

## Toluca Rotary Club Provides Shelf Stable Meals For Seniors Through Meals On Wheels Program



The Rotary Club of Toluca again this year provided bags of shelf stable meals for the seniors of Varna, Toluca, and Wenona who receive food through the Meals on Wheels Program. This program is administered by MSW Projects of Henry. These meals will make it possible for the seniors they serve to have food when Meals on Wheels are not

delivered due to inclement weather or power outages.

Food was purchased from the Toluca Market and Niki Vara and Hailey Otto prepared the bags for distribution. The bags were picked up and distributed by Shannon Beebe from MSW Projects. This project is a way that the Toluca Rotary Club is fulfilling their motto of "Service Above Self."

## Gateway Services Announces \$2,500 Scholarship Applications

The Gateway Services, Inc. Scholarship application is now open to students who plan to study in a field related to intellectual/developmental disabilities, including but not limited to, human services, psychology, sociology, social work, therapies (OT, PT, SLP), counseling, rehabilitation, recreational therapy or special education. Students currently enrolled in a college or university are eligible to apply. Applicants attending a two-year college may apply with the understanding that they are to continue their education toward a bachelor's degree in one of these fields of study.

Applicants must reside in Bureau, Marshall or Putnam County. A one-time scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded annually, as funds permit. Applications must be received by March 1, 2026 and can be found at <https://forms.gle/XgsYX-FAnrUg9p63w9>. A link is pinned on Gateway's Facebook page and

can also be found on their website at [www.gateway-services.org](http://www.gateway-services.org) under the "resources" tab.

Selection of the scholarship recipient will be made on or before April 30, 2026. The decision will be based on a combination of community involvement and the future goals of the applicant.

"We are excited to be able to offer a scholarship again this year," said Tracy Wright, CEO of Gateway Services. "We continue to benefit from the generosity of our community, and this is an opportunity to give back to a deserving student who will make an impact in the world of intellectual/developmental disabilities!"

Nearing its 56th year in existence, Gateway Services provides a variety of services and supports for people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities in Bureau, Marshall, and Putnam Counties.

## Macy Gochanour Sets Fieldcrest Scoring Record

### Lady Knights Go 2-2 At The McLean County Tournament

The 9th seeded Fieldcrest Lady Knights went 2-2 in the recently completed McLean County Tournament, finishing in 6th place.

In their opening game on Saturday against LeRoy, Fieldcrest jumped out to a 12-7 first quarter lead enroute to a 61-56 win over the Lady Panthers. Fieldcrest trailed 31-29 at the half and 43-38 after three

quarters but outscored LeRoy 23-13 in the final quarter to take the win.

Pru Mangan led the way for Fieldcrest with 18 points and 14 rebounds. Macy Gochanour added 14 points and 7 steals.

On Monday the Lady Knights dropped a tough 47-38 decision to top seeded Tri-Valley.

Fieldcrest kept it close in the early going, trailing by just 2 at 11-9 after the first quarter. The Lady Vikings led 22-12 at the half and 33-24 heading into the final quarter.

Macy Gochanour led the way for Fieldcrest as she tallied 24 points. Pru Mangan added double figure scoring with 11.

On Thursday, the Lady Knights got back into the winning column as they scored a 60-46 win over Tremont.

Fieldcrest led 16-9 after the first quarter. They led 24-21 at the half and 38-33 after three quarters, then used a 22-13 advantage in the final quarter as they pulled away to the 60-46 win.

Macy Gochanour tallied a game-

high 32 points in a game where she set the all time scoring at Fieldcrest with 1,787 career points. TeriLynn Timmerman added 15 points while Pru Mangan had 10 points and 8 rebounds.

In the 5th place game on Saturday, El Paso-Gridley scored a 60-54 win over the Lady Knights. In what was a very close game, the two teams were tied a 9-9 after the first quarter. EPG led 17-16 at the half and once again the game was tied at 34-34 after three quarters.

Macy Gochanour once again led the way with 22 points while Pru Mangan, Leah Armes and TeriLynn Timmerman each added 9 points.

The Lady Knights, now 11-12 on the season will be back in action this week. After a game on Monday

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day against Lexington, the Lady Knights will be home on Thursday for a rematch with El Paso-Gridley. They will take to the road on Monday, February 2nd when they travel to Ridgeview.

### Macy Gochanour Breaks Fieldcrest's Career Scoring Record



Four-year starter, Macy Gochanour became Fieldcrest's all-time leading on Thursday in a game against Tremont when she scored her 1,766th point in the first half, surpassing the 1,765 points scored by Haley Ruestman. She went on to score an additional 21 points in that game and another 22 on Saturday night and currently stands at 1,809 points with six more regular season games and of course the regional tournament.

The all-time boy's leading scorer is Nathan Ropp who scored 1,464 career points.

## Samaritan's Purse Celebrates 12.2 Million Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts

Samaritan's Purse is celebrating a successful season after collecting 12.2 million Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts in 2025, sharing the love of Jesus with children in need around the world.

The milestone reflects the generosity of millions of shoebox packers helping to fill shoebox gifts with toys, school supplies and personal care items. Across the U.S., the project collected 10.9 million shoebox gifts in 2025. Combined with those collected from partnering countries, the ministry is now sending over 12.2 million shoebox gifts to children worldwide, including those whose lives were turned upside down by Hurricane Melissa, a category 5 storm that recently struck Jamaica.

"Each shoebox gift is an opportunity to remind boys and girls around the world that God loves them," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "We are so thankful for the gener-

osity of every person who packed a shoebox. These gifts are bringing joy and the hope of the Gospel to children in need."

For many children, a shoebox gift is the first gift they have ever received. Each one is a tangible expression of God's love, offering hope to children facing war, poverty, disease and disaster. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 244 million gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories.

While local drop-off locations are closed until National Collection Week, November 16-23, 2026, anyone can participate year-round by packing a shoebox gift online at [samaritanpurse.org/buildonline](http://samaritanpurse.org/buildonline). These shoebox gifts built online go to the hardest-to-reach areas in the world - whether deep jungles, city slums, or steep mountainsides.

Information about ways to get involved year-round can also be found at [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ).

## Fieldcrest Drops Pair Of Games At The McLean County Tournament

After opening the McLean County Tournament last Saturday with a win over Flanagan-Cornell, the Fieldcrest Knights dropped a couple of close contests to Lexington and Tri-Valley at the tournament.

On Monday, the Knights held a slim 26-24 halftime lead against Lexington, but the Minutemen used a 20-12 advantage in the third quarter to take a 44-38 lead into the fourth quarter and then held on for the 54-50 win.

Kash Klendworth led the way for the Knights as he tallied 22 points. Drew Overcker added double figure scoring with 14.

On Thursday, Kash Klendworth put up 40 points for Fieldcrest, but it was not enough as the Knights fell 75-70 in overtime to the Tri-Valley Vikings.

Tri-Valley led virtually the entire game, taking a 17-10 first quarter lead, extending that to 31-23 at the half. The Vikings held a 47-41 lead heading into the fourth quarter. The Knights tied the game up at 53-53 with 2:50 to play and took the lead at 59-56 with 2:17 to play, but Tri-Valley came back to tie the game at 63-63 forcing the overtime. The Knights never did lead in the overtime as Tri-Valley took the 75-70 win.

The big story for the Knights was Kash Klendworth who led the team with 40 points. He had just 12 points through the first three quarters, but erupted for 22 fourth quarter points and added an additional six points on two 3-pointers in the overtime. Drew Overcker added 18 points, with 13 of those

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## Marshall County Court News

### DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Susan Lee McCall (D). Michael Steven McCall (P). 1/16/26 "Dissolution of Marriage/Union"

### CIVIL JUDGMENTS

Isaac Kupec (D). Collection Professionals Inc. (P) 1/16/26 default judgment (P) \$9,303.

Robert Hutchinson (D). LVNV Funding LLC (P). 1/20/26 judgment (P) \$2,300.60.

Stephen J. Cusac (D). Capital One, NA, Successor By Me (P). 1/21/26 judgment (P) \$3,288.93.

Melissa Hopper (D). LVNV Funding LLC (P). 1/16/26 judgment \$7,473.34.

### FINES LEVIED

Dominic A. Connerly 8/23/24 by County Crm & Juv "theft/stolen/intent \$500<10K" 1/20/26 3 years DOC, ccredit for 396, fine \$3,313.

Jessica L. Davis 10/17/24 by

County Crm & Juv "burglary" 1/21/26 probation 24 months, jail 180, fine \$2,746.

Aaron J. Mezo 11/25/25 by County Crm & Juv "littering from motor vehicle" 1/20/26 fine \$689.

Nathaniel K. Flynn 5/10/25 by County Traffic "drvg under influ of alcohol" 1/21/26 fine \$2,575.

Seth R. Woods 12/7/25 by County Traffic "speeding 35+ mph over limit" 1/20/26 Charge amended/reduced "driving 15-20 mph above limit" fine \$1,232; 90 days supervision.

Onika C. Baxter 12/18/25 by County Traffic "fail obey yield sign" 1/20/26 fine \$307. 90 days Supervision.

### LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Leah R. Endress, Tyler W. Endress. Grantee: Jacob T. McKean, Susan Y. McKean. Subdivision Broadmoor (Original Town) Block 5, Lot 1; Lot 2; Lot 3; Lot 4; Lot 5; Lot 6; Lot 7; Lot 8;

Lot 9; Lot 10; Lot 11; Lot 12. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Jennifer Dronenberg, Jerry Dronenberg II. Grantee: Ava Nieszal, John Nieszal. Lake Wood Development Lot 834. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Whitetail Timber Farms LLC. Grantee: Brock P. Doyle, Kentessa Marie Doyle. Section 5, Township 13N, Range 9E, Govt Lot --SE, Notes W 1/2, Expt. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Erik Crown, Justin Crown, Laura Crown. Grantee: Dena M. Umphress, Neil Umphress. Section 13, Township 29N, Range 1E, Govt Lot --SE, Notes Pt 1.928A. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial. Grantee: Varna Village. Subdivision Varna (Original Town) Block 31, Lot 12, Notes W 1/2. Lot 13, Notes W 1/2. Lot 14, Notes W 1/2. Judicial Deed.

Grantor: Teresa J. Cassidy Tr. (Continued On Page 4)

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