and set aside as a reserve for the purchase of sites and for construction and furnishing of buildings, or remodeling and improvement of existing buildings and to furnish necessary equipment for said buildings, for library purposes in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/35-5(b) or may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/30-95 & 15/30-35 SECTION VIII. That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by Law.
PASSED by roll call this 5th day of August, 2025.
AYES: 6 NAYS: 0 ABSENT: 1
Approved this 5th day of August, 2025. Theresa M. Strode, President, Board of Trustees

SECTION VII. That the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby applies for a specific fund to be accumulated from the unexpended balance

Wyoming Public Library District Attested and filed this 5th day of August, 2025. Maureen Nusz, Secretary, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF HENRY

The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, in the County of Stark and the State of Illinois, does hereby certify that the attached and foregoing 25/26-\_\_\_\_ Wyoming Public Library District Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is a true and accurate copy of said Ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District on the

5th day of August, 2025, after a Public Hearing held thereon.

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof and that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and

publication thereof as required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, at Wyo-

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025. Maureen Nusz, Secretary, Board of Trustees

Wyoming Public Library District **CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATED REVENUES** 

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF HENRY

The undersigned Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby certifies that the revenues, by source, shown for each fund of the District in the foregoing Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance 25/26-\_\_\_, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, are the revenues anticipated for Fiscal Year 2025–2026.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2025

Susan Howard, Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer Wyoming Public Library District

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#### LYNN TOWNSHIP **ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT** FISCAL YEAR STARTING 4/1/24 AND ENDING 3/31/25

Town, Cemetery, General Assistance, and Audit Funds Beginning Balance 4/01/24 \$105,078.81

REVENUĚ \$56,026.91 Real Estate Taxes Interest Income \$162.82 State of IL \$1,130.13 Miscellaneous \$30.00 Total Revenue \$57,349.86 Total Funds Available \$162,428.67 **EXPENDITURES** Accounting/Legal Fees \$3,195.00 **Building & Doors** \$8,350.00 Dues & Fees \$231.85 FICAIMed Expense \$2,767.01 Insurance \$535.00 Legal Fees \$1,060.00 Local Assistance \$1,500.00 Office Supplies & Postage \$292.79 Salaries \$32,000.01 Utilities \$3,709.94 Trustee Wages \$4,170.00 Total Expenditures \$57,811.60

Ending Balance 3/31/25 \$104,617.07 Road & Bridge, Permanent Road, Insurance, Special Bridge, Building & Equipment Funds \$391,980.83 Beginning Balance 4/01/23 REVENUE Real Estate Taxes \$108,952.22 \$1,860.91 State of IL Miscellaneous \$3,200.00 Total Revenue \$114,946.41 Total Funds Available \$506,927.24 **EXPENDITURES** FICA/Med Expense \$68.85 \$2,865.56 Fuel & Oil Insurance \$5,235.00 Legal Fees \$1,060.00 Repairs & Maintenance \$6,718.80 \$2,022.92 Rock Road Maintenace & Repair \$134.67 \$1,832.86 Supplies Trucking \$5,368.27 Wages \$900.00 Total Expenditures \$26,291.93 Ending Balance 3/31/25 \$480,635.31 Expenditures in Excess of \$2.500:

Compton Accounting \$3195.00, Payroll Taxes \$2835.86, Martin Equipment \$4238.75, Rask Transportation Inc \$3077.59, Sparks Builders \$8350, TOIRMA \$5235, West Central FS \$5636.57

Payroll Under \$25.000.00:

\$5,070.00 Jim Anderson, Nicholas Appell, Crystal Kitterman, Jeffrey O'Bryant, Kyle Stevens, Timothy Thuline, Gail Sherbeyn

\$32,000.01 Pay roll \$25.000.00 to \$49.999.00: Nicholas George

I, Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor of Lynn Township, Knox County, IL, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year April 1, 2024 through March 31,2025. /S/ Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor

Published 8/15/25

circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC

Attorney for Executor

211 W. 2nd St.

Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 8/15, 8/22, 8/29/25

## **BRIDGES:** Historic spans popular tourism spots

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of recent Illinois road maps.

"It's a real icon of the community," said Pam Lange, director of the Bureau County Historical Society. "It's on advertisements and billboards and has been photographed so many times. It's been an important landmark for a lot of years in Bureau County."

On Labor Day 2013, the society hosted a sesquicentennial celebration at the bridge that attracted large crowds. Remarkably well maintained, the Red Bridge is the only one of the original Illinois bridges open to traffic.

Ten miles south of Springfield, the Sugar Creek bridge near Glenarm is a proud symbol of both the local park districts and the Sangamon County Historical Society. Built in 1880, the pristine, 58-foot bridge is surrounded by a spacious park that has become a popular spot for picnics and parties.

"I can't tell you how many people use that park," said Nancy Chapin of nearby Chatham, a past president of the Sangamon County Historical Society. "There's always someone out there. People have held weddings there, and there are all sorts of reunions and get-togethers."

Like many renovated bridges, the Sugar Creek bridge is equipped with surveillance and sprinkler systems, as well as fire alarms. Once under the care of the Sangamon County Historical Society, the park is now administered by the city of Chatham.

In recent years, there has been a boom in new homes built near the Sugar Creek bridge, another indication of the bridge's modern appeal. Even with the uptick, the park maintains its peaceful ambiance.

The Little Mary's River bridge in southern Illinois has also become a popular tourist site. Two miles north of Chester in Randolph County, the bridge is the oldest of the Illinois spans, constructed in 1854 largely with hand-hewn, white-oak timber. The 98-foot bridge was renovated in 2005.

The bridge originally connected a plank toll road between Chester and Bremen and was in use until 1930. For decades, it has been the anchor of a tranquil roadside park along Illinois Route 4.

"We hear from people who want to see the bridge, and we send them out to it," said Emily Lyons, a board member of Southern Illinois Tourism. "It seems that every time you drive by the bridge, there's one or two cars parked there."

In eastern Illinois, the Thompson Mill bridge crosses the Kaskaskia River east of Cowden, a village in Shelby County. That bridge, the longest of the surviving Illinois spans at 110 feet, was built in 1887 at a cost of \$2,500.

Narrowest of the Illinois bridges at 10 feet, 7 inches in width, the span was named for one of the first mill owners in the area. The bridge was built in Michigan and shipped to nearby Shelbyville, where horsedrawn wagons hauled the pieces to

the current site. The bridge was closed to foot traffic in 1987.

Three miles south of Oquawka in Henderson County, motorists along Illinois Route 164 can catch a glimpse of the Allaman-Eames bridge, constructed in 1866 and open to traffic until 1934. The bridge required major repairs after extensive damage from a 1982

Its 104-foot span crosses Henderson Creek and is the centerpiece of a roadside park. The bridge was constructed by Jacob Allaman, a Pennsylvania-born farmer who had built three covered bridges in his native state.

The other surviving Illinois covered bridge is the Young Bridge, just east of Rockford. The 75-foot bridge, erected in 1890, crosses Kinnikinnick Creek and is accessible only with permission.

Other modern Illinois spans built since the 1970s are near Long Grove in Lake County (1972), at Lake of the Woods near Mahomet, near Interstate 70 in Cumberland County and at Glen Carbon.

Illinois has fewer bridges than some neighbors. Nearly 100 survive in Indiana, including 31 in Parke County alone. Six of 10 remaining bridges in Iowa are in Madison County, basis for the novel "The Bridges of Madison County" that later became a Clint Eastwood movie.

Tom Emery is a freelance writer and historical researcher from Carlinville. He may be reached at (217) 710-8392 or ilcivilwar@yahoo.com.

#### GALESBURG, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

The following nice 3-bedroom ranch home will be auctioned on location at 1338 Spruce Ave. Galesburg, IL. This is the 2nd auction of this estate and will include personal property

#### SUNDAY AUGUST 24th, 2025 AT 12 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)

REAL ESTATE: This is a condensed ad. See the full ad online. This very nice 3 bedroom ranch style home is approx. 1644 sq. ft. with a full basement and sits on a .26 acre lot. The furnace, central air, roof, siding, windows and more have been recently updated. There is a nice sized kitchen, living room, dining room, and 1 1/2 baths along with utility area and enclosed front porch on the main level. The full, dry basement is divided into rooms and storage areas. Outside a cement drive leads to a 22'x24' 2-stall garage with two overhead automatic doors. An 8'x10' yard shed with electricity also sits behind the garage

TERMS: A non-refundable \$10,000.00 deposit is required from the buyer on auction day, with the remainder to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. No credit cards accepted for real estate transactions. See pictures online at

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The van will leave the destination city at 2:30 p.m.

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The following nice large 2-story home will be sold at public auction located at 112 S Vine St. Kewanee, IL, on

SATURDAY AUGUST 23rd, 2025 AT 11 A.M.

REAL ESTATE DETAILS: This attractive 2-story home has amazing craftsmanship, original wood floors and trim, an open spindled staircase and many other historic features. The main level includes a glassed 4 seasons room, workshop/porch area, an updated kitchen with open dining room, parlor and living room areas, a back utility room and a full bath. The open staircase leads upstairs to another full bath and 4 nice large bedrooms wicloset areas. The basement is full and dry, with separate rooms providing many storage areas. There is another full bath added to the basement. The furnace and central air are in good working order and under 10 yrs. old. Although the house is in a nice area of town, there are multiple security systems both wired internally and internet ready wireless. Nice appliances will be included with the house. In the backyard sits an older Ig. brick shop w/cement flooring. The shop has 2 sections measuring 20'x30' and 21'x18' that connect. There is a 9'x7' overhead door w/remote and another 8'x7' overhead door. There is a hanging gas heater and an ant. wood stove installed for heat. The shop is in need of a new roof. The house will remain partially furnished and those items will be inherited by the buyer. No remaining personal property will be auctioned. This is a wonderful opportunity to own a beautiful family home. TERMS: A non-refundable 5,000.00 deposit will be required

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## Stark Co. girls XC ranked

#### Four returnees fuel high hopes for upcoming season

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Expectations are lofty for this year's Stark County girls cross country team, which has already been ranked in the top 21 in two preseason polls.

Illinois Running News ranked the Lady Rebels No. 8 in its preseason top 10 for Class 1A, noting the return of four of Stark County's top five runners and promising newcomers. MileSplit Illinois placed the Lady Rebels at No. 21.

The four top returnees are junior Dusti, senior Cheyenh Smith, senior Paytin Terwilliger and sophomore Darilis Knobloch. The quartet helped the Lady Rebels win a fourth Lincoln Trail championship last fall, a regional title and place third at sectional and 19th in the state finals.

Dusti Smith has been ranked 12th in 1A according to Coach Bob Rennick Jr. and has a personal record of 17:51. She was an all-state runner as a freshman and placed 27th at Detweiller Park last fall in 17:57.1.

"Our summer has been productive and I am happy with our conditioning to this point," Rennick said. "If we carry the momentum from last season and this past track season we should be very competitive."

Among the goals for a season that starts Aug. 25 at Farmington High School is chasing another LTC championship and reaching the sectional and state races. Left unsaid is a desire to improve on the state showing, as Stark County's girls have finished 19th in 2018, 2023 and last

Rennick believes he has the team that can get that done if all goes well.

"The potential is there to be certain. But

Class 1A is so tough when competing with public school nearly three times your size and private schools that have their advantages," Rennick said. "How we develop along the way will be a big factor."

One reason for optimism is Stark County's strong spring track season. In last year's Class 1A state finals, the Lady Rebels placed fourth in the 4x800-meter relay, Cheyenh Smith was 7th in the 800, Dusti Smith was 11th in the 1,600 and the 4x400 relay placed 10th.

"The improvements we made in track will help us for cross country this season." Rennick said.

Another cause for optimism is freshman Norah Rorem, who ran 5:37 in the 1,600meter race in middle school and will be looked on to help replace graduated topseven runners Sarah Kraklow and Alexis Martinez, who ran second for Stark County at state last fall.

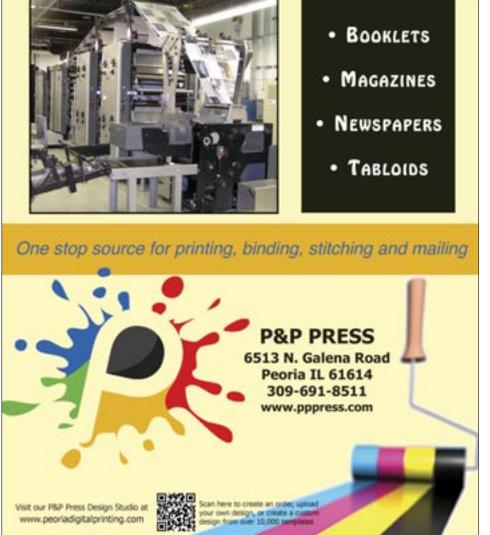
"Norah is very talented and is an extremely hard worker. She has a quiet confidence and is very, very, competitive," Rennick said. "I am really excited to have her on the team to say the least! She is the real deal."

The key for Rorem will be adapting to the longer 3-mile courses in high school.

Other likely top-seven runners are Lyla Rosado and Kelsey Hawley.

For the first time in several years, Stark County should also have enough runners to field a full boys team thanks to an influx of four freshman runners. Leading that squad will be Evan Knobloch, who has rewritten every distance-running record for the Rebels.

"All-state is a realistic goal for Evan and I think having a year of cross and track under his belt will help a great deal in that regard," Rennick said.



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