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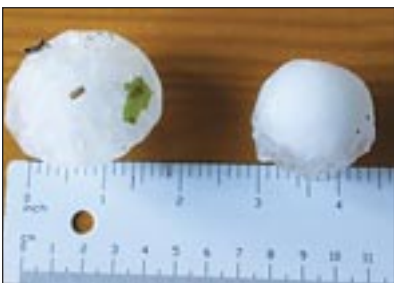
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STORM DAMAGE



Toulon tornado

Wind, hail cause widespread damage across central Illinois

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

TOULON – A tornado struck Toulon last week and damaged structures and trees but caused no apparent injuries.

The tornado was part of a storm system that spawned at least 29 tornadoes across central Illinois. This one covered a little more than 10 miles



and touched down about 7:15 p.m. April 17 about three miles east of Victoria, according to the National Weather Service office in Lincoln.

Once the tornado reached Toulon, damage was widespread. The storm damaged an outbuilding, a carport and electrical poles along

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Clockwise from top left, hail in Toulon measured nearly 2 inches and did widespread damage to siding, windows and car windshields. Winds also downed trees in town. Photos by Sandy Blakey.

LaHood meeting

Stark Co. needs to be discussed

By **ANDY LATORA**
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Kari Bush will have a face-to-face meeting with U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood, R-Peoria, at his Peoria office the first week of May.

Bush informed the Stark County Board of Supervisors of the upcoming sit-down at its April 15 meeting. Bush, the chair of the Stark County Board, said it was an encouraging sign for the county.

“(LaHood’s) office contacted me and it will be a face-to-face meeting where we can talk about the wants and needs of Stark County,” Bush said during the legislative report. “We’re going to talk about small business in the county and how we can keep growing our economy.”

The meeting is sched-

uled May 5.

Another highlight of the meeting came from Paula Leezer, the Stark County treasurer and collector, during her brief report on county finances. A significant thing to note was that Sheriff Chuck Demetreon’s department came in under-budget on salary.

“That’s a huge accomplishment,” Bush said.

Jenny Garner updated the board on the what the University of Illinois Extension office achieved in the past year, and Cat Johns, from Illinois State, presented information on the Broadband Ready program.

The business agenda was light and all items were unanimously approved.

• Appointing the following Fire Department

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Galva School Board OKs 4% pay raises

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva School Board on Monday approved raises for non-certified staff and extended the contract with Elementary School Principal Adam Norway.

Norway received a 4% raise in his new contract, which runs through June 30, 2029. The board also approved 4% pay raises for all non-certified staff.

In other business, the board unani-

mously approved moving 6th grade out of the Elementary School next year and into Galva Junior-Senior High School. Eric Bates was re-elected president, Brittany Boston was elected vice president, Kaleena Conrad secretary and Robert Lewin treasurer. Board committees remain the same and meeting times remain 7 p.m. at the library.

Casey Miller from Henry County Special Education attended the meeting and said the former Kewanee

American Legion is being totally remodeling for classrooms. “This will be a state-of-the-art building and our students deserve the best,” he said.

Miller said the county will save \$30,000 to \$50,000 per student by no longer sending them to Moline and Peoria, where special education costs range from \$85,000 to \$115,000 per student. The state does reimburse part of that bill.

Junior-Senior High School Princi-

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From left to right, teachers Krista, Amanda Dynes and Heather Sellers received the Wildcat Pride award at Galva’s school board meeting last Monday.

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GALVA: Teachers, coaches hired for 2026-27

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pal Kurtis Smyth reported on a few changes he would like to make in the student handbook for 2026-27. One is to have all cellphones kept in a locker or in pocket holders the district purchased for each classroom.

He also said students can not sell anything during school hours that is not part of a school fundraiser. He said a parent questioned him about their child buying an energy drink. Smyth assured them that it did not come from a pop machine, as another student had sold it.

He also wants the board to consider whether a student can play a sport in the evening if they have not attended a full day of school that day.

Norway would like to stipulate that parents must leave children at the door when bringing them to school to avoid having unauthorized people wandering through the building. If a parent wants to come in, they must

ring the door and identify themselves. Recesses will increase from 20 minutes to 30 minutes.

Also to be considered is a policy change for students not picked up on time after school. If the problem persists, the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services could be contacted.

The board did not act on approving a superintendent search firm. Superintendent Joe Becker has one year left before he retires.

The board did approve the following employment items for the 2026-27 school year:

- Hired teachers Amelia Light, high school English; Travis Guthman, physical education/driver's education; and Joseph O'Shea, 5-13 math;
- Reassigned teacher Emily Dulla from 5th grade to grades 3-5 special education.
- Approved coaches Jake McClintic and Zach Anderson, high school var-


sity boys basketball; Brad Jackson HS girls basketball; Becky Wigant, JV girls basketball; Dustin Weber and Megan Weber, HS girls basketball volunteers; David Platt, 8th grade boys basketball; Zach Hardy, 7th grade boys basketball; Brynn Schipper, 7th grade girls basketball and 8th grade volleyball; Josh Harris, 8th grade girls basketball; Heather Anderson, 7th grade volleyball; Amanda Norway, HS Scholastic Bowl; Michelle Mersman, HS cheerleading; Tarol Suddeth and Lexi Morse, JH cheerleading; and Dustin Webber and Lucas Wigant, JH football.

- Accepted the resignation of Ali Weston (dance and drill coach) and Brandy Nelson (library aide).

John VanDeVelde received an award from the Illinois Association of School Boards for serving more than 25 years on the Galva school board.



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- Planning Commission reappointments for Steve Winslow and Noah Forlines.

- Board of Appeals reappointments for Duane Daum and Robert Mueller.

- Human Services Transportation Plan committee appointment of Sunny Pearson.

- Also approved an annual agreement with University of Illinois Extension and a revised resolution for the county highway loan.

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Stark Co. students earn leadership honors

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board took time at its April 20 meeting to recognize several students who have won honors recently.

Receiving student leadership honors from the Illinois Principals Association were Rennon Morrissey-Copland and Luke Down in the elementary school, Abigail Hildebrandt and Colby Gentle in the junior high and Claire Bowser and Owen Mercer in the high school.

Gentle was also honored as one of 15 winners of the IESA Scholar Attitude Award in Division F. Finally, Down was named 2025-26 Elementary Cafeteria Helper.

In other business, the board approved the 2026-27 Behavior Inter-

ventions and Support Team contract for \$19,100. The contract is a reduction from previous years but still includes monthly on-site consulting, parent virtual sessions and resources for working with student behaviors and accountability.

Looking ahead to next school year, the board passed a 10-cent increase for breakfast and lunch fees for 2026-27, approved a Fiscal Year 2027 Consolidated District Plan, approved the 2026-27 IESA contract renewal of \$1,365 and gave Superintendent Brett Elliott approval to start planning the FY 2027 budget.

Passage of a new document for the district's Section 125 Flexible Benefits Plan was not significant, according to Elliott, who called the change "legal jargon to keep us up

to speed with the IRS and payroll withholdings."

Elliott reported several significant upcoming dates for parents and students. May 5 is senior honors and athletic signing day at 9 a.m., May 13 is 8th grade promotion at 6 p.m. in the gym, May 17 is high school graduation at 1 p.m. and May 21 is the last day of school, with dismissal set for 11 a.m.

The board also heard another proposal for the elementary playground, but took no action.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Madelyn Overstreet as grades 6-12 band and choir teacher for the 2026-27 school year and accepted the resignation of Kali Breese (head cheer coach) and Sawyer Newton (custodian).

PUBLIC RECORD

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-13 - Matthew Clark, 34, Gilson, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.

4-13 - to the 200 block of SW 3rd St. for a physical domestic disturbance. As the result, Timothy Dep-

pert, 21, Pekin, was arrested for aggravated domestic battery, unlawful restraint, and domestic battery. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

Peoria County Report

4-4 - A Stark County man was accused of domestic battery following an incident at a residence northeast of Princeville. A Peoria County Sher-

iff's Office deputy was dispatched shortly after 9:15 p.m. to the 4500 block of W. County Line Rd. regarding active family trouble, according to a heavily redacted report. Matthew J. Braker, 36, of Camp Grove was transported to the Peoria County Jail.

The report listed a male victim and a female witness, both of Speer.

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STORM: Toulon hail was almost 2 inches in diameter

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Turner Avenue, at the south end of the city. As the tornado moved north-east, it uprooted multiple large trees along Jefferson Street. Houses sustained damage to vinyl siding, shingles and windows and several vehicle windshields were broken.

The tornado dissipated shortly before 7:30 p.m. in a field east of Toulon, near Downend Road. Hail almost 2 inches in diameter also was reported in Toulon.

According to the Weather Service, the tor-

nado had peak winds of 90 mph. That placed it as EF-1 on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, a six-category measurement of tornado intensity. EF-0 is the lightest category.

The tornado began in a field just north of Knox Road 2250 North, where it damaged large tree limbs. As the storm headed north-east, it damaged power poles near Knox Road 2350 East.

After the tornado crossed from Knox County into Stark County, it caused shingle and siding damage to a two-story residence. A

large outbuilding along County Road 100 East sustained substantial damage, including loss of metal roof panels, according to the Weather Service.

Roof shingles also were damaged at a two-story residence along County Road 150 East. Trees were damaged along county roads 700 North and 750 North, east of Illinois Route 78. Non-tornado winds of about 80 mph ripped off the roof a metal barn near West Jersey.

In Knox County, power to at least 300 Ameren Illinois customers in the Wil-

liamsfield area was out for about 30 hours. Service was restored about noon Sunday, according to Village President Robert Johnson.

Damage to area utility poles caused at least some of the extended outage, apparently. At least three snapped poles were reported three miles south of Billtown, according to the Weather Service.

Like Toulon, Williamsfield received hail almost 2 inches in diameter. The Laura area received smaller hail, between 1 and 1¼ inches.

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OBITUARIES

Theresa M. DeFreezer

PUTNAM – Theresa Mary DeFreezer, 58, of Putnam, Ill., passed away far too soon on April 15, 2026, leaving behind a grief-stricken family.

Theresa was born on Aug. 11, 1967, in Princeton, Ill., the daughter of Virgil and Betty Lou (Murphy) Robbins. She was a graduate of Bradford High School, Class of 1985. She later attended cosmetology school in Kewanee and continued to enjoy giving haircuts to close family members throughout her life.

Theresa worked as a dental assistant for over 30 years, most recently with Alliance Dental in Oglesby, Ill. On Oct. 20, 2020, Theresa married Steven DeFreezer in Las Vegas. Together, they enjoyed going on motorcycle rides, especially to her favorite burger spot, the Duck Inn. She loved playing games, even if she jokingly “cheated” to win. Theresa had a fascination with clocks and displayed many throughout her home. She also enjoyed shooting her pistol.

Above all, Theresa deeply cherished her family and valued every moment spent with them – especially cheering at her son’s sporting events. She never missed a single game.

She is survived by her husband, Steven DeFreezer of Putnam; her twin sons, Bo and Brock Jeffery of Sheffield; her stepson, Seth (India Thomas) DeFreezer of Chillicothe; her grandson, Brenton Davis, with another grandchild, Silas, on the way; her father, Virgil Robbins of Bradford; two brothers, Ronald (Mary) Robbins of Bradford and Don Robbins of Princeville; sister-in-law, Denise (Joe Paul) DeFreezer Paul of Flower Mound, Texas; brothers-in-law, Matt (Julie) DeFreezer of Petersburg, and Rick Hardy of Wyoming; a host of nieces and nephews; and dear friends, Mike and



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Darlene Polman, mother and father in heart.

Theresa is reunited with her mother, Betty Lou, and her beloved sister, Kimberly Hardy.

A celebration of life will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 25, 2026, at the Lake Thunderbird Association Clubhouse, 2 Lake Thunderbird Drive Putnam, IL. Private burial of cremated remains will be at a later date. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

Rodney P. Gerard Jr.

TOULON – Rodney P. Gerard Jr., 69, of Toulon, passed away at 11:07 a.m. Saturday, April 18, 2026, at his home. Rodney was born Aug. 14, 1956, in Kewanee to Rodney and Nola (Puckett) Gerard Sr. He attended Toulon High School.

Surviving is his daughter, Julie (Brad) Belser of Peoria; one granddaughter, Nora Belser of Peoria; two sisters, Tina (Tim) Lucas of Toulon, Brenda (Dwight) Doss of Galva. Also surviving are many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews that loved him. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rodney worked as an autobody technician, first for himself and later for Bill’s Autobody in Kewanee. He loved riding motorcycles, especially Harleys. He enjoyed fishing in his younger years. He also enjoyed attending flea markets and collecting antiques. Rodney loved good food, movies, especially black and white, and he loved old westerns. Most of all, he loved his family.

Per Rodney’s wishes there will be no services. Celebration of life will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services, Wyoming is assisting the family.

Condolences may be left for Rodney’s family on his tribute wall at

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Alice M. Steelman

WYOMING – Alice Marie Steelman, 85, of Wyoming, passed away at 1 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 2026, at her home. Alice was born on July 7, 1940, in White Hall to Paul and Freda (Miller) Crabtree. She married Terry Steelman on June 3, 1956, in Hillview. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 2010.

Surviving are two sons, Mark (Lorie) Steelman of Wyoming and Steve (Pam) Steelman of Putnam; one daughter, Cynthia Wagner of Peoria; nine grandchildren, Claudia (Jake) Plumer, Scott (Jenna) Steelman, Anna (Brody) Elliott, Claire Steelman, Stephenie (Greg) Kursock, Diccon (Juanita) Steelman, Daniel (Kendra) Steelman, Brittany Wagner and Vonnie Wagner; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Lyndell (Barb) Crabtree; and one brother-in-law, Bob Steelman. She was also preceded in death by one brother, Ed Crabtree; and one granddaughter, Jaimesen Steelman.

Alice grew up on a farm near Hillview, where she loved fishing and helping with the farm. She later operated the former Ali’s Closet in Kewanee for over 25 years. She enjoyed collecting antiques, traveling with Terry and attending local blues festivals together.

A visitation was held Monday, April 20, 2026, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Her graveside service was to April 21, 2026, at Pine Tree Cemetery in Patterson, Ill. Nicole Reed, funeral celebrant, was to officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

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



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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491

email: info@thegathering.life

website: www.thegathering.life/

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Email fcctoulon@gmail.com

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Rev. Shawna Marsh

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Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

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preachinghope@gmail.com • galvafirst@gmail.com

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Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com

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FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Estate of
JUSTIN V. VANCIL, deceased
No. 2026PR42

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **JUSTIN V. VANCIL**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 7, 2026**, to Carol A. Lee as Administrator 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 12, 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.

Name Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Administrator
Address P.O. Box 165
City Galva, IL 61434
Phone (309) 932-2001
Published 4/24, 5/1, 5/8/26

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

ESTATE OF:
SHANNON J. DEVINE, Deceased
No. 2026-PR-41

CLAIM 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.

Massie & Quick, LLC
Attorneys for Estate
P.O. Box 205
Galva, IL 61434
Telephone: (309) 932-2168
Published 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26

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

ESTATE OF:
DONNA J. HERMIE, Deceased
No. 2026PR40

CLAIM 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**.

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Attorney for Independent Executors
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City Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2001
everetr@barashlaw.com
Published 4/17, 4/24, 5/1/26

**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:

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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 315 S.E. 4th 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

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

Estate of
JERRY E. GIORNO, deceased
No. 2026 PR 45

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Jerry E. Giorno**. Letters of Office were issued on **April 20, 2026**, to Jeff Giorno, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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Barash & Everett, LLC
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Kewanee, IL 61443
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Estate of
CLAYTON J. RIDDELL, deceased
No. 2026-PR-38

CLAIM 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, ILLINOIS**

Estate of
JAMES M. WESTON, deceased
No. 2026 PR 43

CLAIM 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 the 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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that bid meets the minimum bid amount which is equivalent to 80% (eighty percent) of the appraised value or \$5,600 (five thousand six hundred dollars), the appraised value being \$7,000 (seven thousand 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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

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

In Re ESTATE OF
PAULA J. SPROWLS, Deceased.
CC 2026PRS

CLAIM 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 to 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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SPORTS: Rebels baseball wins two games

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rescheduled Monday doubleheader, Galva (3-7) was swept 3-2 and 9-0 by Princeville.

MJ Louck started the opener and gave up two runs and four hits in six innings. He struck out five and walked three. Princeville won in the bottom of the ninth on a Carter Peterson walkoff RBI single.

Louck and PJ Sloan drove Galva's runs.

Princeville's Noah Geiger no-hit Galva over five innings in a 9-0 loss.

• **Stark County SB** – A five-run fourth inning sparked Stark County (5-7) to a 13-2 victory Monday over

Annawan-Wethersfield that split a doubleheader. Hallie Newton and Taylor Price each had two RBI for the winners. A-W won the first game 4-1.

Brooklyn Ostrowski pitched a two-hit shutout

April 16 as Stark County beat Monmouth United 10-0 in five innings.

Kenna Sparks had a two-run double in a five-run fifth. Price and Holmstrom also had two RBI each.

• **Galva softball** – A doubleheader scheduled for Monday against Prince-

ville was postponed for a second time. Galva didn't have enough available players, according to Marland Rachel, the school's athletics director. The games might be played May 13. Weather also forced postponement of the rest of last week's games, Rachel said.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1000
CITY OF TOULON, ILLINOIS
APPROVING AND ADOPTING
FY 2027 RESIDENTIAL EXTERIOR
IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM for the TOULON TIF DISTRICT
ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF TOULON, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS,
ON THE 13TH DAY OF APRIL, 2026.

WHEREAS, the statutes of the State of Illinois by the "Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act," 65 ILCS 5/11-74.41 at seq., as amended, hereinafter referred to as the "TIF Act," provided that municipalities may create within their corporate boundaries Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Areas, Plans and Projects and to amend them from time to time; and

WHEREAS, on October 19, 2006, the City by its duly elected Mayor and City Council heretofore adopted a Redevelopment Plan and Projects; adopted Tax Increment Financing pursuant to the TIF Act; and designated a Redevelopment Project Area for the Toulon Residential Tax Increment Financing District ("TIF District"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Illinois Statute 65 ILCS 5/8-1-2.5 the City has the authority to appropriate and expend funds for economic development purposes, including, without limitation, the making of grants to commercial enterprises that are deemed necessary to promote economic development within the municipality; and

WHEREAS, in furtherance of the goals and objectives of the "MF District Redevelopment Plans and Projects, the City proposes to establish a residential redevelopment program called the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program" (the "Program" and hereto attached as Exhibit I) to promote improvements to the exterior of residences located within the TIF District; and

WHEREAS, the City proposes to allocate a total amount not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the TIF District Special Tax Allocation Funds during Fiscal Year 2027 for the purpose of providing incentives to homeowners and landlords underlaw TIF eligible redevelopment projects as allowed under the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program"; and

WHEREAS, the City's TIF Administrator shall review all Program applications and recommend funds to be awarded by the City pursuant to the terms of the Program. All applications recommended by the City's TIF Administrator shall then be approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the reimbursements provided under the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program shall be issued and/or expended for verified TIF eligible project costs on or before **April 30, 2027**; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program" will eliminate blight as set forth in this Program and is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Toulon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CORPORATE AUTHORITIES OF THE CITY OF TOULON, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT:

1. The "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program" hereto attached as **Exhibit 1** is hereby approved and shall commence on May 1, 2026 and continue until April 30, 2027 or until such time funding allocated to the Program is no longer available, whichever occurs 1st.
2. The City of Toulon is hereby authorized and directed during Fiscal Year 2027 to set aside and allocate a total sum not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the TIF District Special Tax Allocation Fund for the purpose of having grants awarded to homeowners and landlords under the FY2027 Residential exterior Improvement Program.
3. The City's TIF Administrator shall review applications and recommend funds to be awarded by the City pursuant to the terms of the Program. All applications recommended by the City's TIF Administrator shall then be presented for approval by the City Council.
4. The "FY 2027 Residential & Exterior Improvement Program description, requirements, and program application as included in Exhibit 1 are hereby approved and the City's TIF Administrator and Toulon City Council (with oversight by the City's Special Counsel to the TIF Dismcts) are hereby authorized and directed to approve and execute on behalf of the City said Program Applications and Grants relating to the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program" provided such financial assistance is compliant with the statutory requirements of the Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (65 ILCS 5/11-74.4 et. seq.)
5. All grants provided under the "FY 2027 Residential Exterior Improvement Program" must be awarded and funds disbursed for the reimbursement of verified TIF eligible project costs on or before **April 30, 2027** or said balance of program funds shall be re-allocated by the City of Toulon for other public and private TIF eligible project costs pursuant to the City's TIF Redevelopment Plan, Projects and Area, as amended.
6. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
7. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

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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 NOTICE

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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The Prairie News Sports

Harris wins 3 at Dale Collis Invite

For The Prairie News
GALVA – Reid Harris hurdled and jumped to three first-place finishes for Galva Tuesday during the annual Dale Collis Invite.

Harris won the 300-meter hurdles in a personal-best time of 44.32 seconds, was first in high jump after clearing 5 feet, 10 inches and also won in long jump with a leap of 18-10.75.

Galva had several other strong finishes in the annual meet, which was rescheduled from April 15 and was won by the Putnam County girls and Peoria Notre Dame boys.

For the boys, Ben Burris was second in shot put (44-0.75), Braden Murphy was third in discus (114-0) and Blaiden Brose was third in triple jump (PB, 34-2.25).

Eva Nance won the 400 (PB, 1:12.55) and 100 hurdles (20.72), Kinsley Gale won the 800 (PB, 2:47.91) and 1,600 (PB, 6:13.86), Brielle Jeffrey was second in shot put (22-6.25), Samantha Faber was third in shot (21-6) and second in discus (61-4) and the Galva



Former Galva Track Coach Dale Collis was on hand for the meet that since 2019 has been named in his honor.

girls were also second in the 4x100 relay (1:03.91).

• **Stark County track** – The Lady Rebels had three winners and several other strong finishes at Monday's Bullet Invite at Knoxville.

Gia Swearingen was first in the 100 (13.07), Cheyenh Smith won the 800 (season best, 2:22.36) and Dusti Smith won the 1,600 (SB, 5:06.72). Claire Bowser was second in high jump (4-9.75), the 4x200 relay was second in 1:52.65 and the 4x800 relay was second in 10:06.59.

For the boys, Evan Knobloch won the 1,600

(SB, 4:36.89) and was second in the 800 (SB, 2:05.81)

• **Stark County baseball** – The Rebels (2-13) split a rescheduled double-header against Annawan-Wethersfield on Monday. Stark County dropped the opener 1-0 after a bases-loaded walk plated the game's only run. Ben Browning started and allowed four hits and a run in 5½ innings. He struck out six.

Connor Daum, who had one strikeout and one walk in relief of Browning, started Game 2 and allowed two runs and five hits in a 3-2 victory in a five-inning game. He fanned nine. Keagan Sparks, Khaiden Turnbull and Kaedon Steelman had RBI for Stark County.

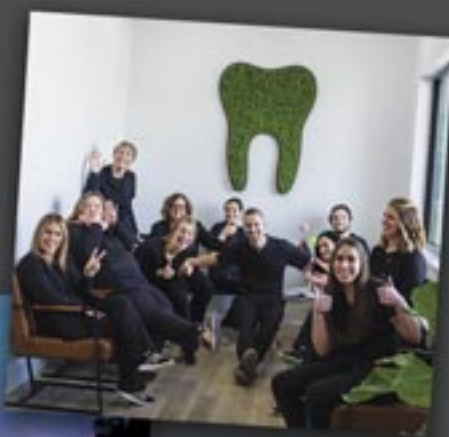

Last week, the Rebels scored their first win on April 14, topping Bushnell-Prairie City 6-5. Browning hit into a double play but the deciding run scored on the play in the sixth inning. Chase Holmstrom was 2-for-3 with a triple. Kaizer Down also had two hits.

• **Galva baseball** – In a *Continued on Page 7*

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