

Toluca City Council Meets, Conducts Routine Business

On Monday, January 12, 2026 The Toluca City Council met on Monday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. with Scott Richard acting as Mayor or pro-tem in the absence of Mayor Hank Zilm.

Reminder Winter is Still here: The city would like to remind all resident that during the winter, they would appreciate it if vehicles were moved from the streets to assist the city workers in clearing the streets from snow. There is a snow ban from 2:00 to 6:00 a.m. for the downtown area when the snow is over 2 inches.

Reminder: The city employees will start in January 2026 to pick up brush the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month. The city will be looking at sidewalks that will need repaired or replaced for the sum-

mer of 2026.

The police stated the electrical work has been completed at the Coal Mine Park and the cameras will be installed in the spring.

The Council thanked Marshall County for a great job policing Toluca.

The City still waiting to hear about the repayment of the water tower and will contact NCIG.

The computers at the water treatment plant will be upgraded.

A thank you from the Food Pantry was read for their 2025 donation.

The Council approved donating \$500 to the Toluca Food Pantry for 2026. They also donated \$100 to the Marshall County Historical Society.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Marshall County Mental Health Board To Sponsor QPR Training

The Marshall County Mental Health Board is sponsoring QPR suicide prevention training on Friday January 23, 2026 from 10 AM-12 PM at the Lacon Area Community Center. The cost of the training is FREE.

What is QPR Training? QPR training stands for **Question, Persuade, and Refer**, which are three simple steps anyone can learn to help prevent suicide. It is an evidence-based, emergency mental health intervention designed to train "gatekeepers" - people in a position to recognize a crisis and the warning signs that someone may be contemplating suicide. **Gatekeepers** can be anyone from parents, friends, and neighbors to teachers, police officers, and healthcare providers. The training is often compared to CPR, as it is an emergency response intended to stabilize a situation and direct the person to professional care until more advanced help can be administered. The goal is to provide participants with the skills and confidence to intervene with someone at risk, offer hope,

and connect them with appropriate support services.

What You Will Learn A typical QPR Gatekeeper course, which can take as little as one to two hours to complete, covers the following components:

1. How to recognize the common warning signs of a suicide crisis, such as expressions of hopelessness, depression, or giving away prized possessions.
2. Common myths and facts surrounding suicide.
3. How to get help for someone in crisis or for yourself.
4. How to use the three steps effectively:

- **Question** a person about their feelings and intentions regarding suicide.

- **Persuade** them to seek help and keep them safe for now.

- **Refer** them to appropriate professional help and resources, such as a counselor or a crisis hotline, for example 988, the national suicide and crisis hotline. This hotline is staffed by licensed professionals and is available 24/7/365.

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Marshall County Court News

CIVIL JUDGMENTS

Dana Wilson (D). Cavalry SPV I, LLC, as Assignee (P). 1/13/26 judgment (P) \$1,071.16.

FINES LEVIED

Steven A. Bounds 5/15/25 by County Crm & Juv "burglary" 5/16/25 Initial Appearance Hrg "willful flight". Petition to detain, detention hrg. "willful Flight"

11/5/25 guilty. DOC 3 years; credit time served: 27. Fine \$75.

Jeffrey M. Wildey 11/8/25 by State Conservation "no valid hunting license/stamp" 1/13/26, 90 days supervision, fine \$451.

Michael J. Wildey 11/6/25 by State Conservation "unlawful take/possess/deer" 1/13/26 Charge amended/reduced "no valid hunt-

Marshall-Putnam Farm Scholarships Available Online

Marshall Putnam Farm Bureau has a TBD # of \$1500 "Advance in Ag" scholarships available for students planning to study agriculture at any college or trade/technical school. A Farm Bureau membership is not required. There is also a \$2000 Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau scholarship for a dependent of a Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau member that will be pursuing higher education in any field at any college or trade/technical school. Visit mpfarmbureau.org/scholarships to apply online starting February 1st. Deadline for applications to be submitted is March 15th, 2026.

Additionally, there are 2 scholarships available specifically to Marshall-Putnam applicants at www.iaafoundation.org/our-mission-at-work/student-scholarships/apply-for-college-scholarships/.

Illinois: Quick Hits

Indiana governor 'working hard' to attract Bears

Indiana Gov. Mike Braun says the Chicago Bears noticed that the Hoosier state is open for business.

During his State of the State address Wednesday at the Indiana Capitol, Braun said his administration is working hard to bring the Bears to Indiana and encouraged state lawmakers to help make it happen.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell visited potential stadium sites in Northwest Indiana and Arlington Heights, Illinois last weekend.

Watching Eagles A number of eagle-watching events are scheduled across Illinois over the next few weeks.

The Bald Eagle Festival and Bird Show is Sunday at Pere Marquette State Park Lodge and Conference Center near Grafton, followed by Bald Eagle Days on select dates at Pere Marquette from Jan. 30 to March 6.

Starved Rock Eagle Watch Weekend is Jan. 24-25 in Utica. Fulton-Mason Eagle Day is Feb. 7 at Illinois State Museum Dickson-Mounds in Lewistown.

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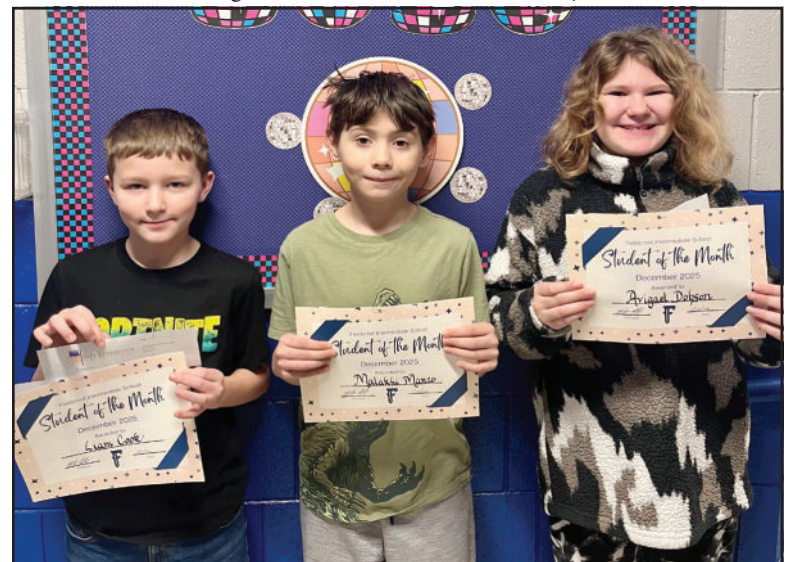
Brian M. Weiss 11/23/25 by State Conservation "no valid hunting license/stamp" 1/13/26 fine \$195.

Ellexis R. Lucas 10/29/25 by County Traffic "unlawful poss cannabis/driver" 1/14/26 fine (Continued On Page 5)

Fieldcrest Intermediate December Staff/Students Of The Month



December Perfect Attendance: Conroy (3rd), Emma Cook (4th) and, and Kailey Hackleman (5th) Pictured left to right: Maverick



December Students of the Month, nominated by their teachers pictured above from left to right: Liam Cook (3rd), Malakhi Manzo (4th) and Avigael Dobson (5th).



December Staff of the Month, nominated by their coworkers, pictured Left to right: Courtney DeBlay (5th Grade Teacher); Amy Nordstrom (Special Education Teacher) and Jamie McFall (3rd Grade Teacher). Congratulations to last month's winners!

<p>Monday, JAN. 26 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Liver & Onions \$16.95</p>	<p>1/2 Dark Chicken Salad, Potato & Spaghetti \$15.95</p>	<p>Regular Menu Also Available (815) 452-2343 Toluca, IL</p>
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MONA'S POLENTA IS BACK!!

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 21

4:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Italian Restaurant
Toluca, IL - Phone (815) 452-2303
Also Serving From Our Full Menu