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Galva council approves appropriation for street program

By CAROL TOWNSEND
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – The Galva City Council approved a \$150,000 appropriation for the 2022 Galva Street program at its latest meeting.
 Greg Peterson of Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, the city engineer, was present and went over the streets that are to have work done.
 Crews this year will concentrate on the northwest section with seal coating. Northeast 5th street will be scarified and will see the addition of 4 inches of rock before being primed and sealed.

The program is estimated at \$133,000 and the city has about \$40,000 in Motor Fuel Tax funds (MFT), with about \$90,000 coming from other funds, according to City Administrator David Dyer.
 Supervisor Richard Plummer announced the city will be hiring summer help. Applications are available in City Hall.
 Plummer also announced that all decorations must be off the Galva Cemetery by April 10 and items may be put back April 14.
 Plummer told the council that Galva Township had a 2003 road grader with a wing blade for \$26,500. Plummer said the city

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presently owns a grader that is a 1986 that does not have a wing. He noted there might be a blade available for it also. The council will make a decision on the grader at its March meeting.
 Mayor Rich Volkert announced that Jeremy Wood was hired as a full-time employee

starting Feb. 28. He has worked part-time for the city for several years.
 The Ready to Grow committee has set April 23 as city clean-up day. Groups and individuals will be walking the town and surrounding area picking up trash. The high school would like to help on a Friday.
 Police Chief Kraig Townsend asked that residents remove all non-working vehicles, vehicle parts and trash from their yards.
 He said the police will be knocking on doors and it would help for every resident to clean up their yard.
 The council tabled a decision

on the Lions Club electronic sign that they would like to put up in the downtown area until someone from the club can attend a council meeting.
 Mayor Rich Volkert proclaimed April 7 as Junior Achievement Day in Galva and read a proclamation.
 Those interested in planting a tree on a terrace should contact City Hall, as the last day to order is March 28 for a shared cost of \$45.
 Administrator David Dyer reported the city is \$14,463 ahead on revenue from this time last year.

STINK BUG INVASION

Smelly pests

Warmer weather bringing stink bugs out of hidey holes

By GRETCHEN STEELE
 For The Weekly Post

Recent relatively warm, sunny days between winter storms woke a sleeping enemy at my house. There was more than a modicum of spitting, shouting and squalling in my kitchen just the other morning. I realized most unpleasantly that the warm sunshine had unleashed one of the yuckiest of our invasive species, the Brown Marmorated Stink Bug.

The first one I encountered had been lurking in the bottom of my coffee cup. Set under the spout of my timed brew pot, I pulled it out, took that first sip ... only to immediately be hit with not only the horrendous smell these heathen creatures emit, but a rather unholy taste, as well. Shrieking and cursing, I quickly threw that entire cup into the sink.

In my haste, all I managed to do was create enough commotion for the stink bug to stir it up, so it made even more stink in the sink as it went swirling down the drain.

As the morning progressed, I found a few more crawling along the window sill, hanging out



Brown Marmorated Stink Bugs like this one have spread rapidly across Illinois since the late 1990s and tend to emerge on warm days. Wikimedia Commons photo by Hectonichus.

in a houseplant and creeping around the dog-

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Galva motel re-opens

Patel to run new Econo Lodge

By CAROL TOWNSEND
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – Galva’s motel will soon re-open with a new franchise. The motel closed last year and has been purchased by Jay and Kanen Patel of Chicago.
 Patel said the motel will reopen as Galva Econo Lodge. The facility at 301 Commercial St. was formerly a Super 8.
 The 35-room motel will open in early March, Patel said Tuesday. The business will be managed by Kanen Patel. Anyone seeking employment can call (847) 971-2561.
 Chicago-based real estate firm Avison Young had been listing the property for sale at \$500,000.



Pictured above is the former Super 8 motel in Galva that will soon re-open as an Econo Lodge under the ownership of Jay and Kanen Patel. Photo by Carol Townsend.



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STINK BUGS: Asian import first found in 1998

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food and bird-seed containers.

I am not ready to start battling these beasts just yet. Brown marmorated stink bugs (BMSBs) are a relatively new invasive invader in Illinois homes. Then again, these devils are no prize even if they stay outside. They can be damaging garden pests.



The insects are problematic and unwelcome because, as the name suggests, what they do best is create a stink. Anything the BMSB perceives as a threat (such as hot coffee dripping on them or chasing them with a spray of water down the drain) causes them to pump out stench. The stench will linger, too.

The other issue is they are very happy to move into your home. They are quiet, sneaky bugs, drawn to light and warmth, so there exists the possibility you can find them anywhere inside.

They could be basking on a windowsill, hanging out on your dishes, lounging on your clothing, or even resting comfortably in your hair.

If you don't smell them first, the BMSB body has a shield-shaped characteristic to all stink bugs, and is as wide as it is long. The three most identifying characteristics are black and white banding on the antennae, smooth-looking shoulders and alternating dark/light banding on the edge of the wings.

The brown marmorated stink bug was first found in 1998 in Pennsylvania. It is thought to have arrived as a stowaway from Asia. BMSBs have a large and ever-growing range and happily feed on many plants.

The bugs have piercing mouth

parts and damage many crops, including apples, pears, soybeans and even landscape ornamentals we tend to so lovingly. The bugs can also be destructive to tomatoes and green peppers.

The emerging pattern finds many of us battling them outside in late summer and early fall. Then we discover, to our horror, that as the weather cools off, they invade our homes and vehicles. Cold weather tends to send them into hiding, but given a few warm days, the foul creatures emerge.

They tend to gather in large bunches under siding, in window frames, in dark corners of your home and in other man-made structures. In the wild, USDA studies show they prefer large dead trees that are still standing.

After they overwinter and spring is in full swing, they lay 20-30 eggs, usually in April. Multiple hatches can happen in a single year, depending on temperatures.

Here are ways to control these smelly invaders.

Use a vacuum to suck up adults and then empty into soapy water. Trust me, you will want to hold your nose when you do this, because all that bouncing around really gets the stink production going. If it's just a single bug here

or there in the house or vehicle, I grab an empty jar, scoop them up, put the lid on and toss the whole works.

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of stinkbugs, so in early fall, look for places where they can gain entry to your home and caulk any cracks and crevices you find. Pay special attention to windows and doors, and make sure windows frames are in good repair and tight-fitting. Door sweeps attached to the bottom of your entrance doors are also helpful.

If there appears to be an extensive invasion outside, consider a perimeter spray of pyrethroids.

One do-it-yourself trap has worked relatively well for me when the warming days bring these stinkers out of the woodwork. I fill a foil pan with water and dish soap, then place a light over the pan to attract the bugs in a dark room. One study showed this homemade trap eliminated 14 times more stink bugs than store-bought traps.

While I fervently hope you don't face these stinky invaders in your home, we can take some comfort in knowing that they are relatively harmless to people. (Other than the incredible yuck factor).

According to Orkin, "Stink bugs do not prefer to bite people. In fact, most species of stink bugs only feed on plants. They suck the juice from leaves, stems, and roots of plants."

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2-19 - Brooke E. Kramer - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
2-23 - Michael L. Talbot - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-26 - Emily F. Fussner - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
2-26 - Hannah L. Bredeman - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-26 - Teresa Hussain - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
2-25 - Emily A. Hamilton - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
2-26 - Angelina N. Bender - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-26 - Jonathan W. Calzavara - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
2-26 - Lacey J. Hammons - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-26 - Dalisha M. Sims - Operating an uninsured vehicle and driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-26 - Valerie P. Daum - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
2-24 - Darcy D. Earley - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-25 - Samuel M. Meaker - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
2-25 - Broady C. L. Baker - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
2-17 - Dallas C. Duckworth - Driving on a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle.
2-23 - Troy M. Hernandez - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-24 - A 17-year-old Peoria teen was cited for speeding 84 mph in a 55 zone, violation for having more than one passenger under the graduated driver’s license restrictions, violation for operating a vehicle outside the permitted drive time according to the graduated driver’s restrictions, passing in a no-passing zone and driving on an expired registration. She was released with a notice to appear in court.
2-24 - A possible forgery and/or theft complaint was received from a Chicago resident. The incident remains under investigation.
2-25 - Elijah P. Garner, 18, Princeville, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone and for driving without vehicle insurance.
Galva Report
Officer dispatched:
2-21 - Officer contacted about assisting Stark County with a high-speed pursuit that they were involved



with. The suspect vehicle came into Galva and the occupants ran on foot in the northeast quadrant. Officers were unable to locate occupants, but recovered the vehicle.
2-21 - to conduct a welfare check on a subject just east of town. The subject was fine and was not staying at the residence.
2-21 - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a 911 open line call. Officer located a subject having phone problems.
2-21 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. in reference to a cell phone that had been located. Officer found the owner and returned it.
2-21 - Howard Field, 76, Galva, was arrested in the 100 block of S. Center Ave. on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on numerous traffic charges. He was able to post bond and was released with a new court date.
2-21 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of NE 2nd Ave., Shawn Tarleton, 51, Galva, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for failing to appear on a charge of driving under the influence. He was able to post bond and was released.
2-21 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. after a resident found a large knife in their yard. Officer removed the knife.
2-21 - to Route 17 near the Galva Cemetery to assist a motorist.
2-21 - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a telephone threat complaint.
2-22 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a disorderly conduct complaint.
2-22 - to assist Henry County with a semi stuck in the ditch east of town on Route 34.
2-23 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a burglary complaint.
2-23 - to the 200 block of NW 6th Ave. for a trespassing complaint.
2-24 - As the result of a traffic stop on Bonham Road near Swank Street,

Rebecca Muckey, 33, Galva, was arrested for unlawful display of registration not authorized for such vehicle and for having a defective windshield. She was released with a required court date.
2-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave., Rachel Blalock, 41, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released with a required court date.
2-24 - to a single-vehicle rollover accident on Route 34 just west of town.
2-25 - Officer was flagged down in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. in reference to a road rage/hit and run accident that had just occurred just east of town. As the result, Brandon Magnusen, 49, Kewanee, was charged with reckless driving, failure to report an accident to police authorities, leaving the scene of an accident, no insurance and reckless conduct. He was released with a required court date.
2-26 - to the 300 block of NW 2nd Ave. to check on a suspicious vehicle.
2-26 - to the 200 block of SW 7th St. to assist Bureau County with an incident that occurred in Wyand.
2-27 - to a two-vehicle accident with damage only, at the intersection of Market Street and SW 2nd St.
2-21 - Thomas Neufcour, 29, Bradford, was issued a citation for no insurance in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.
2-22 - Terry Cox, 72, Galesburg, was issued a citation for no insurance in the 00 block of SE 2nd St..
Property Transfers
2-23 - Kathleen A. Daum, Bonita C. Dreher and Karen L. Steward to Terri Sue Sipes - Original Town of Toulon - Pt block 4 lots 2 & 3 - 219 N. Hnederson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$63,000.
2-24 - Patricia C. Wolford, Dec’d by Exec. to Tiffany R. Wall - Vg of Bradford - Lot 22 - 301 Arbor St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
2-25 - Brittany K. and Cody A. Sherbeyn to Brittany K. Sherbeyn - Vg of LaFayette - Block 22 lots 5 & 6 - 601 E. Main St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.
2-25 - Phyllis J. Fabry, Dec’d by Exec. to Ernst P. Unhold - Original Town of Wyoming - Pts block 8 Lots 11 & 12 - 114 and 112 S. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$60,000.

HELP WANTED

The Galva Park District is accepting applications for the following positions:

- We're looking for lifeguards and grounds maintenance.
- All applications need to be received by April 1st
- Applications can be found on the Galva Park District Facebook page, Porter Hay Insurance, Galva High School office, and Community State Bank in Galva.

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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CryptoQuote answer

Avoiding danger is no safer in the long run than outright exposure. The fearful are caught as often as the bold.
— Helen Keller

Bradford School District Pre-K & Kindergarten Round-up

Registration for Bradford CUSD #1 Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2022-23 school year will be held Tuesday, March 8th and Thursday March 10th at the Bradford Grade School office from 8:30-10:15 and 1:00 - 3:00.
Children must be 5 years old by Sept. 1st, 2022 to attend Kindergarten. Children that are 3 or 4 years old by Sept. 1st, 2022 are eligible to register for a Pre-K screening. Student screenings will be held on Tuesday, March 29th and Wednesday March 30th to determine eligibility for the Pre-K program.
Parents will be requested to present proof of age with a certified copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of registration. A certified copy of the birth certificate may be acquired at the courthouse in the county in which the child was born.
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Land values face trouble in coming decade

It's the choices we make in the good times, the grandson of a Kansas homesteader once told me, that determine our farming successes, not the choices we make in the bad times.

Why? Because, he explained, in the good times we have the money to make big mistakes and in the bad times we're too poor to make anything but small mistakes.



Alan GUEBERT

I wonder what that grandson of the Kansas soil would say about the numbers released Feb. 10 by the Kansas City Federal Reserve. Those numbers showed "...the value of all types of farmland in the Tenth District"—KS, CO, NE, OK, WY, and parts of NM and MO—"was more than 20 percent higher than a year ago."

The Great Plains wasn't the only region to post big farmland gains. The Chicago Federal Reserve District (the northern 2/3 of IL and IN, the lower 2/3 of WI, and all of IA and MI) "...experienced a very steep annual increase of 22 percent in its farmland value in 2021," noted the Chicago Fed in early February.

"Adjusted for inflation," it continued, "...(d)istrict farmland values still had an annual increase of 17 percent in 2021, the largest increase since 2011." Iowa land prices were even more meteoric; up an astonishing 30 percent last year.

But higher land prices didn't mean higher land rental rates. In fact, "Cash rents for all types of land" in the Kansas City District "increased by about 10 percent," or only "about half of the increase of farmland." Better yet, adjusted for inflation, Great Plains "cash rents for non irrigated cropland remained about 15 percent below the historic high" set in 2012.

Inflation is an important factor, note two of my favorite ag economists, Brent Gloy and David Widmar of agricultural economic insights (aei).

In their Feb. 21 Weekly Insights post, Gloy and Widmar highlight Purdue University's farmland data that, in 2021, showed "average quality (Indiana) farmland values... at \$8,144 per acre, a 12.5 percent annual increase." That topped the previous "nominal" high of "\$7,969 per acre in 2014."

"However," they add, "the inflation-adjusted value of farmland in 2014 is \$8,966 per acre (2021=100). This is to say that while nominal values are at all-time highs, inflation-adjusted dollars show the all-time highs are still a ways off."

What the team doesn't say, though, is whether this is sweet news or sour. Should farmers be pleased that land prices appear to have room to rise or should they be pleased that today's rocketing land prices might be running out of fuel?

Two of the biggest components of that fuel are record-setting farm income and ag exports. Both, in fact, will slow dramatically in the next

decade, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In its "Agricultural Projections to 2031," USDA forecasts that 2021's record net farm income of \$116.8 billion will fall to \$80.3 billion by 2026 before modestly rebounding to \$86 billion by 2031. Neither number, however, will support today's bullish land values.

Ag exports will become even more worrisome in the coming decade. While USDA sees exports growing "an annual rate averaging 0.8 percent per year from 2021 through 2031," the "value of U.S. agricultural imports is projected to increase by an average annual rate of 6 percent over that same period..."

That means that sometime this year, U.S. ag exports will be level with U.S. ag imports for the first time in most American farmers' careers. After that, ag imports begin to overwhelm ag exports so rapidly that, by 2031 forecasts USDA, imports will be at least \$90 billion more than exports.

Can today's land prices withstand a 30 percent drop in net farm income and a dramatic exporter-importer role reversal?

We'll soon know. In the meantime, an echo from a wise old Kansan urges all to remember that it's the choices we make in the good times that haunt us the most.

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Draining Lake Michigan with a spoon

Illinois is known across the land for political corruption. I always get a hearty, knowing chuckle when I tell Rotary Club luncheons that I have worked for three unindicted Illinois governors. (True: Ogilvie, Thompson, Edgar. The other four across that era were all measured for striped suits: Kerner, Walker, Ryan, Blagojevich.)

Recently, the attorney for a Chicago alderman found guilty of political corruption (one of 37 since 1972, and counting) cynically argued against jail time for his client. He scoffed that any possible deterrent effect would be "no more effective than draining Lake Michigan with a



Jim NOWLAN

spoon." Ouch.

This unfortunate — for Illinois — phrase will enter the lexicon of Illinois politics alongside the famous harrumph by a Chicago ward boss to a young innocent jobseeker, who came into his office alone and unsponsored: "We don't want nobody nobody sent."

Political corruption in Illinois has a hallowed tradition, you might say, and it is bipartisan. In 1913, after a long trial in the United States Senate, the solons expelled their Illinois Republican colleague William Lorimer. The Blonde Boss of Chicago and his co-conspirators had bribed 40 Democratic state legislators with \$2,500 each (when the new Model T cost \$750) to join with Republicans to elect him to the Senate in 1909. The scandal spurred the direct election of senators.

In the 1920s, GOP Gov. Len Small

of Kankakee was tried twice for embezzling millions from the state. He was acquitted at his first, criminal trial; two months later, eight of the jurors had received really good state jobs! In a later civil trial, Small was forced to pay the state \$650,000 to repay funds embezzled when he was state treasurer. Small leaned on state patronage workers to cover the payment.

But since then, most of the corruption has emanated from Cook County and Chicago, dominated by the Democratic Party.

Four confidants of defrocked Illinois House Speaker Mike Madigan (D-Chicago) are set to go on trial in Chicago in September, which will tee up corruption as a major issue in the November election.

One of the candidates for governor

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has already declared that if elected he would eliminate corruption in our state. Fat chance. Corruption is baked into our culture.

That doesn't mean we are all corrupt, but that too many of us would indeed take advantage of government if presented with the opportunity.

For example, when I was teaching American politics at the University of Illinois in Urbana in the early 2000s, I asked each class of juniors and seniors, many headed for law school, about the following: Your brother has been charged with a serious DUI, but your brother's lawyer said he could get him off – if brother slipped the attorney \$1,000 in cash, beyond his fee. Would you recommend to your brother that he “go for it,” or reject the idea?

In every one of five or six different courses, two-thirds of all the students, in their anonymous responses, said: “Go for it.” In one class I was astounded that 14 of the 17 students agreed. When I asked why they

would recommend going for it, one student offered a typical response, with others nodding: Brother is in a tough spot – and that's the way it's done in Illinois. My brother would be the fool for not taking advantage of the offer.

After a while, I gave up looking for an honest class.

It's a slippery slope, as they say, from a DUI to successfully bribing a judge to set free a mob assassin so he could kill again, and again. This actually happened in the 1970s, when much of the Cook County Court system was controlled, or at least heavily influenced, by The Outfit. Corruption hurts Illinois.

In 2011, I surveyed local economic development officials across Illinois. One of my questions was about ethics. Does the state's reputation for corruption have any impact on your recruiting of business from outside the state?

Three quarters of the 70 respondents said perceptions of Illinois as corrupt had either a negative or a highly negative impact on their ef-

forts to recruit business to come to Illinois. One said: Illinois is known for “pay to play.” Another observed: In Illinois, political clout is believed to help.

No governor can transform a political culture of corruption in his or her term. But the chief executive can use his bully pulpit to declare a very public war on corruption; set a high bar for conduct by his administration. The governor can also seek elimination of ludicrous, self-serving statutes such as the one that requires the “independent” legislative inspector general to first get approval of lawmakers before he can investigate a complaint against one of their fellow legislators.

Finally, we can all stop taking advantage of government, simply because “that's the way it's done in Illinois,” and exhort our children to follow our lead. That's how cultures change.

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Farm Bureau opposes nutrient loss bill

By **BETH HUNSDORFER**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A bill meant to stem nutrient pollution resulting from farm runoff has met opposition from a formidable foe – the Illinois Farm Bureau – as negotiations on a final package continue.

Nutrient loss is one of the most serious pollution threats in the country, creating a dead zone in the Gulf of Mexico, poisoning local lakes and streams and causing serious health problems for people and domesticated animals.

Illinois, a major contributor to nutrients in water, pledged to develop strategies to reduce the nutrient loads leaving the border.

The state aimed to reduce nitrates and nitrogen by 15 percent and phosphorus by 25 percent by 2025, but the latest Illinois Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy Implementation Report showed that nutrient loss increased by 13 percent and phosphorus losses increased by 35 percent, compared with a baseline

period from 1980 to 1996.

The bill, Senate Bill 3471, was introduced in January, but was amended in early February, changing substantively from its original form that funded a program incentivizing the planting of cover crops by offering discounts on crop insurance.

The amended bill creates the Healthy Soils and Watershed Initiative that would be administered by the Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the state's soil and water conservation districts, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, and the University of Illinois Extension program.

The Department of Agriculture would create guidelines to help with soil and water conservation districts to create a plan and establish funding levels with “measureable, cost-effective and technically achievable goals” to reduce nutrient loss.

The Initiative would then produce a study every two years, beginning in 2023, outlining efforts to combat nutrient loss and their overall effective-

ness. It would also measure the overall picture of nutrient loss and whether the state was moving toward goals set out in the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategy.

Supporters say the bill creates a baseline to gauge the scope of the problem and identify appropriate spending limits and strategies that work, and it also provides accountability to taxpayers.

The Illinois Farm Bureau voiced opposition to the bill in committee hearing because they say it is duplicative, complicated and bureaucratic.

The Farm Bureau said the bill put various state and federal agencies, authorities, and programs under one umbrella, making it difficult to implement.

Adding provisions to already existing laws, like the Soil and Water Conservation Act, would make the Nutrient Loss Reduction Strategies less confusing and eliminate bureaucracy, said Lauren Lurkins, Director of Environmental Policy for the Illinois Farm Bureau.

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Illinois deer hunters harvest 147,004 deer

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois harvested a preliminary total of 147,004 deer during all 2021-22 archery and firearm seasons. That total is almost 10 percent lower than last year’s overall harvest of 162,752.

Hunters took 56.25 percent bucks during 2021-22. Here’s a season-by-season look at preliminary totals.

• **Archery:** Archery hunters shot 67,637 deer between Oct. 1 and Jan. 16. That’s below last year’s total of 75,106 deer. Of the total, 51.53 percent were shot with crossbows, 47.31 percent with compound bows, 0.73 percent with recurves and 0.43 percent with longbows.

• **Youth:** Youth shot 1,829 deer during the the Oct. 9-11 youth season, compared to 2,322 in 2020.

• **Firearm Season:** Hunters took 69,990 deer Nov. 19-21 and Dec. 2-5, compared with 77,160 deer taken during the 2020 firearm season.

• **Muzzleloader:** Hunters using muzzleloading rifles shot 3,043 deer Dec. 10-12, compared with 3,451 in 2020.

• **Late-Winter:** Late-Winter Antlerless-Only and Special CWD seasons had a combined total of 4,505 deer vs. 4,713 deer in 2020-21.

College honors

Cade Tuthill of Wyoming made the Dean’s List (3.5 gpa or better) at North Carolina State University for Fall 2021, and graduated with a degree in Animal Science. He plans to farm full-time at home.

Meyer to perform in support of Honor Flight

KEWANEE – Heartland Connections in partnership with the Kewanee Elks Lodge are excited to present **Angela Meyer** on Saturday, March 12. Meyer will be performing to help raise money for Honor Flight of the Quad Cities, a group dedicated to providing an opportunity for area World War II, Korea

and Vietnam veterans to visit the memorials in Washington D.C dedicated to honoring their sacrifices.

Top priority is given to WWII and Korean War Era Veterans, or any veterans with a terminal illness. The intention is to honor our local and regional heroes with a free trip to visit their memorials. Veterans within a 75-mile radius of the Quad Cities are encouraged to apply. The program operates on donations. Volunteers of all kinds plan and coordinate the flight events, and special guardians are trained to help escort the veterans on flight days.

This public event will take place at Kewanee Elks Lodge at 113 N. Tremont St. and begin at 6 p.m. with a potluck dinner. Guests are asked to bring a dish to share. Drinks must be purchased on site. The concert will begin at 7 p.m. and run approximately 90 minutes. Donations will be accepted for the cause, \$10-20 per person is suggested.

Songbag presents Glory Days Garage Band

GALESBURG – The 2022 Songbag Concert Series opens with the **Glory Days Garage Band** March 13 at 2 p.m. at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site, 313 E Third St. Galesburg. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.

Chillicothe hosts hunter safety class

CHILLICOTHE – Area residents will have an opportunity to learn basic principles of safe hunting at a Department of Natural Resources hunter safety education course to be held at the Chillicothe Sportsmen’s Club.

The 13-hour course, which is free, will be held over three days, meeting from 6-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 10, and on Friday, March 11, and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 12. Students must at-

tend all 13 hours of the class.

A 1996 Illinois law requires that all hunters born after Jan. 1, 1980, successfully must complete the hunter education course before they can receive their first adult hunting license. Participants completing the hunter education course receive a Hunter Education Certification, valid in all fifty states and Canada, verifying that they have passed the safety instruction.

To reserve a seat, call **Lowell Bennett** at (309) 274-5586.

Bishop Hill Chautauqua online March 7-9

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The free, live-streaming program starts March 7 at 6 p.m. with a live Q&A after each performance. The online performances continue starting at 6 p.m. on March 8-9, also.

Register at www.facebook.com/historyinperson and subscribe to History in Person YouTube Channel at www.facebook.com/historyinperson. Subscribing is key to get notifications and to more easily log-in on the evening of the program. Only folks who register in advance will also have access to watch any of the six videos for one week after the live event.

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The Jr. High held its annual 3-on-3 tournament with the following teams being the top three: First place (top): The Jr. High Teachers/Staff. Mr. Switzer, Mrs. Padilla, Mrs. Nan-ninga and Mr. Sepich. Second place (middle): Haylie Moodie, Justin Warner, Sean Ken-dall, Mason Thieben and Aaliyah Heathcoat. Third Place (bottom): Evan Knobloch, Riggins Shafer, Carter Peterson, Isaac Cresto and Jake Primo



The Bradford Junior High Speech team competed at the conference meet and all earned 1st place ratings. Pictured at left (left to right) are Shelby Bruecks, Ella Graham, Haylie Moodie, Rose Krider, Jake Primo, Joann Dozard, Zach Harris, Sean Kendall and Carter Pe-terson.

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No. 2022-P-21

Notice is given of the death of
Amy Ann Holman. Letters of
Independent Administrator were
issued on February 18, 2022 to
Emily Holman, of 218 E. Jefferson
Street, Toulon, IL 61483, as
Independent Administrator, whose
attorney is Michael E. Massie, of
Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd
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Claims against the estate may be
filed in the office of the Henry
County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse,
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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
Attorneys for the Estate
115 Northwest Third Avenue
Galva, IL 61434
Telephone (309) 932-2168
Published 3/4, 3/11, 3/18/22

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON
TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a
tentative budget and appropriation
ordinance for the Town of Elmira in
the County of Stark State of
Illinois, for the fiscal year
beginning March 1, 2022, and
ending February 28, 2023, will be
on file and conveniently available
to public inspection at the Town
Clerk's home from and after 6:00
p.m., 10th day, March, 2022.

Cliff Lane, Clerk
Published 3/4/22

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MEETING NOTICE

Elmira Township board meets on
the second Thursday of every month

at 7:00 p.m. in the township road
maintenance building located in
Osceola, Illinois, to approve
payment of township expenses and
consider any other township
business.

Jana Clancy, Supervisor
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal
residents of the Town of Elmira in
the County of Stark and State of
Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of
said Town will take place on
Tuesday, April 12, 2022 being the
second Tuesday of said month. The
Town meeting for the transaction of
miscellaneous business of said
Town will be held at the hour of 7:00
p.m. on said day at Elmira Township
Road Maintenance Building in
Osceola and a moderator having
been elected, will proceed to hear
and consider reports of officers and
decide on such measures as may, in
pursuance of law, come before the
meeting.

Dated this 1st day of March 2022.
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk
Published 3/4/22

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS ON
ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET AND
TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that
Tentative Budget and Appropriation
Ordinance meetings for Road
Purposes of Valley Township, in
the County of Stark, State of
Illinois, and also for Town of Valley
in said county, for the fiscal year
beginning April 1, 2022, and
ending March 31, 2023, will both
be on file and conveniently
available to public inspection at
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after March 10, 2022, by
appointment only.

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of 6:00 o'clock PM for the
transaction of miscellaneous
business of Valley Township; and
after a Moderator having been
elected, will proceed to hear and
consider reports of officers, and
decide on such measures as may,
in pursuance of law come before
the meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2022
Jodi Dienst
Valley Township Clerk
Published 3/4/22

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COOPER., Plaintiff, v. KYLE GOODIN,
AKA KYLE W. GOODIN; UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD
CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No.
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The requisite affidavit for
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that the said suit has been
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One of Plaintiff's Attorneys
Published 2/18, 2/25, 3/4/22

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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

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We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

Masks now optional in most public places

By PETER HANCOCK
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Facial coverings are now optional in most public places in Illinois, including schools, after Gov. JB Pritzker issued new guidance Monday to comply with new U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

Under a new executive order issued by Pritzker on Monday, masks are no longer required in most indoor public places, including K-12 schools and day cares. But schools and private businesses can continue to require masks at their own discretion.

Face masks are still required in health care settings and on public transportation such as buses, trains and airplanes, as well as transportation hubs like airports and bus stations.

Those developments came after the Illinois Supreme Court on Friday declined to hear the state’s appeal of a temporary restraining order issued Feb. 4 by a Sangamon County judge, calling the issue “moot.”

In its ruling late Friday, the court, in a 5-2 vote, echoed a 4th District Court of Appeals decision from a week earlier that said the issue of the TRO was moot because the emergency rules that the Illinois Department of Public Health had issued in September had expired and the legislative Joint Committee on Adminis-

trative Rules voted Feb. 15 not to renew them.

Because the issue of the TRO was moot, the state’s high court said Friday, the order itself was vacated and the case was remanded back to Sangamon County to be heard in its entirety.

Justices Michael J. Burke and David K. Overstreet dissented in the decision. The court said a written dissenting opinion would be forthcoming.

“We are pleased the court acted quickly to vacate the TRO, as the state requested,” Attorney General Kwame Raoul’s office said in a statement. “However, as the case is returned to the circuit court, we will continue to defend the governor’s executive orders to protect all Illinois residents and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.”

The Supreme Court’s ruling, however, was one that left both sides in the dispute claiming victory.

“I’m gratified that the Supreme Court vacated the lower court’s restraining order, meaning that if a school mask mandate needs to go into effect in the future, we continue to have that authority,” Pritzker said in a statement.

But Republican lawmakers who have questioned Pritzker’s use of executive orders and criticized the Democratic majority in the General

Assembly for not exercising oversight, said the ruling will serve as a check on the governor’s powers.

“The Illinois Supreme Court found the governor’s mask mandate moot and not enforceable thanks to a bipartisan group of legislators who decided to strike it down earlier this month,” Senate GOP Leader Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, said in a statement.

“Pritzker will now have to go back to those same legislators if he wishes to issue a similar order, where he is likely to meet the same fate,” he added. “The governor should accept defeat and allow us to begin to govern the way we ought to be – through collaboration of the legislature and local stakeholders.”

Pritzker had previously announced that the general statewide mask mandate would expire Monday if the state’s hospitalization usage and other metrics continued on a downward trend. He had previously planned to leave school mask mandates in place.

Since he made the announcement at the beginning of the month, the governor’s office said in a statement Friday, the number of people in the hospital with COVID-19 has been cut in half and the number of intensive care beds available increased by 24 percent, while the state’s weekly COVID-19 case rate also decreased by 70 percent.

Ezike resigns as public health director

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike will resign on March 14 after three years leading the agency and two years navigating a deadly pandemic.

Ezike, who was appointed IDPH director in 2019, became a widely recognized public figure in the state as the COVID-19 pandemic upended daily life across the globe.

Pritzker said the department will be led in the interim by Dr. Amaal Tokars, an IDPH top deputy who has at times appeared next to the governor at his news conferences as well.

Ezike, a mother of four, thanked her family for “tolerating the absences”

over the past two years.

Ezike said declining COVID-19 transmission rates and hospitalizations, as well as increasing vaccination rates, are leading to a lull in the pandemic that enabled her step down.

“There is something particularly heroic about the service of an extraordinary individual who did not seek greatness, but found it anyway,” Gov. JB Pritzker said, proclaiming March 1 “Dr. Ngozi Ezike Day” in Illinois.

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Therefore, no vehicle shall be operated upon Saratoga Township Roads having a gross vehicle weight greater than 10 tons (20,000 pounds) Feb. 25, 2020 thru May 25, 2022.

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ACROSS

1 Make sarcastic remarks

8 It was stormed in the French Revolution

16 Petri dish gel

20 Never-dying

21 Volcanic glass

22 Move, in real estate

23 Something the "Eat It" singer's parents did?

25 Big Ch, say

26 Letters on an ambulance

27 Tact assents

28 Big Apple ball team, on scoreboards

30 From — Z

31 Grieves over

35 Container for a picnic beside

40 Salamis, e.g.

42 2016 Disney film set in Polynesia

43 Unclad art class models

44 Mettulous barracks examination not using the left hand?

48 French for "tough"

49 Copulent

50 — culpa

51 10th mo.

54 Work for Consumer Reports for many years?

63 Attending college, e.g.

66 "Today — man"

69 Short preview

70 "— ite!"

71 Train passengers' noisy crying?

75 1990s attorney general

76 San Luis —

78 Disposition

79 They have crisp, edible pods

81 Instruction sheets on how to lull babies to sleep?

85 Comde cry

86 Needle-nosed fish

87 Old nuclear regulatory agency

89 Some Apples below a spanning structure?

103 Divided Asian land

104 1980s attorney general

105 Like some fans and sells

106 Group of commandos from which to choose?

109 Reached by car

110 Year, to Rosa

111 E-chuckle

112 Borscht, e.g.

113 Little devil

116 Latin verb

118 "This road sure was not fully repaired?"

126 Scrapes (out)

127 1990s GM car model

128 Soccer star Cristiano —

129 Siesta, e.g.

130 Tense state

131 Features of joyless faces

DOWN

1 Used to be

2 Dating pair

3 Shell-less

4 Have it wrong

5 Dollar bill

6 In thing

7 Pajama material

8 Hopalong Cassidy actor and others

9 French mutiny cry

10 Tax ID

11 "— To!" (#1 Kesha hit)

12 Wedding vow

13 Actress Tyler

14 Singer Frankie

15 Multivolume ref., often

16 Dog's cry

17 Rivers of TV

18 Support group for adolescents

19 Turbine parts

24 A great many

29 Filmmaker's patchwork

32 Arthur with a racket

33 Passover bread

34 It has a yolk

35 King, in Paris

36 Sci-fi's Solo

37 Out's partner

38 Siesta, e.g.

39 Yes, in Paris

40 Span, lady

41 "— for Alibi"

42 Prefix with carpal

45 Not the std. spelling

46 Broody music genre

47 Part of CIA

52 Rings around the sun

53 Up — point

55 Squiggle over an "n"

56 — de toilette

57 Diplomatic official, Abbr.

58 Testing sites

59 Rain delay cover-up

60 "It's all clear"

61 Surn of film

62 Lovers' god

63 Helper for Frankenstein

64 Mount where Moses died

65 Cio — (Bic pen brand)

66 Beer barrel

67 Not at all stiff

72 Mauna —

73 Jazz genre

74 Musician Brian

77 Laura Ingalls' hair feature

80 "Boys Don't Cry" director Kimberly

82 Dog's threat

83 Not common

84 Tennis unit

86 Angelic being

90 Pol Romney

91 With skill

92 Some film FX

93 Min. fraction

94 Virginia city

95 Baltimore baseballers

96 "The Ref" director

97 "Steal-it!" caller

98 Lead-in to colonial

99 "— volente" ("God willing")

100 Subj. for U.S. citizens-to-be

101 Pair feeing to wed

102 Grandma on "Roseanne"

103 Cosmo on "Seinfeld"

107 Oslo's nation, to its natives

108 Pasted

109 Extinct birds

112 Some 35mm cameras

114 Early Persian

115 Old hands

117 N.Y. hours

119 Dress fancily, with "ouf"

120 901, in old Rome

121 Prefix for a vintner

122 Sporty truck, in brief

123 — constrictor

124 Call a halt to

125 Lead-in to "swon do" or "bo"

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OBITUARIES

William A. Brewer

HOPEWELL – William A. Brewer, 74, of Hopewell, Ill., died on Feb. 28, 2022, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Born in Streator, Ill., on Nov. 10, 1947, to the late Earl and Lorraine (Uftring) Brewer, he married Ruth Ann



Brewer

Boettger on March 20, 1976, in Wenona, Ill. Ruth Ann died on Sept. 16, 2012. Bill spent his career as a member of UAW Local 974 at Caterpillar as a line assembler at Mossville building BB for caterpillar for over 30 years. He then started Bill’s Mowing, mowing yards for over 20 years. He was very proud that in his retirement years he would collect aluminum cans from many people and businesses, smash them and donate them to the St. Jude Runners.

Bill is survived by his children William (Christy) Brewer of Chatham, Kimberly (Joe) Kinsella of Wyoming; siblings Dwayne Brewer of Varna, Corrine (Jim) Kinsolving of Rutland and Wanda Cook of Bloomington; sister-in-law Mary Lou Boettger of Peoria; grandchildren Brayden, Brevin and Chet.

He was also preceded in death by sister Diane Brewer, an infant sister and brothers-in-law Bob and Tom Boettger.

Funeral services for Bill will be held on Saturday, March 5, at 10 a.m. at Lenz Memorial Home in Lacon with Peter Glock officiating. Visita-

tion will be from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, March, 4 at Lenz Memorial. Burial will be in the Henry Cemetery and memorials can be made to the St. Jude Runners.

Online condolences can be left at lenzmemorialhome.com.

R. Dean Gale

GALVA – R. Dean Gale, 97, of Galva, died at 8:00 p.m., Monday, Feb. 28, 2022, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, March 4, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva, with Rev. Martin Gutzmer officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the First United Methodist Church in Galva or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Gale was born Jan. 6, 1925, in Galva, the son of Thomas and Rose (White) Gale. He married Helen Irene Sandquist on Oct. 30, 1943, in Peoria and she preceded him in death on April 4, 2012.

Survivors include his daughter, Shirley Crisco of Galva; his son, Robert (Rebecca) Gale of Galva; grandchildren, Bradley (Jill) Crisco, Julie (Dudley) Ricketts, Kyle (Sheliah) Gale, Kevin (Bryann) Gale and Kraig (Dawn) Gale; 17 great-grandchildren; and 5 great-great grandchil-



Gale

dren. He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, two sisters and his son-in-law, Willie Crisco. Dean was a documented descendant of William Bradford, a passenger on the Mayflower and early governor of the Plymouth Colony. Dean graduated from LaFayette High School in 1942 and farmed for many years. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Galva, the Galva Manx Society, Galva Masonic Lodge, the Henry County Farm Bureau and the American Angus Association. He was a former member of the barbershop quartet, SBSQSA, and also sang at church and for many funerals.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Melvin Thompson

GALVA – Melvin “Tommy” Thompson, 84, a resident of Mari-gold Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Galesburg, formerly of Galva, died Feb. 25 at the center.

Graveside services were March 1 at Altona Cemetery in Altona. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born July 8, 1937, in Victoria, the son of James and Mary (Deckle) Thompson. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and several brothers and sisters.

Tommy worked in maintenance at Dixline Corporation in Galva and for the Galva street department.

Condolences can be left online at ruxfuneralhome.com.

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Members of our communities are encouraged to nominate a deserving person in their community and provide details why these individuals deserve

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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 SEE PAGE 12

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.

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Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries are also cities?
2. MOVIES: Which character was the first princess in a Disney movie?
3. WEATHER: What kind of cloud produces rain, thunder and lightning?
4. LITERATURE: What were the names of the four daughters in "Little Women"?
5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented by the condition called "ablutophobia"?
6. ANATOMY: What are the gaps between nerve cells called?
7. TELEVISION: Which long-running, daytime soap opera is set in Port Charles, New York?
8. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "non compos mentis" mean in English?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president introduced the Social Security program?
10. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a young llama called?

Answers

1. Three: the city/states of Vatican City, Monaco and Singapore
2. Snow White
3. Cumulonimbus
4. Meg, Jo, Beth and Amy
5. Fear of bathing
6. Synapses
7. "General Hospital"
8. Not of sound mind
9. Franklin Roosevelt
10. A cria

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Uncharted (PG-13)
2. Dog (PG-13)
3. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
4. Death on the Nile (PG-13)
5. Jackass Forever (R)
6. Marry Me (PG-13)
7. Sing 2 (PG)
8. Scream (R)
9. Eight for Silver (R)
10. Blacklight (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark County hoops has hope for future

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

Steps forward. That’s what Dustin Browning saw from this year’s Stark County boys basketball team.

While the Rebels (17-16) did not win a regional title, they did win a regional game for the first time since 2011 and improved on several areas that Browning said should pay dividends in seasons to come.

“I’m really proud of our guys this season. Took a big step forward in terms of culture, in that our seniors leave with the program better than when they came,” Browning said. “That is something they can be really proud of when they look back on this season.”

Stark County finished the year with a 57-34 loss to Monmouth United on Feb. 23 in the semifinals of the Wethersfield Regional.

The Rebels fell behind 35-19 by halftime and could not make up ground in the final two quarters. Luke Rewerts led Stark County with 18 points, while Daniel Kieser scored 8, Ethan Unhold scored 3 and Joey Harmon, James Groter and Arvid Steudte each had 2 points.

“Had trouble containing [Cormaic] Flynn on the boards and they pushed the ball well with some transition baskets,” Browning said.

Abel Wilson had 20 points against



The Stark County boys frosh-soph team won the consolation championship at last week’s Wethersfield frosh-soph tournament. The Rebels finished the season 20-7 and took second in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

Stark County and Flynn added 16.

United (25-6) went on to beat Ridgewood, 44-42, for the Wethersfield Class 1A regional championship and was to play Augusta Southeastern (28-4) Wednesday in the semifinal of the Abingdon-Avon Sectional. Flynn had 24 points in the regional final.

After breaking the .500 mark, Browning said he looks ahead with optimism.

“In terms of the future, we hope that the underclassmen continue right where we left off and contend for both conference and a regional next year,” Browning said. “I’m proud of the steps we took and excited for the future.”

More reason for optimism is that the Stark County frosh-soph team finished the year 20-7, winning the

consolation championship at the Wethersfield Tournament and placing second in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

LTC winner – United was the lone member of the Lincoln Trail Conference to win a boys basketball regional.

Knoxville lost to Farmington, 54-44, on its home floor last Friday, two days after the Farmers went to overtime to beat Mercer County, 54-47. And Abingdon-Avon lost to Peoria Christian in the Brimfield Regional, 52-40.

3-point aces – Two area players advanced from Wethersfield to the sectional round of the Three-Point Showdown. Galva sophomore Braxton Rylander made nine treys and Stark County junior Jack Colgan knocked home eight to advance.

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