

Bob Vester, Former Marshall County Deputy, K9 Handler Passes At Age 41



Robert "Bob" James Vester, 41, of Edelstein, passed away peacefully on April 22, 2026, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria surrounded by his family.

Bob was born on March 13, 1985, in Peoria to Jim and Terry Vester, both of whom preceded him in death.

On October 10, 2009, Bob married the love of his life and high school sweetheart, Kayla Bogner, in Peoria. She survives. Bob is also survived by their two young sons, Cade and Cam.

Bob began his career in law enforcement in September 2006, by working part-time as a corrections officer in the Marshall County Jail and as a court bailiff, until becom-

ing a full-time corrections officer in June 2007. Bob transitioned to a full-time Marshall County Deputy in June 2008. In July 2013, he became a K-9 handler for the Marshall County Sheriff's Office. Bob and his K-9 partner, "Flitz", who also preceded him in death, became an award-winning team. In October 2017, Bob left the Marshall County Sheriff's Office and began working for the East Peoria Police Department. Bob continued his award-winning career, serving as a Field Training Officer, New Recruit Mentor, Peer Support Officer, and Detective. During his time with the East Peoria Police Department Bob received four Letters of Commendation and two Meritorious Service Awards for his actions as an Officer and Detective.

Bob was best known for his generous spirit and hard work. He never shied away from helping anyone, whether a friend or stranger. He met everyone with kindness and empathy. Bob's worst quality was that he could not tell anyone "No." His "don't sweat the small stuff" approach to life could ease the mind of anyone who was troubled. While he was known best for all these traits, he was never far from testing the limits in the rules for a good laugh through mischievous antics and pranks. He often showed he had no shame in making a fool of himself for a good laugh. His witty sense of humor, sarcasm, fantastic dance moves, and "Bobisms" would lead to the(

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Midland Elementary, High School Have "Under The Sea" Collaboration

Midland Elementary PTO and Midland High School collaborated throughout March, culminating on April 11 with an "Under the Sea" carnival alongside their production of The Little Mermaid.

The PTO led the coordination of the event, organizing a variety of creative, kid-friendly games that kept children engaged throughout the evening. The high school cast added to the experience by attending in costume for meet-and-greets with younger students.

School staff also contributed by serving popcorn, Yarger's pizza, and hot dogs. Additional attractions such as balloon animals, face painting, and hair tinsel - provided by Jessica Benz - added to the fun and festive atmosphere.

Local Chamber businesses volunteered their time to help run game stations and support the event, including All in the Details, Thrive Fitness, Spicer's Auto Repair, Whiffletree Place, Let's Dance, Knights of Columbus, North Central Behavioral Health, Runestone Accounting, Rita's Kitchen & Bar, and Lacon Fitness & Tan.

Additional highlights included a student-built periscope from Mr. Bella's physics class and a cave and aquarium display created by Whiffletree Place. A special thank you goes to Billy Poignant for a generous lumber donation used in the dock-themed decorations.

The evening was a strong example of school and community collaboration, bringing together students, families, staff, and local businesses for a memorable event.



Pictured left to right: Mariska Faulkner, Angelina Gonzalaz, PTO President Kayla Lange, Anna Rinaldo & Evan Fishel



Pictured left to right: Kendra Weers, Jane Bella, Angelina Gonzalaz, Jordyn Pyles, Kiryn Schaeer and Kira Roberts.



Pictured from left to right: Even Winkler, Addyson Behnke, Bryan Behnke, Mariska Faulkner, Anna Rinaldo, Angelina Gonzalaz, Tess Jane Bella & Kendra Weers

Marshall County Court News

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

Samuel Carl Torchia (D). Brooke Torchia (P). 4/17/26 Dissolution of Marriage/Union.

Steve M. Crisp (D). Stacy L. Crisp (P) 4/17/26 dissolution of marriage/union.

Devin William Grivvin (D). Aryanna Nicole Brewer (P). 4/17/26 Dissolution of marriage/union.

CIVIL JUDGMENT

Stephen J. Cusac (D). Capital One, NA (P). 4/21/26 Default judgment (P) \$10,236.62

William S. Hendrickson (D). Streater Onized Credit Union A/K/A (P). 4/21/26 judgment (P) \$8,707.75

Terrence G. Standring (D). Tower Loan of Illinois LLC DBA TO (P) 4/21/26 judgment (P) \$6,893.29.

Melanie J. Forrest (D). Tower Loan of Illinois, LLC DBA TO (P). 4/21/26 judgment (P) \$4,124.16.

Myah M. Medgyesi (D). Streater Onized Credit Union A/K/A (P). 4/21/26 judgment (P) \$1,920.12.

Melissa Craig (D). Capital One, NA, Successor By Me (P) 4/21/2026 Default Judgment (P) \$7,312.20.

FINES LEVIED

Deborah S. Hinrichs 9/16/25

by Henry, "FLS alarm/complaint to 911" 4/21/26 Charge amended/reduced "FLS rept to pub safety agcy" 4/21/26 fine \$1,139, 12 months supervision.

Colton Anthony Lunn 11/2/25 by Henry "theft/unauthd control/>\$500 <10K" 4/21/25 Charge amended/reduced "theft/unauthd con/<\$500" fine \$1,233.

Dennis W. Chirchirillo 4/22/26 by Henry "violate sex offender regis" 4/22/26 fine \$2,432, 24 months probation.

William R. Stadel 4/21/26 by County Crm & Juv "theft/unauthd con/<\$500", "theft/unauthd con/<\$500" 4/21/26 fine \$972, 6 months supervision.

Jerry M. Heider 8/27/25 by County Crm & Juv "domestic battery/bodily harm" 4/21/26 Charge amended/reduced "battery/makes physical contact" fine \$1,289, 24 months supervision.

Adrian Ciampa 2/10/26 by Henry, "speeding 26-34 mph over limit" 4/21/26 Charge amended/reduced "driving 15-20 mph above limit" fine \$350, 90 days supervision.

Jeffery S. Kempf 3/12/26 by Henry "inoperable vehicle" 4/21/26 fine \$600.

Tabitha N. Stoner 3/12/26 by Henry "inoperable vehicle" 4/21/26 fine \$300.

Thomas L. Brown 3/19/26 by

County Traffic "fail to reduce speed" 4/22/26 fine \$375, 90 days supervision.

Leonardo A. Lopez 3/16/26 by County Traffic "fail to reduce speed" 4/21/26 fine \$375, 90 days supervision.

LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Christene Johnson, James Johnson. Grantee: Katelyn Eden Stadel, Robert Jerald Stadel. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 746. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Kathy S. Hodel, Kenneth R. Hodel. Grantee: Jeremy J. Hodel, Tamara S. Hodel. Section 31, township 29N, Range 1W, Govt Lot --NE, Notes W 1/2 of E 1/2, E 40A, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Savannah Cicely Nicole Barnwell, Richard D. Cordis. Grantee: Joshua Leroy Kalmes. Carriage Estates Lot 14, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Lynne M. Harlin, Grantee: Lynne M. Harlin Tr. Section 4, Township 13N, Range 9E, Govt Lot: --SW, Notes Pt, 63.204A, Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Sheriff of Marshall Co. Grantee: Pennymac Loan Services LLC. Fahy Michael Sub, Block 80, Lot 27. Lot 28. Lot 29. Lot 30. Sheriff Deed.

Grantor: The Whitetail Group LLC. Grantee: Alpha & Omega Holding Company LLC. Section (Continued On Page 6)

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