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Legislative panel suspends COVID mitigations in schools

By **PETER HANCOCK**
 Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – A legislative panel on Tuesday voted to suspend the latest version of COVID-19 mitigations for public schools, saying in part that those rules are still being litigated in a state appellate court.
 The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules voted 9-0, with two members voting “present,” to object to the rules and suspend them from going into effect.

The Illinois Department of Public Health filed the emergency rules late Monday, renewing emergency rules it had filed in September. The September rules officially expired on Sunday, Feb. 13, because emergency rules cannot stay in place more than 150 days.
 However, a Sangamon County judge last week issued a temporary restraining order halting enforcement of the September rules in the 170 school districts that were

parties in the lawsuit.
 Those rules included requirements that all students, employees and visitors wear face coverings while indoors on school property, that employees either be vaccinated or submit to regular testing, and that schools exclude any student or employee from school property or events if they have tested positive or were in close contact with someone else who had either a confirmed or probable case
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Bradford, Stark County end mask mandates
 The Bradford Board of Education voted at Tuesday’s meeting to suspend enforcement of the state mask mandate, effective Feb. 16. The district still recommends mask use and will have masks available for any student, staff member or visitor that wants one.
 In the wake of the JCAR ruling, Superintendent Brett Elliott said Stark County CUSD #100 has changed to “masks optional” as of Wednesday. Stark County also re-

turned to the Return to Learn plan adopted by the board last July.
 The Williamsfield School Board also voted unanimously Tuesday night to make masks optional.
 And just two days after meeting on Monday, the Galva School Board was scheduled to hold an emergency meeting Wednesday night. The expectation was that the board would vote on ending in-school mask requirements for Galva schools.

Superintendent discusses COVID impact on Galva

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – While no masking decision was made at the regular meeting of the Galva School Board on Monday, an emergency meeting scheduled for Wednesday was expected to address that matter.
 Wednesday’s special meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 22, but was moved up by the ruling on Tuesday by the state’s The Joint Committee on Administrative Rules.
 On Monday, Superintendent Joe Becker gave an update on COVID-related matters to the board, saying, “We are all tired of it but our students are the most important. We all want the same, what is best for the kids.”
 Becker said that the arrival of the Omicron variant caused the most absences in Galva schools, but he noted that the district has not shut down this year.
 “Our students are amazing. They need the credit and we have model citizens here,” Becker said.

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WALL OF FAME



The 2017 Galva High School softball team was honored last Friday night at the 19th annual Wall of Fame Ceremony. Front row (left to right) – Emma Lindquist, Kim Larson, Kirsten VanDeVelde, Grace Clucas and Tressa Rogers. Middle row (l to r) – Rosemary Howell, Kaci Gibbs, Amy Johnson, Hannah Anderson, Lauren Landis and Peyton Weston. Back row (l to r) – Assistant Coach Lindsey Osborne, Megan Nordstrom, Marie Marshall, Head Coach Steve Osborne, Josie Berry and Assistant Coach Rob Weston. Absent Friday night were Katie Larson, Caterina Morandini, Hope Swan and Elizabeth Whitford.



Individual honorees present are pictured at right. From left to right is Payton Weston, Dick Martoglio and Makayla “Mickey” Wood. Photos by Carol Townsend.


Lock and dam upgrades a boon for farmers

By **TIMOTHY EGGERT**
 FarmWeek
 If farming is a school of patience, then securing federal funding for the agriculture industry is, too.
 Just ask U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, who joined other Illinois legislators in finally harvesting their own 15-year infrastructure crop, yielding \$829 million from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to upgrade a pair of locks and dams on the upper Mississippi River.
 “It’s about time,” Durbin said during a news conference from inside the lockhouse at the Peoria Lock and Dam on the Illinois River. “Today, it’s the river. Tomorrow it’s the highways. The day after, it’s the bridges. You’re going to hear a lot more about this.”
 In total, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will spend more than \$1.3 billion starting in fiscal year 2022 to upgrade inland waterway systems across Illinois.
 A majority of those funds – \$732 million – will be used to build a new 1,200-foot lock chamber just north of the
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GALVA: Asbestos removal bid less than expected

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Becker said that 20 percent of the elementary students and staff and 23 percent of the 7-12 graders and staff got the virus this school year. There was no school outbreaks, just a few at a time. Galva required masks all year, practiced social distancing, did COVID rapid testing and hosted vaccination clinics at the school.

Becker said that even if masks are lifted in the district, they will have to be worn on all buses, as that is a federal mandate.

He also said that as soon as the new windows are installed, there will be great ventilation. Also with spring coming, students can get outside more.

Galva Union President Amanda Norway thanked the board for looking at both sides before making a snap decision.”

In other business, the board looked at the 2022-23 school calendar, with first day of school on Aug.16, no school on election day and one-half day of school on Veterans Day with a Veterans program. The board is expected to take action on the calendar at its March meeting.

Board members selected for the bargaining committee were John VanDeVelde, Brittany Boston and Kaleena Conrad.

Conrad reported K-5th graders will be doing Mystery Science and 6th through 8th graders will be hav-

ing Open Sci Ed.

The board approved a low bid from Kinsale Contracting Group, Inc. of Westmont for \$38,250 for asbestos abatement for the Galva Junior-Senior High School window project. Becker said it was estimated it would cost the district \$74,000 to get the asbestos removed but he was very pleased that the district could save \$37,500 on the project. Funding for the project will come from the federal ESSER grants.

City administrator Davis Dyer will be present at the March school board meeting to update the board on the new TIF district the City of Galva is working on.

JCAR: No current mandate on masks in schools

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of COVID-19 for a certain period.

Among other things, Judge Raylene Grischow said in her opinion that there was no need for emergency rulemaking because COVID-19 had at that time been around for more than a year and a half and that the agency should have gone through the regular rulemaking process, which allows for public comment.

That case is now on appeal in the 4th District Court of Appeals.

JCAR is a 12-member committee divided evenly between the House and Senate, and between Democrats and Republicans. It is authorized to review agency rulemakings to de-

termine whether they are consistent with state law and legislative intent. Eight votes are required to block a rule.

Sen. Sue Rezin (R-Morris) offered the motion to block the latest rules, which stated that IDPH “has not taken steps to make this rule known to the parties directly affected by it,” and that it was unclear whether the rules would apply statewide or only to those districts that are not parties in the lawsuit.

The vote by JCAR means that, for the time being, there is no state mandate on mitigation measures for public or private K-12 schools.

Gov. JB Pritzker’s administration, however,

MOWING BIDS

Bids are now being accepted for the mowing of the LaFayette Cemetery which includes the McClenahan Cemetery, south of LaFayette and the Himes Cemetery, north of LaFayette for a total of (3) Cemeteries.

Proof of insurance is required. Must be age 18 or older, Bids should be submitted to:

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

2-10 - Jessica J. Braker - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
2-11 - Michael D. Tucker - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-14 - Jose M. Valentin - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-5 - Quinn M. Durbin - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
2-10 - Elizabeth R. Horack - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-5 - Zachary L. Graham - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-11 - Chad M. Clift - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
2-5 - Andrew C. Schieferdecker - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.
2-4 - Voshon E. Stevenson - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.
2-5 - Jachelle L. Farris - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.



with no train present. Officer directed traffic until an employee from BNSF arrived.

2-7 - assisted Knox County with a traffic stop near the Galva Cemetery.

2-7 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of South Center Ave., Johnathan Peterson, 27 , Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

2-7 - to a residence on NE 6th St. in reference to a threats complaint.

2-8 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1300 block of SE 2nd Street, Connor Vervynck, 20, Galva, was arrested for possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was released with a notice to appear in court.

2-8 - to the 200 block of South Exchange St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only. A crash report was completed.

2-9 - to assist Henry County with a suspicious person complaint about a mile north of Galva. The subject was located and had run out of fuel. Officer gave subject a ride for gas and he was able to drive off.

2-9 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for an identity theft/fraud complaint.

2-10 - Officer went to the 200 block of NE 7th St. in attempt to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Braden Jones, 43, Galva, was arrested on a Rock Island Co. warrant for failure to appear on the charge of leaving the scene of an accident. He was able to post bond and was released with a new court date.

2-10 - As the result of a follow-up from a theft complaint, Madison Palmer, 20, Galva, was arrested for theft over \$500. She was released with a required court ddate.

2-10 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St., Joseph Hoke, 50, Galva, was arrested for not having a valid driver’s license. He was released with a required court date.

2-10 - A 17-year-old subject was issued an administration warning ticket (AWT) for disobeying a stop sign on NW 5th St. at NW 3rd Ave.

2-11 - Officer was advised of a vehicle repossession taking place in the 400 block of SW 1st Ave.

2-11 - Officer met with a complainant in reference to a violation of an order of protection. As the result, Barry Cox, 57, Galva, was arrested for violation of an order of protection. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

2-12 - As the result of an investigation to a fleeing and eluding incident that occurred on Jan. 11, numerous citations were mailed to the driver. As the result, James

Cree, 39, rural Galva, was charged with driving while license revoked, reckless driving, failure to yield when exiting a private drive or alley, fleeing or attempting to elude a police officer, failure to use a turn signal when required and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was given a required court date.

2-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of NW 2nd St., Thomas Hoxworth, 55, Galva, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and failure to use a turn signal when required.

2-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 3rd Ave., Richard Potter, 56, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

2-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Rick Hopkins, 46, Galva, was arrested for unlawful display of registration and for failure to transfer vehicle title. He was released with a required court date.

2-12 - Officer was advised of water coming up through the roadway in the 100 block of N. Exchange St. The Galva water dept. was contacted for a broken water main.

2-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., Ryan Prevost, 29, Alpha, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver, no rear license plate light and possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

2-13 - to the east edge of town for a reckless driver complaint. Officer located the vehicle, but did not have any probable cause for a traffic stop.

2-13 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check.

2-13 - Officer assisted Henry County with a two-vehicle accident about two miles north of town.

2-7 - Arthur Hall, 75, LaFayette, was issued a citation for no insurance in the 00 block of SW 2nd St.

2-10 - James Mudd, 45, Galesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

2-10 - Stephen Westrick, 61, LaSalle, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St.

2-11 - Timothy Bresnahan, 64. Monmouth, was issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.

2-11 - A 16-year-old subject from Galva was issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.

2-11 - Rachel Rawlings, 37, Galva, was issued a citation for not having a rear registration light in the 400 block of N. Center Ave.

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2-10 - DUI Traffic - Shawn D. Allen - Driving under the influence of alcohol, driving DUI/BAC > .08, failure to reduce speed.

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2-6 - Christian D. Hoover , 18, Wyoming, was cited for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of cannabis. He was released with a notice to appear in court.

2-8 - Harassment and/or threats were the source of a complaint received from a Galva resident.

2-10 - Shawn D. Allen, 35, LaFayette, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

2-10 - Joshua A. Hurley, 43, Manlius, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia and was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone, driving with a loud and/or defective muffler, no proof of vehicle insurance, and driving without a valid driver’s license. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

2-10 - Chance L. Johnson, 18, Neponset, was ticketed for no insurance. He was released with a notice to appear.

2-10 - Stefanie C. Hartnett, 22, Bradford, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant, but was additionally charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. She was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail awaiting a court appearance.

2-11 - William L. Cleary, 27, Kewanee, was ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle and for speeding 88 mph in a 55 zone.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

2-7 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check. The subject was found on the floor and was taken by ambulance.

2-7 - While patrolling, officer noticed all of the Galva railroad crossing arms were down and flashing

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Do you really want to look back on your life and see how wonderful it could have been had you not been afraid to live it?

- Caroline Myss

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To the Editor:

Having received a landowner packet in December 2021 from an agent acting on behalf of the Navigator Heartland Greenway Pipeline project, I read with interest your recent article about the so-called “Green Gold Rush,” and Alan Guebert’s “Guest Voices” piece discussing the proposed pipeline.

I am the fourth generation to live on a farm that has been in my family for over 105 years. The farm grows corn and soybeans. My wife has horses in the pasture. We’re located three miles northwest of Williamsfield, on the northern edge of the Spoon River Valley. Our ground, which the Heartland Greenway Pipeline wants to use as part of its right of way, is classified as highly erodible.

The company proposes to dig a trench seven feet deep and 15 feet wide, down a slope that drops 100 feet in less than 300 yards, through multiple terraces, drain tile, a grass waterway containing two parallel tiles, and, finally, a riser and tile at the edge of one of our fields. Ironically, because it’s highly erodible, we’re restricted by regulation from using certain types of tillage equipment on the same ground the pipeline company wants to dig up.

By way of background, I am a retired U.S. Marine Corps judge advocate, a member of the State Bar of Texas and a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States of America. Caveat: I am not licensed in Illinois.

What follows is my advice to landowners potentially impacted by the proposed pipeline.

1. Unless the pipeline company gets eminent domain authority from the Illinois Commerce Commission, you do not have to let it or its employees on your property. If you see unauthorized persons on your land, I recommend calling your local police or sheriff and reporting the unauthorized persons as trespassers. Consider taking photos, getting license numbers, times, dates, etc.
2. I recommend not making any verbal or written agreements with the Heartland Greenway Pipeline company or its agents without first talking to an Illinois lawyer experienced in dealing with pipeline and utility easements. Even signing what you think is a harmless survey permission form can have lasting adverse consequences. Information you give the CO2 pipeline company now may be used against you later. Consider a CO2 pipeline easement on your property as permanent. Consider the adverse impact on your land permanent, as well.
3. Do not be intimidated by the Heartland Greenway Pipeline company, its employees, or agents. It is your land, not theirs. If you feel pressured, I recommend refusing to talk to them and calling your lawyer – immediately.
4. Do not be fooled by talk about large payments for CO2 pipeline easements, crop loss, or construction damage. Compensation to a landowner is only for the rights acquired by the pipeline company and is not equal to the full value of the land. Because crops can still be grown over a pipeline easement, the value of a permanent CO2 pipeline easement on farm ground may be as low as 25 percent of the land’s per acre value.

And remember: you won’t be paid for the whole field – just the total acreage encompassed by the easement.

Keep in mind: payment for a few years of crop loss may not offset the permanent damage to your land. Bottom line: payment for a CO2 pipeline easement will likely not make you rich; other compensation from the pipeline company may not fully restore your land to its pre-pipeline condition.

5. You are not alone. Landowners throughout the 13 counties targeted by the proposed Heartland Greenway Pipeline are mobilizing to fight it. I recently met with a group of concerned citizens and landowners that is getting ready to send information to some 600 landowners who received information from the pipeline company. Consider joining the resistance effort.

While I’m licensed to practice law in Texas, I am not representing myself in this matter. I’m consulting with an Illinois lawyer with extensive experience dealing with pipeline and utility easements. If you’re an impacted landowner, I strongly advise you to do the same.

Don’t let the word “Greenway” in the pipeline company’s name fool you. It’s not planning to build a 1,300-mile linear park with bike trails and picnic tables. The company is engaged in a for-profit venture. It has lawyers. You should as well.

– **John Felttham**, Williamsfield

Political cartoon was blatantly racist and false

To the Editor:

I was shocked and dismayed by

the blatantly racist and false statement in the political cartoon on Page 4 of the Feb. 11, 2022, edition of The Prairie News The cartoon stated, “White people in 14 states limit the teaching of the history of racism & its impact on Black Americans.” This is 100 percent false.

Several states are implementing or attempting to implement legislation preventing the use of the Marxist ideology contained in Critical Race Theory (CRT). Classical Marxism pits the owners of the means of production (capitalists or bourgeoisie) against the workers (the proletariat). This class warfare was used in Russia, China and Cuba to replace capitalism with communism with disastrous results for the people of those nations.

Marxist Socialists in America found that class warfare wasn’t working here. So they used race to divide people into groups of oppressors (white people) and oppressed (people of color). This adaptation of Marxism gave birth to CRT and the BLM movements.

This is being taught to young people in our schools and universities. To hate each other because of the color of our skin. White children are being taught that they are awful people because they were born white and black children are taught that they are born oppressed and must be rescued by a benevolent government from their oppression. This is what is being rejected in those states and not just by whites but by people of all racial groups.

As far as teaching history, what is being rejected are the lies of the 1619 Project and CRT and the re-writing of American History by the Marxist Socialists in academia. I know that the history of racism has been taught in our schools since the 1960s when I attended.

Please do not print these lies in your paper. It only harms our society and our nation.

– **Michael Gallagher**, Edwards

The Prairie News welcomes letters to the editor. Email your letter to jeff@wklypost.com or mail to: The Prairie News, PO Box 240, Toulon, IL 61483. We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and length.

Spring the best time to test your well water

By U of I Extension

URBANA – A properly constructed and maintained water well can provide years of trouble-free service, but over time, wells can deteriorate or become damaged, allowing surface contaminants to enter the water. In addition, groundwater can become contaminated.

Safe drinking water is crucial. Public water systems must monitor water’s safety monthly. For private well owners, testing falls on the homeowner. University of Illinois Extension’s Doug Gucker recommends annual inspections and testing.

“Spring is the best time to test your well’s water,” Gucker says.

Illinois receives its largest amounts of rainfall from April through June. During periods of higher rainfall, surface water may pick up contaminants.

“If the upper part of your well has any cracks or leaks, this contaminated water could find its way into your well,” says Gucker. “Additionally, you should test the well’s water after the well has been opened, underwater, or in a fire.”

Annual testing for bacteria and nitrates is recommended. Coliform bacteria levels are tested to monitor

bacterial safety.

High nitrate levels in drinking water are a concern for children less than six months old. Nitrogen is a common contaminant in Illinois groundwater and likely caused by a malfunctioning septic system, animal manure, or runoff from farm fields.

Coliform bacteria and nitrate testing can be done by most local Illinois public health departments.

More information is online at www2.illinois.gov/epa/topics/drinking-water/private-well-user or by contacting your local health department, or the Illinois Department of Public Health at (217) 782-5830.



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U.S. Bank National Association PLAINTIFF

Vs.

Francesca S. Wagley; et. al. DEFENDANTS

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 02/28/2020, the Sheriff of Stark County, Illinois will on March 14, 2022 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Second floor courtroom of the Stark County Courthouse 130 Main Street Toulon, IL 61483, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stark and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real

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court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse

against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09365. 13185877



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Farm Bureau holding pipeline meetings

GALESBURG – The Knox County Farm Bureau is holding a landowner meeting Monday, Feb. 21, at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed Heartland Greenway CO2 Pipeline.

The free meeting is open to active members only.

To register, call (309) 342-2036.

Free COVID home tests now available

KEWANEE – The Henry and Stark County Health Department, and the Henry County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) have free, rapid COVID-19 at-home test kits for Henry and Stark County residents.

Test kits can be obtained at the Health Department’s First Choice Healthcare Kewanee location, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

These tests are available on a “first-come-first-served, while supplies last basis.” There is a limit of one kit per participant.

Senior Center seeks donations for thrift store

GALVA – The Galva Senior Cit-



Superintendent Joe Becker awarded these students the Wildcat Pride Award at Monday night’s Galva School Board meeting. Pictured are: Front row (left to right) – Tucker McDonald, Emma Nance and Raeanna Beck. Back row (l to r) – John Sloan, Talan Hull, Jenna Suddeth, Sarah Kaiser and Board President John VanDeVelde.

izen Center will be taking donations to create a thrift store on Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

The center is raising money for handicapped accessible bathrooms.

The center is accepting items such as small furniture, dishes, accessories, jewelry and small electronics.

Please call ahead at (309) 932-2193 and ask for Pam to schedule a time to make a donation.

– Carol Townsend

Bradford library adds streaming service

BRADFORD – The popular on-demand film streaming service Hoopla Digital is now available for free at

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Is the soldier facing the wrong direction?

By DON SCHMIDT
For The Prairie News

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil War monument on the Stark County courthouse lawn was dedicated on June 12, 1902.

According to newspaper accounts, the day was hot, close and sultry. Despite the heat, a large crowd, including over 100 veterans of the Civil War, gathered for the dedication.

Reports from the day said "The Star Spangled Banner" was sung by nine little girls dressed in white. Speeches were made by George T. Oliver, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Robert J. Dickinson, veteran with an amputated forearm, and Gen. Thomas J. Henderson, colonel of the 112th

Illinois Volunteer Infantry during the war.

The lead paragraph of The Bradford Republican stated, "Last Thursday was the forty-first anniversary of the departure of the Company B, 19th Illinois Infantry [Elmira Rifles], the first military organization leaving the county for the seat of war in the conflict between the general government and the rebellious states.

"The day was set apart for the dedication for the recently purchased and erected soldiers' and sailors' monument. Our county and its board of supervisors may well feel proud of its memorial to our departed heroes, fallen in battle, camp, hospital and prison pen."

This monument has been a defining feature on the courthouse lawn in Toulon for 120 years. Similar monuments adorn the courtyards in most counties in Illinois and in other states.

A few years ago a married couple dressed in Sons of Union Veterans shirts and jackets visited the monument, then stopped at the Stark County Genealogical Society office. The husband asked me with some indignation, "Why is the Union soldier on the monument facing north?"

I had no good answer.

He rejoined, "He is supposed to face south, standing sentry in case the South rises again."



Pictured above is The Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil War monument at the Stark County Courthouse in Toulon. Photo by Patsy Trickle.

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MSW was able to spread a lot of kindness thanks to the following people: Carla O’Connor, Marian Mastalio, Kim, Mariano, Nico and Christopher Yee, Rhonda and Jerry Newhalfen, Donna Bays, Kate Johnson, Adelaide Kern, Chauntelle Biagi-Bruer, Mary Medearis, Kate



Grumbine, Cindy Cornwell, Chrissy’s Cupboard, Saratoga Leadaways 4-H Club, and many people who snuck the treats in the box.

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A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND BEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY: BEGINNING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 22, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'00" WEST, 411.50 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF AN EXISTING 3.40 ACRE TRACT, THENCE SOUTH 89°58'00" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT 180.00 FEET TO THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 00°00'00" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 411.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL

MERIDIAN, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND BEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING FOR THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF EXISTING 3.40 ACRE TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 00°00'00" WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID TRACT, 411.50 FEET TO THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID TRACT; THENCE SOUTH 89°58'00" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID TRACT, 180.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°00'00" EAST, 411.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 06-33-100-003

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the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09365. I3185877
Published 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/22

••• PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the heirs at law of AMY R. JANES AND A.M. JANES, both now deceased, that according to that certain Deed of Gift executed and delivered by AMY R. JANES AND A.M. JANES on March 27, 1907 TO THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE, ILLINOIS, the following described real estate was conveyed to THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE for the purposes of establishing and operating a public library within the municipal boundaries of the Village subject to the conditions that if the operation and maintenance of the public library ceases, the described real estate shall revert to and become the property of Amy R. Janes, her heirs or assigns, to-wit:

A part of Lot Two (2) in Block Twenty (20) described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot and running East Twenty-five (25) feet to the middle of the East Wall of the library building; thence South Seventy (70) feet;

thence West Twenty-five (25) feet to the West side of said Lot; thence North Seventy (70) feet to the place of beginning, together with the library building on said Lot, located in the Village of LaFayette, County of Stark, State of Illinois.

On December 6, 2021, the Village, by and through its Board of Trustees, enacted Ordinance No. 452 for the purpose of closing the operation of the library effective as of December 31, 2021.

As there is no plausible means by which to obtain the identities of the heirs of AMY R. JANES and A.M. JANES by which to notify them of the rights of reversion of title by reason of the operation and maintenance of the public library having ceased, this Notice is given by publication of such fact and for such heirs at law to claim their rights to title to the described real estate within thirty (30) days following the last publication of this Notice; otherwise, such estate of reverter shall be deemed abandoned and forfeited.

Dated: Feb. 4, 2022
Village of LaFayette
By: /s/Nora E. Williams
Village Clerk
Published 2/11, 2/18/22

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

Estate of)
GERALD L. KIESER) No. 2022PR1
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of GERALD L. KIESER. Letters of office were issued on January 21, 2022 to Wilma A. Kieser, 202 N. 3rd Street, Wyoming, IL 61491, as independent executor whose attorney of record is Jeremy J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent

administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both until August 16, 2022 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2022.
Stoller Law Office
Jeremy J. Stoller
Attorney for Representative
15 W Front St
El Paso, IL 61738
(309) 527-4300
jeremystoller@stollerlaw.com
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••• IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: Jeffrey Lee Johnson, Deceased
Case No. 2022PR2

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of Jeffrey Lee Johnson. Letters of Office were issued on January 21, 2022, to Jay Emery Johnson, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Patrick C. Egan, EGAN LAW, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2022. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Patrick C. Egan, Egan Law, LLC, Attorney for Estate
Hawthorne Business Center
2101 Windish Drive
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER., Plaintiff, v. KYLE GOODIN, AKA KYLE W. GOODIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2022FC1

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Kyle Goodin, AKA Kyle W. Goodin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants,

praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

Lots Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Block Twenty-two (22) in the Village of LaFayette, Stark County, Illinois. 607 East Main Street, Lafayette, IL 61449
03-18-422-002

Now, therefore, unless you, Kyle Goodin, AKA Kyle W. Goodin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois, on or before April 15, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <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 <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/get-help.asp> or contact the Clerk of this Court.

Andrew K. Weiss (6284233)
MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC
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Email: akweiss@manleydeas.com
One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
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••• ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given than on February 9, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as TAY'S BROW BAR, located at 107 N. 7th Street,, Wyoming, IL 61491.

Dated February 8, 2022.
/s/ Heather L. Hollis
County Clerk
Published 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22

LOCK AND DAM: Projects will create new jobs

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confluence of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers, while \$97.1 million will cover a new fish passage at Lock and Dam 22.

Another \$50 million in various repairs will be split by Locks and Dams 11, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20 and 21, according to Corps plans.

Facilities along the Illinois River will also undergo \$83 million in improvements, including repairs to the Dresden, La-Grange, Lockport, Marseilles, Peoria and Starved Rock locks and dams.

“The monumental infrastructure package that we passed on to the Biden administration is what is making this happen,” U.S. Rep. Cheri Bustos, D-East Moline, said during the January news conference. “You have to go back to the Eisenhower administration to see this kind of investment.”

The work to land the funding for upgrades to Illinois’ water infrastructure, however, started nearly two decades ago.

“We decided as a delegation to fight for, see if we could bring money in for locks and dams in the state of Illinois and in the Midwest,” Durbin said. “And we frankly weren’t getting anywhere.”

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So, Durbin and Bustos tied infrastructure investments with ecosystem restorations through the Navigation Ecosystem Sustainability Program – and it worked.

“Spending less than a billion dollars on these locks and dams on the rivers, we’re going to get a payback of \$72 billion,”

Durbin said. “How about that for cost benefit?”

Illinois farmers will especially experience those benefits, Durbin and Bustos said. Larger locks mean barges carrying corn and soybeans can move up and down the river faster, getting products to market more quickly and reducing transportation costs, they said.

“We’ve had record yields in corn and soybeans, so we’ve got to make sure that we have efficient ways to get these to market,” Bustos said, noting how a modern 15-barge tow transports the equivalent of 950 bushels of corn.

When a barge approaches the current 600-foot chamber at Lock and Dam 25, it must decouple, a process that takes two to three hours. With the 1,200-foot chamber, a barge can pass in 30 to 45 minutes.

“The economic impact is a game changer for our farmers, (who are) more competitive now in the world than they’ve ever had to be,” Durbin said. “They’re going to get a boost and an opportunity

in that regard.”

Investments in the Upper Mississippi River locks and dams are also expected to generate thousands of new jobs and spread other economic benefits across the region.

The project, which is

funded to completion, is expected to take five to six years.

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ACROSS
1 "Cabaret" performer
7 Allowable
15 Egg-beating utensil
20 Carey of pop
21 Red wine, in Rouen
22 Sonja on ice skates
23 Start of a riddle
25 Western flick, in old slang
26 Like arias and anthems
27 "Go back to zero" button
28 Halloween's mo.
29 Titan orbits it
30 Other, to Juanita
32 Bible book before Jeremiah
34 Kingly title
35 Prep
36 Pursuer
38 Riddle, part 2
43 Graffiti's kin
45 Writer — Hubbard
46 1998 Disney musical set in China
47 Riddle, part 3
52 Rubber-stamping item
56 No. to Nabokov
57 Wom-down pencils, e.g.
58 Raise, as a building
61 Pie — mode
62 Maestro Kurt
64 Actress Debra
66 Second-rate flick
68 Riddle, part 4
73 Within easy reach
74 Sports facilities
75 Rudely brief
76 Champ on
77 Begin
78 "Der —"
(Konrad Adenauer's nickname)
80 General — chicken
83 Canonized Italian theologian
86 Riddle, part 5
90 Composer John
93 John Candy's old skit show
94 Bath sponge
95 End of the riddle
102 —Ops (CIA tactics)
103 QED part

DOWN
1 Sporty
2 German cars
3 Dark brown songbird
4 Insider talk
5 Unit of com
6 Shepherd formerly of "The View"
7 Giant in car rental
8 Funny — (racehorse)
9 Tech news website
10 Suffix with west
11 San Luis —, Mexico
12 Florence native, e.g.
13 Self-obsession
14 Rock's — Leppard
15 Horse halter?
16 Circuit-cooling device
17 Get a gut feeling about
18 With
19 Unit of com
24 Bony bodies
29 Movie critic Gene
31 Taunt in good humor
32 "Money — object"
33 Lead-in to puncheon
35 McCarthy lawyer Roy
36 Allowable materials
39 See 18-Down
40 Meal scraps
41 Phone book listings; Abbr.
42 Skillet or wok
44 Wall-breaching bomb
48 "Movin' —" ("The Jeffersons" theme)
49 Most chaste
50 Group of bracelets
51 Therefore
53 Store selling latex
54 "That is — ask"
55 "— Yankees"
59 Conger, e.g.
60 Like pizza
63 Articulate
64 Girth
65 Here, in Aries
66 Life story, in brief
67 Table — (pair's seating)
68 "— Team" (2010 movie)
69 Cole — (footwear brand)
70 Tony winner Hagen
71 Ctrusy
72 Arish "you"
77 Like pruned material
78 Joking
79 Tax
81 Clummy sorts
82 Hotel visit
84 Mysterious
85 Hulk player Fergino
87 This, to Juan
88 I, to Merkel
89 Inuit vehicle
91 Cow or hen
92 Letters sent by plane
95 Pour, as wine from a bottle
96 Speechifier
97 Stairway rival
98 Really must
99 Sreaker brand
100 Lyft rival
101 Accompany to the airport, perhaps
106 Old Toyota
108 Champ on
110 Penta-plus four
111 — about (roughly)
112 Big Apple blaze-control org.
114 Balkan native
115 Lacking color
116 Lacking color
118 Chinese menu abbr.
119 Family gal
120 Cornade



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OBITUARIES

Arlene Scholl

PRINCEVILLE – Arlene Scholl, 85, of Princeville passed away peacefully at 12:55 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022, at her home.

Arlene was born on Jan. 16, 1937, in rural Edelstein, the daughter of Harold W. and Anna L. (Elsasser) Streitmatter. She married Robert Scholl on March 6, 1960, in Princeville; he preceded her in death on Aug. 19, 2020.

Surviving are two sons, Kyle (Jane) Scholl of Peoria and Kevin (Joyce) Scholl of Wyoming; two daughters, Karen Scholl of Washington and Krista (Perry) Kieser of Wyoming; six grandchildren, Quintin (Lacey) Scholl, Chassi (James) Jensen, Ethan Scholl, Treyton Scholl, Allison Kieser and Alyssa Kieser; four great-grandchildren, Mason Scholl, Kadence Scholl, Oliver Scholl and Presley Jensen; sister, Mary Jane Streitmatter; four brothers, Floran, Rich, Bill and Cleon Streitmatter. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Norman Streitmatter and one grandson, Colin Scholl.

Arlene lived for the Lord for 67 years. She was a member of the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. She was an amazing organizer and coordinator, served on the church funeral committee, managed the Princeville Fellowship Hall, sang in the church choir, and was instrumental in the design of the Prairie Villa.

Arlene graduated from Princeville High School and then worked as a bookkeeper in Peoria. After marriage, Arlene fully embraced the role of a farm wife and helped manage the farm with Bob. She was active in the marketing, accounting and operation of equipment. She enjoyed knowing the community by visiting with neighbors who came to pick up fresh eggs, and by planning many school events. She supported her husband on various boards and committees of which he served.

Arlene exemplified love, trust, and a calm steady spirit through life’s challenges. She was deeply loved by her children and grandchildren and treasured spending time with them. In recent years she shared a mutual love among the many caregivers who came into their home. Arlene and Bob were knit together in oneness through life, and she longed to meet him in heaven. Her countenance reflected eternal peace and joy as she entered her heavenly home.

Her funeral was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church officiated. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cre-

mation Services in Princeville. Additional visitation was held at the Apostolic Christian Church from 9-9:45 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022. Burial was in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to her caregivers at AC Skylines Home Care Services and her private duty caregivers.

Memorial contributions may be made to AC Skylines Home Care Services. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Arlene’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Linda L. Storey

TOULON – Linda L. Storey, 73, of Toulon, formerly of LaFayette, passed away at 11:50 a.m. Friday, Feb. 11, 2022, at Toulon Rehab and Health Care Center.

Linda was born on Aug. 10, 1948, in Peoria, the daughter of Kenneth and Wanda Patton Foste. She married Robert Storey May 31, 1973, in LaFayette. He preceded her in death May 7, 2014.

Surviving are four daughters, Sally (Rob) Ramsey of Kewanee, Danielle (Marty) Selby of Chillicothe, Theresa (Dana Christmas) Storey of Jacksonville, Fla., Michelle (Doug McCarty) Storey of Counce, Tenn.; and one son, Randy (Darinda) Storey of West Jersey; eight grandchildren, Christopher (Ashley), Kendra, Chase (Melissa), Chadd (Meghan), Kaylie (Mitch), Kirstie, Michael, and Dylan; sister, RuthAnn Newby of Ala.; Linda’s companion for the last several years, Gene Musselman; and two bonus daughters, Jen Davis and Misty Turnbull.

Linda was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Alta, Ill., and the Caterpillar Motor Sports Club. She enjoyed bowling, golf, and dancing at the former Hub Ballroom. She was a graduate of Chillicothe High School class of 1966. She retired from Caterpillar after 35 years of service.

Linda’s funeral was to be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Michelle West officiated. Visitation was from 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2022, at the funeral home. Burial was at West Jersey Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kewanee Elks or the Shriners Hospitals for Children. Online condolences may be left for



Storey

Linda’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Leathe D. Wilson

WYOMING – Leathe Dorthea (Dort) Wilson, 88, of Wyoming, Ill., died at her home in Chillicothe, Ill., on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022. Dorthea was born Feb. 24, 1933, in Wyoming, the daughter of Clifford and Leathe (Russell) Bent.

She married Frank Wilson of Princeville, Ill. on Jan. 28, 1952. She is survived by her daughter Candace (Gene) Zaehringer and son David (Kathy) Wilson of

Chillicothe. Dorthea had three Grandchildren, Nolan Wilson, Amanda (Joey) Rediger and Timber (Eric) Motyl. She also had two great grandchildren, Oliver Rediger and Sophia Rediger.

Dorthea was the oldest of eight children born to Clifford and Leathe Bent. She is proceeded in death by her husband Frank Wilson (2013), brother Leland Bent, brother Clifford Bent Jr., brother Ronald Bent and brother Robin Bent. She is survived in death by her sister Margie Crook, brother James Bent and brother Donald Bent.

Dorthea was primarily a home maker but worked for a number of years at Black Hawk East College in Kewanee, Ill., as a paraprofessional in the Office Careers Center. Dorthea was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and a Chicago Bears fan. She was a member of the Rome Baptist Church for many years where she had taught Sunday School and Bible School. She had a close personal relationship with the Lord.

Dorthea was cremated and burial will be held in the Chillicothe Cemetery at a later date when family and friends can get together.

Claryce A. Gomes

GALVA – Claryce A. Gomes, 90, of Galva, died Feb. 10, 2022.

Cremation will be accorded and no services are planned at this time.

Claryce was born Feb. 27, 1931, in Deshler, Neb. She married Louis Gomes on Nov. 27, 1949, and he proceeded her in death in 1996.

Survivors include her children; Cyndie Powers Bright of Toulon, Becky Gomes of Galva and Chris (Kathy) Gomes of LaFayette; eight grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and six great-great grandchildren.



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SPORTS: Girls teams lost in regional openers

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the third quarter and then at the end of the third they went on a 24-4 run through the start of the fourth and that was the difference,” Rebels Coach Dustin Browning said.

James Groter led the Rebels with 20 points, Luke Rewerts scored 15 and Daniel Kieser had 14.

Senior Cormaic Flynn scored 33 for United.

Last Friday, SC won at Annawan, 61-48, behind very balanced scoring that saw Groter lead with 14, Kieser add 13, Rewerts 10, Xander Swank 9, Joey Herman 8 and Ethan Unhold 6.

Before the postseason, Stark County was to finish the regular season against Lowpoint-Washburn

Wednesday afternoon and at Abingdon-Avon on Friday.

KEWANEE WETHERSFIELD REGIONAL

Saturday, Feb. 19

Game 1 at 6 pm– (15) Galva at (2) Monmouth United

Game 2 at 6 pm – (9) Stark County at (7) ROWVA-Williamsfield

Game 3 at TBA: (14) Kewanee Wethersfield at (3) Peoria Quest

Game 4 at 6 pm – (13) Annawan at (5) Ridgewood

Wednesday, Feb. 23 (At Wethersfield)

Game 5 at 6 pm – Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2

Game 6 at 7:30 pm – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4

Friday, Feb. 25 (At Wethersfield)

Championship, 7 pm – Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 6

Winner advances to Abingdon Sectional to face Illini Central Regional winner on Wednesday, March 2, at 7 pm

Girls basketball – The Stark County and Galva girls basketball teams both lost in the first round of their Class 1A girls regionals last Saturday.

Stark County (1-28) dropped a 51-40 decision at Flanagan-Cornell in the first round of the Elmwood Regional despite 27 points from Kylee Frisby.

Galva lost at Annawan, 52-36, in the first round of the Woodhull Regional.

The Lady Rebels dropped their regular season finale to Abingdon-Avon, 53-21. Sarah Kraklow led with 8 points and Frisby scored 7.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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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!

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FOR ANSWERS
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CryptoQuote

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. HISTORY: When did the first Winter Olympics take place?
2. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the extreme fear represented by a condition called ophiophobia?
3. AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this advertising campaign in the mid-1980s: "Quality never goes out of style"?
4. LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novel begins with the line, "Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show"?
5. MOVIES: Where were the park bench scenes from "Forrest Gump" filmed?
6. ANATOMY: What is the common name for the orbit in human anatomy?
7. MEASUREMENTS: What does a hygrometer measure?
8. U.S. STATES: In which state was the movie "Children of the Corn" filmed?
9. LANGUAGE: What does "fair dinkum" mean in Australian English?
10. SCIENCE: What is the common name for nitrous oxide?

Answers

1. 1924, Chamonix, France
2. Fear of snakes
3. Levi's
4. "David Copperfield"
5. Chippewa Square, Savannah, Georgia
6. Eye socket
7. Humidity
8. Iowa
9. Unquestionably good
10. Laughing gas

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Jackass Forever (R)
2. Moontail (PG-13)
3. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
4. Scream (R)
5. Sing 2 (PG)
6. The King's Man (R)
7. Redeeming Love (PG-13)
8. American Underdog (PG)
9. The 355 (PG-13)
10. Licorice Pizza (R)

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark Co. boys a No. 9 seed

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

Stark County earned a No. 9 seed and yet another matchup with ROWVA-Williamsfield when the boys basketball postseason opens Saturday.

Stark County (15-14) will travel to face ROWVA-Williamsfield Saturday at 6 p.m. in the first round of the Class 1A Kewanee Wethersfield Regional, having lost twice earlier this year to R-W.

The Rebels fell to R-W on Jan. 21, 53-35, in an emotional game that saw veteran coach Bob Anderson record his

700th career win. R-W won 58-47 in a closer game on Feb. 4 in the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament at Galva.

Galva is a No. 15 seed and will play at Monmouth United Saturday at 6 p.m. in the first round.

First-round winners advance to the regional semifinals Feb. 23 at Wethersfield.

Stark County saw its four-game win streak snapped Tuesday in a 76-60 home loss to United (22-6).

“It was back and forth through most of

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Football conferences merging

Lincoln Trail, Prairieland joining for 2023 season

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The Prairieland and Lincoln Trail conferences will merge for football only starting with the 2023 season.

Coaches and athletic directors have spent the past few months working on details of the merger, which will create a 17-team league split into large-school and small-school divisions based on IHSA enrollment figures.

Teams will play one inter-division game per season and large division squads will need to find one non-league game per season to fill their schedule.

Stark County will be part of the small-school division along with Princeville, ROWVA-Williamsfield, Annawan-Wethersfield, Rushville, Havana, Abingdon-

Avon, South Fulton and Monmouth United.

Large schools are Elmwood-Brimfield, Farmington, Mercer County, West Hancock, Macomb, Lewistown-North Fulton, Illini West and Knoxville.

“There’s a recognition by both leagues that we needed this,” Farmington Athletic Director Jeff Otto said. “It adds stability. A lot of the coaches on both sides are happy with this.”

Stark County Coach Jade Noard said he is in favor of the merger if it accomplishes the goal of protecting smaller schools and reducing the jump to 8-man football by those programs.

Still to be determined is a name for the new league, all-conference selection processes and how officials will be assigned.

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