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Levitt AMP announces 8th annual free concert lineup

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Ten weeks of free, world-class live music will fill Wiley Park this summer as the Levitt AMP Galva Music Series returns for its eighth season. The series is hosted by the Galva Arts Council and presented by Regional Media and draws audiences from across the region.

Free concerts are held at Wiley Park, located at 311 NW 4th Ave. in Galva and run from 6 to approximately 8:30 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs, blankets, friends and family to enjoy a picnic-style concert experience.

Food and drinks will be available for purchase from local vendors and guests are also welcome to bring their own. There are also

free activities for children and a variety of non-food vendors. Well-behaved pets are welcome. Shuttle service is available for those with mobility challenges. Street parking can be found around Wiley Park.

Concerts will be broadcast on Mediacom’s MC22 channel and streamed live on the Levitt AMP Galva Music Series YouTube.

“Every summer, this series proves that something special happens when people come together around live music,” said event president/organizer John Taylor.

The Levitt AMP Galva Music Series is supported in part by the Levitt Family Foundation, which partners with nonprofits to strengthen the social fabric of

communities.

The Levitt AMP Galva Music Series is also made possible through the generous support of local sponsors, donors and community members. This year, more than \$40,000 was raised to meet the required matching funds for the Levitt grant.

The 2026 lineup spans a wide range of genres. Here is the complete lineup.

- June 7 – Unique Vibrationz (hip hop) and The Lavender Project (hip hop)
- June 14 – Chloe Kimes (Americana) and Weary Ramblers (Americana, blues)
- June 21 – Hot 8 Brass Band (brass) and Nikki D & The Sisters of Thunder (gospel, blues and soul)



A band performs at Galva’s Doss Memorial Stage in Wiley Park at one of the previous Levitt AMP summer concerts. Photo by Alexandria Mikenas.

- June 28 – Ruben Moreno’s Zydeco Re-evolution (Zydeco) and The Swampland Jewels (Zydeco)
- July 12 – Shelby Means (bluegrass) and Still Shine (bluegrass)
- July 19 – The Rebel Eves (Americana) and Stillhouse Junkies (Americana, bluegrass)
- July 26 – The Young Dub-

- liners (Celtic rock) and 3 on the Tree (rockabilly)
- Aug. 2 – Platinum Moon (rock) and Seo Linn (Celtic pop)
- Aug. 9 – KC Johns (country) and The Midnight Cowgirls (country)

More information is on Facebook at LevittAmpGalvaMusicSeries.

ANNUAL LAND REPORT

Land values dip slightly

Prime farmland down 3%

By RHIANNON BRANCH

FarmWeek

The 2026 Land Values and Lease Trends Report saw a shift in narrative from recent years, with 61% of survey respondents expecting a decline in farmland prices this year, signaling a potential plateau in the market.

However, the report, conducted annually by the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, indicates the downturn could be short-lived with most respondents expecting farmland prices to increase in the next



Average prime farmland values slipped last year while prices for Classes C, D and recreational ground increased statewide, according to a recent report. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

five years. And prices are still substantially higher than historical averages.

Class A farmland in Illinois was down 3% for calendar year 2025, Class B was unchanged and Class C, Class D and recreational land were

all up on average.

“I think at this time last year we would have probably predicted a steeper decline than 3%,” Luke Worrell with Worrell Land Services in Jacksonville told DeLoss Jahnke

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Fire destroys Wyoming home

By TAMMY WILKINSON

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming Fire Department responded to a residential fire April 9 in the 400 block of Madison Ave. that destroyed a one-story home.

Wyoming Fire Chief Seth Mercer said that the single-family dwelling at 414 N. Madison Ave. was reported on fire at 2:35 p.m.

Nearby neighbors reported seeing smoke coming from the structure and called in the incident. Some of those same neighbors offered helping hands in assisting the owners Bob and Vickie Moats, who were still inside the home to escape from the burning blaze along with a pet dog.

Mutual aid requested at the scene included responding fire departments from the neighboring areas including the Toulon Fire Protection District, Akron-Princeville Fire Department, and a

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FIRE: Spread to attic caused partial collapse

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ladder truck from the City of Kewanee's fire department.

According to a press release issued by the Wyoming Fire Department the arriving fire personnel "acted quickly to protect a neighboring house threatened by the fire and initiate an offensive attack on the involved structure."

"A partial collapse of the roof forced operations to switch to a defensive strategy, after which the fire was extinguished," the press released stated.

The fire started at the south end of the house but then burned into the outside walls and eventually into the structure's attic, which eventually caused a section of the roof to cave-in. At that point, assistance was requested from the Kewanee Fire Department and use of their ladder truck to aid in directing water directly into the roof and aid in extinguishing the flames.

Mercer stated the home is considered a total loss. The Illinois State Fire Marshall's Office was also contacted and responded to the scene, which is the protocol for any fire involving injuries or potential injury.

"The cause of the fire was determined to be leaf burning by the res-



Firefighters from the Wyoming, Toulon and Akron-Princeville Fire departments responded to a fire at the Wyoming residence owned by Bob and Vickie Moats at N. Madison Ave. on April 9. Photo by Tammy Wilkinson.

idents that had gotten out of control," Mercer said, following further investigation into the matter.

Vickie Moats was transported by the Stark County Ambulance to St. Luke Hospital in Kewanee. Bob Moats reportedly drove himself to the local hospital where both victims were treated and later released.

A Wyoming volunteer firefighter reportedly was treated by medical personnel at the scene when he became overheated but did not seek any additional treatment.

Firefighters remained on the scene for over five and a half hours.

Additional support offered at the scene included the Stark County Sheriff's Office, Ameren, and 1-800-BoardUp.

The 1-800-BoardUp organization is an agency that offers emergency assistance in securing and boarding up structures following a fire situation. A crew worked through the night at the scene securing the fire severely damaged home.

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Stark County Regular Van Schedule for April

Monday, April 6 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287	Thursday, April 2 - Individual Transports Available - Call (309) 364-2287
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FARM VALUES: 2026 cash rents increased slightly

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with the RFD Radio Network.

"Even with declines in

Class A and unchanged values in Class B over two years, we're still up approximately 50% from where we were pre-pandemic, which is a huge number."

Worrell reported several reasons for the moderate decline in Class A values.

"I think Class A went so high up that there was more room to wiggle your way back down," he said. "I also think as those Class A prices got higher and higher fewer people could afford those costs per acre."

Worrell said with technological advancements, farmers can grow crops on Class B and Class C land more efficiently than decades past.

"Depending on the weather, in some instances

on the farms I manage, my Class B farms do just as good, if not better, than a Class A farm," he said. "Whether we're looking at furniture, sports cards, or farmland, we're looking for value."

Other highlights from the report include:

- Incomes were about the same for rented farmland in 2025 as in 2026. Cash rents increased slightly going into 2026 and are not expected to decline into 2027.

- 60% of the survey respondents expect interest rates to decrease in 2026. Declining interest rates would be expected to positively impact farmland prices.

- 69% of respondents expect input costs to increase in 2026.

- Survey respondents estimated that 62% of land purchases required some form of debt financing. Of those financing with debt, the amount of debt financing averaged 54% of the purchase price.

- Farmers accounted for 58% of the buyers, followed by individual investors (34%) and institutions (8%).

- For 2026, 35% of cash rent arrangements are traditional cash rent followed by traditional crop share and variable cash rent tied at 27% each.

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What you can do.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-6 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject suffering from an apparent mental-health crisis.

4-6 - to check the welfare of a resident who activated a medical pendant alarm on SE 6th Ave. It was an accidental activation.

4-6 - While patrolling, officer located a utility wire down across the roadway in the 100 block of Main St. It was found to be a cable wire and was removed.

4-6 - to assist Henry County with a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.

4-7 - twice to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject suffering from an apparent mental-health crisis.

4-7 - to the 400 block of NW 4th St. for a complaint involving criminal trespass to residence.

4-7 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint.

4-7 - While patrolling, officer located a motorist who had locked themselves out of their vehicle in a delivery truck in the 700 block of NW 5th St. Tarletons were contacted and gained access to the vehicle and retrieved the keys.

4-7 - to the 400 block of SE 6th Ave. for a loud-noise complaint involving a contractor doing work late at night.

4-7 - to the east edge of town after Henry County initiated a vehicle pursuit on Illinois Route 34 near Illinois Route 78. The pursuit headed further east into Stark County, where an arrest was ultimately made.

4-8 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for an activated fire alarm. Officer determined a resident burnt food and no actual fire was present.

4-8 - twice to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a subject suffering from an apparent mental-health crisis.

4-8 - to the 400 block of SE 6th Ave. to assist the Galva Water Department speak to a sewer contractor working without a city permit.



4-8 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal-disturbance complaint.

4-8 - to the 200 block of East Division St. for a dog-bite complaint. As the result, Doroteo Duarte, 34, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for failure to obtain a valid rabies inoculation.

4-8 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a suspicious-person complaint.

4-8 - to the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. for a 911 hang-up complaint.

4-9 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal-domestic disturbance.

4-9 - to the 700 block of North Center Ave. to complete two low-speed vehicle inspections.

4-9 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving harassment/disorderly conduct.

4-9 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a stalking/trespassing complaint. A suspect was served a written banning notice.

4-10 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a physical altercation in the yard involving three subjects. The subjects were located and refused to prosecute.

4-10 - to a residence on SE 2nd St. to check the welfare of a subject. The subject was fine.

4-10 - to the 200 block of SW 4th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The owner captured the dog and took it home.

4-10 - to the 100 block of SW 5th

St. for a loose-dog complaint. It was returned to its owner.

4-11 - While patrolling, officer located a disabled vehicle just east of town on U.S. Route 34. The owner had assistance en route.

4-11 - Officer was notified about a suicidal subject with Galva connections. Several addresses were checked but the suspect was not located.

4-12 - to a subject by telephone in reference to a harassment/disorderly conduct complaint.

4-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of South Center Ave., Averyl Stevenson, 28, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

4-12 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance.

4-12 - to the 800 block of SE 2nd St. for a pedestrian who was not acting normally near the roadway. It was determined to be a medical incident. Stark County Medic responded and transported the subject for treatment and evaluation.

4-12 - to the east edge of town to remove a deer carcass and vehicle parts from the roadway.

Peoria County Report

3-27 - A two-vehicle crash west of Brimfield resulted in no apparent injuries. Larry J. Moore of Kewanee was driving a southbound 2025 Ford F-150 pickup truck shortly before 7:30 a.m. on Bell School Road at U.S. Route 150 when a 2014 Jeep Cherokee rear-ended it, a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report stated.

Anabelle E. Twomey of Galva was the other driver. Moore said he slowed to make an eastbound turn, but Twomey said she didn't notice it. The pickup truck sustained a dented rear bumper and a broken right-rear taillight.

The Cherokee sustained significant front-end damage that resulted in fluid leaks and a tow. Twomey was cited for driving too fast for conditions and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

BRADFORD HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP



Heavy Trash Pick-up will be the week of April 27th, 2026 thru May 1st, 2026 ALL ITEMS MUST BE OUT BY SUNDAY, APRIL 26th, 2026

There will be only ONE pick-up per home with no return trips, with a FEE of \$40 per Household to be paid at the Village Office by April 24th, 2026.

Once your street has been picked-up, Employees will NOT return! NO ELECTRONICS

will be picked-up with Heavy Trash. Heavy Trash consists of items not normally put out for regular trash day pick-up.

Trash and Garbage for the weekly trash pick-up should NOT be placed with items for HEAVY TRASH PICK-UP.

Village discretion on all of the following. The following items will NOT be picked up.

Tires, batteries, wire or fencing, kitchen waste, landscape waste or brush, Chemicals, petroleum products, lumber, bricks, cement or cement products, demolition items (laths, plaster, shingles, etc.) or RECYCLING ITEMS.

SPECIAL NOTES:

- A. Metal items are to be kept separate and rods or poles must not exceed 4 feet in length.
- B. Paint cans must have lids removed, be dry and empty.
- C. Items are to be placed at curbside in such a manner that special clean up is not required.
- D. Individuals having contract work done must require the contractor to dispose of material themselves.
- E. No burn barrel waste, or waste brought into the Village.
- F. Limited piles per household (Standard Pick-up load 5x8) only.
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CryptoQuote

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Rhythm is the life of space of time danced through. — Cecil Taylor

GROUNDSKEEPER
Stark County is accepting Groundskeeper bids for the 2026 season. The groundskeeper will be responsible for mowing and trimming the Courtyard, Sheriff's Office and County Cemetery on Wallace Highway. Interested parties may submit a sealed bid by May 2, 2026 to:
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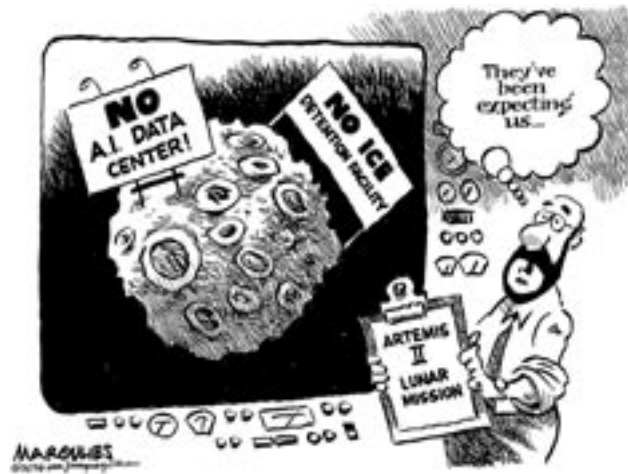
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- Construction debris must be bundled, be less than 5-feet in length, and weigh less than 50-lbs. per bundle.
- No Concrete or Auto parts.

GUEST VOICES

Thanks to Bradford maintenance crew

To the Editor:
People say it flows downhill. Push the handle on a commode and "away go troubles down the drain." Thus, begins the journey which represents the process required to provide an effective sewer system. Waste in Bradford travels through the twists and turns of buried pipes throughout the village to a 30-foot deep wet well (known as the pit) at the sewer plant. Then a gravity-based, multi-step process cleans the waste and returns the water to the stream south of the plant to refresh the local water table.

"We are way under the EPA allowable daily discharge," said Village of Bradford Maintenance Supervisor Jim Chadwick.

The EPA requires daily measurement and allows wastewater effluent up to 400 colonies of fecal coliform per 100 millileter. He went on to say depending on both the flow and rain, the sewage often enters the village system with bac-

teria at 25,000 colonies or more.

"When the water leaves the plant it's in the single digits," Chadwick said. "We're typically at four parts or less. Our sewer system is great when it operates properly."

In October one of the two pumps in the pit had stopped working, the Village Board approved the purchase of a new pump and the replacement required new controls.

"We took it upon ourselves to do the wiring for the new pump," Chadwick said.

Municipal sewer systems and processes require a bit of magic to operate. Fortunately when Chadwick needs the magic skills to pull a rabbit out of his hat assistant Jim Larsen steps up to assist. Larsen hand dug the 110-foot trench from the pit to the control room.

"I left a pull line in the conduit," Larsen said.

That allowed installers to easily connect the pump to the controls.

"The pump guys were really happy about us doing the trench and

conduit," Chadwick said, adding, "that saved us a couple thousand dollars."

Larsen adds, "We just did it rather than wait for them to do it."

If something goes south in the Village they call Chadwick, who is on call 24-7, all 365 days a year. Village residents can rest assured of a response and he says, the most harmful items to the system include, "flushable wipes as they can stop any pump."

At one point when they cleaned the system they collected two 55-gallon barrels of items including wipes, tennis shoes and even a bed sheet.

Good job Jim and Jim as a taxpayer I appreciate your efforts to save the village money.

- Chris Stevens, Bradford
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Fee limits, detention regulation bills pass house

By JENNA SCHWEIKERT,
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Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois House last week approved legislation that would prohibit the federal government from operating a new immigration detention center within 1,500 feet of any home, school, day care center, park, forest preserve, cemetery or place of worship.

House Bill 5024, sponsored by House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, passed 72-35-2 roll call and now moves to the Illinois Senate for consideration. It was one of more than 50 bills advanced out of the chamber last Wednesday as the House begins several days of floor action.

The bill is likely to run into legal hurdles. Generally, the federal government is exempt from state and local zoning restrictions.

Nearly all Republicans opposed the legislation.

Here are some other bills that passed last Wednesday and Thursday.

Apartment rental fees

One measure passed this week is going to the governor’s desk. The House voted 64-40 to pass House Bill 3564, which aims to crack down on the types of fees landlords can charge their renters.

The bill prohibits landlords from charging fees of more than \$50 for applications, background checks, modifying a lease, making after-hours maintenance requests, or pest abatement or removal, so long as the renter didn’t cause the issue. It would also require all mandatory fees to be listed on the first page of a lease, and tenants would not be required to pay any fees that are not listed on that page.

If signed, the bill would take effect July 1.

High school voter registration

House Bill 4339 would require high schools to offer eligible students the opportunity to register to vote. Although the bill mandates this action, it provides no consequences if a school does not offer that opportunity.

The bill passed 77-24 with bipartisan support.

Minimum age of alleged child abuse perpetrators

Under current Illinois law, there is no given age that a minor can be held liable for child abuse. The House voted 102-2 to pass House Bill 4539 seeks to make the minimum age for liability 14 – the age children can legally stay home alone without supervision.

Bill sponsor Rep. Barbara Hernandez, D-Aurora, said the measure was initiated by the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services because the department was investigating cases involving alleged perpetrators as young as six.

The bill also seeks to provide guidance if an alleged perpetrator is under 14, in which case the bill directs DCFS to identify if there is an adult or agency whose disregard allowed maltreatment.

Blue envelope program

The Blue Envelope program would provide individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder with blue envelopes that identify them as autistic and provide communication guidance to law enforcement.

Under House Bill 4472, sponsored by Rep. Michelle Mussman, D-Schaumburg, the secretary of state would establish, design and administer the voluntary program.

The office would also

distribute the envelopes to state and local law enforcement, fire departments and libraries.

The bill passed unanimously.

Emmett Till Day

House Bill 4323 commemorates July 25 of each year as Emmett Till Day. Till was born in Chicago on that day in 1941. In 1955, Till was kidnapped and lynched while visiting family members in Mississippi and his death became a catalyst in the civil rights movement.

The House passed a similar measure last year, but the bill was gutted in the Senate on the final day of the session and turned into the state’s fiscal year 2026 revenue plan.

This year’s version passed unanimously.

Abortion fund

The House voted along party lines 69-36 to pass a bill that would create a grant fund to cover abortion care for uninsured and underinsured people.

House Bill 5408, another of Pritzker’s initiatives, would utilize an under-used provision of the Affordable Care Act that requires insurance plans that offer coverage for abortions in instances that go beyond rape, incest and the life of the mother to collect at least \$1 a month from enrollees to cover the cost of abortion claims.

Cash payment requirement

Many Illinois stores would be required to accept cash in most circumstances under House Bill 4592, which passed the House unanimously.

The bill requires any store with a physical location that employs someone to accept in-person transactions to accept cash for transactions under \$500.

Stores would not be required to accept currency larger than \$20.

The bill would take effect in 2028 and now awaits further consideration in the Senate.

Grocery coupon requirement

House Bill 45 would require retailers to provide digital promotions or coupons to eligible customers. were not available.

The original version of the bill required merchants to provide paper coupons, but the amendment broadened the regulation to ensure all eligible customers for a coupon are afforded access to the promotion.

In-state tuition

House Bill 5093 removes a requirement in state law that a student who attended an Illinois high school could only receive in-state tuition at an Illinois university if they did not establish residency outside the state before enrolling in an Illinois university.

With the change, students who attend at least two years of high school in Illinois could receive in-state tuition regardless of whether they moved out of state before going to college.

The bill passed the House on a partisan 71-37 vote, with Republicans arguing the bill would unfairly benefit non-citizens.

It now moves on to the Senate.

RURAL LAURA, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LIVE AUCTION

The following 2-story farmhouse, 3.6 acres, outbuildings, and personal property will be sold on location at 22100 N. Whitaker Rd. Laura, IL 61451, on **SUNDAY MAY 31 ST, 2026 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)(R.E. SELLS FIRST)**

REAL ESTATE: This charming farmhouse was built from a Sears kit in 1922. The woodwork, built in cabinets, open staircase, hardwood floors, covered front porch and other unique characteristics are still original to the home. The house is approx. 2256 sq. ft.. The main level contains a nice sized kitchen with laundry area and many cupboards. It is connected to a lg. dining/parlor area with wood burning fireplace. There is a full bath. Three other rooms that could have multiple uses (with pillars and built-in cabinets), lead to the open staircase. Upstairs are 3 lg. bedrooms, along with another full bath and ample closet areas. The basement is full. There are many lg. windows throughout, providing for much natural lighting. The house needs a complete update and is just waiting to be restored to its original glory. The 3.6 acres outside are home to a nice 2004 30'x40' EB metal building w/cement floor, 16'x8' auto door w/opener, side entrance and insulated roof. There is another 2006 30'x38' Cleary metal shed w/12'x38' lean-to, partial cement floor, a 10'x10' rolling door and has electricity. A good whole house Generac generator is included with this property. If you are looking for your own little piece of the country, check this property out. AN OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday April 30 th from 5:00-6:00 p.m. TERMS: A non-refundable \$7500.00 deposit will be required on auction day, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an AS-IS auction. A valid purchase agreement will be signed on the day of sale. PERSONAL PROPERTY list and pictures will be online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for more.

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The following Real Estate will be offered at Public Auction on **Sunday APRIL 26** beginning at **10:30 AM (Note Time) REAL ESTATE 1:00 PM 225 MCKINLEY ST. HOOPPOLE ILLINOIS 61258**

The real estate consists of approximately 1242 sq. ft. 1 1/2 story 4 bedroom full bath home built in 1907 The home is located on a .53 acre lot in the quiet town of Hooppole Illinois. First floor offers large kitchen with gas stove and lots of counter and cabinet space. Living room and dining. 1 bedroom with closet and bonus room that could be used as an office or play room. Second floor has 3 large bedrooms all with closets, Full basement with new concrete walls poured in 2000. 20" X 30" 2 1/2 car garage, 840 sq ft. are added features. Updates included by owner: New roof 2015, Updated bathroom 2015, New electric box and wiring 2015, Concrete back patio 2015. This home is on a septic system and has a sand point water system. New pump 2018. Heil gas forced air furnace 2009. This home would make a great family home in the Annawan School District.

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Local girls earn top Girls Scouting award

TOULON – Emily Hurst and CJ Richards, both of Toulon, have each earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest honor for girl scouts.

Hurst earned her award by creating a music storage solution to better meet the needs of music faculty and students at Stark County High School. CJ revitalized Galva Elementary School’s library to generate excitement about reading.

Hurst wanted to give back to her high school’s music program with her project and chose to conquer the clutter at the Stark County High School’s band and choir room.

Hurst, a Stark County graduate, worked with faculty and students to find a sustainable solution. She custom-built a mounted rack storage system for the totes, saving much needed space in the classroom while making them easily accessible. Emily also created a QR code for each tote to help teachers log its contents.

Richards wanted to encourage greater interest in reading for younger children, especially in a post-COVID digital age. She partnered with Galva Elementary School and spoke with students



Hurst



Richards

to learn that many preferred reading graphic novels, a genre that the library lacked.

Richards consulted library check-out records and began weeding out about 800 old books that were damaged or no longer read by students to make room for new material.

Richards, also a Stark County graduate, created colorful letter markers around the library to make it easier to find specific books. She collected donated and newly purchased books, including graphic novels, which were of greater interest to students. She also donated earnings from her cookie and fall product programs for the library to purchase more books in the future.

The Gold Award Girl Scouts will be honored at Girl Scouts of Central Illinois’ Green Carpet Gala Awards Ceremony on April 19 from 1-4 p.m. at Erin’s Pavilion in Springfield.

City of Toulon offering TIF improvement grants

TOULON – The City Council has approved an ordinance allocating \$25,000 in Fiscal Year 2027 for residential exterior improvements for properties located in the Toulon TIF District area.

Grants are reimbursements for work done on properties in Toulon and work must be completed before funds will be allocated. Pre-approval is required and an application is available at City Hall.

Grant awards for homeowners are not to exceed 75% of a total project or \$5,000. Grant awards for landlords are not to exceed the lesser of 50% of

a project or \$5,000. The city will except only one application per qualified property for costs incurred from May 1 through March 31, 2027.

Homeowners who have received other TIF district incentives are not eligible for grants.

Youth turkey hunters set records in Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois youth turkey hunters set a new record, harvesting a preliminary total of 2,318 birds in the 2026 Illinois youth season. That surpasses last year’s record of 2,099 birds and marks the third consecutive year of record-setting harvests.

Participation also reached an all-time high. Youth hunters purchased a record 7,369 permits in 2026.

The top five counties for youth harvest were Jefferson 75, Fayette 74, Marion 68, Adams 62 and Clay, 62. Stark County hunters shot six birds. Henry County harvest totals for 2025 were 25 and 18 for 2026.

Freedom House plans fundraiser for May 3

GENESEO – Freedom House will host a high tea and fashion show May 3 from 2-4 p.m. at the Central School House Inn.

Tickets are \$50. Seating is limited. Tickets can be purchased online at givebutter.com/springtime-high-tea-2026-3yw132.

Freedom House serves survivors of abuse in Henry, Bureau, Stark, Marshall and Putnam counties. Counseling, shelter and ongoing support are provided at no charge.

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Illinois leads U.S. in local government units

By **JIM TALAMONTI**

The Center Square

SPRINGFIELD – A new report says Illinois is among the most fragmented states in the nation when it comes to local government, but consolidation is not always an effective cost-cutting option.

The Civic Federation report found that Illinois has 8,923 local government units, over 3,000 more than any other state in the nation.

The report author, Civic Federation Senior Policy and Research Associate Lily Padula, said Illinois statute makes it easy to create governments but difficult to consolidate or remove them.

“Many of these govern-

ments were created decades ago to meet specific needs and instead of replacing them, we just added new layers,” Padula told The Center Square.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker recognized the issue when he spoke at the Illinois Local News Summit in Chicago.

“Let’s face it, with more local units of government than any other state – this is a problem we should be covering – there’s never a shortage of news in the land of Lincoln,” Pritzker said.

Padula said consolidation has mainly been driven at the county, township and municipal level. She said the cost savings vary greatly.

“Some efficiencies like

reducing administrative overlap can happen relatively quickly and have some cost savings with them. Others take time, and so the report emphasizes that the outcomes depend on how consolidation is designed and how it’s implemented and then that can lead to some cost savings,” Padula said.

Padula said consolidating government units doesn’t necessarily relieve tax burdens.

“Consolidation can re-

duce duplication and improve efficiency, which can help manage the cost over time, but a lot of those property taxes are driven by broader factors and funding needs,” Padula said.

Padula said consolidation is a spectrum.

“Illinois’ current system has developed over time, not by specific design, and that creates the opportunity to make it work more efficiently today,” Padula said.

GALESBURG, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY LIVE AUCTION

The following nice home will be sold at
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REAL ESTATE: This nice single story home sits on a corner lot conveniently located a block off of Losey and Henderson streets. The main floor includes a nice open concept dining/living room area, a kitchen, 2 bedrooms, one bath and ample closet space. The furnace and central air are in good working order. Floors are hardwood throughout the main floor. The basement has been finished with a nice separate kitchen, fireplace and a parlor area that could be used as another living bedroom space. There is also a separate storage area with utility hook ups and another bath. A very nice 2 stall garage with overhead auto. door also sits near the house. Cosmetic updating is needed, but this property has much potential to make a perfectly located family home or rental. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday April 9th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. **TERMS:** A non-refundable \$7500.00 deposit is required on the day of the auction, with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an AS-IS auction. No credit cards accepted for R.E. or titled items.

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OBITUARIES

Wendell R. Gilbreth

GALVA – Wendell R. Gilbreth, 83, of Galva, passed away at 10:20 p.m. Monday, April 6, 2026, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

He was born July 13, 1942, in Tennessee, the son of James Terry and Theresa Gilbreth. He married Stella Marie (Raley) Burwell in December 1971; she preceded him in death on Feb. 5, 2026.



Gilbreth

He was also preceded in death by Stella's son, Robert Joe Burwell, as well as his parents and siblings, Billy, Donald, Ruble, Linda and Jimmy.

Survivors include his daughters Connie Risk of Rockford and her children Ashley Doyle (Luke), Eric Nebel and Kylie Risk (D'Marco); Melinda (Joe) Hilerio of Apopka, Fla.; Stella's son, Andrew Burwell of Chicago; daughter Kim Burwell of Springfield, Ill., and her children Jacob and Juan Burwell; and his daughter Devyn; as well as their grandson Chad (Brandy) Gilbreth of Peru, Ill., and their daughters Stella, Sunny and Goldie.

A Vietnam combat veteran, Wendell served in the U.S. Army in communications. He was a simple, quiet man, a homebody who found his greatest satisfaction in the small, steady rhythms of daily life and in being present for family, especially in his role as great grandfather. He worked for the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150 for 42 years and retired after a long career of dependable service.

A eulogy was to be read on April 10, immediately followed by a memorial visitation from 4-6 p.m. at Rux Funeral Home. Graveside inurnment for Wendell and Stella will be held 11 a.m., Saturday, April 18

in Galva Cemetery with Deacon Michael Crummer officiating. Military rites will be accorded by the Illinois National Guard Military Honors and the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

Wendell lived simply and loved quietly. Those who knew him will remember a man of few words whose loyalty, work ethic and steady hands spoke louder than anything he might have said. The family welcomes memories and stories that reflect the gentleness and constancy of his life.

Corinne A. Stahl

GALVA – Corinne A. Stahl, 78, of Galva, passed away at 5:07 a.m. Sunday, April 12, 2026, at Allure of Geneseo. Corinne was born on April 21, 1947, in Kewanee, the daughter of Gerald "Jerry" and Laura "Zaz" (Kilgore) King. She married Melvin "Mel" Stahl on July 31, 1966; he survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Melissa "Missy" Stahl and Emily (Alex) Ropp, both of Galva; one son, Tim Stahl, also of Galva; five grandchildren, Blake, Chance (Madison), Drake (Savannah), Julia (Jeb) and Liam; four great-grandchildren, Mayven, Cash, Marleigh and Cohen; one sister, Suzanne (Mark) Vancil of Rockwall, Texas; one brother-in-law, Mike (Pat) Stahl; two sisters-in-law, Evie Stahl and Joanne Holman; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother-in-law Jim Stahl; and brother-in-law Del Holman.

Corinne worked at Wyoming High School and later as a teacher's aide in Galva Pre-K for 21 years. She loved reading, gardening, bird watching and doing yard work. Corinne loved cheering on her grandchildren at their

sporting events.

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. also on Saturday at the funeral home. Nicole Reed, Certified Funeral Celebrant, will officiate. Burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Galva Public Library District or The Galva Puppy Fund.

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

Cheryl A. Dowell

BISHOP HILL – Cheryl Ann (Wexell) Dowell, 86, of Bishop Hill, died April 8, 2026 at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

She was born on Aug. 3, 1939, in Ulah, the daughter of Vernie Victor and Blanche (Sellon) Wexell. Survivors include her four children, Victoria (Mike) Rabas of Bishop Hill, Greg (Emily) Dowell of Deer Park, Chanda (Mike Keup) Dowell of Bishop Hill and Doug (Stacia) Dowell of Bloomington; eight grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister, Helen McIntire.

Cheryl graduated from Galva High School in 1957. She was an assistant site superintendent for the Bishop Hill Historical Site. She was a member of the Bishop Hill Community United Methodist Church, Bishop Hill Old Settlers' Association and the Bishop Hill Heritage Association. Cheryl was proud to be a descendant of the first colonists from Hälsingland, Sweden who founded the Bishop Hill Colony.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, April 17, at the Bishop Hill Community United Methodist Church with Rev. Rebecca Gearhart and Rev. Dan Wright officiating. A visitation was to be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, April 16, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Burial will be in Bishop Hill Cemetery.



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NOTICE OF SALE

of Property Owned by the City of Galva and Invitation to Bid Thereon

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Galva will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in the following real property:

The property commonly referred to as 403 N.E. 2nd Street, Galva, IL 61434 which property has been assigned PIN # 24-27-376-008 and which is legally described as: LOT 3 BLOCK 19, WILEY'S ADDITION CITY OF GALVA, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS said property being appraised for \$3,250 (three thousand two hundred fifty dollars) which appraisal is on file with the Galva City Clerk.

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above-described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, during normal working days between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM until 1 May 2026. Said proposals shall be contained within an opaque envelope addressed to:

Mayor and City Council
City of Galva
c/o City Clerk
311 N. W. 4th Avenue
Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend: **PROPOSAL – SALE OF LOT LOCATED AT 403 N.E. 2nd St.**

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva to be held at 6:00 p.m. on May 4, 2026.

A contract may be awarded to the highest, most responsible bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City of Galva, so long as

that bid meets the minimum bid amount which is equivalent to 80% (eighty percent) of the appraised value or \$2,600 (two thousand six hundred dollars), the appraised value being \$3,250 (three thousand two hundred fifty dollars). The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 45 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

Bidders are encouraged to submit proposals for the development of the lots on which they bid. Development proposals should include, but are not limited to: an abstract of bidders building plans and specifications, a statement of financial capacity, a statement of other financial arrangements to facilitate performance of the contract, name of financial institution with contact information, line of credit (personal, special-purpose, or otherwise), or other statements indicating the financial capacity to perform the stated purpose upon which the bid proposal is based.

The corporate authorities reserve the right to include penalty clauses in any and all contracts awarded to successful bidders. Penalties may include, but are not limited to: monetary damages payable to the City for non-performance of the contractual terms, forfeiture of the lot for non-performance, loss of building permit fees, and other assessments that may become part of a development contract.

Any prospective bidder may inspect the "Land Appraisal Report" for any and all lots upon which they wish to bid at the City Clerk's office during normal working hours. The City Clerk's office may be reached by calling (309) 932-2555 or in writing to: City Clerk, City of Galva, 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.

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PUBLIC AUCTION

The following listed and described real estate, auto, and personal property will be sold at public auction on:
SUNDAY, MAY 24TH, 2026
Personal Property beginning at 11:00 AM | Real Estate beginning at 12:00 PM



Real Estate General Description A 2-story, wood-framed and vinyl-sided 8-room, 1 bathroom home. There are 4 rooms on the main floor including: a kitchen with appliances, kitchenette, living room, main bedroom and one full bath. The second story includes 4 bedrooms. Some walls are painted, plastered, or wallpapered. Ceilings are plastered and painted. Some floors are carpeted or linoleum tiled. There are two enclosed porches, a basement, an attached two-car garage, and a small 27' X 28' approximate workshop with an overhead door, walk-in door, and a small attached utility building. The home has an energy efficient gas furnace, central air, and a recently updated asphalt shingled roof. There is approximately 960 sq feet of living area total. Located on a 200' X 85' neatly landscaped lot adjacent to the Annawan Village park and library.

Legal Description

Lot 1 of 5 Atkinsons Sub Town of Annawan | Pin # 15-03-326-004 | Taxes 2004 Payable in 2025 - \$2,793.72 with two exemptions Contact Terms and Conditions 15% down payment the day of auction. Balance due on or within 30 days, or June 24th, 2026. Driver's license ID required. Real estate sold on an as is where is basis. All buyers are urged to carefully inspect and lead to their own conclusion to the conditions of the real estate. The owner reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all final bids. General warranty deed and title insurance issued by the seller. Taxes to be prorated accordingly.

Additional Items

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DONNA J. HERMIE ESTATE

OWNER - ANNAWAN, IL

Co-Executors: Susan A White - Sheffield, IL & Kimberley D. Pickering - Kewanee, IL Attorney for the Sellers: Barash and Everett LLC - Attorney - Galva, IL

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

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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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1. GEOGRAPHY: Which country is also known to residents as Hellas?
2. U.S. STATES: Which state is the least populated?
3. ENTERTAINERS: Which show launched the career of comedian/actor Jim Carrey?
4. MOVIES: What museum is featured in the movie "Night at the Museum"?
5. HISTORY: When was Earth Day first celebrated?
6. MUSIC: Which song begins with the lines, "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy"?
7. TELEVISION: Who starred in the title role of the TV drama "Designated Survivor"?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the only sport that has been played on the moon?
9. LITERATURE: What is the name of the language used in the novel "1984"?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of giraffes called?

Answers

1. Greece.
2. Wyoming.
3. "In Living Color."
4. The American Museum of Natural History in New York City.
5. April 22, 1970.
6. "Bohemian Rhapsody" by Queen.
7. Kiefer Sutherland.
8. Golf.
9. Newspeak.
10. A tower.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
2. Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
3. The Drama (R)
4. Hoppers (PG)
5. Reminders of Him (PG-13)
6. A Great Awakening (PG-13)
7. They Will Kill You (R)
8. Ready or Not 2: Here I Come (R)
9. Dhurandhar The Revenge (NR)
10. Undertone (R)

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LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOISEstate of
CLAYTON J. RIDDELL, deceased
No. 2026-PR-38CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **CLAYTON J. RIDDELL**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 6, 2026**, to **Teresa K. Riddell**, as Independent Administrator of 752 E. 1050th St., Woodhull, IL 61490, whose attorney is **Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434**.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238**, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOISESTATE OF:
DONNA J. HERMIE, Deceased
No. 2026PR40CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Donna J. Hermie**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 4, 2026**, to **Kimberly D. Pickering and Sue A. White, as Independent Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC**.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the representative, or both on or before **October 4, 2026**.

Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Attorney for Independent Executors
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City Galva, IL 61434
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everetr@barashlaw.com
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOISIn Re ESTATE OF
PAULA J. SPROWLS, Deceased.
CC 2026PR5CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **PAULA J. SPROWLS** on December 12, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **TAMMY A. BROWNING**, of 304 West Thomas Street, Wyoming, Illinois 61491, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368**. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 16th day of October, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 30th day of March, 2026.

TAMMY A. BROWNING, Executor of the Estate of PAULA J. SPROWLS, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Stark County Highway Department, 411 E Main St, Toulon, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a variance in setback requirements for property described as City of Toulon, Part SE ¼ Section 19, 3.17 acres.

The request for the variance is for an existing 30 x 40' building to be 1' from the North property line, rather than the 25' setback.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 W Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., May 4, 2026, at which time and place all persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L Johnson, ZONING OFFICER
Published 4/17/26

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOISESTATE OF
PHYLLIS A. BLAIR, Deceased
No. 2026PR6

NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES AND CLAIM NOTICE

To: JEANNE C. MANTHE, PCAPS f/k/a PAWS, AND UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of **Phyllis A. Blair**. Notice is given to **Jeanne C. Manthe and PCAPS f/k/a PAWS**, who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on **March 30, 2026**, admitting the will to probate.

Letters of Office were issued on March 30, 2026, to Anne C. Renick as executor whose attorney is Barash & Everett, LLC, P.C., PO Box 165, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **Clerk of the Court Toulon, Illinois 61483** or with the representative, or both on or before September 30, 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 representatives and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in 6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 518-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

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Filings are to be made with:
Stark County Circuit Clerk
Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOISESTATE OF:
SHANNON J. DEVINE, Deceased
No. 2026-PR-41CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **SHANNON J. DEVINE**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 9, 2026**, to **Dustin C. Bucy of 2 Carter Ln., Pinehurst, NC 28374**, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is **Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434**.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238**, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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The City of Galva ("City") is seeking proposals from qualified development entities to complete the restoration or rehabilitation of the old Chevy Building in downtown Galva. The property is zoned B-1 (Retail & Limited Service). In collaboration with the selected developer, the city envisions a retail or service space that carefully preserves the buildings' envelope and historic integrity while activating additional development on the east end of Market/Commercial Street.

Located on an approximately 8,942 square foot parcel bounded on the North by Market Street and on the South by Commercial Street, the Old Chevy Building property is situated near a gas station, a seed company, a grocery store, a residential area, and an empty lot to the east that stretches to Chester Street. To the west of the property is the rest of downtown Galva, which offers many amenities, including restaurants, bars, offices, and retail establishments.

The city sees redevelopment of this site as a key priority to promote reinvestment in downtown Galva and create new opportunities for a healthy community along its easternmost downtown corridor.

Development entities responding to this proposal should have experience with substantial restoration projects that meet the city's standards for the treatment of historic properties. Any proposed restoration must maintain historic integrity and must be acceptable to the Galva City Council. The City's conveyance of the property will be contingent on the selected entity's experience, project readiness, and creativity in reactivating this historic resource, and the City may be willing to enter into a partnership to provide for off-street parking to serve the redevelopment site on the empty lot immediately adjacent to and east of the property, which lot the City currently owns.

The city encourages respondents to pursue Historic Tax Credits and other available grant opportunities. Proposals that include partnerships with adjacent property owners or other interested entities are encouraged when complementary to the site's restoration.

Financial assistance, such as tax increment financing or other tools, may be available, subject to funding gaps and City Council approval. Selection of proposals will consider the respondent's background, past experience, proposed project plan and timeline, financial capacity, and ability to develop the site in alignment with the City's goals.

Each respondent shall use the form entitled "ATTACHMENT: RESPONSE WORKBOOK Restoration/Rehabilitation Old Chevy Building", which workbook may be acquired by contacting the Galva City Clerk at (309) 932 - 2555 during normal business hours. A tour of the site may be scheduled by contacting the City Clerk's office during normal business hours at (309) 932 - 2555.

Responses are due by 8 July 2026. All submissions will be evaluated by the Galva Economic Development Committee, which will submit a recommendation to the Galva City Council by 22 July, 2026. The City Council will consider the Economic Development Committee's recommendation at its regular meeting on Monday, 3 August 2026, starting at 6:00 pm in the City Hall council chambers at 311 NW 4th Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

The City of Galva reserves the right to waive any informalities in proposals and to accept the most advantageous proposal that aligns with the city's best interests after reviewing all submissions. Additionally, the City Council may send any or all proposals back to the Galva Economic Development Committee for further review.

Questions about this RFP should be directed to the City of Galva: cityadministrator@galvail.gov.
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HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOISEstate of
JAMES M. WESTON, deceased
No. 2026 PR 43CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **James M. Weston**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 9, 2026**, to **Connie M. Wager, Michael Weston and Mary Jane Findley, as Independent Co-Representatives whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC**.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois**, or with the representative, or both, on or before **October 19, 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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SPORTS: Galva softball splits pair with A-W

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Knoxville scored five first-inning runs in a 10-3 win over Galva on April 9. Cyrus Hurd allowed 10 hits and nine runs (four earned) in 4½ innings for Galva.

Galva (3-3) next plays a doubleheader at Princeville on Saturday.

• Stark County baseball – Ridgewood scored six runs in the seventh inning in a 13-2 win over Stark County in Game 1 of their doubleheader last Saturday, then completed the sweep with an 11-1 win.

West Central scored seven runs on one hit in the seventh inning in a 10-4 win over Stark County on April 9. Wyatt Snider had two doubles among his three hits and drove in a run.

The Rebels (0-11) are to play a doubleheader at Annawan-Wethersfield on Saturday.

• Stark County SB – Stark County (3-6) ended a three-game losing streak

Monday, when it beat Lowpoint-Washburn 17-1 in four innings.

Cambri Holmstrom had a two-run home run in the first inning as Stark County took a 6-0 lead. Jacey Endress was 3-for-4 with three RBI, and Sophie Finnegan and Kenna Sparks each drove in two. Finnegan was 4-for-5.

Ridgewood swept a doubleheader April 11 from Stark County, 10-6 and 16-6. Endress was 2-for-2 with two RBI in the first game. In the second, Stark County led after two innings, but Ridgewood scored 10 in the third. Sparks and Brooklynn

Ostrowski homered.

Biggsville West Central used a 10-run second inning April 9 to run-rule Stark County 13-0. The Lady Rebels had only one hit. They are to play a doubleheader Saturday at Annawan-Wethersfield.

• Galva softball – Galva (3-5) split a doubleheader on April 11 with Annawan-Wethersfield. Danielle Wigant's sacrifice fly in the bottom of the seventh gave Galva a 4-3 first-game victory. Alison Bussell was 3-for-4.

A-W won the second game 11-1. Amber Plummer's third-inning home run cut the Galva

deficit to 2-1.

Knoxville scored 10 in the final three innings of a 16-4 victory April 9. Plummer homered in that game, too, to center field in the seventh.

Galva is to play twice Saturday at Princeville.



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ACROSS	54 Gas brand in Canada	100 Precious	7 Bullet point	46 — Reader (magazine)	90 Sport played on horseback
1 Knee, elbow or shoulder problem	58 Speller's clarifying words	101 Pine- (disinfectant)	8 Blood fluid	47 Rodeo lasso	92 Maui gift
9 Pop's Easton	59 Mrs., in Essen	102 Match unit	9 Mu — shrimp	48 Debt note	93 Like much music of the '90s
15 Koranic faith	60 Rembrandt, Vermeer or Hals	103 5 and 10, but not V and X	10 "— So Fine"	49 Jan. preeder	94 Bit of a giggle
20 Make hostile	64 Hush-hush	108 Rejections	11 Lifesaving sites, in brief	50 Infant's cry	95 Corn serving
21 "Omoo" writer Melville	66 Horse father	110 Short note	12 Political exile	53 Stair part	96 Godzilla or Grendel
22 Cheese, in Chihuahua	67 Like galaxies	111 Bandleader	13 2020 U.S. Open winner	55 Lost tabbies	97 Stratagem
23 Instruments such as maracas and congas	68 "Well now!"	112 LAX listings	14 Former U.N. chief Kofi	56 Oscar winner	98 Ultimatum ending
25 Slow-moving mollusk	70 Alternative to Kool-Aid or Hi-C	114 Gp. for people 50 and up	15 Mensa stats	57 Paris airport	99 City near San Diego
26 "Little" girl in "Hairspray"	74 One or more	118 Intermingle	16 Most fancy duds	59 Swiss money	100 Mendeleev who created the periodic table
27 Comment just after waking	75 Israelites	120 Apt directive for solvers of this puzzle	17 Found out, to Brits	60 Entertainer Ross or Rigg	104 Self-description after a lifestyle change
28 Certain Fed	77 Makes illogical	125 Debate topic	18 Italian cheese	61 Banquet liquid holders	105 Runner Bolt
30 "Nuts!"	78 To a great degree	126 "Pata Pata" singer	19 Liquefied by heat	62 PC shortcut	106 Zodiac lion
31 Angry rock subgenre	80 The Bollywood film industry	127 Frat party dispensers	24 IRS hiree	63 Tennis Arthur	107 Ticket ends for short
33 Loose-skinned citrus fruit	83 "Ask — questions ..."	128 Make fun of	29 Central point	65 Indian tea	109 Decaf brand
38 Upper-left PC key	84 Self-motivation mantra	129 Mystery film industry	32 Cuts, as a lawn	66 Old Thailand	113 General site
41 Anxious condition, for short	87 Snow vehicle	130 With	34 Sign gas	68 Folkie Phil	115 A long time
43 Tranquility	88 Bumped into	DOWN	35 — es	69 Hard rain	116 Floor decor
44 City in Ohio	89 "Je t'—" ("I love you," in Paris)	1 Indonesian island	36 Pack-carrying equine	71 "Likely story!"	117 Mexican money
45 Famed ethnic fighters	90 Tranquility	2 Mongolia's — Bator	37 Actress Issa or Charlotte	72 "I volunteer!"	119 Interior grade
49 Uncool character	91 Skip off to the altar	3 Baptism or matrimony	38 Blogger Klein	73 "I haven't gotten word yet"	121 Smoked thing, for short
51 Big meles	94 Adar, Nisan and Tishri	4 Expropriate	39 "Je —" ("I am," in Paris)	76 Extra benefit	122 Omelet meat
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The Prairie News Sports

Smith sisters lead Rebels at B.V.

For The Prairie News

MANLIUS – Sisters Dusti and Cheyenh Smith had a strong outing Monday as the Stark County girls track team placed fourth at the 10-team Bureau Valley Invite.

Dusti Smith won the 1,600-meter race in a season-best time of 5:22.01 and Cheyenh Smith was winner in the 800 in 2:24.77. The sisters also ran legs on the Lady Rebels' winning 4x800 relay (10:18.88) and second-place 4x400 relay (4:19.9). Paytin Terwilliger and Norah Rorem also ran on both relays, which posted season-best times.

Gia Swearingen was third for Stark County in the 100 (13.33) and ran anchor on the second-place 4x200 (1:53.85) with Claire Bowser, Lyla Rosado and Coley Johnston.

The Galva boys and Stark County girls teams each placed third last Thursday in a five-team meet.

Junior Reid Harris continued what has been a strong spring by finishing as top point-getter for Galva. Harris won the 300-meter hurdles in 44.75 seconds and was second in the high jump (6 feet) and long jump (19-6.25).

Eli Ingles led a Galva sweep in the triple jump, winning with a lead of 32-10.5. Ben Burris was third in the shot put with a throw of 41-4.5.

The Lady Rebels fielded a partial team for the meet and got a win from Rorem in the 1,600 (6:09.17). Swearingen was second in the 100 (12.94) and 200 (28.01) and third in long jump (15-4.25), Darilis Knobloch was second in the 800 (2:48.16) ahead of third-place teammate Haylie



Gia Swearingen of Stark County long jumps at the Bureau Valley Invite on Monday.

Moodie (2:49.88), Annalynn Terwilliger was second in shot put (25-7.25), Coley Johnston was third in high jump (4-9.75) and Kelsey Hawley was third in the 100 hurdles (19.69).

The Stark County boys were led by relays, including a second in the 4x400 (4:02.6) and a win as the only 4x800 entrant (9:41.56). The Rebels also got a second from Ethan Grinnell in the 3,200 (12:09.13).


• **Galva baseball** – MJ Louck struck out 11 in 6-1/3 innings in a 5-1 loss at Anna-wan-Wethersfield in the opener of a doubleheader last Saturday. Louck gave up four runs and four hits with three walks.

In Game 2, A-W scored six runs in the fifth in a 9-3 win to earn the sweep.

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