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## Bradford law enforcement a family legacy to Chief Horrie

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 BRADFORD – Landon Horrie, 55, is the third Horrie to serve as Bradford Police Chief over several decades.  
 "My Uncle Pat Horrie is the person who got me into law enforcement and my desire to be a policeman when I was younger," Landon Horrie said. "He's the reason I chose to go into the Army as a military policeman."  
 It's sort of a family thing Landon Horrie said. "I'm the third Horrie to be Bradford's police

chief. My Uncle Pat was chief just before I became the chief and my Aunt Lisa Horrie was chief in the early to mid-1990s," he explained.  
 Landon grew up in Bradford, the son of Larry and Lyn Horrie, and he graduated from Bradford High School, in 1986. He then enlisted in the Army, specifically the Army military police



Horrie

corps and served from 1986-89 providing site security at an Army installation, in Turkey.  
 After being discharged from the military in August of 1989, Landon began working as a policeman for Bradford in January of 1990.  
 "It doesn't seem like 33 years ago," he said. "I started in law enforcement with Bradford, but then I took a break from it."  
 "I'm actually a retired firefighter from Kewanee. I was a firefighter and paramedic. I was a medic on the SWAT team, in

Henry County. That's how I kind of got back into the police work part of it."  
 Landon now also works as a Public Safety Officer at the Quad City airport. "We do police duties at the airport and aircraft firefighting," he said. "We work 24 hours on shift and 48 hours off."  
 Petty theft ranks number one as the highest crime in Bradford according to Chief Horrie.  
 "Hiring more officers, if possible, would help reduce the crime rate. I think having more

police officers patrolling more often would help a lot," he said.  
 Asked what people would be surprised to know about him, Landon answered, "Almost everybody knows me. I mean I'm an open book. Being from a small town it's hard to hide much about myself."  
 Landon has a brother Larry and two sisters, Alicia and Hilary. He is married to Melissa and they have five children, Kylie, Kaitlyn, Dalton, Dillon and Devon. They, as of yet, do not have any grandchildren.

## Princeville hires superintendent

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
 For The Prairie News  
 PRINCEVILLE – The current Brimfield School District superintendent is to become the next Princeville one.  
 The Princeville board voted unanimously Tuesday night to hire Tony Shinall, effective July 1. He is to receive a three-year contract with a 2023-24 salary of \$135,000.  
 Shinall, 43, is to replace Shannon Duling, who is in his 12th year as Princeville superintendent. Duling and the board couldn't agree on a new deal.  
 The new deal came six months after Shinall received a pay raise, from about \$117,000 to \$130,000, and a contract extension from Brimfield. He became superintendent there in 2020.  
 "This was a chance that I needed to look at. It was driven by the needs of my family and my professional growth. So I threw my hat in the ring," Shinall said. "I'm extremely grateful for the opportunity the Princeville  
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Shinall

## VALENTINE'S DAY CENTRAL



Pictured above Melody Anderson gearing up for the annual Valentine's Day rush. Anderson is the proprietor of A Few of My Favorite Things floral shop in Wyoming. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

## Stark's go-to for flowers and gifts

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 WYOMING – Melody Anderson, proprietor of the floral and gift shop, A Few of My Favorite Things, has the busiest part of her year approaching this week and next with Valentine's Day arriving next Tuesday. "Valentine's Day is the busiest holiday and it is a 'last minute' holiday. Most people tend to wait until the day before or the day of to order flowers," Anderson stated.  
 There's a lot of preparation work and expense in getting ready for the Valentine's Day business. Anderson purchases between three and six thousand dollars' worth of products that includes  
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## State budget season starts

Pritzker pitches 5th budget  
 By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
 Capital News Illinois  
 SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker's second-term legislative agenda will kick off in earnest next week as he proposes his fifth annual state budget to lawmakers in the General Assembly.  
 But while a governor's proposal usually provides the framework for the state's annual spending plan, it rarely makes it through the General Assembly untouched by lawmakers who have their own spending priorities. This year, lawmakers are scheduled to adjourn on May 19.  
 Here's what to watch for ahead of Pritzker's Feb. 15 budget address.  
**Budget basics**  
 While there are hundreds of funds in the state treasury with statutory requirements for how the money is spent, the most scrutinized is the General Revenue Fund, or GRF. That pool of money – which last year topped \$50 billion for the first time – is the state's main discretionary spending account, meaning lawmakers have the great  
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# ANDERSON: Destined to own a floral shop

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 flowers, candy, balloons, fudge, teddy bears and flower bouquets, as well as, the traditional chocolate covered strawberries and a dozen roses. Additionally, she adds an hour on to Monday and Tuesday this year to when her shop is open, which will be 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

"We have so many walk-in customers on Valentine's Day! They start at 8 o'clock in the morning and go until 6 o'clock at night as fast as the door can open. A lot of people like to add items to the dozen

roses. We also have quite a few people who send Valentines to the students and teachers of all the schools [in Stark County]," Anderson said.

"Also, I work with the Junior High student council because they sell carnations for Valentines' Day as a fundraiser for them," Anderson added. "I provide all those for them."

Business has increased for Anderson after the floral shop in Princeville closed and Kewanee customers come to her business, as well. Anderson has recently purchased and refurbished the building between her present building and the Paramount Theater. "I need additional space to showcase the things I have for sale. It will house mainly garden, stones and statues," Anderson explained.

Anderson purchased A Few of My Favorite Things in 2006 and was located in the building attached to the north side of the former Super Valu grocery store building. Needing more space, Anderson moved the business to its present location, in 2013.

Employee Mary McCauley helps Anderson keep the business going at full throttle. "Mary does designing and customer care - she's my right hand," Anderson said.

Anderson seemed destined to own a floral shop having been born in one nearly 65 years ago. Her mother and aunt owned a floral shop in Orion where Anderson grew up. She attended and graduated in 1976, from Orion High School.

After school, Anderson

became an accountant before purchasing her floral and gift shop. She is married to Chuck and they have son Craig and daughter Robyn. She has three grandchildren and three brothers: Mark, Steve and Rick (deceased). Her parents are Neale and Nadine Swanson.

Anderson says that people would be surprised to know that she is actually quite shy. "You wouldn't know it, but it takes a lot for me to do this job," Anderson said.

Normal hours for Anderson's business are Monday through Saturday: Monday and Wed., 9-5, Tues., Thurs. and Sat. 9-12, and Fri. 9 to 4. The phone number is (309) 695-9966 and the shop is located at 110 S. 7th Street, Wyoming. Anderson delivers within a 25-mile radius.

# SHINALL: At Brimfield since 2018

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board has given me to help work with them into the future.

"They are a very progressive district. They have been at the forefront of technology and education in Peoria County."

Shinall arrived in Brimfield in 2018 as high school principal. Previously, he was an assistant principal at Richwoods High School in Peoria, where he also taught.

Candidates for Princeville superintendent were interviewed during at least three closed-session meetings in January.

Before those meetings, Princeville Board President Darwin Stahl said the candidate field had been winnowed to four. Shinall and his family - including wife Aimee and their 5-year-old son Jackson - attended the

board's regular monthly meeting Tuesday.

Shinall has a master's degree and two bachelor's degrees from Illinois State University, as well as a superintendent degree from Western Illinois University. He is pursuing an educational doctorate from Aurora University.

Duling is to start July 1 as superintendent of the Petersburg PORTA district.

Also Tuesday, Duling announced the resignations of varsity volleyball coach Anna Schupbach and freshman-sophomore coach Katharine Eddlemon.

The board also approved a calendar for the 2023-24 year. The first day of classes is Aug. 16. Winter break is the final week of December and the first week of January. Graduation in 2024 is to be May 19.

# BUDGET: More education spending

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 est authority to move it around.

Generally, about 80 percent of GRF spending is allocated between pension payments (roughly 21 percent in the current fiscal year), K-12 education (21 percent), human services (19 percent) and health care (17 percent).

Since each budget allocates money collected over a future 12-month period, lawmakers generally base spending proposals on estimates from the legislative Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability (COGFA), and the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB).

### Revenue projections

Illinois is coming off a record \$50.3 billion in base revenue for the fiscal year that ended June 30 - about \$8 billion more than anticipated when the 2022 budget was approved. That led COGFA to up its projections by \$4.9 billion in a November revision.

GOMB, meanwhile, was more conservative, projecting revenues to spike by about \$3.6 billion over ini-

tial estimates. That was the basis for a supplemental spending plan that included \$2.7 billion in debt repayment and savings measures approved in the January lame-duck session.

### Education expenses

In his inaugural address last month, Pritzker telegraphed a few areas where he wants increased spending: child care, preschool and higher education.

"I propose we go all in for our children and make preschool available to every family throughout the state," he said in his speech. "And let's not stop there. Let's provide more economic security for families by eliminating child care deserts and expanding child-care options."

On higher education, Pritzker said he'd like to offer free college tuition for every working-class family. Details on those plans are lacking, so it will be worth watching to see if the governor proposes spending amounts or any specifics.

The governor's K-12 education funding proposal is worth watching as well. The state's school funding formula, revamped in

2017, calls for an added \$350 million each year until all districts reach a point of funding adequacy.

The budget met that mark in three of four years during Pritzker's first term. It bears watching to see if another \$350 million will be added to that in accordance with statute.

Spending growth is important to watch because GOMB's analysis projected Illinois could be in for a deficit of about \$384 million and growing beginning in Fiscal Year 2025.

### Pensions

At about \$9.9 billion, the state's GRF pension payment was its biggest expenditure for the current year, topping the \$9.8 billion spent on K-12 education.

And yet unfunded pension liability grew to \$139 billion last year.

Due to added funding, COGFA predicted in November that the pension payment required by law will decrease by about \$38 million from the current year. But COGFA estimated the state needs to up its contribution by \$4.4 billion to stave off increases in unfunded liabilities.

**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Incidents & Accidents  
Stark County**

**1-24** - Grace A. Keller, 29, Fiatt, was cited for driving on an expired driver's license.

**1-31** - Antonio J. Salazar, 24, Peoria, was arrested for speeding 84 mph in a 55 mph zone, driving without a valid driver's license, driving with no insurance and illegal transportation of adult cannabis in a vehicle. Salazar posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

**2-1** - Emma M. Millard, 24, Toulon, was cited for driving a vehicle with a suspended registration for not having insurance. She was issued a notice to appear in court.

**2-3** - Jesse T. Cobbs, 28, Princeville, was cited for driving without a valid registration, driving with no insurance and speeding 39 mph in a 25 mph zone.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**1-30** - to an activated fire alarm in the 500 block of Burlington Rd. It was determined to be a false alarm.

**1-30** - to the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a juvenile matter.

**1-30** - to the 300 block of SE 2nd Ave. to assist a citizen with a civil matter.

**1-31** - to the 800 block of W. Division St. for a child-custody dispute.

**2-1** - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for an activated fire alarm. It was determined to be a maintenance worker making repairs.

**2-1** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for an attempted tax-scam complaint.

**2-1** - to the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a complaint involving a juvenile being out of control.

**2-1** - to the 100 block of NE 6th St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only. A crash report was completed.

**2-3** - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a subject having a mental health crisis.



**2-3** - to the north edge of town to watch for a vehicle that was involved in a hit-and-run accident several miles north of town.

**2-3** - Officer, along with a Henry County Sheriff deputy, were dispatched to the 600 block of SE 2nd St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. After investigating, Zachary Register, 26, Roseville, was arrested on an outstanding Warren County warrant for aggravated fleeing and eluding. The warrant was a "no bond" and he was taken into custody.

**2-3** - to a disturbance in the 400 block of SE 7th Ave.

**2-4** - to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

**2-4** - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

**2-4** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to remove an unwanted subject.

**2-4** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a parking complaint. As the result, Tim Derry, 60, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for parking in an unauthorized area (handicapped parking place) without a placard.

**2-4** - While patrolling, officer noticed a buckled area of pavement in the 00 block of SE 1st Ave. Barricades were placed over the area.

**2-5** - Officer was notified about a repossession taking place in the 00 block of SW 4th St. A vehicle was recovered without incident.

**2-5** - to assist Henry County with

a burglary complaint at the storage units near the high school.

**1-30** - Mark Heintz, 38, Davenport, Iowa was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 100 block of NW 2nd St.

**1-30** - David Tuthill, 48, Kewanee, was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 500 block of W. Division St.

**1-30** - Ashley Lusietto, 31, Sheffield, was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 100 block of Wiley St.

**1-30** - Cal Larson, 20, Altona, was issued a citation for improper lane usage in the 200 block of Main St.

**1-31** - Wendy Swearingen, 40, Kewanee, was issued a citation for failure to yield while exiting a private drive in the 500 block of SE 2nd St.

**2-1** - Lauren Hidden, 22, Galesburg, was issued a citation for operating a vehicle with suspended registration in the 900 block of SW 2nd St.

**2-4** - Corey Blakely, 39, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 100 block of SE 1st Ave.

**2-4** - Antwain Cabil, 29, Kewanee, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 600 block of SE 3rd St.

**2-4** - Angie Dillender, 43, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle with suspended registration in the 200 block of N. Center Ave. Cambridge.

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My wife often brings me books to read. Sometimes she surprises me with titles she thinks I might enjoy. Generally, she is correct.

That's a long-winded explanation for why I read **Marie Kondo's** book "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" shortly after it was published in 2014.

More than read it, I embraced much of Kondo's logic. Folding clothes and underwear into neat patterns? No, that part of the book didn't work for me.



**Jeff LAMPE**

But to this day, she has helped me throw away potentially sentimental items since "they no longer bring me a spark of joy." Old pieces of wood. Gifts given years ago and never used. Ugly ties. Shirts with more than 10 holes in them. These are items that once plagued me. No longer. Marie's logic from nine years ago has brought a measure of calm to my life since.

So it was stunning to hear last week that decluttering queen Kondo admitted - after having three kids - "My home is messy." In essence, she backed off her thesis of tidiness.

What? You wrote a best-selling book that made every normal person feel guilty and now you make an about-face just because three kids bring home funky-looking pottery and piles of school projects? Judas Kondo. Benedict Kondo.

Seconds after processing Kondo's admission, I quenched my anger by calling G&O Disposal to order a dumpster. In the days since, my life

has entered uncharted realms of tidiness. With every non-working pen, scrap piece of metal and broken chair that leaves my life, a weight is lifted. Kondo's concept to me remains valid, even if she can no longer live up to it.

Added fuel to the tidy fire came while watching "The Queen of Versailles." There's no excuse for how that got in front of my eyes, but it's a Netflix documentary that shows the excesses of the Siegels, super-rich Florida billionaires who set out to build the biggest house in the U.S., then nearly went bankrupt in 2008 and got a dose of reality.

Seeing somebody other than me humbled is kind of fun. Better yet, as rich as these folks were, their house was dirty - packed with junk, cluttered and littered with dog poop. Inside dog poop.

I suspect a visit to the Siegels would send Kondo back into declutter mode. It certainly gave me added motivation to clear out more drawers and part with a collection of wax - once used to paste up newspaper copy - that I have moved at least six times in the past decade. No longer. To the dump with the joyless items. Hold onto what really matters and get rid of all the string too short to be saved.

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Spent Saturday pruning trees and perusing damage done by raccoons. In my neck of the woods, raccoons are the No. 1 nemesis to tree-planting efforts, though deer and rabbits are not far behind.

To protect trees from deer and rabbits, we plant many in 6-foot plastic tubes. These work like mini-greenhouses and trees generally grow very well in them. Problem is, wasps like to build nests in the tubes. And raccoons like to eat wasp pupa, though

to do so they first tear up the expensive tree tubes, rip them off their fiberglass stakes and bend them over.

As a result, what was once a gorgeous 5-foot oak tree can quickly become a 2-foot stub if not rescued quickly. As a result, much of June and July is spent straightening tubes, rescuing trees and smashing wasp nests to eliminate the attraction. This year, we will integrate epsom salts into our plantings, since it is supposed to help keep coons at bay.

That will be important, because raccoons also dig up about 50 percent of the trees I plant, particularly those carefully grown from acorn. Even after removing the nut from the sapling and covering the hole with dirt from the area, coons still dig what I plant, then leave the little tree to die with roots exposed.

Somebody told me raccoons figure anything somebody buries must be worth digging up. Maybe so. But it's not an endearing quality. Nor is the damage raccoons do to outbuildings, attics, sheds, barns and other structures into which they can gain entry.

Raccoons create problems when their populations are at a low level, but they really make things miserable when their numbers balloon - as they seem to be right now.

Eventually, disease and road kill will bring raccoon numbers down, which amazingly seems to be a preferable alternative to some readers who are upset about a raccoon contest in Elmwood. Sigh.

As for the anonymous, gutless emailer who emailed to tell me "The term 'hunter' is a euphemism for PSYCHOPATH," please look in the mirror. My guess is you will see more than a euphemism. You will see the real thing.

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## GUEST VOICES

## Memories of Grandma's ironic cow collection

After nearly causing an avalanche of cookbooks to tumble down onto my own head, I resolved to create order out of the chaos that was perched precariously above my kitchen sinks.

Anyone who knows me will acknowledge that I own an excessive number of cookbooks. I once tried counting them, in a futile effort to refute that claim, but stopped when I reached 400. In fairness to me, most of the books were inherited from AJ's mother, my mother, and both my grandmothers.

In addition to the cookbooks wedged tightly into the three shelves were stacks of notebooks containing menus, shopping lists, recipe locations and guest lists for family meals and special occasions. And then there were



Jeanne HARLAND

the knick-knacks: My Kitchen Angel, a gift for helping with a wedding reception; the milk glass chicken I bought on a dear family friend's estate sale because as a child I loved it in her kitchen; and The First Cow.

The First Cow belonged to my Grandma Jane, a gift from my mom when she was just a little girl. It must have been purchased around 1930. The little Holstein is showing her age. She has suffered a broken front leg, well mended, and her left ear and horn are currently lying by her side, awaiting my attempt to reattached them for the umpteenth time. Then she will return to her place of honor in my kitchen.

The First Cow is significant. It was the first of what eventually became a sizable herd. Because it was a cherished gift from her young daughter, my grandmother displayed the figurine prominently and likely commented on how much she liked it.

Before long, someone else took that prompt and gave my grandma another cow, which also had to be displayed. The die was cast. One cow figurine was just that. Two became a collection. In her later years, grandmother confided with a giggle that she never wanted to collect anything, especially not cows, but people just

kept giving them to her.

To appreciate the irony of my grandmother inadvertently collecting cows, you need to understand she was actually terrified of the creatures. I loved to listen to my Grandma Jane tell stories about her life, and even as a small child I would beg her to "tell me about the olden days." Born in 1901, she had much to tell, and she told it well. If I have any of the storyteller in me, that is a gift from her.

Grandma Jane grew up near Barry, Illinois, in Pike County, and, of course, she walked to school. The shortest route, still over a mile, was through the timber and along a neighbor's pasture. Her older brothers, eager to get to school, would forge on ahead, leaving little sis to fend for herself. The neighbor's cows, spotting this little girl, would invariably walk or perhaps run over to the fence to see what she was. Cows are naturally curious creatures, but my grandmother felt threatened by them, understandably so, given their size and proximity.

Still, she could appreciate the beauty of cows grazing in a pasture with well-maintained fences, and often commented on how nice our fences looked back when they were all woven wire. She fretted over my going out among our cows and I don't think she ever got accustomed to my casual attitude about working with the big animals.

My grandma lived to be 98, and during what would be her last visit to my house, for Easter dinner, she lamented being unable to walk with the rest of the family to see newborn calves in the barns. I had a bottle calf at the time, so I quickly fashioned a twine halter and led the calf to the house to say hello. When we walked into the living room, Grandma Jane laughed gleefully and extended her hand to pet the little black calf. She didn't seem afraid at all and the calf relished the affection.

Upon her passing, I inherited the collection of cows that she kept in built-in cupboards on either side of the fireplace in their house in Toulon. As a child, especially, but even as an adult I enjoyed looking at the variety of figurines, everything from china and porcelain to bronze and wood.

The cupboards were white with small diamond-shaped leaded glass

panes in the doors that always stuck. I was allowed to open the doors and browse through the cows whenever I wished. I have a couple dozen of them displayed around my house now. The rest are carefully boxed up in the basement. Like my grandma, I am an unwitting collector of cows. I wonder what she would have kept in those cupboards if it hadn't been for the cows? Cookbooks perhaps?

## BEEF SAUSAGE AND CHEDDAR MONKEY BREAD

Mexican-style beef sausage is baked into a cheesy pull-apart bread. Perfect for breakfast or brunch.

## Ingredients:

- 1 recipe Mexican-Style beef sausage
- 2 cans (7-1/2 ounces each) refrigerated buttermilk flavored biscuits
- 1-1/2 cups reduced-fat shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped green onion
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1/2 cup Mexican crema or dairy sour cream

## Cooking:

1. Prepare Mexican-Style beef sausage. Set aside.

Mexican-Style beef sausage: Combine 1 pound ground beef, 2 tablespoons red wine vinegar, 1-1/2 teaspoons dried oregano leaves, 1-1/2 teaspoons smoked paprika, 1-1/2 teaspoons chile powder, 1 teaspoon garlic powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/2 teaspoon chipotle chile powder in large bowl, mixing lightly but thoroughly. Heat large non-stick skillet over medium heat until hot. Add sausage mixture; cook 8-10 minutes, breaking into 1/2-inch crumbles and stirring occasionally.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F.

Open biscuit cans; cut each biscuit into quarters. Place biscuits into large bowl. Add sausage mixture, cheese, onion and oil; gently toss until well combined.

3. Generously coat bundt pan with cooking spray. Place sausage and biscuit mixture in prepared pan. Bake in 350°F oven 30-35 minutes until top is golden brown and biscuits are set. Remove from oven; immediately invert onto serving plate. Let sit for 10 minutes. Drizzle with crema.

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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**FFA hosts free concert by Air National Guard**

TOULON – The Stark County FFA will host a free public concert by the Air National Guard Band of the Midwest on March 4 at Stark County High School's Glenn Buchert Gymnasium. Dinner is at 5 p.m., the concerts starts at 6.

The event includes a meal, with a suggested donation of \$5. RSVP to SCFFA@STARK100.com by Feb. 24. For more information, call Taylor Wilkinson at (309) 695-6123.

**Wyoming man killed in snowmobile accident**

ST. GERMAIN, Wis. – A Stark County man was killed last week in a two-snowmobile collision in northern Wisconsin.

Robert J. Groter, 75, of Wyoming was pronounced dead about an hour after the accident, which happened shortly before noon Feb. 2 on a snowmobile trail east of St. Germain, according to the Vilas County Sheriff's Office. The sheriff received a report about two snowmobiles crashing.

Another Illinois man died in the wreck – Andrew Spiess, 43, of Elmhurst, the sheriff's office reported. He and Groter were operating the snowmobiles.

No additional information was available about the accident, which the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources was investigating.



*Pictured above are participants and patients of the Teddy Bear Hospitals event recently hosted by Black Hawk College. Submitted photo.*

Groter's funeral was Wednesday in Wyoming.

– Nick Vlahos

**Black Hawk offers Teddy Bear Hospital**

GALVA – Dozens of stuffed animals are now healthier after visiting the Teddy Bear Hospital at Black Hawk College. The event brought 55 children to the East Campus to get checkups for their favorite stuffed animals and learn about careers in the veterinary industry.

The hospital included stations for weight check, X-rays, bandaging, heart rate, ECG, prescriptions, surgery prep and surgery, all done by students in the BHC Veterinary Technology Program.

"It was amazing to hear all the stories about how their animals were sick or injured," said Janet Johnson,

veterinary technology program director. "We heard great comments from the parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles who came with the kids, and we hope to do this event again," she said.

The free event was in partnership with the Kewanee Animal Shelter. Children and their families brought items such as dog treats, cat treats, paper towels, bleach and garbage bags to donate to the shelter.

**Galva Chamber elects new officers for 2023**

GALVA – The Galva Chamber of Commerce met Tuesday and elected new officers: President, Carson Halsall (Gold Star FS); Vice President, Jake Anderson (State Bank of Toulon); Secretary/Treasurer, Stacy Hanks (Community State Bank).

Board members include: Adam Jaquet (Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc.), Mike Yepsen (CSB Insurance), Jordan Murray, Barry Millender (Galva Garage) and Heidi Millender (Galva Garage). Melissa Halsall went off the board and Jordan Murray is a new member to the board.

Any businesses who are a Chamber member can send a representative to the monthly meetings, held at City Hall at 4 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Contact the chamber at [galvaareachamber@gmail.com](mailto:galvaareachamber@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

– Carol Townsend

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# Galva Garage Bar and Grill opens for business

By CAROL TOWNSEND

for The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva Garage Bar and Grill will open Thursday. The new establishment will be open from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. for food and the bar’s late night hours will be determined later. There will be a cook during these hours for food to be served all afternoon.

Galva Garage Bar and Grill is owned by Barry and Heidi Millender of Galva. The location was a Sinclair Station years ago and has housed several

restaurants in the past, most recently Sherry’s Café.

It is located at 20 Chester St. and the phone number is (309) 932-1093. The menu features pizza, calzones, burgers, salads, appetizers and daily specials. Kids can make their own pizza at the table and a cook will bake it for them.

The couple will have seven employees. The establishment is decorated in garage décor, as both Heidi’s and Barry’s grandfathers owned and



Pictured above are Barry and Heidi Millender in front of their newly opened Galva Garage Bar and Grill. Photo by Carol Townsend.

operated garages. The establishment has a liquor license and will have gaming in the future.

# Freedom House extends to Lacon

LACON – Freedom House, the state-mandated agency providing free services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, is opening a satellite office in Lacon this month.

The new location at 415 5th Street was formerly the law office of Patrick Murphy, now the Marshall County State’s Attorney. The office will serve the legal advocacy and mental health counseling needs of adult, teen and child clients.

“This new office reinforces our long-standing commitment to serve the residents of Marshall County and nearby Putnam and Stark counties,” said

Freedom House Board of Directors member Jennifer Beaver, co-owner of Tanners Orchard.

The agency’s Princeton headquarters houses a 32-bed emergency shelter, with additional satellite offices in Geneseo Cambridge and Kewanee.

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Notice is given of the death of MARIAN I. FIDLER. Letters of Office were issued on January 13, 2023 to Peggy I. Piper as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or

both, on or before July 24, 2023. Any claim not filed by 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. 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.

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circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 1/27, 2/3, 2/10/23

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

STATE BANK OF TOULON, Plaintiff, IN CHANCERY v.

Case No. 2023FC6  
STEPHEN A. MOONEY (DECEASED); PAULA M. MOONEY (DECEASED); UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD

CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION**  
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned mortgage foreclosure action was filed on February 2, 2023, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The names of the titleholders of record are: Stephen A. Mooney; Paula M. Mooney

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: LOT FORTY (40) AND THE EAST SIX (6) FEET OF LOT THIRTY-NINE (39) IN VALMAR HEIGHTS SECOND ADDITION TO THE CITY OF KEWANEE, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN: 25-04-378-005  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 465 MIDLAND DRIVE, KEWANEE,

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HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
5. Identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
a. Names of Mortgagors: Stephen A. Mooney; Paula M. Mooney  
b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon  
c. Date of Mortgage: December 8, 2018  
d. Date of Recording: December 18, 2018  
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois  
f. Recording Document Identification: 20-1806918  
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file

your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, on or before March 13, 2023, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley  
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Justin M. Raver, Esq.  
of Attorneys for Plaintiff  
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#### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on February 7, 2023, 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 SJC CARRIERS located at 4995 Township Road 600 N., Toulon, IL. Dated 2-7-2023.

/s/ Heather Hollis  
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### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦**

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### Answers on Page 3

### CryptoQuote

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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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— RLGJVN UQQBVN

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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ART: Where is the Prado Museum located?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that the Equator and the Tropic of Capricorn pass through?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "tempus fugit" mean?
- MATH: What is another name for the division sign?
- MUSIC: How long did it take singer Bob Dylan to write the big hit "Blowin' in the Wind"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: How many times on average does a ruby-throated hummingbird flap its wings in one second?
- MOVIES: Which movie features the line, "Keep the change, ya filthy animal"?
- LITERATURE: Which novel features four children named Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy?
- TELEVISION: What is Joey's famous line in the sitcom "Friends"?
- ANATOMY: What is a common name for the pinna in human anatomy?

**Answers**

- Madrid, Spain.
- Brazil.
- Time flies.
- Obelus.
- 10 minutes, according to Dylan.
- About 50 times.
- "Home Alone."
- "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe."
- "How you doin'?"
- Outer ear.

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Avatar: The Way of Water	(PG-13)
2. Puss in Boots: The Last Wish	(PG)
3. Pathaan	(NR)
4. A Man Called Otto	(PG-13)
5. M3GAN	(PG-13)
6. Missing	(PG-13)
7. Plane	(R)
8. Left Behind: Rise of the Antichrist	(PG-13)
9. Infinity Pool	(R)
10. The Wandering Earth 2	(NR)

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# Fertilizer demand expected to grow this year

By DANIEL GRANT  
FarmWeek

The supply of fertilizer is improving around the world following shocks to the system last year.

And the timing of the buildup is critical as fertilizer demand is expected to grow this season, according to BK Morris, senior markets editor, fertilizers, for CRU Group.

“The driver for prices will be from demand, not so much from supply,” Morris told attendees of the Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association’s annual convention in Peoria.

Fertilizer prices, of course, skyrocketed to historical highs last year as the war in Ukraine and a reduction of Chinese phosphate exports crippled the supply chain, along with numerous other factors.

Morris looks for Russia to export around 2 million tons of nitrogen fertilizer this year, up from just

800,000 tons in 2022. He also looks for increased fertilizer exports from China, Morocco and Saudi Arabia, among other locations into the global market, which should ease the overall supply strain experienced last year.

Elsewhere, new urea production is coming online in Nigeria.

“Fertilizer affordability is improving,” Morris noted. “But reluctance to pay high prices remains.”

Morris believes fertilizer prices will generally soften this year compared to last year, although high-priced inventory at some locations is slowing the process. But price spikes are still expected to occur during the peak seasons this spring and fall, but likely nowhere near the same levels experienced in 2022.

“Given where prices have been, there’s a lot of room to go down,” he said. Morris believes tight

crop supplies and strong prices will incentivize farmers in the U.S., South America and elsewhere to plant more acres and try to maximize yields.

CRU projects U.S. farmers could plant around 92.5 million acres of corn this spring, up from just 88.5 million in 2022. Soybean plantings this season could be similar to last year – 87.4 million acres.

If realized, the boost in corn acres along with an 11 percent increase in winter wheat seedings could drive fertilizer demand.

Fertilizer prices in Illi-

nois as of mid-January were steady for anhydrous ammonia (at a range of \$1,190 to \$1,490 per ton) and urea (average \$710), according to the Illinois Production Cost Report.

Average prices in the state declined from the previous two weeks for liquid nitrogen (to \$614 per ton), diammonium phosphate (\$831), monoammonium phosphate (\$852) and potash (\$714).

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## Card of Thanks

Family of Robert C. “Bob” Clark

The family of Robert C. “Bob” Clark would like to thank our family and friends for the many expressions of sympathy extended to us following the loss of Bob, our beloved husband, father, and grandfather. The messages, calls, cards, meals, visits, flowers, memorials and especially the many prayers have lifted us up, and we are so humbled by the support we have received during this journey. We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following for their care and compassion shown to Bob during his two-year battle with acute myeloid leukemia (AML): Illinois Cancer Center, his Infusion Angels at Unity Point Methodist, his Transitions Hospice team, as well as Mary Groter and Julie Martin, who always showed up to provide extra support. Pastor Ross Wyman, your touching words during the funeral service were so fitting and brought our family much comfort. We sincerely thank the Wyoming American Legion Post #91 and the Airmen from the United States Air Force Honor Guard for providing the military honors at Bob’s funeral. In addition to this moving military tribute, how proud Bob would’ve been that his nephew, Wyoming Chief of Police James “Randy” Tiller, lead the procession to the cemetery. We also appreciate the wonderful meal served by the Wyoming American Legion Auxiliary Unit #91 and friends following the service. Thank you all and may God bless you as He has blessed us!

Sandi Clark

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Answers on Page 3 **Super Crossword** ALLOW TO BE ADDED

<b>ACROSS</b>	55 Home of Taj Mahal	103 “— got it”	2 Validated, as a claim	45 Suffix with organ	91 “M*A*S*H” co-star
1 “Sch.” for “school,” e.g.	57 Extra	104 Partner of 67-Across	3 Period of Model T’s	46 Mass of mayo, say	92 Request for a poker hand
5 “My stars!”	60 Wrestling garment in case the main one gets lost?	105 Parents-to-be expecting three babies at once?	4 Right-hand book page	49 Pride parade letters	93 Olympics participants
11 Source of pot	61 Heifer’s home	111 “The — come out tomorrow” (start of an “Annie” song)	5 Pickle choice	50 Jar —	95 NBC show since ‘75
15 Baseballer Ty	63 “Hulk” director	113 “Mystic Pizza” actress	6 Ending with ethyl	54 Decided (to) privately	96 Writer’s tool
19 “Don’t stop!”	65 Blind as —	114 Turkish coins	7 Many indie movies	56 Actress Ortiz	97 Trailer park campers, for short
20 Foray	66 Earp of the O.K. Corral	115 Out-of-date	8 Like queens	58 Of birth	98 “Finally” vocalist
21 State family	67 Sound of wonderment	116 How cats ask for Meow Mix, per a slogan	9 New Zealand native	60 “Fame” David	99 Like pie crusts with pressed-in ridges
22 Voiced	68 Bright red Kleenex?	117 Lady friend, in France	10 Univ. URL ending	61 Major artery	100 Greaser birds
23 Put on some wrist jewelry?	69 Haunting	118 Pleasing answer when actress Kate asks her agent “Who wants me next?”	11 Gunlike stunners	62 Ostrichlike Tex	101 Dry red wine
26 Actress Foch	73 Foot part	121 Job detail	12 Animator	64 Horrific	102 Simple
27 Connect for use, to Brits	74 Cause, as havoc	122 “Hu-hu!”	13 Scently article	68 Glide on snow	106 Kagan of the court
28 With	76 City in Kansas	123 Cyclops’ odd feature	14 “— ed”	69 Uncouth guy	107 Some DVR systems
29 Across, China’s place	77 Time on end lines about the army?	124 Actress Falco	15 Nefarious group plot	70 Napoleon’s exile isle	108 Sets up, informally
29 Haunting	78 Bison group	125 Car roller, to Brits	16 Bobolink’s kin	71 “He-e-elp!”	109 Herman’s Hermits frontman
30 Mike Brady’s three kids, e.g.	79 Secondhand apartment rental in Rome?	126 Secy., e.g.	17 Big headline	72 Loosen, as a shoe	110 Senior tber
31 Greek fabulist	80 — gin fizz	127 Less wordy	18 Explosions	75 Decorative church screen	111 Wt. of similar meaning
32 Pair of poetic lines about the army?	81 Gamma follower	128 Also — (race losers)	24 “The Raven” poet’s inits.	78 Cannabis tber	112 Auto racer
35 — Valley, San Francisco	82 Just so-so	129 Also — (race losers)	25 Gather in	79 Paid prom	113 Herman’s Hermits frontman
36 Disney frame	83 Warship feet	130 Letter before dee	32 “— culprit”	80 Tchr.’s org.	114 Funeral platform
37 FedEx rival	84 Test, as ore	131 Letter before dee	33 Boy pharaoh	81 Tchr.’s org.	115 Net automaton
38 Layers	85 Coated pill produced in Antarctica?	132 Letter before dee	34 4x4, in brief	82 Comic	119 Net automaton
39 Healed a prince of Denmark?	86 Oak nut	133 Letter before dee	36 Jacques of France	83 Phone no. “ber”	120 Letter before dee
44 Striped felins	87 Letter before dee	134 Letter before dee	40 Parachute	84 Carol products	
47 “And others,” in footnotes	88 Letter before dee	135 Letter before dee	41 Use a shovel		
48 Mineo of “Dino”	89 Letter before dee	136 Letter before dee	42 Vegas lead-in		
49 Steer snarer	90 Letter before dee	137 Letter before dee	43 Wallach of “Firepower”		
51 Re	91 Letter before dee	138 Letter before dee	44 African fly		

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## OBITUARIES

### Brandon L. Duncan

BRADFORD – Brandon Lee Duncan, 48, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Jan. 30, 2023, at his home in Bradford, Ill.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1974, in Kewanee to Mark and Chris (Colgan) Duncan. Brandon graduated from Stark County High School in 1993, and attended Black Hawk East College.

Brandon was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Marilyn and Pearl Duncan and his maternal grandfather, Donald Colgan Sr.

Brandon is survived by his parents, Mark (Kathy) Duncan of Toulon and Chris (Fred) DeFilippi of Bradford. He is also survived by his two children, Grace and Bryce Duncan of Galva; his sisters, Shawna Duncan of Bradford and Devin (Mike) Duncan of Toulon; his maternal grandmother, Bonnie Norin of Neponset; his step-grandmother, Deanna Colgan of Galva; as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Brandon will also be greatly missed by his loyal canine companions, Kane and Mack.

Brandon ... or "Dunk" as he was known to many friends, was skilled in small-engine repair. He had many loves in his life, including his love for hitting the road on his motorcycle, his love for the Seattle Seahawks and his love for his family.

Brandon was a hard worker and, most often, could be found working in his shop. He was always happy to help his neighbors, or anyone in need.

Brandon enjoyed the great outdoors, watching sports and, most of all, spending time with his family and friends.

Per Brandon's wishes, there will be no service. Cremation rites will be accorded. The family plans to have a Celebration of Life, at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family.

### Robert J. Groter

WYOMING – Robert Joseph "Bob" Groter, 75, of Wyoming, tragically passed away in a snow-mobiling accident in St. Germain, Wisconsin at 1:14 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 2, 2023.

Bob was born Feb. 11, 1947, in Ottawa, Ill., to Joseph E. and Anne (Kelly) Groter. Bob was raised by his Aunt Milley and Uncle Louie Kelly. He married Bebe Jo (Miller) Groter in 1965 in Michigan; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert Bernard (Mary) Groter of Wyoming; one daughter, Brenda Jo (Bradley) Hopp of Toulon; and seven grandchildren, Joseph Groter, Elizabeth (Ben) Kovalick, Mary Jo Groter, John Groter, James Groter, Olivia Hopp and Brett Hopp.

He was preceded in death by his

parents; two brothers, John and Don Kissel; and one grandson, Robert Eugene Groter.

Bob graduated from Wyoming High School in 1965. He worked for Ezra Rumbold and Sons for 17 years and was co-owner of Wyoming Monument Company, with his wife and son since 1988.

He was a member of the United States Trotting Association since 1970, when he obtained his starter's license. He was also a member of the St. Germain Bo-Boen Snowmobile Club in Wisconsin, the Wyoming Lions Club and St. Dominic Catholic Church.

Bob was the starter for harness horse races for over 50 years in several states, including the Quad City Downs. He also enjoyed riding horses at Rainbow Trout Ranch in Colorado.

Bob's funeral mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2023, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. Fr. Corey Kregiel officiated. Visitation was from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Burial was to be in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Midwest Illinois Racing Association (M-WIRA) or the Wyoming Lions Club.

Condolences may be left for Bob's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Carol L. Hardy

GALVA – Carol L. Hardy, 77, of Galva, died Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services were to be held at 2 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 4 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Deacon Michael Crummer officiating. Visitation was to be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial was to be in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Galva Food Pantry.

She was born Oct. 12, 1945, in Kewanee, the daughter of Donald and Leona (Lindbloom) Kermeen. She married Gordon Hardy on Feb. 16, 1964, in Wyoming, Ill., and he preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1994.

Survivors include her four children, Jim (Shawn) Hardy, Keri (Brian) Moehring and Diana (Mike) DeSmit, all of Galva, and Scott (Terri) Hardy of Muscatine, Iowa; 14 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and her siblings, Shirley, Donna, Donald, Benjamin, David, Stephen and Thomas.

Carol graduated from Galva High School. She had worked for Dixline Corporation and John H. Best and Son. In her early years she had waitressed at various restaurants in the area.

She was a volunteer for the Galva Ambulance Department and for the Galva Food Pantry and was a member of American Legion Auxiliary. She enjoyed crocheting, shopping and going to auctions and

thrift stores, but most of all, she especially enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and their time spent together.

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

### Leah E. Mannon

BRADFORD – Leah E. Mannon, 92, was born Feb. 24, 1930. She was the daughter of Clarence and Inez (Bare) Hall.

Leah graduated from Bradford High School in May 1948. She married Dana J. Mannon Sept. 5, 1948, at Leet Memorial United Methodist Church Bradford, Ill.

Leah was very active in her church and played the organ for several years along with singing for weddings, many special occasions and concerts. She won a state vocal championship and received an Illinois Wesleyan scholarship for voice. Leah even sang on the local radio stations and made a record.

Dana and Leah farmed for 62 years and lived on the farm for 73 years. They moved to Courtyard Villages and recently moved to Courtyard Estates in Kewanee. She prided herself as a homemaker and became quite the gourmet cook.

She was also very talented in needlepoint, acrylic paintings and French tapestries. Dana and Leah volunteered at Methodist Medical Center in Peoria. for 22 years. They enjoyed traveling throughout the United States and Europe.

They had three children, Gary (Judy) Mannon, Jana (Barry) Reed and Todd Mannon, along with 8 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, brother and sister twins Bobbie and Betty Hall, brother Lynn Hall and granddaughter Laura Mannon.

A visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 11, at 10 a.m., followed by an 11 a.m. service at Leet Memorial United Methodist Church, Bradford. Internment will be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens, 2472 US Highway 34, Kewanee, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to Leet Memorial United Methodist Church 118 E Main St., Bradford, IL 61421.

### Regena M. Meaker

WYOMING – Regena M. Meaker, 94, of Wyoming passed away at 5:34 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 29, 2023, at Snyder Village Health Center in Metamora.

She was born June 30, 1928, in Peoria to Andrew and Veronica (Sweary) Hancher. She married Robert L. Meaker on June 12, 1949, in Wyoming at the First Congregational Church. He preceded her in death on July 10, 2018.

Surviving are one son, Rucker (Svetlana) Meaker of Wyoming and one daughter, Sally (John) Guth of Washington; seven grandchildren,



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## OBITUARIES

Shawna (Brian) Gathman, Eric Meaker, Paul Kitterman, Joshua (Jill) Kitterman, Kara (Jake Berry) Kitterman, Tanya (Richard) Webber and Julia Ross; and three great grandchildren. Also surviving are two sisters, Josephine Hancher of Pekin and Marcella (Dale) Rouland of Morton; and many nieces and nephews, of whom she was very fond.

Regena was preceded in death by her parents; brothers Richard Hancher and Bernard Hancher; and sisters Ellen Hancher, Valeria Reed and Florance McNeeley.

Regena graduated from Wyoming High School and Bradley University. During her college years she was a Bradley cheerleader and a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. She was later a member of the Bradley Alumni Association.

Regena taught kindergarten in West Jersey and substitute taught in Wy-

oming area schools for a number of years. She, as a farmers' wife, helped in numerous ways with the farm business. She was a devout member of the Wyoming First Congregational Church, serving on the Board of Trustees, Board of Deacons and as Memorial Chairman. She taught Sunday School for 15 years and was co-editor of the church newsletter for 18 years.

She was the first woman member of the Stark County Board. She was a member of the Stark/Henry Special Education Board, associate member of the Stark County Soil & Water Committee, the Quad County Mental Health Association, the Central Illinois Private Industry Council, the Rock Island Property Owners Association and helped with the Stark County 4-H Junior Fair for many years. She also belonged to the Wyoming Musical Club and the Lake Calhoun Ladies Golf League.

Regena was an avid bridge player

and enjoyed playing golf. She enjoyed gardening and loved flowers. She was a family person. Family and church were first in her life. And she loved the United States of America. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Her visitation will be Saturday, Feb. 11, 2023, at the First Congregational UCC in Wyoming from 10-11 a.m. Funeral will follow at 11 a.m., also at the church. Rev. Ross Wyman will officiate. A private burial will be at a later date.

A special thank you goes to the staff at Snyder Village for their care and support. Memorials may be made to First Congregational UCC or Snyder Village Resident in Need Fund. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences and expressions of sympathy may be left on Regena's tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

## Pipeline company offers deal to McDonough County

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

MACOMB – The company seeking to build a 1,300-mile CO2 pipeline through Knox and Henry counties and parts of central Illinois and southeast Iowa is seeking a development agreement with McDonough County.

The McDonough County Board Law and Legal Committee met Monday and discussed an offer of up to \$630,000 per year for 30 years from Navigator for cooperation with that company's proposed Heartland

Greenway CO2 pipeline. The agreement would pay McDonough County \$20,000 per mile of constructed pipeline for 30 years in exchange for cooperation with the developer on a good-faith basis and positive assistance during construction as needed.

Last fall the McDonough County Board passed a two-year moratorium on such pipelines.

No action was taken at the meeting, according to Quincy television station WGEM, which quoted Committee Chairman Joe Erlandson as saying, "Our states attorney [Matt

Kwacala] had advised us that due to the current legal case with the Illinois Commerce Commission that's not been closed yet, he was not recommending us to take action tonight."

In January, Navigator withdrew its application with the Illinois Commerce Commission, but the company said it plans to file again this month.

The Illinois Times reported last October that Navigator had offered officials in Montgomery County up to \$1.5 million a year for 30 years under a similar agreement. No agreement has been signed there.

## SPORTS: Rewerts named girls official of the year

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mouth United Monday, 42-41. Kylee Frisby led with 19 points, Payten Hillier added 11, Morgan Brooks tallied 6, Paige Rewerts scored 4 and Sarah Kraklow had 2.

Stark County was to play at Abingdon-Avon Wednesday to end the regular season.

"We are playing decent ball right now," Coach Bob Bohm said. "With our regional and subsectional being one of the toughest in the state, any draw is tough."

Stark County is seeded No. 12 in its subsectional and plays No. 3 seed Annawan Saturday at 1 p.m. in the Class 1A Wethersfield Regional. Annawan won the Lincoln Trail Conference title by beating Princeville on Monday and topped the Lady Rebels on Feb. 1, 58-27.

• **Galva girls** – Galva (13-15) dropped its fourth straight on Monday at Mercer County, 61-46. Prior to that, the Lady Wildcats lost a 46-20 game at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Galva was to close the regular season Thursday at home against Orion, then faces a rematch with R-W Saturday at 4 p.m. in the first round of the Wethersfield Regional. Galva

is seeded No. 8 and R-W is No. 9.

• **Rewerts honored** – Brian Rewerts of Wyoming was named the IHSAA Official of the Year for girls basketball.

### CITY OF TOULON NOTICE OF CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, has authorized by ordinance the sale of the City-owned property described below by the public sealed bidding process.

The City-owned parcels are described as follows:

Zoning Classification: Residential

Use: Undeveloped, vacant land Lot Size: 85 feet x 150 feet

Legal Description: Lot One (1) and Twenty-one (21) feet of even width off the East side of Lot Two (2), Block Thirty-one (31) of HENDERSON AND WHITHAKER'S ADDITION to the Town (now City of Toulon).

Common address: East Jefferson St.

Tax I.D. No.: 04-19-342-012

Each parcel of property is vacant and unoccupied and open for public inspection. Each parcel of property being sold in its "as is" condition, and the City makes no warranties regarding the condition of the property. The property will be transferred by quit claim deed at closing to the selected bidder. The minimum bid the City will accept is \$500.00. The winning bidder will be required to pay an additional \$250 for closing costs unless waived by the City, which payment is over and above the accepted bid price. The winning bidder, at the winning bidder's cost, may also obtain a title commitment prior to closing.

All bids must be submitted to the City Clerk for the City of Toulon before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023, in the manner provided below at the following address:

Barb Cantwell, City Clerk  
Attn: Sealed Bid for Parcel # 04-19-342-012  
122 N. Franklin St.  
P.O. Box 597  
Toulon, Illinois 61483

Bids may be hand-delivered or mailed to the City Clerk, but must be received by the City Clerk before 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 13, 2023. The City Council reserves the right to reject any and all bids received for this property sale. Any questions can be directed to City Clerk Barb Cantwell by email at [tncityclerk@gmail.com](mailto:tncityclerk@gmail.com).

Dated this 9th day of January, 2023.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Kieser leads Rebels past Galva

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
and **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Daniel Kieser had 23 points Tuesday night to lead Stark County to a 62-39 Lincoln Trail Conference boys basketball victory at Galva.

Kieser scored seven points in the first quarter to help the Rebels lead 16-3. He scored 13 more in the third quarter as Stark County expanded its lead to 50-23.

In all, 11 players scored for Stark County (16-11, 7-1). Matthew Bowser (10 points) was the only other one who reached double digits.

Alec Gustafson had 13 points, all in the second half, to lead Galva (1-27, 0-8). He scored 11 in the fourth quarter, including three 3-pointers.

The previous night in Toulon, Stark County survived in overtime against nonconference-opponent Henry, 56-51. The hosts led 39-36 after three quarters, but Henry forged a late tie at 45. Stark County held the ball for about a minute to get the last shot but missed it.

In overtime, Luke Rewerts made a key 3-pointer, and he and Kieser combined to go 8-for-11 on free throws. All told, the Rebels were 17-for-21 from the line for the game. Kieser finished with 27 points and Rewerts scored 14.

Galva and Stark County completed

play Feb. 4 in the LTC Tournament in Knoxville. Second-seeded Stark County finished fourth by losing 48-38 to the fifth-seeded hosts. The Rebels had only a Rewerts 3 in the first quarter and trailed 23-12 at intermission.

“We just couldn’t get the ball to go in the basket,” Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated. “We missed some shots we usually make and put a lot of stress on our execution against a good team on their home floor.”

Kieser scored 13 points in the tournament game and Rewerts had 10.

A 58-17 loss to West Central put Galva in 12th place. Blake Stahl had 12 points to lead the Wildcats. The previous night, Feb. 3, Galva lost 66-15 to Princeville after being held scoreless in the first quarter.

Galva plays tonight (Feb. 10) at Oneida against ROWVA-Williamsfield. Meanwhile, Stark County is host to Annawan. Both are conference games. Galva also has added a nonconference home game Monday night against DePue.

Regional seedings were due from coaches on Thursday and the IHSA should release pairings soon. Regional quarterfinals can start Feb. 18 for the boys.

• **Stark County girls** – The Lady Rebels have now won two of their last three games and two straight at home as regional approach.

Stark County (7-21) topped Mon-  
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Kieser

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