



- Installation & Service for all types of electrical work
- Generac Generators Sales & Installation

Oxygen & Acetylene Tanks
 Kent Pet Food Supplier





The Prairie News

PRSRT. STD.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
Elmwood, Illinois
Permit No. 13

Carrier Route Presort RURAL BOXHOLDER LOCAL P.O. BOXHOLDER

Hot news tip? Want to advertise? Call (309) 286-2185 "The Voice of Stark and eastern Henry counties"

Serving the fine communities of Wyoming, Toulon, Bradford, Duncan, Galva, LaFayette, Stark, Speer, Castleton, Bishop Hill, Camp Grove, Princeville, Edelstein, Laura, West Jersey, Monica, Elmira, Modena, Saxon, Lawn Ridge, Broadmoor, Elmore, Lombardville, Milo and rural customers at Kewanee and Williamsfield.

Compliments of Our Fine Advertisers!

BEEKEEPING

Finding sweet spot

Illinois beekeepers battle losses, costs to keep hives buzzing

By TOM O'CONNOR

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Luke
Harvey established the Riverview Road Apiary in
2014, perched along the Illinois River in Chillicothe, just across from the home where he grew up north of Peoria. Surrounded by birdsong on the back porch of the house, Harvey recently reflected on his history with

"The love of beekeeping is also about the love of being outside, being closer to nature and being close to the world that we just aren't really involved in," he said.

bees.

It's an idyllic scene, one that can make it easy to overlook how challenging beekeeping can be for Harvey and the more than 5,400 other registered beekeepers across Illinois. Nearly 89%

of them are hobbyists managing 10 colonies or fewer, according to the fiscal year 2025 Apiary Inspection Annual Report from the Illinois Department of Agriculture released in July.

Bee loss is a persistent issue throughout the state. It's not uncommon for beekeepers to lose over half of their colonies each year – primarily during winter – due to disease, competition, poor nutrition or limited resources.

One long-standing threat is the varroa mite, which feeds on a bee's hemolymph – a fluid similar to blood – and fat body, a key part of the bee's immune system. These mites can weaken bees and act as vectors of viruses that can spread rapidly through a hive and beyond.

Many beekeepers indi-



Luke Harvey, owner of the Riverview Road Apiary near Peoria, gives a tour of his hives. Medill Illinois News Bureau photo by Tom O'Connor.

cated that it is difficult to keep colonies healthy. The IDOA's FY25 report suggests a rise in varroa mite levels in the state, though it cautions that this may partly be because of environmental variables or when and where inspections occurred.

Pollinator expert Brittany

Buckles said many biological challenges in Illinois are recurring and somewhat predictable but not always completely avoidable or easy to manage.

Buckles has a master's degree in entomology, specializing in pollinators.

Continued on Page 2

New sign

Toulon groups combine for new electronic sign to promote city

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Upon the need to start a new Queen of Hearts board for the Toulon Civic Association, the group determined that an electronic message board was needed to help facilitate better communication with the community.

Given the cost of such a message board, the TCA felt this could be a community partner-

ship project and began looking for partners. Don Schmidt, president of the Toulon Lions Club and Larry Hollis, mayor of the City of Toulon were approached about

Football 2025

Check out pictures, previews and predictions for the 2025 high school football season, which opens Friday.

Pages 5-8

the project. After narrowing down the cost of the sign, both organizations agreed to proceed. The Toulon Women's Club also contributed.

After more than a year of fundraisers, the sign was ordered in May and was installed in July near the Stark County building near the junction of Illinois Routes 91 and 17.

The message board is named the Toulon Community Center, which has generated some inquiries about whether there will be an

Continued on Page 4

Long-lost truck earns Galva man trophies

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News
GALVA – Andy McDonald of
Galva won the People Choice trophy with his 1979 F150 this Sunday
at the annual Galva Freedom Fest
Car Show at Galva's Wiley Park.

McDonald, 42, said he owned his winning truck when his was 21 and sold it when he was 24. He said four years ago he was looking at trucks on the internet and saw an orange vehicle with a flame painted

on the dash. He had that done when he owned the truck.

McDonald asked the seller for the VIN number and it matched the one he owned. He said the body was rough when he bought it back and he had to totally redo it.

"This truck is here to stay this time," he said Sunday after winning his trophy.

McDonald has taken the Kids Choice trophy the last two years and was surprised to get another trophy for his truck. The Kids Choice award was changed to the People's Choice this year.

Andy Kuenzl of Fairview took the trophy for the Best of Show for his 1959 Pontiac Catalina.

The Mayor's Trophy went to Doug Wagner of Amboy.

The show is put on each year by Freedom Fest and helps pay for Galva's annual July 4 celebration.



Andy McDonald, pictured with his children, won the People's Choice award at Galva's annual Freedom Fest Car Show at Wiley Park last Sunday. Photo by Carol Townsend.

STATE BANK OF TOULON
WWW.BANKSBT.BANK

State Bank of Toulon
309-286-2861

Kewanee

309-852-3366

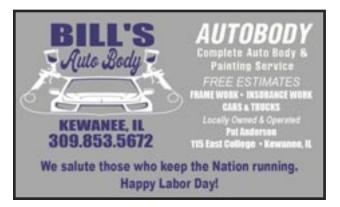
Galva

309-932-2131



OUR BANKS WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1ST IN OBSERVANCE OF LABOR DAY.

WE WILL RESUME NORMAL HOURS ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND







BEES: Associations offer sense of community

Continued from Page 1

She reports an annual colony loss rate of around 40% in the hives she's involved with – lower than many in the state – and partly attributes that to precise, timely treatment and close hive monitoring.

Buckles emphasized the importance of reliable information, recommending the University of Minnesota's Beekeeping in Northern Climates guide.

Cost

Beyond biology, there are financial hurdles. Newcomers often face startup costs between \$600 and over \$1,000 for a hive and the required equipment.

"Life is already expensive enough," Harvey said, adding that beekeeping is complex and many first-timers face difficulties managing hives. "People get frustrated."

Harvey is what the beekeeping community calls a "sideliner," someone between a hobbyist and a full-time professional. A former engineer and project manager, he has been able to devote more time to the apiary since taking early retirement from Caterpillar Inc. last year.

Even for seasoned beekeepers, scaling up can be a challenge. Harvey has considered expanding beyond 100 hives but said doing so alone would be difficult. Hiring would be costly, especially given how hive numbers can fluctuate.

"I know it's possible," he said. "I just haven't been able to do it yet."

About 10 miles away, the Urban Acres Gardens project in Peoria in-

corporates beekeeping into its broader mission. Founded in 2018, the initiative focuses on providing fresh and affordable produce sourced from local gardens in Peoria's North Valley.

Andres Diaz, owner of Urban Acres Gardens, has kept bees for six years and acknowledged the steep startup cost. However, he said he has recouped the initial investment through honey sales at the North Valley Farmers Market.

"(Beekeeping) has been both beneficial for our plants and our production," Diaz said. "It pays for itself after a couple of years if you're selling the honey."

He reinvests most of the proceeds into better beekeeping equipment and said the practice also supports a deeper purpose.

Community

Diaz and others emphasized the value of mentorship in beekeeping. Buckles suggested aspiring beekeepers shadow an experienced local mentor for a season before starting.

Many beekeepers credited the longevity of their apiaries to local clubs. Twenty-five local groups are affiliated with the Illinois State Beekeepers Association.

Harvey is communications officer with the Heart of Illinois Beekeepers Association, which he said was key to sustaining his experience with bees.

Other pollinators

While honeybees usually get the spotlight in discussions around pollination, promoting non-honeybee pollinators is crucial for biodiversity and

for preserving endangered species like the rusty-patched bumblebee – one of 400 to 500 native bee species in Illinois.

Those species are often overshadowed by the honeybee, known as apis mellifera, which was originally imported from Europe in the 17th century.

Since 2021, the Illinois Farm Bureau's pollinator conservation grant program has committed \$145,000 to 55 projects across 28 counties. Most has gone toward pollinator plots — planted areas with species like milkweed, which monarch butterflies rely on for their reproductive cycles.

Buckles suggested there is currently a lack of substantial data on competition between honeybees and native pollinators in the Midwest. Still, she encouraged maintaining native plants to help support vulnerable pollinators.

Looking out at the Illinois River from the back porch of his family home late one afternoon, Harvey reflected on the personal significance of beekeeping.

"It's a calming experience," he said. "You get to go through the hives and get away from the screen or being indoors."

Harvey also values the community around it. In February 2024, he and his mentor Steve Schmidt launched the Beekeeping Buddies podcast, which surpassed 2,600 listens in its first year.

"Which for two guys out in the Midwest is not bad," he said with a smile.

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

As we celebrate the end of summer & the American worker, there is no better time than to thank you, dear friends for your patience, understanding, love & prayers. Unfortunately, yes, I do have lung cancer but God has it under control. I appreciate you all so much. It's been a rough road through the car accident

& now this, but thanks for sticking with us!
Our current daily hours will be Mon-Sat 9-12

We look forward to seeing you soon.

THE BIG QUESTION...Although I will be retiring, I am looking for a great successor to fill your needs & will stay with them until I'm comfortable they will offer the same service you are receiving now. SO when I do...

I hope you will welcome them with open arms

as you did me! Thank you for a great 19 years, Melody J MAC METALS

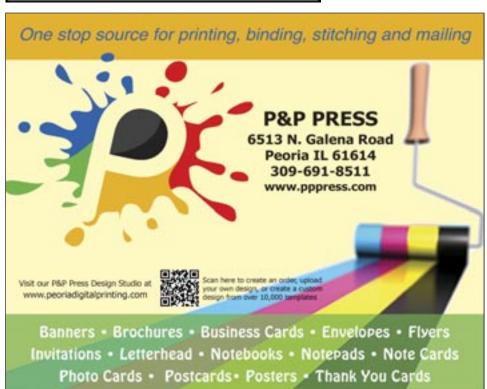
1300 SE 2nd St, Galva, Illinois
(309) 932 - 3001

Manufacturers of steel roofing and siding,
plus high-quality lumber











PUBLIC RECORD

Misdemeanors & Felonies

7-14 - Michael D. Jones - Driving under the influence of a drug, DUI any amount of a drug, uninsured vehicle and no valid registration.

8-16 - Dustin D. Lindsley - Driving under the influence of a drug, suspended license, unlawful use of cannabis, driving 15-20 mph above limit, suspended registration, operating wipers without headlights, registration light and seat belt required.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

8-16 - Arthur G. Neal was cited for driving without a license.

8-20 - Beau A. Spencer, 20, Walnut, ticketed for driving on an expired registration.

8-21 - Alexia J. Cardenas, 20, Hampton, cited for possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle and operation of an uninsured vehicle.

8-21 - Amy D. Hartgrove, 49, Peru, ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and possession of cannabis by the driver. Also ticketed was Taryn M. Kelchner, 28, LaSalle, for possession of cannabis by a passenger.

8-22 - Tammie L. Holmes, 57, Wyoming, cited for failure to report an accident and for leaving the scene of an accident. Her vehicle was towed and impounded and she was issued a court date.

8-22 - Jesse A. Peed Jr., 24, Kewanee, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

8-22 - Bryana M. Towns, 32, Mohamet, ticketed for speeding 77 mph in a 45 zone.

8-23 - Rashid D. Ferguson, 49, Peoria, ticketed for speeding 88 mph in a 55 zone.

Peoria County Report

8-6 - Donald J. Shaw Jr., 26, of Galva was accused of vehicular and drugs-related crimes after an incident west of Peoria. He was aboard a 2006 Honda Rebel without a license plate about 8 p.m. on Harmon Highway, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

Shaw sped away from a deputy until the motorcycle apparently ran out of gas at Harmon Highway and Airport Road. A search revealed two pipes used to ingest illicit drugs, among other items. Shaw also was wanted in Henry County



for aggravated fleeing from police.

After being transported to the Peoria County Jail, Shaw was booked on charges of speeding, aggravated fleeing, no valid vehicle registration, no valid driver's license, possession of a lookalike controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

8-13 - A Toulon man was arrested following a domestic dispute in Peoria. An officer was dispatched shortly before 2:45 a.m. to a residence in the 900 block of W. Forrest Hill Ave. regarding a report about a man and a woman yelling at each other. The man was 39-yearold Robert B. Turnbull, according to a Peoria police report. Turnbull was accused of domestic battery.

8-14 - W.C. Wilkins, 71, of Wyoming was arrested on illegal-drug charges in Bartonville during a traffic stop. Wilkins was driving a 2004 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck a Bartonville police officer pulled over shortly after 6:30 p.m. near Adams Street and McKinley Avenue. Wilkins possessed almost \$2,200 in cash.

A glass pipe and a bag that contained a white substance that tested positive for methamphetamine were found inside the truck. Wilkins was accused of unlawful possession of meth and of drug paraphernalia. His passenger, 33-year-old Sarah E. Thomas of Chillicothe, was accused of the same crimes.

Galva Report Officer dispatched:

8-18 - to the 100 block of Market St. for a complaint involving a tenant and landlord.

8-18 - to a residence in the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a city ordinance violation involving chickens without a permit.

8-18 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a violation of an order of protection complaint.

8-18 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd St. for a scam complaint.

8-18 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a disturbance involving a customer.

8-19 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a report involving several violations of an order of protection.

8-19 - to the 300 block of Front St. regarding telephone harassment.

8-20 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a violation of an order of protection. Later that day, Roy Orwig, 47, Kewanee, was arrested for violation of an order of protection and taken to the Henry County Jail.

8-20 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street to retrieve a debit card that had been found.

8-21 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Street for a hit-and-run accident with minor damage only. Officer located the other driver.

8-21 - to the 100 block of NE 9th Street for a domestic disturbance.

8-21 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Street for a neglected animal.

8-21 - to the 100 block of NE 1st Street for a neglected animal.

8-21 - to Washington Park for a complaint involving a fight that was possibly ready to begin.

8-22 - to the 200 block of NE 4th Ave for a loose-chicken complaint. They were able to cross the road before being recaptured.

8-22 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Street for a neglected animal.

8-24 - to the 500 block of SW 1st Ave. for a disabled vehicle in the roadway. Officer ultimately towed the vehicle.

8-24 - to the 200 block of SW 3rd St. for a littering complaint.

8-24 - Reina CapDeVilla, 58, Galva, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 300 block of NW 1st Ave.

Property Transfers

8-18 - Sonya Evans to Kerry Evans and Penelope L. Mateu - Pt. Sect. 25-14-7 NW - 319 S. Peoria St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

8-19 - Dannyel Bowen and David D. Jr., Lance M., and Monta Sue DeWolfe to Devon J. and Nicole M. Reed - Wm. F. Thomas Add'n Block 17 Lots 1, 2 - 521 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$5,000.

8-19 - Henry J. and Paulette M. Waldinger to Jamie L. and Shane A. Brown - East View Add'n., Vg. of Bradford - Pt. Lots 15,16 - 429 Enterprise Dr., Bradford - Consideration = \$158,000.

8-19 - Anthony and Larry Schaffer to Larry Schaffer - LT 30,31,32 Ass'r Sub Sect. 36-13-6 SW - 513 N. 7th St., Wyoming -Consideration = \$0.

Cover Group, LLP David L. Cover Twin Towers Plaza, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 203, Peoria, IL 61602-1220 (P) 309.673.8227 (F) 309.673.4238 107 W. Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483 (P) 309. 645.1632 dcover@coverlawgroup.com www.coverlawgroup.com





304 SW 2nd Ave. GALVA, IL (309) 932-2050

24 HOUR TOWING

COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR



Stark County **Real Estate Taxes Due**

Page 3

September 2, 2025

2024 INSTALLMENT DUE DATES: **1ST DUE JUNE 2, 2025** 2ND DUE SEPTEMBER 2, 2025

PAY YOUR REAL ESTATE TAXES ONLINE www.govtechtaxpro.com OR SCAN THE QR CODE ON YOUR BILL VIEW AND PRINT YOUR TAX BILL

http://propertytaxonline.org/Stark/ PAYMENTS SUBMITTED AFTER THE DUE DATE MUST INCLUDE APPLICABLE INTEREST (SEE YOUR PAYMENT STUB)

Paula K Leezer, Stark County Treasurer

AD STORAGE COMPANY

EASY ACCESS · LOW MONTHLY RENT · WELL-LIT · SECURITY FACILITIES IN:

Bradford - 897-8243 * * * Lacon - 696-9281 * * * Hanna City - 565-7677 "Store Your Stuff With Us"

Call 385-1715

AD STORAGE CO. • PO BOX 415 • PRINCEVILLE, IL 61559

Stewart Seed Company

12512 West Mendell Road; Princeville, IL 61559 PH: 309-385-4832 FAX: 309-385-2644

Email: cntrland@frontier.com Hours: Monday - Friday 8:00 - 4:30

In stock seed mixes & materials including: Waterways Lawn Seed Pastures IDOT mixes Fertilizer Erosion Control Blanket

Non-stock special order seed mixes to customer specifications: CRP Prairie Grasses Wildflowers Filter Strips



McCHURCH MASONR

 Chimney Repairs Brick, Block & Stone

 Tuckpointing Basement Wall Repair

MSW Projects, Marshall-Stark Public Transportation

309-364-2287

Stark County Regular Van Schedule for September Sept.1: CLOSED

Thurs., Sept. 4: Kewanee

Sept. 8: Peoria Mon., Sept. 15: Peoria Sept. 22: Geneseo Sept. 29: Peoria

Thurs., Sept.11: Geneseo Thurs., Sept.18: Princeton Thurs., Sept.25: Kewanee

Sept. 4, 11, 18, 25 Bradford 8:40 a.m., Toulon 8:55 a.m., Bradford 8:40 a.m., Wyoming 8:55 a.m., Toulon 9:10 a.m. Wyoming 9:10 a.m. Fees: People under age 60: \$10 except to Kewanee is

\$6; People aged 60 & over: voluntary donation Call by 4:00 p.m. the day before you would like to ride the van to make your reservation.

Individual transports are available M - F with advanced reservations.

DOOR COMPANY



Sales • Service Installation

Sectional Steel Doors & Openers Service On All Makes Spring & Section Replacement 24 Hour Emergency Service Free Sales Estimates

RAYNOR

856-8041

Toll Free 877-324-9517 Visit Our 1319 W. 6th St. Showroom Kewanee, Ill.

www.sullivandoor.com

The Prairie News

The Prairie News is published every Friday (except one week in July and Dec. 27) by Lampe Pubications LLC, 115 W. Main St., Elmwood, IL 61529.

 Publisher - Jeff Lampe news@prairie-news.com Advertising Manager Pam Wulf

ads@prairie-news.com Ad and Graphic Designer -Ken Black

graphics@prairie-news.com • Chief Correspondent -John Ballentine

• Bradford Correspondent - Angie

Galva Correspondent -Carol Townsend

The Prairie News is located at 101 West Main Street, PO Box 240, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Office hours are Mon. to Thurs., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m

(309) 286-2185 ads@prairie-news.com Deadlines - News due Tuesdays

by 3 p.m. Ads due Mondays by 3 p.m. The Prairie News encourages readers to submit news for publication. Email to:

news@prairie-news.com The Prairie News assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors, but will reprint the part of an ad in which an error occured. The Prairie News is an II linois Press Association member.





BRIEFS

Bradford CUSD 1 enrollment up slightly

BRADFORD – Superintendent Chad Gripp informed the Bradford CUSD 1 School Board during its Tuesday meeting that enrollment for this year is 170 students, up two from last year.

Of those, 123 students are enrolled in the grade school and 47 are in the junior high. A look back through the last 15 years shows an enrollment high of 212 in 2011-12 and a low of 148 in 2019-20.

Gripp also said the Fiscal Year 2026 budget has been on display since Aug. 12. The board approved the tentative budget. A public hearing on the budget will be held Sept. 23 at 7 p.m. in Bradford Grade School Room 6. The hearing will be followed by final action at the regular board meeting.

Gripp said of the budget, "All of our funds remain healthy this year and any additional revenue will be added to our existing reserves."

The board also approved an elearning plan, bullying and truancy policies, a threat-assessment management plan and a risk-management plan. Under the risk-management plan, the district

uses part of the TORT fund to cover some specific salaries.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Ryan Switzer as head boys basketball coach and Morgan Coleman as an assistant boys coach.

- Jeff Lampe **Galva American Legion**

needs help with flags GALVA – The Galva American Legion seeks help setting up flags for the Sept. 1 Labor Day Avenue of Flags. Volunteers are asked to come to the new Legion Building on Wallace Street at 7 a.m. or go to the Galva Cemetery at 7:15 a.m.

Flags will be taken down at 3 p.m. and anyone who can help is asked to come to the Galva Cemetery. All help is greatly appreciated.

Cambridge launches new concert series

CAMBRIDGE - The Village of Cambridge is launching a brandnew concert series, Sounds of the Village, bringing free live music to College Square Park.

The series will debut with two concerts in 2025, with plans to expand into a full summer lineup beginning in 2026. The concert series will mainly focus on showcasing local and regional talent.

Half Catholic and Chrash were to perform on Aug. 28. Jerm Theory and Zach Pietrini will perform on Sept. 11. The two-hour shows will start at 6:30 p.m. and are free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and are welcome to bring their own food and drink.

The series was conceived by John Taylor, who credits Cambridge and Logan Meier, who will manage the

OSF Saint Luke earns 5-star national rating

• KEWANEE - OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center has earned a five-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the highest-possible rat-

The CMS rating evaluates performance across five categories: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience and timely and effective care.

"This recognition is a powerful testament to the exceptional talent and dedication of our team," said Jackie Kernan, president of OSF Saint Luke. "Our caregivers are unwavering in their commitment to delivering high-quality, compassionate care."

SIGN: Guidelines for submitting messages

Continued from Page 1 actual Toulon Community Center building on that

Anyone seeking to add a message to the sign is asked to email it to ToulonSign@outlook.com. Volunteers will answer the

messages.

The following are guidelines for posting messages on the new Toulon Community Sign.

Highest priority

• City of Toulon - Water shutdowns, boil orders, blocked off streets and changes in trash/ and pickups due to holidays or weather.

 Fire Department/EMT – Emergency messages.

Next-level priority

• Toulon Civic Assoc. -Organizational meetings, weekly Queen of Hearts promotion, Old Settlers

events. Service organizations – Toulon Lions Club programs and sandwich sales, Toulon American Legion breakfasts and fish fry, Stark County Arts Council events, St. Jude events that involve local people, Stark County Food Pantry

announcements. · Charitable organizations - Stark County Genealogical Society programs, Stark County Illinois Historical Society open houses and programs.

 Community events – Lake Calhoun Ladies Golf League 4th of July breakfast, county-wide church services, Lenten services (Toulon, Wyoming, Bradford), Easter Sunrise Service at the Paramount Theater and communitywide yard sales

· Stark Co. school -Sporting events, academic/social events, homecoming, prom, afterprom, graduation and baccalaureate.

All guidelines will be reviewed as messages are received for the new sign to make sure the system is not overwhelmed.



17

16

Call Debbie Wright • (309) 883-2617 (com

Broker, Realtor®, SRES®, CRS, ABR

· Licensed in Illinois

dwright@melfosterco.com

15

4.37 ACRES

NORTHPOINT ESTATES SUBDIVISION

14

13

19

3.99

18

SOLD



Favorites the same, gap closing

Farmington and A-W favored, but not as heavily as last season

LincolnLand Conference football favorites remain unchanged from one season ago, but the competition is creeping closer based on preseason votes cast by coaches (who were not able to vote for their own teams).

Things are especially tight in the LincolnLand small division, where



Jeff **LAMPE**

thersfield holds a slim margin over Princeville and Rushville-Industry.

Annawan-We-

The Titans were hard-hit by injuries last year at running back, quarterback and elsewhere but still

earned a 17th-straight playoff berth. One upside to the injuries was that several players return who saw time as a result, including two running backs and QB Maddux Heitzler.

Princeville returns seven starters on each side of the ball, including bookend senior tackles Collin Lowery (6-foot-3, 240 pounds) and Wyatt Giffin (6-0, 300). The Princes will have a new quarterback and senior Kaiden Sarnes is the leader in a three-player competition for a spot that has gained importance since Princeville shifted to more passing in its attack. "We just have all the pieces together to make a good football team this year," Coach Jon Carruthers said.

R-I returns eight starters on offense and seven on defense from an 8-2 finisher. Those veterans include running back Rylan Reimolds (1,219 rushing yards, 16 TDs) and three offensive linemen in the run-heavy wing-T attack. Still to be seen is how well QB Jagger Bartlett has recovered from a broken hand suffered this spring and how well R-I holds up, since depth is an issue.

On the large side of the league, Farmington is the overwhelming favorite, earning first-place votes from every coach. That's no surprise, as last year's league champs and Class 2A semifinalists have 23 seniors and a league-best 85 players out this fall.

COACHES' POLL

LincolnLand Large			
49			
38			
38			
34			
21			
19			
18			
7			
II			
58			
57			
56			
34			
34			
34			
28			
14			
9			
ams exce _l			

Farmington's strength is at wideout, where 6-foot-3 North Dakota recruit Jack Gronewold, 6-4 Landon Crawford and speedy Boston Smith will give opposing DBs problems. But the Farmers' biggest question is who will throw the ball to those gifted receivers? So far, there are at least three candidates.

There are also three fairly evenly rated contenders behind the Farmers: Elmwood-Brimfield, Macomb and Illini West.

E-B has the fewest returnees of those contenders but has good numbers, promising sophomores and an offensive style that gives some opponents fits – particularly Macomb.

On paper, the Bombers could contend for a title with four starters back on offense and five on defense. Wideout Drew Watson is a three-year starter who had 56 catches last year. There's work to be done in the trenches, though, as the offensive line has just one returnee.

Illini West has six starters back on offense and a strong line in front of returning QB Ethan Carlisle, who passed for 532 yards and ran for 492 as a junior. Defense is a question mark for the Chargers.

Elsewhere, Knoxville welcomes new coach Marty Turner, a longtime

Read The Prairie News every Friday for scores, stats, pictures and predictions!

assistant for the Blue Bullets. Knoxville has five starters back on offense and four on defense.

West Hancock has a stud receiver in Hunter Froman and Brayden Carter back at QB after he and three linemen opted to return from a year off. The question for West Hancock is not scoring, but stopping others. The Titans allowed more than 50 points per game last year.

Elder wand – With the hiring of Pat Elder as coach, Bureau Valley immediately stamped itself as a team to watch in the large division. But probably not immediately.

In 23 years as a head coach elsewhere, Elder has compiled a record of 161-85 and made the playoffs 19 times. Twice he has coached a state runner-up, including 2023 when his Ridgewood team was second in 8-man football and 2012 with Class 4A Richmond-Burton.

Numbers are down at BV, however, with just 34 players out. As Elder said, "We're going to need to generate some interest."

Looking back – Incidentally, coaches did a pretty good job predicting the LincolnLand last year. The only team they misfigured in the large division was Knoxville, which was predicted to place third and wound up sixth.

The betting line was not quite as accurate in the small division, as coaches underrated champion Stark County (tabbed for third in the preseason) and third-place Princeville (picked for fifth) while giving too much credit to ROWVA-Williamsfield (picked for second, finished fifth). Injuries played a huge part in Annawan-Wethersfield not living up to its predicted first-place finish.

Et cetera – Statewide, more schools are scheduling preseason scrimmages in place of glorified practices. Not so much in the immediate area, except for Farmington. The Farmers were home against Limestone last Saturday morning and Coach Toby Vallas said it's a valuable experience. "I think it's a huge advantage to go against someone else." he said.

Proud to Support our Local Football Teams!

Better Banks

betterbanks.com | 309.272.1000

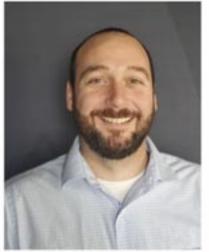


This Section is FREE!

Compliments of Our Fine Advertisers! Tell Them Thanks!

COUNTRY

HAVE A GREAT SEASON!



Zach Wise Wyoming (309) 286-7053



Erin Spivey Kewanee (309) 852-2121

STARK COUNTY REBELS

Football climate change: Going green

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The worst part about having an experienced high school football team one season might be the possibility of having an inexperienced squad the next.

That's where Stark County Coach Jade Noard finds himself and his program this season, to say the least.

Stark County lost nine offensive starters, including its entire line, and nine defensive starters from a team that went 8-1 in the regular season but was upset by Galena in the first round of the Class 1A state playoffs.

Noard doesn't appear to be panicking about the current Stark County status. But he acknowledges the level of green on this team clashes severely with the Rebels' red-white-and-black color scheme.

"We've been in situations where we haven't had the experience coming back, but I think in my 21 years (here), this is the least amount of experience," Noard said.

"I don't know that that necessarily is a doomsday thing. I think we have kids that can play. They just don't have any minutes under their belt."

For the past two seasons, there was little need to acquire them. Stark County was 18-3, with two postseason appearances. Wide receiver Chris Barnwell, lineman Cole Kinsella, running back Nolan Orwig and quarterback Dillon Steelman, among others, were major contributors.

With all of them graduated from last season, and with thin numbers at the senior and freshman levels this season, Noard and his assistants are taking a different approach.

"You have to really start at ground zero," Noard said. "The last couple of years, I felt like we really hit the ground running, because there was so much to build off of.

"We have to be a team that gets better as we go, because we're inexperienced. We have to understand that there's going to be growth throughout the year. I thought maybe the first game (last) year was the best game we played. That can't be the case this year. Our first game can't be our best game."

The schedule helps give Stark County time to improve. None of the Rebels' first five games are against teams that reached the postseason last year.

"I'm not going to say that they're going to be weaker than us or anything like that, but there's definitely opportu-



Stark County senior Connor Daum makes a move upfield during a game last year against Annawan-Wethersfield. Photo by Collin Fairfield



Browning



Daum

first five are really important."

division powers this year -

and 8, respectively.

nity there," Noard said. "I think those

Stark County plays the acknowl-

edged LincolnLand Conference small-

Annawan-Wethersfield, Rushvlle-In-

dustry and Princeville – in Weeks 6, 7

"We need that 5-4," senior Connor

Daum said about the record usually re-

quired for postseason qualification.

throughout the season, we'll be ready

Daum and Justin Warner, both re-

They figure to be the primary targets of

ceeds Steelman as starting quarterback.

Browning subbed for Steelman in mopup time last year. But Browning is a

Stark County assistant Dusty Browning

"He's one that I feel pretty confident

- and that can make up for lack of ex-

in his abilities, but he's a little bit un-

proven on Friday nights," Noard said.

Sophomore Jackson Knoblauch fig-

ceivers, are the offensive returnees.

classmate Ben Browning, who suc-

coach's kid – his father is longtime

perience, as Noard sees it.

"Once we increasingly get better

for those last four weeks."



Holmstrom



Painter

ures to succeed Barnwell in the backfield. Knoblauch probably will share rushing duties with junior Keagen Sparks, because both play on defense.

Aiden Painter, a 6-foot, 290-pound junior, is expected to anchor both lines as a center and nose guard. He'll probably have help from senior Jaxon Carder and sophomore Louis O'Bryant, who also plays linebacker.

Defensive-back Daum and senior Chase Holmstrom, a linebacker, are the only returnees on defense. Still, the dearth of veterans doesn't necessarily make at least one Stark County opponent feel better.

"You can never count Noard out," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. "His teams are going to be coached well, and he's going to scheme well. He's going to keep them in every ballgame."

The younger Browning, for one, intends to do what he can to help achieve

"Our main goal is we want to make the playoffs all four years," he said. "We don't want to be the team that loses. As a young team, we've just got to step up.

STARK COUNTY REBELS

Coach: Jade Noard Enrollment: 221 (Class 1A) Last year: 8-2 **CHEDIII E**

	SUILDULL	
Aug. 29	at South Fulton	7:00
Sept. 5	vs. Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 12	at Havana	7:00
Sept. 19	at ROWVA-Williamsfield	7:00
Sept. 26	vs. United	7:00
Oct. 3	at Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Oct. 10	vs. Rushville Industry	7:00
Oct. 17	vs. Princeville	7:00
Oct. 24	at Knoxville	7:00
	NOTE: Home Games in Bold	

VARSITY ROSTER

ı	<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	Wt.	<u>Yr.</u>	<u>Pos.</u>
l	0	Jeremiah Siebenthal	6-0	185	So.	WR/LB
ı	1	Connor Daum	5-9	150	Sr.	RB/DB
ı	2	Khaiden Turnbull	5-9	130	So.	WR/DB
ı	3	Caleb Gentle	5-10	130	Jr.	QB/DB
ı	4	Chase Holmstrom	6-0	161	Sr.	WR/LB
ı	5	Ben Browning	5-9	150	Sr.	QB/DB
ı	6	Kaeden Steelman	5-9	155	So.	
ı	7	Jackson Knoblauch	5-6	155	So.	
ı	8	Justin Warner	5-9	160	Sr.	WR/DB
ı	9	Brady Leezer	5-8	135	Jr.	WR/LB
ı	10	Landen Ouart	5-6	115	Fr.	WR/DB
ı	12	Ramses 't Hart	6-1	165	Sr.	WR/LB
ı	15	Ryan Paton	5-7	140	Jr.	WR/DB
ı	16	Kaizer Down	5-10	145	Fr.	WR/LB
ı	17	Wyatt Snider	6-1	155	Jr.	WR/DB
ı	18	Cayden Osborn	6-3	150	Jr.	WR/LB
ı	20	Isaac Cresto	5-5	120	So.	WR/DB
ı	21	Keagen Sparks	5-7	165	Jr.	RB/LB
ı	22	Riley Masters	5-9	155	Sr.	RB/LB
ı	23	Connor Down	6-0	150	Jr.	WR/DB
ı	25	Ramsay Listwan	5-6	135	Fr.	WR/LB
ı	26	Preston Hillier	5-8	135	So.	WR/DB
ı	28	Cayden Guerry	5-10	150	Fr.	WR/LB
ı	33	Braxxten Gibson	5-8	145	So.	RB/LB
ı	35	Nico Calderon	5-5	135	Jr.	WR/DB
ı	42	Oliver Morgan	6-1	155	So.	WR/DB
ı	50	Jaxon Carder	6-0	200	Sr.	OL/DL
ı	51	Cash Kinsella	5-9	180	So.	OL/LB
ı	52 53	Louis O'Bryant	5-11 5-11	180	So.	OL/LB
ı	55	Anderson Moody Christian Calderon	5-11 6-0	203 200	Jr. Sr.	OL/DL
ı	56	Hunter Hart	5-10	165	Jr.	OL/DL OL/DL
ı	57	Max Hegwood	6'2	200	Fr.	OL/DL
l	62	Ronan Breese	6-3	195	гг. Jr.	OL/DL
ı	63	Gage Shadley	5-6	205	Fr.	OL/DL
l	64	Aiden Painter	6-0	290	Jr.	OL/DL
ı	70	Ethan Hess	5-8	240	So.	OL/DL
ı	71	Hayden Mummert	5-4	140	Fr.	OL/DL
ı	74	Brayden Woith	6-0	253	Sr.	OL/DL
ı	75	Jake Primo	6-3	215	So.	OL/DL
	76	Jackson Saner	6-5	290	Jr.	OL/DL
	78	Jeshua Hamilton	5-7	250	So.	OL/DL
	79	Kooper Kitterman	6-0	320	So.	OL/DL
	87	Mason Thieben	6-1	190	Jr.	WR/LB
п						

Assistant Coaches: Dustin Browning, Clint Terwilliger, Jason Clark, Tyler Dorsey and Seth King.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

Stark County made the playoffs 22 straight years from 1996 to 2017 and 26 times overall after last year. The Rebels were second in 1997 under Coach Gary Johnson and in 2008 and 2015 under Coach Jade Noard

Good Luck Stark County Rebels!



WYOMING













STARK COUNTY REBELS





EMAIL: nelsonauto4047@gmail.com WWW.NELSONAUTOSALES.COM

201 E Main St., Toulon, IL 61483 (309) 286-3121

Ask about our full financing plan!

Jason Knoblouch, Landen Ouart, Isaac Cresto and Hayden Mummert.

ont Row (all rows left to right): Gage Shadley, Ramsay Listwan, Keagen Sparks, Jeshua Hamilton,

STARK COUNTY REBELS 2025

Not pictured: Jackson Saner, Jake Primo. Photo by John A. Ballentine

Row: Kaedon Steelman, Caleb Gentle, Anderson Moody, Connor Down, Louis O'Bryant, Brayden Woith, Row (Coaches): Joe Charvat, Tyler Dorsey, Jason Clark, Head Coach Jade Noard, Dustin Browning, den Osborn, Max Hegwood, Ramses 'T Hart, Jeremiah Siebenthal, Mason Thieben and Jaxon Carder. Fourth Row: Chase Holmstrom, Hunter Hart, Aiden Painter, Wyatt Snider, Oliver Morgan, Ronan Breese, cond Row: Ryan Paton, Brady Leezer, Nico Calderon, Ethan Hess, Khaiden Turnbull, Connor Daum, Kaizer Down, Christian Calderon, Cayden Guerry, Justin Warner and Cash Kinsella. Ben Browning, Riley Masters, Braxxten Gibson and Preston Hillier. Clint Terwilliger and Seth King.

GALVA WILDCATS



Front Row (left to right): Drayce Powe, MJ Louck, Eli Ingels, Braxton Hulstrom, Harlem Young, Tommy Funke, Landon Rodseth, Braden Murphy and Manager Alex Davis. Second Row (Coaches): Wes Ekstedt, Luke Wright, Justin Robinson and Mike Funke.

Back Row: Coach Nathan Glaser, Head Coach Zach Anderson, Peyton Jenkins, Randy Collister, TJ Hudson, Ben Burris, Blake Stahl, Jay Smith, JP Sloan, Reid Harris, AJ Traff, Cyrus Hurd, Donovyn Sarver and Coach Chris Anderson.

New coaches, new look, new hope for Galva

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva football program has new coaches, some new players and new hope to end a 24-game winless streak.

At the helm this year is Zach Anderson, a Galva graduate whose goal is to improve on two 0-9 seasons in 8-man play. The Wildcats' last win was a 48-28 rout of Peoria Heights at home in 2022.

"I don't think this is the same 8-man team that has played here in the past," Anderson said. "We will come out and shock some teams and put some scares in teams that have walked us over the last four years."

To help make that happen, Anderson has enticed new players to join a 19-player roster that features quickness and a fair amount of varsity experience. Among the newcomers is speedy and athletic basketball standout MJ Louck. Other basketball players making the jump to football who should help this fall are senior Braden Murphy and junior Reid Harris.

Those three knew Anderson from his role as a basketball assistant coach and join a roster that already had some size and athleticism, according to the new coach

"We've got speed," Anderson said.
"We're fairly fast and can fly around to the ball."

That's encouraging for Anderson who said he is still learning the ins and outs of 8-man play.

"What I have learned in the short time of me doing this is that speed kills in 8-man," Anderson said. "As far as the difficulties, it's learning what offenses you can run and when you can

SCHEDULE				
Aug. 30	vs. Hiawatha	Noon		
Sept. 5	vs Peoria Heights	6:00		
Sept. 12	vs. Flanagan-Woodland	6:00		
Sept. 19	at Bushnell-Prairie City	6:00		
Sept. 26	vs. Amboy	6:00		
Oct. 3	at West Central	7:00		
Oct. 10	at Peoria Heights	7:00		
Oct. 17	vs. Alwood	6:00		
Oct. 24	at West Prairie	7:00		
	NOTE: Home Games in Bold			

send people in motion and learning the complexities of offense and defense. I still may not know all the right calls yet."

As Anderson also said, there are some universal truths in football no matter how many players are on the field.

"At the end of the day, it's football," Anderson said. "And you have to be willing to put in some dirty work in the trenches. You have to be better than the person across from you."

Offensively, Anderson plans to run the ball as much as possible in order to put together sustained drives.

"My plan is to beat you down physically and mentally as we march down the field," he said.

To help make that happen, Galva will rely on a starting line that features decent size. Starting guards will be sophomore TJ Hudson (6-foot-2, 215 pounds) and junior Braxton Hulstrom (5-9, 210). Big Ben Burris is a 6-2, 260-pound sophomore who will play center.

Tight ends look to be seniors JP Sloan (6-1, 170 pounds) and Cyrus Hurd (5-11, 182)

Sophomore Tommy Funke will play some at quarterback and is joined in the backfield by fullback Murphy and Louck, who will alternate between running back and quarterback. The top back is expected to be talented runner



Funke



Hurd



Louck



Stahl

back Blake Stahl (6-1, 195), who led Galva in rushing yards last season.

"When Stahl puts a chip on his shoulder and puts his mind to something, he's going to do it," Anderson said. "He's one helluva an athlete."

Stahl, Funke and Murphy will also headline a linebacking corps that Anderson said is the strength of the defense. Up front, starters at end look to be Hulstrom and Hurd, with Burris and Hudson alternating at tackle.

"We've got some kids who can block up the middle," Anderson said. "Honestly, we could be pretty stout across the board if we put a chip on our shoulder."

Louck and Sloan are expected to start at defensive back.

Galva opens its season Saturday at noon against Kirkland Hiawatha, a 2-7 finisher last year that returns five starters on defense and four on an offense that plans to feature more shotgun.

GALVA WILDCATS Coach: 7ach Anderson

Coach: Zach Anderson Enrollment: 138 (8 Man West) Last year: 0-9

VARSITY ROSTER

No.	<u>Name</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	Wt.	<u>Yr.</u>	Pos.
0	Braden Murphy	5-9	160	Sr.	FB/LB
1	Tommy Funke	5-10	165	So.	QB/LB
2	Harlem Young	5-5	125	Fr.	RB/DB
3	MJ Louck	6-0	145	Jr.	RB/DB
4	Eli Ingels	5-9	135	So.	TE/DB
5	Reid Harris	6-1	160	Jr.	TE/DB
7	Peyton Jenkins	6-0	155	Fr.	TE/LB
10	Jay Smith	6-1	155	Sr.	TE/DB
11	JP Sloan	6-1	170	Sr.	TE/DB
12	Cyrus Hurd	5-11	182	Sr.	TE/DE
18	Blake Stahl	6-1	195	Sr.	RB/LB
21	Donovyn Sarver	6-0	190	Fr.	TE/DT
23	Drayce Powe	5-9	175	Fr.	OL/DL
26	AJ Traff	6-0	180	Sr.	OL/DL
28	Landon Rodseth	5-11	160	So.	OL/DL
44	Braxton Hulstrom	5-9	210	Jr.	TE/DE
55	TJ Hudson	6-2	215	So.	OL/DL
59	Randy Collister	6-0	235	Jr.	OL/DL
99	Ben Burris	6-2	260	So.	OL/DL

Assistant Coaches: Mike Funke, Luke Wigant, Chris Anderson, Nathan Glaser, Dustin Weber, Justin Robinson, Wes Ekstedt



Good Luck Galva Wildcats!



HAVE A GREAT SEASON WILDCATS! Nutrien

Ag Solutions 1051 Midland Rd Galva, IL 61434-9158 309-932-2100













OBITUARIES

Ona R. Noel

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

The daughter of A. Gunnar and Alfva (Bergren) Borg, Ona was born March 29, 1946, in Kewanee. She attended Galva High School. On Jan.



Noel

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 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 slot machines and thrifting were two pastimes that she enioved.

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" did.

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; brothersin-law 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

She was preceded in death by her husband of 38 years, Tom; son, Brent A. Noel; her parents; an infant grandchild; and three brothersin-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 the Kewish Galva Water Works Building, 105 N. Center Avenue, Galva,

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 offici-

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

Stephen W. Horn

GALESBURG - Stephen W. Horn, 80, of Galesburg, died Aug. 24, 2025, at Allure of Knox County in Galesburg.

He was born on Feb. 27, 1945, in Avon, the son of Jack and Martha (Swanson) Horn. He married Wendy D. Wetterow on Nov. 6, 1971, in Galva and she preceded him in death on June 7, 1995.

Survivors include his two sisters and several nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Carol Lynn

Stephen served his country in the U.S. Army. He worked as a manager for various foundries in the area. He was a member of the Galva Lions Club and was an avid Chicago Bears fan. He enjoyed golfing and he especially enjoyed spending time with his nephew.

Cremation will be accorded and graveside services will be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 4 at Walnut Grove Cemetery in Altona. Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

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 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 website: www.thegathering.life/ www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

Reverend David Graham 218 N. Henderson St., Toulon • (309) 286-4901 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 a.m., All ages Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. Thursday Kids Club 5:30 to 7 p.m. Baby Connection: Wednesday and Thursdays 9 - 11 a.m. 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: 9:0 a.m.

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 Father 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 thewrights62@hotmail.com

Bradford Apostolic Christian Church

440 E Main St Bradford IL 61421 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service and simultaneous Sunday

School pre-K thru 12+ 11:00 Lunch and Fellowship, 12:15 2nd Sunday Worship Wednesday Worship Service 7:15 pm www.bradfordacchurch.org; info@bradfordacchurch.org

LIST YOUR CHURCH HERE Join the directory for \$150 per year. Email ads@prairie-news.com or mail information to (with a check made out to Lampe Publications LLC)

The Prairie News; PO Box 240; Toulon, IL 61483-0240.

LEGAL ADS

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

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER D. BELL, Deceased No. 2025PR85

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Christopher D. Bell. Letters of Office were issued on August 20, 2025, to Tricia Bell as Independent Administer whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before February 28, 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 IO days after it has been filed.

Name Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Administrator Address P.O. Box 165 City Galva, IL 61434 Phone (309) 932-2001

Published 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THEODORE C. FAIRFIELD, Deceased Case No. 2025PR11

WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE -INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION Notice is given of the death of

THEODORE C. FAIRFIELD of Arcadia Care at Toulon, 17 Highway East, 700 East Main Street, Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, 61483. Letters of Office were issued on August 22, 2025 to **JEFFERY SCOTT**

FAIRFIELD as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.

Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and

whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on August 22, 2025, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main, Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the representative's, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: **March 2, 2026**, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative's and their attorney of record and any claim not filed within that period 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.

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 22nd day of August,

JEFFREY SCOTT FAIRFIELD (Independent Representative)

Robert H. Rennick, Jr. The Rennick Law Firm, P.C. 117-119 West Court Street, P.O. Box 430

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

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

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

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

REQUEST FOR FUEL BIDS

The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education is seeking bids for the following petroleum products:

Unleaded gasoline (w/10% ethanol, 87 octane) beginning December 1, 2025, and extending through November 30, 2026.

Diesel (#2 ULS clear w/5% bio) beginning December 1, 2025, and extending through November 30, 2026.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Superintendent's Office, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois 61491. Outside of envelope should be marked "FUEL BID". Deadline for submitting bids: 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 17, 2025.

Interested bidders may contact Superintendent Brett Elliott at 309-695-6123 or belliott@stark100.com for more information. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Stark County CUSD #100 is an equal opportunity employer. Published 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25

286-2171 Fax: (309) 286-5000 bobrennickjr@rennicklawfirm.com ARDC #6227069 Published 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY. ILLINOIS

ADAM DENNISON Plaintiff,

BRITTANY MADONNA, Defendant No. 2023 FA 16

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Notice is given your, BRITTANY

MADONNA, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for termination of parental rights and other relief

Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in

this cause in the office of the Circuit

Clerk of Henry County, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before the 29th day of September, 2025, a answer and other relief may be granted as prayed for by the Plaintiff. Terilyn A. Motley, Circuit Clerk

SDH Published 8/29, 9/5, 9/12/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an

Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff. IN CHANCERY

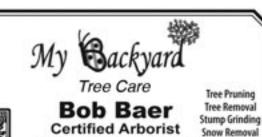
Case No. 25-0V-25K

KYLE L. CHARLETT, Defendant NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP BY PUBLICATION The requisite Affidavit for

Continued on Page 10

We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

CREATIVE INTERIORS **Window Treatments** Kim Foes, Interior Designer (309) 238-5510 foes@nbson.net



(309) 657-0571

mybackyard2@gmail.com

GE & Hotpoint Appliances 104 E. Main Street P.O. Box 229 GE APPLIANCES Altona, Illinois 61414 Phone: (309) 484-5591 Email: andrewsimp@mymctc.net Service Tech Jim Andrews

NEEDED

AUGER WAGON OPERATOR

SEASONAL EMPLOYEE







Robert L. Potts Stephanie F. Schmieg Ashlee E. Stabler

Areas of Practice:

- Wills, Trusts & Powers of Attorney
 - Trust & Estate Administration
- Agricultural Law Local Government
- · Business Planning & Formation

 Real Estate Transactions 118 West Main Street • P.O. Box 368 Elmwood, Illinois 61529 • (309) 742-3611

RYAN FARMS **Rural Wyoming** CONTACT: (309) 238-6148

LEGAL ADS

Continued from Page 9 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 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 Uwners, the 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, 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 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 circuit clerk's

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 OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Atkinson, Illinois will hold a public hearing on September 15th, 2025 at 6 PM at the Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St, Atkinson, IL 61235 to review and consider applications for Special Use, as follows:

Applicant: Casey's Retail Company Special Use: 1) Automobile Service Station; 2) Interstate Pylon

PIN: 09-34-451-009

Legal: A parcel of land being Lots 2 and 3 as designated upon Interstate Subdivision, being a subdivision of part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 34, Township 17 North, Range 4 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, the plat of which subdivision was recorded

December 6, 1984 in Book 9 of Plats on Page 30, as Document No. 84R5819 in the Recorder's Office of Henry County, Illinois.

Beginning at the Southeast corner of said Lot 2; thence North 89 degrees 09 minutes 23 seconds West along the South line of said Lots 2 and 3, a distance of 1233 01 feet to the Northeast corner of a North / South jog in the South line of said Lot 3; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 23 seconds West along the North / South jog in the South line of said Lot 3, a distance of 479.59 feet to the Northerly line of a public road designated F.A.I. Route 80; thence North 71 degrees 18 minutes 55 seconds West along the Northerly line of said F.A.I. Route 90 and the Southerly line of said Lot 3, a distance of 20.95 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 3; thence North 0 degrees 04 minutes 29 seconds West along the West line of said Lot 3, a distance of 1231.87 feet to the Northwest corner thereof; thence South 89 degrees 12 minutes 08 seconds East along the Northerly line of said Lots 3 and 2, a distance of 1138.33 feet to the Northeast corner of a North / South jog in the North line of said Lot 2, said point also being the Northwest corner of Lot 1 of said Interstate Subdivision; thence South 0 degrees 00 minutes 47 seconds East along the North / South jog in

GALVA PARK DISTRICT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIAT-ING SUCH SUMS OF MONEY AS MAY BE DEEMED NECESSARY TO DE-FRAY ALL NECESSARY EXPENSES AND LIABILITIES OF THE GALVA PARK DISTRICT, GALVA, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2025, AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2026, AND SPECIFYING THE OBJECTS AND PURPOSES FOR WHICH SUCH APPROPRIATIONS ARE MADE, AND THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED FOR EACH OBJECT OF PURPOSE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GALVA PARK DISTRICT:

SECTION 1: That the following budget, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Park District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and is the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Park District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

1. That the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is \$324,415.58 2. That the estimated cash expected to be received

during the fiscal year from all sources is \$192,000,00 a. 4000 Taxes b. 4010 Replacement taxes \$24,000.00 c. 4200 Direct Public Support \$2,000.00 d. 4300 Income-Grounds Use Fees \$3,250.00 e 4400 Grants f. 4500 Interest Income \$7,000.00 g. 4600 Farm Income \$30,000.00 h. 4700 Pool income \$24,000.00 Total Estimated Receipts \$606,655.58

3. That the estimated expenditures contemplated \$350,200.00 for the fiscal year are That the estimated cash expected to be on hand for the end of the fiscal year is \$256,456,58

SECTION 2: That the following provides an itemization of the budget of \$350,200.00 and the following sums of money in the total amount of \$488,450.00 or so much thereof as may be authorized by law be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of The Galva Park District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending

SECTION 3: GENERAL FUND:

I	a. SALARIES:	Budget	Appropriation
I	6080 Park Superintendent	\$9,500.00	\$13,000.00
I	6090 Clerical	\$4,000.00	\$5,000.00
I	6180 Grounds	\$50,000.00	\$55,000.00
I	6360 Pool Help \$40,000.00		\$60,000.00
I	Total Salaries	\$103,500.00	\$133,000.00
I	b. OPERATIONS EXPENSE:6000	Budget	Appropriation
I	6010 Advertising and	-	
I	Publication expense	600.00	\$1200.00
I	6012 Fees for Park District-Attorney	\$2,000.00	\$4,000.00
I	6020 Supplies, office	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
I	6024 Supplies, postage	\$300.00	\$350.00
I	6026 Supplies, printing and Copying	\$300.00	\$500.00
I	6030 Insurance-Work Comp.	\$3,500.00	\$4,000.00
I	6050 Telephone - Supt.	\$350.00	\$400.00
I	6060 Miscellaneous expense	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
I	OPERATIONS - GROUNDS: 6100		
I	6110 Purchase of trees, shrubs		
I	and Memorial benches	\$150.00	\$2,000.00
I	6120 Purchase - grounds equipment	\$95,000.00	\$110,000.00
I	6130 Supplies, grounds	\$9,000.00	\$10,000.00
ı			

6355 6180 6170 AYES_4_ NAYS_0_

Repairs - equipment, grounds \$10,000.00 Repairs and maintenance - grounds and buildings \$25,000.00 \$40,000.00 6170 Utilities - grounds \$1,500.00 \$3,000.00 OPERATIONS - POOL: 6300 Purchases - pool equipment \$10.000.00 \$15,000.00 6310 \$10,000.00 \$12,000.00 6320 **Pool Supplies** Supplies - Concessions \$5,000.00 \$3.000.00 6330 6340 Repairs and maintenance \$50,000.00 \$20,500.00 for pool and buildings Utilities - pool \$16,000.00 \$18,000.00 Telephone - pool \$500.00 \$1,000.00 CAPITAL EXPENSE - 6400 \$209.200.00 \$292,450.00 **Total Operations Expense Total General Fund** \$312,700.00 \$425,450.00 2. RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FUND: Salary and wages for recreational help \$15,000,00 \$17,000,00 Equipment purchase-grounds \$7.000.00 \$15,000.00 Utilities, grounds \$2,500.00 \$11,000.00 **Total Recreational Program Fund** \$24,500.00 \$43,000.00 3. LIABILITY INSURANCE: 6035 Insurance-Property/Liability \$7,000.00 \$13,000.00 4. PAVING & LIGHTING STREETS & ROADWAYS: 6160 Repairs & Maint-Street \$6,000.00 \$7,000.00 **Total Estimated Expenditures** \$350,200.00 \$488,450.00 SECTION 4: The receipts and revenue for the Galva Park District derived

from sources other than taxation and not specifically appropriated and all unexpended balances from the preceding fiscal year not required for the purpose for which they were appropriated and levied shall constitute the General Fund and shall first be placed to the credit of such fund.

SECTION 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law. Dated: August 13, 2025

/s/ Peter VanDeVelde, President /s/ Laura Nordstrom, Secretary

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF HENRY

I, Laura Nordstrom, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified Secretary of the Galva Park District, Henry County, Illinois, and as such Secretary, I am the keeper of the records and files of the Park District Trustees of said

I do further certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Appropriation Ordinance of The Galva Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed by official signature and corporate seal of said Galva Park District, Henry County, Illinois this 13th day of August 2025.

/s/ Laura Nordstrom, Secretary

I, Brittany Stewart, do hereby certify that I am the Chief Fiscal Officer of The Galva Park District. Henry County. Illinois, and as such officer do further certify that the Budget and Appropriation Ordinance contains an estimate or revenue by source anticipated to be received by The Galva Park District for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2025 and ending April 30, 2026.

Signed this 13th day of August 2025. /s/ Brittany Stewart, Chief Financial Officer

Published 8/29/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Village of Atkinson, Illinois will hold a public hearing on September 15th at 6:00 PM at the Atkinson Village Hall, 107 W Main St. Atkinson, IL 61235 to review and consider various amendments to the Village's Zoning Code.

Proposed Text Amendments: Various changes to the Village of Atkinson Zoning Code regulations relative to signage near the interstate and regulations relative to special use automobile service stations in the B-2 District. The affected section(s) includes but may not be limited to Section 9 (Signage), and Section 11.3-2 (B-2 Special Uses). Among the potential changes being considered include possibly allowing tall pylon signage along a corridor near the interstate under certain circumstances and

allowing automobile service stations to operate in the B-2 District with a special use. Other procedural and process changes to the site plan review provisions in the Village's Zoning Code may be considered

The application and proposed amendments 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 oral testimony at or before the public hearing. Details on how members of the public can provide comments on the proposed text amendments 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 8/29/25

Published 8/29/25

150.03 feet to the Southeast corner of said North / South jog in the North line of said Lot 2 and the Southwest corner of said Lot 1: thence South 89 degrees 11 minutes 00 seconds East along the Northerly line of said Lot 2 and the Southerly line of said Lot 1, a distance of 140.05 feet to the Northeast corner of said Lot 2, said point also lying in the Westerly line of a public road designated State Street; thence South 0 degrees 02 minutes 50 seconds East along the Fasterly line of said Lot 2, a distance of 432.32 feet to an angle point in the Easterly line of said Lot 2; thence South 11 degrees 18 minutes 48 seconds West along the Easterly line

of said Lot 2, a distance of 101.84

line of said Lot 2: thence South 3

degrees 10 minutes 49 seconds

feet to an angle point in the Easterly

the North line of said Lot 2 and the

West line of said Lot 1, a distance of

West along the Easterly line of said Lot 2, a distance of 77.20 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 21.949 acres, more or less, all being situated in the County of Henry and the State of Illinois.

The special use applications 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 special uses can contact the Village Clerk by email at villageclerk@atkinsonil.org or by phone at (309) 936-7658. Dated this 29th day of August,

2025. /s/ Krystle Thomas, Village Clerk

SPORTS: Plenty of PRs

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

309/932-8100 - 356 Front St., Galva, IL

KEWANEE

309/852-2200 - 110 E. 10th St., Kewanee, IL

STARK COUNTY

309/695-4010 - 112 E. Williams St., Wyoming, IL

AMERICAN LEGION POST 445

Bradford, Illinois

SUNDAY, AUGUST 31st

Adults - \$15.00 • Children 6 to 12 Years - \$6.00

Regular Dining Option - Carry Outs Available

Limited Chicken Strip dinners available.

Purchase Your Raffle Ticket for \$1000 Cash Drawing and

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

Commercial

Agricultural

American Legion Home

Time: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Residential

Perch & Smelt

FISH FRY

Physical Therapy &

Rehab Specialists

Continued from Page 12 bloch (24th, 22:43.90).

"The 4/5 combination of Paytin and Darilis is what swung it our way over a really, really good Knoxville crew," Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "Dusti, Cheyenh and Norah were terrific (all medalists) but after scoring the top three runners we were down one point to Knoxville. Paytin scored us three points, Darilis scored us five points and that was the difference. In smaller fields elites count for less."

Stark County is at the IVC Invitational today, Aug. 29, at Three Sisters Park. Girls run at 6:30 and boys at 7:10.

• Galva Golf - Top returnees for the Galva boys golf team are senior Braden Murphy and sophomore Gage Simoneaux while sophomore Ethan Craig is a promising newcomer on a five-golfer roster. Senior Hallie Anderson and junior Olivia Calderon head up the Galva girls roster.

"We hope to have kids continuing to PR throughout the season and hope to make a run in individuals for both boys and girls at regionals," Galva Coach Brandon Owens said. "We have already had some medalists this season and several personal PRs."







25836 N 800 Ave, Kewanee, IL Phone: 309-856-8806

SPECIAL GOAT & SHEEP SALE

& CONSIGNMENT SALE

Saturday, September 6th, 2025 Consignment at 11 a.m. Livestock at 12 Noon

> Consignment Sale will consist of ONLY Farm Related Items, Poultry & Rabbits, and Hay & Straw NO HOUSEHOLD ITEMS For More Information Contact:

Pat Cocquit - (309) 314-0187 OR Ryan Cocquit - (309) 945-2795

kewaneesalebarn.com



Roll-off Dumpster Service Family Owned, Reasonable Rates 20, 30 and 40 yd. dumpsters Call 888 932-2936

ADVERTISE! CALL (309) 286-2185



High Quality Workmanship

at Reasonable Prices

HOURS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9-4 SATURDAY 9-12 SUNDAY EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT

600 S. 7TH ST.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT

- TOULON: Upstairs 2 bedroom apartment for rent in Toulon, 105 E. Main.
- 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.

SERVICES

• REMODELING & REPAIR: Most types of quality home remodeling and repairs including doors, thermopane vinyl replacement windows, interior painting and electrical, by Denny Miller. Over 25 years of experience. We also do kitchens, baths, decks, steps and more. Small jobs welcome!

- Call me at (309) 995-3364.
- SALVAGE: Buying junk autos, farm equipment, grain bins, and also doing total farm clean up. Call Doug Lofgren at Spoon River Salvage (309) 299-8531.
- BEAT RISING HEATING BILLS with the proven technology of a Classic Edge Titanium HDX OUT-DOOR WOOD FURNACE. Call today for budget-friendly warmth! (309) 565-4300.

FOR SALE

- Farm Fresh Eggs: Galva. Call (309) 525-0234
- '98 Chevy Silverado: 193+ miles, asking \$3,000, runs great. Call 309-883-2542.
- BAD BOY BUGGY: 2011 Bad Boy XTO electric-powered ATV. \$1,000. Call (309) 231-6040.

KNOXVILLE, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

AUCTION
The following nice home, backyard garage and personal property will be sold on location at 791 S Market St. Knoxville, IL, on

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 7th 2025 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS, FIRST)

REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION: This is a condensed ad. This nice 3-bedroom house is approx. 11 76 sq. ft. and sits on a 9,680 sq. ft. lot. An attached 2-stall garage leads into an open dining room/kitchen area and utility room. There is a full-sized living room, one full bath. The master bedroom has another 1/2 bath and there are 2 more decent sized bedrooms. A nice 24'x24' shed sits in the backyard with a cement floor, and an overhead door. TERMS: A non-refundable \$7500.00 will be required auction day, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. See pictures and the full ad online at www.folgersauctionservice.com

ANTIQUES, TOYS, PRIMITIVES: old metal Firestone hanging 2-sided sign (from an old gas station on the corner of Losey/Henderson St. in Galesburg)-prim. pine step back cupboard-prim. buggy seat-JD street sign and therm.--vintage Raggedy Ann and Andy collection including (NB 85th, 90th, and LE 32 Cent 1997 NB doll sets, orig. vintage dolls, plastic wall plaques, plastic talking alarm clock, shot glasses, Aurora western doll set, over 40 vintage books, bookends, statues, ornaments, child record, cookie jar, old Marcella book, Magic Pebble game, old cut out doll set in box w/Marcella, food adv. card, old pinnata, NB figures, planters, much more)-1974 orig, drawing of Woody Woodpecker signed by Walter Lantz-child's tea sets-jointed bear-old cookie cutters-1888 Home Farmer's book-Galesburg Coca-Cola bottle-vintage toys (working Home Defense double barrel toy gun, kid's metal dishes, old metal airplane, Marx pistol, metal M-50 toy tank, nice Wyondotte Timberland lumber metal truck, old wooden FP, 3 old slot race cars, Tootsie Toy truck w/dairy trailers, sm. metal Fordson toy tractor, tin RR cars-1960 view master w/wolfman, Donald Duck, 1968 Shelby GT500, 2006 Ford GT car, crank Roy Rogers metal wall telephone, 2 trans. hand radios, old wicker doll buggy w/steel wheels, toy Eagle iron stove w/access, very old Tiddledywinks game, nice old marbles, radio controlled CombatTank in box M4A2, celluloid misc. toys)-mink stole w/head-spools-iron ship bookend-utensils-rug'beater-cane basket--old musical instruments (NAGOYA harp NB but very old, red Bakelite accordion, Elkhart Sax complete, wood frame port. piano, and full sized piano, brass horns, vintage violin Uke w/bow in box--trombones, Holten cornet, oboe / clarinets in cases, recorders, RCA Victor solid state synth., Dolby 100A synth., more)-kraut cutter-tins--horse collar threaded decor-grain scoop-enamelware-primitives-silverware, some sterling-1 800's wedding dress/clothing-1950's clothing (leather, half coat, wedding outfit, 1948 letter jacket, 1952 Army uniforms, old Army books and manuals, badges, fatigues, 45 Army pistol clip, old mitt--Army gas can, ammo box and belt, Alaskan uniforms/bear patch-Philco and Zenith unusual old radios--Admiral sterophone record player, works -albums-old Columbia Sports III bike-old Schwinn Phantom men's bike w springer front end, head light, leather seat and comic book w/ ad-Melamine-X-mas--Silver Streak hand sled-Vogue Prelude China--glass and dishes--1973 Knoxville Dean Whiteworth Mobile Oil calendar, George's Cafe, other adv.4954 Ronson NB propane cig. lighter-sm. blue band sponge bottom crockoil and gas cans--lighters, watches, pocket knives--Brass shell table lights, bronze Sir Galahad bookend-cameras--retro Stand up Quik Chek tube tester cabinet-old round speaker--Sony NOS RM-55 remote system-NOS acoustic speakerparts for ID 620 pedal tractor-Yield signs, Children X signold bowling pins-dig. Quasar camcorder- Kodak carousel projector, slides, screen--Conroy Bros. hard hats-white wicker tablestrunks- misc. furniture and antiques.

OUTDOOR/TOOLS: Good running JD 185 hydro mower, 42" deck, FC540V overhead valve motor-Tool Shop bench angle saw-Craftsman weed eater-1600 PSI power master pressure washer--new exterior storm door--24" alum. ext. / other ladders-misc. lumber, wood clamps-P215 and 235/75/ R15 tires-ext, mirrors for truck--springs for sm. trailer- 4000 lb. floor jack-1 5'tow chain-cement pad blocks-metal truck tool box-old wrenches and boxes-reel mower-wheel barrowsaw horses-sand bags, tarps-log chains, floor jack, handlgarden tools-Craftsman 25 HP table saw-Craftsman 12" wood lathe on bench-power tools, sanders, Sabre saw, wrenches, awzall, spiral saw, elect. hand saw, Delta saw, hand tools, shop vac, c-clamps, like new Craftsman router, new hatchets, straps, levels, fans, drywall stilts, cement tools, yard cart, tool boxes, new Reese hitch and ball, new 7 gallon air tank, hosenice 4 drawer Craftsman tool box-3 good 110 window AC unitsweights and bar--much more.

ROBERT CECIL - SELLER FOLGER'S AUCTION SERVICE, INC.

(JIM AND CATHIE GIBBS, OWNERS), MATT SHIPLEY Williamsfield, IL Ph. 309-368-6314 and 309-337-21 50 Email:folgersauctionservice@gmail.com cash, check or credit card (No credit cards accepted for real estate or earnest money). Attorney for seller-Egan Law Office, Galesburg, IL







Lady Rebels win opener

Smith sisters strong at Farmington XC meet; Knobloch wins

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

FARMINGTON - Perfect running weather last Monday led to a near-perfect start for the Stark County cross country teams during a season-opening invita-

Several runners enjoyed the unseasonable cool temperatures, including Stark County sophomore Evan Knobloch. He won the boys race on Farmington's new 2.9-mile course in a personal-record time of 5:22.64 – nearly 22 seconds faster than

Football 2025

Check out pictures, previews and predictions for the 2025 high school football season, which opens Friday. Pages 5-8

runnerup Eric Pincock of Illini Bluffs.

Other scoring boys runners for Stark County, all of whom posted personal records, were freshman Jack-

son Smith (16th, 17:56.57), freshman Will Denton (18th, 18:10.35), sophomore Hunter Ely (24th, 19:00.47) and senior Ethan Grinnell (26th, 19:23.25). Stark County placed third overall with 79 points behind Princeville (76 points) and meet winner Illini Bluffs (45).

Stark County was even more dominant from a team standpoint on the girls side, where the Lady Rebels enter this season ranked in the top 10 in Class 1A by several prognosticators.

The Lady Rebels topped the seven-team field with 49 points and were easily ahead of Knoxville (56) and ROWVA-Williams-



Dusti Smith and sister Chevenh Smith had a fast start to the cross country season for Stark County on Monday at Farmington. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

field (77).

Stark County junior Dusti Smith was second overall with a time of 18:09.14. Freshman race winner Audrey Dickinson of Illini Bluffs crossed the finish line first in 17:55.51.

Senior Cheneynh Smith was fifth for the Lady Rebels with a PR of 18:27.15. Other scoring runners for Stark County were freshman Norah Rorem (10th, 20:13.14, PR), senior Paytin Terwilliger (20th, 22:04.85) and sophomore Darilis Kno-Continued on Page 11



