



Fun-Filled Tuesday Evening At The Marshall Putnam Fair Planned To Honor Our Heroes

Show your American spirit on Land of the Brave Tuesday, July 14, at the Marshall-Putnam Stars and Stripes-A-Fair!

The evening begins at 6:00 p.m. with a special presentation by Bob Reed of the Greater Peoria Honor Flight as we kick off the Third Annual CreatiVets Color Run. This exciting event is open to participants of all ages and will take place on a designated course in the southwest parking area of the fairgrounds.

Participants can run, walk, or jog at their own pace and complete as much of the course as they choose. Whether you're sprinting through clouds of color or enjoying a leisurely stroll, the Color Run promises a vibrant and memorable experience for everyone.

Those who prefer not to participate in the run can still join in the fun by volunteering to toss color powder along the course. Volunteers are encouraged to call the Marshall-Putnam Fair Office at (309) 364-2814 or simply arrive that evening ready to help.

Registration is required and entry forms are available online at marshallputnamfair.org or at the Fair Office. The entry fee is \$15, and participants who submit their entry form by July 1 will receive a commemorative event T-shirt.

Completed entry forms may be submitted in person at the Fair Office or mailed to: Marshall-Putnam Fair, P.O. Box 114, Henry, IL 61537.

All proceeds from the Color Run will benefit CreatiVets, a non-profit organization that helps veterans heal through art and music. This event provides a wonderful opportunity to support those who have served our country. Attendees will also have the chance to create and sign cards for veterans preparing to take the incredible Honor Flight journey to Washington, D.C.

Following the Color Run, children are invited to cool off during the return of the popular Kids Water Fight. This crowd-favorite event gives youngsters the opportunity to experience life behind a firefighter's hose. Participants will team up and challenge one another to see who can move the marker across the course first using the power of the water stream.

We extend our sincere thanks to the Wenona Fire Department and the Henry Fire Department for helping make this exciting event possible.

Join us for an evening of fun, community spirit, and support for some of our nation's heroes at the Marshall-Putnam Fair!

Young Learners Explore Ag At The Toluca Library



Children learned about tools and uses of agriculture during the "Ag in the Library" program at the Toluca Public Library on Friday, June 12.

Participants enjoyed hands-on activities while discovering how agriculture impacts their daily

lives. Children were able to see different objects under a microscope and create art using food. The program provided a fun and educational experience for young learners and highlighted the importance of farming to the local community.

"Ag in the Library" will be offered again at the library on Friday July 10, from 1:00 - 3:00 pm. This is one of many programs offered by the Toluca Public Library to encourage literacy, learning, and community engagement among children and families.

Illinois: Quick Hits

By Jim Talamonti | The Center Square
Fuel price drops below \$4.25, still higher than in 2025

AAA's average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Illinois dropped to \$4.24 on Friday, down from \$5.05 one month ago but up from \$3.44 one year ago.

AAA's national average on Friday was \$3.97 per gallon. All of the states bordering Illinois are below \$3.80.

Illinois Is No. 48 For Road Trip Affordability

Illinois ranks last on a list of the best states for an affordable summer road trip in the contiguous U.S.

Dunhill Travel Deals considered hotel, gas and everyday prices along with national park sites, attractions and road quality.

Arkansas finished first. Iowa and Indiana ranked ninth and tenth, respectively.

State unemployment rate remains more than 5%
The Illinois Department of Em-

ployment Security announced on Thursday that the state's unemployment rate remained unchanged at 5.1% in May.

The number is 0.7 percentage point higher than it was one year ago, according to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Total nonfarm payrolls saw a third consecutive over-the-month increase in May, up 6,000 to 6.2 million.

Tornado kills 2 in Jefferson County

Two people are dead and at least five are injured after a tornado touched down in the northeastern part of Jefferson County on Sunday night.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's office said in a news release that the two fatalities occurred in separate single wide trailers that were destroyed.

More than 20 tornadoes have been reported in Illinois over the last two weeks.

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Toluca Famer's Market To Feature A New Vendor

Toluca Farmers Market has a new vendor this week, Shake It Up with Keady B. She will be offering original lemonade shakeups or the flavor of your choice on June 23rd. The Food Truck will be Brick & Ember Pizza of Eureka. His pizza was super delicious and this will be your second chance to try it, so be sure and come and try the Pizza and check out the Vendors across the street at the American legion hall.

We were missing quite a few of our vendors last week due to unforeseen health issues, storm damage, etc and our vendors are only human, but we promise that this is not our new normal. We should have nothing but a growing market from here on out.

As the season progresses, we will have new vendors as well as all the ones that have been here from the start Remember our hours are 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Here is a list through July of Food Trucks: June 30th, Long Road Home - July 7th, CruisinConcessions- July 14th, Flo's on Pulaski - July 21st, Philly Factory - July 28th, Tony's Butt Shack.Hope to See You Soon.

Toluca Labor Day Event Features Golf Scramble And Softball Tournament

Toluca Labor Day committee is busy making final arrangements for the 4 day celebrations that is a long standing homecoming event. Here is some information about a two sporting events that have been planned.

We have Toluca Labor Day, 4-Person Golf Scramble on Saturday, September 5th at 1:00 p.m. There will be hole prizes, raffles and goody bags. You need to register by September 2, 2026 and there is a limit of 18 teams. Tall Oaks Members cost will be \$60. and Nonmembers is \$85.00 and there will be free drink and hot dog vouchers.

You can call Greg Peterson at 815-257-3228.

The same day we have the 3rd Annual 16" softball tournament on Saturday, September 5th with a limit of 8 teams and double elimination. A team is 10 players which can be Coed but no required mix. The entry fee is \$150.00 per team. There will be 1st place prize. During the games there will be adult beverages available and a Food Truck/Pico De Gallo. Registration deadline is August 28th. You can call Jason Hagens with questions and to sign up 815-822-2200.

Register early to secure your spot.

M-P 4-H Federation To Host Community Blood Drive On July 1

The Marshall-Putnam 4-H Federation is calling on community members to help save lives by participating in an upcoming blood drive on Tuesday, July 1, from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. The drive will be held in the big room at the Marshall-Putnam Farm Bureau Building, located at 509 Front Street in Henry.

Blood donations are urgently needed to maintain a stable supply for hospitals, and each donation can help save up to three lives. The 4-H Federation is proud to sponsor this important community service and encourages individuals of all eligible ages to participate.

"This is a simple yet powerful way for our community to make a difference," said Anne Scheel, Marshall-Putnam 4-H Program Coordinator. "We hope to see many familiar faces and new ones come out to donate."

Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule your donation or to learn more, contact the Extension office at 309-364-2356 or schedule it on your Red Cross Blood Donor app. Join Marshall-Putnam 4-H in giving back to the community and supporting those in need. Your blood donation could be the lifeline someone is waiting for.

Marshall County Court News

DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE
Eric Travis Head (D). Melissa Roseann Head (P). 6/12/26 "dissolution of marriage/union"

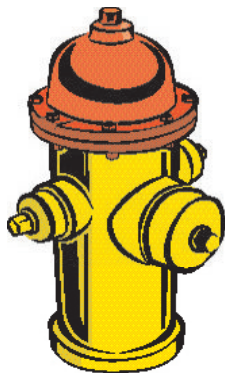
MARRIAGE LICENSE
John Eugene Breckenridge and Randa Rene Samek. 6/17/2026.

CIVIL JUDGMENTS
Dustin J. Schoepke (D). Capital One, NA, Successor By ME (P). 6/12/26 judgment (P) \$22,399.56.
Gregory Thompson (D). Crown Asset Management, LLC (P) 6/12/26 judgment (P) \$3,177.73.
Robert Schlosser (D). LVNV Funding LLC (P). 6/12/26 judgment (P) \$1,980.60
Danelle L. Watson (D). LVNV Funding LLC (P). 6/12/26 judgment (P) \$7,068.54.
Joyce S. Klaasen (D). Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC (P). 6/12/26 judgment (P) \$1,790.63

Tabitha McCartney (D). Midland Credit Management, Inc. (P) 6/12/26 Default judgment (P) \$1,091.44.
Savannah Mann (D). LVNV Funding LLC 6/16/26 judgment (P) \$1,399.26
Daniel Bernico (D) LVNV Funding LLC (P). 6/16/26 judgment (P)\$1,469.15
Steve Loveless (D). LVNV Funding LLC. 6/16/26 judgment (P) \$795.67.
Sean Schmitt (D). LVNV Funding LLC (P). 6/16/26 judgment (P) \$1,159.93.
Jacob Whitby (D) LVNV Funding LLC (P). 6/16/26 judgment (P) \$1,052.07.
Lola Comstock Hendrickson (D). Scott Hendrickson (D). Laura K. Essington (P). 6/16/26 judgment (P) (P) \$2,000.00
FINES LEVIED
Misty M. Smith 6/13/26 by

County Crm & Juv "forgery/possess with intent" 4/22/26 Outstanding warrant >60 (Inactive). Warrant quashed/withdrawn/served. Return to active. 6/17/26 "Guilty." Jail: 4; credit time served: 2. Probation: 12 months. Fine \$2,587.
Harold T. Johnson 5/13/26 by Henry "junk and debris" and "inoperable vehicle" 6/16/26 fine \$300.
Jorge L. Garache Ojeda 5/7/26 by County Traffic "driving 11-14 above limit" 6/16/26 fine \$164.
Jessica D. Robertson 5/11/26 by County Traffic "driving 21-25 mph above limit" 6/15/26 fine \$164.
Joseph D. Crisp 5/15/26 by Lacon "fail to reduce speed" 6/17/26 fine \$375.
Benjamin J. Paul 5/27/26 by Lacon "child abduction/lure child/victim<17." 6/26/25 Initial Ap- (Continued On Page 6)

The Toluca Water Department Will Be Flushing Fire Hydrants



on
Monday, June 29 and Tuesday, June 30

PLEASE CHECK THE CONDITION OF THE WATER BEFORE USING. THANK YOU

TOLUCA WATER DEPARTMENT