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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.



Tiller



Sloan

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

job.

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-

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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 Chamber 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 district.

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

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son, Allison Nordstrom and Kailynn Townsend. Honored for their outstanding values at the meeting were Parker Swanson, Elise Nance, Ellory McDonald, Ryanne Hutchison 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

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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 second-highest 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 communica-

tion 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.



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LAW ENFORCEMENT: Demetreon likely successor

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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."

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Incidents & Accidents
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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-and-run 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 11-year-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-



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 mental-health 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 right-of-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 complaint.

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 assistance.

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 disturbance.

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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By 1933, however, everyone – her parents and 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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31 20th Greek letter

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106 "No kidding!"

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BRIEFS

Bishop Hill’s gears up for Julmarknad

BISHOP HILL – Bishop Hill’s annual Julmarknad, or Christmas Market, will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 28-30 and Dec. 6., 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7.

Schedule of Events

- Nov. 28-30: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Dec. 1, Dec. 6-7: cookie walk at the Colony School (Nov. 28-29 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.); Dala Horse take-home kits and make and take Dala painting at Vasa; Tomten roaming the village; working model railroad and Nyckelharpa concert of Swedish music by Lisa Horn-gren at the Steeple Building at 1 p.m.; Advent wreath workshop at Colony School; cookie baking at the Bjorklund Hotel at 1 p.m.
- Dec. 6: Swedish song workshop from 1- 2:30 p.m. and Kongero concert at 7 p.m. at the Creative Commons.
- Dec. 6-7: Tomten roaming throughout the village; model railroad at the Steeple Building; make and take treats and ornaments at Bjork-land Hotel, Vasa and (1 - 3 p.m.) Steeple building.



Pictured above, scouts and adults from Boy Scout Troop 150 and Cub Scout Pack 142 participated in the Scouting for Food food drive in Toulon on Nov. 15.

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.

Et cetera

- 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.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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~ The leaders and Scouts of Troop 150 and Pack 142

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SPORTS: Galva players named all-conference

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Stark County’s Chase Holmstrom earned second-team 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 quarterback.

• Galva honorees —

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

Blake Stahl was a first-team outside linebacker and punter. Voted second-team 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.

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ESTATE OF)
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No. 2025PR18

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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

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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.

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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.

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

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
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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.”

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate 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 (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)
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 [ADMINISTRATIVELY 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 Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.
_/s/ Terilyn A. Motley_____
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For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025

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Answers

BASKETBALL: Galva girls drop two at AlWood

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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-

nament.

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 Rockridge

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 once-proud 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 head coaching tenure of Jason Burkiewicz, who

stepped down from the coaching position after the 2024 season, Annawan went 341-93 and the Braves 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.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Predator: Badlands (PG-13)	6. Bugonia (R)
2. Regretting You (PG-13)	7. Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc (R)
3. Black Phone 2 (R)	8. Die My Love (R)
4. Sarah's Oil (PG-13)	9. Springsteen: Deliver Me from Nowhere (PG)
5. Nuremberg (PG-13)	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, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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Trivia test

by Fili Rodriguez

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) have?
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.
2. Africa.
3. Jim Henson.
4. Hannah Montana.
5. Seven.
6. Bob Dylan.
7. Thinly sliced raw meat or fish, usually served as an appetizer.
8. Wolves.
9. Planet Ork.
10. Terrible.

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

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 Conference small-division all-staters included first-teamers 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.

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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