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GOBBLE, GOBBLE

Talking turkey with Windsweep owner

By PHYLLIS COULTER
FarmWeek

Feathered gobblers are much more than the center of customers’ holiday meals for Renee Koster and her family at Windsweep Farm in Lee County.

For Koster, turkeys are the curious creatures that greet her. “They are funny. Our building is open on one side. They all come running when they see you,” she said.

A turkey is also the bird of choice for Koster’s Easter meal.

And, for her 10-year-old son Colin Koster, a turkey is a way to learn about earning money, a 4-H project and a pet.

Renee Koster farms near Dixon with her father, Leonard Sheaffer, and her husband, Peter Koster, focusing on direct-marketing diverse natural products. “We have five children. The older ones help on the farm,” Koster told FarmWeek. Windsweep Farm also grows organic soybeans, wheat, corn and soybeans.

“Turkeys are just one thing we do,” said Koster, who started her farm by milking a couple of dairy cows in 2002. She added more dairy cows, beef calves, hogs, laying hens and broilers over time.

Seven years ago, she added turkeys, the start of

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The Broad Breasted White turkey breed, raised on Windsweep Farm in Dixon, is curious, inquisitive and good-natured and fast-growing. Photo courtesy of Renee Koster.

Wyoming names Wells police chief

Approves \$40,000 TIF loan for new bowling alley owner

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

WYOMING – The City of Wyoming has a new police chief.

Mayor Jim Mercer last week appointed Phil Wells as the city’s temporary police chief, replacing Jim Tiller, who retired at the end of October. Wells, a part-time officer in Wyoming, was cleared to serve as chief for one year even though he will continue to work in a part-time role.

Wells has another job and is unable to work on a full-time basis for Wyoming. Mercer said the Illinois Police Association approved him as chief for one year.

Wells, a Toulon resident, will handle administrative duties. Kerry Copeland will become the city’s full-time officer once he graduates from the Illinois State Police Academy in January.

At its Nov. 18 meeting, the Wyoming City Council approved a \$40,000 loan from its TIF

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Wells

Bradford school board sets levy hearing

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Weekly Post

BRADFORD – Due to an increase in equalized assessed value of property in its district, Bradford CUSD 1 will be holding a Truth in Taxation hearing.

The Bradford School Board approved a tentative tax levy resolution for Fiscal Year 2026 at its monthly meeting held on Tuesday. The district is keeping the same tax rate as last year, but is increasing the total levy to capture an estimated EAV increase of 5.8%. That requires a

hearing since the increase is more than 5%. The hearing will be Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. at Bradford Grade School.

In other business, the board approved the annual Illinois State Report Card designation of commendable for both Bradford Grade School and Bradford Junior High School. Commendable is the second-highest rating for the annual report card.

The board also approved use of school facilities for the annual Bradford Lions Club pancake breakfast and a first reading of

various policy changes provided by the Illinois Association of School Board’s Policy Reference Education Subscription Service.

The board recognized the following winners of the Dorothy Lord Memorial award: Kennedy Goodwin, Ruthie Mooberry, Paisley Harris, Savannah Kieser, Athan Barto Colvin, Stella Brady and Klaire Rumbold.

Finally, following executive session, the board accepted the resignation of paraprofessional April Risch.

FIRE HONOREE



Toulon Fire Protection District Board of Trustees President Gary Steward is retiring after 15 years of service. Pictured above (left to right) are Chris Henderson, Stan Foglesong, Steward with his 15-year service award, John Boorman and Andy Colgan.



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WYOMING: Loan for purchase, renovations

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distrint funds to Jed Nicholas, the new owner of Spoon River Bowl in Wyoming. Mercer said terms of the loan are five years and 2% interest.

Loan proceeds can be used to offset the cost of purchasing the bowling alley and also for renovations to the business.

Mercer said Nicholas also owns Catalpa Grove Tavern.

“He’s going to redo some stuff out back and make it more restaurant-oriented,” Mercer said. “He’s going to make it a family-oriented place. More of a bowling alley/restaurant.”

The board tabled a decision on putting up new stop signs in town because a traffic-flow survey was not completed. Wells is expected to complete the survey in time for a vote at the council’s Dec. 16 meeting.

The board also tabled action on 104 E. Williams St., a building it deems as a nuisance.

After executive session, the council approved Christmas bonuses for employees. Full-time staff will receive \$700 and part-time workers will be paid \$400. The council also approved a \$500 payment to Stark County High School for a new basketball tournament.

TURKEY: Illinois raises 3 million turkeys per year

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the current flock of 40.

Overall, Windsweep Farm is only a tiny part of the turkey business in the state. According to the Illinois Corn Growers Association, farmers raise nearly 3 million turkeys statewide each year.

Almost all Koster’s customers want their turkeys during the holiday season, so most are already spoken for this year, but there are still some available.

“There’s not a lot of demand outside the holiday season,” Koster said.

However, she breaks with tradition by serving turkey at Easter. Last year, it was a 32-pounder for 35 guests. She quartered it to make it easier to handle and brined it to add flavor and moisture. She smoked half and roasted the rest.

What’s Koster’s best tip for Thanksgiving cooks?

“For roasting, make sure it’s covered really well. Give it plenty of time. Cook it low and slow until it’s fork-tender,” she said.

The family raises two turkey breeds. She started with Broad Breasted White turkeys because they are docile and fast-growing. After research, Koster found the more colorful Narragansett would be a good addition to their flock.

“Narragansetts are docile, which was one of the main reasons I chose them, as my son wanted a pet turkey, so temperament was important,” she said.

Koster soon found the minimum order for poult

(baby turkeys) from an Arizona supplier was 15.

So, Colin Koster started his farming career. He paid for a quarter of the feed costs and when the turkeys were sold, he earned a quarter of the income. He kept two breeding hens and Tom, a male turkey. He exhibited them at the Lee County 4-H and Junior Show and other farm-promotion events.

“Tom is calm. You can go up to him and pick him up,” Renee Koster said. Some people say turkeys, which take about four months to reach butcher weight, are hard to raise. But not for Koster.

“In my experience, they are just as easy as raising broilers,” she said.

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11 Pinnacles

16 Inaccurate

19 Sailing

29 Abilize

21 Pinnacles

22 Money for the senior yrs.

23 Start of a riddle

26 Guided

27 Redeemers

28 Tally

29 Forest growth

30 Comics cry

31 Omitted,

35 Used a scull

37 USN VIP

39 Riddle, part 2

44 Riddle, part 3

47 "Mayday"

48 Take to the road

49 Neighbor of Georgia

50 Aroma detector

52 Stain-fighting toothpaste, e.g.

54 "Year One" director

55 Gun, in slang

56 Asian "way"

58 "Three's Company" co-star

59 Aversion

62 User's guide

64 Celtic language

65 Riddle, part 4

69 Je ne — quoi

73 Incendiary felonies

74 Most frequently

79 Golf legend

81 Poric pest

82 Lifelong pal, informally

84 Tiny hairlike structures

85 Not crying

87 Currency of Latvia

89 Gives the means

91 "— dabba doo"

92 Lick like a cat

94 Riddle, part 5

96 End of the riddle

99 Part of R.O.Y. G. BIV

100 A stage past embryonic

101 Protested

102 Gp. checking baggage

104 Addresses

105 Joan — (French saint)

108 Elliott of the New England Patriots

112 Permit to

113 Riddle's answer

118 Maui garland

119 Bother a lot

120 Sprinted faster than

121 Prefix with

122 Org. on a toothpaste box

123 Pre-Soviet rulers

124 Sneeze catcher

125 "You, over there ..."

DOWN

1 Skull parts

2 Worker welfare org.

3 Rodent-built channel blockers

4 "Vexations" composer

5 Churlish sort

6 Difficult task

7 Gridiron gp.

8 Prefix with term or week

9 Eye, to poets

10 Casual shirt

11 Tiered temples

12 Pale tan

13 "Preach it!"

14 "Sleeper" co-star

15 Old fast jet, for short

16 Worker purifying petroleum

17 Breath-holding reef explorers, e.g.

18 Loose color

24 Bowl-shaped frying pan

25 Brand of PCs and tablets

29 Warship with three banks of rowers

31 Letters after els

32 Hotelier

33 Otherwise

34 Huskies, e.g.

36 Expand on

37 Swiss — (beet variety)

38 — Larna

39 Math game with matchsticks

40 "I'm — loss"

41 Resign from

42 Hearth waste

43 Succinct

45 Just slightly

46 Rips into

51 Coup d'— (rebellion)

53 Dot of land in the ocean

55 Is given the chance to

57 Darth Vader, as a boy

60 Hue

61 Roadwork

62 Eds. mark them up

63 80s sitcom

65 Took the gold

67 Poker stake

68 Deteriorate

69 Man-goat of myth

70 Where aid is urgently required

71 While not physically attending

72 Ice cream alternatives

75 Pen tips

76 "Phantom Lady" co-star

77 Prolonged attack

78 Zapped with a stunning weapon

80 Camel cousin

82 "DMZ" actor Benjamin

83 "— is an Englishman" ("H.M.S. Pinafore" lyric)

86 Kind of 35mm camera

88 High coil

89 Furniture

90 Bridal bio word

93 Avian

95 Rock guitarist

97 Lulu helios

98 Ward for preemies

102 Decimal base

103 Be too thrifty

104 Spaghetti — bolognese

106 Goat cheese

107 Miles away

108 Jacob's twin, in the Bible

109 Region

110 Nest fillers

111 Exam for an atty.-to-be

113 Vietnamese New Year

114 Deteriorate

115 Anna of fashion

116 Non-earthings, for short

117 "— longa, vita brevis"

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PUBLIC RECORD

Incidents & Accidents
Stark County

11-14 - Rennel F. McChristian, 34, of Peoria hit a deer on Illinois Route 17 near the 500E intersection. No injuries were reported but the 2016 BMW sustained estimated damage over \$1,500.

11-18 - Nasir A. Silas, 18, Bloomington, was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and for driving while his license was suspended. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

11-20 - Michael S. Purdy Jr., 28, Castleton, was ticketed for stopping, standing, or parking in a prohibited area and driving on an expired registration.

11-20 -An identity/credit card theft complaint was reported to authorities at the Stark County Sheriff’s Office by a Toulon resident. The incident is under investigation.

11-21 - Misael C. Perez, 51, Bradford, reported a theft at his residence where an unknown individual stole the license plates off his pickup truck.

11-22 - Kenneth L. Meeker Sr., 64, Wyoming, was arrested following a traffic stop and charged with operation of an uninsured vehicle, driving a vehicle with a suspended registration, possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle, obstructing a peace officer, resisting a peace officer, unlawful possession of a controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine. His 2011 Honda pickup truck was towed and impounded. Meeker was released with a notice to appear in court.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

11-17 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a theft complaint. After inves-



tigating, this complaint was unfounded.

11-17 - Officer met with a subject at the Galva Police Department to file a complaint involving deceptive practices and identity theft.

11-18 - to the 800 block of NW 1st Ave. for a domestic-disturbance complaint. It was a verbal disagreement only.

11-18 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a domestic-disturbance complaint. It was a verbal disagreement only.

11-18 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check. No contact was made.

11-18 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to attempt to assist a citizen suffering from an apparent mental-health crisis.

11-19 - to the 700 block of NW 2nd St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. Officer determined the vehicle was visiting a neighbor.

11-19 - to the 300 block of Market Street for a trespassing complaint.

11-20 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for an activated panic alarm. It was a false alarm.

11-20 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a scam/identity theft report.

11-20 - to assist Henry County with a disturbance on Hayes Road near 1900 East.

11-20 - to the 300 block of SE 7th Ave. for a verbal-disturbance complaint.

11-20 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen suffering from an apparent mental-health crisis.

11-21 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession taking place in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.

11-21 - to the 00 block of NE 6th St. to assist a citizen with a freedom of information act request.

11-21 - to the Galva-Atkinson blacktop several miles north of town for a car vs. deer crash.

11-21 - to assist Knox County with a hit-and-run accident that occurred just south of Galva on Illinois Route 17.

11-21 - to a residence on SE 3rd St. for a welfare check.

11-22 - twice to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

11-22 - Officer met with a subject at the Galva Police Department to register them as a sex offender. The form was completed and emailed to Henry County for LEADS entry.

11-22 - to the NE 2nd St. railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

11-22 - twice to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

11-23 - to the 600 block of NW 5th St. for a loose-cat complaint.

11-23 - to the 100 block of SE 1st St. for a neglected-dog complaint.

11-23 - to the 700 block of NW 7th Ave. for a domestic disturbance involving juveniles.

11-23 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd St. for a fire. Officer advised resident it was not a burn day and the fire was put out.

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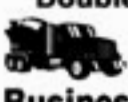
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While firearm deer season was not super-exciting for our crew, we did get a charge out of the Cat Rescue of 2025. On Nov. 11, our dog chased a black cat up a maple tree in the back yard. On Nov. 14, the cat was still in the tree, meowing pitifully.

While this did not cause me to lose sleep, other worried members of the family demanded action. One rescue attempt involved a blanket over the cat and an ill-fated grab that made the silly thing shimmy up a higher, less steady branch. There she sat for a cold, wet evening.

Finally, between hunts on opening day of shotgun deer season, my boys went into action. The middle boy got a pole saw, put on a tree-stand safety harness and climbed a ladder to cut the branch holding the cat. The youngest held the ladder. The oldest shot video.

The middle boy’s plan was for the branch to drop gently into a nearby oak, thereby slowing the rate of fall and letting the cat make it to the ground safely. Somehow, it all went off without a hitch. Truth be told, it was fun to watch. As an added bonus, without that branch, the oak should grow even better ... and the cat likely won’t be as eager to return.

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Hate to admit this, but I watched an entire Hallmark Christmas movie last weekend. It took several sittings and plenty of bourbon, but I made it through “Holiday Touchdown: A Bills Love Story.” The experience left me curious.

Are all Hallmark Christmas movies this bad? Are we supposed to ignore the oak and maple trees with green leaves in the supposed snow scenes? How can everyone be so happy? And since when did real actors start doing Hallmark movies?

Bad as it was, I’ve got it on good authority that the Bills movie is way better than last year’s “Holiday Touchdown: A Chiefs Love Story.” Even so, if not for ties to Buffalo, I would not watch three minutes of that schlock. When it comes to holiday movies, stick to the old favorites: “The Guardians of the Galaxy Holiday Special,” “Elf” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

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Speaking of holidays, this is a great week to count blessings. I’m thankful the youngest boy completed his football career with no major injuries and all-conference honors; that the middle boy is good at climbing trees; that the oldest boy has moved closer to home and shows up regularly; and that my wife still puts up with it all.

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Back in 1991, when major steps toward expansion of Illinois deer hunting began, shotgun season accounted for 81% of the whitetails harvested. Twenty years ago, shotgun hunters took 67% of the total. By last year they accounted for just 48%.

Bowhunters have picked up the slack, increasing from an 18% harvest rate in 1981 to 43% last year. Of those, crossbows now account for nearly 54% of the archery harvest, compared to 14% in 2015.

No wonder last weekend’s first shotgun season is no longer a big deal. My kids look at me with disbelief when talk turns to a barrage of shots on opening day. Nowadays, it’s easy to keep track of the few blasts we hear. At one farm the total on opening morning was 10. At the other it was 15.

Warm weather, fog and a lack of rut action contributed to a lack of action where we hunted. Another reason to give thanks, though, is the miserable weather in the forecast that should get deer moving.

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com.



Jeff LAMPE

A different view of the Chicago ICE situation

To The Editor:

I have a different view of the situation than does David McCurdy of Elmhurst, whose letter to the editor in the Nov. 7, issue of The Prairie News was entitled “ICE-land tactics must be stopped in Illinois”.

For instance, if you are a citizen of the United States, and Illinois in particular, you must have a birth certificate somewhere, or a valid drivers license or valid Veteran Discharge papers you can show an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer if asked. So you would be good to go providing you didn’t throw stones or anything else toward the officer. That’s when the fight starts!

But people are throwing stones, ICE is picking up a lot of convicted criminals who are causing a lot of pain for a lot of people in this country. The drug cartels have used our open borders to spread their poison (drugs) causing a lot of pain in America.

Let’s keep the ICE agents going to clean up the damage inflicted to America, and if your are stopped by an ICE officer, just pull out your valid driver’s license, or discharge papers from the service or birth certificate papers and you should be good to go.

– Will Thomson, Galva

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GALVA CUSD #224 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2025

SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME: Galva CUSD 224
RCDT NUMBER: 28-037-2240-26
ADDRESS: 224 Morgan Rd., Galva, IL 61434 1090
COUNTY: Henry/Knox
NAME OF NEWSPAPER WHERE PUBLISHED: The Prairie News

DISCTRICT 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	112
NUMBER OF ATTENDENCE CENTERS	2
NUMBER OF CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	42
PART-TIME	0
NUMBER OF NON-CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES	
FULL-TIME	33
PART-TIME	38

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	2.350000
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	0.675000
BOND & INTEREST	0.290600
TRANSPORTATION	0.200000
MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	0.083700
SOCIAL SECURITY	0.117200
WORKING CASH	0.050000
FIRE PREVENTION & SAFETY	0.050000
TORT IMMUNITY	0.000000
CAPITAL PROJECTS	0.000000
SPECIAL EDUCATION	0.040000
LEASING	0.010300
OTHER	0.677700
OTHER	(0.006300)

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
Abernathy, Tonya L	Cromien, Jacson	Hulstrom, Brenda	Nance, Brian	Saunders, David	Anthony, Jody K
Anderson, Brenda	DeJesus, Madelin	Jackson, Bradley L.	Norman, Linda	Spivey, Gunner	Brake, Ivan E
Anderson, Heather	Engels, Kandy	Jackson, Brooke N.	Olson, Jett C.	Sterling, Nicole	Bresnahan, Andrew J
Anderson, Mark	Faber, Scott	Jeffrey, Mark A	Patty, Brynn	Strand, Frances M	DeSmit, Stanley A
Anderson, Zach	Fontana, Robert	Jones, Chance M	Platt, David C	Suddeth, Tarol S	Hart, Tyna
Atkinson, Barbara S	Forsythe, Julie A	Kaiser, Anne V	Porsche, Jonas	VanDeVelde, Peter G	Thompson, Tracey A
Bates, Victoria A	Gerleman, Brandon	Kelly, Thomas E	Raley, Tracy K	Warner, Catherine M	West, Krystal L
Boston, Michael	Gregory, Patricia A	Klavohn, Susan J	Richards, Jessica L.	Weston, Alexandria J	
Branham, Michael Scott	Gustafson, Darci	Lamb, Lynne M	Ringberg, Tammara D	White, Van K.	Salary Range: \$55,000 - \$74,999
Clark, Olivia	Hamilton, Linda S	Larson, Drew	Robinson, Jennifer	Wigant, Rebecca A	Spivey, Travis
Coakley, Mariann	Hardy, Zach	Lewin, Robert W	Robinson, Nathan	Wilson, M Gloria	VanWassenhove, Sarah
Collinson, Vicky	Homer, Alan	McClintic, Jake	Rose, Jason		
Cromien, Ann	Hulstrom, Brandon	Meier, Timothy	Ruhl, Joyce E		(Salary Range: \$75,000 and Over

PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

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 of America	\$27,330.00	EMS LINQ INC.	\$6,312.93	ILL STATE BOARD OF EDUC	\$77,348.00	Renaissance Learning, Inc	\$11,197.10
Amazon Capital Services	\$27,352.09	EnCompass Iowa LLC	\$72,393.06	Illinois State University	\$7,606.26	Resource Sharing Alliance	\$4,328.00
Ameren Illinois	\$10,339.58	ENGIE Resources LLC	\$31,271.02	Illinois Virtual Schools and Academy	\$4,800.00	Richard L Johnson Assoc I	\$34,249.69
Andrew Kramb	\$7,500.00	Enyeart Distributing LLC	\$30,682.45	IMPREST2	\$31,626.46	Rockridge School Dist 300	\$5,000.00
Apptegy	\$21,323.71	Equitable Financial Life Ins		IMPREST FUND1	\$18,807.72	Santander Leasing LLC	\$140,445.00
B&B Printing Inc	\$2,693.53	Co of America	\$4,897.17	IPA	\$3,020.00	Savvas Learning Company	\$76,397.67
BLACKHAWK COLLEGE	\$24,030.00	FLINN SCIENTIFIC INC	\$2,723.77	Jeremy Gerard	\$7,387.00	School Specialty LLC	\$3,482.98
BLDD Architects Inc.	\$7,000.00	FSS Inc	\$85,770.97	Johnson Controls	\$4,882.11	SPEC Athletic Inc.	\$30,639.90
Bleacher Pro	\$13,000.00	Galva Park District	\$2,500.00	Johnson Mechanical Service	\$2,525.00	Staples	\$32,093.53
Bock's Services Inc	\$15,243.99	Gerber Life Insurance Co	\$5,884.00	Kohl Wholesale	\$206,649.53	State Bank Of Toulon VISA	\$27,596.23
Brand U LLC	\$7,290.00	GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	\$3,816.20	MENARDS	\$7,816.72	State Disbursement Unit	\$3,780.00
BREEDLOVE'S SPORTING GOOD	\$16,943.40	Gold Star FS	\$51,739.49	Mid-American Glazing Systems	\$39,940.00	T.H.I.S.	\$44,475.34
Camelot Therapeutic Schools LLC	\$95,236.95	Gorenz & Associates Ltd	\$18,240.00	Midland Golf Club	\$3,070.00	TARLETON SERVICE INC	\$3,866.76
Capital Bank & Trust	\$32,315.00	Gorman Electric Inc	\$10,470.00	Midwest Carpets	\$12,605.00	TASC - PVR	\$46,375.80
CDW Government Inc	\$7,793.55	Great America Financial Services	\$20,638.51	Midwest Educational Furnishings Inc	\$36,250.42	TASC	\$3,121.63
Chemsearch	\$3,293.00	Hathaway's Ace Hardware	\$8,911.78	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	\$93,516.37	TEACHER RETIREMENT FUND	\$275,725.21
Cintas Corp #342	\$5,026.92	HD Supply Formerly Home Depot Pro	\$20,732.38	MILLER HALL & TRIGGS	\$10,971.00	TG Crabtree Painting	\$6,200.00
Circuit Electric LLC	\$4,439.14	HENRY CO HEALTH DEPT	\$148,779.40	NICHOLS DIESEL SERVICE	\$12,819.35	UMB Bank N.A.	\$402,320.91
City Of Galva	\$80,034.96	HENRY-STARK COUNTIES SPED	\$1,001,172.62	OFFICE SPECIALISTS INC	\$11,136.20	Unland Insurance	\$13,711.00
Clearlyfly	\$3,472.79	HUDL	\$8,655.00	Pacific Life	\$5,460.00	V & M Mechanical Service	\$22,872.59
Constellation New Energy	\$42,560.91	IASA	\$3,195.90	PAPER 101	\$5,354.75	Verizon Wireless	\$3,477.75
Dant Clayton	\$288,944.24	IASB	\$13,987.00	Peoria Charter	\$3,970.00	Voyager Sopris Learning	\$3,768.60
Dave Jones	\$22,400.00	ICRMT	\$85,130.00	PowerSchool Group LLC	\$11,373.54	Walsworth	\$3,346.02
DeSmit's Heating & Coolin	\$17,274.43	Ideal Environmental Eng	\$4,258.20	Primergy Solar Illinois	\$19,734.70	WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$11,675.09
Doors Inc	\$16,818.00	IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	\$142,463.58	R. A. Oldeen Inc	\$365,997.00	XYLEM LTD.	\$3,150.52
Employee Benefit Systems	\$485,452.80	ILL DEPT. REVENUE	\$179,540.38	Regional Office Of Educat	\$4,910.00		

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

Airgas Mid America	\$2,318.66	Fahner, Whitney	\$ 2,377.85	Lincoln Prairie BHC	\$ 1,575.00	Robolink Inc.	\$ 2,149.90
Andrews Implement Company	\$ 1,450.00	FIRM Systems	\$ 1,081.00	Mark's Plumbing Parts	\$ 1,282.91	Scholastic Inc. Education	\$ 1,120.98
BER INC	\$ 1,475.00	Forged Wood and Stone	\$ 1,844.91	McGill Pest Management So	\$ 1,360.00	Screencastify	\$ 1,408.00
Big Teams LLC	\$ 1,750.00	GALESBURG ELECTRIC	\$ 2,390.47	MORRISSEY REFRIGERATION	\$ 1,556.95	Stark County Ambulance Se	\$ 1,050.00
Bi-State Detergent System	\$ 2,364.50	IESA	\$ 1,415.00	Music Makers	\$ 1,561.00	Success By Design	\$ 1,867.22
Camille Kiburz	\$ 1,420.00	Illinois State University	\$ 1,196.00	National School Forms	\$ 1,240.80	Teaching Strategies LLC	\$ 1,385.00
CIPA Filter	\$ 2,253.35	Ince's Towing Inc	\$ 1,550.00	OSF Occupational Health	\$ 2,089.00	Tower Equipment Corp.	\$ 1,725.00
DeWitte, Kelly	\$ 1,104.65	J L Brady Co	\$ 2,024.56	PERMA-BOUND	\$ 1,984.57	US POSTAL SERVICE	\$ 2,190.00
DICK BLICK	\$ 2,030.90	JW Pepper & Son Inc	\$ 1,092.58	Porter-Hay Insurance Agen	\$ 1,650.00	VARSITY	\$ 1,524.90
Digital Copy Systems	\$ 2,276.89	Kristen R Strom LLC	\$ 1,905.00	Psychemedics Corp	\$ 1,332.00	WETHERSFIELD CUSD #230	\$ 2,249.67
Ekon-O-Pac	\$ 1,498.00	LAKESHORE LEARNING MAT.	\$ 1,263.65	Really Good Stuff	\$ 2,109.08		

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

1. Total number of all contracts awarded by the school district:	1
2. Total value of all contracts awarded:	\$343,635.00
3. Total number of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	0
4. Total value of contracts awarded to minority owned businesses, female owned businesses, businesses owned by persons with disabilities, and locally owned businesses:	\$0.00

GALVA CUSD #224 IS ACTIVELY SEEKING AN ENTHUSIASTIC AND HIGHLY QUALIFIED K-12 MUSIC TEACHER TO JOIN OUR TEAM FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER OF THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR. THIS IS A FANTASTIC OPPORTUNITY FOR AN EDUCATOR TO LEAD A ROBUST MUSIC PROGRAM ACROSS ALL GRADE LEVELS IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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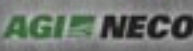
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Three from Stark are Illinois State Scholars

TOULON – Stark County High School students Hailey Allen, Jocelynn Bush and Ethan Grinnell, all of Wyoming, have been recognized as Illinois State Scholars.

This prestigious recognition, conferred by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission is awarded annually to exceptional Illinois high school students. This year, approximately the top 10% of seniors from across the state were honored for outstanding academic achievements.



Allen

Selection of Illinois State Scholars is based on a combination of exemplary ACT or SAT test scores and sixth-semester class rank or unweighted GPA. “On behalf of ISAC, congratulations to all our Illinois State Scholars for their hard work and persistence in achieving this academic honor,” said ISAC Executive Director Eric Zarnikow. “The efforts and engagement of



Bush



Grinnell

these students can pay off not only as they embark on their postsecondary journeys, but also later in their approach to a job and career.”

The state scholar designation is an honorary, non-monetary award that can be included on college and scholarship applications.

Hailey Allen is the daughter of Chad and Barbie Allen. Jocelynn Bush is the daughter of Keith and Kari Bush. Ethan Grinnell is the son of Craig and Lori Grinnell.

Gun hunters kill 51,409 deer during first season

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois shot a preliminary total of 51,409 deer during the first weekend of Illinois firearm deer season, Nov. 21-23. Comparatively, hunters took 54,661 and 53,348 deer during opening gun season in 2024 and 2023.

Illinois’ seven-day firearm deer season concludes Dec. 4-7. For the first time, youth hunters with an unfilled youth deer permit can hunt with the permit during the second firearm deer season.

In local counties, hunters shot 1,228 deer in Fulton County, 685 in Knox County and 586 in Peoria County. Totals for Knox and Fulton were down, but Peoria was up from the past two years.

ICC strikes \$55.8M from Ameren gas-rate request

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Commerce Commission cut \$55.8 million from Ameren Illinois’ rate request for its natural-gas delivery services.

The decision reduces Ameren’s \$128.8 million request by about 43% and approves a 9.60% return on equity, a reduction from the company’s requested 10.70% ROE.

The ICC issued its decision after scrutinizing Ameren’s filings, along with additional materials submitted by the utility, consumer advocates, commission staff and various interveners over an 11-month legal proceeding.



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Sunday, November 30 @ 4:30 - 6:30pm

Stevens Square
224 E. Evans St., Princeville, IL

Tree Lighting 4:30-5pm in Square
Holiday Stroll 5-6:30pm downtown

- Churches carol sing starts at 4:30pm in Square
- Strolling Santa in Square
- Princeville Lion's Club food table featuring pork chops, pork burgers, & hotdogs 4:30-6pm in Square
- Masons selling donut holes, hot cider, & coffee in Square
- Trail Life Troop wreath sale & hot chocolate in Square
- PCA scavenger hunt - visit stroll businesses and turn in the form at the LME Library before 6:30pm - bicycles sponsored by Seneca Foods
- Some downtown businesses will be open during stroll hours so you can start your holiday shopping!
- LME Library open as a warming center/restroom break

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Princeville Performance Center
131 E Main

Princeville Pharmacy
206 E Main

Princeville Prints
132 E Main

Princeville State Bank
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Raylene's Salon
110 E Main

Smith & Potter Equipment
321 E Main Ste A

Sparrowdale
116 E Main

The Vine Coffeehouse + Bakery
215 E Main

5th year for Bradford live nativity

By ANGIE STANGE
For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Boyd’s Grove United Methodist church in rural Bradford is celebrating its fifth annual Drive Through Live Nativity on Saturday, Nov. 29, from 5-7 p.m. at 15594 300 North Ave.

Signs have been posted to direct visitors to the event.

COVID distancing regulations of 2020 inspired Boyd’s Grove Church members on the northeast outskirts of Bradford to find a way to continue their annual Christmas nativity program.

Amateur radio test session set

GALESBURG – KCARC amateur radio VE test session is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the Galesburg Public Library, 264 W. Main St.

The test is offered for anyone wishing to get their first license or upgrade their current license. The exam is \$15. You must have an FCC registration number and a photo ID. If you are upgrading, bring a copy of your current license. For information, go to w9gfd.org or email AC9AH@outlook.com.



Two nativity reenactors prepare for this year's Boyd's Grove UMC annual drive-through live nativity on Nov. 29 from 5-7 p.m. at 15594 300 North Ave., in Bradford.

Deb and Rod Grunloh of Milo had hosted a Christmas program in

their barn for more than 20 years prior to the pandemic. The Grunlohs consulted fellow church members for suggestions and the idea for a live drive through nativity scene was born thanks to their input.

This year’s event is dedicated to the memory of Kaden Wall.

The event is free, but donations are welcome and those proceeds will be donated to the Kaden Wall Scholarship Fund, the Bradford Food Pantry and the Bradford Betterment Committee.

December Events
at PL Johnson's

Open Tuesdays through Sundays
Final afternoon of the season Dec. 31

December 12
Lucia Nights Serving 3 - 8 p.m.

December 13
Lingonberry Lunch 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Lucia Nights Serving 3 - 8 p.m.

December 28
Final 2025 Classic Sunday

December 29
Holiday Tea Luncheon 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
(309) 927-3885

Merry
Christmas

And Happy New Year

Galva Area Chamber of Commerce and The City of Galva present:
Ol' Fashioned Christmas
Saturday, November 29, 2025

9am-11am Kids Make and Take Crafts @ Galva Arts Council

9am-7pm Festival of Wreaths and Mini Trees @ Galva Arts Council

11:30a- 1pm Chili & Soup Luncheon @ Galva Arts Council

12:30p-3:30p Free Pony Rides Sponsored By: City of Galva and CSB on Market St

1pm-4pm Veterans Park on Front St
Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House - sponsored by CSB
Galva Boy Scouts Bird Food Ornament - sponsored by Galva Arts Council
Free Horse Drawn Carriage Rides - sponsored by SBT

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

4pm-7pm Jeweled by Jen - Permanent Jewelry with refreshments & live music by Patrick Sloan @ 218 S Exchange St Office

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

5pm Lighted Christmas Parade around the downtown square

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

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

Allenia Space at 330 Front St will be featuring holiday decor and Winter Garden and offering FREE photo sessions along with refreshments 10am-8pm.
More details available at www.facebook.com/AlleniaSpace to reserve a photo session.

Hathaway's Ace Hardware and Fresh Market at 316 Market St is hosting a FREE Beer and Wine Tasting event 4pm-6pm

Midwest Carpets @ 126 N Exchange St Open House will provide refreshments from 4p-7p

Nightshade at 120 Front St will offer free refreshments and extended hours 10am-630pm--gift with every purchase!!

The Old Bank Coffee and Tea open 7:30am-5:30pm with HOT COCOA specials!

The Rambling Rose at 328 Commercial St will host an Open House featuring a Bloom and Brew Biscotti Bar from 9am-12pm--raffle entry with every purchase!!

Road Trip Food & Spirits @ 327 Market St open 4-7 with drink specials to warm up with!

Special Kneads Bakery at 326 Front St will be open extended hours 9am-12pm and 4pm-7pm offering refreshments.

Uncle Nolan's Diner at 320 Main St will be open extended hours 8am-8pm

PRINCETON
GUN SHOW
Nov. 29 - 30

Hosted by Sauk Trail Collectors
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Overnight Accommodations - FREE PARKING - Lunch on Premises
8 Foot Tables \$30.00 For Two Days
or Portion Thereof, Payable in Advance

Bradford's
Old Fashioned Christmas
Saturday, December 6, 2025
4:00 - 7:30 pm

Bradford Firehouse
4 pm - 5:30 pm - Santa arrives at the firehouse
4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
~Free meal sponsored by the Apostolic Church
~Horse drawn wagon rides - pick up & drop off

Bradford Public Library District
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm
Family Craft

First Baptist Church
4:00 pm - 6:45 pm
~Project Honor Flight - letters, pictures, donations
~Photo op and amazing decorations
~Enter your completed Christmas Passport card in the raffle drawing
~Vote for the Best Decorated business & Bradford's Holiday Home of the year

7:00
~Raffle Drawings for kids and adults year awards
~Best decorated business & Holiday Home of the year award
~Announcement of the BBC's Citizen of the Year /
~Christmas Sing-a-Long

St. John's Catholic Church
4:00 pm -7:00pm
Stop by our beautiful Catholic Church for a tour and see the Christmas decorations
Purchase beautiful ornaments & order a shirt

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm
Christmas Market - Village Hall
Do a little Christmas shopping from a variety of vendors!

Beta Senior
Holiday Dinner
Firehouse at
Noon

Delicious Food,
Ice Cream &
Drink Specials
at
Snack Shack
3-8 pm
Main Street Tap
11 - 8 pm
&
My Place

Pick up a
Christmas Passport
at your 1st stop.
Have it stamped
everywhere you go.
Get at least
4 of the 8 stamps &
enter it in the raffle
drawing at the
Baptist Church



Church Directory

Toulon Methodist Church
229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
Phone (309) 286-2224
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

LaFayette Methodist Church
Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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
Services each Sunday at 9 a.m.
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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/
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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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(309) 932-3733
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Rev. Shawna Marsh
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Wednesday Prayer & Fellowship 5:30 to 6:30
Thursday Kids Club 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Baby Connection: Wednesday and Thursdays 9 - 11 a.m.
Facebook: Wyoming Naz

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(309) 695-4091
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Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.
Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com
www.ToulonBaptist.com
www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon
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St. Timothy Lutheran Church
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
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Rev. Katie Gallagher
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Worship (in Luther Hall)
Sunday: 9 a.m. Worship, 9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School
Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

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.

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church
Father John Cramer
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Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon.-Thurs. at 9 a.m.
Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191
Father Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

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
Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421
Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyanet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421
Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.
Rev Dan Wright
309-897-8113 309-507-1626
thewrights62@hotmail.com

Bradford Apostolic Christian Church
440 E Main St Bradford IL 61421
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OBITUARIES

Carolyn M. Glade

HENRY – Carolyn Marie Glade, 84, of Henry, passed away Friday Nov. 21, 2025, 7:27 p.m. at Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria.

Carolyn was born Oct. 22, 1941, in Harvard, Ill., to Ted and Marie (Fossler) Delaney. She married Fr. William (Bill) Glade on April 24, 1981. He preceded her in death on April 25, 2003.

Surviving are her daughters, Christine (Dal) Quinn of Henry and Kimberly (Danny) Longman of Bradford; granddaughters Jessica Quinn of Bradford and Bailey Longman of Scottsdale, Ariz.; stepdaughter, Cindy (Bahram) Adrangi of Portland, Ore.; and stepdaughter-in-law Patti Glade of Wauconda, Ill. Carolyn also leaves behind many extended family members whom she loved dearly, including brother-in-law, Havey Perkins of Harvard, several nieces and nephews, two step-granddaughters and three step-great-granddaughters.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Patricia Perkins and stepson, Bill Glade.

Carolyn worked for several years at Hardware Hank and Kelts Grocery Store. Carolyn was a wonderful, loving mother and grandmother. She was also Grandma to the children she babysat for and those she worked with at Henry Gade School.

She was a member of the St. John’s Episcopal Church, Henry, where she was a member of the St. Ann’s Guild.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family graveside service will be held at Henry Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be directed to The Dravet Syndrome Foundation in support of #choosejoy #rykersrally. Check may be made to DSF.

Calvert & Johnson Memorial Home, Henry, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.calvertmemorial.com.



Glade

Gary D. Lumberry

ELMORE – It is with tremendous sorrow that we announce the passing of Gary Duane Lumberry, 80, a devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother and friend, who left us peacefully on Nov. 21, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Born on Jan. 10, 1945, in Elmore, Gary was the cherished son of Harlan and Hellen (Smith) Lumberry, who along with his beloved sons Douglas and Billy Jo Lumberry, preceded him in death.

Gary’s journey began in the small town of Elmore. Gary attended the old Williamsfield School, eventually graduating from Williamsfield High School in 1963. His work ethic was exemplary; after high school, he dedicated over 30 years to Caterpillar Inc. as an inspector before entering retirement.



Lumberry

Even in retirement, Gary stayed active, finding joy doing repairs at Lake Calhoun Country Club, a place that became a second home for him.

On Aug. 16, 1980, Gary married Rogena Dennison at his parents’ home in Elmore, solidifying a partnership that would endure for 45 years. Together, they raised a beautiful, blended family. They welcomed boys Douglas and Billy Jo Lumberry as well as daughters Laurie Lumberry, Lisa Bohannan and Melisa Eagle into their lives with open arms, ensuring every child was treated as their own. The love and unity exemplified in their family was a testament to Gary’s selfless nature and dedication.

Gary was a pillar in the community, volunteering his time as a coach and supporter of local sports, always encouraging his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren in their pursuits. He had an unmatched enthusiasm for cheering on his family at games and he was known for offering wise words of encouragement and support to young athletes.

His passion for sports extended to his love for the Chicago Cubs, especially relishing their 2016 World Series victory. He enjoyed watching NASCAR races as well.

He always enjoyed dancing and would cut a rug whenever he had a chance. He loved visiting with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren; he especially loved his morning talks with Jeremy on his way to work, which were mostly to make sure he was safe. Also, he enjoyed his phone calls and long talks with his daughter Lauire. He would drop anything to talk and spend time with any of his family.

Those who knew Gary can attest to his incredible spirit. He was a man who lived hard and loved harder, known for his generosity and willingness to help others. He made a lasting impact on everyone around him, and the stories shared by friends and family reflect the deep love and respect they had for him.

Gary is survived by his beloved wife, Rogena Lumberry; daughters Laurie Lumberry (Jefferson McCluskey), Lisa Bohannan and Melisa Eagle; and a large and loving family including grandchildren Jason (Brianna) Lumberry, Tiffany Lumberry, Ashley (Jerry) Hall, Britany (Craig Milan) Lumberry, Jeremy (Molly) Eagle, Courtney (Colton) Crain, Alexis (Cody Smothers) McCluskey, Rachel (Kyle) Johner and Mathew (Alyssa Farrell) McCluskey. He was also a proud great-grandfather to Ashayla (Javontae Waters) Lumberry, Brooklyn Shannon, Austin (Lilliana Warrington) Shannon, Mark Franklin Jr., Tayah Milan, Macaiden Milan, Travon Ward Jr., Pheobe Smothers, Collins Lumberry, Kyn-dal Thomas, Aizaic Milan, Brant Eagle, Jackson Lumberry, Alanis Crain, Brooks Eagle, Atley Crain, Bruin Eagle, Rosalie Eagle, Mad-dox Crain, Athena Smothers and Maverick McCluskey, and a great-grandchild on the way.

He also cherished his great-great-grandchildren, Layana Shannon and Javontae Waters Jr. Additionally, he is survived by his sister, Sharon Larnier, several nieces, nephews and three brothers-in-law.

A funeral service to honor Gary’s

life was to be Nov. 25 at Williamsfield United Methodist Church. Cremation was to be accorded following the service, and private inurnment will be held at a later date in Glendale Cemetery in Elmore.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites those wishing to honor Gary’s memory to consider donating to the Williamsfield Summer Baseball Association or Lake Calhoun Country Club.

As we remember Gary, let us carry forward his legacy of love, generosity and unwavering support for family and friends. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten, as his spirit lives on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know him

Sharon S. Vilatte

WYOMING – Sharon Sue Vilatte, 73, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:54 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, 2025, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Sharon was born on April 12, 1952, in Peoria, Ill., to Gerald D. and Mary E. (Wiesenhofer) Berchtold. She married Bernard P. “Barney” Vilatte on Sept. 17, 1966, in Mount Vernon, Iowa. He



Vilatte

preceded her in death on Oct. 27, 2007.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Sue (George) Donald of Galesburg and Lydia Jean (Daniel) Down of Wyoming; three grandchildren, Johnathon Bernard Donald of Las Vegas, Emma Grace Down of Wyoming and Jorgiana Paulette Donald of Galesburg; two siblings, Bonnie (Joe) Magnusse, and Daniel (Donetta) Berchtold, both of Wyoming; as well as several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother Gary Berchtold.

Sharon loved being active in her community in her younger years. She was active with several boards within her community: Stark County’s Committee of Ten, The Parent’s Club, The Wyoming Lion’s Club and The Wyoming Grade School Board, being the most notable ones for which she served.

Sharon loved spending time with her children and grandchildren, playing games and doing activities with them as well as vacationing in Minnesota with her husband. She was also an avid fan of the Chicago Bears and the Chicago Cubs. Sharon had been a bus driver for both the Magnussen Bus Co. and for the Stark County School District and she always said, “School bus drivers are happy people, they’re always “kidding” around!”

She was of the Catholic faith.

A graveside service was to be held at Saint Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming Wednesday, Nov. 26, 2025. The Rev. Corey Krengiel was to officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the passions of her granddaughters, the ARK in Lacon, or the Galesburg Jr./Sr. High Marching Streaks.

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

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

LincolnLand shifting to 3 football divisions

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The LincolnLand Conference is changing to a three-division format starting with the 2026 season.

Instead of the large and small divisions used since the inception of the football-only conference, the LincolnLand will now feature North, South and West divisions. The West, which is made up of the league’s larger schools, will not receive an automatic playoff bid.

Reasons for the change are to reduce travel and improve competitive balance, particularly for some of the smaller schools.

“I hope it works. I hope it keeps more people happy,” Stark County Football Coach Jade Noard said. “I think it alleviates at least some of the travel.”

“Most of the bigs are happy to have a schedule. They were worried it was all going to fall apart.”

The North Division will

Stark County 2026 Football Schedule

vs. South Fulton
at Farmington
at Monmouth United
vs. Macomb
at ROWVA-Williamsfield
vs. Annawan-Wethersfield
at Bureau Valley
vs. Knoxville
at Princeville
Home games in bold

consist of Stark County, Annawan-Wethersfield, Bureau Valley, Knoxville, Princeville and ROWVA-Williamsfield.

The South Division is made up of Abingdon-Avon, Havana, LVC, Rushville-Industry, South Fulton and Monmouth United.

The West Division features the largest schools: Macomb, Farmington, Elmwood-Brimfield, Illini West and West Hancock.

Conference teams play two squads from each of the other divisions in their

first four games. The last five weeks of the schedule will be reserved for division games, except for the West, which must find another non-league opponent

“We had a committee that met and everybody was worried it was going to fall apart,” Noard said. “Macomb was a big sticking point. This way, at least, you might only get them every four or five years.”

Farmington Athletic Director Jeff Otto said he also thinks without the change that the LincolnLand might have been in jeopardy of

folding.

“In my eyes it was close. There were some schools, and because they were smaller, they didn’t like the way it was working for them,” Otto said. “And this way LVC will have a better chance of keeping kids out and they have some numbers in the junior high which will help them.”

The current schedule is set for two years, Otto said.

“We’re going to meet again, but I think this will keep everybody content for a few more years,” Otto said. “It’s the best we can get.”

City of Toulon

Notice of Bid Solicitation

The City of Toulon will be accepting bids for three (3) tracts of land, approximately 25 acres, for a two-year hay crop lease.

- Bid Deadline: December 8th at 4:30 PM
- Bid Opening: Bids will be opened during the City Council meeting on December 8th.
- Submission: Sealed bids may be mailed or dropped off at: City Hall

122 N. Franklin St. Toulon, IL 61483

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LEGAL ADS

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 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 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:
“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 Block 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 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 DIS-

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answer

As long as they are well-intentioned, mistakes are not a matter for shame, but for learning.

— Margaret Heffernan

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY - 130 WEST MAIN STREET TOULON, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Fernando De Vargas, DECEASED.
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Notice is given of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Maria De Vargas, 140 Brittany Trail, Elgin, Illinois 60120, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney of record is Martin J. Fogarty, Heartland Law Firm, 1545 Waukegan Road, Suite 1-3, Glenview, Illinois 60025.

Notice is given to Caleb and Unknown Heirs, Heirs of the Decedent whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition for independent administration that an order was entered on September 19, 2025, granting independent administration of the estate. This means that the administrator will not have to obtain court orders of filed estate papers in court during probate. The estate will be administered without court supervision unless interested persons ask the court to become involved.

Claims against the estate may be

filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before May 28, 2026, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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WEST JERSEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE
Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2025
Road & Bridge District
Cash Receipts
Property taxes \$67,688, state replacement taxes \$869, interest \$77, equipment rental \$46,206, and transfers in \$46,550. Total cash receipts \$161,390.
Cash Disbursements
Ag View FS \$5,810, Galena Road Gravel \$5,035, Galesburg Builders Supply \$9,439, Gold Star FS \$3,786, Martin Equipment of IL \$3,635, Ozinga Aterial \$4,282, Potter Spray Patching Service \$19,845, Wagenbach Trucking \$35,363, Salaries under \$25,000 (including payroll taxes) \$880, transfer out \$46,778, cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$14,395. Total cash disbursements \$149,248.

	Road & Bridge	Bridge Fund	Equipment & Building	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2024	25,909	23,189	1,432	50,530
Cash Receipts	100,526	7,549	53,315	161,390
Cash Disbursements	(92,110)	(922)	(56,216)	(149,248)
Balance March 31, 2024	\$34,325	\$29,816	\$(1,469)	\$62,672

Town Fund
Cash Receipts
Property taxes \$95,887, state replacement taxes \$482, interest income \$991, transfers in \$1,362, and miscellaneous \$12,019. Total cash receipts \$110,741.
Cash Disbursements
Ag View LP Gas \$3,225, Kewish Concrete \$10,500, TOIRMA \$6,120, Salaries over \$25,000 (Paul Webster) \$28,000, Salaries under \$25,000 (including payroll taxes) \$9,160, transfer out \$1,135, cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$22,112. Total cash disbursements \$80,252.

	General	Special Revenue	Cemetery	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2024	\$23,872	\$83,485	\$26,057	\$133,414
Cash Receipts	68,824	23,260	18,657	110,741
Cash Disbursements	(55,117)	(9,484)	(15,651)	(80,252)
Balance March 31, 2024	\$37,579	\$97,261	\$29,063	\$163,903

Subscribed and sworn to this 28th day of November 2025, I, Gregory Cline, Supervisor of West Jersey Township, County of Stark, State of Illinois, do certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.
Gregory Cline, Supervisor

Published 11/28/25

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF ANNETTE K. TOWNSEND, Deceased
No. 2025 PR18

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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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 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 re- presentative, 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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Published 11/14, 11/21, 11/28/25

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2025-1
AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND AND AUDIT FUND PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2025, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2026.

WHEREAS, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protections District in Stark County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

AND WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 19th day of November, A.D., 2025, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures

1. Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$117,427.76	
2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2024 estimated to be received this fiscal year:		
Corporate	\$41,540.00	
Ambulance	\$33,000.00	
Insurance	\$9,000.00	
Audit	\$1,000.00	
Estimated Illinois replacement tax		
	\$2,200.00	
Estimated interest income and other revenues	\$100.00	
Foreign Tax – IL Municipal League	\$800.00	
Other income	\$1,000.00	
Total estimated receipts-including balance on hand	\$206,067.76	
Total estimated expenditures:		
Corporate	\$42,875.00	
Ambulance	\$37,000.00	
Insurance	\$15,000.00	
Audit	\$300.00	
TOTAL:	\$95,175.00	
Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year:	\$110,892.76	

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025:

1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND	Budget	Appropriation
5015(a) Attorney's fee	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00
5060(b) Publication expense	\$300.00	\$800.00
5060(c) Supplies and expenses	\$1,500.00	\$2,000.00
5015(d) Hired accountant	\$1,750.00	\$2,000.00
2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES		
5025(a) Repairs and maintenance of Fire trucks	\$8,000.00	\$10,000.00
5030(b) Repair and maintenance of firefighter equipment	\$2,000.00	\$6,000.00
5050(c) Replacement of turnout gear and		

other equipment	\$2,500.00	\$5,000.00
5055(d) Fuel and Supplies	\$750.00	\$1,250.00
5065(e) Contingency /Incidental Expenses	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
3. SALARY FUND		
(a)Trustees fees	\$525.00	\$750.00
(b)Firefighter training and education	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
(c)Firefighter expenses	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
4. BUILDING FUND		
5035 (a) Repairs and maintenance	\$2,000.00	\$10,000.00
5045 (b) Utilities and heat	\$6,000.00	\$7,000.00
5040 (c) Telephone services	\$1,800.00	\$ 2,500.00
5. EQUIPMENT		
5050 (a) Acquisition of new equipment	\$10,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total Estimated Corporate Expenditures	\$42,875.00	\$107,300.00

Section 4. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of an ambulance service of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025:

5075 FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF AMBULANCE SERVICE	Budget	Appropriation
Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures	\$37,000.00	\$40,000.00

Section 5. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of a liability insurance fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2025:

5070 LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND	Budget	Appropriation
Total Estimated Insurance Expenditures	\$15,000.00	\$18,000.00

Section 6. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of the audit fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year

ending August 31, 2025:

AUDIT FUND

Total Estimated Audit Expenditures **\$300.00** **\$1,000.00**

Section 7. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 8. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a who l or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2025-1.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3 Nays 0
Passed: November 19, 2025.
Published: November 28, 2025.

Attest: s/ Ross Walker, President
Joseph Winans, Secretary-Treasurer
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF STARK)
I, Joseph Winans, Treasurer of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed November 19, 2025, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.

 s/ Joseph Winans, Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of November 2025.
 s/ Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

Published 11/28/25

Village of LaFayette
P.O. Box 116 - LaFayette, IL 61449
CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, Nora Williams, Treasurer of the Village of LaFayette, Illinois, hereby certify that the foregoing Treasurer's Report is a true and accurate report of the receipts and disbursements relating to General Funds of the Village of LaFayette, Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Water Collection Account, Depreciation Account and Bond Interest & Reserve Account and Special Project Account for the fiscal period beginning May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025.

Date: November 17th, 2025

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

Subscribed and sworn to me this 18th day of November 2025

 s/ Janelle Leanna Simpson, Notary Public

Bond Interest and Reserve Account
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance May 1, 2024	\$1,782.28
Transfers:	\$0.00
Interest:	\$1.79
Total Cash to Account:	\$1.79
Disbursements:	\$0.00
Ending Balance April 30, 2025	\$1,784.07

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

Depreciation Account
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance May 1, 2024	\$15,104.81
Transfers:	\$5,400.00

Interest:	\$18.02
Total Cash to Account:	\$5,418.02
Disbursements:	\$0.00
Ending Balance April 30, 2025	\$20,522.83

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

General Funds Account
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance	\$63,134.28
Receipts:	
State Income Tax, PPRT, Real Estate, Sales, Use, Road and Bridge, and Corporate Tax:	\$69,030.71
Interest:	\$45.72
Total Cash to Account:	\$69,076.43
Disbursements:	
Street Lights:	\$3,689.74
Insurance:	\$8,802.00
Salaries:	\$11,090.00
Communications:	\$2,511.86
Office Supplies:	\$815.75
Water Tower:	\$24,378.45
Engineers Expense:	\$12,241.61
Advertising:	\$916.25
Street Repairs:	\$1,707.11
Park Expenses:	\$2,284.74
Bldg. Maintenance:	\$16,305.89
Equipment	\$1,550.74
Misc.:	\$3,596.25
Audit:	\$4,550.00
Federal Withholding:	\$809.05
Library:	\$2,875.71

Equipment Repairs:	\$148.74
Truck/Plow Loan:	\$1,120.24
Tree/Brush Removal:	\$2,500.00
Total Disbursements from Cash:	\$101,894.13
Ending Balance April 30, 2025	\$30,316.58

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

Motor Fuel Tax Fund
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance May 1, 2024	\$45,061.41
Receipts:	\$7,228.95
State of Illinois Interest:	\$34.98
Total Cash to Account:	\$7,263.93
Disbursements:	\$28,594.67
Ending Balance April 30, 2025	\$23,760.67

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

General Funds Pool/Special Project Account
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance May 1, 2024	\$21,845.75
Transfers	\$3,320.00
Interest:	\$23.65
Total Cash to Account:	\$3,343.65
Disbursements:	\$0.00
Ending Balance April 30, 2025	\$25,189.40

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

Water Department Account
May 1, 2024 thru April 30, 2025

Beginning Balance May 1, 2024	\$13,253.11
Transfers	\$3,320.
Receipts:	
Water:	\$49,722.18

Trash:	\$13,552.75
Returned Checks	\$0.00
Interest:	\$12.19
Total Cash to Account:	\$63,287.12
Disbursements:	
Salaries:	\$10,187.00
Returned Checks:	\$60.00
Electricity:	\$6,667.98
Supplies & Chemicals:	\$7,208.25
Equip. Repairs:	\$13,198.56
Office Supplies:	\$1,048.00
Water Tower:	\$3,000.00
Depreciation:	\$5,472.50
Federal Withholding:	\$1,158.73
FICA	\$122.73
Unemployment:	\$137.35
State W/Holding:	\$403.54
Misc.:	\$100.00
Trash:	\$14,802.75
Water Analysis:	\$2,146.74
Bank Loan - Hydrants:	\$1,438.58
Total Disbursements from Cash:	\$67,152.79
Ending balance April 30, 2025	\$9,387.44

 s/ Nora Williams, Village Treasurer

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GIRLS: Stark County girls aiming for 20 wins

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“Depending on how we shoot the ball and barring injuries, we’re hoping to get to 20 wins on the season. As we all know the LTC is always a gauntlet.”

Stark County is off to a 2-2 start after competing at the Princeton Invite. The Rebels opened tournament play with losses to Chillicothe IVC (44-27) and Hall (31-21).

The Rebels rebounded with wins over Mendota and Henry-Senachwine last week.

Johnson had 17 points and 14 rebounds in Stark County’s 44-22 win over Mendota. Finnegan added 10 points and Newton grabbed 12 boards.

Johnson scored 19 and Finnegan 13 in a 44-10 rout over Henry-Senachwine where the Rebels enjoyed a 30-3 romp during the second half..

- **Galva** – The Wildcats secured their first victory of the season with a 58-43 win over West Central on Saturday as part of the ROWVA-Williamsfield/Ridgewood tournament.
- Kaylyn Gale delivered a game-high 29 points and Jovie Weber chipped in 11 to help fuel the Wildcats offense.
- Galva opened with losses to Orion (64-59), Rockridge (47-20) and Monmouth-Roseville (48-31).



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BOYS: Stark County drops two at Wethersfield

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among returnees from a 22-8 season in 2024-25. That represented a steady progression from winning only two games in 2022-23 and 10 games in 2023-24.

According to Galva Coach Jake McClintic, his team has a little more strength than it did last season.

Braxton Hulstrom, Ty Keup and Braden Murphy are expected to bolster the returning Wildcats. All of them aim to improve upon a fifth-place Lincoln Trail Conference finish, not to mention the Class 1A regional-semifinal level.

“We have the depth and the experience to make a deep run if we can click at the right time,” McClintic stated.

Galva is scheduled to conclude tournament play at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in Williamsfield against the host team. A victory would give Galva the tournament title.

- **Stark County** – Anna-wan defeated Stark County 45-41 on Tuesday night in the second round of the Wally Keller Invitational, a six-team round robin at Kewanee Wethersfield.
- In its season opener Monday, Rockridge junior Luke McKay had 37 points, including a school-record 11 3-pointers, as Stark County lost 85-49. McKay had 29 points in the first half as Rockridge led 52-29. Connor Daum had a team-high 22 points for Stark County, and Tanner Bishop scored 14.
- Stark County is seeking to improve upon a 9-19 record and ninth-place Lincoln Trail finish last season. It helps to have a solid returning backcourt, which Daum and fellow senior Ben Browning provide.
- “We are going to have a lot of guys stepping into roles that they are not used to,” Stark County Coach Kane Mastin stated. “We could have multiple underclassmen getting significant minutes. Once we start to jell, we will be fun to watch.”
- Because of predicted inclement weather Saturday, the Wally Keller schedule has changed. Games that were scheduled for Saturday, the final day of the tournament, have been moved to Friday. Each team is to play twice Friday. Stark County is to face Putnam County at 11:30 a.m. and Elmwood at 3 p.m.

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS
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CryptoQuote

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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 Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: What is the name of the dragon in "The Hobbit"?
- MOVIES: Which holiday is being celebrated at the end of "When Harry Met Sally"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which country is home to the famous Angkor Wat Temple?
- HISTORY: In which year did the Internet become available to the public?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which wrestler is known by the nickname "The Rock"?
- LANGUAGE: What is cryptophasia?
- TELEVISION: In which state was the sitcom "Newhart" set?
- MATH: How many sides does a nonagon have?
- MUSIC: Which singer/songwriter wrote the soundtrack for the animated movie "Tarzan"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the essential spice in paella?

ANSWERS

- Smaug.
- New Year's Eve.
- Cambodia.
- 1993.
- Dwayne Johnson.
- A unique language developed between twins.
- Vermont.
- Nine.
- Phil Collins.
- Saffron.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Now You See Me: Now You Don't (PG-13)
- The Running Man (R)
- Predator: Badlands (PG-13)
- Regretting You (PG-13)
- Black Phone 2 (R)
- Keeper (R)
- Nuremberg (PG-13)
- Sarah's Oil (PG-13)
- Bugonia (R)
- Chainsaw Man - The Movie: Reze Arc (R)

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Expectations high for Galva

Five starters return from 22-8 boys basketball team

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News
Expectations for the Galva boys basketball team are high, deservedly. The Wildcats return all five regular starters from a 22-8 team, for one thing, as well as some key reserves. Their first two games this season were close and not-so-close, but they both were victories. Blake Stahl had 20 points Tuesday night at Oneida and MJ Louck scored 10 to lead Galva to a 45-41 victory over Henry in the

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ROWVA-Williamsfield round-robin tournament. The victory came one night after Galva opened with a 79-40 victory over Biggsville West Central. Louck had 19 points in that game, Stahl scored 14 and JP Sloan scored 10. They join Reid Harris, Cyrus Hurd and Jay Smith

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MJ Louck is one of five starters back for Galva's boys basketball team. Photo by Galva Sports Network.

Stark Co. girls aiming to improve

By ANDY LATORA
For The Prairie News
The Stark County girls basketball team experienced its ups and downs a year ago, finishing 11-20 and ninth in the Lincoln Trail Conference. Despite that, and with no seniors on the roster this year, Coach Bob Bohm said the team is hopeful for a top-five finish in the Lincoln Trail Conference. Bohm's roster has six

juniors and five sophomores, and returns just two starters on the floor. Coley Johnston averaged 12 points per game as a freshman to lead the Rebels in scoring a year ago, and junior Sophie Finnegan led in assists and steals. Sophomore Hallie Newton is expected to start after coming off the bench as a freshman. She led the Rebels in rebounding. Addy Westphal, Abby

Nagode, Lucie Colgan, Adelynn Gibson and Michelle Atchley are the other juniors. Darliss Knobloch, Taylor Price and Jacey Endress round out the sophomores on the roster. "I believe a strength for us could be our athleticism, as we are not very big," Bohm said. "Since we are not very big, post play could be a weakness and an area to improve on."

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