

Tim Schwanke Sworn In As New Alderman, Water Rates Raised 7%

On Monday, May 11, 2026, the Toluca City Council met at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Hank Zilm calling the meeting to order.

Mayor Zilm announced that he was nominating Tim Schwanke to serve as 2nd ward alderman, replacing Rick Alden. Schwanke was sworn into office by the City Clerk.

All owners of Off-Highway Vehicles (OHV) must be registered with the city by May 31. You can get registered during regular business hours, Monday through Friday and Saturday May 30th from noon to 4:00 p.m. You can stop in the alley and park behind city hall and come in the back door. You must have your driver's license and a copy of your insurance on the OHV. The OHV needs to pass inspection and the cost is \$30.00.

A motion was made and approved to raise the water rates by 7% effective June 1, 2026.

The 2026-2027 budget was passed.

The city is building a pavilion on the corner of Main Street and Santa Fe Avenue on site where the Toluca Community Board is located. The concrete should be done by the end of June.

The city will be flushing hydrants the end of June.

The Council approved to post the notice that the city of Toluca is requesting bids to lease from the city certain property to acquire by the city located at the Southeast corner of Santa Fe Avenue and Main Street.

The Mayor and Council stated that when a spouse is no longer on the city's insurance, a raise will be given to the employee.

A motion was made and approved the resolution to close the streets for the Labor Day Parade on September 7, 2026.

The police held a safety meeting at the school talking about electric scooters to the children.

A Thank you note was read from Illinois Cancer Care for the donation for Rick Alden.

Thank you to Dawn Piase for donating two glass cabinets to the city.

Thank you to Terri Taylor for suppling the items in the glass cabinets.

The city voted and approved a donation of \$5,000 to Toluca Labor Day Future.

A donation of \$200 was given to the Dare Program out of Drug and Education Fund.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

EMS Receives Lucas Device

To celebrate EMS Week the Toluca, Rutland and Wenona Fire Protection Districts collaborated to donate a LUCAS Device to Eastern Marshall County EMS. The Lucas Device is a mechanical chest compression device, strengthening the agency's ability to provide advanced, lifesaving care to patients experiencing cardiac arrest. The LUCAS device frees paramedics from the strenuous chest compression process allowing them to focus on additional acute care requirements, such as administering appropriate medication or addressing airway issues. EMC-EMS is extremely grateful for our partnership with the fire districts and for providing this life-saving tool in service of our communities.

Remember to thank all Emergency Service personnel for the valuable service they provide our communities.



Jacey Ahrens (Clinical Ops Supervisor) shows the new Lucas device to Toluca-Rutland Fire Protection District's Chief Jason Faw and Trustees Joe Salz, Dave Dolinger and Ray Schumacher

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Marshall Co. Sheriff's Dept. Reminds Drivers To Stay Safe During Memorial Day Weekend

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office is joining law enforcement agencies across Illinois in the statewide Memorial Day high-visibility enforcement campaign aimed at keeping motorists safe during one of the busiest travel weekends of the year.

Throughout the Memorial Day campaign period of May 15th-May 26th, 2026, deputies will increase patrol efforts focused on impaired driving, seat belt compliance, speeding, distracted driving, and other traffic violations to help ensure safe travel for residents and visitors alike.

"Memorial Day weekend should be a time for families and friends to gather safely," said Sheriff Wayne Strawn. "Our goal is to save lives by encouraging drivers to make responsible decisions behind the wheel."

This initiative is funded with federal highway safety funds administered by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The Marshall County Sheriff's Office reminds motorists to:

- ◆ Always wear your seat belt
- ◆ Drive sober
- ◆ Put the phone away while driving
- ◆ Obey posted speed limits
- ◆ Watch for increased holiday traffic

For more information on safe driving practices, visit ItsNotaGameIllinois.com.

Macy Gochanour Receives Scholarship From Sheriff Wayne Strawn II And IL Sheriff's Assoc.



Sheriff Wayne Strawn II and the Illinois Sheriffs' Association take great pleasure in selecting Macy Gochanour, Wenona, to receive a \$500.00 scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic school year. A total of 3 applications were submitted

to the Sheriff's Department, where an independent panel carefully reviewed each application.

Sheriff Wayne Strawn II and scholarship winner Macy Gochanour pictured.

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FINES LEVIED

Frederick R. Traver IV 4/19/26 by State Conservation "illegal hunting of wild turkey" 5/14/26 fine \$195.

Zoey L. Holmstrom 3/17/26 by IL Sec of State PO "seat belt required/driver" 5/6/26 fine \$164.

Logan T. Mann 4/6/26 by County Traffic "fail to reduce speed" 5/12/26 fine \$375.

Christopher C. Clare 4/20/26 by County Traffic "operate uninsured mtr vehicle" 5/12/26 fine \$251.

Randall S. Garland 4/17/26 by County Traffic "driving 21-25 mph above limit" 5/11/26 fine \$164.

LAND TRANSFERS

Grantor: Beverly J. Kocher. Grantee: Jacob B. Kocher. Outlots City of Henry. Lot 12, Notes S/L 4, Pt. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Jay P. Schenck, Nicole R. Schenck. Grantee: Rhyken J. Schenck. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 1603, 1604. Quit Claim Deed.

Grantor: Stanislav Zvereva, Stephanie Zvereva. Grantee: Michael J. Meyers. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 679, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: James K. Selquist, Michael W. Selquist. Grantee: Michael H. Feis, Shannon R. Feis. Lombards 1st Add Lot 75, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Barry Allen Bischler,

Brian Duane Bischler, James Edward Bischler, Joseph Michael Bischler, Timothy John Bischler, Jean Marie Griffin. Grantee: Joseph Michael Bischler. Lombards Railroad Add Lot 161, Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Ryan Jeffrey Gochanour. Grantee: Lucas M. Gensler. Santa Fe the 1st Add. Block 78, Lot 21, Notes +E 1/2 of Vac Alley. Warranty Deed.

Grantor: Scott L. Menzel Exec. Grantee: Kari A. Foster. Lake Wildwood Development Lot 608, Lot 609. Executor's Deed.

Grantor: Steven W. Strubhar, Grantee: Katie Robbins. Brown & Weidman Sub Lot 1; Lot 2, Notes W 1/2. Warranty Deed.

Kid's For St. Jude To Hold Annual Lemonade Stand & Bake Sale May 24



"It's for the Kids" will hold their annual Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale on Sunday, May 24, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. in front of Energy Spe-

cial's Co., located at 224 N. Main in Toluca. Stop by and get a refreshing glass of lemonade as well as some delicious fresh baked goods.

Local Law Enforcement Reminds Dog Owners Of The Running At Large Laws

On May 14th the Marshall County Animal Control Committee held a meeting and local law enforcement attended to discuss concerns, issues, State laws, Local and County Ordinances pertaining to dogs running at large.

The Animal Control Committee and Law Enforcement agencies would like to remind dog owners of the Dogs Running At Large Laws/Ordinances and the importance of compliance to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. An increase in dogs roaming freely has led to many individuals with an unsafe feeling as they venture outside and unfortunately on some recent occurrences the dogs have displayed aggressive

behavior towards people and other animals.

Please be aware that Illinois State Laws and Local Ordinances allows for fines and penalties to be issued for dog running at large violations and also impoundment of the dog. The Illinois Compiled Statutes of 510 ILCS 5/1 Illinois Animal Control Act can be located online at www.ilga.gov and Local Ordinances can be located on the local government websites of www.marshallcountyillinois.gov, www.cityofhenryil.org, www.laconillinois.org, www.cityofwenona.org, and www.tolucaillinois.com.

It is important to know that dog owners are ultimately responsible (Continued On Page 6)