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BRADFORD CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Chadwick and Price honored for efforts

By **ANGIE STANGE**
For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford Betterment Committee (BBC) presented its first annual Bradford Citizen of the Year Award to Jim Chadwick and Mike Price at the Village of Bradford board meeting on Monday.

This award will be given annually at the December board meeting to an organization or person(s) who have gone above and beyond to help the Village of Bradford. The plaque will hang in the hallway of the village hall. Mike and Jim also received commemorative coffee mugs.

Jim Chadwick is the Village of Bradford’s maintenance supervisor and Mike Price is a maintenance worker. Jim and Mike have been instrumental in helping the BBC with the many events that they have brought to the community throughout the past year.

These two village employees have basically been on call to help



Pictured (left to right) are Village President John Cler, Bradford Betterment Committee representative Jacqui Grant and Jim Chadwick, Bradford Citizen of the Year 2021. Photo by Angie Stange.

with events scheduled by the BBC to make sure different things that need to be done are done. They take great care of the streets, parks and other village maintenance all of which has helped make Bradford beautiful.

Toulon lift station progress criticized

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Progress on a new sanitary lift station, or the lack thereof, was a hot topic at the latest meeting of the Toulon City Council.

When city engineer Ed Andrews told the council he did not have an exact date when Stark Construction would start moving dirt for the new sanitary sewer system, Mayor Larry Hollis asked, “What about the fabrication of the lift station itself?”

Andrews replied that the USEMCO [the fabricator] package is “progressing.”

Hollis then asked, “They don’t have a date when that’ll be finished, either?”

Andrews went into an overall project construction explanation, but did not answer the question.

“Well, I’m glad that the IEPA [Illinois Environmental Protection Agency] and the health department are happy with the progress, but I don’t know that we’re happy with the progress,” Hollis said.

Added council member Jason Musselman, “There’s nothing that’s viewable to any of the people that there has been progress since last time. And, I’ve had more people angry that are on there [the affected sewer line area] that have

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County board discusses Castleton water issue

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The majority of the Stark County Board of Supervisors’ Tuesday evening meeting dealt with the issue of Castleton’s situation of not having water. This residential area of Stark County has been basically without water from its four wells for approximately four months.

Residents, who have hired an attorney, attended the county board’s meeting and voiced their concerns about obtaining a working water well, or wells. The situation has been described as “dire.”

Castleton has four water wells that are located on Penn Township’s right-of-ways. Penn Township representatives have been seemingly unwilling to address this issue, according to the Castleton residents. Each well serves approximately eight households.

Penn Township officials, though, have agreed to accept ARPA [American Rescue Plan Act] funds, if the county board designates funding for the Castleton water issue.

After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that a committee should be formed of six members – two members from the county board, two from Castleton residents and two from the Penn Township members – to see if a resolution to this problem can be formulated.


It was suggested that the Castleton residents reform a now defunct “water association” so as to have an entity available to receive funding. Currently, no entity is in existence to represent the residents of Castleton.


In other business, the county board set its 2022 meeting dates; appointed Tom McMahill to the Stark County Planning Commission; approved a resolution to pay \$1,500 for services from the

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Kamden DeWolfe, of Toulon, tells Santa what to bring during the Toulon Christmas Walk on Saturday evening. Kamden's parents are Dakota DeWolfe and Samantha Weir. Photo by John Ballentine.





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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

12-7 - Penny J. Barnhart - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
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12-5 - David L. Verdeyen - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
12-8 - Jaroslaw Rafalko - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-9 - Rose L. Davies - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
12-12 - Shaun M. Marksity - Improper passing on the left, improper turn signal, improper passing in a no passing zone, reckless driving, speeding 35+ mph over the limit, registration expiration, and carry/display license/permit.
12-12 - Jesse D. Line - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
12-13 - Percy L. Payton - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-12 - Pablo Aquilar Rios - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
12-10 - Mario Mendez - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-10 - Esmeralda Paredes - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-9 - Grant S. Hutchison - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-11 - Emily A. Creech - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
12-9 - Carlos R. Ledezma Talamantes - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

12-5 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 west of Wyoming. The driver involved was identified as Kelli R. Kraft, 19, of Neponset. The accident which involved damage to a utility pole was reported to Ameren by a passing motorist. Kraft was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and for improper lane usage.
12-4 - Tanner W. Hall, 28, of Peoria, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone and for driving without valid insurance. He was issued a notice to appear in court.
12-7 - Takota J. Randall, 25, Ironwood, Michigan, was arrested for illegal transportation of adult use of cannabis by a driver, operating an uninsured vehicle, and possession of drug paraphernalia. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
12-10 - Logan M. Swank, 20, Toulon, turned himself in on a pending Rock Island County warrant. He posted \$2,000 cash bond and was released with a new court date.
12-11 - Jada R. Johnson, 22, Poneto, Indiana, was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol and for speeding 63 mph in a 55 zone.
12-11 - Dennis L. Randall Jr., 42, of Clinton, Iowa, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone, and for driving a vehicle without insurance.
12-11 - Carl P. Porter, 44, of Wyoming, was arrested by the Stark County Sheriff's Office on several pending warrants for failure to appear in Henry County on a fraud charge; Peoria County for failure to appear on the violation of driving on a sus-



pending license; Des Moines, Iowa, for failure to appear for possession of methamphetamines; Tazewell County for failure to appear for driving without a valid driver's license; Logan County for failure to appear on the violation for driving on a suspended license; Fulton County for failure to appear on driving suspended; and a McDonough County warrant for failure to appear for driving suspended. He was later extradited by Peoria County authorities from the Stark County Jail to the Peoria County Jail.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
12-6 - to a residence on SW 9th Ave. to assist the Illinois DCFS.
12-7 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Bradley Simmons, 36, was arrested for driving while license suspended and illegal window tint. A passenger, Leah Anderson, 24, Galva, was issued a notice to appear in court for possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. Both subjects were released.
12-7 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., Jesse Line, 29, Wataga, was arrested for improper use of registration, and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a notice to appear in court. A passenger, Jadin White, 28, Wataga, was arrested after a positive K9 indication and search of vehicle. She was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of hypodermic needles. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.
12-8 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. in reference to a burglary that had just occurred. Officer checked the area, but was not able to locate anyone.
12-9 - to the 700 block of SW 4th St. to check an open door on an abandoned house. It was believed to be related to the windy conditions.
12-9 - to the 500 block of West Division St. in reference to a scam complaint.
12-10 - to the 200 block of Front St. for a child custody exchange.
12-10 - to a residence on SE 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
12-10 - to the 100 block of Exchange St. in reference to a theft complaint.
12-10 - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. for a burglary to a vehicle complaint.
12-10 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for an activated car alarm that

was going off.
12-10 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a motorist assist complaint.
12-11 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for an out-of-control juvenile.
12-11 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to remove an unwanted subject.
12-11 - to the 300 block of SE 6th Ave. for a 911 call. It was determined to be a small child playing with a phone.
12-12 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a motorist assist involving keys locked in a vehicle.
12-12 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject. As the result, Leianne Fabry, 61, Galva, was arrested for criminal trespass to property.
12-12 - to a residence on West Division Street for a welfare check. The subject was fine.
12-12 - to a complaint of a subject walking on the railroad tracks near the water tower with a train approaching.
12-12 - to a car vs. dog collision in the 300 block of NE 2nd St. Officer did not locate the dog and no damage was visible to the vehicle.
12-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of NE 2nd St., David Johnson, 35, Galva, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for felony theft. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
12-10 - Ruth Camacho, 19, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.
12-12 - Vernon Jackson, 33, Peoria, was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.
12-12 - Barry Cox, 56, Galva, was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with no valid registration.

Property Transfers

12-6 - Michael P. Harmon to MAK Properties, LLC - Sect 28-13-5 SE, Sect 33-13-5 NE, Sect 11-12-5 NE, Sect 22-12-5 NE, SE, Sect 23-12-5 NW, and Sect 27-12-5 SW - Consideration = \$0.
12-6 - Patricia L. and Roger B. Potter to Clint and Molly French - Castle's Add'n Block 2 lots 8,9 - 708 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$8,000.
12-8 - Martha E. Hultgren, Erika J. Unhold/Co-Trustee, Ernst P. Unhold/Co-Trustee, Gerald P. Unhold/Co-Trustee, and Heidi M. Unhold to Eric Meaker Farms, LLC - Sect 2-12-6 NE, NW and Sect 3-12-6 NE - Consideration = \$1,606,509.
12-9 - Eric J. Kraft to EJNP Properties, LLC - Sect 36-12-6 SE, Und 43% Int Pt - Consideration = \$0.
12-10 - Eric Meaker Farms, LLC to Charles D. and Debra L. Terwilliger - Sect 2-12-6 NW & Sect 3-12-6 NE - Consideration = \$143,300.

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Meatpacking isn't for chickens anymore

People have strange hobbies. For example, a Great Plains friend of mine once trained a chicken to play dead. Remarkably, on command, his chicken would take a whole-body flop that could have taught Steve Martin a thing or two about physical comedy.

Another friend, a retired professor, is (unsurprisingly, really) even more iconoclastic: he reads Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) corporate filings for fun. Honestly.



Alan
GUEBERT

Why? Well, first because he's a nerd's nerd and second, because every now and then the professor stumbles across a brain-seizing gem like the one contained in the Oct. 2021 SEC filing by Tyson Foods. "Many of our customers," reads Tyson's 10-K, a legally-mandated report, "such as supermarkets, warehouse clubs and food distributors have consolidated in recent years, and consolidation is expected to continue throughout the United States and in other major markets."

But "These consolidations," it continues, "have produced large, sophisticated customers with increased buying power who are more capable of operating with reduced inventories, opposing price in-

creases, and demanding lower pricing, increased promotional programs and specifically tailored products."

Wait an Arkansas minute, is Tyson Foods, the proverbial Big Chicken of Big Big Meat, warning shareholders of a possible market flop to newly "sophisticated consolidators" like "warehouse clubs" such as Walmart's Sam's Club and Costco?

Maybe, because worrisomely, "These customers also may use shelf space currently used for our products for their own private label products."

There's no "may" to it; many are already doing it.

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Re-establish the Commission on Children


To the Editor:

I am still wrestling with Jim Nowlan and Allen Andersen's, September 17th article on Trumpism.

The hallmarks of America are that we tell the truth and do our best to follow the 10 Commandments, the Golden Rule and the Rule of Law. That's what makes America great! Other countries respect us for it and expect it from us. They know they can rely on us to do what we say we will do.

The building blocks of our American society are family, church, education and jobs. Jim Nowlan's book, Fixing Illinois, describes Illinois' abundant resources, advantageous Midwest location and reasonable taxes in the comparison to other states.

We must believe in ourselves and think beyond our own individual families. All Illinois children are important. They are our greatest resource. In order to compete in the global market and get beyond the current violence, we must invest in all our children's education. This is not only good schools and teachers but also an environment which is safe and conducive to learning. Nowlan's "Sleep Walking Through our own Decline" (Dec 3, 2021) is on the mark. I just returned from teaching near Prague, Czech Republic. Like the Chinese, the



LETTERS
To The Editor

Czechs prize education particularly Math and Science and revere their teachers.

My most unforgettable character is the late Naomi Hiatt from Nokomis, Montgomery County, Ill. Miss Hiatt, Executive Director of the Commission on Children through the 1960's and 1970's said: "Children are neither Republican nor Democratic but children." The Commission coordinated all Illinois child and youth serving organizations both public and private, secular and religious through the college years. There was a youth and young adult component which brought together youth from all geographical areas and backgrounds. Kids from rural counties worked with youth from the cities and suburbs including ghetto projects. Because everyone was prepared in advance, no one knew their economic background. It fostered mutual respect and cooperation that has lasted a lifetime. It gave Illinois youth a voice during turbulent times in the late 1960's Viet Nam era.

Deborah Myrow from the University of Illinois gave the Invocation at the 1970 White House Conference in 1970, speaking just before President Nixon's opening address. Governor Richard Ogilvie was so impressed that he asked the Youth of the commission to study the Age of Majority, because 18-year old males were being drafted into a War for which they had no voice. It was this group that recommended 18 as the minimum age to vote, subsequently enacted by legislation. We need to re-establish the Commission on Children with its Council of Youth and focus on providing quality education for all Illinois children!

— Joe Vosicky, Elmhurst

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GUEBERT: Price-fixing

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Indeed, in 2019, Costco began pushing the construction of a captive poultry supply chain – from contract chicken growers through its in-store chicken rotisseries – in eastern Nebraska for all retail stores west of the Mississippi River, including Hawaii.

At the same time and a day’s drive east, Walmart (as noted in this space in March 2019) already had “Walmart-contracted truckers hauling Walmart-contracted milk to a Walmart bottling plant that Walmart will then process and haul to Walmart stores on Walmart trucks to sell directly to Walmart customers.”

Tyson’s public recognition that its market power is being bled away by some of its biggest customers rather than some of its fiercest competitors came just weeks before several poultry company executives went on trial in Denver federal court for alleged price fixing in U.S. poultry markets.

Could these two events be simple serendipity or is there a connection between the meatpackers’ eroding pricing power and the systemic price-fixing the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) alleges occurred for several years between poultry slaughterers?

The DOJ doesn’t say but, according to an Oct. 25 report by Forbes, the department is more than emphatic in its investigation of “price-fixing on a mass scale... across the [poultry] industry’s top 18 companies, which are responsible for some 99 percent of commercial

chicken sold.”
Some of Big Chicken’s biggest customers, however, suspected something was wrong in the poultry market and they were angrier than a flock of wet hens. The angriest, it appears, was KFC, the global chicken fast food chain.

According to early November testimony at the Denver trial, one prosecution witness “told of an alleged interaction between (one) KFC” official who told a poultry company’s “executives that ‘he was going to beat us down with a hammer and baseball bat’ as payback for three years of high chicken prices.”

Hammers and bats aside, end users like KFC, Costco, and Walmart – unlike hog farmers, ranchers, and poultry growers – increasingly have alternatives to giant meatpackers: they are establishing captive supply chains to provide their own customers with their own products.

And, sure, farmers and ranchers will still be part of those new chains but they’ll still be “chained” to the same, now decades-old flow of market power – upward toward the retailer, not backwards toward the farmer and rancher.

But it may take time for Tyson, historically a chicken company, to get used to the ages-old farm idea that what’s good for the goose is good for the gander.

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SHERIFF'S LETTER TO STARK COUNTY CITIZENS

Dear Stark County Citizens,

I have had several Stark County Citizens ask me why Peoria City will be doing our dispatching for Stark County.

This is not true, to get E911 Stark County had to join an ETSB Board (Peoria County and Stark County have come to an agreement, that Stark County will have 2 seats on Peoria County's ETSB. ETSB is Emergency Telephone System Board).

With Stark County on their board, we will have our own PSAP. (Public Safety Answering Point) which E911 will get dispatched from our dispatchers.

The equipment we will need for the PSAP will come from a grant to pay for the equipment from the State of Illinois.

Stark County Citizens will not be taxed more for this project.

The reason we must be on an ETSB Board is that Stark County had to have an ETSB Board by the end of 2015. Stark County didn't start talking about the ETSB until January 2016 and at that point we had to join an ETSB Board.

Peoria County will do all the grant writing for Stark County and the E911 coordinator for the State of Illinois has been fantastic to work with and Peoria County has been great to work with.

It will probably take 1 1/2 years to get the E911 up and running.

With the E911 we will know exactly where you are calling from, which will make our response time quicker. With the E911 we will have all places in the county mapped out, even if it is a grain bin.

If anyone has a question, please feel to call the Stark County Sheriff's Office (309-286-2541).

Thank you,
Sheriff Steven V. Sloan
12/02/2021

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Ince home wins Galva's Tour of Lights

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The home of Bill and Roxanne Ince of 508 NW 3rd Ave. was selected out of 18 participating properties as winner of the Galva Arts Council's Tour of Lights contest last Saturday.

If you missed the tour Saturday night, you can still drive around and tour the lights on display.

Participants include Jon and Rose Humphrey, 311 NW 2nd St.; The Triggs, 304 NW 6th Ave.; Rachel Blaylock, 118 NW 8th Ave.; Shane Kaiser, 18960 Bonham Rd.; Al DeCrane, 19022 Bonham Rd.; The Stahls, 704 NW 5th Ave.; The Norways, 502 NW 11th St.; Heather Anderson Nance, 1214 NW 3rd Ave.; The Inces, 508 NW 3rd Ave.; Robert and Carlin Follis, 410 NW 2nd Ave.; Deb Smith, 210 NW 1st Ave.; Joel Brewster, 309 NE 1st Ave.; Tami and Jeff Svoboda, 120 NE 8th St.; Misty and Jesse Hutchinson, 114 NE 7th St. and Bill and Tina Hutchinson, 818 NE 3rd St..

The Galva Arts Council served coffee, hot chocolate and goodies for all who picked up their list and returned to vote for their favorite display.



Pictured above is the winning entry in the Galva Arts Council's Tour of Lights contest last Saturday. The property is the home of Bill and Roxanne Ince, located at 508 NW 3rd Ave., in Galva. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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Act creates Office of Firearm Violence Prevention

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — A state program aiming to take a “comprehensive approach to ending Illinois’ firearm violence epidemic” will be expanded under a law signed Friday by Gov. JB Pritzker.

The Reimagine Public Safety Act became law in June, but the expansion signed Friday clarifies guidelines in the original bill and gives the Illinois Department of Human Services and a newly created Office of Firearm Violence Prevention greater

grant making flexibility.

The crux of the RPSA is that it creates the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention to coordinate violence prevention efforts and give grants to on-the-ground community organizations that know how and where intervention is needed in the state’s most violent communities.

Heading that office is Chris Patterson, who was appointed by Pritzker as assistant secretary for violence prevention at IDHS.

“We will work hand-in-hand, individually and collectively to address

the violence on our streets and invest in addressing the underlying root causes that cause so much despair: Too much addiction, too little mental health, and too few opportunities,” Patterson said Friday.

Contracted organizations are to focus on programs such as youth intervention services, violence interruption and trauma treatment.

This year’s budget includes \$50 million for programs, and Pritzker said he’ll work with the General Assembly for another \$100 million in each of the next two years.

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CLAIM NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK E. MEGAN, deceased.

No. 2021P18.

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MARK E. MEGAN. Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2021 to John E. Megan, 67583 Highway 78, Burns, Oregon 97720, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Trisha Blake-Millar of BLAKE LAW OFFICE.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 3, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney of record within 10 days after it has been filed.

BLAKE LAW OFFICE
Attorneys for Independent Representative
56 N. Prairie Street
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Published 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/21

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

VILLAGE OF WOODHULL,

an Illinois municipal corporation,

Plaintiff,

Case No. 2021-MR-243

Vs.

MIGUEL GARCIA,

Defendant.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

YOU, MIGUEL GARCIA, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced and is pending against you seeking to demolish the nuisance property at 240 W. 4th Ave, Woodhull, IL, and other relief.

UNLESS YOU FILE YOUR ANSWER or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, in the Henry County Courthouse at 307 West Center Street, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before January 17, 2021, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT

/S/ Terilyn Motley
Clerk of Court

Published 12/17/21

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF)

MERLE E. WALKER

Case No. 2021-P-22

Deceased.

WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE

NDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of **MERLE E. WALKER** of Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on **December 10th 2021** to **PATRICIA K. WALKER** as

Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.

Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on **December 10th 2021**, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main, Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the representative's, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: **June 17th 2022**, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative's and their attorney of record and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat., Ch 755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration form from the Clerk of Court at the above address.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to

select a service provider. If you additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourt.gov/faq/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Dated this **10th** day of **December**, 2021.

PATRICIA K. WALKER,
(Independent Representative)

By /S/ **Robert H. Rennick, Sr.**
THE RENNICK LAW FIRM, P.C.
P.O. Box 430
Toulon, Illinois 61483
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Published 12/17, 12/24/21, 1/7/22

LAFAYETTE PARK DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT	
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2020 and ending May 31, 2021.	
CASH on hand all accounts June 1, 2020	\$62,955.03
RECEIPTS	
Real Estate Taxes	\$23,735.43
Interest	\$185.17
Building Rentals	\$749.00
Recreational Programs	\$339.71
Donations	\$2,895.00
Loans	0
Miscellaneous	\$1,338.49
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$29,242.80
TOTAL CASH AND RECEIPTS	\$92,197.83
DISBURSEMENTS	
OPERATIONAL COSTS	\$769.80
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	\$5,545.89
SUPPLIES	0
INSURANCE	\$5,067.00
ASSET MAINTENANCE	0
LOAN REPAYMENT	0
UTILITIES	\$6,728.32
RECREATION PROGRAMS	0
MISCELLANEOUS	0
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$18,111.01
CASH on hand all accounts May 31, 2021	\$74,086.82
Respectfully submitted Keith Knowles Treasurer - LaFayette Park District	

WEST JERSEY TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2021				
ROAD & BRIDGE DISTRICT				
Cash Receipts				
Property taxes \$55,466, state replacement taxes \$576, motor fuel tax \$39,123, interest \$43, equipment rental \$70,400, other financing sources \$135,020, and miscellaneous income \$11,637. Total cash receipts \$312,265.				
Cash Disbursements:				
Advance Asphalt \$2,609, Bushwaker \$5,000, Galena Road Gravel \$26,991, Galesburg Builders Supply \$3,900, John Deere \$135,000, John Deere Financial \$27,324, Martin Equipment \$2,958, Menards \$2,723, Paul Webster \$3,300, Pomp Tire \$3,407, Potter Spray Patching Service \$5,355, Saw-N-Logs \$2,650, Wagenbach Trucking \$20,507, Salaries under \$25,000 (including payroll taxes) \$19,226, cash disbursements under \$2,500; \$19,410. Total cash disbursements \$280,360.				
	Road & Bridge	Bridge Fund	Equipment & Building	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2020	\$16,910	\$5,577	(\$921)	\$13,566
Cash Receipts	98,139	6,183	207,943	312,265
Cash Disbursements	(97,324)	(4,900)	(178,136)	(280,360)
Balance March 31, 2021	\$17,725	\$6,860	\$20,886	\$45,471
Town Fund				
Cash Receipts - Property taxes \$79,285, state replacement taxes \$320, interest income \$137, TOIRMA refund \$858, and miscellaneous \$6,420. Total cash receipts \$87,020.				
Cash Disbursements - Douglas W. Irwin & Co., Ltd. \$2,597, TOIRMA \$5,883, Salaries under \$25,000 (including payroll taxes) \$36,506, cash disbursements under \$2,500; \$16,919. Total cash disbursements \$61,905.				
	General	Special Revenue	Cemetery	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2020	\$24,768	\$53,114	\$23,076	\$100,958
Cash Receipts	52,707	18,159	16,154	87,020
Cash Disbursements	(43,203)	(11,238)	(7,464)	(61,905)
Balance March 31, 2020	\$34,272	\$60,035	\$31,766	\$126,073
Subscribed and sworn to this day of November 2021, I Gregory Cline, Supervisor of West Jersey Township, County of Stark, State of Illinois, do certify that the above is a true copy of the annual treasurer's report for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2021.				
Gregory Cline, Supervisor				
Published 12/17				

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS CAUSE NO. 2019TX1 TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED PERSONS (AND IF DECEASED, TO THEIR UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES), AND TO THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, AND TO ALL INTERESTED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES THEREOF, INCLUDING AMONG OTHERS ILLINOIS ATTORNEY GENERAL, ILLINOIS DEPT OF EMPLOYMENT SECURITY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPT OF HEALTHCARE & FAMILY SERVICES (PUBLIC AID) GENERAL COUNSEL AND STARK COUNTY CLERK, STARK COUNTY TREASURER, CITY OF TOULON, STARK COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, AND TO OCCUPANTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND PARTIES INTERESTED IN THE PARCELS HEREINAFTER NAMED:

Parcel Number	Owners/ Parties Interested	Cert Number	Street Or Common Address
02-26-206-003	WOLFORD, PATRICIA	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
02-26-206-003	WALL, TIFFANY	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
02-26-206-003	WOLFORD, TROY	201800009	301 ARBOR ST.
04-19-303-013	DAILEY, RICHARD R	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.
04-19-303-013	CITY OF TOULON	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.
04-19-303-013	DAILEY, SAMANTHA	201800031	223 E. GREENWOOD ST.

TAKE NOTICE THAT THE ABOVE SAID PARCELS WERE SOLD ON OCTOBER 22, 2019, FOR GENERAL TAXES FOR THE YEAR 2018 AND PRIOR YEARS, AND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2022. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECTING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVE SAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY STARK COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON JUNE 24, 2022 AT 9:00 AM, SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVE SAID PARCEL NOT REDEEMED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2022. /S/ STARK COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK
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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT Milo TOWNSHIP & ROAD DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR ENDING March 31, 2021		
TOWNSHIP – REVENUE SUMMARY:		
Property Taxes - \$5,480; Replacement Tax - 955; Interest - 654		
Dividend – 728;		
TOTAL REVENUES - \$57,817.		
TOWNSHIP – EXPENDITURE SUMMARY:		
Milo Mound Cemetery Association - 12,000; TOIRMA. - 4,375;		
All Other disbursements less than (2,500) - 12,278.		
TOTAL VENDORS: \$28,653.		
TOWNSHIP – COMPENSATION SUMMARY:		
Range: Under \$25,000.00: Thomas Ashby, Steve Cowser, Rod Grunloh, Dennis Holland, Jeff Sears, Dan Wright, Glen Wright.		
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$21,992.91.		
ROAD DISTRICT –REVENUE SUMMARY:		
Property Taxes - 80,583; MFT Rental - 10,720, Weight Permits - 145,707, Replacement Tax - 1,604;		
TOTAL REVENUE \$238,614.		
ROAD DISTRICT –COMPENSATION SUMMARY:		
Range: Under \$25,000.00. Dan Longman, Dan Wright, Jacob Wright, John Wright.		
TOTAL COMPENSATION: \$7,296.		
ROAD DISTRICT-EXPENDITURE SUMMARY		
OK Tree Service - 6,250; Bonnell Industries, Inc - 4,082, Mid-west Truck Service - 3,836; All Other disbursements less than (2,500) - 15,418.		
TOTAL VENDORS: \$29,586.		
SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CONDITION *		
	General	Special Revenue
Revenues	48,190	273,242
Expenditures	46,639	43,938
Excess of revenues over expenses	1,551	229,304
Transfers	25,000	-25,000
Previous year fund balance	55,326	278,460
Other	-1	
Current year ending balance	81,876	482,764
*Taken from Comptroller Annual Financial Report.		
Subscribed and sworn to this 13th day of December, 2021		
Steve Cowser - Township Supervisor.		
I, Thomas Ashby, Clerk of Milo Township, Bureau County, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's Report for this year ending March 31, 2021.		
Thomas Ashby.		

OBITUARIES

Evelyn M. Bates

GALVA – Evelyn Mae Bates, 97, of Galva, went home with her Lord and Savior at 10:04 a.m., Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Evelyn was born Dec. 17, 1923, in in Burns Township, Kewanee, Ill., the daughter of Oscar and Nancy (Huffman) Warner. She grew up her whole life in the Galva area and graduated from Galva High School in 1941. She married Elwyn “Bud” Bates on Sept. 15, 1945, in Kewanee and he preceded her in death on July 28, 2006, in Galesburg.

Surviving is a son, Roger (Vicki) Bates of Galva and 3 daughters; Diane (Steve) Adkison of Denver, Colo., Susan (David) Mowers of Toulon and Rita (Glenn) Edwards of Dawson, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; Justin Bates, Jordan Bates, Bailey Bates, Darcy (Greg) Dukes, Tyler Adkison, Rebecca (Andy) Nelson, Amanda Mowers, Elizabeth Mowers, Jacob Edwards and Kylie Edwards; 6 great grandchildren, Riley and Madison Bates, Abigail and Noah Nelson and Rowan and Juniper Dukes; a brother, Dwain (Elaine) Warner of Galva; a sister-in-law, Bonnie Warner; and several special nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Timothy Edwards, three brothers; James (Darlene) Warner, Carl Warner and Marvin Warner and a sister, Marian in infancy.

Evelyn and her beloved husband, Bud, farmed for many years. She retired as bookkeeper from the Galva Co-op. She was a member of the Galva First United Methodist Church, Wesley Weds Sunday School Class, Flemish American Club, Henry County Farm Bureau and several card clubs. She taught Sunday School and served on many committees. She enjoyed reading, knitting, puzzles, playing cards and paint by number. Evelyn really enjoyed life, especially her family and grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 15, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastors Rebecca Gearhart and Chet Travis officiating. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 14, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Galva First United Methodist Church or to the Galva Park District.

This obituary may be viewed and

private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Gerald E. Hughes

HELENA, Mont. – Gerald E. “Jerry” Hughes, 86, of Helena, passed away on Nov. 27, 2021, after facing dementia and cancer the same way he faced all things in life – with dignity, a sense of humor, his larger-than-life smile and his faith. He was at home with family and friends – including those many miles away who were able to visit virtually in his last days. He is the beloved husband of Rose M. Hughes.

Jerry was born June 26, 1935, to Bernard James Hughes and Virginia May Knowles Hughes, in Wyoming, Ill. who preceded him in death. He was also preceded in death by his two older sisters, Virginia Lee Babb (Herb) and Bernadine Watkins (Bruce), who apparently took it upon themselves to protect him and to teach him the important things in life like how to dance and find dates. He also had a younger brother Bernard James “Jim” Hughes, Jr., who was the politician in the family, and passed too early, leaving his older brother wondering what might have happened in his political career had he lived longer.

Jerry is survived by his wife, children and step children; grandchildren and great grandchild named above; brother-in-law Herb Babb of Wyoming; sisters in law Helen Silvia, Tiverton, R.I., Mary Lopes, Erie, Pa., Irene Davis (Bill), Manassas, Va., and Dianne Fontaine (Normand), Little Compton, R.I.; as well as his grandchildren and great grandchildren across the pond – Rosi Hughes (Charley); Ed Hughes (Kate) and great grandchildren Amber, Emilia and Iris; Max Hughes (Fleur) and great granddaughter Summer; Sarah McRae; and Shannyn McRae and great grandchildren Lily and Willow Buchan – all of the United Kingdom; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service celebrating Jerry’s life will be held Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 311 Power Street, Helena. Rev. Laura Jean Allen and Rev. Eugene C. Hill will officiate. A reception will be held in the church

Fellowship Hall immediately following the service. Graveside service with military honors will beheld at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Cemetery at Fort Harrison. Retz Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

William P. Morrissey

PEORIA –William Patrick Morrissey, 88, of Peoria, passed away at 12:37 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. William was born Sept. 17, 1933, in Kewanee to William Thomas and Bertha Mae (Haynes) Morrissey. He married Sharon (Cunningham) Morrissey on Nov. 4, 1961, in Princeville; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Kenneth P. “Tater” (Julie) Morrissey of Stark; one daughter, Kelly Mae Morrissey of Peoria; two granddaughters, Sydney (Addison) Ryan of Wyoming and Hannah (Curt) Campbell of Williamsfield; three great-grandchildren, Hayden Ryan, Hudson Ryan, and Dean Campbell; four sisters, Anna Mae Cox of Ottawa, Mary Jane (Eldon) Ehnle of Wyoming, Nellie Jo (Don) Ehnle of Dunlap and Jeanie (Bud) Porter of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant brother.

William served in the U.S. Army and was later employed by the former Pabst Brewing Co. for 22 years. He loved the outdoors and was an avid hunter, fisherman and gardener. He enjoyed feeding the squirrels and rabbits, escorting geese to the lake, and was also known to raise and release various wildlife. He was a former member of Saint Bernard’s Catholic Church in Peoria.

A graveside service for family and close friends will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 at St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming. Father Cyr will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to OSF Richard L. Owen’s Hospice Home or Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be left for William’s family on his tribute wall at haskellfuneral.com.

Debra Kay Stoecker

PRINCEVILLE- Debra Kay Stoecker, 65, Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Princeville United Methodist Church fellowship hall.



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State program helps pay water bills

GALVA — The City of Galva is now aware of a program to help those having problems paying utility bills. This is a new state program to help in keeping up with your water bill, according to Galva’s Mayor Rich Volkert.

Individuals can go to galva.com on the right hand side under “announcements” and click on the link “state assistance for low income households” and follow the instructions.

Firearm deer harvest down from last year

SPRINGFIELD — The 2021 firearm deer harvest in Illinois was down from last year according to the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Gun hunters shot a preliminary total of 71,675 deer during the seven-day 2021 Illinois Firearm Deer Season that concluded Dec. 5. Hunters harvested a final total of 77,160 deer during the firearm season in 2020. The preliminary harvest for the second segment of the 2021 firearm season Dec. 2-5 was 21,375, compared with 29,432 during the second season in 2020. The preliminary harvest for the first segment of this year’s firearm season was 50,300 deer. Remaining 2021-22 deer season


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Galesburg chorus to hold rehearsals

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ACROSS

1 Tribal carving

6 Beetle Ringo

11 Depict with bias

15 Ellipsoidal

19 Earthly tone, to a Brit

20 Magazine release

21 Irene of "Fame"

22 Central point

23 He played Jim Dial on "Murphy Brown"

26 Kazan with three Tonys

27 Carp in a garden pond

28 Football's Manning

29 "— my way!" ("Scram!")

30 Cathedral's main areas

31 Necklace of 12-Down

32 Strong product-selling influence

36 Toon skunk Le Pew

39 Nonstick cookware brand

41 Ending for priest

42 In-favor vote

43 Party joking

DOWN

46 Shabby hotels

51 Striped stone

52 "Are you — out?"

53 Currency of Belgium

55 Dormant

56 Able to feel

58 Taking a rolling pin to

62 Period

63 Add: — (extras)

65 Brings a civil action

66 Spare loops

67 What the Australian Open is played on

72 Ducks, e.g.

75 Bum soother

76 Burns' Bobby

77 Purpose

80 Black Protestant denoms. since 1821

84 Have coming

87 Green shade

88 Blood-related

89 Daddy

91 Pund

92 Expected savions

95 Gave a worthy effort

97 — ray Disc

98 Long-headed antelope

100 Florence's river

101 Pod items

102 Franz List piano piece in 3/4 time

108 Purpose

110 In regard to

111 Congo relative

112 Standoffish

113 Animal kept in the house

116 Feudal VSP

117 Crossing during a journey

122 Baladeer

123 Green shade

124 Ho-hum feeling

125 Volunteer's offer to be sent

126 Osattem

127 Male tabbies

128 Regards as

129 Sequence found in this puzzle's nine longest answers

1 Tick follower

2 Eight, in Madrid

3 Bangkok resident

4 Fumble

5 Rumble

ACROSS

6 "Yes, yes!" in Mexico

7 "For shame!"

8 "Just — suspected"

9 Bit of hearsay

10 Reprimands

11 Actors Ballo and Wolf

12 A Hawaiian Island

13 Work unit, in physics

14 Sound of a crying baby

15 Ryan of "Love Story"

16 Swedish vehicle make

17 Ta-ta, to Tati

18 Most minor

24 Aristocratic

25 Numbered hews

30 Scholastic sports org.

31 Some turns and jobs

32 Principal

33 Standoffish

34 Tarp material

35 "I didn't know that!"

36 Period

37 Avid

38 First strategy

40 Buddy

44 Viking locale

45 E-address

46 Plaster painting

47 Archie

48 Bunker, e.g.

49 Hubbubs

50 U.S. Open units

53 Sewing case

54 Beehive

55 State college team

57 Bodily trunk

59 Ed of "Roots"

60 Habituate

61 Negative conjunction

64 Nest piles

67 Verbosity

68 D'France of song

69 Pre-coll., in education

70 Pluralizable word

71 Appoint to holy office

72 Oaku tree

73 French gal pal

74 Tiers stones

77 Have a tilt

78 She

81 Bible book after Micah

82 Tax form pro

83 Went to town on

85 Plant pouch

86 Run off to tie the knot

89 Outdo locale

93 "Likely story!"

94 "Thrills in Marita" boxer

95 Spoke indistinctly and softly

96 Put one's finger on, say

98 "R.I.P." sites

99 City in Alaska

102 Legitimate

103 Superior to

104 Sogfies of "Two Women"

105 Froth-filled

106 Pious song

107 "Common Sense" writer Thomas

109 Aleppo locale

112 Possible reply to "That so?"

113 Hungarian sheepdog

114 Kellogg's waffle brand

115 Holten — "Fun —"

117 Blast source

118 — Grande

119 Dir. from Little Rock to Chicago

120 Juicy Fruit, e.g.

121 Blurring yell

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New law allows midwife licensing

By BETH HUNDSORFER
Capital News Illinois

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Marotta, 43, of Arlington Heights, became a nurse in 2001. Ten years later, she became a certified professional midwife, or CPM. When Marotta was a CPM the law barred her from delivering babies in Illinois, forcing her to drive to Wisconsin to deliver babies there.

On Tuesday morning, Gov. JB Pritzker signed a bill that allows the certification and licensure of certified professional midwives in Illinois. The new law sets qualification and educational standards for CPMs. It is effective on Oct. 1,

2022.

“With the legislation I sign today, the lifesaving and life-giving work midwives perform will be legally recognized here in Illinois,” Pritzker said.

The 2020 report to the General Assembly by the Illinois Task Force on Infant and Maternal Mortality Among African Americans stated that the pregnancy-related mortality rate in Illinois is 23 maternal deaths per 100,000 live births, a severe maternal morbidity rate of 51.4 per 10,000 births, and an infant mortality rate of 6.5 infant deaths per 1,000 live births. In all of these categories, African American mothers and infants die or are injured at sig-

nificantly higher rates than their white counterparts.

In order to be licensed as a midwife, a candidate must be a certified professional midwife registered with the North American Registry of Midwives. In addition, the candidate must complete a midwifery education program accredited by the Midwife Education and Accreditation Council.

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- MEASUREMENTS: How many centimeters are equivalent to 100 inches?
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- SPORTS: Which famous baseball pitcher's nickname is "The Chairman of the Board"?
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- GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean does Bermuda lie in?
- MATH: What is a prime number?

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- Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
- House of Gucci (R)
- Christmas With the Chosen: (NR)
- Eternals (PG-13)
- Resident Evil: Racoon City (R)
- Dune: Part One (PG-13)
- Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
- King Richard (PG-13)
- Sword Art Online: Progressive Aria of a Starless Night (NR)

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The Prairie News Sports

Rebel boys return with a win

IHSA board discusses shot-clock implementation

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The Stark County boys basketball team picked up where it left off before the season was sidetracked by COVID and other sicknesses.

Idle since a Nov. 27 win over Elmwood at the Wally Keller Invitational Tournament, the Rebels were ready Saturday in a 64-28 home win over winless DePue, which was missing some players.

James Groter led the Rebels with 19 points and poured in five of the team's 11 3-pointers. Cameron Watson added 10 points, Ethan Unhold had 7 and Jack Colgan tallied 6.

Stark County was to play at Brimfield on Wednesday and then travels to Elmwood Tuesday, Dec. 21.

Stark County Girls Basketball

The Lady Rebels (1-9) dropped three games last week.

On Monday, Stark County dropped a home game to Princeville, 53-20. The Lady Rebels led 11-6 after one quarter, but managed one point in the second half.

Kylee Frisby led SC with 11 points while Jesenia Horton-Meza was the top scorer for Princeville with 30 points.

Last Saturday, the Rebels dropped a 30-25 game to Midland. SC got off to another hot start, leading 15-4 at one point, before falling back. Frisby led the team with 11.

And back on Dec. 8, Stark County lost a home game to Knoxville, 59-20. This time it was the opponent who started fast, get-

ting up 14-4 and then going up 35-6 by halftime. Frisby had 8 points for Stark County, Lauren West added five and Paige Rewerts scored 4.

The SC girls are at Lewistown on Monday, Dec. 20, and face Peoria Manual at home on Dec. 22.

Galva Boys Basketball

Galva (0-7) dropped a 59-33 decision at Orion (1-7) on Saturday. Orion jumped to a 20-7 lead after one quarter. Galva returns to action Saturday in the Great Western Shootout at Abingdon, facing Sherrard at 9:30 a.m.

Galva Girls Basketball

A solid start has been slowed by cancelled games. The Galva girls last played Dec. 8, falling in overtime at United, 44-43. But three games were cancelled this week. The Wildcats (3-4) are scheduled to resume play Monday, Dec. 20, with a home game against DePue. This will be a varsity-only contest with a 6 p.m. tipoff.

Shot Clock Discussion

A shot clock could be coming to varsity basketball games in Illinois. On Monday, the Illinois High School Association Board of Directors discussed shot clocks during a regular meeting. They plan to determine a course of action in June.

A November survey of administrators showed 19 percent supported having a shot clock next year, 47 percent were open to a clock in regular-season tournaments and 54 percent want the board to develop a timeline for implementing shot clocks.



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