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# Stark County schools facing deficit budget

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School District is facing a \$1.5 million budget deficit for the 2025-26 fiscal year.

Stark County Superintendent Brett Elliott presented a detailed report to the school board Monday night concerning the tentative budget.

"It is anticipated that there will be \$1.5 million more in expenditures than the revenues," Elliott staid. "Why are we spending more? The reasons are new teacher contracts, sports staff and the biggest reason is health insurance increases of \$180,000 more this year.

"There will be tighter funds in the next few years because of less federal government funding."

Elliott noted that federal funding will be cut by a two-thirds reduction in Title I, II and IV.

There will also be reimbursement reductions for transportation and special transportation.

The board approved the tentative budget that will be on display for the next 30 days. The board will hold a public hearing and is expected to approve the budget at the Sept. 22

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**NEW TEACHERS AT STARK COUNTY** 

New teachers at Stark County pose for a photo heading into the new school year. The team photo includes: Front Row (left to right): Claire Wieland, Whitney Michanicou, Ashlyn Inness, Ella Williams, Kelsey Berchtold and Abby Hagan. Back Row (I to r): Nichelle Hess, Daymon McDowell, Rick Schertz, Jason Clark, Nathanael Hernandez, Megan Lane and Jackie Carroll.

# Wyoming scrambles to avoid water issue

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News
WYOMING – Mayor
Jim Mercer informed the
City Council at Tuesday's
meeting that the city
averted a possible major
problem at the wastewater
plant.

Mercer said the combination of heavy rainfall and mechanical failures threatened to overflow the plant's capacity. To avert that problem, Mercer ordered two new pumps and rented a larger pump from the Chicago area.

He commended city

workers who worked long hours to keep the plant from overflowing.

The council approved ordering a new storm-return pump from Romeoville's Metropolitan Pump Company for \$10,000 to replace a failed pump at the wastewater plant.

A second pump has been ordered but hasn't been received. Its cost is \$11,000 and the purchase was approved by resolution.

Mercer said the two pumps will keep up with the large influx of water at

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# Staff at the head of the class

# Stark County schools welcome new members of teaching staff

For The Prairie News

Area schools kicked off the new school year last week, just in time for the August heat wave.

Stark County CUSD 100 was among the districts getting back to the books. Here are the school's new teachers as the Rebels return to the classroom:

#### Kelsey Berchtold, 2nd grade

• **Degree:** Bachelor's in elementary education

- College: Illinois Valley Community College, Illinois State University
- In her words: I played basketball at IVCC before transferring to ISU to finish my degree. In my free time, I enjoy spending time with family, listening to Morgan Wallen, watching and playing sports and shopping.
- Fun fact: I'm now teaching in the same school where I once was a student and coaching the sports that

I once played.

#### Jackie Carroll High school special education

- **Degrees:** Bachelor of Arts in communication, Illinois College; bachelor's of special education, Illinois State University
  - Years in Education: 18
     Jason Clark

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# Galva School Board approves new budget

#### By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA - The Galva School Board on Monday approved a budget for Fiscal Year 2026 that includes \$8,613,217 in revenue and \$8,057,215 in expenditures.

A budget hearing will be Monday, Sept. 22, at 6:55 p.m., prior to the regular board meeting.

The board set Sunday, May 17, 2026, as the graduation date for the Class of 2026.

The board held a public hearing Monday night for its E-Learning reapplication with no comments made. The board then approved the district e-learning re-application.

In other action, the board purchased a 14-person activity bus with storage in the back for \$84,000.

The Galva Elementary School has 280 students. The junior high has 54 students and high school enrollment shows 123 students. There are 27 seniors this year, with several of them at Excel in Atkinson.

The board approved Porter Hay for health insurance and went with United Health Care, which has a 16% increase of premiums.

It was noted that Kewanee United Way came to Back Pack Night and 50 students in Galva Elementary School signed up for free shoes.

Principal Adam Norway said that 94% of elementary families attended Back Pack Night.

Principal Kurtis Smyth reported that all 7th-grade students attended Back Pack Night and 80% of families of 8-12 grades attended.

The high school floor has been refinished and a new walk in freezer and refrigerator have been purchased for the high school with grant money.

Homecoming week is Sept. 8-12 with the parade and game on Friday and the homecoming dance on Saturday, Sept. 13.

The board approved the following hirings: Brandy Nelson as elementary library paraprofessional; Christian Loncka as district data manager/tech; Amanda Norway as junior high scholastic bowl coach; Brynn Patty as 7th grade girls basketball coach; and Kevin Gale as JH softball, varsity girls basketball and varsity softball

The board also accepted the resignation of Katie Bosnich as an elementary teacher.

# **BUDGET:** Graduation date set for May 17

Continued from Page 1 meeting.

A memorandum of understanding was approved between the teachers' association and the school board. The agreement removes the student growth from the teachers' evaluation tool effective at the start of this school year.

#### Clarification

The Red Covered Bridge near Princeton is closed due to damage from a truck last year. Repairs are ongoing.

Elliott was given approval to let fuel bids from December 2025 through November 2026. Also pay rates for sports officials have been increased.

The last day of school is May 8, with graduation set for 1 p.m. on May 17 in the new high school gym. Eighth-grade promotion and last day of school is May 13 at 6 p.m. in the Buchert high school gym.

After closed session, the board approved: Alexa Germosen as junior high

class sponsor; Betsy Dunehew as yearbook sponsor; Nathaneal Hernandez as long-term substitute Spanish teacher and ESL; Jeff Appenheimer as a van driver; Rick Schertz as morning supervisor; Jackie Carroll as freshman class sponsor; Jason Clark as lunch supervisor; Charity Turnbull as BIST aide consultant; and Diana Gilles as part-time SCES RTI specialist.

The board also approved the following volunteer

coaches: James Owens, cross country; Rob Finney, golf; Bruce and Lauren West, junior high softball; Jordan Walton, student volunteer junior high baseball; Michael Schott and T. J. Geisenhagen, junior high baseball; and Joe Charvat, football. Cole Hartley resigned as yearbook spon-

Elliott said the school has reserved "red seats" for Rebels home football games. Contact Cindy Jenkins at the high school.

# **WYOMING:** Solicitors discussed

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the wastewater plant.

The city has hired Roger Noe of Taylorville as the new water system operator replacing Kurt Downie, who resigned last month. Noe, of the Illinois Rural Water Association, is an independent contractor who is hired at \$1,250 per month. His contract is from Aug. 4 to July 31, 2027.

The council agreed to pay \$21,500 to Wyoming's Potter and Son's Blacktopping, Inc. to lay three inches of asphalt over 7,000 square feet at the city parking lot south and west of Morrissey's Refrigeration. The council tabled a resolution to pay Potter \$18,250 for 21/2 inches of asphalt on an alley by the Stark County school district's grade school.

The final resolution passed was for \$7,250 to Kewanee's Illinois Fence and Outdoor Company for 250 feet of 4-footplayground to protect children from traffic along the east and south boundaries.

The council also had a lengthy discussion about solicitors. The council and mayor want to raise the permit cost from \$30 to \$100 for a three-month permit and may pass a no-soliciting ordinance. There have been multiple complaints about unauthorized soliciting.

Public Works Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported he has been busy with sidewalk repair and replacement on the north end. He requested a new mower for the sewer plant.

Economic Development Director Denny Rewerts said Stark County CUSD 100 is buying a new scoreboard for the baseball games at Duryea Park. The city discussed an agreement whereby the school district would not have to notify the city about work done at city baseball diamonds at



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#### **PUBLIC RECORD**

#### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

8-10 - Jason Banwart, 20, Congerville, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph zone.

8-12 - Yasmin U. Perez, 31, Kewanee, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving a vehicle with a loud or missing muffler. Her vehicle was impounded.

8-13 - Drake B. Walker, 25, Galesburg, was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, illegal possession of cannabis by a driver and driving on suspended registration for mandatory insurance. Walker was also found wanted on a Kane County warrant. He remained in custody at the Bureau County Jail awaiting extradition to Kane County.

8-13 - William S. Borg, 53, Kewanee, was cited for driving on an expired driver's license. He was released with a court date to appear.

**8-15** - Dana C. Mannon, 30, San Antonio was ticketed for speeding 89 mph in a 55 mph zone.

**8-15** - Frankie L. Ivy, 63, Peoria, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 45 mph zone.

**8-15** - Alex R. Nowlan, 32, Toulon, was arrested for violation on an order of protection, possession of a controlled substance and violation of pre-trial release. Nowlan was transported to the Bureau County Jail. His vehicle was impounded.

8-15 - Jason L. Ramsay, 49, Wyoming, was arrested for driving under the influence and improper lane

8-16 - Marco A. Cadenas Garcia, 26, Peoria, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license.

8-17 - Jessica L. Davis, 40, Peoria, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone.

8-17 - Charles J. Chevalier, 45, East Peoria, was issued a notice to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia.

#### Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

**8-11** - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a disturbance after a neighbor heard yelling. Officer located two adult subjects having a disagreement. They denied needing police service.

8-11 - to a damage to property complaint regarding a vehicle driving without a wheel. Officer located the suspect vehicle in the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. No damage was noted to the roadway.

**8-11** - to the 600 block of NW 1st St, to speak with a resident about a city ordinance violation involving the lack of building permits. The subject was referred to city hall.

8-11 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a child custody dispute.

8-12 - to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave. for a domestic disturbance. As a result, Trevar Johnson, 19, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery. He was taken to the Henry County

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8-12 - to the 00 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen with a civil

8-12 - Officer was requested by Kewanee Police Department to check a few Galva addresses for a suspect in a domestic battery that occurred there. The subject was located and arrested in Kewanee.

**8-12** - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a domestic disturbance.

**8-12** - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.

**8-12** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of NE 1st St., Colyn Glisan, 29, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

**8-12** - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and later returned to its owner.

**8-12** - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a harassment complaint.

**8-13** - twice to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for battery complaints.

8-13 - to meet with a subject who has been registered in Galva as a violent offender against youth. The subject notified us that he is moving to Cambridge. He was referred to the Henry County Sheriff's Office to register there.

**8-13** - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a disturbance complaint.

8-15 - to assist Henry County with an unruly student on a school bus east of town on U.S. Route 34. The juvenile was removed and taken home.

**8-15** - to a residence on SE 3rd St. after a complaint of young children left home alone. A parent was contacted and forgot that school dismissed early. An adult came over and took custody of the children.

8-15 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. to attempt to locate a suicidal subject. The subject was not located.

**8-15** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a parking complaint.

**8-15** - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving juveniles hanging on the new hoops on the basketball court. The officer spoke to the juve-

**8-16** - to the 00 block of NE 5th St. for a burglary and theft complaint.

8-16 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd

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St. for a child-custody dispute.

**8-16** - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave for a theft complaint.

**8-16** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 1st Ave., Alexis Purdy, 22, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle.

**8-16** - to the 00 block of SW 5th St. for a possible domestic battery complaint. DCFS was contacted.

**8-16** - to the south edge of Galva to watch for a reckless driver coming towards Galva. The vehicle was located and a traffic stop was initiated. As the result, Nicholas Lane, 36, Kewanee, was issued citations for improper lane usage and operating an uninsured vehicle. Henry County assisted and ultimately arrested Nicholas for DUI-alcohol as well.

**8-16** - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for an out-of-control juvenile complaint.

8-16 - to the west edge of town for a traffic complaint.

**8-17** - to the 200 block of NE 1st St. for a complaint of a confused motorist. After investigation, Jason Luedee, 51, Galva, was arrested for DUI-alcohol, DUI with a BAC over .08%. He was taken to the Galva Police Department for processing and later released with a court date.

**8-17** - to the 700 block of NW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving an elderly subject who wandered away from home and hadn't returned. The subject was located at Wiley Park.

**8-17** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of N. Center Ave., Michael Gustafson, 56, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

8-17 - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for a domestic distur-

**8-17** - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a domestic disturbance. Officer stood by while a subject gathered some belongings.

#### Property Transfers

8-11 - Elmer W. Crum to Eric W. Crum - Pt. Sect. 13 Township 13 Range 6 NE - Consideration = \$0.

8-13 - Gregory L. and Kathy L. Brown to Gregory L. and Kathy L. Brown - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt. Block 4 Lot 10 - 500 W. Elm St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

8-14 - Erlinda P. and James W. Appenheimer to Dakota and Samantha S. DeWolfe - Oakwood Knoll Add'n. to the City of Toulon Block 3 - 1003 Tonti Rd., Toulon - Consideration = \$158,000.

**8-15** - Samuel Vigue to Mary E. and Steven J. Tischkau - Pt. Sect. 24-13-5 SE - Consideration = \$60,000.

8-15 - Jessica K. and Shane M. Carlton to Michael A. Rouch and Macy M. Senders - Original Town of Toulon Pt. Block 16 Lots 1 and 4, Pt. Block 31 Lot 4 - 210 E. Jefferson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$20,000.

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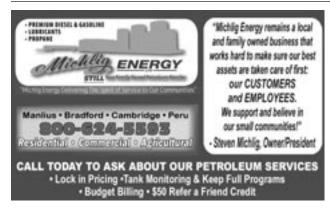
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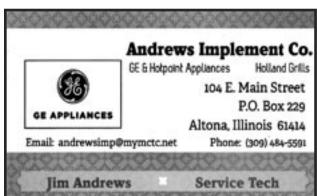
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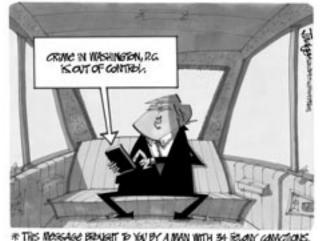
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# Need for compassion, communication

To the Editor:

Recently, a flurry of notices of nuisance or unsafe condition was served to Wyoming residents. Rather than serving residents these notices – with the threat of legal action within seven days if judgements are not rectified why not reach out to the citizens with a letter of concern, or merely knock on their door?

Of course, Wyoming residents want our community to be beautiful and organized. By communicating with fellow citizens with compassion and understanding, you may discover they have current life events.

On Aug. 5 at 5:58 p.m., I received one of these notices, dated July 29. If the signator of the notice had contacted me about my yard, they would have discovered the following:

- I have difficulty breathing on smoky and hot humid days.
- On July 30, my aunt was placed under palliative care, then hospice care. My cousins and I were at her bedside for three days.
- On Aug. 2, I mowed my yard twice and again on Aug. 4. My selfpropelled push mower and weed trimmer are broken.
- I've had multiple doctor appointments in the past month. Two on Aug. 5, when served the notice. I also had surgery on Aug. 12.
- The notice I received listed the following conditions:
- 1. Wood under the carport needs to be removed.
- 2. The whole yard needs to be mowed.
- 3. The weeds need to be trimmed and maintained.

The wood was picket-fence panels and posts, which I was unaware as a taxpaying homeowner I was not allowed to stack under my carport.

A homeowner is responsible for

their yard, but life events and issues can result in a less-manicured yard than some would like. Hopefully we, as citizens of Wyoming, reach out to

each other with compassion and un-

derstanding.

LETTERS

To The Editor

Keep in mind that someone who has a yard that needs to be mowed, weeded and trimmed or who has things in their yard, might need help but don't know who to ask. Or maybe they have health issues, a loved one nearing death or they're just overwhelmed. Please be that person who makes a difference in a struggling person's life.

I am blessed to have wonderful friends, neighbors and my Nazarene Church family that helps me often. Thank you. Thank you to Chief Tiller for unloading a gas push mower that was still in the back of my vehicle and was purchased on Aug. 5. I know so many compassionate people in our community and throughout Stark County. I am blessed beyond meas-

#### - Christine England, Wyoming Some elected officials are double-dipping

To the Editor:

Dear every unrespected and overtaxed everyday Illinois citizen, take notice: You are being hosed, or have been, by many elected officials that you have voted into office. All eyes should be focused on the pathetic,

disgraceful and unethical conduct of many elected officials who are, or who in the past, have held more than one elected office at the same time, getting a paycheck and benefits from both offices, taxpayer-funded double dipping.

Qualifiers for double-dipping can be a state senator or representative, county board members, township supervisors, township assessors and city

Illinois has 118 state representatives and 59 senators. Why are they silent? How can they not see that this is not in the best interests of citizens? What's in it for them? Where is the legislation to end this outrage? About 7,000 bills are filed each year, how much longer can this be overlooked?

For some, like state Sen. Napoleon Harris II, who is a recent doubledipper, it's all about big money and extreme conflicts of interests. Harris was elected the Thornton Township supervisor on May 19, 2025. Harris' state paycheck is \$89,250 and his supervisor paycheck is \$202,950, an astounding total of \$292,200. This does not include pension, health and other benefits. Both of Harris' offices are part-time positions.

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 Bob Anderson, Wonder Lake, former McHenry Township Trustee The Prairie News welcomes letters to the editor. Email your letter to news@prairie-news.com or mail to: The Prairie News, 101 West Main St., PO Box 240, *Toulon, IL 61483* We reserve the right to edit letters









#### **BRIEFS**

#### **Bradford Labor Day** celebration ahead

BRADFORD - Four days of family fun are planned for the Bradford Ball Park from Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.

The weekend celebration will feature a free outdoor movie, live music nightly, kids events and games, a bags tournament, food vendors, fireworks on Sunday, Aug. 31, and more.

A complete list of events can be found on Page 7 in this edition.

#### Princeville receives grant for 30 computers

PRINCEVILLE – Goldrush Apple Wind has awarded \$20,260 to Princeville CUSD 326 to fund the purchase of 30 new Dell Optiplex desktop computers for the school's STEM Lab.

The donation is part of a community grant program Goldrush Apple Wind established to fund educational initiatives in its project area of Stark, Peoria and Marshall counties.

"We are incredibly grateful to Apex Clean Energy for their generous grant, which has allowed us to upgrade our computer lab," Princeville Superintendent Tony Shinall said. "This investment will have a lasting impact on our students, providing them with the tools they need to succeed in a technologydriven world - whether that's gain-



The Galva Ready to Grow committee chose Roger and Judy Anderson as the August Property Pride winners at 405 SW 7th St. The Andersons have lived in the home for 48 years and have lived in Galva since they were small children . They have four grown children, 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They are both retired and do volunteer work in the com-

ing digital literacy, exploring career pathways or preparing for college and the workforce."

#### Et cetera

• GALVA – Community-wide yard sales will be held Friday, Aug. 29, and Saturday, Aug. 30, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., though each seller can set their own hours.

• KEWANEE – The annual

Henry/Stark counties Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society is Saturday, Aug. 23, at Windmont Park from 6-10 p.m. Cost is \$10 for a bag luminary, \$25 for a floating luminary and \$50 for a torch.

• WYOMING – Wyoming Nazarene Church517 N. Madison Ave.. has added a Kids Club for children ages 3-5 starting Thursday, Aug. 28, from 5:30-7 p.m.

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 10** 

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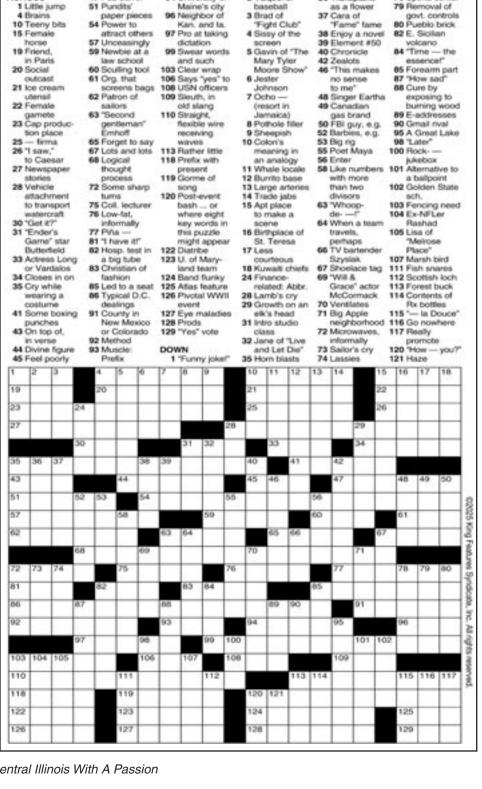
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- Bradford Bank (PNB)
- Bradford Betas
- Bradford Lion's Club
- **Bradford Park District**
- Bradford Shack Shack
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- Carol Leininger
- Sharon Cauthon
- Cherry Tree/Macon Construction
- The Code Family

- Denny & Val Hickey
- DeSmitt Heating & Cooling
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- MaryKay Fehrenbacher
- A Few of My Favorite Things
- Grant Johnson Funeral Home
- Green Gables
- Invenergy
- Morton Community Bank/Speer
- River Valley Coop
- Tanner's Orchard
- All who dropped their change in the donation boxes
- All those who donated carnival game prizes



to anyone we may have missed, we apologize all support is greatly appreciated.



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# Renewed push for election reform

By ANDREW ADAMS
Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO – A group of former Obama administration officials and election lawyers announced Tuesday they are attempting to reform the way the state draws district maps for the state legislature. They want to do this by passing a state constitutional amendment via a ballot initiative

They say the current legislative redistricting process leads to overrepresentation of Democrats and few competitive legislative districts, meaning politicians must do less to serve their constituents.

during the 2026 general election.

Former U.S. Secretary of Transportation Ray LaHood, a Republican, and former Secretary of Commerce Bill Daley, a Democrat and member of the Daley political family, are leading the effort. Both served under President Barack Obama, with Daley as his chief of staff.

Former State Board of Elections Chair Bill Cadigan and election lawyer Michael Dorf, whose past clients include the Democratic Party of Illinois and several statewide officials, also are backing the effort.

The proposal would create a 12-member

"Legislative Redistricting Commission," appointed by the top Democrat and Republican in each legislative chamber. Each legislative leader would appoint one member of the General Assembly and two members who are not lawmakers.

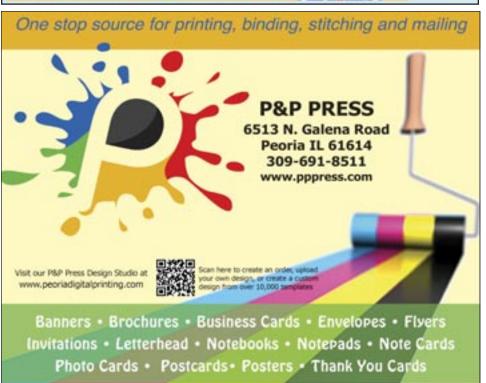
Commissioners would be barred from considering political party registration or voting history data when drawing maps. Districts also would be required to be compact, contiguous and drawn along existing county and municipal lines where possible.

The amendment would only apply to the redistricting process for the state legislature. It would not apply to congressional districts, which would still be drawn by state lawmakers.

The amendment would also change the size of the state legislature, so that if the state's population significantly changes, so would the number of districts.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which analyzes how severely gerrymandered states' legislative maps are, gives Illinois a "B" grade for the state House and an "F" for the state Senate.





# BRADFORD LABURUAY WEEKEND CELEBRATION

## FRIDAY, AUG 29

Kickoff the weekend with a performance by local talent at 7PM at Bradford Ball Park

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE "Moana 2" on 50 foot screen at Bradford Ball Park

Free Popcorn & Free Water (BBC)! Movie starts at Dusk! Brought to you by Sunset Cinema.

FOOD: 11am-8pm: Snack Shack & Main St. Tap

#### ENTERTAINMENT:

Live Music at Main St. Tap by "Chris Stevens" 7PM - 10PM, My Place

## SATURDAY, AUG 30

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY at Bradford Ball Park - 1PM - 5PM

2pm-4pm MK Parties: The Foam Experience (Bring your towels)

1pm-5pm MK Parties: Mikes Kiddie Train | Bounce House | 32 ft. Obstacle Course | Giant Slide

FREE Water & Freeze Pops | FREE Popcorn & goodies for kids | SKEET Ball game for kids with prizes

Expressions Body Art Face Painting | The Unique Twist Balloon Artist | 7 BBC Carnival Games w/prizes & more!

Invenergy booth with FREE giveaways!

Ice Cream Eating Contest - Bradford Snack Shack

BAGS TOURNAMENT on Main St - 3pm check in | 3:30pm start sponsored by Main St. Tap

FOOD: 11am-8pm: Bradford Snack Shack & Main St. Tap

First Baptist Church: FREE Lunch 11AM-2PM, Kids Games, Face Painting & Petting Zoo

Just a short walk to church from the ballpark.

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap by "303" 8-11pm, My Place

## **SUNDAY, AUG 31**

8am-11am: Bradford Fire Department Pancake Breakfast at Fire Station 8am-3pm: Bradford's 18th Annual Car Show Sponsored by Main St. Tap Kids Loud Mouth Drag Racing | Power Wheels Drags

FOOD: 11am-8pm: Bradford Snack Shack, 11am-8pm Main St. Tap 3pm-7pm: American Legion Fish Fry & Auxiliary Bake Sale

ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - "Kickapoo Junction" at 7pm-11pm, My Place

CRATER FIREWORKS: Bradford Ball Park at Dusk

# MONDAY, SEPT 1

11am: Bradford Lions Club Parade "Bradford Pulling Together" FOOD: After parade - 2pm: Pork Burgers & Cutlets at Fire Station, 10am - 4pm: Bradford Snack Shack, 11am-4pm Main St. Tap ACTIVITIES AFTER PARADE ON MAIN ST.

Kiddie Tractor Pulls sponsored by Bradford Betas & The Family of Tom & Mary Blaisdell
Kiddie Water Fights: sponsored by Bradford Fire Department | Frog Jumping Contest
Unique Twist Balloon Artist | Expressions Body Art Face Painting Noon - 2pm in front of Main St. Tap



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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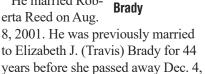
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WYOMING - Kenneth "Dean" Brady, 91, of Wyoming, passed away at 1:33 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 14,

**Kenneth Brady** 

2025, at Arcadia Care at Toulon. Dean was born on June 4, 1934, in Wyoming, to the late Raymond and Mayme (Page) Brady.

He married Roberta Reed on Aug.



Surviving are his wife, Roberta Brady of Wyoming; two sons, Russell Brady of Wyoming and Steven Brady of Florida; four stepdaughters, Karen (Richard Scovil) Simpson, Julia (Chris) VonHolten, Jodi (David) Stange and Linda (Guy Kurtz) Quiram; two grandsons, John Brady of Texas and Shawn Brady of Florida; seven great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one son, Ronnie Dean Brady; two brothers, Gilbert and Herb Brady; and two sisters, Carol Singleton and Sue Klein.

Dean was a retired millwright from Caterpillar Inc. after dedicating 40 years to his job. He later worked at Tanner's Orchard during the fall season. He drove the barrel train for visitors to the orchard and that is where he met Roberta.

Dean was a member of Lake Calhoun Country Club, where he played many rounds of golf. He enjoyed fishing trips to Lake Michigan, helping as a farm hand to his Uncle Tom Page and was an avid Chicago Cubs

A visitation was to be held Aug. 19, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. A funeral service followed. Chaplain Jordan Knight was to officiate. Burial was to immediately follow in West Jersey Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming Fire and Rescue Department. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

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

#### Doris E. Hegwood

CAMP GROVE - Doris E. Hegwood of Camp Grove, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 9, 2025, at Allure of Walnut nursing home, just a week shy of her 88th birthday.

Doris was born to John and Grace

Hountz on Aug. 16, 1937. She married William "Bill" Hegwood, her husband of an astonishing 70 years, on Feb. 8. 1955. In addition to her husband Bill, Doris is sur-



Hegwood

vived by a big, adoring family: Her brother, Ernie (Nancy) Hountz; sons Mike (Donna), Danny (Helen) and David; grandchildren Brandon, Blossem, Kristin, Nathan, Melanie, Sandy, Chad, Bucky, David II, Ryan, Joey, Charlotte, Max and Gracie;

#### **OBITUARIES**

great-grandchildren Kenzie, Morgan, Roman, Marcus, Payton, Michelle, Landen, Karina, Ava and Jack; sisterin-law Ellyn Hountz; and many special nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jim Hountz; sister Patricia Hountz Yager; daughter-inlaw Katina Hegwood, and her beloved daughter, Diane Hegwood Beach.

Doris was the epitome of the family matriarch, always ready to host a gathering and cook a meal big enough for double the crowd, with her homemade pizzas, noodles and desserts among the favorites. In addition to her incredible cooking skills, she also had a talent for sewing and yarn crafts.

Her dedication to family led her to develop a passion for genealogy. She spent countless hours compiling extensive histories of both the Hountz and Hegwood families, which was quite an undertaking in the days before the internet was readily available.

For decades she could be found in the bleachers supporting the kids in all their sporting events, no matter the weather or how far the away game. Her family was her everything and she showed it in all that she did for as long as she was able. We in her family were truly fortunate to have her in our corner. She will be forever remembered for the tenacity, generosity and love she showed to us all.

Her family will host services on Saturday, Aug. 23, 2025, at St. Dominic's Catholic Hall in Wyoming. Visitation will be at 2 p.m., followed by a memorial service at 3 p.m. Memorials may be directed to the family.

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

#### Ona R. Noel

KEWANEE - Ona R. Noel, 79, of Kewanee, died peacefully at her home surrounded by her family at 12:49 am on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025.

The daughter of A. Gunnar and Alfva (Bergren) Borg, Ona was born March 29, 1946, in Kewanee, Ill. She attended Galva High School. On Jan. 23, 1975, Ona met Tom Noel and the two were married

just 22 days later, on Valentine's Day.

They made their home in Monmouth for a number of years. After leaving Monmouth, Tom and Ona operated



Noel

their own restaurant in Bishop Hill. In honor of her dad, they named it The Green Swede. Ona later went on to work at various other local businesses. Her favorite job, though, was assisting her customers at Ali's Closet for over 20 years.

Ona was known for her pumpkin bread and rice pudding. She had a wonderful sense of humor and love of music that carried down to all of her children. Ona had beautiful handwriting and was a laundry guru! Playing slots and thrifting were two pastimes that she enjoyed.

However, Ona's greatest passion was spending time with her family. She was the epitome of an amazing mom and grandma. No title held

more weight, gave her more pleasure or shaped her soul the way "Mom"

Ona is survived by three daughters, Leah Noel (Kim Recker) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Shana (Chad) DeVerger of East Peoria and Brandi (Charles) Klughart of Springfield; three grandchildren, Sofia DeVerger of East Peoria and Quinn and Cash Klughart of Springfield; brothers-inlaw Dave (Carolyn) Noel, Bill (Theresa) Noel and Denny (Missy) Noel, all of Monmouth, Bob Noel and Ed Noel of Chicago, and Jeff Noel of La Harpe; sisters-in-law, Laurie Noel of Monmouth and Lisa Noel (Tim Gould) of Galesburg; numerous nieces and nephews; chosen family, Marty (Lisa) Waller of Martinsville, Ind., Barb (Jim) Boss of Kewanee and Stephenie (Greg) Kursock of Pekin; and all of the others to whom she was a "second mom."

She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Tom; son, Brent A. Noel; her parents; an infant grandchild; and three brothers-in-law, Kenny, Donnie and Mike (Shirley) Noel.

Cremation will be accorded by Lincoln Land Cremation Society.

To follow with her unconventional spirit, the family will host a memorial gathering from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 30, 2025, at Jewish Galva Water Works Building, 105 N. Center Avenue, Galva, IL.

The family will host a memorial ceremony at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug 31, 2025, at Colony School, 405 W. Main Street, Bishop Hill, IL, with Rev. Donnie Watson officiating.

Ona was incredibly proud of how smart her grandbabies are. Memorial contributions may be directed to Shana DeVerger for use toward the grandbabies' education.

#### Emma A. Knobloch

PRINCEVILLE – Emma A. "Helen" Knobloch, 89, of Princeville and most recently of Peoria, passed away at 7:44 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2025, at Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Helen was born June 5, 1936, in Peoria, the daughter of Edwin and Emma (Kippel) Staub. She married Irwin James "Jim" Knobloch on June 10, 1956, in Peoria. He preceded her in death on Aug. 15, 2014.

Surviving are one daughter, Debra (Duane) Steidinger of Peoria; one son, Paul (Lynne) Knobloch of Princeville; daughter-in-law Jennifer Knobloch of Morton; nine grandchildren, Nicole Knobloch, Heather (Jon) Jenkins, Daniel (Kelly) Knobloch, Dylan (Cynthia) Steidinger, Delaney (Joshua) Grindinger, Zach (Daniela) Knobloch, Chelsea (Derek) Hendrick, Shelby (Kolby) Haars and Logan Knobloch; 16 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Marie Hohulin, Vera Knobloch, Betty Haring Nancy (Gary) Herrmann; and two sisters-inlaw, Marvel Knobloch and Irene Weyeneth. She was also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Donald Knobloch; and one great-granddaughter, Rorie Mae Hendrick.

Helen was a member of Princeville Apostolic Christian Church, where her funeral service was held on Aug. 15, 2025. Ministers of the church officiated and burial followed in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Condolences may be online at ww.haskellfuneral.com.

# STARK COUNTY: New teachers for 2025-26

Continued from Page 1 tion, Ripon College

- Years in Education: 1 Abby Hagan, music
- Degree: Bachelor's degree in music education
- College: Illinois Wesleyan Uni-
- Fun fact: I have enough pairs of overalls to wear them every day for a week.
- In her words: I grew up in Morton and now live in Peoria. Music has always been my favorite subject and I became a music teacher to share my love for music with others, as well as to equip kids with the skills to make music for their whole lives.

Other than music, I love to scrapbook, read, sew and thrift shop.

#### Nathanael Hernandez H.S. Spanish, ESL

- Degree: bachelor's degree in education, Puerto Rico
  - Years in education: 6 Nichelle Hess
- H.S. special education
- College: Western Governors University
- Degree: Bachelor's degree in psychology, special education and general education

#### Ashlyn Inness, 4th grade

- Degree: Bachelor of Science in elementary education with a reading endorsement
- College: Illinois State University

- In her words: I will be teaching 4th grade at Stark County Elementary School this school year. I graduated in May and got married in June, so I've had a busy and exciting summer. Outside of the classroom I love to spend time with family, watch movies and bake treats to share with others.
- Fun fact: I have a fraternal twin sister.

#### Megan Lane Junior high science

- Degrees: Bachelor of Science in agriscience, Illinois State University; master's degree in agronomy, Iowa State University
- Teaching certification: University of West Florida
  - Years in Education: 4 Daymon McDowell J.H. math, pre-algebra
- Degree: Bachelor of Science
- College: Western Illinois Uni-
- Years in education: 8 **Whitney Michanicou** 5th grade
- Degree: Bachelor's degree in elementary education
- College: I attended Parkland College to play soccer for my first two years of college and graduated from Illinois State University.
- Fun fact: I can read any word backwards out loud.
- In her words: Teaching has been my dream job since I was a kid. I love coffee, going for walks

and watching sports. I'm a big North Carolina basketball fan and love spending time with my friends and family.

#### **Rick Schertz**

#### J.H. PE/health, Behind the Wheel

- Degree: Bachelor of Science in health education and safety, driver's
  - College: Western Illinois
  - Years in education: 32 Claire Wieland, Kindergarten
- Degree: Bachelor of Science in early childhood education
- College: Illinois State University
- In her words: I grew up in Princeville and have always loved working with children. I love being in my garden, cooking, working out, and reading.
- Fun Fact: I am trying to learn French

#### Ella Williams, 1st grade

- Degree: Bachelor of science in elementary education
  - College: Bradley University
- In her words: This will be my first year teaching. I am from a very small town in northwest Illinois, so Stark County feels just like home. When I'm not traveling home to see my family, you'll find me reading, going on walks or baking.
- Fun fact: I have four younger siblings

## Thank You State Bank of Toulon

for purchasing my steer at the Stark County Jr. Fair Sale of Champions.

Ella Gillespie

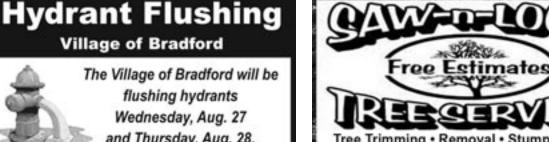




#### **Thank You**

**Rumbold Family Farm** & Loudenburg Family Farm for purchasing my steer at the Stark County Jr. Fair Sale of Champions.

Kylie Gillespie



and Thursday, Aug. 28. Thank you!

Perch & Smelt





Additional Cash Prizes To Be Held Monday, Sept. 1 @ 3 p.m.





# **Thank You Wyoming Helena**

for purchasing my market steer at the Sale of Champions.



Tyson Gillespie



# The Bradford **Betas** would like

to thank everyone who donated to our 2025 **Back to School supplies** program. All donations were greatly appreciated.

#### **CLASSIFIEDS**

#### FOR RENT

- TOULON: Upstairs 2 bedroom apartment for rent in Toulon, 105
- WYOMING: 104 East Elm, Wyoming. Two bedroom apartment, \$500 per month plus utilities, \$400 deposit, work and landlord references required, no smoking, no pets. Call (612) 940-5208.
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#### **GARAGE SALES**

• Huge Garage Sale - 308 N. Madison Ave., Wyoming, IL (across from Stark Cnty Football field) Fri. 8/22 & Sat. 8/23. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. (or all gone) Items: YOU'VE GOTTA COME SEE! Tractor; John Deere 300VX Loader-heated drivers area-(hardly used), Antique Model A Roadster w/rumble seat!(Runs!), Antique Beautiful John Deere Wagon with hand carved wheels by the Amish, old diesel petroleum 500gal(unsure size) TANK (you will need to move), some antiques, newer Cuisinart toaster Oven (used twice), brand Ninja new air-fryer, wood scraps, some old tools, Xmas decorations; some antique ornaments, picture frames, very antique portion of a crystal chandelier; missing some crystal, beautiful old china lampshade, couple antique books & albums (Musicals) & AVON bottles, few clothes, Shirley Temple Movie Collection, belt buckles, nice Cowboy hat 7 1/2, old covered cat box, SIGN: Performance parts, cream separator w/base, Lotsa Angels!, Antique Belt SANDER (works), CRAFTS-MAN jig saw (Works), Antique hand crank sheep sheerer & LOTS MORE!

#### **LEGAL ADS**

#### **ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of STARK COUNTY, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as: SNYDER FARM REPAIR, 16847 ELMIRA RD. TOULON, IL 61483.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2025. Heather L. Hollis, County Clerk No. 2025ASN-11747

Published 8/22, 8/29, 9/5/25

#### 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.

Claims against the estate may be 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

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

Dated this 1st day of August 2025. JULIE L. WAGHER, 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 bobrennickjr@rennicklawfirm.com ARDC #6227069 Published 8/8, 8/15, 8/22/25

#### 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

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 ½ feet thence West to the West line of May Street 150 feet, thence North along the East line of May Street 67 ½ 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** 

**GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 02-25** 

ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING

JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026 Whereas, the Board of Library Trustees of the Galva Public Library District has prepared or caused to be prepared in tentative form the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for said Library District, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 and the Secretary of the said Library District has made the tentative budget and appropriations ordinance conveniently available for public in-

spection for at least thirty days prior to the final action thereon; and

Whereas, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation

Ordinance on August 12, 2025, notice of which was given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within said Library District, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY COUNTY AND KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-wit: FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]

1. LIBRARY FUND (a) Library Salaries \$232,000.00 (b) OPERATING EXPENSES: Programs (per Capita, general, summer) \$15,000.00 Health Insurance contributions \$44,000.00 Bookkeeping \$4,500,00 \$3,000.00 Legal Dues and Travel \$3,200.00 Postage/Publication Expenses/Printing \$ 400.00 \$31,920.00 Purchase of Books Audio-Visual \$5,000.00 Periodicals/Newspapers/subscriptions Utilities (inc. water and refuse) Marketing and Public Relations \$3.800.00 \$12,000.00 \$1,500.00 Computer expenses (hardware/software) \$3,500.00 Library Supplies \$10,000.00 Legal and Audit Services \$5,000.00 Repairs \$4.000.00 Furniture and fixtures \$5,000.00 Automation/technology systems \$30,500,00 Miscellaneous \$15,000.00 Contingencies \$<u>15,000.00</u> **TOTAL** \$444,320.00 FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1] \$15,600.00 Social Security & Medicare \$15,600.00

FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]: \$26,000.00 \$26,000.00 FOR AUDIT PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/30-45 and 50 ILCS 310/9]: \$4,500.0 Contractual Services-Audit \$4,500.00 TOTAL FOR LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, [745 ILCS 10/9-107]: Insurance (including public liability; property

damage (fire); workers' compensation; \$10,000.00 unemployment comp.; & treasurer's bond) 2. Legal Fees \$1,500.00 3. Risk Management/Loss Control program \$30,000.00 4. Contingency \$5,000.00 \$46,500.00

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]: I. Building Maintenance Costs: a. general maintenance b. custodian

**Notice of Public Hearing** Stark County CUSD #100 School Board The Stark County C.U.S.D. #100 Board of Education directed its superintendent to hold a Public Hearing for the 2025-2026 Budget. This budget will be on display beginning Tuesday, August 19, 2025 in the Office of the Superintendent, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois. The Public Hearing on the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget will be held Mon-

day, September 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stark County Elementary

Emily Leezer, Secretary Board of Education Stark County CUSD #100

Cafeteria, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

(Publication)

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c. building repairs

2. Contingency

Rodney Holland. Letters of Office were issued on August 8, 2025, to Tyler Glaser as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC

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

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gethelp.asp, or talk with your local 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

Notice is hereby given that the **Planning and Zoning Commission** 

GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT By: Linda VanDeVelde, it's President ATTEST: Barbara J. Caravello, Secretary STATE OF ILLINOIS) COUNTY OF HENRY CERTIFICATE

I, Barbara J. Caravello, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed, qualified and now acting Secretary of the Galva Public Library District in the Counties of Henry and Knox and State of Illinois; that attached hereto is a true and correct copy of the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance No. \_\_02-25\_\_ \_ for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026.

SECTION 4: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Mainte-

nance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

SECTION 5: The Secretary of the Galva Public Library District is hereby author-

ized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of

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SECTION 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its pas-

Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Galva Public Library District and approved

I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was duly passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof held on the 12th day of August, 2025; 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.

I further certify that said Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate of revenues, by sources, anticipated to be received by the Galva Public Library District in the fiscal year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Galva Public Library District, at Galva, Illinois, this 12th day of August, 2025.

Barbara J. Caravello Secretary, Galva Public Library District

TOTAL FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-50]:

Projected cash on hand July 1, 2025

Personal Property Replacement Funds

Photocopy, cards, and miscellaneous Tax for General Corporate Library purposes Tax for III. Municipal Retirement purposes

Miscellaneous gifts and donations

**SECTION 2**: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate

of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal

**Building Fund** 

Special Reserve Fund

Special purpose grants

Tax for Audit purposes

SECTION 3:

Social Security Fund

Building and Maintenance

Special Reserve Fund

Library Fund

Insurance Fund

Tax for Liability and Insurance

Tax for Social Security purposes

Tax for Maintenance purposes Expected cash on hand June 30, 2026

Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

general circulation within this library district.

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sage, approval and publication as provided by law.

by the President thereof this 12th day of August, 2025.

Income of interest

2. Contingency

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Summary

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#### **Notice of Public Hearing** Galva CUSD #224 School Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois, that tentative budget for said School District for the fiscal year beginning July, 2025, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois in this School District from and after o'clock 8:00 am., on the 19th day of August, 2025.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget will be held at 6:55 pm., on the day of Monday, September 22nd, 2025, at the Galva Jr/Sr High School Library in this School District Number 224. Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025. School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois. Published 8/22/25

filed in the office of the clerk of court, September 8th, 2025 at 6 PM at the Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235 to review and consider an amendment to the Village's Zoning Map.
Applicant: Darrell K. Reiling &
Pamela K. Reiling
Parcel: A portion of 09-34-300-012

**Proposed Map Amendment:** Rezone parcel from Agricultural to **Business B-1** The application and proposed map

of the Village of Atkinson, Illinois

amendment are available for inspection at Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235. All interested parties are invited to attend and present written and/or oral testimony at or before the public hearing. Details on how members of the public can provide comments on the proposed amendment can contact the Village Clerk by email at villageclerk@atkinsonil.org

or by phone at (309) 936-7658.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025 /s/ Krystle Thomas

Village Clerk Published 8/22/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

hold a public hearing on September 8th, 2025 at 6 PM at the Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235 to review and consider the subdivision of parcel 09-34-300-012. Applicant: Darrell K. Reiling & Darrell K. Reiling Pamela K. Reiling The application and proposed plat

Notice is hereby given that the

the Village of Atkinson, Illinois will

are available for inspection at Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235. All interested parties are invited to attend and present written and/or oral testimony at or before the public hearing. Details on how members of the public can provide comments on the proposed amendment can contact the Village Clerk by email at villageclerk@atkinsonil.org or by phone at (309) 936-7658.

Dated this 22nd day of August, 2025

/s/ Krystle Thomas Village Clerk

Published 8/22/25

#### **PUZZLE ANSWERS**



# Weekly SUDOKU

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# CryptoQuote

answer

Comparing yourself to others' success only slows you down from finding your own.

Octavia Spencer

# Aerial mishaps on the radar

Aerial applicator crashes draw attention to safety **By PHYLLIS COULTER** 

FarmWeek

Summer skies fill with planes and helicopters in rural Illinois every summer as corn and soybean fields need crop protection. However, the risk to aerial applicators was magnified last month with four crashes within eight days in Illinois.

An applicator plane crashed near the Ogle County Airport in Mount Morris along Illinois Route 64 in mid-July. The 23-year-old pilot, who was the sole occupant of the plane,

Elsewhere, no one was injured when a plane crashed near Hartsburg on Illinois Route 121 close to the Logan County Airport. Minor injuries were reported in a plane crash in Wyoming, and no injuries resulted from a helicopter accident near Bloomington, according to the National Traffic Safety Board.

Every year, there is a crucial time in June and July when planes and helicopters weave low above the fields.

"There's a lot of acres that must be sprayed very quickly. So that's when we have accidents," said Dennis Bowman, digital agriculture specialist with the University of Illinois Extension.

"With the windmill and cellphone towers, we have made the environment more dangerous," he told FarmWeek.

For corn, most of the products are applied shortly after tasseling time. The soybean season is a little longer. So, July and early August are prime



An aerial applicator sprays pesticide during a steamy afternoon. Aerial application in agriculture is one of the most dangerous jobs in the U.S. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

One advantage of helicopters over planes is that some can land on a platform on the back of a truck and take off again. The ability to hover and land in small areas is an advantage. However, statistics show fatalities are a mix of both helicopters and airplanes, Bowman said.

So far in 2025 in the U.S., there have been four aerial-application fatalities, two with planes and two with helicopters. In Illinois, five aerial ag application accidents have been reported this year: three airplanes, one helicopter and a drone.

Meanwhile, farmers need chemicals applied quickly in a small, specific window.

"The key thing for farmers is to be patient with the pilots," Bowman said of farmers' role in safety.

For years, planes and helicopters ruled the skies over Illinois farmland, carrying out these tasks. Drones in ag were initially used for mapping and scouting. But the vehicles started taking off about three years ago when the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) changed its rules to make it easier to apply products using

Spray drones were designed specifically for agricultural applications, and their size increased so they can cover more area.

While drones offer a higher degree of safety, manned crop dusters still have several key advantages, especially for large-scale agricultural operations. Manned aircraft can carry much larger payloads and cover hundreds to thousands of acres per day at significantly faster speeds, making them more efficient. Their longer operating times also make them wellsuited for continuous, high-output applications. Although drones are advancing quickly, their limited battery life, smaller coverage capacity and regulatory restrictions currently make them less cost-effective for large operations.

"One of the paramount advantages of advancing agricultural technology like drones is that they make ag work easier and, more importantly, safer.

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# **Estate Sale**

Saturday & Sunday, August 23/24 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Grady's Christmas Tree Farm 4816 S. Stone Rd., Trivoli, IL (309) 679-7099

#### HUGE GARAGE SALE:

When: Fri. 8/22 & Sat. 8/23

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# DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆

 Moderate → ◆ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY! © 2005 King Features Synd., Inc.

#### **FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 11**

# CryptoQuote

IS LONGFELLOW

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

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# 1. MOVIES: Which best original song

from "Aladdin" won an Oscar?

2. TELEVISION: In what year did the animated TV comedy "South Park" debut? 3. HISTORY: Where did the Romans build Hadrian's Wall?

4. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Brazil?

5. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president

was the first to be impeached? 6. MYTHOLOGY: What is the home of

the Greek gods? 7. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to

the U.S. Naval Academy? 8. MATH: What is the smallest prime

number?

9. LITERATURE: What is the original name of the farm in George Orwell's "Ani-

10. ASTRONOMY: Which planet is known for its large red spot, which astronomers believe is an ongoing storm?

1. "A Whole New World."

2. 1997.

3. England. 4. Brasilia.

5. Andrew Johnson.

6. Mount Olympus.

7. Maryland.

9. Manor Farm.

10. Jupiter.

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#### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Weapons (R)

2. Freakier Friday (PG)

3. The Fantastic Four: First Steps (PG-13)

4. The Bad Guys 2 (PG)

5. The Naked Gun (PG-13)

6. Superman (PG-13)

7. Jurassic World: Rebirth (PG-13)

8. F1: The Movie (PG-13)

9. Together (R)

10. Sketch (PG)

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'How could you, Mom? There are China-made toys in my room!



# 🗫 Prairie News Sports 🦝



# Stark Co. volleyball optimistic

By PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

Longtime Stark County Volleyball Coach Mary Jo Groter hopes an experienced group of returnees can improve on last year's 6-27 record.

"We have some good talent this year and I am hopeful for this season to come along. With a lot of varsity experience returning to the court, we are looking for more wins and competing at a higher level," said Groter.

Groter hopes to get impactful contributions from an array of developing tal-

Seniors Claire Bowser and Kimmie Salisbury bring valuable experience and junior Sophie Finnegan is a consistent presence, Groter said.

Sophomore Hallie Newton is stepping into the setter role. Cambri Holmstrom is expected to anchor the defense at the libero position and Coley Johnston could be a force as an outside hitter.

Stark County hosts nonconference foe Peoria Christian in its opener on Thursday, Aug. 28.

• Rebels golf – The Stark County boys golf team placed ninth at the Midland Invite on Monday at Timber Ridge Golf Course in Lacon.

Toby Williams led Stark County with a round of 103. Other scoring Rebels

were Jackson Smith at 114, Beau Clayton at 118 and Creighton Stahl with a round of 123, for a combined team total of 458 strokes.

Brimfield won the 10team invite with a team score of 317.

#### Stark County Genealogical Society presents:

#### 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.

Come join us! The public is always welcome.

Saturday, August 23 at 1:30 PM

Toulon Public Library Community Room 617 E. Main Street Toulon, IL



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#### 2024 Chevrolet Trax LT

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#### 2016 Jeep Cherokee Sport

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78,540



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#### 2019 RAM 1500 Classic Big Horn 4x4 4dr Crew

Cab 6.3 ft. SB Pickup Price \$25,500 Mileage 90,067



#### 2023 Toyota RAV4 XLE

4dr SUV Price \$29,000 Mileage 53,977

