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This refurbished 900s Duryea four-wheel Phaeton was sold by Sotheby's on auction for \$96,250. The Duryea brothers who designed this car, and who are credited with building the first American-made, gasoline-powered automobile in 1893, attended high school in Wyoming. Duryea Park in Wyoming is named after brothers Frank and Charles Duryea, pictured below in one of their cars in 1895.

Local ties for automobile pioneers

By TOM EMERY
For The Prairie Post

While electric vehicles grab headlines today, there were 292 million registered cars in the United States in 2024, mostly powered by gasoline.

A pair of Illinois brothers with ties to Wyoming and Wyoming High School are credited with building the first gas-powered automobile in American history.

Frank and Charles Duryea, who grew up near the Stark County town of Wyoming, drove their



creation on the streets of Springfield, Mass. on Sept. 21, 1893. Two years later, they won the first

automobile race in the United States, a 54-mile run from Chicago to Evanston and back on

Thanksgiving Day 1895.

Charles was born in Canton, Ill. on Dec. 15, 1861, while Frank was born in Wyoming, where much of their childhood was spent, on Oct. 8, 1869. A local genealogical source reports that local teacher William Sandham was a source of great inspiration.

A biographer of Charles Duryea asserts that he “learned more at the Wyoming school than at all his other schools together.”

Both boys showed

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Salary increases

Stark County board OKs pay raises

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors passed three resolutions to increase the salaries of County Treasurer Paula Leezer, County Clerk Heather Hollis and County Circuit Clerk Julie Kenney.

Last month the board re-appointed Zoning Officer Renee Johnson with a 5%, 3%, 3% and 3% increase in salary for her next four-year term.

The same increases apply to the three county employees as passed during the Oct. 14 monthly meeting. Current salaries of the employees were not provided. The years are 2026 through 2029 for the clerk, 2025-28 for the circuit clerk and 2026-30 for the treasurer.

The board also formally

approved the \$310,000 purchase of a Bradford property at 16501 U.S. Route 40 from GK Rogers, LLC. The building will be used as a new home for the Stark County Highway Department.

The board passed three other resolutions:

- A tax sale of an approximate 3-acre property near Wyoming’s FMC Corp. to Scott Anderson for \$901.
- A resolution for \$3,500 to pay the county’s portion of hiring an appellate prosecutor to assist Stark County State’s Attorney Austin King, as needed.
- An agreement to hire Hutchinson Engineering, Inc. for \$75,000 to replace the Mud Run bridge. A grant of \$550,000 was announced to help fund replacement of the bridge on Illinois Route 91 south of

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War of words continues between Pritzker, Trump

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

The war of words continues between President Donald Trump and Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker over public safety in the streets of Chicago and beyond.

Monday evening returning from the Middle East peace summit on Air Force One, Trump said Pritzker

should ask for help with public safety.

“I think he should beg for help because he’s running a bad operation,” Trump said. “He’s letting people be killed in his city because he doesn't want it,” referring to a callup of the National Guard.

Clashes between law en-

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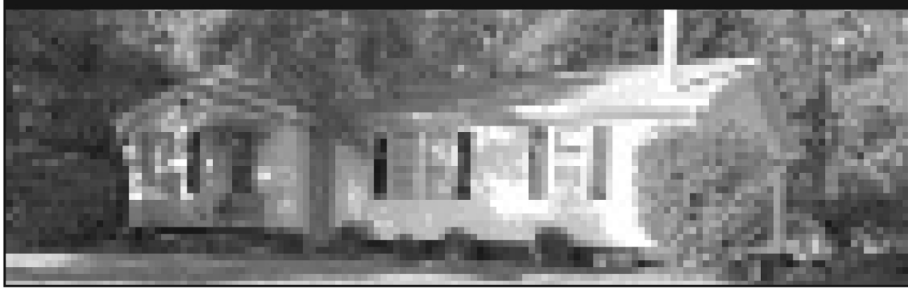
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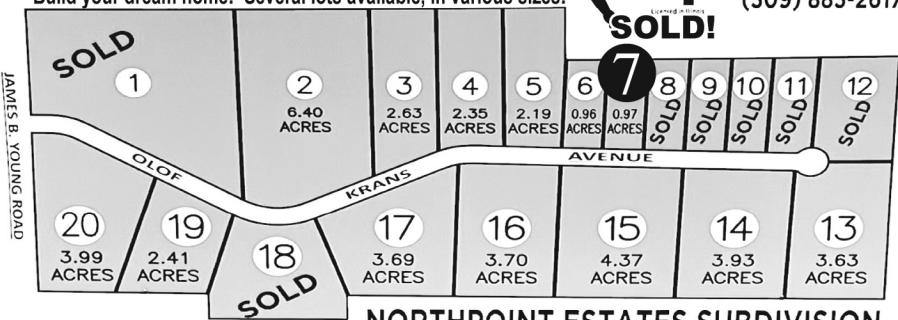
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CO. BOARD: New county building discussed

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Wyoming.

The highway dept. recently purchased a 2015 Kenworth plow truck to replace the current older model plow truck.

Treasurer Leezer presented her report and highlighted the expenditures of the sheriff’s department salaries. There was no sheriff’s report, as Sheriff Steven Sloan did not attend the meeting.

The board heard an insurance pres-

entation for 2026 from John Leezer of the Leezer Insurance Agency of Toulon. Leezer reported that workers compensation coverage has increased by approximately \$10,000 and coverage for buildings and property increased by about \$4,000.

The board approved the total premium of \$168,402 to be paid in quarterly payments.

Finally, for discussion only, was a plan for a new county administration office building. The tentative plan

calls for constructing a one-level building adjacent to the current courthouse on the east side that will face East Court Street, in Toulon.

The annex building would be utilized for cold storage of documents once the new building is completed. The annex building currently houses offices of the county clerk and the county circuit clerk staff.

Next month’s board meeting will be Monday, Nov. 10, due to Veterans Day falling on Nov.11.

WORDS: President considering Insurrection Act

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forcement and protesters continued into Tuesday with chemical agents being deployed to scatter a growing crowd in Chicago surrounding federal immigration enforcement.

After an unrelated event Tuesday in Hampshire, Pritzker said, “We don’t want troops on the ground and we don’t want (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) officials or (Customs and Border Patrol) abusing people on the streets of Chicago or any of our suburbs, or, frankly, anywhere in Illinois or the country.”

Trump said Tuesday at a ceremony

for Illinois native Charlie Kirk that his administration is “done with angry mobs.”

Pritzker said he will continue to fight what he characterized as the Trump administration’s overreach.

“And we’re going to do everything that we can, again, to protect our residents, but also to get the courts to step in and stop them from abusing just everyday people that they are firing gas pellets and, rubber bullets,” Pritzker said.

While the courts have stopped Trump ofrom deploying the National

Guard to Chicago at this point, the president said he has the right to use the Insurrection Act, but he’d rather have cooperation.

“Fifty percent of the presidents have used the Insurrection Act because they don’t want to go through this stuff with somebody who said ‘there’s no crime’ and 4,000 people get shot,” Trump said.

The Trump administration’s motion to overturn a lower court’s temporary restraining was denied. The case is still pending with the Guard’s deployment blocked.

DURYEAS: Largest U.S. auto makers in 1896

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ample scientific and mechanical skill. The aforementioned source says Charles built his first bicycle in Wyoming in 1878, using images from a catalog. That led to a job as a bicycle mechanic in Peoria.

Charles was watching a gasoline engine at the Ohio State Fair in 1886 when he realized that a similar motor could be adapted to

run a lightweight quadricycle. He carried his vision East when he landed a job in a bicycle factory in Washington, D.C., where Frank joined him.

The brothers ultimately ended up in Springfield, Mass., where they researched the internal combustion engine with materials at the local public library. Armed with this information, they combined to create their dream machine in 1893.

suits.”

Whatever the case, the car was reportedly funded by \$1,000 from an investor, which covered needed space in an old machine shop, secondhand parts, and salary for Frank, who worked ten hours a day to complete the machine.

When the car finally ran, with Frank at the wheel, on September 21, the Springfield Morning Union reported that “residents ... flocked to the windows ... astonished to see gilding by in the roadway a common top carriage with no shafts and no horse attached.”

drop out, leaving only Frank and three German-produced Benz models.

Ten hours and twenty-three minutes later, Frank pulled across the finish line in victory. His average speed was 7.3 miles an hour. Only one of the three Benz autos finished.

Frank earned \$2,000 for the win, along with badly-needed publicity. The Times-Herald crowed “persons who are inclined to decry the development of the horseless carriage will be forced to recognize it as an admitted mechanical achievement, highly adapted to some of the most urgent needs of our civilization.”

Rudimentary in every sense, the vehicle was a one-cylinder, four-horsepower car with tiller steering and a water-cooled, gas-powered motor. The frame, described as a “buggy body,” had oak-spoked wheels driven by bicycle chains and featured an electric ignition with a spray carburetor.

With the car ready to test, sources vary on what happened next. The New England Historical Association writes that “Charles found an investor and then stormed back to Illinois.” The website for the History Channel notes that, when the car was tested, “the elder Duryea was fixing bikes in Peoria.” Another says “Charles went back to Illinois to follow other pur-

The car, though, managed to ride only 600 feet before the friction-belt transmission gave way.

Frank later built a second car, which was on display at the first motor race in the nation, held in Chicagoland on Nov. 28, 1895, and sponsored by the Chicago Times-Herald. Inclement weather hampered the race, which was intended to run from Chicago to Waukegan and back, a total of 92 miles. But eight inches of snow, described as a “spectacular blizzard,” fell just before the race, shortening it to Evanston and back.

Two months before the race, Frank and Charles, who had apparently returned to the scene, had created the Duryea Motor Company in Chicopee, Mass. They produced 13 hand-built cars in 1896 to become the first U.S. firm to build more than one automobile at a time, as well as the biggest car manufacturer in America.

In May 1896, New York City resident Henry Wells was driving one of the Duryeas when he hit a bicyclist, breaking the rider’s leg. Wells spent a night in jail as a result of the crash.

All cars had to have at least three wheels, which were wrapped with twine for traction, and had to carry two people – the driver and an umpire, to protect against cheating.

Though 89 cars were scheduled for entry, the weather caused only six to show up. Just after the start at 8:55 a.m., two of the starters had their batteries die and were forced to

Correction

• In a photo caption in the Oct. 10 edition of The Prairie News, Dustin Williams was incorrectly listed as a member of the Freedom Fest committee in Galva. Dustin Jaco is a member of the committee. The newspaper erred.

PUBLIC RECORD

Incidents & Accidents
Stark County

10-4 - A 16-year-old Wyanet teen was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone. She was issued a court date to appear.

10-6 - Genival Goncalves Silva, 41, Port St. Lucie, Fla., was cited for speeding 65 mph in a 45 zone.

10-6 - An abandoned vehicle which was found partially in the roadway on Grain Bin Road just east of 900E was towed and impounded.

10-6 - Milton M. Maradiage Reyes, 34, Peoria, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

10-7 - Feliciano Ordaz-Cruz, 38, Peoria, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

10-7 - Jacob Logren, 28, Toulon, was charged with theft of government property and wire fraud.

10-7 - Zachary M. Baynard, 34, Wyoming, was arrested for driving under the influence, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver and speeding 59 mph in a 55 zone. He was released and his vehicle was impounded.

10-7 - Makahlin S. Brown, 27, Pekin, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, and for driving with a defective windshield. He was released with a court date.

10-8 - Cole H. Roach, 32, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

10-8 - Everado Salinas - Cited for leaving the scene.

10-9 - Alexis Cazares-Bretado, 35, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone.

10-9 - A rural Wyoming resident reported a possible fraud scam.

10-10 - Isabella M. Guymon, 19, Hanna City, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

10-11 - Julie K. Kircher, 61, Peoria, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone and operating an uninsured vehicle

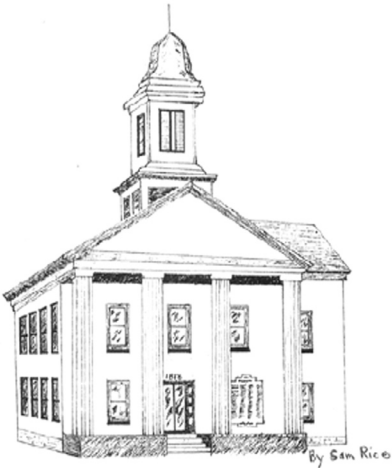
10-11 - Brandon S. Atchley, 51, Camp Grove, was arrested for driving under the influence, improper lane usage, possession of cannabis by a driver and driving while his license was suspended. His vehicle was impounded and he was released with a court date.

10-11 - Eleazar Vega-Paredes, 64, Indianapolis, Ind., was cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

10-12 - John F. Meyer, 30, Chillicothe, was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to signal 200 feet before a turn. He was later released with a court date.

10-12 - Marco A. Rodriguez, 56, Princeville, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

10-12 - Jay Turner, 48, Buda, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.



Knox County Report

9-11 - A Galva woman said someone forced her vehicle off a road near Galesburg, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Lillian R. Modesto, 22, was driving a westbound 2007 Chevrolet Impala about 12:30 p.m. on U.S Route 34 when a blue sport-utility vehicle on Knox Highway 9 didn't stop at an intersection. That caused her to drive her vehicle into a guardrail on the north side of U.S. Route 34.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-6 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

10-6 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving harassing phone messages.

10-6 - As the result of a theft complaint last week, Jamie Howard, 36, Galva, was arrested for theft over \$500, and theft of utility services. She was issued a notice to appear and released with a required court date.

10-6 - to the 600 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The animal owner arrived and took possession of the dog.

10-6 - to the 100 block of NW 3rd Ave. in reference to a city ordinance violation for having a large collection of furniture in public view. Residents were warned and removed the items.

10-6 - to the 500 block of NE 2nd St. to assist a subject who locked themselves out of their residence.

10-6 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a suspicious-vehicle complaint. The subject was looking at a lawn mower for sale.

10-6 - to meet a subject at the Galva Police Department to collect a debit card that was turned in. It was returned to its rightful owner.

10-6 - to the 500 block of SW 7th St. to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Patrick Hammons, 69, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. He was transported to the Henry County Jail.

10-7 - to the 200 block of SE 6th St. for a solicitor complaint. Officer located the subject and referred him to city hall to obtain a permit.

10-7 - to assist a stranded subject walking east of town along U.S. Route 34.

10-7 - to the north edge of town for a reckless-driving complaint. Officer located the suspect vehicle but did not have probable cause for a traffic stop.

10-7 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a resident who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

10-7 - along with the fire department to several miles northwest of town to deal with a fully engulfed vehicle fire.

10-8 - to Illinois Route 17 near the Galva Cemetery to check the welfare of a subject lying in the ditch. It was a repairman doing utility maintenance.

10-10 - to the 100 block of Front St. for a disturbance involving a group of juveniles.

10-10 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject/child custody dispute.

10-10 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a disorderly conduct complaint.

10-10 - Lucero Duarte, 24, Kewanee was cited for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

10-11 - to the intersection of SE 2nd St. and SE 3rd Ave. for a two-vehicle accident. As the result, Alexandria Pollock, 25, Kewanee, was issued a citation for failure to yield the right-of-way while turning left.

10-11 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a harassment complaint.

10-11 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a threats complaint.

10-11 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for a complaint involving juvenile mischief.

10-12 - to the 100 block of SW 8th Ave. for a civil complaint involving a vehicle taken without permission, damaged and abandoned there.

Property Transfers

10-6 - Katherine Lynn and Larry Michael Price to Melinda J. and William J. McNutt - Pt. Sect. 25-14-7 NW - 123 E. Main ST., Bradford - Consideration = \$200,000.

10-7 - David Thomas Hamilton to David L. Hamilton - Pt. Sect. 26-13-6 SE - 10935 W. Monroe St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

10-7 - Thomas I. and Tracy L. Caleo to TTC Legacy 1989 LLC - Pt. Sect 3-14-7 NW and NW and Pt. Sect. 25-14-7 SW - Consideration = \$0.

10-8 - Kimberley K. Plumer to Natural Resources Services Inc. - Pts. Sect. 22-12-6 NE - 9542 Sharkey Highway, Wyoming - Consideration = \$280,000.

10-10 - Morton Community Bank to Richard W. Schaffer - Castles Add'n - Pt. Block 18 - 1013 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$100,000.

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10-8 - Keicia Renee Black and Jonathan Michael Wagner, both of Kewanee.

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GUEST VOICES



Leaders in Chicago an embarrassment

I am often bemused by the antics of Chicago politicians, but rarely do their antics create embarrassment and anger. That bemusement was escalated earlier this month.

The callous disregard that Chicago politicians and the Chicago teachers showed for human life this past week was reprehensible. Illinois should be embarrassed and angered by the actions of Chicago Mayor Brandon Johnson and the Chicago Teacher’s Union in two events spread over 50 years.

Some quick background on these two egregious actions by leaders of the Chicago community. Joanne Chesimard, aka Assata Shakur, was a radicalized black liberationist in the 1970s. She was wanted on bank robbery and other felonies when she was stopped by a New Jersey state trooper for a common traffic violation in 1973. A firefght occurred and the New Jersey trooper lost his life.

Chesimard was convicted of murder and incarcerated in the Clinton Correctional Facility in New Jersey. In 1979 armed associates of Chesimard broke her out of prison and she fled to Mexico and then to Cuba.

Fidel Castro gave her sanctuary and she died this past week in Cuba. The teacher’s union referred to Chesimard as a liberation fighter and revered elder of black liberation.

Johnson referred to Chesimard as an important person in the black liberation movement. This is the mayor of Chicago and the teacher’s union that teaches the children of Chicago praising a woman who killed an on-duty police officer during a traffic stop and then forcibly escaped from prison. Chesimard had lived free in Havana while the police officer’s family had to move on without him.

The mayor and the teacher’s union believe this woman is worthy of praise and honor. I believe most Illinoisans believe Chesimard should have died in prison, not as a guest of the Cuban government.

The difference in the mindset of rural Illinois and Chicago is often night and day. This case simply proves the differences.

The other case is very similar in mindset. While it does not involve the teacher’s union, it does involve the city of Chicago. A federal ICE vehicle was in Chicago on official business. A group of liberal activists located the federal officers and then blocked the ICE agents’ vehicle in with their private vehicles, creating a very dangerous situation.

The ICE agents called 911 and asked for local police assistance due to the serious situation. Chicago dispatchers declined to send officers to the scene for assistance.

Email and dispatch records clearly show the Chicago police were told by their command officers to not assist the federal officers in distress.

Law enforcement and the military have some very simple rules. One of the primary rules is that an officer assists another officer in need of assistance. To intentionally refuse assistance when there is an obvious threat of physical harm is repugnant to every police officer I know.

You take care of your fellow officers and Chicago failed.

Yes, there is a dispute between Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker and President Donald Trump as to allowing federal troops into Illinois to combat crime.

This is a case of the city refusing assistance to federal officers. The federal government may have some legal hurdles in placing military troops in traditional local law-enforcement roles.

However, there is a supremacy clause in the Constitution that appears to give the federal government some latitude.

In this case, Pritzker and the city of Chicago may have just invited military troops into Illinois. The federal government has the clear legal authority to protect its assets. Federal police officers are U.S. assets.

Here we have the local government refusing to protect federal officers. It certainly appears that the local authority, by default, has invited in the federal troops to protect U.S. agents.

Common sense is lacking in Chicagoland.

Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County state’s attorney.

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Lawmakers eye transit, energy solutions

By BEN SZALINSKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Violent protests, legally questionable immigration raids and the deployment of National Guard troops without the governor’s approval were at the forefront of state lawmakers’ minds as they returned to Springfield on Tuesday.

“Lawyers in my office are researching other things that we can do” about the federal government’s tactics, House Speaker Chris Welch, D-Hillside, said. “We are going to be having some conversations here in the next couple of days to see if there are some things in the veto session that we can get done.”

The General Assembly convenes for the annual fall veto session for three days this week followed by another three days on Oct. 28-30. Lawmakers’ to-do list was already hefty with several issues, including public transportation and energy reform, which were left unresolved in the spring.

But Welch said lawmakers can’t ignore what’s happening at the federal level in Chicago.

His near-west suburban district includes Broadview, where an immigration processing center has become a flash point for clashes between federal agents and protesters.

While he said lawyers are exploring options, leaders acknowledged the Supremacy Clause of the U.S. Constitution limits a state’s ability to regulate the federal government.

Big Beautiful Bill Act

President Donald Trump also signed a domestic-

policy plan over the summer with wide-ranging implications on the state budget and social-service programs in Illinois.

While programs like Medicaid face cuts in the coming years, the state could see decreased revenue returns because parts of the state’s tax code are tied to the federal code.

Welch said it’s possible lawmakers will find ways to decouple from federal tax policies.

Here are some other issues lawmakers will grapple with this month:

Transit reform

Saving the Chicago-area transit agencies from having to enact massive service cuts is a top priority for lawmakers this month – though Welch and Senate President Don Harmon, D-Oak Park, both left room for the possibility that it gets pushed to the spring.

Harmon indicated the path forward requires the House to accept or counter a plan passed by the Senate in May. That plan passed just before midnight on the final session day, leaving the House almost no time to consider the measure that contained a controversial \$1.50 per-package statewide delivery fee.

Energy reform

Customers of Ameren and Commonwealth Edison saw unusually high prices on their monthly bills throughout the summer. Electric markets around the country have been responding to the first major increase in electric demand in a generation, largely thanks to data centers .

Since late 2024, state lawmakers have been de-

bating how the state should respond to the increased demand and prices. Lawmakers who are part of the negotiations have signaled for weeks that they are nearing a deal for veto session, though things can change quickly in Springfield.

The bill will likely include expanded incentives for battery storage technology and tighter rules around energy-efficiency programs at electric utilities and new regulations on how utilities incorporate distributed resources like rooftop solar projects onto the grid.

Welch said he is hopeful that lawmakers can reach

an agreement.

Insurance regulation

Gov. JB Pritzker, Welch and Harmon published a letter in the Chicago Tribune in July criticizing State Farm for increasing home insurance rates in Illinois. The leaders called on lawmakers to increase regulations and oversight on insurance rates.

The Bloomington-based company raised premiums in July for Illinois homeowners by 27.2%.

The leaders said Illinois should be like other states and give the Illinois Department of Insurance authority to review rate increases to determine whether they are fair or necessary.

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Cluck Old Hen to play at Toulon library

TOULON – The Stark County Genealogical Society will host Cluck Old Hen for an encore musical performance at the Toulon Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 25. The performance begins at 1:30 p.m. in the library community room. Cluck Old Hen hails from the greater Peoria area and is led by Lyn Meaker Furness, who grew up in Wyoming. She is remembered for her work as a court reporter at the Stark County Courthouse among other things.

Cluck Old Hen plays old-time foot stomping music on mountain dulcimers, guitar, ukulele and bass with vocals by Lyn.

The group returns while fresh from their performance at Walnut Grove Farm on the Knox County Scenic Drive. Lyn will also tell a tale. The public is always welcome.

CEO Backlund steps down from Better Banks

PEORIA – Steve Backlund has announced his intention to step down as Chief Executive Officer of Backlund Investment Company. He will continue to serve as chairman of Backlund Investment Company, State Street Bank and Better Banks.

Backlund began his career with Better Banks in 1979, advancing to the position of CEO and chairman in 2002.

Succeeding Backlund as CEO is Mike Stratton, who has served as president of Better Banks for the past nine years. In his new role, he will collaborate with the bank presidents to carry out the vision and strategic direction defined by the board.

Marvin Streitmatter has been promoted to president of Better Banks. Streitmatter has managed the lending department for the past decade.

Better Banks also recently welcomed Grant Dietmeier as assistant vice president in lending at its Peoria location. Additionally, Board Member Trent Scholl has been named vice chairman of Backlund Investment Company, State Street Bank and Better Banks.

McGough joins OSF Kewanee HealthCare

KEWANEE – Kaitlyn McGough, APRN, will join the staff of OSF HealthCare as a new primary care provider for Kewanee and the surrounding areas.

McGough offers a number of services including preventive care, chronic disease management and primary care for patients of all ages. She received a bachelor of science and doctor of nursing practice from Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville and is a board-certified family nurse practitioner through the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners.



McGough

Illinois trout stocking delayed by warmth

SPRINGFIELD – Stocking of catchable trout for the fall season is on hold until water temperatures are more suitable for the trout, the Illinois Department of Natural Resources has announced.

While the official opening date for the fall trout season is Saturday, Oct. 18, anglers should be aware that trout will not be present at many sites on opening day. Trout stocked in waters warmer than 68 degrees could experience high mortality. IDNR will stock the early catch-and-release sites as soon as water temperatures cool. Sites should be stocked by Oct. 31.

All anglers who participate in trout fishing must have an Illinois fishing license and inland trout stamp.

Locations to be stocked include the Hennepin Canal Parkway Visitor's Center pond, Prospect Lake in Moline and Lock 14 at the I&M Canal in LaSalle.

Et cetera

• SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Lottery posted \$3.76 billion in total sales, its second highest sales year, and \$796 million in proceeds, its fifth best year for net income. Of that, \$784 million went to the Common School Fund to support K-12 public education and over \$12 million to special causes in Illinois.



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Madigan reports to federal prison

By HANNAH MEISEL
Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO – Former Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan reported to a West Virginia federal prison on Monday to begin his 7½-year sentence for public corruption.

Madigan, who turned 83 a couple months after his marathon four-month trial ended in February, had asked to remain free while his newly hired team of appellate lawyers work on overturning his conviction. But earlier this month, the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals denied the bid.

The federal prison camp in Morgantown, a minimum-security facility, has incarcerated other disgraced politicians. But none had been sentenced to quite so long a term as Madigan.

Before resigning, Madigan spent 50

years in the General Assembly, including 36 as House speaker. His political fall was punctuated by nearly two-dozen corruption charges in 2022, followed by a trial in which he was accused of trading legislative action for jobs and contracts for his allies.

A jury convicted the ex-speaker on 10 of the 23 counts, acquitted him on seven and deadlocked on another six, including the feds’ marquee racketeering charge.

At his June sentencing hearing, Madigan asked for probation along with a year of home confinement.

The judge settled on a 90-month sentence. Federal inmates generally have to serve 85% of their sentences, which works out to a little over six years. It’s possible Madigan would be released to home confinement sooner than that.

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OBITUARIES

JoAnn Stroup

KEWANEE – JoAnn (Oakes) Stroup, 92, of Kewanee, formerly of Wyoming, passed away Oct. 8, 2025, at Arcadia Care of Kewanee.

JoAnn was born on Sept. 4, 1933, in Bradford to Richard and Mary (Duffy) Oakes. In 1951, JoAnn married Dale Stroup of Dunlap. Married in Peoria, they shared 65 wonderful years together before his passing in 2016.

She is survived by two daughters, Louella (Doug) Moreland of Georgetown, Texas, and Lynette (Kevin) Manthe of Kewanee; four grandchildren, Joshua MacMurdo of Fallon, Nev., Jennifer MacMurdo of South Berwick, Maine, Dana Peterson of West Jersey, and Melissa Moreland, of Georgetown, Texas; and one great-granddaughter, Abby Peterson.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Pat and Pete Oakes of Wyoming; and one sister, Jean Walker Swartz of Kewanee.

JoAnn worked for the U.S. Post Office as a clerk and city carrier in Wyoming, was postmaster in Castle-ton and retired after 37 years in her last position as postmaster in Wyoming. She was a 55-year member of the Wyoming American Legion Auxiliary.

After retiring, JoAnn and Dale wintered for many years in Alamo, Texas, where they made many friends. She enjoyed playing cards, knitting, crocheting and Swedish embroidery. She especially loved having “coffee and hamburgers” with great-granddaughter Abby Peterson in her play kitchen, as well as spoiling her little dogs.

Her funeral was Oct. 13, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Pastor John Reside officiated. Burial was in Wyoming Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia Research Foundation, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, or Wyoming American Legion Auxiliary.

Online condolences may be left for JoAnn’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Evajean C. Salisbury

KEWANEE – Evajean C. Salisbury, 84, of Kewanee, died Oct, 13, 2025, at Arcadia Care at Kewanee.

She was born Dec. 26, 1940, in LaFayette, the daughter of Elmer and Ida (Hammock) Jackson. She married Raymond A. “Ray” Salisbury Sr. on April 27, 1957, in Toulon.

Survivors include her husband of Kewanee; her son Ray (Jenny) Salisbury Jr. of Hampshire; her two daughters, Linda Franks (John Si-maytis) of Annawan and Brenda Short of Odessa, Miss.; brother, Elmer Jackson Jr. of Tennessee; two sisters, Marie Termote of Michigan and Elizabeth Wingler of Silvis; two grandchildren, Tim Short and Kyle Salisbury; two great-grandchildren, Adley Short and Sophia Salisbury; and sister-in-law Sharon Koch of California. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Juanita Catton and Edna Mae Dennis; and her son-in-law, Gary Short.

Cremation will be accorded and private family services will be held.


You’re Invited Oct. 18th

The Williamsfield Historical Society will be open 11am-1pm for an Open House. Come check out the new displays!

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Illinois offers state-based insurance

CHICAGO – Get Covered Illinois – which originally launched in 2013 as a branded portal to access Healthcare.gov – announced that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services has approved Illinois’ transition to a state-based health insurance marketplace.

Beginning Nov. 1, Illinoisans previously enrolled through Healthcare.gov will transition to Get Covered Illinois for their 2026 coverage. Customers needing support can reach out to a network of Get Covered Illinois-certified brokers and navigators across the state who can provide free application and enrollment assistance.

Last year, as a first step to becoming a state-based marketplace, Get Covered Illinois, launched a \$6.5 million grant to create a statewide navigator network program. Navigators are embedded in communities across Illinois and are trained to help those who may have difficulty accessing health insurance.

Get Covered Illinois will also launch a live Customer Assistance Center where representatives will be available to answer questions and help customers enroll in coverage. The Customer Assistance Center, along with a newly designed website, went live on Oct. 1.

Since 2021, the federal government has offered enhanced tax credits, making health insurance cheaper for those enrolled in marketplace coverage. While some tax credits will still be available for those who qualify, the amount will be smaller, driving up insurance costs for enrollees.

Get Covered Illinois and broker and navigator partners will be available to help customers find a plan that fits their needs and budget during the upcoming open enrollment period. Open enrollment runs Nov. 1 through Jan. 15.

More information on Get Covered Illinois is available online at the website getcovered.illinois.gov/.

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Super Crossword

THINK INK

ACROSS

1 Direct
applause
toward
8 Finder's cry
11 April follower
14 Mimic a bird
19 Singer Patti
20 Take by
force
22 Capital on
the Red River
23 Art studio
24 Phases
25 "Tiny Dancer"
singer John
26 Start of a
riddle
29 Booming jet
of old, in brief
30 Inseparable
31 Spike of corn
32 Olive bugged
by Bluto
33 Prefix with
light or night
35 Part of AOL
39 Thing with
rungs
44 Riddle, part 2
48 Zac of 2017's
"Baywatch"
49 German
linking word
50 Org. for
teachers
51 "Sure, we
should do it!"
52 Desperate,
as a situation
54 Syrian
president

58 Auto racer's
warm-up
circuit
61 Riddle, part 3
64 In-vogue
thing
65 Brand of fuel
additives
66 Forearm
bone
67 Crew tool
68 "You folks,"
in the South
70 West of
"Diamond Lil"
73 "General" of
Chinese
cuisine
74 Riddle, part 4
78 Museum
overseer
82 Gaffer Sam
83 Eighth parts
of circles
84 Redding of
soul
85 Sly laugh
sound
87 Cip. with
merit
badges
89 On a cruise
90 End of the
riddle
97 "Strut" singer
Easton
98 Affirm
strongly
99 Flying geese
formation
100 High peak;
Abbr.

102 "No more
details!,"
in texts
103 Sushi tuna
105 Archer's skill
108 Riddle's
answer
116 Really virile
117 Apollo 7
astronaut
118 Annals,
as a law
119 Resilient
strength
120 Certain
support
group for
adolescents
121 Lay out for
printing
122 Gather
bit by bit
123 Ad- —
(improvise)
124 Zig's reverse
125 Rind-shaving
tools

DOWN

1 Feline nails
2 Trellis strips
3 Skip —
(flutter, as
the heart)
4 Bombard
5 French
policeman,
informally
6 Butterlike
product of
beef fat
7 Air again
8 Marry a
prep sch.
9 Star of the
past
10 Shows up
11 Part of
102-Across
12 Johnson of
old comedy
13 Simple kind
of question
14 Place with
beakers, in
brief
15 Disease-free
16 Engrossed by
17 Building top
18 Wrestling win
21 Game of
falling shapes
27 Find out
28 "The Clan
of the Cave
Bear" heroine
33 Rosebush
sticker
34 Hurricane
hazard
36 Win gold, say
37 Rice of
Bush's
Cabinet,
informally
38 Prop- or
hex- ended
40 Mated
41 Mano-a-
mano fight
42 "At Last"
singer
James

43 Filing tool
44 In progress
45 Common
baby ailment
46 Scheduled to
arrive
47 Interval
48 Ice cream
brand
53 Inuit dwelling
55 Feel taint
from ecstasy
56 Divide up
57 Vital
blood line
59 Insurer with a
duck icon
60 Sch. with
a Fresno
branch
62 Univ. dom.
supervisors
63 Thesaurus
word: Abbr.
69 Score —
(earn some
points)
70 Minister's
residence
71 Modify
72 Anna's sister
in "Frozen"
73 Eat a bit of
75 "Poppycock"
76 "Sounds
likely to me"
77 Unglossy
photo finish
78 Simple beds
79 Neighbor of
Colorado
80 Initiation, e.g.
81 Pi-sigma
link
86 Very bad
grades
88 Scandinavian
"Salut"
91 1986 #1 hit
for 19-Across
and Michael
McDonald
92 Vow
93 Revel at a
really hoppin'
party
94 "Carlos" star
Edgar
95 Neighbor of
Ethiopia
96 Sinister
gaze
101 Like some
congestion
104 Rival of Avis
105 Demean
106 Lazybones
107 Ship spars
108 Postmarked
pieces
109 Zipzyt
target
110 Periman of
"Cheers"
111 Roman 651
112 "Moby-Dick"
captain
113 Zingy flavor
114 Smartphone
games, often
115 Cross paths
116 Soup flavor
enhancer,
for short

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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

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YEAH, I DIDN'T THINK THAT THROUGH.

The Spats by Jeff Pickering

Panel 1: Spats is sitting in a chair, looking surprised. Mort is standing next to him, looking concerned.

Panel 2: Mort is speaking to Spats.

Panel 3: Mort is thinking, with a speech bubble that says "SOME DAYS IT PAYS NOT TO WEAR HEARING AIDS."

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps

OK, HOW ABOUT THIS... IN ORDER TO GET THIS LOAN LET'S DISREGARD MY WIFE'S DEBT AND I'LL PRETEND I DON'T KNOW HER?

GRIN & BEAT IT. Wagner

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Weekly SUDOKU

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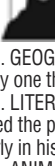
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
 ♦♦♦ **HOO BOY!**

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 11



Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which U.S. state is the only one that borders on two oceans?
2. **LITERATURE:** Which famous author used the pseudonym Richard Bachman early in his career?
3. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the national animal of France?
4. **MATH:** What is the sum of the interior angles in a triangle?
5. **HISTORY:** Who was the first American president to win a Nobel Peace Prize?
6. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu?
7. **ACRONYMS:** What does the computing acronym API stand for?
8. **MOVIES:** What is the name of Elle Woods' Chihuahua in "Legally Blonde"?
9. **MUSIC:** Which musical instrument has 88 keys?
10. **TELEVISION:** Which television sitcom character is famous for saying, "Did I do that?"

Answers

1. Alaska: Pacific Ocean and Arctic Ocean.
2. Stephen King.
3. The Gallic rooster.
4. 180 degrees.
5. Theodore Roosevelt.
6. Incan.
7. Application Programming Interface.
8. Bruiser.
9. Piano.
10. Steve Urkel.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Taylor Swift: The Official Release Party of a Showgirl (NR)
2. One Battle After Another (R)
3. The Smashing Machine (R)
4. Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie (G)
5. The Conjuring: Last Rites (R)
6. Demon Slayer: Kimetsu no Yaiba - The Movie - Infinity Castle (R)
7. Avatar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
8. The Strangers: Chapter 2 (R)
9. Good Boy (PG-13)
10. The Long Walk (R)
10. A Big Bold Beautiful Journey (R)

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LEGAL ADS

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

FY 24-25

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance 9/1/2024

REVENUE

Real Estate Taxes

PPRT Income

Other Income

Fire Tax Income

Total Revenue

Total Fund Available

EXPENDITURES

Accounting/Legal

f rustees & Sec

Firefighter Expenses

Truck Repairs

Equipment Repairs

Equipment Replacement

Buildings & Grounds

Telephone Services

Utility Fee

Equipment Acquisition

Gas & Oil

Supplies

Misc.

Ambulance Fee

Insurance Expense

Total Expenditures

Balance

Expenditures in Excess of \$2,500:

Alex Wulf

Ameren

LaFayette Fire Protection District

Leezer Insurance

Mobile Communications

Stark Co Ambulance

All Other Disbursements Less than \$2,500.00

Totat Expenditures

CERTIFICATION: I, D. Mark Compton, Accountant for the LaFayette Community Fire Protection District, Stark, Knox, & Henry Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the LaFayette Community Fire Protection District Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025.

D. Mark Cornpton, Accountant

Published 10/17/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Budget and Appropriation Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2025, and ending August 31, 2026, will be available to public inspection at the Lafayette Fire Department, Lafayette, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 17th day of October 2025.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 o'clock P.M., on the 19th day of November 2025, at the Lafayette Fire Station, Lafayette, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Lafayette, Illinois on said 19th day of November 2025, at 7:15 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 14th day of October, A.D. 2025.

Lafayette Community Fire Protection District

By: /s/ Ross Walker

Ross Walker, President

Published 10/17/25

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

IN PROBATE
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF MARILYN K. SECKMAN,
Deceased.
Case No.: 2025PR15

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

NOTICE is given of the death of MARILYN K. SECKMAN, on July 24, 2025. Letters of Office were issued to DEBRA L. SHANE, 9282 Township Road 550N, Wyoming, IL 61491, whose Attorneys of Record are Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller, LLC ("Attorneys"), 416 Main Street, Suite 200, Peoria, Illinois 61602.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the Clerk of Court of Stark County, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 6, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/18-3), the date stated in that notice. Filing with the Clerk is to be in accordance with Illinois Supreme Court Rule 9 respecting electronic filing which was effective January 1, 2018, for proceedings in the Circuit Court.

Any claim not filed on or before the above-referenced date is barred. Within 10 days after filing a claim with the Clerk, the Claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representative and to the Representative's Attorney of Record and file with the Clerk a

proof of mailing or delivery of said copy.

DATED: September 26, 2025
DEBRA L. SHANE, Independent
Executor of MARILYN K. SECKMAN, deceased
Roger E. Holzgrafe, Esq.
ARDC No. 1253808
Westervelt, Johnson, Nicoll & Keller, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF Stark
Toulon, ILLINOIS
CARRINGTON MORTGAGE
SERVICES, LLC
Plaintiff
vs.
AMY SIGHTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY
L. SIGHTS, DECEASED; JAYCE
SIGHTS; SARAH BETH MILLER;
CYNTHIA SUTHERIN, AS SPECIAL
REPRESENTATIVE FOR TIMOTHY
L. SIGHTS, DECEASED;
UNKNOWN OWNERS AND
NONRECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendant
24 FC 3
CALENDAR

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on November 5, 2025, at the hour 12:00 p.m., Stark County

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that the Kewanee Airport Authority will receive sealed bids to Construct a Snow Removal Equipment Building and Access Pavement at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, until **2:00 PM** on November 10, 2025. The scope includes but is not limited to site preparation and grading, building erection, concrete slab construction, concrete perimeter pavement, utility work, landscaping and erosion control measures at the Kewanee Municipal Airport in Kewanee, Illinois.

Requests for bidding documents will be filled by contacting Springfield Reprographics, 1620 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 217-523-4632, www.springfieldrepro.com. The documents will be purchased by the Contractor, the cost of which will be nonrefundable.

The successful bidder shall be bonded, insured, and required to pay the prevailing rate for each trade or craft per the Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations (U.S. Department of Labor) for Henry County, Illinois and comply with the Federal Provisions included within the bidding documents.

The successful bidder shall have been in business for a period of not less than five (5) years, undertaking work similar in scale, scope, and cost to that included within the proposed project.

Prequalification (required) shall be requested by the proposed bidder (to the Engineer identified in the bidding documents) no later than 5:00 PM on October 31, 2025.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Kewanee Municipal Airport Terminal Building, Kewanee, Illinois shortly after 2:00 PM on November 10, 2025.

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TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

TRUSTEE'S REPORT

September 1, 2024, to August 31, 2025

The Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District hereby report the following schedule of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2025

RECEIPTS

Balance from 8/31/2024 (Cash & Savings)

Stark County Treasurer (Taxes)

Henry County Treasurer (Taxes)

Illinois Controller

Foreign Tax

Interest Savings & Checking

Misc/Refunds/Donation

TOTAL RECIEPTS

EXPENDITURES

Clothing Allowance

ABC Fire Extinguisher

Ag View FS - fuel

Alexis Fire – repairs

Ameren - utilities

Auto Owners Insurance

Barash & Everett – attorney fees

Conway Shield – firefighter equipment

EB – Buildings &Lumber

ESO Solutions - software

Hulsey Welding - repairs

IL Assoc of Fire Protection - dues

Lampe – legal ads-publications

Leezers - insurance

M. Cantwell - Mowing

Mediacom - internet

Mid Century - telephone

NCCI

Oreilly - parts

Orkin – pest control

SCBAS

Stark County Sheriff - dispatch

Stark County Ambulance-contract

State Bank of Toulon - Loan

Supplies

Toulon Fire

Tracy Peterson – administration

Travis Ehnle

Trustee Mileage

University Of Illinois

Wy Janet Carpet

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

CASH ON HAND 8/31/2025

Respectfully Submitted Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District

Gary R. Steward, William S. Foglesong, John Boarman

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CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
DONALD W. DOWN, Deceased.
CC 2025PR16

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **DONALD W. DOWN** on September 6, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **DORITA M. DOWN, of 2839 Township Road 1400E, Wyoming, Illinois 61491**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 17th day of April, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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>.

DATED this 3rd day of October, 2025.
DORITA M. DOWN, Executor of the Estate of **DONALD W. DOWN**, Deceased.

ASHLEE E. STABLER, Esq.
WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD.
Attorneys for Executor
118 West Main Street
P. O. Box 368
Elmwood, IL 61529-0368
Telephone: (309) 742-3611
ashlee@whitneyandpotts.com

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

Estate of
ROSELLA ANN SAULNIER, deceased
No. 2025-PR-98

DEATH NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROSELLA ANN SAULNIER. Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2025, to Patick M. Moody, 101 Drake Landing Dr., Rincon, GA 31326, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, 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 ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC
Attorneys for Estate
P.O. Box 205
Galva, IL 61434
Telephone: (309) 932-2168


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INVITATION TO BID


CITY OF GALVA

The City of Galva will receive bid quotations for a Model Year 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor with approximately 108,000 plus miles (odometer is not working), **AS-IS NO WARRANTY IMPLIED OR EXPRESS**. Sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Clerk until 4:00 PM, prevailing time, **31 October 2025**. They will be opened in the Board Room at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Galva City Council, to be held on **November 3, 2011, at 6:00 PM at 311 NW 4th Street, Galva, IL 61434**. Prospective buyers may inspect the vehicle by setting up an appointment with the City Clerk of the City of Galva at the aforementioned address or by calling **309-932-2555** during normal working hours. All inspections must be completed by **30 October 2025**. Bidding for the vehicle will start at five hundred dollars (\$500.00). Vehicle has several issues, including, but not limited to, a coolant leak, random multiple cylinder misfires, rust, and wear. The vehicle currently runs and transmission shifts through all gears. As of the date of this notice, the brakes appear to be in good working condition. The A/C and heat appear to function correctly, and the turn signals and headlights are operational.

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SPORTS: Knobloch sets record in LTC boys win

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simply ran away from the field,” Rennick said.

The Rebels placed fifth overall and all finishers posted PRs. Other scoring runners were Jackson Smith (12th, 17:39), Will Denton (13th, 17:41), Hunter Ely (24th, 18:41) and Ethan Grinnell (27th, 19:03).

Stark County is at the Patriot Invite Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria and then runs in the Rock Island Regional on Oct. 25.

— Jeff Lampe

• **Stark County JH** — The Stark County junior high girls cross country team won its Class 2A regional last Saturday at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe. The Lady Rebels had 80 points to nip Elmwood, which had 81.

Sixth grader Lucy Denton (3rd, 13:12) led Stark County, whose other scoring runners were 7th grader Sedona Smith (5th, 13:14), 8th grader Jemma Listwan (21st, 14:13), 7th



The Stark County junior high girls cross country team won it IESA Class 2A sectional last Saturday at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe. The team advances to the IESA state meet Saturday at Maxwell Park in Normal. Class 2A girls run at 10:45 a.m.

grader Rosie Godfrey (24th, 14:18) and 7th grader Hailey Lane (27th, 14:36).

The girls will run at the IESA Class 2A state meet Saturday at 10:45 a.m. at Maxwell Park in Normal.

• **Stark County VB** — The Lady Rebels (8-16) topped Galva 26-24, 25-12 on Monday at home.

Claire Bowser recorded four kills to go with two ace serves. Coley Johnston

also scored on four kills and Sophie Finnegan had three kills. Hallie Newton assisted on seven scores and Cambri Holmstrom recorded nine digs.

Stark County came up short to Knoxville 25-20, 25-20 on the road Oct. 8.

Johnston notched 13 kills. Finnegan had six blocks and sthree kills. Newton had 10 digs, nine assists and four blocks. Holmstrom had 16 digs.

— Phil Johnson

• **Galva VB** — Galva (6-16) fell to ROWVA-Williamsfield 25-20, 25-11 last Wednesday at home in Lincoln Trail action.

Caylee Elgin contributed to the Lady Wildcats’ effort with three kills and two blocks. Sage Kaiser scored on two kills and Kaitlynn Townsend assisted on three scores. Reese Sumner had seven digs and two aces.

— Phil Johnson

FOOTBALL: Galva tops P. Heights for third win

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regular-season opponents.

— Nick Vlahos

Galva 38, Peoria Heights 12
PEORIA HEIGHTS — The Wildcats earned a second win of the year over Peoria Heights, though not as convincingly as the 62-12 decision on Sept. 5.

“They got better. They run a lot of different formations and we don’t always tackle the greatest,” Galva Coach Zach Anderson said. “And we kind of rested on our laurels a little bit until we got going.”

After the 1-6 home team grabbed an early 6-0 lead, MJ Louck connected with JP Sloan on a long touchdown pass on Galva’s first play from scrimmage.

Galva never looked back, as Sloan caught two more scoring passes, including one from running back Blake Stahl. Stahl and Braden Murphy also ran for touchdowns.

The Wildcats are home vs. Ridgewood (3-4, 2-3) today at 7 p.m. and close Oct. 24 at West Prairie (1-6, 1-4). Two wins earn the Wildcats a playoff berth.

“This is a huge game for us, because if we lose this one we’re out,” Anderson said. “If we stay fundamental and crisp, we will be competitive in this game.”

— Jeff Lampe

Annawan-Wethersfield 14 Princeville 13

KEWANEE — For the second time this season, Princeville came very close to beating a Lincoln-Land small-division leader.

Jonathan Torres kicked a 35-yard field goal with 3:11 remaining in the game to give undefeated Annawan-Wethersfield a win Oct. 10.

The victory solidified the A-W hold on first place in the conference. Fourth-place Princeville (5-2, 4-2) fell for the first time since

a 40-34 double-overtime loss in Week 3 to Rushville-Industry (5-2, 5-1).

Still, the Princes held the Titans to their lowest point total of the season, more than 27 points below their average.

“They’ve been blowing everybody out,” Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. “I think the kids were really locked in this week with our preparation. We had one of our best weeks of practice. I think that set the tone for the game. It was a very, very physical game.”

Carruthers believes that effort might augur well tonight for Princeville when it visits Wyoming to play Stark County.

“Coach (Jade) Noard always has his teams ready, and it’s a rivalry game,” Carruthers said about the coach of Princeville’s northern neighbor. “We’re both trying to get a better

record for the playoffs, so it’s a huge game.”

The A-W game wasn’t small potatoes, either. Princeville led 14-7 at half-time, thanks to second-quarter scoring runs from Eli Christianson and Kaiden Sarnes. Aaden VerStraete’s 5-yard pass to Cole Goodley with 2:38 left in the third quarter represented the tying touchdown for A-W.

After Torres’ kick, Princeville was unable to get the ball past midfield. “It was a defensive game,” Carruthers said. “I’m sure both offenses are looking at things they could have done better, but it was a slugfest. ... Both sides were just dead tired at the end of the game.”

A-W survived without starting quarterback Maddux Heitzler. Carruthers said Heitzler was hurt late in the first half and didn’t play in the second.

SCOREBOARD

Rushville-Industry 54 Stark County 19			
Rushville-I	16	24	14 0 – 54
Stark County	0	12	0 7 – 19
Scoring Summary			
First Quarter			
R-I - Bertoux 53 run (Reimolds run)			
R-I - Reimolds 5 run (Hollingsworth run)			
Second Quarter			
R-I - Bertoux 4 run (Reimolds run)			
SC - Daum 11 run (run failed)			
R-I - Remolds 29 run (Brush pass from Bartlett)			
SC - Browning 9 run (pass failed)			
R-I - Meyer 22 run (Reimolds run)			
Third Quarter			
R-I - Hollingsworth 25 run (Bickeman pass from Bartlett)			
R-I - Reimolds 90 run (pass failed)			
Fourth Quarter			
SC - Sparks 6 run (Turnbull run)			
Team Statistics			
R-I	SC		
Rushes-yds	41-550	25-90	
Yds per carry	13.4	3.6	
Comp-Att-Int	0-0-0	11-22-3	
Passing yds	0	143	
Individual Statistics			
Rushing - R-I: Reimolds 14-214, Bertoux 12-203, Meyer 5-44, Fletcher 3-41, Hollingsworth 2-34, Trone 2-25, Bartlett 3-(-11). SC: Sparks 8-38,			

Browning 6-26, Daum 5-20, Gentle 2-6, Holmstrom 1-1, Knoblauch 3-(-1). Passing - SC: Browning 9-19-3 116, Gentle 2-3-0 27. Receiving - SC: Down 3-45, Daum 1-33, Warner 2-31, Snider 1-15, Sieben-thal 1-12, Holmstrom 2-7, Turnbull 1-0. Tackles - R-I: Spenser 12. SC: O'Bryant 6.			
Annawan-Wethersfield 17 Princeville 14			
Annawan-W	0	7	7 3 – 17
Princeville	0	14	0 0 – 14
Scoring Summary			
Second Quarter			
P - Christianson 28 run (Richeson kick)			
A-W - Horrie 47 run (Torres kick)			
P - Sarnes 4 run (Richeson kick)			
Third Quarter			
A-W - Goodley 5 pass from VerStraete (Torres kick)			
Fourth Quarter			
A-W - Torres 35 FG			
Team Statistics			
A-W	P		
Rushes-yds	37-225	34-178	
Yds per carry	6.1	5.2	
Comp-Att-Int	3-5-0	6-17-1	
Passing yds	24	57	
Individual Statistics			
Rushing - P: Sarnes 12-93, Chris-			

LincolnLand - Large			
Conf.	Overall		
W	L	W	L
Farmington	5	0	7 0
Macomb	4	1	6 1
Elmwood-Brim.	3	2	3 4
Knoxville	4	3	4 3
West Hancock	3	3	4 3
Illini West	2	4	3 4
Bureau Valley	1	4	1 6
LVC	0	5	0 7
Last Week			
Ottawa Marquette 51, Elmwood-B. 6			
Farmington 63, ROWVA-Willmsfld 12			
Macomb 42, Knoxville 19			
Illini West 28, Bureau Valley 20			
West Hancock 62, LVC 6			
Friday, Oct. 17			
Elmwood-Brimfield at Macomb			
LVC at Farmington			
Knoxville at Ottawa Marquette			
United at Illini West			
Bureau Valley at West Hancock			

LincolnLand - Small			
Conf.	Overall		
W	L	W	L
Annawan-Weth.	6	0	7 0
Rushville-Industry	5	1	5 2
Stark County	5	2	5 2
Princeville	4	2	5 2
Abingdon-Avon	3	3	3 4
Havana	2	4	3 4
South Fulton	1	5	2 5
ROWVA-Willmsfld	1	5	1 6
United	1	6	1 6
Last Week			
Annawan-Weth. 17, Princeville 14			
Farmington 63, ROWVA-Willmsfld 12			
Rushville-Ind. 54, Stark County 19			
United 54, South Fulton 18			
Abingdon-Avon 31, Havana 26			
Friday, Oct. 17			
Princeville at Stark County			
Annawan-Weth. at ROWVA-Will.			
Abingdon-Avon at Rushville-Industry			
United at Illini West			
Havana at South Fulton			

tionson 12-47, Geiger 7-42, Blunier 1-1, Melick 1-(-2), Palmer 1-(-3). A-W: Horrie 20-168, Heston 1-27, Heitzler 9-21, Thurston 4-8, VerStraete 3-1.

Passing - P: Sarnes 6-17-1 57. A-W: VerStraete 2-2-0 17, Heitzler 1-3-0 7. Receiving - P: Blunier 2-24, Geiger 1-13, Johnson 1-11, Benningfield 2-9. A-W: Goodley 2-17, Thurston 1-7.

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MASERUAMUSER	TGT	THAT
ALINE	SERF	WOULDA
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ONEONE	STUPID	TEDDY
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— Alice Walker

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Answer

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4	1	5	8	6	7	9	2	3
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R-I rolls Rebels

Stark County yields 550 rushing yards in 54-19 loss to Rushville-Industry

By The Prairie News

WYOMING – The second half of the Stark County football season continues to be a grind.

Rushville-Industry gained 550 yards of offense, all by rush, and led by 28 points at halftime of a 54-19 LincolnLand small-division victory Oct. 10 at Gary Johnson Field. After it won its first five games, Stark County fell to 5-2 overall and in the conference.

The rigorous regular-season run-in continues Friday night for the Rebels, who host Princeville (5-2, 4-2). That completes a three-game stretch against teams considered the pre-season league favorites. But the run-oriented offense of R-I (5-2, 5-1) was particularly rugged.

"They start 10 seniors on offense and nine on defense, and we do not. They play like it," Stark County Coach Jade Noard said.

“They play like a bunch of senior dudes on the back half of their season. They get after it.”

That was particularly true at the end of the first half. Ben Browning's 9-yard touchdown carry with 1:30 remaining cut the Stark County deficit to 32-12, but the Rockets' Landon Meyer ran 22 yards for a score 23 seconds before intermission.

"I thought that was the one that kind of broke us," Noard said. "Not that the result was going to change, but that was pretty demoralizing. They moved the ball pretty effectively."

R-I averaged more than 13 yards per carry. Stark County gained 90 yards on the ground. Browning passed for 116 yards but also threw three interceptions.

“We just have to be a lot more consistent,” Noard said. “Especially if we’re going to have trouble stop-



Stark County quarterback Ben Browning rolls out during last Friday's game against Rushville-Industry. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

ping people, we have to be able to answer consistently. I didn't think we did that very well. The first two times we had the ball, we were three (downs) and out. We can't afford to do that."

Stark County ends the regular season Oct. 24 with

a LincolnLand-crossover visit to Knoxville (4-3). After that, the Rebels probably will await their first-round opponent in the Class 1A state playoffs. Stark County is almost assured a berth, based on its record and those of its

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Lady Rebels win LTC cross country title

By The Prairie News

KEWANEE – The Stark County girls cross country team won its second straight Lincoln Trail Conference championship.

This one was extra special for the team and for Coach Bob Rennick Jr., who said the Lady Rebels were underdogs to Knoxville coming into the meet at Midland Golf Club on Oct. 9.

But led by junior Dusti Smith, Stark County won its fifth LTC title in the past 10 seasons with 51 points. Ridgewood and Knoxville tied with 55 points apiece.

Smith ran the second-fastest time in LTC girls history with a 17:39 clocking and set a new school and personal record. Emily Downing of Ridgewood won in 17:26.

Senior Cheyenne Smith (6th, 18:27) and freshman Norah Rorem (10th, 19:37) also earned all-LTC honors for Stark County. The other scoring runners were sen-

ior Paytin Terwilliger (16th, 21:21) and sophomore Darilis Knobloch (22nd, 22:22).

“Terwilliger really stood out among so many great performances,” Rennick said. “The last two races have been really tough, especially last week when she wasn’t able to finish. Talk about pressure. All (she) did in response was PR and deliver the best race of her season so far. “We just don’t win the conference championship without her delivering like that.”

The other champion on the day for SC was sophomore Evan Knobloch, who won the boys race in 15:20 – a PR and LTC record.

Knobloch was Stark County's first LTC individual champion since Olivia Frail won the girls race in 2018.

“Evan was under control the entire race, ran a strong first mile and, by that point, he extended and

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