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State Fair emphasizes affordability

By CATRINA BARKER The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois State Fair tuns through Aug. 17, promising 11 days of concerts, livestock showcases, carnival rides and family-friendly fun, with organizers putting extra emphasis this year on affordability.

Rebecca Clark, manager of the state fair, has announced a variety of special promotions.

Children 12 and under get in free daily, and adult admission is \$5 most days, with a \$2 admission day on Aug. 12. Ride discounts include \$2 and \$3 days, \$3 food deals are offered in the Village of Cultures and parking is \$5.

Opening-day parking passes can be redeemed for free parking later in the week.

Grand Central Stage features free concerts every night at 7:30 p.m. The grandstand lineup features Jake Owen, The Black

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QUEEN AND HER COURT





Above are Old Settlers' Association queens crowned last Friday (left to right): Piper Johnson, Piper Tyree, Lorelei Gaspardo and Emma Newell. Tyree, of Toulon, is the sole four-time OSA queen after being Mini Miss queen in 2013, Little Miss queen in 2015 and Junior Miss OSA Queen in 2023. Gaspardo was Mini Miss, Newell was Little Miss and Johnson was Junior Miss. At left, members of the Toulon-LaFayette High School Class of 1975 celebrate their 50th reunion at the OSA parade. Photos by John A. Ballentine.

Galva tables decision on Chevy garage

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council tabled a decision on putting the old Chevrolet garage on Market Street up for bids.

The city purchased the building and lot from Appell Equipment and have demolition work on one of the buildings.

City Administrator David Dyer said at Monday's council meeting that the appraisal came in at \$30,000 for the building.

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Scout Gold Award.
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Dyer said the minimum bid would be \$24,000. He said that several people have inquired about buying it to use for storage.

Dyer said that the way the building is zoned, it has to be used for retail.

The council tabled the issue to decide whether to change the zoning on the property.

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Winans in spotlight as OSA badge honorees

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

Longtime Toulon-area residents Bill and Barb Winans were recognized last weekend as Old Settlers' Association Badge Honorees. The following is a transcription of the speech presented by Bill Winans on Sunday. Barb Winans' speech can be found on Page 7.

First of all, Barb and I would like to thank the Old Settlers' Association for selecting us as the badge honorees. It's been fun so far. I'd like to introduce our family: our son Joe and his wife Lisa and children Jack and Holly. Then, Wendy and her husband Howard and their children Zach, Keegan, Lilly, Joey and his friend Savanna Potter.

Danny Blakey and I go back a long way. We were born into the Baptist Church. I was a year older. When he found out we had been asked to be Badge Honorees he stopped me before church and asked if I had started my speech, yet. I told him no. He replied,

"Good, I've got some ideas for you." I'm not going to use any of them.

The first mention of Winans in the new world is around 1650. They lived in the vicinity of Elizabethtown, N.J. In 1872, Joseph Henry Winans, his wife, his son William Henry, his daughter Fanny May and daughter-in-law Harriet Clemens moved to Stark County and settled in Goshen Township. Joseph, his wife and daughter moved into the

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Old Settlers' Association badge honorees Barb and Bill Winans and their family participated in the OSA parade Saturday in Toulon.

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GALVA: Park District applying for new grant

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Dyer said the lot to the east will not be included in the sale.

The council approved a request from the Galva Park District to sponsor the group as it applies for a \$660,000 OSLAD grant.

If approved, the Park District could begin work on new ball diamond lights and batting cages, increase sidewalks from 8/10th of a mile to 1.2 miles, add ADA sidewalk, pour new concrete in the tennis court and put up new backstops on the baseball and softball

The council discussed changing the ordinance to allow structures to be built on empty lots.

Resident Dustin Williams said, "If this was allowed, it would increase the tax value in the city."

No action was taken. Supervisor Greg Thompson reported the water department will continue replaceing lead pipes. He said there are several fire hydrants not working that will be replaced.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that Henry County bought new Starcom radios for the county and Galva's share was about \$95,000. He said starting next year, the city will have to pay a little over \$4,000 for Galva's share of the operation.

He said the radios that Galva had were, "Very old and in very poor repair."

Mayor Rich Volkert, Townsend and Officer Ralph Brown are researching the use of electric bicycles in the city, as there have been numerous complaints about violations of traffic rules.

"Be careful and look out for electric bikes," Volkert

Superintendent Richard Plummer said oil and chipping will begin next week in the northwest part of Galva. All parked cars need to be off the streets in that section.

Due to a conflict with Labor Day, the next city council meeting will be Monday, Sept. 8 at 6 p.m. in the council chambers.

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FAIR: Metal detectors at grandstand

Continued from Page 1 Crowes, Sheryl Crow, Snoop Dogg, Brad Paisley, The Chainsmokers, Def Leppard and Turnpike Troubadours.

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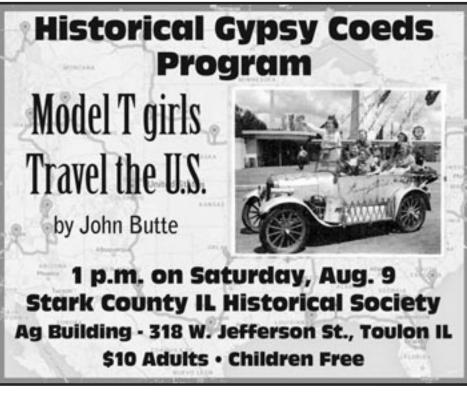
Illinois State Police said law enforcement agencies would be implementing new security measures.

"The new security measures aren't just about enforcement, they are about prevention, visibility and reassurance," said Adcock. "At the grandstand, fairgoers will notice walk-

through metal detectors, similar to what you'd see at sporting events. We also updated our back-check procedures. All bags are subject to be searched and if you're heading into the grandstand, your bag must be no larger than 14 inches by 8 inches."

In addition to enhanced safety measures, the fair added a round-robin doubles pickleball tournament on Aug. 16. Clark said the event will feature both youth and adult divisions.

The Illinois Craft Beer Competition debuts on Aug. 8-9 in The Shed.





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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

8-4 - Kayleb D. Nevarez - Unlawful cannabis possession, speeding 35+ mph over the limit, driving 15-20 mph above the limit, uninsured vehicle, modify location of registration plate, no valid registation and mirrors violation.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

7-29 - Chet D. Gillespie, 18, Toulon, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

7-29 - Erika P. Campos, 42, Hinsdale, cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

8-1 - Nathaniel C. Cation, 46, Peoria, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55

8-2 - Kole W. Dusek, 23, Chillicothe, cited for driving an uninsured vehicle.

8-2 - Dalton J. Ingels, 28, of Bradford hit a deer while driving on Illinois Route 93 at 1300E. No injuries were reported to the driver or two passengers. Estimated damage to the vehicle was over \$1,500.

8-3 - Edwin M. Barker, 54, Chicago, cited for driving without a valid driver's license and for driving without a vehicle registration light. Barker was also issued a notice to appear for obstructing justice. Barker's vehicle was towed and impounded.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

7-28 - to the 600 block of South Center Ave. for a dead dog in the road. Officer located the owner and returned the dog for burial.

7-28 - While patrolling, officer located a loose dog in the 100 block of NE 1st St. The owner quickly arrived and took custody of the dog.

7-28 - to the 600 block of NE 2nd St. for a fox stuck in a fence.

7-28 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint. **7-29** - While patrolling, officer lo-

cated a loaded garbage truck with a broken rear axle in the 500 block of SE 2nd St. A flatbed semi-truck arrived and loaded the truck.

7-29 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a report of a subject pointing a BB-gun toward the road. Officer was not able to locate the subject.

7-29 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an aggressive-dog complaint. After reviewing video footage, it was determined the dog was on a leash and did not threaten anyone.

7-29 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a subject threatening residents with a baseball bat. Offender was served a written banning notice after victims declined to prosecute.

7-31 - While patrolling, officer noticed that a train had stopped and was blocking every Galva crossing. After awhile, it moved enough to open the SW 6th Ave. crossing, however the gates were still activated. Officer directed traffic until the train moved east and all crossings were cleared.

7-31 - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for illegal burning.

7-31 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a child-custody dispute.

7-31 - to assist Henry County with a traffic stop north of town.

8-1 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of Main St., Hailie Vickers, 22, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance.

8-1 - along with Henry County deputies to a physical altercation in the 300 block of Front St. The victim decided not to prosecute.

8-1 - along with Henry County to remove an intoxicated and unruly patron from the 300 block of Front St.

8-1 - to the 300 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a complaint of theft and damage to property. It was determined that yard ornaments were damaged and a bicycle was stolen by an intoxicated neighbor. The victim declined to prosecute.

8-2 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on SW 6th Ave.

after someone reportedly fell 20 feet.

Property Transfers

7-24 - Connie G. Tuttle to John A. Leezer, Karen M. Seckman and Connie G. Tuttle, Co-Trustees - Pt. Sect. 31-14-6 SE - 6562 Twp. Rd. 1250 N., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

7-24 - Cathryn M. Gibler, Carolyn Potter and Tiffany Kay Steverson to Cathryn M. Gibler, Carolyn Potter and Tiffany Kay Steverson - Castle's Add'n Block 4 Lots 6,7,10,11 - Consideration = \$0.

7-24 - Fifth Third Bank NA to Yorl Alquezada Ballinas - Vg. of LaFayette Pt. Block 7 Lots 5,6,7,8 - 209 Jackson St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$22,000.

7-28 - Michael Sparks to Dean L. Wabel - Speers 1st Add'n to Speer - Block 1 Lot 1 - 101 McKinley St., Speer - Consideration = \$15,000.

7-28 - Christina V. Lauwerens, Anita S. and Raymond L. Wilkinson to Christina V. Lauwerens, Anita S. and Raymond L. Wilkinson Trustees - Pt. Sect. 14-12-6 SW and Pt Sect. 23-12-6 NW - 2949 Township Road 1050 E, Wyoming - Consideration =

7-28 - Zachary W. Maher to Zachary W. Maher - Pts. Sect. 24-12-6 NE - 2745 State Route 91, Princeville - Consideration = \$0.

7-28 - Sheriff of Stark Co. to U.S. Bank National Association - Foster's Add'n Block D Lot 2 - 321 First St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

7-29 - Kathleen C. Trotta to Kathleen Cushing and Thomas Cushing Trotta, Trustees - Und 1/4 Int. Sect. 10-13-7 SE NE and Und 1/4 Int. Sect. 11-13-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.

7-30 - David W. Knapp to Valerie D. Painter - Pt. Sect. 23-14-7 SE - 210-214 N. Peoria St., Bradford - Consideration = \$233,000.

8-1 - U.S. Bank National Association to Corbin Walsh - Foster's Add'n Block D Lot 2 - 321 First St., Bradford - Consideration = \$40,500.

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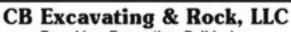
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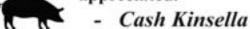
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Hurst earns highest Girl Scout award

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Emily Hurst of Girl Scout Troop 4365 recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor awarded to a Girl Scout.

The Gold Award can be earned by scouts in high school who dedicate themselves to addressing an issue within their community and creating lasting change.

Hurst's project benefited the Stark County schools music department. She designed and built a tote storage area to hold props and costumes for the musicals along with other items for the music department.

She also implemented a new QR code system that allows the contents of the totes to be cataloged and found easier.

"The totes used to be stacked on top of each other on top of the band lockers. It was a process to get down the one you needed, it involved at least a couple people and you



Emily Hurst of Girl Scout Troop 4365 in Toulon recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, a Girl Scout's highest honor. Hurst designed and built an organization system for the Stark County school's music department.

were never sure if you chose the correct one until you got it down and opened it," Hurst said.
"Now one person can get the tote down and be fairly confident it will be the correct one on the first try."

Hurst had enjoyed being part of the school musical and chorus for all four years of her high-school career and was excited to have her Gold Project be something that would be beneficial to the music department.

Hurst spent 100.5 hours on her project and led a team of volunteers that also worked more than 100 hours

"Building the project was a lot of fun," Hurst said.
"The challenge of getting through all the needed meetings and paperwork was not so much fun, but I had a great team that supported and encouraged me

the whole time and it was great to see my fellow classmates showing an interest in the progress."

Each year fewer than 6% of all eligible Girl Scouts earn the Gold Award.

Hurst graduated Stark County High School in May and has also received an associates in arts degree from Black Hawk College. She will attend Illinois State University starting

Aquifer protection among new state laws

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From Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker last week signed into law 124 of 436 bills sent to him by lawmakers in the spring legislative session.

Measures signed expand what must be covered by state-regulated insurance plans, require libraries to stock opioid antagonists and add new training requirements for various workers.

Two measures aim to protect the drinking water of a wide swath of central Illinois and boost the pension benefits for first responders in Chicago.

After the state moved to regulate carbon sequestration last year, advocates called on lawmakers to codify protections for the Mahomet Aquifer – a measure Pritzker signed last week.

Supporters of carbon-sequestration technology, which sees carbon dioxide pollution buried deep underground, say the process wouldn't affect drinking water because the carbon dioxide is hundreds or thousands of feet below where water sits.

But environmental advocates pointed to leaks last year at ADM, which operates one of the few active carbon-sequestration wells in the country in Decatur.

Other bills

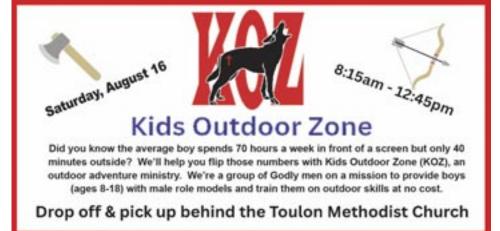
• Paid time for nursing mothers: Senate Bill 212 requires employers to compensate mothers who take

breaks at work to pump breast milk for up to a year after their child is born. It takes effect in January.

• Naloxone in libraries: HB 1910 requires libraries to maintain a supply of opioid overdose medication, like naloxone. The law also requires at least one staff member be trained to identify overdoses and administer the drug.

• Lift-assist fees: HB 2336 allows municipalities or fire districts to charge assisted-living facilities or nursing homes for calls requesting help lifting a resident when it is not an emergency. Fees start in

January.
• School-bus seat belts:
Beginning in July 2031,
any newly purchased
school bus in Illinois will
be required to be equipped
with seat belts that go over
the lap and shoulders of
all passengers.







~ Taylor Peterson

OBITUARIES

Cassandra E. Frisby

KEWANEE. - Cassandra E. Frisby, 74, of Kewanee, died Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at her home.

Cremation will be accorded and a celebration of life will be held Aug. 22, 5 p.m. at the Wyoming American Legion, 105 N. Main Ave., Wyoming. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is assisting the family with arrangements.

She was born on Oct. 9, 1950, in Kewanee, the daughter of Harry and Dolly (Scott) Frisby. She is survived by two sisters, Sidney Harlan of Edelstein, Ill., and Lesley Frisby of Greenville, Ill. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Harry "Bub" Frisby.

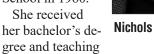
Cassandra graduated from Wyoming High School in 1968. She had worked as an office accountant at Kewanee Machinery and Conveyor and she enjoyed sewing.

Eileen B. Nichols

SANDWICH, Ill. - (Alta) Eileen Baird, nee Nichols, 83, passed away peacefully in her home on July 26, 2025, in Sandwich, Ill.

She was born on March 30, 1942, in Kewanee, Ill., to Eugene and Vir-

ginia Nichols. Known as Eileen her entire life, she grew up in Toulon, Ill., and graduating from Toulon High School in 1960.



certificate from Illinois State University in 1964 and later completed a master's of education degree from National-Louis University. Eileen dedicated her life to education and

A lifelong teacher, she spent her life shaping young minds in the classroom. Before retirement, she spent the last two decades of her career at Sandwich High School, where she left a lasting impact on students and colleagues alike.

She is survived by her children, Natalie Baird of Sandwich and Laura (Kevin) Collins of Waterman: grandchildren Brandi Schultz (Trevor Davy) of Leland, Garrett Baird of Leland, Brandon Clark of Normal and Carissa Clark of Waterman; and great-grandchildren Levi Davy and Iona Davy.

She was preceded in death by her parents Eugene and Virginia Nichols, her sister Nancy (Charles) Faso and her grandson Austin Clark.

Private arrangements will be held to honor Eileen's life and the many lives she touched through her dedication to education and kindness.

May her memory bring comfort to those who knew and loved her.

Virginia Streitmatter

PRINCEVILLE - Virginia "Ginny" Streitmatter, 88, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, died peacefully one day before her 89th birthday, surrounded by her family at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She trusted in Jesus for her salvation and served him for over 65 years. She looked forward to leaving this temporal life and entering eternal life with her Savior and those that went before her.

She was born Aug 1, 1936, in

Morton, the daughter of Frank and Naomi (Grimm) Bauman. She married Alfred "Alf" Streitmatter on Dec. 18, 1955, in Morton.



Streitmatter

Surviving are seven children, Cindy (Rod) Schmidt of Bloomington, Barb (Phil) Ehnle of Princeville, Alan (Janet) Streitmatter of Dunlap, Doug (Cindy) Streitmatter of Princeville, Scott (Amanda) Streitmatter of Estero, Fla., Beth (Curt) Feucht of Goodfield and Dawn (Scott) Schick of Morton; 26 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; sisters-in-law Pearline Streitmatter, Shirley Kieser and Mary Lou Streitmatter; and brother and sister in-law Jeff and Ruth Streitmatter.

Alf preceded her in death on April 6, 2010. She was also preceded in death by her parents and by eight siblings, Oscar Bauman, Eldon Bauman, Dorothy Roeschley Krantz, Willis Bauman, Mabel Roeschley Yentes, Bernice Knapp and Gilbert Bauman; and an infant sister, Caroline Bauman. She was also preceded in death by Alf's five sisters and four brothers.

Immediately after her wedding she moved to LaRochelle, France, with Alf as he served the remainder of his two years in the U.S. Army. They returned to Speer to farm the family farm until they moved to Princeville in 1983. In 2022, she moved into an apartment at AC Skylines in Peoria.

She enjoyed serving family, hosting friends, playing board games (especially Rummikub) and spending winters in Florida with Alf, family and friends. Ginny dearly loved all her family, parents, siblings, in-laws, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She will be greatly missed.

She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church of Princeville and attended the Apostolic Christian Church of Peoria since moving to Skylines. She volunteered at the Apostolic Christian Skylines and Meals on Wheels for several years.

Funeral services for Ginny were held Aug. 4 at the Apostolic Christian Church in Princeville. Church ministers officiated. Burial was in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Peoria Apostolic Christian Skylines Inc. or OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home.

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

Lawrence W. Whisker

BRADFORD - Lawrence "Larry" Ward Whisker Sr., 86, of Bradford, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 1, 2025, at OSF Saint Anthony Hospital in Rockford, Ill., with his family by his side.

Larry was born on June 1, 1939, in Milo Township, the only son of Ward Robert and Ruth Pauline (Sturm) Whisker. He was raised on

the family farm on the west side of Bradford. He remained a lifelong resident of Bradford. Bradford is a place that he loved and where he made many cherished friendships.



Whisker

Larry followed a passion for mechanics and took pleasure in assisting others with mechanical repairs. After graduating from Bradford High School, Larry and his good friend Larry Fansler started Larry's Standard Service Station in Bradford. They worked together throughout the 1960s.

He later parted ways with the business and took a position at Gustafson Ford in Galva as an auto mechanic before owning and operating an Amoco Cropmate Fertilizer Plant in Bradford, where he thoroughly enjoyed helping farmers with their crops.

His favorite hobby was restoring antique John Deere lawn tractors. He liked classic cars and country music. Larry enjoyed traveling and fishing, but most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends.

In his 20s Larry was a volunteer firefighter in Bradford and later volunteered with the Bradford Rescue Squad for several years after retirement.

He is survived by his two children, Laurie (Alex) Horvat of Antioch, Ill., and Larry Whisker Jr. of Decatur, Ill.; and three grandchildren, Michael, Holly and Logan Horvat. He is also survived by his former wife Marie (Hufnagel) Bennison.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents.

Visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 7, 2025, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. A funeral service will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 8, 2025, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. Pastor Dan Wright will officiate. Burial will immediately follow in Bradford Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Bradford Fire Department.



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OSA SPEECH: Entire family graduated from Stark County schools

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farmhouse. Will and his wife moved into a house in Toulon where my grandfather was born. They built a house on the west 80. Shortly afterwards, lightning struck the chimney and burned the house to the ground.

After the fire, they moved in with his parents and sister where nine more children were born. Can you imagine a house being shared by one set of grandparents, two sets of parents, three in-laws, 10 grandchildren, 11 total children, one aunt and 10 nieces and nephews? Some of these fit into two categories. The house is still standing. This arrangement lasted for 16 years. Our son and his family are the current occupants.

In 1889, Will Winans

donated a piece of the farm where a new schoolhouse would be built. Along with being a schoolhouse, it served as a church, Sunday School and meeting place. It served well for about 50 years. Afterwards, it was moved to LaFayette where it became the Legion Hall and finally it was donated to the LaFayette Fire District, where it is used as a meeting room and small event center. The playground equipment was donated to the LaFayette Village Park where it is still in use today.

Back in the day, there were grade-school districts where you went to school, but no high-school districts, so you could choose your own high school. Our family are proud graduates of the Winans School, LaFayette

High School, the Toulon Academy, Toulon Township High School, Toulon-LaFayette High School and Stark County High School. And we all lived on the home farm. Lois Winans, a graduate of the Toulon Academy, moved to California after the death of her first husband. She then spent the last 20 years of her working years as Bob Hope's personal secretary. When I was young, less

than 5, I loved to go to the barn and watch dad milk cows. I thought this was great. I started asking dad if I could squirt (milk) one. With a little help, I finally got the hang of it. The day before Christmas in 1951, Grandpa moved to Kewanee. The day before New Years, we moved into the home place. As time went on, I became more persistent and dad designated a cow I could milk start to finish. I was overjoyed. I was becoming a farmer.

At this time, most every farm had at least one family cow. We had a neighbor who milked seven to 10 cows. He knew I liked the dairy, so he began to pressure dad

to upgrade. Dad would sell one of our cows in his name and in return, he would bring one of his to us because he had too many. Then dad bought a couple of calves from him.

Another neighbor had sold his cows and had two milking machines he no longer needed. Dad asked if I thought he should buy them, then he could milk mornings and I could milk nights. I could milk both times during planting and harvesting and could alternate weekends off. We negotiated a deal and two-unit milkers showed

We got it installed and were ready for a trial run. I was going to put the milker on, and dad was going to stand behind the cow to keep her from backing up. Things went great. I took the machine off, dumped the milk in a pail and headed for the next cow, this time without dad's backup. I got the machine attached and dad said, "You're getting along, there's no reason for me to stand around." So, he went to do the other chores. Dad never put a milker on and I never got a weekend off!

As time passed and high school graduation neared, mom started to press me to go to college so I would have something to fall back on if my farming career didn't work out. "What if you get hurt so you can't farm?" she would ask. Then she suggested a two-year school. I still wasn't interested. One day out behind the barn, dad asked if I would go to school if he put up a milking parlor and silo when I returned. My immediate answer was, "Which college would you like me to go to?"

Good friends Phil and Doug Murray offered to milk our cows while I was in school. When I came back, we got any remaining cows and the heifer calves. They got the bull calves and the milk. It worked fine. When I graduated from college with a new wife, dad started to drag his feet. What if she doesn't like cows? She was going to like cows or else. Barb was very tolerant of my one bad habit milking cows – but it has worked out. All together I was part of the dairy industry for 45 years.

I enjoyed all of it, well,

most of it. There were days and the winters of 1977-78 and 1978-79 with the cold and snow. Chores and keeping the barnyard clear enough to get the milk truck in every other day was a challenge. Also, we had hogs, sheep and beef cattle chores to do.

All in all, life in Stark County has been good to us. We raised two children who graduated from the local schools. We have five grandchildren who as of next spring will have graduated from the local schools. Our three grandsons are gainfully employed in the area, a granddaughter who will start nursing school at OSF this fall and one granddaughter who will graduate from Stark County next spring.

We have been blessed to live in Stark County all of these years. We have been blessed to have our family around us. With our mobile society, there are great jobs and opportunities here in Stark County. We are blessed that our family still attends the same church as our ancestors. Now, I'm going to turn this over to Barb. Thank you for your attention.

THANK YOU State Bank of Toulon for buying my steer. **Caleb Gentle**

LEGAL ADS

ESSEX TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025

Town Fund Cash Receipts

Property tax \$114,032, state replacement tax \$8,577, interest \$83, TOIRMA refund \$731, other income \$18, and transfers in \$2,000. Total cash receipts \$125,441.

Cash Disbursements

Sheets Cemetery \$3,963, TOIRMA \$5,022, Wyoming Cemetery \$11,553, Transfers Out \$57,000, Compensation over \$25,000 (Mike Cox) \$30,000, Compensation under \$25,000 (R. Addison, C. Ryan, G. Goodwin, M. Tracy, P. Daum, T. Shane) \$5,433, cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$14,119.

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	Town	General	Cemetery				
	Fund	Assistance Fund	Fund	Total			
Balance							
March 31, 202	24 \$75,890	\$9,682	\$19,394	\$104,966			
Cash Receipts	103,277	\$10	22,154	125,411			
Cash Disburse	ements (105,650)	(150)	(21,290)	(127,090)			
Balance							
March 31, 202	24 \$73,517	\$9,542	\$20,258	\$103,317			

Cash Receipts

Property tax \$78,388, state replacement tax \$7,445, interest income \$249, and transfers in \$55,000. Total cash receipts \$141,082.

Cash Disbursements

CB Excavating & Rock LLC \$4,124, Ewing Heating \$4,700, Martin Equipment \$6,383, Teubel Excavating LLC \$32,675, Compensation under \$25,000 (L. Hartz) \$949, cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$5,059. Total cash disbursements \$53,890. Construction of Equipment & Rnad &

	Bridge Fund	Bridges Fund	Building Fund	Total
Balance	. 3	3	3	
March 31, 2024	\$22,368	\$64,225	\$66,947	\$153,540
Cash Receipts	123,292	10,568	7,222	141,082
Cash Disburseme	ents	(53,890)		(53,890)
Balance				
March 31, 2024	\$91,770	\$74,793	\$74,169	\$240,732

Subscribed and sworn to this 1st day of August 2025, I, Gary Goodwin, Supervisor of Essex Township, County of Stark, State of Illinois, do certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

Gary Goodwin, Supervisor

filed in the Office of the Stark Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-

507 Galena Ave, ASSRS SW 1/4 SECTION 36 LOT 17 156.3 X 56 CITY OF WYOMING PARCEL#(s) 04-36-302-016 Said property was sold on

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County, Toulon Illinois as Case #

The real estate is described as:

2025 TX 10

10/25/2022, for the general taxes for the year of 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2025. On October 31, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/25/2025.

JOHNNIE MCKEE PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/25

TAKE NOTICE Certificate # 16

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

A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Toulon Illinois as Case # 2025 TX 9

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

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

JOHNNIE MCKEE PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS Petitioner Published 8/1, 8/8, 8/15/25

TAKE NOTICE Certificate # 2

TO: Peter Chronos; Karla Glurk Munson: any spouse: any unknown occupants all unknown interested parties:

A Petition for a Tax Deed on the premises described below has been filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Toulon Illinois as Case # 2025 TX 8

The real estate is described as: 14330 ELMIRA RD N SIDE LOT 13, VILLAGE OF ELMIRA

PARCEL#(s) 01-20-400-003 Said property was sold on 10/25/2022, for the general taxes for the year of 2021. The period of redemption will expire on 10/25/2025. On October 31, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. the petitioner will make application to such court in said county for an order for a Tax Deed should the real estate not be redeemed by 10/25/2025.

JOHNNIE MCKEE PARTNER FOR MB TAX PARTNERS Petitioner

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FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF**

BEHNKE, RAYMOND C, No. 2025PR76 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE

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

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 01/21/2026.

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Name Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor Address P.O. Box 165 City Galva, IL 61434

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY. ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE

OF DANNY L. WAGHER, Deceased Case No. 2025PR9

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of DANNY L. WAGHER of 215 East Commercial Street, Toulon, Stark County, Illinois 61483. Letters of Administration were issued on August 1st 2025 to JULIE L. WAGHER, as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., P.O. Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483. Claims against the estate may be County Clerk, Stark County, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main 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 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 1st day of August JULIE L. WAGHER,

Independent Representative Bv: /s/ Robert H. Rennick, Jr. Robert H. Rennick, Jr., Her Attorney

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PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No.1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois. According to Section 10.20.56 of the Illinois School Code, school districts may, by adopted resolution, utilize "e-learning days" in lieu of emergency days. The district's e-learning program must be verified by the Regional Office of Education for the school district prior to implementation for the 2025-2026 school year. Before adoption/renewal, the school board must hold a public hearing, followed by official board action.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said e-learning days will be held at 7:00 PM on the 26th day of August 2025, at Bradford Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois 61421 Published 8/8/25

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Appropriation Ordinance Of **Bradford Public Library District** Notice is hereby given to the Public that on September 15, 2025 at the hour of 5:45 p.m. at the Bradford Public Library, 111 S. Peoria St., Bradford, Illinois, a public hearing will be held on the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Bradford Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Any person interested in said budget and ordinance may be present at said time and place and may be heard in regard to the budget and appropriation ordinance. The tentative budget is now on file with the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, Bradford Public Library District, at the Library office and may be reviewed upon request prior to said hearing by the Public.

Hollie Scott Date: August 4, 2025 Secretary, Board of Trustees Bradford Public Library 111 S. Peoria Street Bradford, IL 61421 Published 8/8/25

Barb Winans recalls new life experiences

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

Longtime Toulon-area residents Bill and Barb Winans were recognized last weekend as Old Settlers Association Badge Honorees. The following is a transcription of the speech presented by Barb Winans on Sunday.

(Bill and I) were seated alphabetically in a college class at Western Illinois

University. That was how we met for the first time - Winans and Windish. Bill was extra quiet is the best description of his demeanor. I was a "teachertalker."

John A. Ballentine Here are some of several new experiences I've had over the

Barb Winans speaks at this

festival in Toulon. Photo by

year's Old Settlers Association

• I was a new teacher at Abingdon. I took attendance every day in study hall that had a wooden floor. Some of the students would roll small coins up the aisle toward me in the last study hall of the day. I finally had to tell them to stop because I had enough money for a week of lunches. The rolling of money stopped.

• My new teacher experience at Galva High School was met with a question from the students. "Why is your room across from the high school office?" I told them new teachers had to be watched!

• A new experience at the farm was that our son Joe was born in 1972 and our daughter Wendy was born in 1975. This led to my

teaching retirement, but I substituted which meant that Joe and Wendy needed a sitter. Harley and Bernie Rediger lived on the corner east of our farm and were great sitters.

• New experiences on the farm continued while Bill kept farming and milking cows. I never milked a cow or learned to drive a tractor. It was lucky for both! However, Bill asked

if I would like to drive the skid steer in the lot. I said, "Sure!" Things were fine until I drove into a corner and couldn't get out of it.

• The principal at Stark County schools called me in 1987 and

asked, "Did I want a fulltime teaching job?" I answered, "Yes!" It was to be of a short duration I was told. It stretched into 25 years and some 2,500 students. I jokingly say that I graduated with the Class of 2013 from Stark County High School.

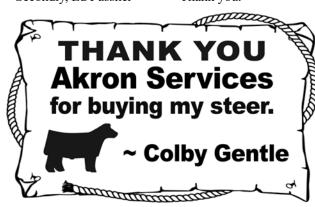
I leave you with two

peoples' names who meant a lot to many students and teachers alike. Mr. B (Buchert) spent 47 years at Toulon Township High School, Toulon-LaFayette High School and Stark County High School. When we heard Mr. B laugh, we knew the day would go well.

Secondly, Ed Fussner

was an extraordinary custodian. He had a big booming voice, which he used often. For example, one day he told me to go home and remember that he really didn't like me very much. Then, there was a pause and in a soft voice he would say, "See you tomorrow."

Thank you.



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• Huge Indoor Garage Sale - 3967 Duncan Road, Toulon, IL. 2 miles south of West Jersey on Rt. 78. Turn left on Duncan Rd. One mile down on left. Fri. Aug. 15 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sat. Aug. 16 - 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. Aug. 17 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lots of Clothing all sizes: Girls, Boys, Jr's, Misses & Men's (all kinds of name brands), shoes, authentic purses, Michel Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, etc., Pink lotions, Bath & Body soaps, Barbies, Disney, Rainbow High, Nickelodeon, etc., DVDs, Thirty-One, Lots of Pioneer Woman, Home Décor, Hearth & Hand, Beautiful Items, Longaberger, Tupperware and much more. Way too much to Mention. Come Check us Out! Well Worth the drive. Lots of new and used items. Come do early Christmas shopping and school shopping. Not responsible of new and used items. Come do early Christmas shopping and school shopping. Not responsible









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SPairie News Sports 🖝



Galva leans into experience

Wildcats boys basketball returns starting lineup and more

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

With a loaded roster expected for the 2025-26 boys basketball season, Galva Coach Jake McClintic figured summer was a good opportunity for some tests.

The Wildcats appeared to pass them, particularly against fellow Class 1A teams. They were 7-1 against smallest-school competition. The only loss was to LeRoy for the championship of a five-game shootout at Abingdon-Avon. Galva also went 4-0 in an event at Granville Putnam County.

Galva finished 22-8 last season. It is to return all five starters and its top two substitutes.

"It's kind of new to me, to be able to kind of walk in and have all familiar faces and you didn't graduate any of your starting five," McClintic said. "It's kind of easy and kind of hard at the same time. Your expectations are higher and the community's expectations are higher."

Overall, Galva finished 10-7 this summer. The Wildcats were 0-5 in a shootout at Monmouth College. They played two Class 3A schools and three Class 2A schools. Among the Galva opponents were Bethalto Civic Memorial, Columbia and Sherrard.

Galva was missing some players at that event, but each defeat was by fewer than eight points, according to McClintic.

Returnees Reid Harris, Cyrus Hurd, MJ Louck, JP Sloan and Blake Stahl were very

good, their coach said. So was Ty Keup, an incoming junior who was on the varsity last season but didn't receive much playing

"I tried to play as many kids as much minutes as I can so I can prepare," McClintic said. "It's a luxury that a 1A school usually doesn't have, 10 kids that can play at any minute."

• Stark County – Following a 9-20 record in 2024-25, Stark County finished about .500 in 10 games this summer. The Rebels played at Erie, Princeville, Putnam County and ROWVA-Williamsfield.

"In all honesty, I don't put much stock in summer outcomes," Stark County Coach Kane Mastin stated in an email. "More importantly, I believe we continually got better with each passing game."

Limited numbers necessitated some sophomore callups. Among those who showed potential were Blake Kieser, Jeremiah Siebenthal and Kaedon Steelman. Incoming senior Tyson Gillespie and juniors Connor Down and Caleb Gentle also had an impact.

Some of those players will be expected to complement returning regulars Ben Browning, Connor Daum and Justin Warner, all seniors, and junior Tanner Bishop.

"When our senior leaders find the way to glue all of these pieces together, we could see a team that far exceeds any outside expectations," Mastin stated.







