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## Durbin upsets Dems

### Vote to end federal shutdown earns senator ire of Illinois Democrats

By BEN SZALINSKI  
Capitol News Illinois

U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin is once again at odds with other prominent Illinois Democrats over a vote that set in motion a plan to end the record-long federal government shutdown.

Durbin, who is not seeking reelection in 2026, was one of eight members in the Senate Democratic caucus to join Republicans in supporting a procedural vote to begin the process of passing legislation to fund the government, which entered its 41st day without a budget on Monday. But that package will not include health care subsidies that Democrats had demanded be included in a bill to reopen the government.

"Republicans finally woke up and realized their Groundhog Day needed to end," Durbin said in a statement Sunday night. "This bill is not perfect, but it takes important steps to reduce their shutdown's hurt. Not only would it fully fund SNAP for the year ahead, but it would reverse the mass firings the Trump Administration ordered throughout the shut-down."

Senate Democrats believe they secured a promise from Republican leaders to hold a Senate vote on the Affordable Care Act tax credits. The tax credits expire at the end of the year, setting the stage for health care premiums to skyrocket. Congressional Democrats have refused for more than a month to vote for any bill that did not include new

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## Bailey to stay in governor's race despite tragedy

By BRENDEN MOORE  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Less than three weeks after a helicopter crash claimed the lives of his son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, Darren Bailey said late Monday he will move forward with his campaign for governor.

"After a lot of prayer and reflection, Cindy and I have decided we're staying in this race for governor – not for politics, but for every family trying to make it in a state that's lost its way, for every parent who dreams of a better future for their children and for every Illinoisan who knows that we can do better," Bailey said in a nearly three-minute video recorded with his wife and posted to his social media accounts.

Bailey said he received encouragement from President Donald Trump to "keep fighting" and stay in the race. "That's exactly what we're going to do," he said.

"So I'm asking you: stand with us, pray with us, fight with us," Bailey said, grasping his wife Cindy's hand. "Together, we can bring back common sense, honesty and leadership that serves real people again. Together, we will save Illinois' future."

Bailey's second campaign for governor had been in doubt after his son Zachary, daughter-in-law Kelsey and two grandchildren, 12-year-old Vada Rose and 7-year-old Samuel, died when the helicopter Zachary was piloting crashed in Montana on Oct. 22. The couple's 10-year-old son, Finn, was not on board at the time.

The crash is being investigated by the National Transportation Safety Board.

The campaign filed petitions in late October to secure a spot on the March 17 primary ballot, but running mate Aaron Del Mar told reporters at the time that Bailey was "taking time to think" about whether to proceed with the campaign.

Bailey, a farmer and former state legislator, won the 2022 GOP gubernatorial nomination but lost the general election to

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Bailey's son Zachary, his daughter-in-law Kelsey and two grandchildren, 12-year-old Vada Rose and 7-year-old Samuel, died in the helicopter crash. The couple's 10-year-old son, Finn, center, was not on board at the time. (Courtesy Bailey campaign)





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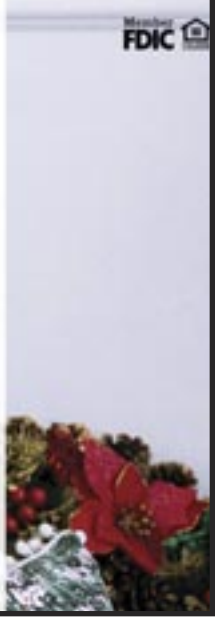
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# DURBIN: Durbin at odds with Pritzker again

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health care tax credits to rein in costs.

But many of Illinois’ top Democrats are opposed to the Durbin-backed funding plan. It also marks the second time this year Durbin has found himself at odds with Gov. JB Pritzker over a Senate vote to fund the government.

Pritzker, who is widely discussed as a possible 2028 presidential candidate, said he favors continuing to fight President Donald Trump with a government shutdown, which many Democrats believe gives their party leverage to force Republicans to support funding the ACA subsidies.

“This is not a deal – it’s an empty promise,” Gov. JB Pritzker said on social media. “Trump and his Republican Congress are making healthcare more expensive for the middle class and ending it for working families. Time for Democrats to stand tall for affordable healthcare.”

Durbin also sided with Republicans in March and voted for the spending plan that kept the government open through September. That triggered outrage from many Democrats who favored shutting down the government at the time to make it harder for Trump to implement his agenda.

Pritzker said in March that Durbin’s decision was a “huge mistake,” and he was “dead wrong.”

Congressional Dems doubt leverage

The Senate’s vote on Sunday sets the stage for the chamber to pass substantive legislation to fund the government through Jan. 30, but it will

require the House’s approval and Trump’s signature first. That timeline remains unclear.

CNN reported the plan would fully fund Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits through next September and reverses Trump’s firing of federal workers during the shutdown.

Durbin said Republicans own the blame for the shutdown, adding he believes Democrats can claim victory with the vote.

“Now that Democrats secured these wins, it’s time for Leader (John) Thune to keep his promise to schedule a vote on the ACA tax credits in December, and we will see to it that he makes good on his word for the millions of Americans worried they won’t be able to afford health care in January,” Durbin said.

Many, including Illinois Sen. Tammy Duckworth, want congressional Democrats to continue holding out for ACA tax credits.

“I simply cannot, and I will not, vote to do nothing to help protect them (families) from Trump’s vindictive and malicious efforts in exchange for a vague promise from the least trustworthy Republican party in our nation’s history,” Duckworth said in a statement after voting against the procedural vote on Sunday.

U.S. Rep. Sean Casten, a Democrat from Downers Grove, ripped Durbin and the seven other Senate Democrats who sided with Republicans. He said on social media that Democrats “trusting” Republicans on an ACA vote is like “a liar convincing a

# BAILEY: Favorite in 2026 Republican primary

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Democratic Gov. JB Pritzker by nearly 13 percentage points. He later unsuccessfully challenged U.S. Rep. Mike Bost, R-Murphysboro, in 2024, losing that primary election by under 3,000 votes.

With high name recognition among Republican voters, Bailey starts as the favorite in the 2026 primary against six lesser-known candidates. They include former conservative thinktank executive Ted Dabrowski, video gambling tycoon Rick Heidner and DuPage County Sheriff James Mendrick. Pritzker is seeking a third term as the state’s chief executive.

Bailey acknowledged that the past few weeks “have been the hardest days of our lives,” but that he and his wife had been lifted by the many well-wishes and their evangelical faith.

He said the tragedy changed their lives forever, “but it also reminded us why we fight.” His late son and daughter-in-law, he said, “believed in an Illinois where fam-

ilies could build a future without being crushed by bad government and broken promises.”

“We’ve all been through tough times,” Bailey said. “But what makes Illinois special are the people who don’t quit, the ones who work hard, help their neighbors and believe tomorrow can be better. That’s who I’m fighting for.”

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Incidents & Accidents  
Stark County

**10-19** - A 16-year-old Wyoming teen was involved in a single-vehicle rollover accident at the intersection of 600N and 200E.

**10-20** - Eric P. Rose, 43, Dahinda, ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

**10-20** - A possible blackmail was reported by a Wyoming resident in the 700 block of N. Galena Ave.

**10-21** - Robert C. Boatman Jr., 41, Toulon, was arrested for aggravated battery to a peace officer.

**10-22** - Larry G. Anderson, 73, Bradford, was cited for driving without a valid registration plate, driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.

**10-24** - Cody J. Curtis, 33, Galesburg, was arrested for obstructing justice and found wanted on an outstanding Tazewell County warrant for failure to appear for possession of meth. He was transported to Bureau County Jail, awaiting extradition.

**10-26** - Austin T. Pinon of Wyoming reported the theft from his garage of items estimated to be worth more than \$1,000.

**10-26** - Breeanna R. Edens, 24, Kewanee, cited for speeding 88 mph in a 55 zone.

**10-21** - Driver Alisa L. Ramsay, 44, Wyoming, was traveling north in an alley when she struck a parked vehicle owned by Scott A. Petty, 36, of Kewanee in the 100 block of East Agard St. near Seventh St. in Wyoming. Estimated vehicle damage was reported at over \$1,500.

**10-28** - A 16-year-old Bradford teen was involved in a single-vehicle crash ton the North Wyoming Road. The juvenile was traveling south when his vehicle left the roadway oand struck a tree head-on. The teen reportedly suffered minor injuries and was transported to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

**10-26** - Jesus S. Araiza, 18, Peoria, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**10-27** - Matthew B. Henry, 20, LaFayette, was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone and driving on a suspended registration due to mandatory insurance. His vehicle was impounded.

**10-27** - A traffic stop resulted in two arrests at the Route 17 and 78 junction west of Toulon. Stacie L. Williams, 40, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone, driving without vehicle insurance and possession of a controlled substance. Passenger Andrew K. Hulslander, 39, Galva, was charged with possession of a controlled substance and possession of a hypodermic syringe. Williams' vehicle was impounded.

**10-30** - Tyler J. Epps, 24, Brimfield,



was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle, failure to transfer a vehicle title and improper use of registration. His vehicle was impounded.

**10-31** - Joshua R. Sneed, 46, Sun City, Ariz., was arrested on two outstanding warrants by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. Sneed was wanted for failure to appear on a DuPage County warrant for possession of dangerous drugs and on a Cook County warrant for driving under the influence. He was taken to Bureau County Jail awaiting extradition.

**11-4** - Brett M. Paxton, 44, of Annawan hit a deer while driving on Illinois Route 78 near 100N. No injuries were reported. Vehicle damage was estimated at over \$1,500.

**11-7** - Logan L. Sadowski, 18, of Toulon, was traveling north on Illinois Route 78 about one-half mile north of 200N when his vehicle left the roadway and struck a utility pole before coming to rest in a cornfield. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained estimated damage over \$1,500. Sadowski was cited for improper lane usage and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

**11-4** - Joshua A. Allen, 37, Toulon, was cited for driving under the influence, driving a vehicle with no insurance, speeding 65 mph in a 55 zone and possession of cannabis by a driver. His vehicle was impounded.

**11-4** - Jaxon C. Carder, 18, Toulon, ticketed for driving without a vehicle registration.

**11-8** - Diego P. Morales, 39, West Chicago, cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55 zone.

**Nov. 10** - Natasha S. Weeks, 34, Peoria, cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

Peoria County Report

**10-21** - A Toulon man was found in Peoria in possession of a stolen U-Haul truck filled with items, some that also were reported stolen.

Robert B. Turnbull, 39, was arrested at 11:45 p.m. at the Circle K gasoline station at 7815 N. University St. A Peoria police officer saw the truck parked at the gas pumps. The truck was reported stolen between 3 a.m. and 4 a.m. Oct. 20 from U-Haul, 8400 N. Allen Rd., according to a police report.

Inside the truck were tools and electrical components worth about \$8,500 reported missing from a Peoria contractor. At least two dozen items were in the truck, including night stands, suitcases and a clothing trunk.

Turnbull was accused of motor vehicle theft and transported to the Peoria County Jail. He also was wanted in Peoria County for burglary and in Woodford County for driving on a suspended license

**10-23** - A two-vehicle crash near Edelstein resulted in a minor injury to a Bradford woman who said she fell asleep at the steering wheel.

Michelle L. Peterson was driving a southbound 2016 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck shortly after 10:15 a.m. on Illinois Route 40 at Hallock Hollow Road when the vehicle struck the driver's side of a northbound 2023 Ford Transit van, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report.

The other driver was Nathan J. Wiese of Creve Coeur.

Peterson was cited for improper lane use. Both vehicles sustained significant damage and were towed.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

**11-3** - Maria Gitierrez, 36, Monmouth, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for mandatory insurance in the 200 block of SE 2nd St..

**11-4** - Laura McNeeley, 63, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance in the 500 block of W. Division St.

**11-5** - to the 200 block of E. Division St. for attempted burglary from a vehicle. The suspect fled and was not located. No entry was made.

**11-6** - to the 100 block of Market St. for a juvenile complaint.

**11-6** - to U.S. Route 34 east of town after reports of a subject walking with a long gun. Officer located the subject, who had a crossbow and was legally huntinga.

**11-6** - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**11-7** - to the 100 block of SW 4th St. for a domestic disturbance and to remove an unwanted subject.

**11-7** - Abigail Camacho, 26, of Kewanee was cited for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

**11-8** - to the 400 block of SE 6th Ave. for a barking-dog complaint. The owners took it inside.

**11-8** - multiple times to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a subject suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**11-9** - to the 100 block of SE 2nd St. for a verbal domestic dispute.

**11-9** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for complaint of an aggressive dog.



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# End of shutdown doesn't mean end of problems

It appears that the debacle in Washington known as a shutdown is ending. Most nations do not allow for their governments to shut down. The U.S. has chosen to have laws that require funds to be authorized for expenditure via a budget. Congress, both parties, has simply failed to do its job.

Our Congressional representatives are intimidated by special interests and have failed to debate the issues and cast their votes. We may not like the budget process in Springfield, but at least they pass a budget. This country continues to increase its debt by paying for programs that Congress has not had the courage to strike from the budget.

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The fight today is over subsidies for the Affordable Care Act. We all remember President Obama assuring the American public that his legislation would reduce family insurance costs by \$2,500 per year and we could keep our own doctors. It was obvious after a couple of years that was baloney. We are all paying more.

What has made our expenditures palatable is that much of cost is subsidized by the U.S. government. The feds are paying for the program Obama said was so great.

The problem is now twofold. Obama's legislation expires at the end of the year and the people have grown accustomed to that federal subsidy paying the freight.

Most people want affordable health care in the U.S. The question is how do we get there? We can so-

cialize healthcare like much of Europe has done. The result is delayed care and little innovation. We can do a pure-for-profit system which incentivizes innovation and efficiency. The problem here is that only the rich can afford the best care.

Much of this shutdown is over this issue of providing healthcare for all in the U.S. It is obvious to all that Congress has failed to address the issue in any meaningful way. The Democrats simply want to throw money at the problem regardless of costs. The Republicans say let the market take care of the situation, regardless of who is left out.

I personally find both positions to be morally unworkable. We need to make care available to all Americans understanding that there is only so much money available. Combat medics and emergency room doctors have all learned that emergency situations require a triage approach. This simply means that you apply your resources in such a fashion that you can achieve the best results for the most possible, realizing that some will not survive the emergency.

The aspect of rationing of services is of great concern, as is the opposite of trying to service all concerns and failing to adequately address any of them by being spread too thin. Answers are not easy, but that is the job of Congress and they have shirked it ever since the public was sold a bill of goods about the Affordable Care Act.

To further the shutdown debate, eight Democratic and or independents switched their votes and joined

the Republicans on a continuing resolution to reopen the government until late January. Senate Majority Leader John Thune has agreed to afford the Senate a vote on health insurance issues in December. I hope cooler heads appear in Congress and can come to a resolution on health-care.

At the same time, a look at the eight who have now supported the continuing resolution shows the fear these Senators have with changing their votes.

Two of the eight are retiring at the end of this term, including Sen. Dick Durbin of Illinois. The other six do not face election until 2028 and 2030. This illustrates the fear Democrats have of alienating their base of voters.

Republicans need to set forth a plan that meets the needs of the public. The Democrats need to put forward their plan to pay for the current health model if that is their desire. Both sides need to talk to each other in a pragmatic way and forget posturing to their respective bases.

This shutdown has only reinforced distrust in Congress and its ability to pass meaningful legislation. The American public is starting to vote out members of Congress who it views as not addressing the issues. Perhaps that public anger may just motivate members of Congress to do their job and both find a solution to healthcare and to pass a balanced budget. We can only hope.

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

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# Machinery costs creeping higher

By RHIANNON BRANCH  
*FarmWeek*

With farm machinery expenses at an all-time high, farmers might need to take a closer look at the numbers before purchasing machinery.

A recent analysis by the University of Illinois farm-doc team showed prices of new ag equipment increased by more than 20% from 2021 to 2023 due to several factors, including supply chain challenges from the COVID-19 pandemic, a continued rise in inflation, labor shortages and reduced output due to concerns about lower demand for machinery considering lower grain farm incomes.

Machine-related costs have been on the rise. Illinois Farm Business Farm Management data shows central Illinois farms growing corn on high-productivity farmland saw a 25% rise in machinery related costs from 2021 to 2024. That includes depreciation (up \$18 per acre), fuel and oil (up \$4 per acre), repairs (up \$7 per acre) and machine hire (up \$6 per acre).

An analysis by Agricultural Economic Insights looked at the financing side of equipment purchases. The total interest expense over the life of a

loan for the first half of 2025 was \$154 for every \$1,000 spent. While interest rates have not reached the highs of 18% seen in the 1980s, the duration of loans has increased significantly, from an 11-month average in 1981 to 45 months in 2025.

Farmers might need to reassess machinery management strategies. The farmdoc analysis suggested crunching the numbers on combines first. “On most farms, combines represent the single largest machinery investment,” the authors wrote. “Per-acre combine costs are directly related to the number of acres harvested with each combine.”

U of I data suggests significant cost disadvantages for those harvesting fewer

than 3,000 acres with a combine. For farms with more than 3,000 acres, combining more acres can lower costs.

The authors said farms with fewer than 3,000 acres could form partnerships and own a combine jointly.

There are ways to minimize expenses with other machinery as well.

“The number of relatively new tractors a farm owns will significantly impact costs. For example, farms that have two tractors that are less than 10 years old will have an advantage over a similarly sized farm with three tractors,” authors of the farm-doc analysis noted.

The amount of tillage equipment and number of planters also influences cost.

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- 4:30 (or at sunset) is the lighting ceremony at the Park for the Christmas Characters
- 4:30 to 7 p.m. is the sign-ups for the Turkeys, Hams and Meal Kits at the Paramount
- 4:30 to 7 The Gathering Church will be open with food
- 4:30 to 7:30 Better Banks will be open to pick up Toys for Kids Tree - Pick a Tag and a Child in Need this Christmas!
- 4:30 to 7:30ish S'mores tables will be operating at crossroads
- 4:30 to 7:30 is Christmas Music by DJ Chad Patel
- 5 to 6 Better Banks will have the Stark County High School Band and Chorus

- 5 to 7 Free 4x7 Christmas Pictures at the Paramount by T-Photo Photography
- 5 to 7 Wyoming Library will host an open house with Live music from Cluck Old Hen
- 7:15 The Gathering Church Live Nativity at downtown crossroads
- 7:30 to 8? is the Parade
- 8 p.m. will be the drawings for the Hams/Turkeys/M meal Kits at the Paramount
- 8 p.m. Pick-up Free Pictures taken by T-Photo Photography at the Paramount

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—Williamson Farm—

FOR SALE – Online Auction

|                      | Tract 1 | Tract 2 | Tract 3 | Tract 4 |
|----------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <b>Acres:</b>        | 80 ac.  | 126 ac. | 83 ac.  | 79 ac.  |
| <b>FSA Tillable:</b> | 80.16   | 122     | 79.38   | 77.71   |
| <b>Pi:</b>           | 131.1   | 128.7   | 132.2   | 128.1   |

**LOCATION:** Tracts 1 & 2 are 5 miles South of Toulon, IL in the SW corner of West Jersey Blacktop and Wallace Highway. Tracts 3 & 4 are 3 miles West of Toulon, half a mile West of Rt 17 and 78 Junction on the South side of 850N.

**LEASE:** No lease in effect for 2026.

**OWNER:** Williamson Family Farms, LLC

**ATTORNEY FOR SELLER:** Mike Massie; Massie & Quick Galva, IL

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## SCGS presents program on Peoria State Hospital

TOULON – the Stark County Genealogical Society will present a program about the former Peoria State Hospital in Bartonville on Nov. 22 at 1:30 p.m. at the Toulon Public Library community room.

Peoria State Hospital Museum Director Christina Morris and Historian Patrick Harden will present a slide show depicting the asylum from its opening in 1902 to its closing in 1973. Maps, photographs and artifacts from the museum’s collection will be on display.

The talk will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

## MSW Projects request help for Senior Savers

HENRY – MSW Projects is seeking donations for its senior meal program. A \$4 donation helps to pay for a day’s meal. A \$20 donation provides a week worth of meals and \$100 provides a month’s worth of meals.

Donations can be mailed to MSW



Vicky and Steve Negley are the November Property Pride winners presented by the Galva: Ready to Grow committee. The couple have two grown boys and have lived in the home at 618 SW 4th Ave. for 29 years. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Projects of Henry, Attn. Senior Saver Program, P.O. Box 140, Henry, IL 61537.

## Galva UMC hosts Thanksgiving dinner

GALVA – Galva First United Methodist Church will host its annual Thanksgiving/Hunger Dinner on Nov. 23 at the church, located at the corner of 2nd St. and 2nd Ave.

Dining options include dine-in, carry-out and delivery. The meal in-

cludes turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll and butter, cranberry sauce, (dine-in only) dessert and drink.

Deliveries can be ordered at (309) 932-2460 by noon on Nov. 21. Callers are asked to leave a message. On the day of the dinner the number to call is (309) 932-3255. A freewill donation is asked to fight world hunger. Midwest Food Bank of Peoria will receive 50% of the net donations.



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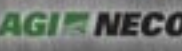
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## NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASEFOR TOULON COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County and Henry County, Illinois for 2026 will be held on November 25, 2025, at 5:00 P.M. at the Toulon Fire Department, 420 N. Franklin St., Toulon, IL 61483.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district, may contact President William Foglesong at [william.foglesong@RCIS.com](mailto:william.foglesong@RCIS.com).

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2025 were \$314,053.42. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2026 are \$345,000.00. This represents a 9.85% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2025 were \$0.00. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2026 are \$0.00. This represents a (0%) increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2025 were \$314,053.42.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2026 are \$345,000.00. This represents a 9.85% increase over the previous year.

Christopher Henderson  
Corporate Secretary

Published 11/14/25

# China agrees to buy American soybeans

**By TAMMIE SLOUP**  
FarmWeek

China agreed to purchase U.S. soybeans and other agricultural products as part of an agreement reached by the countries' leaders on Oct. 30.

Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent said China will start by purchasing 12 million metric tons of soybeans from the U.S. between now and January, then purchase 25 mmt of U.S. soybeans annually for the next three years.

Last year, the U.S. exported about 27 million tons to China, according to USDA data.

"It is welcoming to see the announcement of tentative agreements surrounding the restoration of export markets in Asia for our commodities, espe-

cially soybeans," Illinois Farm Bureau President Brian Duncan said. "We have seen the impact the lack of soybean orders have on the bottom line for farmers in Illinois and across the nation."

President Donald Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping outlined the sale of soybeans, sorghum and "other farm products" during a meeting in South Korea. China purported to ease some export controls on processed rare-earth minerals.

In return, the U.S. will cut tariffs on China by 10%, putting U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports at 47%. The U.S. also will suspend an investigation into Chinese shipbuilding practices and delay a new export restriction rule.



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TOTAL ACRES: 43  
TILLABLE ACRES: 42.22  
Pl: 142.22

LEASE: No lease in effect for 2026.  
OWNER: Clark Mooneyham, Keyth Mooneyham, Kody Mooneyham, & Jody Mooneyham  
ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Mike Massie  
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Nov. 19, 2025  
at 9AM

160 Acres Henry County Farmland  
—Collin Farm—

FOR SALE — Online Auction

Location: 5 miles West of Galva, IL on the North side on IL-Rt 34 in Weller Township, Henry County, IL.

Total Acres: Tract 1: 80 Tract 2: 80 Total: 160  
FSA Tillable: Tract 1: 79.79 Tract 2: 79.98 Total: 159.79  
Pl: Tract 1: 130.7 Tract 2: 137.8 Total: 134.3  
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LEASE: No lease in effect for 2026.  
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ATTORNEY FOR SELLER: Mike Massie  
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December 6-7

- ❖ Swedish Characters and Holiday Decorations
- ❖ Christmas Gifts Galore
- ❖ Model Train Display in the Steeple Building
- ❖ Chocolate Walk at the Creative Commons
- ❖ Swedish Folk Song Workshop

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December 12 & 6 - 9 p.m.

- ❖ Lucia's Serving Treats and Candlelight Throughout Village
- ❖ Chili/Soup Supper at Methodist Church
- ❖ Music at the Methodist Church, Steeple Building, Blacksmith Shop, & Creative Commons

December 13 & 6 - 9 p.m.

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STARK CUSD #100 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: Stark County CUSD #100  
RCDT NUMBER: 28.088.1000.26  
ADDRESS:300 W Van Buren St., Wyoming, IL 61491  
COUNTY: Stark/Knox/Marshall/Henry/Peoria  
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: The Prairie News

DISTRICT TYPE  
Elementary  
High School  
Unit  
Joint Agreement

X

ASSURANCE  
The Annual Statement of Affairs has been posted on the district's website and published in accordance with Section 10-17 of the School Code no later than December 1. (Put "X" in blue box if yes.)

Yes

X

|                                      |     |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| SIZE OF DISTRICT IN SQUARE MILES     | 242 |
| NUMBER OF ATTENDENCE CENTERS         | 3   |
| NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES     |     |
| FULL-TIME                            | 57  |
| PART-TIME                            | 2   |
| NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES |     |
| FULL-TIME                            | 30  |
| PART-TIME                            | 25  |

Data previously included in the Annual Statement of Affairs can be found at:  
Payments to certified personnel Posted on district website per 105 ILCS 5/10-20.47  
Student Counts Included in district's report card https://www.illinoisreportcard.coml  
Financial Data Included in district's Annual Financial Report posted on ISBE's Cerberus Server https://www.isbe.net/Pages/School-Finance-Historical-Reports.aspx

TAX RATE BY FUND (IN %)

|                          |          |
|--------------------------|----------|
| EDUCATIONAL              | 3.077100 |
| OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE | 0.709100 |
| BOND & INTEREST          | 0.767300 |
| TRANSPORTATION           | 0.246200 |
| MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT     | 0.038900 |
| SOCIAL SECURITY          | 0.061700 |
| WORKING CASH             | 0.039400 |
| FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY | 0.048300 |
| TORT IMMUNITY            | 0.268100 |
| CAPITAL PROJECTS         | 0.000000 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION        | 0.039400 |
| LEASING                  | 0.019300 |
| OTHER                    | 0.000000 |
| OTHER                    | 0.000000 |

SALARY SCHEDULE OF GROSS PAYMENTS FOR NON-CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

|                                  |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                         |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Salary Range: Less Than \$39.999 | (CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than \$39.999 | (CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than \$39.999 | (CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than \$39.999 | (CONT.)Salary Range: Less Than \$39.999 | Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$54,999 |
| Appenheimer, Christine A.        | Colgan, Jack L.                         | Gibler, Cathryn M.                      | Meaker, Rita A.                         | Rewerts, Deann K.                       | Denton, Jennifer A.               |
| Appenheimer, Jeffery P.          | Colgan, Nolan A.                        | Goodell, Cydney M.                      | Melton, Cassy A.                        | Roark, Angela K.                        | Mercer, Jailynn                   |
| Barnes, Sarah J.                 | Corbly, Glenn F.                        | Graham, Gloria J.                       | Mercer, Owen J.                         | Robertson, Joy V.                       | Morrissey, Michelle R.            |
| Becker, Johnathan W.             | Daum, Cheryl                            | Grigg, Samuel E.                        | Missal, Heather                         | Rosado, Robert R.                       | Nowlan, Toni Jo                   |
| Berchtold, Dawn                  | Davis, Lexi R.                          | Grusy, Christina L.                     | Morgan, Deidre A.                       | Rose, Hattie E.                         | Patterson, Terrie J.              |
| Berchtold, Trisha J.             | Demetreon, Emily S.                     | Hamilton, Ashlie R.                     | Morrissey, Karen A.                     | Schierer, Russell C.                    | Salary Range: \$55,000 - \$74,999 |
| Bersell, Matthew P.              | DeSplinter, Abbey J.                    | Hatfield, David A.                      | Murray, Helen Jane                      | Shambaugh, Julie A.                     |                                   |
| Best, Jacob G.                   | Dietz, Chase J.                         | Hewitt, Lucas W.                        | Myers, Madison M.                       | Singer, Rita M.                         | Bohm, Robert M.                   |
| Breese, Kali R.                  | Dorsey, Tyler A.                        | Hillier, Payten M.                      | Neirynck, Linda A.                      | Smith, Nancy A.                         | Bunch, Michael B.                 |
| Brown, Tyler J.                  | Edwards, Bryan W.                       | Jason, Mary L.                          | Newby, Mary Elizabeth                   | Stage, Chelsea M.                       | Lane, Rebecca J.                  |
| Bush, Jocelynn M.                | Ellenberger, Laura A.                   | Juskiv, Kasey J.                        | Newton, Kenna R.                        | Streitmatter, Janine A.                 | Streitmatter, Mary E.             |
| Bush, Kari L.                    | England, John R.                        | Kelly, Mary Beth                        | Newton, Sawyer J.                       | Turnbull, Donald C.                     | Salary Range: \$75,000 and Over   |
| Campbell, Kim E.                 | Faber, Timothy J.                       | Kronner, Roberta A.                     | Nowlan, Vicki K.                        | Wallace, David                          | none                              |
| Cantwell, Kyle M.                | Finnegan, Richard P.                    | Lee, Alisha C.                          | Orwig, Olivia R.                        | Webster, Jill E.                        |                                   |
| Carroll, Jackie L.               | Forstrom, Ashton L.                     | Forstrom, Payton                        | Otten, Caleb N.                         | Williams, Cassandra K.                  |                                   |
| Carter, Sandra                   | Forstrom, John E.                       | Libby, Taylor I.                        | Potter, Felicia M.                      | Winans, Lisa J.                         |                                   |
| Charvat, Joseph I.               | Frail, Gary                             | Magnussen, Bonnie J.                    | Raine, Catherine H.                     | Woodward, Anita E.                      |                                   |
| Cole, Christine M.               | Gentle, Lance T.                        | Magnussen, Joseph P.                    | Reiff, Steven E.                        | Wyant, Debbie W.                        |                                   |
|                                  |                                         | Martinez, Alexis R.                     | Rennick, Robert                         | Young, Annabelle M.                     |                                   |

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Person, Firm, or Corporation      | Aggregate Amount | Person, Firm, or Corporation     | Aggregate Amount | Person, Firm, or Corporation        | Aggregate Amount | Person, Firm, or Corporation        | Aggregate Amount |
| Accident Fund Ins Co.             | 46,396.00        | GFL Environmental                | 11,515.00        | Kaeb Sanitary Supply, Inc.          | 40,896.89        | Sam's Club                          | 11,637.34        |
| Ag View FS Inc.                   | 93,624.22        | Gopher Sport                     | 5,734.73         | Kohl Wholesale                      | 212,313.49       | School in Sites                     | 2,700.00         |
| Amazon Capital Services           | 60,698.35        | Gorenz and Associates, LTD       | 20,700.00        | Kone, Inc.                          | 4,093.44         | School Specialty, LLC               | 2,530.89         |
| Ameren Illinois                   | 12,546.33        | Great Minds PBC                  | 8,514.78         | Lampe Publications, LLC             | 16,301.67        | Schoolinks, Inc.                    | 7,000.00         |
| Amplify Education Inc.            | 19,784.98        | Green Street Schools, LLC        | 13,978.21        | Lanter Distributing, LLC            | 2,823.04         | Seesaw Learning, Inc.               | 2,625.00         |
| Athletic Seating, LLC             | 8,300.00         | Guardian Basic Life              | 4,315.68         | Locker Room                         | 3,265.80         | Seico Inc.                          | 12,771.04        |
| Bills Auto Body, LLC              | 3,217.99         | Guardian Dental                  | 40,036.18        | Mediacom                            | 2,510.81         | Self Insurance Fund                 | 790,721.72       |
| Black Hawk College                | 28,970.00        | Guardian Vision                  | 6,729.88         | Menards Kewanee                     | 16,752.31        | Skyward                             | 21,731.00        |
| Blunier Implement Inc.            | 2,707.50         | Guardian Vol Life                | 5,651.72         | Menards Peoria                      | 3,294.62         | Stark County CUSD #100 HRA Account  | 5,208.25         |
| Breedlove Sporting Goods          | 14,198.75        | H and H Industries               | 14,380.00        | Menta Academy Galesburg             | 24,366.16        | State Bank of Toulon - Wire Account | 123,720.00       |
| BSN Sports, LLC.                  | 23,512.87        | Headon & Sons Inc.               | 14,485.60        | Midland Golf Club                   | 5,025.00         | State Bank of Toulon - General      | 1,467,189.74     |
| Byrne & Jones Construction, Inc.  | 92,177.50        | Heart Technologies, Inc.         | 52,745.31        | Midwest Bus Leasing, LLC            | 131,214.35       | State Bank of Toulon - Investments  | 6,150,000.00     |
| Camelot Therapeutic Schools, LLC  | 190,995.65       | Hemminger, Jeff                  | 17,796.95        | Midwest Bus Sales, Inc.             | 14,629.51        | Sullivan Door Company               | 5,454.05         |
| Capital One/Walmart Comm Card     | 4,756.63         | Henry-Stark Counties             |                  | Midwest Transit Equipment           | 74,476.54        | Sutton Country Carpets, Inc.        | 7,339.01         |
| Cardio Partners, Inc.             | 6,646.67         | Special Education District       | 1,039,460.91     | Miller, Hall and Triggs             | 5,273.00         | Taylor Glass Company                | 34,500.00        |
| Carolina Biological Supply Co.    | 3,061.45         | Hoerr Nursery                    | 7,900.00         | Mohawk USA LLC                      | 4,130.50         | Teachers Health Insurance           | 59,260.72        |
| Charles Schwab                    | 42,190.00        | HUDL                             | 9,300.00         | Morrissey Refrigeration             | 4,009.75         | Teachers Retirement System          | 350,646.39       |
| Children's Home Association of IL | 115,622.24       | I.M.R.F.                         | 132,574.73       | NCPERS - IL IMRF                    | 2,832.00         | Thermosystems, LLC                  | 13,063.00        |
| Constellation New Energy          | 53,229.84        | IASB                             | 11,880.00        | Nelson Auto Sales, Inc.             | 12,937.55        | Thompson Electronics Co.            | 5,612.50         |
| Core Construction Services        | 3,914,633.72     | IEA Membership Processing        | 36,800.00        | Net2Phone Global Services, LLC      | 8,271.27         | Torbert Electric Service            | 10,135.06        |
| Cornerstones of Care - BIST       | 26,106.11        | IHSA                             | 2,703.20         | Nevco Sports, LLC                   | 29,161.57        | Tower Equipment Corporation Kewanee | 3,035.00         |
| Corpuz, Allan B.                  | 6,215.00         | Illini Plumbing Inc.             | 3,142.15         | Next Level Schools, LLC             | 7,500.00         | Triple H Excavating                 | 4,750.00         |
| Dell Marketing LP                 | 3,549.99         | Illinois Dept. of Revenue        | 233,153.97       | Pacific Onesource Inc.              | 4,280.00         | TRS - New Employer Contrib          | 21,891.85        |
| Econergy Development, LLC         | 50,000.00        | Illinois School for the Deaf     | 22,251.26        | Paper 101                           | 6,952.55         | Truck Centers, Inc.                 | 5,538.66         |
| EMS Linq LLC                      | 8,661.88         | Imprest Fund                     | 76,876.17        | Peoria Public Schools District #150 | 56,365.84        | Unland Insurance & Benefits         | 108,513.00       |
| Enerco Corporation                | 2,985.57         | Institute for Multi-Sensory      |                  | Pipco Companies LTD                 | 3,983.06         | US Bank Equipment Finance           | 20,468.58        |
| Engie Resources                   | 109,823.80       | Education                        | 2,586.99         | Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.           | 32,219.45        | Varsity Services, Inc.              | 7,975.00         |
| Environmental Control             |                  | Integrated Systems Corp          | 3,180.00         | Pro Acoustics, LLC                  | 13,106.83        | Varsity Spirit Fashions             | 3,991.75         |
| Solutions, Inc.                   | 39,524.00        | Interstate Fence and             |                  | Regional Office of Education        | 3,650.00         | Visa                                | 58,010.15        |
| Farnsworth Group, Inc.            | 81,563.32        | Construction Co, Inc.            | 14,202.00        | Renaissance Learning Inc.           | 12,846.69        | Vista Learning NFP                  | 3,591.00         |
| Follett Software, LLC             | 9,541.10         | IRS-FICA                         | 224,456.04       | Resource Sharing Alliance           | 2,513.00         | Voya Institutional Trust Company    | 10,785.57        |
| Forstrom, John                    | 7,100.00         | IRS-FIT                          | 363,891.17       | Richey & Sons Inc.                  | 55,955.00        | Woodworker's Shop, Inc.             | 2,863.00         |
| Foster Bros Wood Products, Inc.   | 2,515.50         | IRS-Medicare                     | 95,730.90        | Riddell                             | 9,779.94         | Wyman Group                         | 53,125.07        |
| Gerber Life                       | 4,306.00         | Johnson Mechanical Service, Inc. | 15,250.00        | Roark, Angela                       | 5,900.00         | Wyoming, City of                    | 5,421.90         |
| Getz Fire Equipment Co.           | 3,708.70         | Jostens, Inc.                    | 7,045.43         | Ruyle Mechanical, Inc.              | 46,112.13        | Zaner-Bloser, Inc.                  | 5,313.99         |

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OF \$1,000 TO \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

|                              |          |                                        |          |                                 |          |                                        |          |
|------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|----------|----------------------------------------|----------|
| 3N2 Sports                   | 1,260.00 | Factory Tire Outlet                    | 1,791.00 | J.W. Pepper and Son, Inc.       | 1,567.19 | Rocket Alumni Solutions, Inc.          | 2,400.00 |
| Active Internet Technologies | 1,719.00 | Farm King of Kewanee                   | 1,359.59 | Kohlman, Michael R              | 1,060.00 | Scholastic, Inc.                       | 2,268.79 |
| American Pest Control        | 2,223.00 | Firm Systems                           | 2,323.00 | Lampo Group, LLC                | 1,859.34 | Stark County CUSD #100                 | 2,375.00 |
| Anderson, Joshua             | 1,200.00 | Frontier                               | 2,166.39 | Learn 21                        | 1,043.00 | Stark County Design                    | 1,335.25 |
| B & B Printing               | 1,135.96 | Galesburg Communications               | 1,377.47 | Lexia Learning Systems, LLC     | 1,440.00 | Stark County Education Foundation      | 2,000.00 |
| Bill Doran Company           | 1,153.11 | German Bliss Equipment, Inc.           | 1,443.75 | Meridian Student Planners       | 1,400.00 | Stark County High School Activity Fund | 1,699.20 |
| Brand U, LLC                 | 2,015.00 | Gibler's Ice                           | 1,044.00 | Mid Century Communications      | 1,480.52 | Stark County Teacher's Association     | 1,225.00 |
| Bushue Background Screening  | 1,628.00 | Gold Medal Central IL                  | 1,497.95 | Midwest Truckers Association    | 1,324.00 | Toulon, City of                        | 2,420.17 |
| Carroll Seating Company      | 1,890.00 | Good Forest Timber Company             | 1,955.00 | Moreland Environmental          | 2,000.00 | Trugreen Processing Center             | 1,845.87 |
| CDW Government, Inc.         | 1,681.74 | Happy Numbers, Inc.                    | 1,885.00 | O'Reilly Automotive, Inc.       | 1,063.09 | U.S. Postal Service                    | 2,499.79 |
| Cernovich, Randy             | 2,105.00 | HD Supply                              | 1,015.53 | Peoria Lock and Safe, Inc.      | 2,213.95 | Vanderbilt University                  | 1,650.00 |
| Decker Equipment Inc.        | 2,143.46 | Hennepin Marine                        | 2,361.55 | Pitney Bowes Global             | 1,278.45 | Verizon Wireless                       | 1,567.36 |
| DH Pace Company, Inc.        | 1,206.86 | Henry County Health Dept.              | 1,820.00 | Precision Photo LLC             | 1,095.00 | World Book School/Library              | 1,182.98 |
| Dick Blick Art Materials     | 1,319.71 | IASA                                   | 1,115.38 | Princeville Tire Solutions, LLC | 2,066.23 |                                        |          |
| EPS Operations, LLC          | 1,465.68 | Illinois Elementary School Association | 1,460.00 | Raptor Technologies, LLC        | 1,320.00 |                                        |          |

REPORT ON CONTRACTS EXCEEDING \$25,000 AWARDED DURING FY 2025

|                                                                                                                                                                            |                |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:                                                                                                           | 16             |
| 2. Total value of all contracts awarded:                                                                                                                                   | \$2,467,719.86 |
| 3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons 0 with disabilities, and locally owned businesses: |                |
| 4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons 0 with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:  | \$0.00         |

Answers on Page 11

Super Crossword

PONTIFICATION

ACROSS

1 Stood for 6 Mountain peak topper

13 Place to keep cargo

20 Proprietor

21 Seat of Nassau County, New York

22 Holiday marches

23 1970 Best Actress nominee for "The Great White Hope"

25 Enigmas

26 Walk: — (ing riles)

27 Rank above maj.

28 — acid (vinegar component)

30 Ruhr article

31 Desperately, informally

35 Country singer with the hit "Blue Ain't Your Color"

37 "Livin' La Vida Loca" singer

41 No. 91

42 Ending for peak or bug

43 Making a comeback

46 Super angry

51 Month, in Mexico

52 Strong — or

54 She won gold in the 200-meter dash at the 2012 Olympics

57 French term for untrained works, as by untrained painters

59 Fury wrap

60 "It could be"

61 Make a phone call to

62 Film direc- tions Joel and Ethan

63 Hour div.

64 He played Jesse Pinkman on "Breaking Bad"

66 "Rocked Man" singer

72 Poem type

73 Light bulb power units

76 Titi's injury

77 Adopt

82 Stuck in mud

83 Tolkien's hole-dwellers

84 He played Lieutenant Starbuck on "Battlestar Galactica"

86 Strips

87 — a film

88 British china

89 Ocean native

91 "Be —!" ("C'mon, help me out!")

92 "Rebecca" actress

95 Civil rights activist with the comedy album "In Living Black and White"

98 Best Supporting Actress winner for "The Fighter"

104 Women of the future?

105 Resting atop

106 Threat ended

108 "Boo- —!"

109 Phased-out character on "The Simpsons"

112 Pre-book documents

114 "Who's Your Cee?" singer

119 Cyclone's kin

120 Totally unknown by

121 Get together with alumni

122 Increase the slope of

123 Elk relative

124 10 featured last names in this puzzle are also the names of these

31 "Citizen Kane" studio

32 Cereal husk

33 Fla.'s ocean

34 Close wider

36 Join

37 Marriott rival

38 Portugal's peninsula

39 Shiner of top billing

40 Floss fiber

44 Woeful

45 Dec. 31

47 Van's foe

48 Bristol beer

49 "— a pity!"

50 Outer: Prefix

52 Make — for it

53 "What if . . ."

55 Fail to put in

56 Futuristic tiny machine

58 500 — fuse

59 Hole after fa

62 Billards stick

63 FC Dallas' sports org.

65 Yemeni port

66 Takeoff abbr.

67 Wealthy Brits

68 Occupation

69 San Luis —

70 Stolen ride

71 In a meddling way

73 Actress Kristen

74 Bowled

75 Shape-fitting game

77 Mag workers

78 limbo slowly

79 Virtuoso

80 Assented to

81 App-ordered rides

82 Cato's 1,550

83 Desirous of

85 Aene best

86 Torie or babe

90 Drink cooler

91 Dept. of

92 Justice chiefs

93 Tristan's love

94 Actress Greer

96 Posterior

97 Musical note equivalent to F

98 Necessities

99 Orlando

100 theme park

106 Pever of "JF"

107 Glen I borrow — of sugar?

110 Core-bearing tree

111 Welds

113 Racing circuit

115 Actor Beatty

116 Suffix with hero

117 French for "summer"

118 — noir film

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Super Crossword

Answers

|               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| MEANT         | SNOWCAP       | STOWAGE      |
| OWNER         | MINEOLA       | PARADES      |
| JANEALEXANDER | RIDDLES       |              |
| ONS           | COL           | ACETIC       |
|               | EINE          |              |
|               | REALBAD       | KEITHURBAN   |
| RICKYMARTIN   | NEIN          |              |
| ABOO          | RALLYING      | IRATE        |
| MES           | ASAN          | ALLYSONFELIX |
| ARTBRUT       | STOLE         | MAYBESO      |
| DIALUP        | COENS         | MIN          |
| AARONPAUL     | ELTONJOHN     |              |
|               | ODE           | WATTS        |
|               | BOOBOO        |              |
| ESPOUSE       | MIRE          | D            |
| HOBBITS       |               |              |
| DIRKBENEDICT  | CUTS          | SCI          |
| SPODE         | ALGERIAN      | APAL         |
|               | RIGG          | DICKGREGORY  |
| MELISSALEO    | SEERESS       |              |
| UPON          | ORELSE        | YAH          |
| APU           |               |              |
| SCROLLS       | CONNIEFRANCIS |              |
| TORNADO       | ALIENTO       | REUNE        |
| STEEPEN       | REDDEER       | POPE         |

CryptoQuote

answer

My brain, I believe, is the most beautiful part of my body.

— Shakira

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 9 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 4 | 7 | 2 |
| 8 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 6 | 1 |
| 4 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 3 |
| 2 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 3 | 7 |
| 1 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 4 |
| 7 | 3 | 9 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 6 | 5 | 8 |
| 3 | 4 | 7 | 5 | 8 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 6 |

LEGAL ADS

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

ESTATE OF )  
ANNETTE K. TOWNSEND,, Deceased  
No. 2025PR18

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Annette K. Townsend. Letters of Of- fice were issued on **October 31, 2025, to Julie A. Roper and Connie Stiles, 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, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before 05/01/2026.

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

ESTATE OF )  
JOHN FRANK KUBINSKI, Deceased  
No. 2025 PR 111

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of John Frank Kubinski. Letters of Office were issued on November 4, 2025, to Michael A. Kubinsky, Sr. as In- dependent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the rep- resentative, or both, on or before May 15, 2026. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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

ESTATE OF  
LAWRENCE WARD WHISKER, SR., deceased  
No. 2025 PR 17

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Lawrence Ward Whisker, Sr. Letters of Office were issued on October 24, 2025, to Laurie A. Horvat. as In- dependent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the represen- tative, or both, on or before May 4, 2026. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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

STATE BANK OF TOULON, Plaintiff,  
Case No. 2025FC70  
v.  
**MORGEN E. SCROGGINS (INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); HENRY COUNTY TRUSTEE, ILLINOIS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.**

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claim- ants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-cap- tioned mortgage foreclosure action was filed on November 5, 2025, and is now pending.

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

2. The names of the titleholders of record are: MORGEN E. SCROG- GINS (INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN [ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LI- ABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN [ADMINIS- TRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
"The Land is described as follows:  
**A tract of land being a part of Lots 2 and 5 in Block 20 of the Original Town, now City, of Galva, Henry County, Illinois. More partic- ularly bounded and described as follows:**  
Commencing at a "P.K." nail. Said "P.K." nail being the Place of Begin- ning, for the tract to be described; Thence continuing East, along the South line of said Block 20, a distance of 53.35 feet to a "P.K." nail;

Thence in a Northerly direction 131.85 feet to a railroad spike on the South line of said Lot 2; Thence in an Easterly direction, along the South line of said Lot 2, a distance of 27.0 feet to an Iron rod at the Southeast corner of said Lot 2; Thence in a Northerly direction, along the Easterly line of said Lot 2, a distance of 24.00 feet to an iron rod; Thence in a Westerly direction, 24.00 feet Northerly of and parallel with the South line of said Lot 2, a distance of 28.00 feet to an iron rod; Thence in a Northerly direction 28.00 feet Westerly of and paral- lel with the East line of said Lot 2, a distance of 107.85 feet to an iron rod on the North line of said Block 20; Thence in a Westerly direction along the North line of said Block 20, a distance of 55.00 feet to an iron rod 5.00 feet East of the Northwest corner of said Lot 2; Thence in a Southerly direction, 5.00 feet Easterly of and parallel with the West line of said Lot 2, a distance of 108.00 feet to an iron rod; Thence in a Easterly direction 108.00 feet Southerly of and parallel with the North line of said Blook 20, a distance of 2.66 feet to an iron rod; Thence in a Southerly direction, parallel with the West line of said Block 20, a distance of 23.85 feet to an existing brick wall; Thence continuing in a Southerly direction, parallel with the West line of said Block 20, along the Easterly face of said existing brick wall, 131.85 feet to the Place of Beginning. Subject to all easements-of record for Utility purposes. The above description is based on the Plat of Survey prepared by Wallace Engr. & Land Surveying Co., dated January 23, 1987."

PIN: 24-28-480-015

4. A common address or description of the location of the real es- tate is as follows:  
212 NW 1st Street, Galva IL 61434.

5. Identifications of the Mortgage and Assignment of Rents sought to be foreclosed are as follows:  
Mortgage:  
a. Names of Mortgagors: MORGEN E. SCROGGINS (INDIVID- UALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN [AD- MINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN [ADMINISTRATIVELY DIS- SOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)  
b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon

c. Date of Mortgage: October 3, 2022  
d. Date of Recording: October 11, 2022  
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois  
f. Recording Document ID: 20-2205917

Assignment of Rents:  
a. Names of Grantors: MORGEN E. SCROGGINS (INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN [ADMINIS- TRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN [ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)  
b. Name of Lender: State Bank of Toulon  
c. Date of Assignment of Rents: October 3, 2022  
d. Date of Recording: October 11, 2022  
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois  
f. Recording Document ID: 20-2205918

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non- Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge IL 61238, on or before December 12, 2025, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judg- ment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

\_/s/ Terilyn A. Motley\_\_\_\_\_  
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# XC: Smith improves her state finish by 17 spots from '24

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ment.”

Knobloch finished 42nd last season in his first state appearance, but Illinois Running News predicted him to finish third last week. In Rennick’s view, Knobloch more than lived up to his billing and set a good base for next season. He was the youngest finisher among the top 10.

“He came in with a great attitude – ‘I’m playing with house money,’” Rennick said. “He does a really good job of staying within himself. He’s very studious about what he’s doing. If something doesn’t go right, it’s ‘OK, how do we improve?’”

“To watch somebody close out the last 300 meters, which is what you have to be able to do, I couldn’t be prouder of him, because he did it. It was just an amazing performance.”

Stark County youth and potential also were evident in the girls race. Smith finished in a personal-best 17:07.37. The only other top-10 non-senior was two-time consecutive runner-up Isabella Keller of Effingham St. Anthony, who was 1A champion in 2023 as a freshman.

Elmhurst Timothy Christian freshman Lyla



Stark County’s Dusti Smith and Evan Knobloch pose with their medals after finishing with all-state honors at the Class 1A state cross country finals at Detweiller Park in Peoria last Saturday.

Plaisier finished on Smith’s heels, in 17:08.14. Smith overcame her and what she said was a slower-than-usual first mile.

“I was really hoping for top 10,” said Smith, who finished 27th in 2024 and 22nd in 2023. “That one girl at the end, I was like, ‘I can’t let her get me.’ It was really hard. I was feeling a little nauseous. I didn’t know how it was going to go.”

Said Rennick: “She went from 27th to 10th. It’s just been phenomenal to see.”

Cheyenh Smith, Dusti Smith’s senior sister, was 52nd, in 18:31.81.

Other Stark County team scorers were freshman Norah Rorem (135th, 19:55.84), senior Paytin Terwilliger (198th, PR 21:01.85) and sophomore Darilis Knobloch (208th, 21:21.15).

Winnebago won the team championship, with 150 points. Shelbyville was second and El Paso-Gridley was third. Sandwich senior Sundara Weber won her second consecutive individual state championship. She finished in 15:54.42, one year after she won the Class 2A title.

### 8-player footballplayoffs

#### Quarterfinal results

- Milledgeville 22, South Beloit 6
- Amboy 64, Pawnee 6
- South Fork 38, West Carroll 14
- Polo 46, St. Anne 14

#### Saturday’s semifinals

- (1) Milledgeville (10-0) at (5) Amboy (9-1), 2 p.m.
- (3) Polo (10-1) at (2) South Fork (11-0), 4 p.m.

## IHSA football playoff pairings

### Class 1A

#### Last week’s second-round results

Stockton 26, Heyworth 3  
Dwight 43, Clifton Central 14  
Annawan-Wethersfield 33, Deer Creek-Mackinaw 26  
Lena-Winslow 43, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 14  
Hardin Calhoun 22, Greenfield 14, OT  
Casey-Westfield 48, Nokomis 14  
Brown County 16, Camp Point Central 8

### Carrollton 34, Dupo 19

#### Quarterfinal matchups

#### (All on Saturday, Nov. 15)

(12) Dwight (8-3) at (1) Stockton (11-0), 6 p.m.  
(3) Lena-Winslow (10-1) at (2) Annawan-Weth. (11-0), 1 p.m.  
(1) Hardin Calhoun (11-0) at (4) Casey-Westfield (9-2), 2 p.m.  
(11) Carrollton (8-3) at (7) Brown County (9-2), 1 p.m.

## Stark County Salvation Army Kettle

We are thankful for the blessings that we have received in the county this year. And the good folks of Stark County do a great job of sharing those blessings. Last year we were able to help many people get gasoline to make it to work or the doctor. We also helped many who found themselves running out of food at the end of the month. We bought medicine for some. Paid on rent, electric and water for others. I know that you will want to do those same things again this year. So when you see a Kettle in Stark County put in your donation. Or you can make your checks to Stark County Salvation Army Kettle and send to Stark County Salvation Army, PO Box 636, Toulon, IL, 61483. If you know someone who needs help have them call Al Harmon at 309-286-4611.



## MSW Projects, Marshall-Stark Public Transportation

**309-364-2287**

### Stark County Regular Van Schedule for November

|                                   |                                 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Mon., Nov. 3: Peoria</b>       | <b>Thurs., Nov. 6: Kewanee</b>  |
| <b>Mon., Nov. 10: East Peoria</b> | <b>Thurs., Nov. 13: Geneseo</b> |
| <b>Mon., Nov. 17: Peoria</b>      | <b>Thurs., Nov. 20: Kewanee</b> |
| <b>Mon., Nov. 24: Geneseo</b>     | <b>Thurs., Nov. 27: Closed</b>  |
| <b>Happy Thanksgiving!</b>        |                                 |

#### Pick up:

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|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Nov. 3, 10, 17, 24</b> | <b>Nov. 6, 13</b>  | <b>Nov. 20</b>     |
| Bradford 8:40 a.m.        | Bradford 8:40 a.m. | Toulon 8:40 a.m.   |
| Toulon 8:55 a.m.          | Wyoming 8:55 a.m.  | Wyoming 8:55 a.m.  |
| Wyoming 9:10 a.m.         | Toulon 9:10 a.m.   | Bradford 9:10 a.m. |

**Fees:** People under age 60: \$10 except to Kewanee is \$6; People aged 60 & over: voluntary donation  
**Call by 4:00 p.m. the day before you would like to ride the van to make your reservation.**

**Individual transports are available M - F with advanced reservations.**

## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



## 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!

**FOR ANSWERS  
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## CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
is LONGFELLOW

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

VE ZDGRW, R ZKURKIK,

RA NYK VSAN ZKGBNRJBU

MGDN SJ VE ZSHE.

— AYGCRDG

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## Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What is the study of clouds called?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which country's highest mountain is called Ben Nevis?
3. ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
4. TELEVISION: What beer brand appears in "The Simpsons" animated TV show?
5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
6. ANATOMY: What is a common name for the condition known as piloerection?
7. MOVIES: Which city was the setting for the movie "The Sting"?
8. MATH: How many yards are in a mile?
9. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby ferret called?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which celebrity chef stars on the cooking show "Hell's Kitchen"?

### Answers

1. Nephology.
2. Scotland, 4,413 feet high.
3. Global Positioning System.
4. Duff.
5. 1970.
6. Goosebumps.
7. Chicago.
8. 1,760.
9. A kit.
10. Gordon Ramsay.

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## TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Black Phone 2 (R)
2. Regretting You (no rating)
3. Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc (R)
4. KPop Demon Hunters (PG)
5. Bugonia (R)
6. Back to the Future (PG)
7. Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere (PG)
8. Tron: Ares (PG-13)
9. Stitch Head (PG)
10. Good Fortune (R)

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# Photo finish for Rebels’ runner-up at state

Stark County’s Evan Knobloch second at Class 1A state cross country, teammate Dusti Smith 10th in girls race

**By NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Prairie News

PEORIA – Evan Knobloch and Bob Rennick Jr. might have been among the happiest guys at Detweiller Park following the Class 1A boys cross country state final.

After running 3 miles and finishing in second place, Knobloch probably was too tired to show it. But Rennick, the Stark County coach, more than made up for that.

“I’m the luckiest coach there could possibly be, man,” a joyful, beaming Rennick said Nov. 8 as he celebrated in the park with other Stark County partisans.

“We had a terrific day.”

Indeed, Stark County runners did. In addition to the performance by sophomore Knobloch, junior Dusti Smith finished 10th in the 1A girls race to help propel the Rebels to a 15th-place team finish. That is a school best.

Both individual runners earned all-state status by finishing among the top 25 in their respective races.

“I’m just blessed to have such great kids,” Rennick said.

Knobloch trailed only one of



the greatest Illinois small-school boys runners of recent times, perhaps. Gillespie senior Chaz Oberkfell won his second consecutive 1A title by running 14:32.1 on a near-perfect day for

a race – dry, overcast, calm winds and temperatures in the mid-50s.

Some 14 seconds behind Oberkfell was a Titanic battle for runner-up. Knobloch and Tus-



cola senior Blake McLeese dueled for most of the final 300-yard incline to the finish line.

At the end, it was Knobloch by an eyelash. His time was a personal-record 14:46.25, two-tenths of a second faster than McLeese.

“I knew I had to stay tough

and finish strong, because every place matters,” an admittedly exhausted Knobloch said afterward. “That was mentally just toughness. You had to be tough in that moment. That finish defies place.

“I just wanted to get that second place so badly in that mo-

ment.”

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