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Stark Co. Sheriff Sloan, Wyoming chief Tiller stepping down

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News The face of law enforcement in Stark County changed dramatically on Nov. 10.

Wyoming Police Chief James Tiller announced his immediate retirement on Nov. 10 and Stark County Sheriff Steve Sloan announced his planned retirement at the Nov. 10 meeting of the Stark County Board.

Tiller is moving to West Virginia and his retirement was effective last week. Wyoming is

advertising for a replacement, according to Mayor Jim Mercer.

"I talked to the county and we've got it covered three days a week and the county will cover the rest of the week until I get somebody hired," Mercer said.

Phil Wells is currently working as a part-time officer for Wyoming, but not does want to take on a full-time position, according to Mercer.

Another officer, Kerry Copeland, should graduate from the police academy in December.



Copeland has expressed interest in the police chief position.

A Wyoming resident, Sloan will end a 48-year career in law enforcement on Dec. 31. He has been Stark County Sheriff since

Dec. 1, 2016, when he replaced Jimmie Dison. Sloan, 67, started his law-enforcement career with the Stark County Sheriff's Office on Dec. 7, 1978 as a deputy.

After five years, he took over as chief of police in Wyoming for about 25 years.

Sloan then returned to the sheriff's office in 2005 as a jailer and dispatcher. He eventually began working again as a deputy.

At the time of his appointment in 2016, Sloan called the position of Stark County Sheriff a dream

Sloan laughed when asked if the job actually turned out to be a dream. "Yes it was," he said. "I've enjoyed working with all the people and the citizens in Stark County. I'll miss them, but I'm looking forward to retirement."

Sloan said he thinks Chief Deputy Chuck Demetreon will be his replacement on an interim basis. The County Board meets again Dec. 9 and can formalize

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Stark Co to drop tax levy

Increase in EAV aids schools

By JEFF LAMPE For The Prairie News

WYOMING - Increases in property values in Stark County District 100 will allow the school to reduce its actual levy.

That was the report from Superintendent Brett Elliott during Monday's monthly meeting of the school board.

The board approved a 5.66% tax levy for 2025, which is a slight reduction from last year and is possible due to a predicted increase in equalized assessed value of properties of 5.5% to 6%.

Because the EAV will in-Continued on Page 2

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS





Christmas Events Ahead

The spirit of Christmas and the holidays will be celebrated across the area for the next two weekends.

Tonight, Nov. 21, the Wyoming Chanber of Commerce will hold its annual Moonlight Madness downtown starting at 4:30 p.m. Various events are scheduled throughout downtown, including food, live music, a tree-lighting ceremony, free pictures, a live nativity scene and a parade starting at 7:30.

Galva has its Ol' Fashioned Christmas event Saturday, Nov. 29, with activities scheduled all day from 9 a.m. until 8:30 p.m. See the schedule on Page 7. Bishop Hill will celebrate its Julmarknad (Christmas Market) Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 6 - 7.

Bradford's Old Fashioned Christmas is Dec. 6, 4-7:30 p.m. and Toulon's event will be Dec. 13, 5-7 p.m.





End of TIF district boosts Galva schools

District 224 EAV to increase 11.2%

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The closure of one of Galva's tax increment finance districts will result in an influx of money for the school dis-

The board on Monday approved a tentative Fiscal Year 2025 tax levy that shows an 11.2% increase and will trigger a Truth in Taxation hearing on Dec. 15 at 6:55 p.m.

Superintendent Joe Becker said all of that increase is due to an increase in equalized assessed value of property in the school district. Most notable is an influx of \$8 million in EAV due to the closure of TIF2, Galva's commercial TIF district.

"It's nice to have that back on the books," Becker said.

The additional EAV allowed Becker to reduce the tax rate from 4.53 last year to 4.48 for 2025 taxes.

Becker said he has steadily reduced the tax rate during his tenure as superintendent by nearly 20 cents – a move possible due to continued increases in EAV.

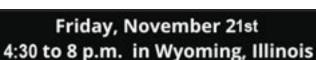
In other action, the board accepted the resignation of Music Teacher Whitney Fahrner, effective Jan. 1, and approved Lexi Morse as a junior high cheer volunteer coach for 2025-26.

Three Galva seniors were named Illinois State Scholars: McKenna Ander-

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GALVA: Parent speaks out against VB coach

Continued from Page 1 son, Allison Nordstrom and Kailynn Townsend. Honored for their outstanding values at the meeting were Parker Swanson, Elise Nance, Ellory McDonald, Ryanne Hut-

chison and Cyrus Hurd.
During public comment,
Darcy Swanson addressed

the board about what she views as ongoing problems with the coaching of Galva's volleyball team.

A former basketball coach at Galva and mother of a volleyball player, Swanson said, "I have been asked to be here tonight as a voice for those who feel like they cannot

raise theirs. This is for two reasons. 1. Fear of retaliation. 2. Fear that no one cares enough to listen."

Galva finished 6-22 this season under Coach Krystal West. Swanson said West's treatment of players on the team "is affecting the psychological safety of our athletes."

Swanson said she had a meeting with Galva Athletic Director Marland Rachel and with Principal Kurtis Smyth about the volleyball team. She said she appreciated the meeting.

Swanson's daughter, who was on the volleyball team, also spoke.

STARK CO.: Board honors students, athletes

Continued from Page 1 crease the overall levy by more than 5%, a Truth in Taxation hearing is required. The board approved that hearing for Dec. 15 prior to the next board meeting.

Much of the meeting was spent hearing good news about students and the schools.

Students Jocelynn Bush and Ethan Grinnell were awarded the School Recognition Award from the College Board's National Recognition Program. Bush, Grinnell and Hayley Allen were also recognized as Illinois State Scholars.

High school cross country athletes and FFA students were also honored as was John Ballentine, who retired recently from The Prairie News. Several FFA teams finished in the top 11 at the National FFA Agriscience Fair, led by fourth-place finishes from Jake Primo and SC graduate Chelsey Stotler.

In the latest 2024-25 Illi-

nois School Report Card, the elementary school, junior high and high school were all named as commendable, the secondhighest distinction awarded. The board voted to accept that report card.

The board also approved 2025-26 emergency/snow routes and an increase in pay for event workers pay rates.

In public comment, Rebecca Saner addressed the board in regards to what she viewed as communication failures after her son left the campus after a confrontation with a supervisor in the Recovery Room.

The school will hold its first Rebel Roundtable event Dec. 12 at 9 a.m. in the high school and elementary school. Coffee and pastries will be served and parents will have a chance to hear a presentation and discuss items with school administrators.

The elementary school Christmas concert will be Dec. 16.

LAW ENFORCEMENT: Demetreon likely successor

Continued from Page 1 the appointment of Demetreon, 48, chief deputy since 2017.

The next election cycle is in 2026, with a primary on March 17 and a general election on Nov. 3. Sloan said Demetreon is the only person who has announced his candidacy to be sheriff.

Demetreon has worked in the sher-

iff's department for nearly 22 years, starting as a deputy and moving up to become sergeant in 2010.

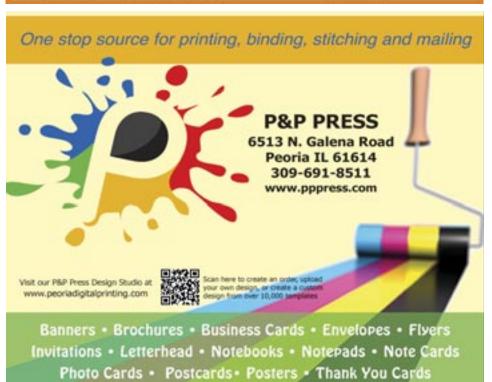
Sloan said his proudest achievement is helping bring Emergency 911 service to Stark County, which was the last county in the state to receive E-911 status. Peoria County agreed to an intergovernmental agreement to combine with Stark County in 2024.

"I have nothing but high marks for the Peoria County ETSB (Emergency Telephone Systems Board)," Sloan said.

Sloan was not as pleased with Illinois passing the SAFE-T Act in 2021.

"It's just ridiculous the amount of paperwork that has to be sent into the state now," Sloan said. "I'm looking forward to retirement."







PUBLIC RECORD

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-9 - Natasha S. Weeks, 34, Peoria, was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

11-11 - Driver Paige L. Workheiser, 24, of Wyoming reported a hit-andrun accident at U.S. Route 40 and Illinois Route 93. No injuries were reported, and the incident remains under investigation. Vehicle damage was estimated at \$500 or less.

11-12 - Nicholas J. Massaro, 23, Pearl River, N.Y., was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone.

11-12 - Ronald G. Reyes, 34, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

11-12 - Austin R. Esslinger, 40, Princeville, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone.

11-13 - Driver Branden L. Bitting, 44, of Toulon hit a deer on Sharkey Highway near the intersection of 1100E. No injuries were reported but damage to the 2011 Nissan Maxima was estimated at over \$1,500.

11-15 - Moselle K. Holmes, 18, Peoria, was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Knox County Report

10-16 - A Stark County woman was accused of child abandonment following an incident north of Williamsfield. Felicia M. Potter, 34, of Wyoming was driving a 2010 Dodge minivan when she dropped off an 11year-old girl shortly before 6 p.m. Oct. 16 at Illinois Route 180 and Knox Highway 24, then circled the intersection while yelling at the child and left, a witness told a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy.

An infant was Potter's other passenger, according to a sheriff's-office report. Potter later was located in East Galesburg. Witnesses said Potter had celebrated her birthday in Wyoming when she got into a verbal argument with someone and left.

Potter also was charged with three counts of causing a child to be endangered. The 11-year-old and a 6-

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year-old girl were taken for evaluation to OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services was notified. Stark County deputies also responded.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

11-10 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for a fraud/identity theft complaint.

11-10 - to a residence on SE 6th St. for a juvenile needing a mentalhealth evaluation.

11-11 - While patrolling, officer witnessed a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of NW 1st St. and NW 5th Ave. Both vehicles and a utility pole suffered extensive damage but no injuries were reported. A 17 year old Galva teen was issued a citation for failure to yield the rightof-way at a yield intersection.

11-11 - to the 400 block of NW 9th St. for a loose-dog complaint.

11-12 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd Ave. to assist a citizen.

11-12 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an aggressive-animal com-

11-12 - While patrolling, officer saw a small leaf fire in the 200 block of SW 5th St. The resident was asked to put it out as it wasn't a burn day.

11-12 - While patrolling, officer saw a large leaf fire in the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. The resident was asked to put it out as it wasn't a burn day.

11-12 - to the 300 block of SE 5th St. for a dog-bite complaint. A neighbor's dog bit the complainant's dog,

causing minor injuries.

11-13 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist who locked their keys inside a vehicle. Henry County was not able to get vehicle unlocked. Owner was referred to Tarleton's or another locksmith for assis-

11-13 - to the 600 block of NW 2nd St. for a civil-property dispute.

11-13 - to the 00 block of SE 6th St. in reference to a city ordinance violation of having junk within public view.

11-13 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a domestic disturbance. As the result, Jamie Howard, 37, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of domestic battery. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.

11-13 - to the west edge of town to watch for a reckless driver coming towards town. Officer located the suspect vehicle, but did not see any violations to justify a traffic stop.

11-14 - While patrolling, officer saw a small fire in the 200 block of NE 1st St. The resident was asked to put it out as it wasn't a burn day.

11-14 - multiple times for 911 calls in the 00 block of NE 4th St. As the result, John Kurzeja, 44, Galva, was arrested by Galva and Henry County for aggravated battery to a police officer, threatening a public official, disorderly conduct-false police reports and disorderly conduct for pointing a laser pointer at police. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

11-15 - to the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. for a verbal domestic distur-

11-15 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. to assist a motorist.

11-15 - to the 00 block of NE 7th St. after a subject located a wallet and wanted to turn it into police.

11-16 - to U.S. Route 34 just east of town to assist Henry County with a moving domestic disturbance in a passing vehicle.





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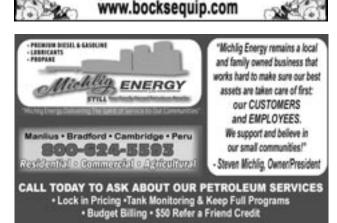
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Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the City of Galbs for tax year 2025 will be held on 1, December 2025 at 5:45 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall located at 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to he taxing district may contact Debbie Vanwassenhow City Clerk, 311 N.W. 4th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434 phone number (309) 932 - 2555.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2024 were \$84,017. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for tax year 2025 are \$109,418. This represents a 30 percent increase o w the predous year.

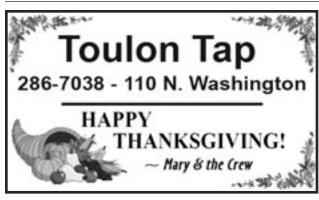
III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission lease for tax year 2024 were \$154,291. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for tax year 2025 are \$130,102. This represents a 16 percent decrease over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2024 were \$844.042. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for tax year 2025 are \$1,073,270. This represents a 27 percent increase over the predous year.

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All hearings shall be open to the public. The corporate authority of the taxing district shall explain the reasons for the proposed increase and shall permit persons desiring to be heard an opportunity to present testimony within reasonable time limits as it determines.

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GUEST VOICES

You should never condemn the hungry

My mother was born into dirt, poverty and hunger on a tenant farm in east-central Nebraska in April 1932. She was the third child – fourth, including her brother Gordon, who

died before she was born – of her parents, Lottie and Harry, young Illinoisans drawn west a decade earlier by the promise of a farm.

By 1933, however, everyone – her parents and



Alan **GUEBERT**

older siblings Nina and Robert –was living a nightmare. Drought, dust and desperation were everywhere. Hunger, too.

"We ate flour pancakes most days," she once explained when asked why she rarely talked about her early life in Nebraska.

"If it was summer," she continued, "we'd have garden vegetables, usually cabbage, with our pancakes. If it was Sunday, we'd kill an old hen to boil."

A couple of years and another brother later, they lost the rented farm and, as Mom explained, "We had a sale and sold everything except for Daddy's team (of horses) and their harness that he said we'd need when we got back to Illinois."

And back they came – "crawled" was the verb my mother used – to another rented farm to start over. It was 1937, she noted, "And we had

nothing."

It was a searing childhood – one she never recalled fondly. It was the hard beginning of a difficult life marked with anger, petty jealousies, a quick temper, depression and alcohol addiction. She survived the Depression but never learned how to carry its scars.

After my father died, I had a long conversation with Mom, one of the few we ever shared, concerning an angry spat – and a year-long silence – she was carrying on with a close family member. She was 86; I was 63 and here we were, mother and son, searching for the root of her still-seething fury.

A half-hour into our discussion, she suddenly went back to Nebraska. "I hated being hungry," she said. "It wasn't my fault."

Of course it wasn't her fault; nor was it her parents' fault, two of the most humble, hard-working people I have ever known. Harry eventually found a career as a carpenter but died young, worn out by work and worry. Lottie, a youngish widow, learned the drapery business and spent her final 26 years with her needles, Bible and 1962 Plymouth Belvedere.

Neither ever spoke of Nebraska or the wounds left on them and their children by hunger and failure. It was ever-present on them, however, and they seemed to recognize this painful burden in others.

For example, on an early-winter night when I was maybe 11 or 12, someone knocked on the front door of our southern-Illinois farm house. The knock scared Mom – Dad was milking cows down the road – because no one ever used our front door. In fact, my father had stuffed newspapers in the wide gaps between it and its frame to slow the winter wind whistling into the house.

My mother sent me and a brother to turn on the front porch light to see who it was. When we did, we saw a medium-built, unshaven man wearing layers of tattered wool and a lifeless face. All he needed, he shouted through the still-closed door, was some food and something to drink.

When I relayed that to my mother, she quickly packed two thick peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches, two apples and a pint jar of milk in a paper sack. She gave it to me and said, "Don't talk to him; just hand it through the door."

And that's what I did.

When I returned to the kitchen, I asked my mother if she knew the man. No, she said, he was just someone who was hungry, and no one should ever be hungry.

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Love Tree donations sought in Galva

GALVA – There are 79 ornaments with children's sizes and wants hanging on the Galva area Love Tree at the State Bank of Toulon, Senior Center and the Community State Bank.

Gifts are due back to City Hall on Dec. 4-5 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Dec. 6 from 8-11 a.m. The project is sponsored by the Xi Kappa Gamma chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

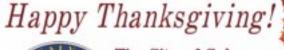
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• KEWANEE - Visitation Catholic

School, 107 S. Lexington Ave., is hosting a Christmas bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 22 The event begins with "Marching to the Magic of Christmas" and runs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. in Goetzman Gymnasium.

• BISHOP HILL - On Nov. 16, the Burns Boosters 4-H club met at the Bishop Hill Fire Station.

After the meeting members practiced parliamentary procedure by making a trail mix. The club's next meeting is Dec. 21 for the Christmas party. The club will bring non-perishable food items for a food drive to benefit the Galva Food Pantry.





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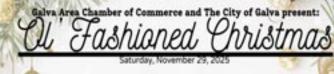
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Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House - sponsored by CSB Galva Boy Scouts Bird Food Ornament - sponsored by Galva Arts Council

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2pm-4pm Galva Girl Scouts Love Tree Toy Drive @ Crescent City Tap 336 Front St

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4:30pm Parade Line-Up at Stackhouse Moore 117 E Division St - join us!!

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5:30pm Lighting of Veterans Park - Join Santa as he leads the countdown!

7pm-8:30pm Christmas Carols @ Galva Arts Council (doors at 6pm)

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LaFayette Methodist Church

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West Jersey United Methodist Church Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL • Rev. Pablo Marty Phone (217) 425-5707 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Elmira United Presbyterian Church 7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483 • (309) 896-3481

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The Gathering Church Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491 Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m. Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491 email: info@thegathering.life website: www.thegathering.life/ www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

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Reverend David Graham 218 N. Henderson St., Toulon • (309) 286-4901 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Email fcctoulon@gmail.com website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church Pastor Marshall Jones

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Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart 214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434 • (309) 932-2460 preachinghope@gmail.com galvafirst@gmail.com Sunday Worship: 9:0 a.m.

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Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm 302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287. 309-606-9027 Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com

Service is held at 10 a.m. Sunday morning Bradford Leet United Methodist Church **Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church**

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OBITUARIES

Marvin L. Knobloch

CHILLICOTHE - Marvin Lee Knobloch, 87, formerly of Stark County, peacefully passed away at 6:40 a.m. Monday, Nove. 17, 2025, at Apostolic Christian Skylines Home in Peoria.

Marvin was born Aug. 27, 1938, in

Camp Grove, Ill., to Clarence and Emma (Elsasser) Knobloch. He married Dianne Grimm on Aug. 23, 1964, in West Bend, Iowa; she survives.



Knobloch

Also surviving are six children, Daryl (Deborah) Knobloch of Denver, Angela (Douglas) Herrmann of Brimfield, Roland (Nicole) Knobloch of Tremont, Rachel (Timothy) Braker of Morton, Brian (Kristin) Knobloch of Bradford and Crystal (Jason) Cresto of Bradford; 16 grandchildren, Joshua Knobloch, Leah Knobloch, Amanda (Jeff) Strunk, Ashley (Ryan) Stoller, Aaron (Samantha) Herrmann, Alex Herrmann, Logan Knobloch, Kadin Knobloch, Rylee Knobloch, Kyle Braker, Reagan Braker, Avery Braker, Evan Knobloch, Erik Knobloch, Isaac Cresto and Ian Cresto; seven great-grandchildren; four brothers, Butch (Mary Ann) Knobloch, John (Cheryl) Knobloch, Gerald Knobloch and Dean (Jackie) Knobloch; and four sisters, Mary (Ben) Tanner, Joan (Bill) Frank, Netta Ramos and Sue (Dave) Beery; along with many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carol Baurer; two brothers-in-law, Edwin Baurer and Roy Ramos; and a sister-in-law, Mary Knobloch.

Marvin had a deep and abiding love for his Lord and Savior; his example of faithful perseverance and courageous determination during his battle with Parkinson's disease will linger on in the lives of his children and grandchildren. He was a member of the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church and of the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church, serving as church trustee and Sunday School teacher.

Marvin was a lifelong farmer in Bradford, establishing a generational farm with his sons, along with a Monsanto seed business. He was also a realtor for Soy Capital, served on the Apostolic Christian Skylines Board, the Board of Education for Bradford Unit 1 School District and the Osceola Township Board. Marvin enjoyed volunteering for the Peoria Midwest Food Bank, spending winters in Sarasota, Fla., and spending time with family and friends.

His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 22, 2025, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 21, 2025, 3-7 p.m. at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. Saturday prior to the funeral service at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Burial will follow in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Haskell Funeral Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Skylines Home in Peoria, or to Apostolic Christian LifePoints in Morton.

To leave online condolences please visit Marvin's tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Richard L. St. John

BONFIELD, Ill. - Richard Lee St. John, 86, passed away peacefully on Nov. 12, 2025, in Kankakee County, Ill. He was born on March 30, 1939, in Stark County, Ill., to the late Clyde and Gwendolyne (Philhower) St. John.

A proud graduate of Toulon Community High School's Class of 1957, Richard went on to serve his country in the U.S. Army from 1957-60. He later retired from EM Lubricants in



St. John

West Lafayette, Ind. Even in retirement, Richard's spirit led him to Stark County News (County E News) in Toulon, Ill.

Richard lived a life rich with sim-

ple joys. He loved to travel, especially in his beloved Newmar RV. He was a natural storyteller, always ready to share a memory, a joke, or a tale from his past. Just as often, he was the one asking questions; Richard had a genuine curiosity about the world and enjoyed learning the facts behind the most random things.

He treasured time spent with family and could always be found with a deck of cards nearby. His granddaughters still aren't sure whether he was truly that good at cards or if he had found a clever way to cheat - an ongoing mystery that will forever bring a smile to their

He also faithfully cheered on his Chicago Bears and Chicago Cubs, no matter the season or their record.

He is survived by three siblings, Gary (Barbara) St. John of Tulsa, Okla.; Rosemary (Dennis) Rewerts of Wyoming, Ill.; and Larry (Judy) St. John of Wyoming. He leaves behind three daughters who meant the world to him, Leanne (Stan) Schneider of Bonfield, Ill.; Cheri (Steve) Johnson of Lebanon, Ind.; and Vicki (Brian) Medley of Thorntown, Ind.

Richard was a proud grandfather to Eric Them of Bonfield, John Wells of Kankakee, Ill., Lauren (Aaron) Speaks of Chapel Hill, Tenn., Allison (Sean) Graff of Lawrenceburg, Ind., Ciara Medley of Brownsburg, Ind., and Shelby (Korbin) Lough of Thorntown, Ind.; and great-grandfather to Levi Speaks. He is also remembered fondly by his beloved dog, Tibby, who was never far from him.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents and by his wife, Anne St.

Family and friends will gather to honor and celebrate Richard's life on Dec. 6, 2025, at 1 p.m. (meal provided) at the Paramount Theatre in Wyoming.

Allen Anderson

GALVA – Allen Andersen, 90, of Galva, died at 4:51 p.m., Monday, Nov. 17, 2025 at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Arrangements are pending at Rux Funeral Home in Galva.









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Garbage & Recycling Holiday Schedule

Week of Nov. 23rd garbage pick-up will be Tues Nov 25th

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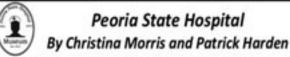
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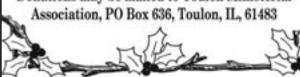
The Peoria State Hospital Museum's Director Christina Morris and Historian Patrick Harden will present a slide show depicting the Asylum from its opening in 1902 to its closing in 1973. Come join us. The public is always welcome.

Saturday, November 22 at 1:30 PM Toulon Public Library Community Room 617 E. Jefferson Street Toulon, IL

TOULON CHRISTMAS FOOD BASKETS

The distribution of the Toulon food baskets

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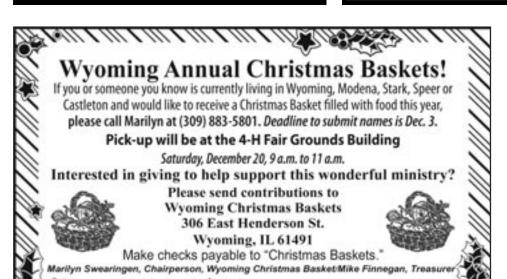


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Happy Birthday JoAn Woodford

90 years old - Dec. 1 Help her celebrate by sending a card, 100 West Grove, Wyoming, IL 61491

Apostolic Christian Church Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall - 710 E. Main - Princeville (North of the Church)

> Thursday, December 4th 12:30pm to 6:00pm For an appointment, please

call Denise Kieser 309-238-0769 or visit redcrossblood.org

SPORTS: Galva players named all-conference

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Stark County's Chase Holmstrom earned secondteam honors at linebacker and Ben Browning was picked for the second team as a punter.

Browning also earned honorable mention as a defensive back and quarter-

Galva honorees –

Galva's playoff football team placed several players on the 8-Player West all-conference team.

Blake Stahl was a firstteam outside linebacker and punter. Voted secondteam all-conference was JP Sloan as a kicker and tight end, Cyrus Hurd as a defensive end and MJ Louck as a wider receiver. Ben

Burris earned honorable mention as an offensive lineman.

"We have a stacked conference and to get the recognition we did is impressive," Galva Coach Zach Anderson said.

Amboy plays Polo Friday at 7 p.m. in the 8-Player state title game at Monmouth College.

• LTC volleyball – Stark County's Coley Johnston was voted to the Lincoln Trail Conference second

team for volleyball. Galva's Kaylyn Gale was voted LTC honorable mention.

Sawyer Secrist of ROWVA-Williamsfield was the Toney Anderson Memorial Award winner.





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

ANNETTE K. TOWNSEND,, Deceased No. 2025PR18

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Annette K. Townsend. Letters of Office 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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Name Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor Address P.O. Box 165 City Galva, IL 61434 Phone(309) 932-2001 Email: everettr@barashlaw.com Published 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/25

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 Independent 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 representative, 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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Barash & Dry Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555

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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 Independent 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 representative, 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

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 ADMINISTRATÍVELY DISSOLVED IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); HENRY COUNTY TRUSTEE, ILLINOIS; ÚNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

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 Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned 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 SCROGGINS (INDIVIDUALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN [ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIM-ITED LIABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN [ADMIN-ISTRATIVELY 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 particularly bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a "P.K." nail. Said "P.K." nail being the Place of Beginning, 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 parallel 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

212 NW 1st Street, Galva IL 61434.

5. Identifications of the Mortgage and Assignment of Rents sought to be foreclosed are as follows: Mortgage:

MINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED] IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY); GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C. (AN [ADMINISTRATIVELY DISSOLVED IOWA LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY)

b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon c. Date of Mortgage: October 3, 2022

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

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 Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the

Circuit Clerk Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 zac@barashlaw.com Published 11/14, 11/21,11/28/25

4. A common address or description of the location of the real es-

a. Names of Mortgagors: MORGEN E. SCROGGINS (INDIVID-UALLY, AND AS A MEMBER OF GOEDE MORGEN, L.L.C., AN [AD-

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

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CROSSWORD ANSWERS

BASKETBALL: Galva girls drop two at AlWood

Continued from Page 12 game as a freshman.

Sophomore Hallie Newton led the team against Hall with 11 points. Newton has moved into a starting role this year after coming off the bench last season.

Stark County plays Mendota today in Princeton at 6:30 p.m. Saturday's games are based on finish in the first three games.

• Galva – The Lady Wildcats (0-2) dropped their first two games at the ROWVA-Ridgewood tour-

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Galva dropped its opener in the AlWood High School gym on Nov. 17 to Rockridge, 47-20. Rockridge held a 31-10 advantage at the half. Leah DeCook scored 20 points in the victory for Rock-

On Nov. 18, Galva lost to Orion (64-59).

Galva will play Friday at 5 p.m. at AlWood and then on Saturday games move to Oneida and are based on results the first three games.

• Annawan – The onceproud Annawan girls basketball program has fallen on hard times this year. Due to a lack of players turning out, Annawan has cancelled its girls basketball season.

During the 14-year heasd coaching tenure of Jason Burkiewicz, who

stepped down from the coaching position after the 2024 season, Annawan went 341-93 and the Bravettes won state titles in 2014 and 2017 and placed third in 2013. Annawan also won 10 Lincoln Trail Conference titles and nine LTC tournament titles in that time.







K-12 MUSIC TEACHER

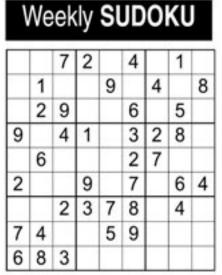
Junior/Senior High School Choir

K-6 General Music

5th & 6th Grade Choir



PUZZLE CORNER



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: •

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Predator: Badlands 6. Bugonia (R) (PG-13)

2. Regretting You (PG-13)

3. Black Phone 2 (R) 4. Sarah's Oil (PG-13) 5. Nuremberg (PG-13)

7. Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc (R) 8. Die My Love (R)

9. Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere (PG) 10. Tron: Ares (PG-13)

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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, spostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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1. HISTORY: Which country sold Alaska to the United States? 2. GEOGRAPHY: On which continent is

the Sahara Desert? 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Who

created The Muppets? 4. MUSIC: What was singer Miley

Cyrus' alter ego when she starred in a Disney sitcom? 5. MATH: How many sides does a heptagon (sometimes called a septagon)

6. MOVIES: Which singer is featured in the biopic "A Complete Unknown"?

7. FOOD & DRINK: What is carpaccio? 8. LITERATURE: In "The Jungle Book," who raised the boy called Mowgli' 9 TELEVISION: Where was Mork from

in the sitcom "Mork and Mindy"? 10. LANGUAGE: What does the phrase

"doubleplusungood" mean in Newspeak featured in the dystopian novel "1984"?

1. Russia, in 1867.

Africa. 3. Jim Henson.

Hannah Montana.

Seven.

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Local athletes earn honors

Stark County's Daum named all-state honorable mention

By The Prairie News Stark County High School senior Connor Daum was named honorable mention all-state for Class 1A by the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association.

A wide receiver and defensive back, Daum had a team-high 741 yards on 40 catches. He also caught 11 touchdown passes and ran for 150 yards and three scores. Daum averaged 23.2 yards per kickoff return and scored twice.

Other LincolnLand Con-

ference small-division allstaters included firstteamers Annawan-Wethersfield's Maddux Heitzler, a quarterback/defensive back, and running back/linebacker Rylan Reimolds of Rushville-Industry. Wyatt Desplinter of A-W was an honorable mention selection at linebacker.

Daum was also voted first-team all conference at wideout and defensive back in the LincolnLand small division.

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Stark County senior Connor Daum was named honorable mention all-state for Class 1A.

Hoops season starting to heat up

By The Prairie News Cold weather is coming and a warm gym awaits fans of high school basketball, which heated up this week.

Girls games opened Monday, while boys teams will tip off starting Monday, Nov. 24. Stark County faces Rockridge at 5 p.m. in its opener of the Wally Keller Tournament at Kewanee Wethersfield. Galva tips off Monday at 7 p.m.

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Hoops previews

Previews of local girls and boys basketball teams will run in our Nov. 28 edition, which for many will be distributed one day late due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

in Oneida against West Central in tournament play.

The Stark County girls dropped their first two games at the Princeton Invite, falling to Chillicothe IVC on Monday, 44-27,

and on Tuesday losing to Spring Valley Hall, 31-21.

"For both games we are struggling to find offensive flow," Stark County Coach Bob Bohm. "As we go along we should hit our stride."

Sophomore Coley Johnston scored 17 points to lead the Lady Rebels against IVC, picking up where she left off last year while averaging 12 points per

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