

**PRIORITY PLUMBING**  
  
**DARREN BEELER**  
 Lic. 058-151366  
**309-385-4400 309-360-1884 CELL**  
 Princeville, IL

 **Biscuit Gravy Fundraiser**  
**Dec. 4 & 5**  
**7 a.m. to 1 p.m.**  
 Wyoming American Legion  
 Rifle Raffles & Silent Auctions  
 Like & follow us on Facebook  
 Cozzi Ranch is specifically geared toward the youth and developmentally disabled.

 **CUSTOMER APPRECIATION**  
**FREE COFFEE or SOFT DRINK**  
**4 PM - 8 PM**  
 with any dinner purchase.  
**\$2.00 OFF**  
**COUPON**  
 607 N. Main St., Kewanee  
 (309) 856-8020  
 Visit us on your Birthday for a **FREE Birthday Surprise!**

  
 Friday  
**December 3, 2021**  
**Vol. 19, No. 43**

# The Prairie News

\*\*\*\*\*EORWSS\*\*\*\*\*  
 PRSRT. STD.  
 U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
 Elmwood, Illinois  
 Permit No. 13  
 Carrier Route Presort  
 RURAL BOXHOLDER  
 LOCAL P.O. BOXHOLDER

Hot news tip?  
 Want to advertise?  
 Call (309) 286-2185

“The Voice of Stark and eastern Henry counties”  
 Serving the fine communities of Wyoming, Toulon, Bradford, Duncan, Galva, LaFayette, Stark, Speer, Castleton, Bishop Hill, Camp Grove, Princeville, Edelstein, Laura, West Jersey, Monica, Elmira, Modena, Saxon, Lawn Ridge, Broadmoor, Elmore, Lombardville, Milo and rural customers at Kewanee and Williamsfield.

**FREE!**  
 Compliments of  
 Our Fine Advertisers!

## Old fashioned Christmas in Bradford

**By ANGIE STANGE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 BRADFORD – Organizers are ready for the 2021 Bradford Old Fashioned Christmas this Saturday, Dec. 4, from 4:30 to 7 p.m.  
 The Christmas lighting at Elsie Hodges Park will begin at 4 p.m. A new evergreen tree at the park will be dedicated in the memory of Teresa Carlton. Santa is scheduled to arrive at the park in time for the lighting and then he will be on his way to the Bradford Fire House to greet the children.  
 The Bradford Library will be open during the evening for Christmas crafts. Rudolph and the Grinch

will be joining the festivities throughout the evening as well.  
 The Fire House will host various activities throughout the day. The annual Beta Senior Citizen Christmas dinner is at noon at the Fire House this year. The Fire House will also be a place for people to sign up for the adult and children raffles and vote for the Holiday Home of the Year and the Best Decorated Business.  
 Santa will be at the Fire House between 4:30-6:30 p.m. to greet children and hand out treats. Following Santa’s visit, the Methodist church will present three different Christmas readings including the Christmas Nativity story between 6:30-7 p.m.  
 The Fire House will also serve as a dining location for people to bring carry outs from the Snack Shack during the Christmas Walk. The Snack Shack will also provide deliveries that evening. The Highlands will be available for dining in and reservations are required. My Place and Main Street Tap will also be open.  
 There will be a variety of activities available at the Baptist Church. Two of these are a Lil’ Holiday Shopper Shoppe and decorating and filling Christmas stockings. The Lil’  
*Continued on Page 2*



A Nativity Scene graces Leet Memorial Methodist Church in Bradford. The community’s old-fashioned Christmas celebration culminates at the church Saturday night with announcement of raffle winners, decoration winners and singing. Photo by Angie Stange.

**PEARSON THE PAINTER**

### Painting strengthens family ties

**By KEVIN HIERONYMUS**  
 Courtesy of The Bureau County Republican  
 PRINCETON – The Princeton Tigers return to the playoffs this fall did not wind up in a state championship, but it did mean that Toulon’s Tom Pearson was back in business.  
 In 2018, the Tigers made the playoffs for the first time under coach Ryan Pearson. His dad, Tom, as was his tradition from the coach’s previous schools and playing days at Stark County, painted the Bryant Field end zones in Princeton Tiger school colors.  
 Tom Pearson was ready to paint the town blue and white for the 2019 playoffs, but had a near-fatal fall at work and was knocked out of commission. PHS staffers Steve Morton and Steve Gray took over in his place to paint Bryant Field.  
 With the Tigers in the playoffs for a school-record, third-straight year earlier this fall, Pearson tackled the end zones at Bryant Field. That was a victory in itself.  
*Continued on Page 2*



Tom Pearson of Toulon kept busy this fall spraying the end zones in Princeton for football play-off games there, where his son, Ryan Pearson, is head coach. Princeton reached the Class 3A quarterfinals. Photo by Kevin Hieronymus.

### Stark Co. board OKs two voting districts

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors on Nov. 30 approved a reapportionment resolution establishing two voting districts for county board members and an annual budget appropriation and tax levy ordinance for fiscal year 2021-22.  
 There was no discussion on the budget at the special meeting.  
 The reapportionment resolution is necessary every 10 years to reflect Stark County’s latest 10-year census information.  
 Of 10 scenarios proposed by Don Schmidt who provided the analysis, the one passed by the board changes the voting districts the least. The census, according to board chairman Al Curry, is done by townships.  
 “We split Toulon Township to have a portion of it in each district. We don’t know how many people live in Wyoming in Toulon Township, and we don’t know how many live in Toulon in Toulon Township. What he [Schmidt] did was take the town population of each town and did a percent of the total, divided that way, and we assumed that the final analysis of the populations were at a 1.98 percent variance,” Curry said.  
 “Heather [Hollis, County Clerk and Recorder] contacted the state and that [percentage variance] is permissible, so we’re leaving [the districts] it like it is.”  
*Continued on Page 2*

 **STATE BANK OF TOULON**  
*Bank with someone you know!*  
[www.statebankoftoulon.com](http://www.statebankoftoulon.com)  
 State Bank of Toulon  
 102 W. Main  
 286-2861  
 Kewanee Banking Center 635 Tenney 852-3366  
 Galva Banking Center 210 SW 2nd Ave. 932-2131



- **Mobile Banking** - No need to stop shopping, keep up with the holiday rush by checking your balances, transferring money or even paying your bills from your mobile phone! **DOWNLOAD OUR NEW FREE APP!!!**
- **Mobile Check Deposit** - No need to make the bank one of your holiday stops. Deposit checks with the click of a button!
- **Online Banking and Bill Pay** - No need to stop wrapping gifts or baking cookies, just log on at home to check your balances, make transfers or even pay your bills!
- **Debit or Credit Card** - No need to carry cash. Make your holiday shopping safe, easy and convenient by using a State Bank of Toulon credit or debit card. For a safer & faster mobile solution **DOWNLOAD brella** Fraud Alerts 24/7 • ATM Locations Nationwide Block & Unblock Debit Card • Account Balance
- **Gift Card** - No need to stress over that perfect gift, purchase a State Bank of Toulon Mastercard gift card for that hard to buy for individual!
- **Christmas Club** - No need to worry about next Christmas, start a State Bank of Toulon Christmas Club today and make next year’s Christmas a little merrier!





### Stark County Salvation Army Kettle

We are thankful for the blessings that we have received in the county this year. And the good folks of Stark County do a great job of sharing those blessings. Last year we were able to help many people get gasoline to make it to work or the doctor. We also helped many who found themselves running out of food at the end of the month. We bought medicine for some. Paid on rent, electric and water for others. I know that you will want to do those same things again this year. So when you see a Kettle in Stark County put in your donation. Or you can make your checks to Stark County Salvation Army Kettle and send to Stark County Salvation Army, PO Box 636, Toulon, IL, 61483. If you know someone who needs help have them call Al Harmon at 309-286-4611.

### FARMGATE MARKET

2774 St. Rt. 17, Galva • (309) 883-0639

## Fresh Cut Christmas Trees, and Wreaths.

Firewood - Delivery available

## HEAD to TOE

### SALON & SPA

533 W. MAIN, PRINCEVILLE

## GET YOUR HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES!

Stylist by Robin (309) 370-1347  
Nail Design by Diane (309) 361-0594  
Hours Vary

## FOR RENT

### Newly Renovated

1 and 2 Bedroom units from \$449 - \$550  
Appliances • A/C • Water Included  
Washer/Dryer Hook-Ups • Fresh Paint  
New Kitchen Cabinets & Flooring • Tiled Bath

**Pin Oak Apartments Call (309) 453-3769**

### Sunshine Village • Toulon

**FOR RENT:** One bedroom apartments available for people 62 years of age or older, handicapped/disabled, regardless of age. Affordable income-based rent includes all utilities. Small pet okay.

**For more information and an appointment call (309) 286-7196.**

HANDICAP Accessible THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER. YOUR HOME. YOUR CHOICE.

## Happy Holidays

**832 David St., Kewanee - \$125,000**  
Spacious ranch/ big corner lot. 3 bedroom / 2 bath 2 car- attached garage.

**25 NE 4th St. Galva. -\$67,500**  
3 bedrooms/2 bath. Big corner lot.

**811 NE 3rd Ave Galva - \$147,500**  
3 bedroom/ 2 bath.Beautiful kitchen w/ granite countertops. 4 - car attached garage. Huge lot.

**412 SW 5th Ave Galva - \$112,000**  
3 bedroom/ 2 bath, 1.5 detached garage.

**Call Debbie Wright • (309) 883-2617 (Cell)**

Broker, Realtor®, SRES®, CRS, ABR  
• Licensed in Illinois  
[dwright@melfosterco.com](mailto:dwright@melfosterco.com)

# CHRISTMAS: Free horse-drawn wagon rides

*Continued from Page 1*

Shoppers Shoppe will allow kids to Christmas shop and take home gifts for their families and friends.

Community members are also encouraged to help fill and decorate stockings for residents of Courtyard Estates and for veterans in the VA home in LaSalle. The Baptist church is also the location for classic Christmas movies in the sanctuary and face painting.

Free horse-drawn wagon rides will be available throughout the evening. Hop on and hop off for these rides are at the Fire House. The rides will take participants through various residential streets, highlighting decorated homes. This ride will also include a stop at St John’s Catholic

Church where people can view both the inside and outside of this icon of the community.

Local businesses are encouraged to participate in the Shop Local campaign in which “Bradford Bucks” will be the Grand Prize in the adult raffle. All participating businesses will be listed on the back of the Bradford Bucks and the Bradford Bucks spent at the various businesses will be redeemable by the businesses at the Bradford Banking Center.

Kids raffle items will be three stockings: a giant 3- to 4-foot stocking, a large and a medium stocking, each stuffed with candy, snacks, games etc.

During Christmas Walk hours, there will be a Sip and Shop at Alli

Ann Boutique in the Senior Citizen Building and Betsy Dunchew will host an Open House at B Framed Photography, her new studio on North Peoria Street (old police station). She will be offering a free digital picture per family, ornament frame decorating, and snacks and drinks.

There will be other activities throughout the village for your enjoyment. The evening will culminate at 7:30 p.m. at the Leet Methodist Church with the announcements of the raffle winners, Holiday Home of the Year, and the Best Decorated Business, concluding with community Christmas carol singing.

# PEARSON: Family remains his top priority

*Continued from Page 1*

“I’m just excited to be doing it,” said Pearson, who made a miraculous recovery from his fall. “It (was) just one day at time. There was quite awhile there (after the fall) I don’t remember at all.

“I didn’t think about (painting), until last year. I was just heartbroken along with the kids and everybody that they didn’t have the football season. I think I might have been up to it then, but what do you do?”

After heavy rains over the weekend before Princeton’s first Class 3A playoff game (a 47-14 win over Poplar Grove North Boone), the weather broke and Pearson made it to the field Tuesday to start his field make-over. He said it took about six hours to paint the south end zone, using the design for “Cincinnati Bengal” Tiger stripes that the two Steves used in 2019.

He then got a late start that Wednesday because of wetness on the

grass, but expected to get the north end zone finished by day’s end.

He joked that I should text the coach and ask if his dad knows how to spell “Tigers,” in reference to the “Who’s the Chefs” Snickers commercial.

Pearson said he just hoped there wasn’t a repeat of tricks the weather played with heavy snow that fell on Halloween just before the playoff game, which had to be cleared off.

Pearson still has a desire to paint “Tigers” in at midfield and maybe a Tiger paw, but is still waiting to get permission from the coach.

“He cut me off again,” Tom said with a laugh. “But, that’s all right. He wants these kids to earn a little bit extra like the kids before. That’s just Ryan. That’s his choice. I offered and he said, ‘We’ll wait.’”

The Tiger coach is very appreciative of his dad’s support and to have him back doing what he loves most.

“Oh gosh, that means everything to

still have my dad be a part of my life and our football program,” Ryan Pearson said. “Family has always been his top priority and it truly upset him to miss my games and painting our end zones in 2019. He has painted the end zones ever since 1997 when I was playing in the playoffs my senior year. He really enjoys doing it and it has since become a tradition for my family.”

Princeton (10-2) wound up winning one more home playoff game this fall in the second round (40-0 over Prairie Central) before falling in the quarterfinals to Elmhurst IC Catholic, 31-7.

A painter by trade, Pearson still has a “ton” of purple paint left over from his son’s coaching days at Canton.

“I never count them all. I always tell him about 40 cans, to make him feel responsible,” he said with a chuckle.

*KEVIN HIERONYMUS is sports editor of the Bureau County Republican.*

# COUNTY BOARD: Health insurance explained

*Continued from Page 1*

Curry added that the adopted scenario appeared to be most equal with the deviations of the populations.

Another agenda item dealt with health insurance coverage. Union president Gary Bent addressed the

board concerning a new insurance package that is available. At the end of October, the county board approved a \$70,000 expenditure for the Sheriff’s Office union members’ insurance benefit.

Basically, the \$70,000 is for union members to purchase individual insurance coverage and is split equally among the union members.

“We had our union representatives tell us ‘here’s a

company from the East Coast’... but we went across the street [to Leezer’s Insurance Agency],” Bent said. “What we found out was the group insurance would be for the county [employees]. They explained to us was that it would be better to grab a county number [insurance policy] and include everybody on this ... insurance.”

By doing so, a better rate could be realized.

“We looked at it both

ways and we decided the best thing to do would be to go to a group insurance for the whole county,” Bent said. “It does not cost the county one dime.”

Now, all county employees can apply for this insurance package. Bent said having more employees in the plan will lower the rate for participants.

Finally, the board approved the Fiscal Year 2021-22 bills.

## JIM MALOOF/REALTOR®

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE, LOCAL PEOPLE  
View Color Photos at [www.maloofrealty.com](http://www.maloofrealty.com)

**230 E Main St., Toulon**

2 bedroom 1 bath home on corner lot. Detached, insulated, heated 3 car garage. **\$38,000.**

**100 W Jefferson, Toulon**

4 bedroom 1 bath home on large corner lot. Fenced yard, vinyl replacement windows, newer HVAC. Solid home - Call for appointment today **\$55,900.**

**11249 Modena Rd., Wyoming**

Beautiful country home on 3 acres. Over 2500 sq ft of total living space. Home has 2 full baths, 3 bedrooms, updated HVAC. Ultimate “Man Cave” in garage with beautiful stone fireplace, wet bar with kitchen, 3rd full bathroom and lots of space. **\$265,000.**

**RYAN BREESE**  
**309/339-5034**



PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

11-23 - Sierra S. Jordan - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
11-27 - Brandon M. Franzen - Disregard official traffic control device, failure to reduce speed, and leaving the scene.  
11-28 - Patrick J. Johnston - Improper turn at intersection, improper traffic lane usage, and transport/carry alcoholic liquor..

Felonies & Misdemeanors

11-26 - DUI Traffic - Payton T. Browning - Driving under the influence of alcohol.  
11-28 - DUI Traffic - Patrick J. Johnston - Driving under the influence of alcohol and driving under the influence of alcohol/BAC .08.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-21 - A 79-year-old Bradford resident was reported as missing. The individual was later safely located and returned to his residence.  
11-23 - Christopher A. Lease, 47, LaFayette, was ticketed for operation of an uninsured vehicle.  
11-27 - Payton T. Browning, 21, Toulon, was issued notices to appear for citations issued that included driving under the influence, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and improper lane usage.

Galva Report

**Officer dispatched:**  
11-22 - Officer notified several times throughout the week in reference to railroad crossing malfunctions at various crossings.  
11-22 - to the 100 block of SW 4th St. for a neglected dog complaint. It was unfounded.  
11-22 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a burning complaint on a non-burn day.  
11-23 - to a residence on SW 6th Ave. for a welfare check. Officer ultimately forced entry into the house and found the resident deceased. The coroner was notified.  
11-23 - to the 100 block of SW 4th St. for a neglected dog complaint. It was unfounded.  
11-24 - along with the Galva Fire Department and Stark County Medic to the 800 block of N. Center Ave. for a complaint of smoke coming from the basement. It was deter-




mined to be the Galva Sewer Department smoking sewers as they checked for leaks.  
11-24 - Officer clocked a vehicle entering the city limits at 105 mph on the west edge of town. As the result of a traffic stop, Bradley Reed, 25, Park Forest, was arrested for speeding more than 35 mph above the speed limit. He was released with a required court date.  
11-24 - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a power transformer that malfunctioned. Ameren was notified for repairs.  
11-25 - to a motorist assist near the intersection of SW 6th Ave. and SW 6th St.  
11-25 - along with deputies from Henry County and Knox County to attempt to locate a rollover accident with injuries somewhere north of Altona. The vehicle was found by Knox County just north of Altona in a field.  
11-25 - along with the ambulance to a medical emergency at a house on West Division Street.  
11-25 - Officer met with a subject at the police department in reference to a debit card that was found. The owner was contacted.  
11-25 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. for an out-of-control juvenile complaint.  
11-26 - to the 800 block of NW 4th St. for a verbal dispute involving a juvenile.  
11-27 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to Sentry Estates for a report involving a broken water pipe that was spraying water onto an electrical outlet.  
11-28 - While patrolling on Market Street, an officer heard a verbal disturbance in the 300 block of Front St., but every Galva railroad crossing was blocked by a stopped train. Officer had to go around via Midland Road. The subjects were gone when the officer finally ar-

rived to investigate.  
11-28 - to the 200 block of SE 2nd St., for a loose dog complaint. The owners found the dog and took it home.  
11-28 - to assist Henry County with a physical fight at a residence two miles west of town on Route 34. Henry County deputies made two arrests for battery.  
11-28 - to a utility wire that came down in the 00 block of SE 4th St. Ameren was notified for repairs.  
11-24 - Jesse Hutchinson, 40, Galva, was issued an AWT for failure to maintain his property with accumulation of junk.

Property Transfers


11-22 - Beb Family Limited Partnership, Jeffrey A. and Stacy M. Gehrig to Beb Family Limited Partnership - Pt 21-12-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.  
11-22 - Beb Family Limited Partnership, Jeffrey A. and Stacy M. Gehrig to Jeffrey A. and Stacy M. Gehrig - Pt 21-12-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.  
11-22 - Erin J. and Robert M. Price to Jackson K. Harkness - West Jersey Block 1 Lots 2, 3, 6, 7, & 10 - 3112 Jersey St., Toulon - Consideration = \$145,000.  
11-23 - Harold H. Cuning, Dec'd by Exec. to Bruce R., Elizabeth A., Evelyn B., Trustee, and Gary D., Trustee Endress - Pt 5-13-5 SW & SE - Consideration = \$568,800.  
11-23 - Jeffrey Monnich to City of Toulon - John Culbertson Eastern Add'n - Pt Lot 19 - 413 E. Jefferson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$4,000.  
11-24 - Debra and Wayne Clow to James Jr. and Lashung D. Webb - Pt 19-13-6 SW - Consideration = \$500.

**Marriages**  
11-24 - Trista Lynn Meacham, Toulon and Joshua Michaael Watson, Toulon.  
11-24 - Braedon Conner Starberg, Wyoming and Shai Michelle Louise Draminski, Wyoming.  
11-24 - Trace Corbin Tuthill, Ames, Iowa, and Julia De Mattos Brittes, Ames, Iowa.



Toulon United Methodist Church

229 West Main St.  
P.O. Box 538  
Toulon, Illinois 61483



**DON'T THINK YOU CAN CHANGE?**

• Join us Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. at the Toulon Methodist Church and you will hear, "I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you, I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh."  
Ezekiel 36:26

**FOR SALE**

**Apples, Including Honey Crisp & APPLE CIDER.**

**R.E. Arends Orchard**

2 miles North of Laura on Rte. 78  
OPEN 8 AM - 5 PM DAILY  
(309) 446-3034

Jim Mercer





**SEPTIC SERVICE**

"A flush is better than a full house"

Jim Mercer, Owner

(309) 479-3006 Office

Fully licensed & insured

Pumping Complete Line of Sewer & Septic Services Residential, Commercial & Industrial

**SHOP LOCAL!**

**SHOP STARK COUNTY**

**Whirlpool • Maytag KitchenAid • Amana Appliances**

No Charge for Delivery • Free Normal Hook Up

We Service What We Sell

morrisseyappliance.com

Hurry in & Save!



"Where Service is the Difference" — Ray, Bill & Joe Morrissey

109 W. Williams • Wyoming, Ill. • (309) 695-3721

**THE PRAIRIE NEWS DROP SPOT**



**EHNLE ELECTRIC**

403 South Street • Bradford  
897-8111

**Hardware • Electrical • HVAC**

– Installation & Service for all types of electrical work

– Generac Generators Sales & Installation

– Oxygen & Acetylene Tanks

– Kent Pet Food Supplier



**GOT SPIDERS**

Call

**Central Illinois Pest Management Inc.**

Termite and Pest Control Experts

**309-267-PEST (7378)**

Owners: Kevin Flatt & Chase Flatt  
Manager: Justin Palmer

**JOE'S**

Water Treatment & **PUMP SERVICE**

207 Depot Street – Cambridge – (309) 937-5399

• Water Well Contracting

• Complete Water Systems Installed

• Red Jacket & Gould Pumps • Ritchie Waterers

• Backhoeing & Trenching

All Licensed Over 40 Years Experience



**BLUNIER BUILDERS, INC.**

Commercial - Residential - Agriculture

www.blunierbuilders.com  
309-467-4847

Quality Post-Frame Construction Throughout Illinois

**PUZZLE ANSWERS**

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

HELM	CASINOS	MASS	CTS
ALEE	ORINOCO	OLAY	LIL
HEIGHT	RESTRICTION	IDO	
ACLASS	GTO	HAITI	DEEP
STAPH	PEAK	PERFORMANCE	
IAGO	RAP	SMYTH	
APEXPREDATOR	FEELS	SBAD	
CAREER	ALI	LOA	PARE
CHILD	CREST	TOOTH	PASTE
TSKS	KOI	IRA	OBSESS
PINNACLE	FOODS		
OPTSIN	MAE	NRA	MAME
CROWN	DEPENDENCY	TAPED	
TONI	MEN	LIE	OILING
STARTS	SUP	SUMMIT	LEAGUE
ELLEN	SOS	IDIG	
ACME	CORPORATION	NUDGE	
STUD	REORG	ESC	UTERUS
AIS	ZENITH	ELECTRONICS	
HOI	ORTS	UNLEARN	ANKA
INC	ESSE	MESAMIS	SKYY

**Weekly SUDOKU**

Answer

4	2	3	5	8	7	9	1	6
1	5	6	4	3	9	8	7	2
9	7	8	6	2	1	3	5	4
3	4	1	9	5	6	2	8	7
8	9	2	7	4	3	5	6	1
7	6	5	2	1	8	4	3	9
6	3	9	8	7	4	1	2	5
5	1	4	3	6	2	7	9	8
2	8	7	1	9	5	6	4	3

**CryptoQuote**

answer

The first problem for all of us, men and women, is not to learn, but to unlearn.  
- Gloria Steinem



# The Prairie News

The Prairie News is published every Friday (except the last week of December and a week in July) by Lampe Publications LLC, 115 W. Main St., Elmwood, IL 61529.

- **Publisher** - Jeff Lampe  
news@prairie-news.com
- **Advertising Manager** - Pam Wulf  
ads@prairie-news.com
- **Ad & Graphic Designer** - Ken Black  
graphics@prairie-news.com
- **Chief Correspondent** - John Ballentine
- **Bradford Correspondent** - Angie Stange
- **Galva Correspondent** - Carol Townsend

The Prairie News is located at 101 West Main Street, PO Box 240, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Office hours are Mon. to Thurs., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**(309) 286-2185**  
**ads@prairie-news.com**

**Deadlines** - News due Tuesdays by 3 p.m. Ads due Mondays by 3 p.m. The Prairie News encourages readers to submit news for publication. Email to: news@prairie-news.com

The Prairie News assumes no financial responsibility for typographical errors, but will reprint that part of an ad in which the error occurred.

The Prairie News is a member of the Illinois Press Association.

## Apostolic Christian Church Blood Drive

Fellowship Hall • 710 E. Main • Princeville

**Tuesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**12:30pm to 6:00pm**

For an appointment, please call  
**Denise Kieser 309-238-0769**  
or visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

## A Holiday Gift Idea from the Stark County Genealogical Society

STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

The *Stark County History and Families* book is 8 ½ by 11," 448 pages, hardbound and was published by the SCGS in 2013.

Purchase price is \$50 with pick up **by appointment** during December and January at 115 S. Franklin St, Toulon, IL; or \$58 mailed.

For fastest service, call 309-231-1125.

BO/GAR ENTERPRISES INC.

401 South Main Wyoming, IL 61491

# NOW HIRING

**ALL POSITIONS**

**4 Day Work Week**

**3 Day Weekend!!!**

**100% Paid Healthcare**

Please apply in person Monday thru Friday.

# SEE WHAT'S POSSIBLE

**NewView FURNITURE**

- Affordable Delivery to Stark County.
- Free Haul Away.
- Don't wait, purchase off of the Showroom.

Ask us about our interior design services!

117 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
309-761-8354

**Hours:**  
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri  
10a-6p and Sat 10a-4p

# GUEST VOICES

A "SHAMAN" WHO HELPED INCITE A RIOT IS SENTENCED TO PRISON... WHILE A "NO-SHAMAN" WHO HELPED INCITE A RIOT ISN'T.

# The smartest person in the room

We all know a few people who think of themselves as the smartest person in the room. We also know a handful of people who actually are the smartest person in the room.

Neil Harl was the latter; he was the smartest person in the room wherever he went and everyone either already knew it or quickly discovered it. More importantly, Harl knew it, too, and he often used his fierce intellect and equally quick smile to dominate public debates and charm dinner guests.

Harl died Nov. 4 in Ames, Iowa, the home of Iowa State University (ISU) and his academic home since his freshman days there in 1951. His record is legendary: a bachelor's degree, two years of military service, one year as an ag editor, then a law degree, a Ph.D. in economics and, a full professorship and endowed chair at ISU by 1976.

During that remarkable rise, Harl also made himself into the most published, most sought-out ag attorney/ag economist in the nation. During his career he would publish 29 books and give more than 3,400 presentations in 43 states and 17 foreign nations.

And, of course, he kept an immaculate record of it all.

In 1981, as his national reputation was soaring, Harl did one of the most courageous things I've ever seen: he put everything he had



Alan GUEBERT

– his career, the accolades, and his impeccable reputation – on the line to predict that fast-expanding farm debt and the just-passed Reagan tax cuts would bring economic calamity to rural America.

It wasn't a guess; it was an act of conscience. In August of 1981, he would write a decade later in his book *The Farm Debt Crisis of the 1980s*, he had spent weeks studying the Reagan Administration's new tax cuts to update lecture notes. What he learned, though – when combined with the tight money policy of Paul Volker's Federal Reserve – troubled him.

He soon sounded the alarm through speeches, op/eds, and conversations with reporters. Harl supplied the facts, figures, and forecasts; the newspapers supplied the gongs.

His warnings, however, were met by scowls from ag bankers and rural politicians. All were certain that the 1970s' fat times would continue to roll under the White House's "supply side," free market philosophy

"What are you trying to do to our president?" he was asked by "a flying wedge of Republican stalwarts" at a 1981 banking conference in Des Moines, he later wrote.

"I assured the phalanx of critics," he explained "... that I was indeed a loyal Republican (and that) there was just one thing worse than borrowing money, and that was voting Democratic."

It made no difference; the hatchets were out for Harl and they were sharp, powerful, and relent-

less.

He stayed on message, however, and by 1984, everything Harl had said would happen had either happened or was happening. Ag banks were bleeding bad loans, many Farm Credit banks needed federal bailouts, and thousands of farmers and ranchers were either closing their barn doors for good or having lenders foreclose 'em. It was the biggest U.S. farm crack-up since the Great Depression.

Harl didn't waste his or rural America's time gloating; he went to work on ways to ease the debt that was crushing farmers and banks alike. His specialties, law and economics, gave him unique insights on how lenders and the government could work together to develop new strategies and assistance programs to work through mountains of farm debt while healing broken markets.

And, slowly – far too slowly for far too many – the laggards finally listened to what the farmboy professor was saying. Harl had been right all along and only later, decades after the calamity had passed, would he acknowledge that his critics had been wrong. Dead wrong, in fact.

But saying it didn't make him the smartest person in the room. It did, however, make him one of the most courageous and, sure, more than just immodest.

It made him, in fact, Neil Harl.

© 2021 ag comm

The Farm and Food File is published weekly throughout the U.S. and Canada. Past columns, supporting documents, and contact information are posted at [farmandfoodfile.com](http://farmandfoodfile.com).

# Sleepwalking through our own decline

Readers will be pleased to know that I have brought on a part-time research assistant. So, I will no longer have to make things up for my writings, and can use real facts based on research, if I choose to. What an improvement!

New RA Kyle Dennison of Kewanee is a sharp, passionate young teacher, who has taught math in both low- and middle-income public schools, in his seventh year now. Our first discussions have already led us to an important, vexing problem:

Abundant research shows that students from low- and modest-income brown, Black and white American households have, for decades,



Jim NOWLAN

lagged far behind upper-income families in math achievement. As a result, American students overall score poorly in math and science against other developed nations. And even students from our best high schools often score less well than students from Finland, Hong Kong and major cities in China, such as Shanghai, which alone has about the population of California.

If the U.S. wants to remain the global "king of the hill" in wealth and technological achievement, we simply must increase overall math achievement of our students. It's a national security issue, literally.

Simply put: China seeks to replace us as the dominant technological power, and it is largely focusing on education to achieve its goal.

Upwardly mobile Chinese parents (and most Chinese parents see

themselves as moving up, because of rapid economic growth) assiduously push their children to study hard and achieve in school. I use this illustration to support my point.

More than a decade ago, I arrived in Shanghai to become a visiting professor at one of its leading universities. The day after my flight to that bustling city of 28 million, I was walking down a leafy side street on a Saturday morning. I noticed small children in cute uniforms walking toward a low-slung building. The Monday following, I asked my host professor what was going on.

"Oh, they were going to school. Our youngsters attend school until noon every Saturday." And, I would add, for one more hour of instruction each week day than in the U.S.

I mused to myself that if Chinese

Continued on Page 5



# NOWLAN: STEM required for economic development

*Continued from Page 4*  
parents were told their children could not go to school on Saturday, there would be riots in the street. Conversely, if American parents were told their kids had to go to school on Saturday, I fear there would probably also be riots in the street.

Math and science achievement are central to economic development and the wealth generated by rapidly evolving digital and quantum technologies.

What can we do? My new RA Kyle Dennison recommends the following, which is buttressed by much research that he and I came across:

- Longer school year and day, from 174 or so days a year, to 190 or more, and increase instructional hours from 5 to 5½ or 6, as in the nations that lead us significantly in math achievement;
- Year-round school, replacing the long summer break, which causes learning loss, with a number of

shorter breaks throughout the year, and

- Increase in the quality of our teachers. The teaching profession is so highly valued in Finland that it is hard to get into their teachers’ colleges (only 10 percent of applicants do); in the U.S., it is hard not to get into our schools of education. In the U.S., with exceptions, of course, the best and brightest do not pursue careers in teaching, for reasons of low pay, low respect and testing and regulatory overload.

None of these recommendations would count for much, however, until our parents and society set higher achievement expectations and goals for our youngsters, and provide the encouragement and discipline critical to student achievement.

Based on my six decades of observation of rural, small town as well as low-income urban settings, there has been a woeful cultural inattention to the importance of educational achievement. We must

put classroom goals on the same lofty level of importance as crossing the Friday night football goal line.

Low-income families on our many welfare programs should be asked, in return for government supports, to improve their parenting skills and attention to their kids’ school effort.

I appreciate that our society has been going through much the past year and more, with the pandemic. But, just as England slept for a decade while Hitler rearmed the Third Reich, America seems to be asleep while China and other dynamic Asian nations seek to race past us.

*Jim Nowlan is a retired professor of American politics who has taught in China on several occasions. Allen Andersen is a retired businessman and economic development consultant. They reside in central Illinois.*

Thank You!!!

Resource House 102 N. 7th St. Wyo, IL. 61491  
Ph# 309-695-5660 "People Helping People"

We want to say with much appreciation:  
Thank you for your donations to us at the Resource House - we can help folks when they may need a little extra to get them through a rough spot! We use our resources and work with others to get you assistance. Always helping to meet a need and with your continued support we have been blessed to do what we can to make life a little less stressful. May God bless you as he blesses us with families, friends and this awesome community we live in!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!  
Resource House Director and My Crew!  
Peggy Gray, Sue Hardman, Karen Curry

Hertz

Real Estate Services

FOR SALE

158.18 Acres, M/L - Bureau County, IL

Located Near Henry, IL

110.90 Crop acres with 130.1 PI

Highly Productive Farm

\$9,250/ac

Geneseo • 309-944-2184

www.Hertz.ag

The Rock Shoppe

WILKINSON FARM DRAINAGE

Call Wes for all your white rock or river rock needs.

Pick-up In Osceola or delivery available by dump truck or semi-loads.

I also do some small backhoe jobs.

FREE ESTIMATES AND PRICES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS.

CALL (309) 361-8453

THE HANDY MAN

OVER 18 YEARS AS A CONTRACTOR

Help Wanted  
Experience Required

- Doors
- Hard Wood Floors
- Windows • Decks
- Dry Wall
- Kitchen & Bath Remodel
- Roofing

309-224-7766 • Yates City

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL

K

KIWANIS CLUB OF GALVA

WE MEET AT 6:30 PM ON THE 2ND AND 4TH MONDAY EVERY MONTH AT RUX FUNERAL HOME IN GALVA, IL

GET INVOLVED IN YOUR COMMUNITY AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE. JOIN US AND SEE HOW YOU CAN!

For All Your Building Needs See Us  
Phone 800-858-5562

EB

Buildings & Lumber

"Service Beyond Expectations"

Since 1960

Hertz

Real Estate Services

FOR SALE

153.57 Acres, M/L - Henry County, IL

Located Near Kewanee

139.26 FSA/Eff. Crop acres with 122.5 PI

Highly Productive Farm

\$10,000/ac

Geneseo, IL • 309-944-2184

www.Hertz.ag

Online Auction

To help settle the family estate a online only public auction will be held at 10019 Highway 17 west Wyoming IL.

This auction will be on [orwigauctionandeventcenter.hibid.com](http://orwigauctionandeventcenter.hibid.com).

There will be a 3% convenience fee on all credit card transactions and a 15% buyer's premium will be applied to each purchase. Please bring help and packing material when you come to pick up your purchases. This auction will have a soft close starting at 6 p.m. December 5th. Pick up will be Tuesday December 7th from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Items to be sold include: everyday dishes, pots/pans, small kitchen appliances, cook books, angel figurines, assorted cups and saucers, Panasonic microwave, side tables, large 2 pc china hutch, holiday decorations, stemware, aprons, needlepoint chair, costume jewelry, pictures, lamps, table linens, 2 pc desk, computer monitor and printer, exercise equipment, fishing poles, Wyoming High School memorabilia, day bed, ice cream maker, small combination safe, board games, dehumidifier, long handle tools, hand tools, golf clubs, shop vac, hardware, bags game, gas cans, sleds, men's 12 speed bike, coolers, gas grill, electric snow blower, Craftsman radial arm saw, mini fridge, pull behind spreader, pull behind sprayer, JD LA 100 5 speed lawn tractor, lawn sweeper, garden hose on reel, cement mixer.

For pictures and updates please go to [auctionzip.com](http://auctionzip.com) or my facebook page.

Bennett Family owners

ORWIG AUCTION & APPRAISAL

Joe Orwig, Auctioneer  
(309)361-0397  
7642 Grain Bin Road  
Toulon, IL 61483

KEWANEE, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY

The following very nice ranch home, car and other personal property, will be sold on location at 637 Beach St. S Kewanee, IL 61443, on SUNDAY DECEMBER 5TH, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)

REAL ESTATE: This nice 2-bedroom ranch style home is approximately 1064 square feet on the main floor with a partially finished full basement. This house sits on a .36 acre lot and also has a 2 stall attached garage with overhead automatic door. The main level contains a nice sized kitchen and dining room, living room, 2 bedrooms and a full bath. The basement is improved with a large family room on one side with the other half being used for laundry and storage. There is another lg. full sized bathroom in the basement. The house was built in 1961. Furnace, central air and water heater in good cond. Outside you will find plenty of shade and cozy front porch. Sizeable backyard complete with patio. The location of this property is prime. It is located in Wethersfield School District. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of auction with the balance to be pd. in full at closing. See pictures online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com) and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK.

CAR: 1999 Buick Park Avenue car in very good condition, 3800 Series II V6, 124,000 miles, grey in color, full power. Will sell at approx. 1 pm.

ANTIQUES: Vintage Paper Mache pumpkin with frown face—Halloween old tin noise makers—Gurley candle turkeys—vintage porcelain Christmas tree w/ lights on base—lg. paper mache vintage carolers—old Styrofoam Santa ice bucket old tin Easter rabbits with carts and eggs—Celluloid Easter rabbit on tin bike—tin chicken w/cart—old clapping monkey—lg. set of nice Franciscanware dishes w/many accessories—nice silverware sets in cases—yellow plastic retro flatware—mantle clock with lions—etched Cranberry glass lamps w/prisms and other pieces—pottery nest set—1875 nice Seated Liberty quarter—weighted .925 candle sticks and other pieces—1948-50 Kewanee yearbooks—retro turquoise GE stand mixer—6 Knowles Wizard of Oz older plates NB—plastic Wall Street Gorilla—Coke tray—5 gallon and 1 gallon Western jugs—Philco retro refriger/freezer—mounted iron dinner bell, smaller size—3 gallon Western crock—15 gallon metal pot—nice linens, fancywork, etc.—Knickerbocker sm. Orphan Annie—orig. Pound Puppies—vintage beaded purses—Phillip Stein watch in box, costume—misc. casseroles and dishes, glass—English style china and dishes—nice theatre cloth pictures, other nice pictures—childs rocker—ant. pine kitchen prim. cabinet—very nice Cherry dining room table and chairs w/brass feet and leaves, matching buffet and lighted hutch—Lane cedar chest—drop leaf pine table—claw ft. drop leaf coffee table—misc. furniture and ant.

HOUSEHOLD AND OUTDOOR: Nice white clean Frigidaire refrig.—lg. Cold Spot chest freezer—GE heavy duty washer and Crosley gas dryer—bedroom sets, one twin elect. hospital bed—Kimbell smaller piano w/bench—round kitchen table/4 chairs—holiday décor, household furniture—steam cleaner, vacuum, misc. dishes, basics—OUTDOOR including Simplicity 16HP riding mower w/34" deck—Deutz Allis Snow Whiz II snow blower—MTD 21" 375 HP push mower—10" 12V trimmer—yard cart—lawn seeder—misc. hand and power tools, cords, charger, garden tools, hose/reel, hardware, shelving, shop vac, step ladders, misc.—concrete bird bath—gas grill—wooden bench—patio set w/umbrella stand—invalid items—misc.

NAOMI BRIGNADELLO ESTATE—SELLER FOLGER'S AUCTION SERVICE, INC. WILLIAMSFIELD, IL —(JIM AND CATHIE GIBBS, JIM FOLGER) PH. 309-368-6314 AND 309-337-2150 Email: [folgersauctionservice@gmail.com](mailto:folgersauctionservice@gmail.com) Terms are cash, check or credit card (no cards accepted for R.E. or vehicles) ATTORNEY FOR SELLER—BARASH AND EVERETTE, LLC—Kewanee, IL. Ph. 309-852-5555







BRIEFS

Stark County students  
picked for all-state choir

TOULON – Eight Stark County sixth-grade students have been selected to represent Stark County in the Illinois elementary all state choirs this year.

They are Rylee Bowen, Coley Johnston, Alivia Keyes, Julia Kronner, Isaac Macke, Anna Newby, Hallie Newton and Kamiyah Webster. They will rehearse and perform at the Peoria Civic Center on Saturday, Jan. 29.

Firearm deer harvest  
increases from 2020

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois hunters harvested a preliminary total of 50,300 deer during the first weekend of the shotgun deer season, Nov. 19-21. That’s up from the 47,147 deer hunters took during the first firearm weekend in 2020.

Local county totals were: Stark Co. 117 (down 8), and Henry Co. 280 (down 10).

Illinois’ seven-day firearm deer season will conclude today through Sunday (Dec. 2-5).

Galva chamber welcomes  
Rambling Rose to town

GALVA – The Galva Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting last Saturday morning for Rambling Rose, Galva’s new floral shop owned by Katie Mertz.

The shop is located at 328 Commercial St. and does weddings, funerals, proms and homecomings and delivers to cemeteries. Mertz also has a shop full of wreaths, lanterns, stones and many nice gifts.

Hours are Monday through Friday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Saturdays 9 a.m until noon. There are extended holiday hours.

Holiday festivities at  
Abilities Plus open house

KEWANEE – Abilities Plus is preparing for the Christmas season with its annual holiday open house on Sunday, Dec. 5, from 1-3 p.m. at 1100 N.



*Pictured for tast Saturday’s ribbon cutting at the Rambling Rose in Galva were (left to right): Carson Halsall, Jake Anderson, Melissa Halsall, Julie Frisk, Katie Mertz, Mayor Rich Volkert and Stacy Hanks, President of the Galva Chamber of Commerce.*

East St. in Kewanee. The public is invited and welcome to attend.

Due to safety concerns, face masks are required and refreshments will not be served this year. The open house will feature a bake sale, raffle items, and the chance to purchase collectibles, holiday décor and hand decorated evergreen wreaths. 2022 Wall Calendars will also be given out.

There are also several raffle items and winners will be drawn at 3 p.m.

Evergreen wreaths decorated by individuals in the Abilities Plus work services program will be sold for \$15. To order a wreath, call (309) 852-4626. Proceeds benefit children and adults with delays and disabilities in Henry, Stark and western Bureau Counties.

Galva will host annual  
tour of lighted homes

GALVA – Galva will host its annual tour of residential lighted homes on Sunday, Dec. 18. To include your home on the tour list, please email galvaarts@gmail.com or call (563) 293-6986. Names, addresses and the time will be available before the tour.

Galva First Baptist offers  
holiday sweets

GALVA – First Baptist Church of

Galva is selling chocolate fudge, peanut butter fudge and peanut brittle for \$5 per pound (fudge) or bag (brittle). Call the church at (309) 932-2713 and place your order before Dec. 11. If there is no answer, please leave a message with your name, phone number and what you wish to order.

Drive-up vaccination  
available in Kewanee

KEWANEE – Drive Up Covid testing and vaccination is still available at the Health Department’s Kewanee Office, 110 N. Burr Blvd.

PCR and Rapid Antigen Covid Testing is available at the mobile site Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The Moderna vaccine will be available Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 a.m-3:30 p.m., to those 18 or older wanting the first or second dose, or third booster shot.

No appointments are necessary.

Et cetera

• The Henry County Health Department has its quarterly board meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 8 at the Henry County Health Department office, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee.

• The Stark County Health Department has its quarterly board meeting at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 7, in the Stark County Courtroom on the 2nd floor.

**Farmland**

- Auctions
- Listings
- Consultations

Accredited Land Consultant  
Managing Broker  
(309) 286-2221, (309) 335-2221

**JOHN Leezer**  
FARMLAND SALES  
Sponsoring Broker Jim Maloof / Realtor®

**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE**  
**SUNDAY, December 5, 2021**  
**11:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
Flemish American Club  
313 N. Burr Blvd, Kewanee, IL 61443  
Come join us at our 14th annual direct-sales vendor and craft show!  
Here’s your chance to finish up your last-minute holiday shopping.

**The participating vendors are:**

Pop of the Morning Popcorn

Color Street Nail Design

Deagan Boutique

DoTerra Essential Oils

L & M Blankets

Little Valley Crafts

Pampered Chef

Perfectly Posh

Pink Zebra Scentsy

Tastefully Simple

Tupperware

Twilights Creations

Unique Treasures

Usbourne Book

**For more information, call 309-883-1743**

**Residential Commercial Agricultural**

**Electric, Inc.**

- Standby Generators **GENERAC**
- Trenching
- Bucket/Boom Truck
- Shop Light Upgrades
- Telecommunications

**Lucas Herrmann**  
**309-657-2755**

**ADVERTISE!**  
**Call (309) 286-2185**

**INSURANCE AGENCY**

104 W. Main St.  
P.O. Box 250  
Bradford, IL 61421

Phone: 309-897-4301  
Fax: 309-897-8404  
Cell: 309-231-2920

**Tammy Pelz, Agent**  
*Auto - Home - Farm - Crop - Business - Life - Health*

**Galva Pharmacy**

120 EXCHANGE STREET, GALVA  
Scott Caravello, RPh • 309.932.3440

**Your "Hometown" Full Service Pharmacy!**

*Over-the-Counter Remedies • Natural/Herbal Remedies  
CBD Products • Paper Products • Gift Items • Yarn  
Fannie Mae Candies • Snacks • Fax Service • Greeting Cards  
Digital Prints • Photocopies • Party Goods/Balloons • School Supplies*

**Galva Pharmacy – Where Service is a Tradition!**

**Services Offered:**

- Drainage Tiling
- Excavation
- Trucking and Gravel Delivery
- Central Boiler Repairs and Parts

Dennis Brooks, Sr., President  
dennis@dbrooks.com - (309) 565-4300

**NEED A NEW FURNACE?**  
**Give Us A Call!**  
**We Have Great Pricing!**  
**WE HAVE 24 HOUR EMERGENCY SERVICE**

**Call Woltil's**  
**852-2890**  
for a free estimate on the installation of a brand new FURNACE only

**Guardian (By York)**

<b>95.5% Efficiency Furnace</b> <b>\$2,800 Installed</b>	<b>13 Seer Central Air</b> <b>\$2,500 Installed</b>	<b>Furnace &amp; Central Air Package</b> <b>\$4,695 Installed</b>
---	--	--

**Woltil's** *Heating & Air Conditioning*  
1101 W. Prospect St. • Kewanee • (309) 852-2890

**Christmas is a time of hope and wishes.**  
The Stark County Good Samaritan Fund is still making a difference.  
With your help we pay power bills, heating bills, water bills and much more. We help people stay in their homes when they have fallen on hard times. Most of the time what we and others in the county are able to do get them through that tough spot. You should see the joy and thankfulness in their faces when we tell them that we can help. But the SCGSF can only help as you help us meet the needs of the people of Stark County. I am sure we can count on you again this year. Make check payable to Stark County Good Samaritan Fund and send to  
**PO Box 233, Toulon, IL 61483. Thank You.**  
Have Questions or if you could use some help to get you through to that next paycheck,  
**call 309-286-4611.**







OBITUARIES

Donald G. Hedgepath

BRADFORD – Donald G. Hedgepath, 80, of Bradford, Ill. passed away Tuesday, Nov. 23, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill.

He was born Nov. 6, 1941, in Sullivan, Ky. the son of Roy and Wilma (Goforth) Hedgepath.

Donald married Lois Forbes Sept. 8, 1961, in Aurora, Ill. They shared 60 years together. She survives in Bradford.

He is also survived by four children: Daniel (Patricia) Hedgepath of Bradford, Donna Hoskins of Port Charlotte, Fla., Michelle (Chris) Shay of Peoria and Rodney (Susan) Hedgepath of Washington, Ill.; four grandchildren: Joshua (Sarah) Hedgepath, Luke Hedgepath, Matt Hedgepath and Alyssa (Tyler) Michael; one great-granddaughter, Areyana Hedgepath; six step-grandchildren: Rebecca (Justin) Gosch, Ryan Brinker, Joel (Kelli) Brinker, Alex (Mikkell) Brinker, Jasmine Cowitz and Katelyn Cowitz; nine step-great-grandchildren: Carter Brinker, Jasper Brinker, Sophia Cantrell, Rosalie Brinker, Mille Brinker, Maverick Brinker, Hudson Brinker, Johnathan (Lee Ann) Gosch, and Thomas Gosch; two sisters: Frances Carter of Naples, Fla., and Joyce Lutz of Naples, Fla.; and two brothers: Jerry Hedgepath of Orlando, Fla. and Rick Hedgepath of Calif.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Donald was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers Roy Hedgepath, Chuck Polk and Jimmy Hedgepath; and one sister, Wanda Hedgepath in infancy.

He was a longtime truck driver. Donald loved animals, riding motorcycles and watching wrestling. He especially loved trucking and a shiny truck.

A visitation was held from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, Bradford. A funeral service was held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at the funeral home following the visitation, with Pastor Jan Ringenberg officiating. Cremation rites were to be accorded after the service and a private burial was to be held at the Osceola Grove Cemetery in rural Bradford.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to an animal rescue of your choice. Online condolence may be sent to [www.grant-johnsonfh.com](http://www.grant-johnsonfh.com).



Hedgepath

Roberta J. Stone

KEWANEE – Roberta Joyce (Stead) Stone, 84, known fondly as “Bert” to her friends and family, passed away Monday, Nov. 22. She was born to Fern and Vernon Stead on Sept. 6, 1937, in Kewanee, Ill. She attended Kewanee Boilers High School where she graduated with the class of 1955.

Bert married Donald R. Stone that same year and the city girl moved to the country. She milked cows, drove tractors, canned her plentiful garden harvest and raised four children on the farm. She found a job in town as bookkeeper for Bradford Industries, where she worked until 1973.

Bert left the farm as an independent woman and left half her heart behind her. She loved to vacation in Wisconsin and Missouri, spending time fishing their many lakes, and eventually made Missouri her home. There she found better pay and many job opportunities. She employed her bookkeeping skills with the Red Cross, KDMO radio station, Carthage Cable Computers, Grand Lake Mental Health Management and Willow Crest Hospital.

In 1988, Bert received the ovarian cancer diagnosis that would bring her bookkeeping career to an end. She spent the next year battling cancer and healing by the lake. She would can, bake Christmas cookies and paint to build strength. It was during that time she met the love and companion of her life, Bill Lamb.

In 1992 Bert went to work for the craftsmen at Silver Dollar City in Branson, Mo. She worked for 15 different craftsmen doing their craft and entertaining the many visitors. She spent 10 years at this post and loved every minute of it.

Bert loved her sister, Delores. They spent many hours of their retirement going for rides and making jellies, Bert’s beloved dog, Charlie, was always by her side.

Bert was preceded in death by her parents, her son, Terry D. Stone, and her life companion, Bill Lamb. She is survived by her sister, Delores (Stead) Grimes; her children, Marilyn (Stone) Wilson and husband Tom, Rob Stone and wife Francie, and Beth (Stone) Skinner and husband Brent. Also, her grandchildren, Mary Wood and husband Rob, Mark Wilson, Adam Wilson and partner Linda Emmons, and Cameron Skinner; and her great-grandchildren, Nyia, Marcus, and Devon Stone and Charlie Wilson. Additional love of Heart for her

adopted children; Bill Rouse, Lynn Storm Reither, Allen and Kellie Testerman, David Palmer and Megan Burris.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the Carthage Humane Society at 13860 Dog Kennel Ln., Carthage, Mo. 64836 or through the funeral home. Her journey to eternity with comfort with the Phoenix Hospice Team, Amazing Amanda, Whitney, Megan, Brent and Jamie “The Chaplain.”

Diana J. Streitmatter

GALVA – Diana Jean Streitmatter, 68, of Galva, died Wednesday, Nov. 24, 2021, at her home.

Graveside services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 4, at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in rural Kewanee with Rev. Bryan Griem officiating. Memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church in Galva. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.



Streitmatter

She was born Feb. 1, 1953, the daughter of Gerald and Loretta (Barrett) Streitmatter. She is survived by several cousins and was preceded in death by her parents.

Diana had worked in the cafeteria for the Galva schools and attended the First Baptist Church in Galva.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.ruxfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruxfuneralhome.com).

Terry B. Owens

GALVA – Terry B. Owens, 57, of Galva, died Saturday, November 27, 2021 at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and private graveside services will be held at Warren County Memorial Park in Monmouth. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born May 8, 1964 in Monmouth, the son of Terry “Tad” and Judy (Melvin) Owens. He married Tracy Briggs on April 7, 1984, in Monmouth. Survivors include his wife of Galva, his mother of Indiana, his three sons; Justin (Chelcee) Owens of Dahinda and Brandon (Hanna) Owens and Drayson (Bridget) Owens, both of Galva, a brother, John Owens of Edwardsville, a sister, Angie (Joe) Tarrant of Jackson, Mich., and five grandchildren with one on the way. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents.

Condolences can be left online at [www.ruxfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruxfuneralhome.com).

Card of Thanks

FAMILY OF WAYDE B. BUCK

WE ARE at a loss for words to adequately express our gratitude for the thoughtful out-pouring of caring and support received during Wayde’s hospitalization and subsequent passing due to tragic injury complications. From near and far, all the wonderful cards, beautiful floral/plant arrangements, delicious foods, misc. supply items, phone calls, text messages, generous memorials, other gifts, acts of kindness, loving hugs, sharing tears, expressions of compassion, thoughts and prayers will be added to our own implicit memories. Thank you so very much.

Wayde’s Family

The Voice of Stark and eastern Henry Counties

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon United Methodist Church

Rev. Leon D. Pomeroy  
229 W. Main St., PO Box 538, Toulon, IL 61483  
(812) 698-9294  
Sunday School: 9:15 a.m., All Ages.  
Sunday. Worship: 10:30 am  
Check us out on Facebook @  
Toulon United Methodist Church

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen  
7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483  
(309) 896-3481  
Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491  
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491  
email: [info@thegathering.life](mailto:info@thegathering.life)  
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

Pastor Dan Wright, Youth Leader Michelle West  
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon  
(309) 286-7340, Leave Message.  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. in-person or  
watch us live at <https://facebook.com/fcctoulon>

Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Josh Ryner  
211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434  
(309) 932-3733  
Service Time 10 a.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

*"faith in truth"*  
211 NW 4th Ave GALVA  
Main Service: Sun 10:30  
New Preacher! Bryan Griem  
(309) 932-2713 • [GalvaBaptistChurch.com](http://GalvaBaptistChurch.com)

Wyoming Nazarene Church

517 N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491  
309-695-4523 leave message  
Sunday School: 10:00, All ages  
Sunday Worship: 11:00  
Wednesday Night TBD  
Check us out on Facebook: Wyoming Naz

First Congregational United Church of Christ

Pastor Ross Wyman  
204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491  
(309) 695-4091  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.  
Check us out on Facebook  
First Congregational UCC of Wyoming, Illinois

Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon  
(309) 286-4611  
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.  
Wednesday Kid’s Club 5:30-7 p.m.  
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Email: [pastor@toulonbaptist.com](mailto:pastor@toulonbaptist.com)  
[www.ToulonBaptist.com](http://www.ToulonBaptist.com)  
[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon)  
Call us for Salvation Army Assistance

Hill Church

Casual • Family-friendly • Jesus-centered  
107 N. Main St., Kewanee (between Good’s and Florist)  
Sundays 9am • 10:30am (In-person and Streaming on Facebook)  
[HillChurchFamily.org](http://HillChurchFamily.org)  
[Facebook.com/hillchurchfamily.org](https://Facebook.com/hillchurchfamily.org)  
Pastor: Dr. David W. Pendergrass

LIST YOUR CHURCH HERE

Join the directory for \$150 per year. For just \$3 per week, put your information in 7,000 newspapers every Friday. In addition, if you run ads you will automatically be given the lowest rate of \$4.25 per column inch. Please email information to: [ads@prairie-news.com](mailto:ads@prairie-news.com) or mail it (with a check made out to Lampe Publications LLC) to: The Prairie News; PO Box 240; Toulon, IL 61483-0240.

WYOMING  
MONUMENT CO.  
DEALER IN WORLD  
FAMOUS GRANITE  
Serving Central Illinois  
Robert B. & Robert J. Groter  
Owners  
High Quality Workmanship  
at Reasonable Prices

HOURS: MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 9-4  
SATURDAY 9-12  
SUNDAY EVENINGS BY APPOINTMENT  
600 S. 7TH ST. (309) 695-2981

Providing peace of mind for you and your family

RUX  
FUNERAL HOMES

Kewanee | 309-853-4100  
Galva | 309-932-2400  
Williamsfield | 309-639-4221  
[www.ruxfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruxfuneralhome.com)  
[ruxfuneral@yahoo.com](mailto:ruxfuneral@yahoo.com)

PEKIN  
INSURANCE



**Saw-n-Logs**  
Free Estimates  
**TREE SERVICE**  
Tree Trimming • Removal • Stump Grinding  
309-525-0968 • 309-883-0544  
www.saw-n-logs.com

**CB Excavating & Rock, LLC**  
Trenching, Excavating, Bulldozing,  
Demolition, Rock Services & More.



Chris Baumann  
Toulon, IL  
309-238-0665

# Wyoming’s WYHI Center requires repairs

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

WYOMING – Wyoming’s WYHI Community Center has reached age 95 and is in need of repairs.

Since 2010, the building has served as a community center, thanks to the efforts of a group of former students and local residents who purchased the building that had once housed Wyoming High School and later the Stark County Junior High.

Now, the building requires roof repairs and other interior renovations to remain functional. The estimated cost s \$50,000-plus and inflation is driving that cost upward daily.

Recently, the WYHI Center underwent a change of management comprised by a board of six directors who are attempting to make the center a functional building for events. If there

is enough interest in restoration, the new management will begin fundraising events and invest money into a new roof.

Those interested are asked to contact president Jason Gibson at (309) 883-5750 or vice president Andy Porter at (309) 696-7930. For reservations, contact Roger King at (309) 213-5574.

Fundraisers are being planned. Some may include a spaghetti dinner, a pancake and sausage breakfast, silent auctions and Bingo. Also, reestablishing activities that used to be held in the Center is an objective. For instance, the group is interested in having a tumbling group and aerobics class back in the building.

The Community Center is presently utilized by the First Baptist Church Food Pantry that was started nearly

30 years ago by Lura Hamilton and others. The center is also used for adult volleyball games and indoor walking.

To donate, send correspondences to: WYHI Stark County Community Center, P.O. Box 24, Wyoming, IL, 61491.

The building was dedicated on Aug. 29, 1927, and 145 students filled the hallways and classrooms that September.

Later, Toulon-LaFayette’s high school building remained Stark County’s high school, while Wyoming’s high school building became the Junior High School. It remained the Junior High School until 2006 when it was closed except for the “new” gymnasium and agriculture shop.

## LEGAL ADS

• • •

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
PHYLLIS J. FABRY  
No. 2021-P-15

Notice is given of the death of Phyllis J. Fabry. Letters of Office were issued on August 20, 2021, to Roger E. King, 508 N. Madison, Wyoming IL 61491, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the Bar Date, 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 ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC

Attorney for Estate  
115 Northwest Third Avenue  
Galva, IL 61434  
Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
Published 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/21

• • •

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT**  
**STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ELVA B.  
LOUDENBURG,  
Case No. 2021-P-19  
Deceased.

**WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE – INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is given of the death of **ELVA B. LOUDENBURG** of Courtyard Estate of Bradford, 100 Courtyard Blvd., Bradford, Stark County, Illinois, 61421. Letters of Office were issued on **November 19th 2021** to **BRET ADAM ALLEN** 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 orders were entered by the court on **November 19th 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: **May 26th 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](http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm) to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit [www.illinoiscourt.gov/faq/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourt.gov/faq/gethelp.asp), or talk with your local circuit clerk’s office.

Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021.

**BRETT ADAM ALLEN**  
(Independent Representative)

By: /s/ Robert H. Rennick, Sr.  
Robert H. Rennick, Sr.  
THE RENNICK LAW FIRM, P.C.  
P.O. Box 430  
Toulon, Illinois 61483  
Telephone: (309) 286-5921  
Facsimile: (309) 286-59721  
Published 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/21

• • •

**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  
Galesburg, IL 61401  
Telephone: (309) 343-3155.  
Published 12/3, 12/10, 12/17/21

**Amber Waves**

by Dave T. Phipps




**Out on a Limb**

by Gary Kopervas



**R.F.D.**

by Mike Marland



**The Spats**

by Jeff Pickering



**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

	2			7	9		
1	5			3			7
		8	6				4
3			9		2		
	9			4			6 1
		5			8		3
	3		8			1	
		4			2		8
2			1	9			4

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ **HOO BOY!**

© 2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

FOR ANSWERS  
SEE PAGE 3

**CryptoQuote**

AXYDLBAAXR  
is **LONGFELLOW**

One letter stands for another. In this sample, **A** is used for the three L's, **X** for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

POK UHJLP IJZFYKN UZJ DYY  
ZU XL, NKT DTC AZNKT, HL TZP  
PZ YKDJT, FXP PZ XTYKDJT.  
– EYZJHD LPKHTKN

**Trivia test**  
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What percent of the world's population lives in the Northern Hemisphere?
2. MOVIES: Which 1987 film contains the catchy line, "May the Schwartz be with you"?
3. LITERATURE: Author John Steinbeck contends that his dog ate the first draft of which of his novels?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called?
5. MUSIC: Who is considered the "Father of the Blues"?
6. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first sitting president to throw out the first pitch on baseball's opening day?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which fruit also is sometimes called a "love apple"?
8. TELEVISION: Where do the vampires live in "What We Do in the Shadows"?
9. HISTORY: In what year did East Germany start to build the Berlin Wall?
10. INVENTIONS: Which scientist invented the color wheel?

1. 90%  
2. "Spaceballs"  
3. "Of Mice and Men"  
4. A panderonium  
5. W.C. Handy  
6. William Howard Taft (1910)  
7. Tomato  
8. Staten Island, New York  
9. 1961  
10. Sir Isaac Newton

2021 King Features Synd., Inc.

**TOP 10 MOVIES**

1. Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
2. Eternals (PG-13)
3. Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
4. King Richard (PG-13)
5. Dune: Part One (PG-13)
6. Venom: Carnage (PG-13)
7. No Time to Die (PG-13)
8. The French Dispatch (R)
9. Belfast (PG-13)
10. Ron's Gone Wrong (PG)

2021 King Features Synd., Inc.



# SPORTS: Galva boys go 0-5 at Williamsfield tourney

*Continued from Page 12*  
had 8 against Bureau Valley.  
Kieser and Unhold had 12 apiece against Putnam County, while Rewerts and Joey Herman tallied 8 each. Most nights, Stark County had six players in the scoring column.  
The team finished third in the tournament, winning a tiebreaker with Putnam County and Elmwood.  
Rewerts and Kieser were both named to the all-tournament team.  
“But I can’t stress enough how much of a team effort it was, especially on the defensive end of the floor,” Browning said.  
The Rebels play at Brimfield on Friday. The Indians have a new coach in former assistant Kevin Kreiter and went 2-1 at their Turkey Tournament, beating Tremont (60-53) and Midwest Central (69-50) before losing to Knoxville (51-39).

## Galva Boys Basketball

Winning has been at a premium of late for Galva boys hoops. After going 0-9 last year during COVID-shortened season, the Wildcats are currently 0-6 including an 0-5 showing at the ROWVA-Williamsfield Thanksgiving Tournament.



Guard Cayden Morse heads to the basket in the Galva boys basketball team’s season opener against ROWVA-Williamsfield. Morse is one of two returning starters for Galva. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

“My overall expectations are low and our goal is just to grow and improve,” Coach Josh Harris said. “This team is still working on improving and has a long way to go.”  
Guard Cayden Morse and forward/center Josh Dunner are the lone starters back for Galva. Top newcomers are freshman Talan Hill and sophomore Braxton Rylander,

according to Harris.  
“Our biggest weakness so far has been our transition defense,” Harris said.  
Galva’s losses at Williamsfield were to R-W, West Central (37-25), United (68-26), Henry-Senachwine (69-44) and to tourney champion Port Byron Riverdale (110-34).  
The Wildcats also dropped Tuesday’s game at Midland, 70-20.

## Galva Girls Basketball

The Lady Wildcats (3-4) won Tuesday at home, topping Midland 52-26. Prior to that, Galva dropped its Monday road game at Henry-Senachwine, 69-43.  
At the R-W Ridgewood Tournament, Galva beat Orion (46-38) and lost to R-W (55-41), Monmouth Roseville (52-28) and United (43-38).  
The other win came Nov. 23 over Bureau Valley, 45-25.  
**Stark Co. Girls Basketball**  
After taking nearly two weeks off following the Princeton Tournament, the Lady Rebels (1-3) opened a stretch of at home vs. Illini Bluffs on Thursday. Stark County is at Kewanee Saturday and at Mercer County on Monday.



Molly Kocan, Owner  
21 Chester Street  
**GALVA**  
Phone: 932-2008

### Ron's Cuts


**HOURS:**  
SUNDAY - CLOSED  
MONDAY - CLOSED  
TUESDAY - 9 TO 6 PM  
WEDNESDAY - 9 TO 6 PM  
THURSDAY - CLOSED  
FRIDAY - 9 TO 1 PM  
SATURDAY - 9 TO 1 PM

**ALL HAIRCUTS \$12.00**

### AD STORAGE COMPANY

• EASY ACCESS • LOW MONTHLY RENT  
• WELL-LIT • SECURITY

**FACILITIES IN:**  
Bradford - 897-8243 ••• Lacon - 696-9281 ••• Hanna City - 565-7677  
"Store Your Stuff With Us"  
**Call 385-1715**  
AD STORAGE CO. • PO BOX 415 • PRINCEVILLE, IL 61559



**GE APPLIANCES**

### Andrews Implement Co.

GE & Hotpoint Appliances    Holland Grills  
104 E. Main Street  
P.O. Box 229  
Altona, Illinois 61414  
Email: andrewsimp@mymctc.net    Phone: (309) 484-5591

**Jim Andrews    Service Tech**



### Rumbold & Kuhn, Inc.

Valley Central  
Main Office: 800-322-5433 or 309-695-5151

• Grain Storage & Drying • Grain Merchandising • Trucking Services

Duncan	309-385-4846	Valley	309-695-6465
Putnam	815-437-2471	Speer	309-249-2011
Princeville	309-385-4361	Wyoming	309-695-6459
Toulon	309-286-2461	Kewanee	309-852-0258



### Cover Law Group, LLP

David L. Cover

Twin Towers Plaza, 456 Fulton Street, Suite 203, Peoria, IL 61602-1220  
(P) 309.673.8227 (F) 309.673.4238  
107 W. Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483 (P) 309.286.7311  
dcover@coverlawgroup.com www.coverlawgroup.com



### My Backyard

Landscape Enhancements



**Bob Baer**  
Certified Arborist  
**(309) 657-0571**  
mybackyard2@gmail.com

Tree Pruning  
Tree Removal  
Shrub Shearing  
Stump Grinding  
Snow Removal

# SULLIVAN

## DOOR COMPANY



**Sales • Service Installation**  
Sectional Steel Doors & Openers  
Service On All Makes  
Spring & Section Replacement  
24 Hour Emergency Service  
Free Sales Estimates

**Residential • Commercial**

**RAYNOR**  
Visit Our Showroom  
www.sullivananddoor.com

**856-8041**  
Toll Free 877-324-9517  
1319 W. 6th St.  
Kewanee, Ill.

### AG-LAND FS

#### Full Time Operations Lead at Ag Land FS Grain Elevator

#### Adding 3-4 Fall Harvest Helpers

Duties include general maintenance, running grain dryers, loading and unloading trucks. Previous experience is preferred, must be a self-starter and be dependable. Must have reliable transportation.

**Night time drying.** Duties include taking moisture samples and operating the dryer overnight. Must have reliable transportation and be very dependable.

**Please apply in person at the Elmwood Office.**  
**For questions call 1-309-742-2711 office or Clay's Cell 1-217-652-2021.**

### HOME REMODELING & REPAIR

Jeff Woith • (309) 995-3825  
**Bathroom & Kitchen Remodels**  
Also ... Doors, Windows, Flooring, Drywall, Electrical, Painting & Much More  
Call for Free Estimate/Insured



### Underground Directional Boring

Water Lines, Gas Lines, Power Lines  
Communications Lines, Drains  
**309-303-7237**

## CLASSIFIED ADS

### Call (309) 286-2185

### FOR SALE

• **One Whirlpool** gas dryer, one Amana electric stove/oven, both work, \$100 each or \$150 takes both. Text messages only (309) 645-8731.

### SERVICES

• **MORE HEAT. LESS WOOD:** Classic Edge Titanium HDX EPA certified OUTDOOR WOOD FURNACE. 26% Tax Credit. Prices start as low as \$9,525! Call today (309) 565-4300.

• **REMODELING & REPAIR:** All Types of home re-modeling and repair. No job too small! Carpentry, drywall, electrical, ceramic & vinyl, windows & doors, painting. Call Jeff Woith (309) 995-3825.

• **REMODELING & REPAIR:**

Most types of quality home re-modeling and repairs including doors, thermopane vinyl replacement windows, interior painting and electrical, by Denny Miller. Over 25 years of experience. We also do kitchens, baths, decks, steps and more. Small jobs welcome! Call me at (309) 995-3364, LaFayette.

• **SALVAGE:** Buying junk autos & farm equipment. Total farm clean up. Call Doug Lofgren at Spoon River Salvage (309) 299-8531.

### FOR RENT

• **TOULON:** 415 W. Thomas, small 3 bedroom, 1 bath home, all appliances, \$650 per month plus deposit. Phone (309) 678-1831 or (309) 286-7220.

## Life insurance will never be more affordable than it is today



Mike Morris  
Princeton  
815-872-3333



Merle Hall  
Kewanee  
(309)852-2121



Dan Kniss  
Agency Manager  
(815)221-3075

Life insurance policies issued by COUNTRY Life Insurance Company\* and COUNTRY Investors Life Assurance Company\*, Bloomington, IL. "COUNTRY Financial" is the marketing name for the COUNTRY Financial family of affiliated companies (collectively, "COUNTRY"), which include COUNTRY Life Insurance Company\*, COUNTRY Mutual Insurance Company\*, and their respective subsidiaries, located in Bloomington, Illinois.

1220-S10HC, 4/16/2021





# The Prairie News Sports



Galva's varsity boys basketball team consists of: Back Row (left to right) - Jaxson Meier, Keagan Rylander, Jaxson Willer, Damian Enuenwosu, Josh Dunn, Head Coach Josh Harris, Assistant Coach Mitch Boston, Talan Hull, Tyler Plester, Cayden Morse, Carter DeVenney and Kaiden Wood. Front Row (l to r) - Colin Elgin, Braxton Rylander and Jett Olson.

## Stark Co. boys start strong Rebels 3rd at Wethersfield tourney after 3-2 start

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Prairie News

KEWANEE – One year ago, moving to the competitive Wally Keller Invitational Tournament at Wethersfield was a tall order for the Stark County boys basketball team.

Not this season. The Rebels finished 3-2 at the tournament to finish third and to earn praise from coaches involved.

One of those pleased was Stark County Coach Dustin Browning, who said, “I’m really proud of the fight and determination we showed during this tournament. Never gave in to the score and kept playing hard no matter the score or situation.”

That determination was evident Saturday, as Stark County topped Elmwood,

57-52. James Groter had 12 of his 17 points in the fourth quarter, as the Rebels outscored Elmwood, 20-15, to clinch the win. Daniel Kieser added 15 in the win and Luke Rewerts had 8.

“They play hard, they’re long and they’re athletic,” Elmwood Coach Josh Fugitt said. “And they definitely exposed some of our weaknesses on defense in the second half. Some things didn’t bounce our way offensively and our defense isn’t good enough to make up for it right now.”


That ended a two-game losing skid for Stark County, which fell to Putnam County (51-49) and Bureau Valley (60-44) at Wethersfield. Kieser scored 13 points, Rewerts 11 and Ethan Unhold

*Continued on Page 11*



- BOOKLETS
- MAGAZINES
- NEWSPAPERS
- TABLOIDS

One stop source for printing, binding, stitching and mailing



**P&P PRESS**  
6513 N. Galena Road  
Peoria IL 61614  
309-691-8511  
www.pppress.com

Visit our P&P Press Design Studio at [www.peoriadigitalprinting.com](http://www.peoriadigitalprinting.com)



Scan here to create an order, upload your own design, or create a custom design from over 10,000 templates.

Banners • Brochures • Business Cards • Envelopes • Flyers  
Invitations • Letterhead • Notebooks • Notepads • Note Cards  
Photo Cards • Postcards • Posters • Thank You Cards

Spend less time on banking and more time with friends and family!



Debit Card Management

Know exactly what and where you're spending, quickly protect your debit card, and set travel plans... all with the Mobile App!



**Speer Community Bank**  
A Division of Merton Community Bank  
Member FDIC  
14 Main Street (309) 249-2141



**Princeville Community Bank**  
A Division of Merton Community Bank  
Member FDIC  
105 East Main Street (309) 385-4331

[www.HometownBanks.com](http://www.HometownBanks.com)

BRIMFIELD

Family Dentistry

Sophisticated care.  
Normal people.



Smile, Differently

We're Ready For You!

Call or book online  
(309) 396-6111  
[brimfieldfamilydentistry.com](http://brimfieldfamilydentistry.com)  
232 E Knoxville • Brimfield 61517