In Memoriam: retired Director Samuel Nolen

October 28, 1934 -March 5, 2025 (age 90)

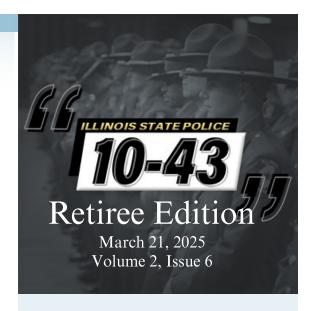
It is with sadness and great respect that I announce the death of Director Samuel No-

len. Director Nolen's career began as a Trooper in 1961 when



he graduated first in his class from the Illinois State Police Academy. Throughout his career with ISP, he continued to excel as he held many key positions within the Department. Some of the positions he held included the Director for the Office of Operations Support and Planning (1975-1977), Assistant Deputy Director for the Division of Forensic Services and Identification (1977-1978), Deputy Director for the Division of Training (1978-1981), Deputy Director for the Division of Forensic Services and Identification (1981-1987) and as the First Deputy Director (1987 - 1991). He was appointed to serve as the Acting Director of ISP during the transition of gubernatorial administrations from Governor Thompson to Governor Edgar, a position in which he acted in from January to March of 1991. In January of 1999 he received the call to serve again when he was appointed by Governor George Ryan to serve as the Director of ISP, a position in which he served from 1999 until his retirement in 2003. Director Nolen left a lasting impact on the agency and with those he served. The visitation will be held on Thursday, March 13, at Wilson Park Funeral Home, 200 East Main Street in Rochester, Illinois, from 10:00am until the time of the Memorial Service at 11:30am. Burial will follow at 1:00pm at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.

> Brendan F. Kelly Director





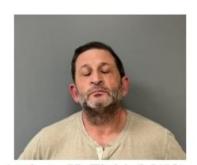
ISP LCMEG Arrests Two After Cannabis Investigation

LAKEMOOR – The Illinois State Police Lake County Metropolitan Enforcement Group (LCMEG) arrested 53-year-old Andrew H. Field and 28-year-old Emily A. Coleman, both of Wauconda, IL for one count of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver over 5,000 grams (Class X Felony) and one count of Unlawful Possession of Cannabis over 5,000 grams (Class 1 Felony) each.

In November 2024, LCMEG agents were contacted to investigate an allegation of illegal cannabis manufacturing at a warehouse in Lakemoor, IL. Throughout the extensive investigation, LCMEG agents executed search warrants and seized evidence, which identified Fields and Coleman as suspects.

On March 5, 2025, officers executed additional search warrants at Milk and Honey Farm in Wauconda, IL and arrested Coleman and Field on charges of one count of Manufacturing / Delivery of Cannabis over 5,000 grams (Class X Felony), one count of Possession of Cannabis over 5,000 grams (Class 1 Felony), and one count of Calculated Criminal Conspiracy (Class 3 Felony). Field and Coleman were released on pre-trial conditions and await a further court date in McHenry County.

On March 11, 2025, based on additional evidence collected during the March 5, 2025 search warrant, Field and Coleman were issued additional arrest warrants in Lake County for Unlawful Possession of Cannabis with Intent to Deliver over 5,000 grams (Class X Felony) and Unlawful Possession of Cannabis over 5,000 grams (Class 1 Felony). The investigation remains open and ongoing, and no further information is available.



Andrew H. Field (M/53)



Emily A. Coleman (F/28)



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ISP Investigation Leads to Charges for Kidnapping and First Degree Murder in St. Clair County

DUPO – Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 6 special agents led an investigation resulting in charges against 39-year-old Kaylon T. List of Dupo, IL for First Degree Murder (Class M Felony), Aggravated Kidnapping/Inflicting Harm (Class X Felony), Kidnapping (Class 2 Felony), Concealing a Homicidal Death (Class 3 Felony), Aggravated Unlawful Restraint (Class 3 Felony), and Unlawful Restraint (Class 4 Felony).

On June 23, 2021, the Dupo Police Department requested ISP's assistance with locating a missing person, Eric Grindstaff. ISP and Du-



Kaylon T. List (M/39)

po officers responded to List's residence at the 4000 block of Elm St. in Dupo. While at the residence, officers observed a suspicious vehicle partially hidden near List's home. A subsequent search of the vehicle revealed human remains, later identified as Eric Grindstaff. ISP and Dupo officers executed a search warrant at List's residence. During the search at the residence, weapons were recovered.

On March 3, 2025, the St. Clair County State's Attorney Office filed the six charges against List. List is currently being held at the Yankton Prison in South Dakota on the federal weapons charge and is awaiting extradition back to St. Clair County for ISP's charges. No further information is available.

NARCINT Seizes Cocaine and Heroin at Grundy County Truck Stop

ISP is targeting drug trafficking and keeping dangerous drugs out of communities. Thursday, March 6, 2025, ISP officers with the Narcotics and Currency Interdiction Team (NARCINT) seized more than 360 pounds of cocaine and nearly 90 pounds of heroin during an encounter in Grundy County.



ISP Seeks the Public's Help Obtaining Information About the Death of 17-year-old Christopher Pineda in 2007

BLUE ISLAND - The Illinois State Police (ISP) Division of Criminal Investigations Zone 1 continues to investigate the death of 17-year-old Christopher Pineda in 2007 and is asking for the public's help to provide any information that may help solve this case.

On Friday, March 30, 2007, the Blue Island Police Department (BIPD) responded to a call about a body found in the Little Calumet River near the area of Broadway Street and Aulwurm Drive. Upon arrival, they discovered a deceased male who had been submerged in water. BIPD requested ISP handle the investigation as the waterway was under ISP's jurisdiction. The male was later identified as missing 17-year-old Christopher Pineda of Chicago. Evidence indicated that Pineda had sustained blunt force trauma to the head and died as a result of those injuries.

According to Pineda's friends and family, on March 23, 2007, Pineda went to school at Whitney Young High School, and afterwards, he went with his girlfriend to her place of employment on the southside of Chicago. Pineda did not stay long and reportedly told his girlfriend that he was heading home. Pineda was last seen walking northbound on Ewing near 108th in Chicago.

At the time of his disappearance he was described as:

• Race: white/Hispanic • Sex: Male

• Age: 17 • Height: 5'05" • Weight: 150 pounds • Eyes: Brown

Hair: Black

Clothing: Jeans, black polo with gold stripes, black hooded sweatshirt, gym shoes



If anyone recalls seeing Pineda before his death or has any information about Pineda's death, including seeing him with anyone, witnessing or hearing about him being beaten or placed in the water, or anything else they believe can help our investigators, we ask they send us a tip using the ISP's Investigative Tip website or contact ISP Zone 1 at 847-608-3200.



Pineda's body was found in the Little Calumet River near Aulwurm Drive and Broadway Street in Blue Island on March 30, 2007

ISP Squad Car Struck on I-290 in DuPage County

ISP Experiences 4th Move Over Law-Related Crash of 2025

ITASCA – Illinois State Police (ISP) officials investigated a traffic crash that occurred on Interstate 290 involving an ISP trooper, who was handling a previous traffic crash, when their squad car was struck by a driver who failed to move over.

On March 20, 2025, at approximately 8:18 a.m., an ISP trooper was handling a traffic crash on Interstate 290 westbound ramp to Illinois 390 westbound in Itasca. The trooper was parked on the left shoulder with emergency lights activated. The trooper was seated inside their squad car, and the squad car was struck in the rear by a Saturn Vue that failed to move over. The trooper was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Saturn, 44-year-old Teresa Muro from Glen Ellyn, Illinois, was transported to an area hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Muro was cited for Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, Failure to Reduce Speed to Avoid an Accident, and a Scott's Law violation.

In 2025, ISP has already suffered four Move Over Law-related crashes. In 2024, ISP suffered 27 Move Over Law-related crashes with 12 troopers injured and one death. In 2023, ISP had 21 Move Over Law-related crashes with seven troopers injured. ISP reminds the public the Move Over Law, also known as "Scott's Law" in Illinois, requires all drivers to move over when approaching an emergency vehicle or any vehicle with its emergency or hazard lights activated.

A person who violates the Move Over Law faces a fine of no less than \$250 and no more than \$10,000 for a first offense. If the violation results in injury to another person, the violator's driver's license will be suspended for a mandatory period of anywhere between six months and two years. Additional information about ISP related crashes can be found at the following link: https://isp.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/340d57cd956c453da2de25af804c268d.





ISP Heritage Foundation Trivia Night— Great Fun and Memories!

The Illinois State Police Heritage Foundation's annual Trivia Night was held on Friday, March 7, 2025, at the Ace Sign Company's Sign Museum venue in Springfield.

According to ISPHF Executive Director Jarod Ingebrigtsen, "This year's Trivia Night was a tremendous success. We want to thank all of our supporters, including the many active and retired ISP sworn and code personnel who attended. It was a fun night filled with camaraderie as we raised funds to preserve the legacy of the ISP while remembering Troopers Corey Thompsen and Clay Carns, and Director Sam Nolen."



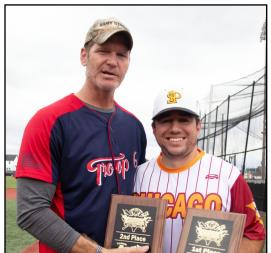
2025 45th Annual ISP Softball Tournament Scheduled for September 26

The 2025 45th Annual ISP Softball Tournament will again be held at Spartan Park in Chatham on the weekend of September 26th-28th. Plan ahead and mark this weekend in your calendars to ensure you can attend. Start recruiting your team and preparing your rosters now, as the competition level continues to rise. We would love to reach at least 10 teams again. This event has continued to grow over that last 5 years and we expect the trend to continue.

Any ISP work unit can enter a team and participate in the tournament. We would like to see every Troop represented along with the other divisions. Code employees are also welcome. Teams will be asked to bring auction items with an estimated value of over \$600 dollars to help raise money at the banquet or the team can provide an entry fee of \$600 to participate. Each team will be guaranteed a minimum of three games for the weekend.

The event will have a kickoff party and coaches meeting on September 26th at DH Brown's in Spring-field. There will be food, drinks, and fun for all provided that evening. The softball tournament games

will be played Saturday and Sunday at Spartan Park in Chatham.



This year's banquet will be a private event held at the ISP Troopers Lodge on Saturday Night, September 27^{th.} We are looking at securing auction and raffle items similar to previous years. There will be a catered dinner and we are looking into securing another band. Last year's band seemed to be a huge hit. As we get closer to the event we will announce all of the details on the band, caterer, and event location. Anyone is welcome at the banquet to help support the cause. You do not have to participate in the softball tournament to attend the banquet. Please RSVP if you are only attending the banquet.

We truly have had some great donations the last few years and expect another round of great prizes and auction items. We also have had great donors that have repeatedly supported the tournament and the Heritage Foundation the last few years. It would be extremely difficult to support this great event without all of the outside support and donations.

We will again block off rooms at the Crowne Plaza for the weekend.

Please finalize your rosters and provide them to the Softball Committee by September 1st.

Please respond to Trooper Roy Manasco (roy.manasco@illinois.gov) or Master Sergeant Craig Neighbours (craig.neighbours@illinois.gov) with teams, donations, or any questions you may have about the event. Please reach out as soon as you know you will be bringing a team.

Be safe and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Respectfully, M/Sgt. Craig Neighbours #6299

Special Olympics 4x4x48 Challenge in Bloomington/Normal on March 28-30

For the fifth year, the Illinois State Police will be joining the David Goggins $4 \times 4 \times 48$ Challenge. This event gives us a rare opportunity to come together for a common goal – helping those in our community by raising funds for the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics.

Beginning at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 28th, rain, snow, or shine, team members will run 4 miles every 4 hours for 48 hours via the Constitution Trail in the Bloomington/Normal area. All are welcome to join. Other members of the Illinois State Police, LETR and local community are invited to join us during this grueling 48 hours. You can run, bike, blade, or however you choose to traverse the 4-mile legs with us. There is still time to commit to joining us for the challenge!

Please consider donating through the link below to help support Special Olympics and reach our goal of \$7,500. https://support.soill.org/campaign/2025-letr-isp-4x4x48/ c669601

If you would like to join Team ISP in their adventures, contact Sgt. Sam Del Rio or Trooper Nik Hubrich.



Troop 8 Personnel Honored at DOP Command Meeting

Wednesday, March 12, 2025,
Troop 8 Master Sergeant
Daron Barge, Master
Sergeant Derek Cullen, and
Acting Master Sergeant Justin
Frankford were presented
awards at the DOP Command
Meeting for their outstanding
performance in the area of
leadership.



Motor Carrier Safety Detail Serves as Training Opportunity

On March 19, 2025, Troop 4 conducted a Motor Carrier Safety-Overweight detail in McDonough County. The detail resulted in 5 citations and \$2,844 in overweight fines. This detail also served as a training opportunity, allowing patrol troopers to work alongside Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Officers and learn from their years of experience and training.







Thank you, Trooper Bemis!

This Facebook post understood its assignment - it was reposted several times in southern Illinois community and law enforcement appreciation Facebook groups in an effort to reach Trooper Gerald Bemis.

When 10-43 made Trooper Bemis aware of the post, he pointed out that he did not actually drive an hour out of his way to return the wallet.

He stated, "I happened to be headed to Effingham County Courthouse this morning for a search warrant return. She happened to live along the route."

Way to multi-task!

Thank you, Trooper Bemis, for making this citizen's day!



Edit: on top of this, he also had to call around to find me/my number.

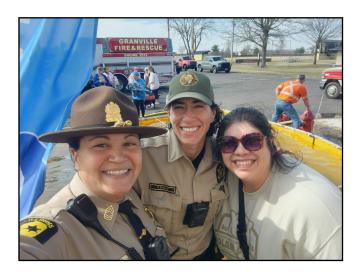


Putnam County Special Olympics Cool School Plunge

Putnam County High School held a "Cool School Polar Plunge" on Friday, March 14, 2025. ISP officers were on hand to cheer on the plungers - we left the plunging to the Putnam County Sheriff's Office!

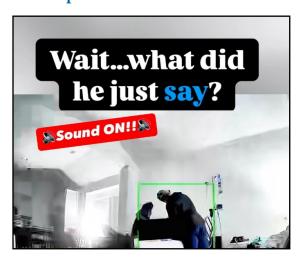
Thank you to all who support Special Olympics Illinois.







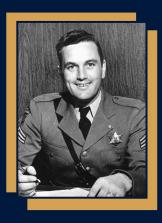
Trooper Brian Frank Makes Progress #FrankStrong



An Instagram post shared by Dr. Brandon Crawford of NeuroSolution, the Texas facility treating Trooper Brian Frank, who severely injured in a Scott's Law crash in 2021, shows Trooper Frank speaking his first words in four years.

Click on the link below to view the video. If you don't have an Instagram account, just click the "x" in the upper right of the pop-up box and you'll still be able to see the video.

https://www.instagram.com/bcrawforddc/reel/ DHGvKUsJHD9/



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Sergeant
Corwin McConkey

End of Watch March 8, 1951 Sergeant Corwin McConkey succumbed to gunshot wounds he received during a traffic stop near Cisco, Illinois.

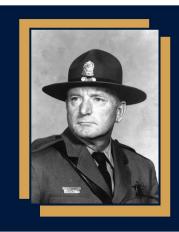
Sergeant McConkey was taken to John Warner Hospital in Clinton where he succumbed to his wounds two weeks later.

The suspect escaped but committed suicide two days later.

Sergeant McConkey had served with the Illinois State Police for ten years and was assigned to District 10. Sergeant McConkey was a WWII Navy veteran and was survived by his wife and two sons.

Trooper Layton Davis was shot and killed while making a traffic stop on Interstate 57, near Effingham.

Trooper Davis stopped a vehicle occupied by two escaped convicts. During the stop one of the escapees slipped a .357 caliber revolver into his waist band. As Trooper Davis frisked him, he spotted the revolver and a struggle ensued.



IN MEMORY OF OUR FALLEN TROOPER

Trooper Layton Davis

End of Watch March 18, 1976

Trooper Davis was shot and succumbed to his injuries. Both escapees were apprehended and sentenced to 100+ years in prison.

Trooper Davis served with the Illinois State police for 19 years and was assigned to District 12. Trooper Davis was a WWII veteran and survived by his wife and three children.

In Memoriam



Donald E. Leckrone Sr., 89, of Springfield, IL passed away on Friday January 31, 2025.

Donald was born in Anderson, IN on September 19, 1935, and was the son of Harold E. and Hazel (Dillon) Leckrone.

Donald had an array of commendable accomplishments through which he took great pride. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War Era. The majority of his professional career was spent serving in various positions for the Illinois State Police, retiring in 1985 after 29 years of service. After retirement, Donald's determination, commitment, and strong work ethic led

him to owning and operating Leckrone Tax Service and Leckrone Rentals for over 30 years.

Donald is a lifetime member of several professional organizations including the Fraternal Order of Police, the Illinois Police Association, the Command Officers Association, the Central Illinois Special Agent Association, and the Illinois Division of the International Association for Identification. He was also a lifetime member of the American Legion, Elks Lodge, and the TRN Club.

Donald married Marsha A. (Ruch) on July 23, 1988, in Springfield, IL.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Hazel; son, Captain Donald E. Leckrone Jr.; stepson, Clay C. De Weese; stepson, Scott A. De Weese; and stepsisters, Ruth Ann Kramer and Mary Thomason.

Donald is survived by his wife, Marsha Leckrone of Springfield; son, Colonel Ret. David E. (wife, Mary) Leckrone of Springfield; Stepdaughter, Amy N. (Dion) Macklin of Springfield; grand-daughter, Paige N. De Weese of Springfield; and grandson Jodey A. Ashford of Springfield.

Donald was a hard-working and committed husband, father/stepfather, and grandfather. Donald was an excellent travel companion and countless memories were made on family vacations. He could fix nearly anything and would often teach those skills to others. Donald always provided words of wisdom and life advice, mostly the hard kind, to those he held close. He was extremely proud of his children and their accomplishments and his love for his grandchildren brought out a soft side not seen by many.

Visitation, funeral, and burial was held on Friday, February 7th, 2025 at Ellinger-Kunz and Park Funeral Home, 530 North 5th Street, Springfield, IL 62702.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

In Memoriam



It is with great sympathy that the Legal Office announces the passing of Elinore Kugler, 89, of Dixon, IL. Elinore is the mother of **Attorney Bruce Kugler** with the Legal office who assists the Firearms Services Bureau.

Elinore Helen Kugler, 89, of Dixon, passed away Tuesday, March 11, 2025, at her home in Dixon surrounded by her loving family.

Elinore was born, September 29, 1935, in Chicago, the daughter of Charles and Mildred Lewis. She married Calvin Kugler on October 4, 1958, in Chicago. He preceded her in death on April 17, 2006. She was a member of Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church, Dixon;

was the author of ten volumes of "Treasure of God's Words"; taught woman's bible study, and was a faithful, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. Elinore accepted Jesus as her savior in 1964 and that one decision shaped the rest of her life. She will be remembered for her strong faith in God and her love of God's word.

Elinore is survived by three sons, Bruce (Marjorie) Kugler, Mark (Ginalyn) Kugler, Steven (Penny) Kugler; two daughters, Audrey (Andy) Minch, Nancy (Dirk) Wriedt; nineteen grandchildren, Timothy Minch, Julie Sullivan, Benjamin Minch, Michael Meier, Joshua Kugler, Valerie Rasche, Rachel Rice, Claire Kugler, Anna Zentmyer, Abigail Kugler, Hope Kugler, Charity Kugler, Ian Kugler, Blake Kugler, Kara Brannam, Karla Kugler, Bekah Ridings, Nathan Wriedt, Ruthie Wriedt; nineteen great-grandchildren, Aaron Rice, Elanor Rice, Jaxson Meier, Selah Meier, Lucy Meier, Wolf Kugler, Caspian Kugler, Chasity Sullivan, Dixie Sullivan, Rebekah Sullivan, Caleb Sullivan, Daniel Sullivan, Jesse Minch, Kai Minch, Eliana Minch, Ilias Minch, Avalynn Brannam, River Brannam, Alexander Patterson; and one sister, Beverly Ringwald.

Elinore was preceded in death by her parents; and one brother, Donald Lewis.

Visitation will be from 9:00 am until time of funeral service at 10:00 am on Friday, March 14, 2025, at Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church in Dixon, with pastor Ron West, officiating. Private family burial will be at Chapel Hill Gardens West in Oakbrook Terrace, IL following a luncheon.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Bethel Evangelical Congregational Church in Dixon.

Arrangements were completed by Preston-Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon.

Condolences may be sent to www.prestonschilling.com.

In Memoriam



Elsie E. Stacy of **Decatur**, **Tennessee**, formerly of Springfield, Illinois passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2025.

She was born January 30, 1937 near Greenfield, Illinois. She was one of nine children born to Ralph and Jennie (DeWitt) Arnold. Elsie graduated high school in 1955. She married Ivan R. Stacy of Springfield in 1957. They have two boys. She worked for Illinois State Police for many years and retired from there leaving many friends. Elsie was an avid gardener and a friend of all birds and wildlife. She loved football season and rooted for Kansas City. Elsie was generous and loving to everyone she knew and adopted. She will be missed by her many friends and family in her beloved Tennessee and Illinois.

She is preceded in death by her husband, parents; brothers, Ebert (Esther) Arnold and Harold Arnold; sisters Helen (Frank) Cimarossa, Dot (Edgar Ray) Overbey, and Irene (Bill) Burton. Elsie is survived by her sons, Gragg (Chery) Stacy of Petersburg, Illinois, Bruce Stacy of Decatur, Tennessee; a brother, Dean Arnold of Florida; sisters Martha Manker of Jacksonville, Illinois, Fern (John) Jouett of Monument, Colorado; sister-in-law Esther Arnold of Wrights, Illinois. Three grandchildren, nine, great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life in Springfield, Illinois will be held at a later date.



It is with great sympathy that Troop 4 announces the passing of Harry G. McFall, 81, of Elmwood, IL. Harry is the father of **retired Trooper Matt McFall** and grandfather of **Troop 4 Trooper Braden McFall**.

Harry McFall III, 81, of Elmwood IL, passed away on Tuesday, March 18, 2025, surrounded by his family. Harry was born to Harry and Frances McFall in 1943. He is survived by his children Coleen McFall, Harry McFall (Christen), Matt McFall (Trisha), and Beth Morrell (Nathan), 10 grandchildren, Kirsten, Hailey, Bridget, Regan, Riley, Braden, Kyran, Ada, Paige, Jack, and four great grandchildren, Gabriella, Kaleb, Anastasia, and Eli. He is survived by his sister Cathy Meyers (Tom) and Nancy Spafford (Kim). He was preceded in death by his wife Bonnie (Ulrich) McFall in December 2020.

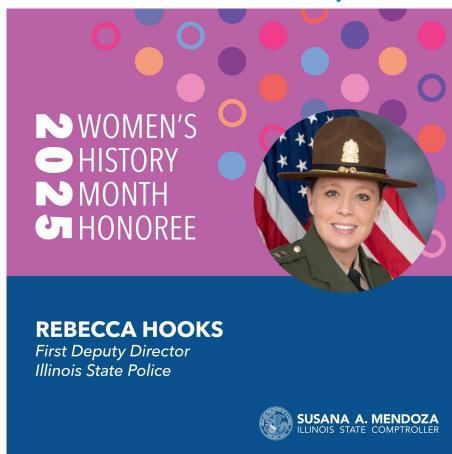
Harry worked 4 ½ years at Hiram Walkers Distillery while attending Bradley University. He received his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1969. That same year, he began his 36 year teaching career, teaching 22 years at Williamsfield Jr. High, and 14 years at Elmwood Jr. High. In 1973, Harry was awarded the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America Award. Harry absolutely loved teaching history and coaching. One of his proudest moments was coaching the Elmwood '81-82' JV Boys Basketball team to an undefeated 21-0 season.

Harry was loved by many and known for his great sense of humor. He enjoyed visiting and reliving stories with friends and former students. Harry was a Christian who exercised his faith at Crossroads Assembly of God. He believed the Bible is the Holy Word of God and the only way to God is through Jesus Christ. John 14:6- I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

There will be an open house Celebration of Life at the Yates City Community Center for Harry on Saturday, March 29, 2025, from 12:00-5:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Claude Keefer scholarship fund. This scholarship goes to the Elmwood High School Industrial Arts scholarship.

IL Comptroller Features FDD Hooks for Women's History Month

Rebecca Hooks currently serves as the First Deputy Director (FDD) and is accountable for the entire operations of the Illinois State Police. FDD Hooks has the distinction of being the first female FDD in this history of ISP and has more than 22 years of experience as an ISP officer. She oversees more than 1,800 sworn officers and 950 civilian employees delivering public safety services to Illinois citizens. She is the highest-ranking sworn officer in the agency accountable for directing the department's \$923 million budget and department missions.



Director Kelly Joined Senator Morrison in Senate Criminal Law Committee



SB 2323 will reform the state's approach to human trafficking.

Read more about Senate Bill 2023 at these links:

https:// www.thecentersquare.c om/illinois/ article 922224c4-c14f-4c4c-a42df8f13d29811b.html

Senate Bill 2323 https://www.ilga.gov/legislation/104/SB/PDF/10400SB2323lv.pdf