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## Toulon man dies after being shot by police officers

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 TOULON – Rodney Williams, 66, of Toulon was shot and died after a 6:30 a.m. altercation with police at his residence last Saturday.  
 According to Illinois State Police press releases, Williams was killed when police officers from the Henry County Special Operations Squad attempted to arrest and execute a search warrant at 500-A N. Olive St., in Toulon. The duplex residence is located in the northeast corner of the intersection of North Olive and

East Greenwood streets.  
 The Henry County Special Operations Squad is a multi-agency team comprised of officers and deputies from Henry and Stark County agencies. Officers found Williams inside his apartment.  
 The police report states that Williams "reportedly attempted to strike officers with a machete. Officers discharged their firearms, striking the subject."



Williams

Williams was pronounced dead at an area hospital. No law enforcement officers were injured during the incident.  
 The Illinois State Police will conduct an independent investigation and submit the case to the Stark County State's Attorney's Office once complete.  
 On Monday the Henry County Sheriff's Office issued a press release stating that two deputies have been placed on paid administrative leave in conjunction with the Toulon shooting, according to Captain Charles Ben Franklin.

In addition, the Kewanee Police Department issued a press release stating that it has placed one officer on paid administrative leave.  
 Williams' son, Rodney A. Williams, was interviewed by television station WQAD and said, "It's very frustrating, we've been trying for over a month to get him help. He went to Kewanee Hospital (OSF Saint Luke) on a cycle of three days. They sent him to Chicago to a psychiatric ward. He spent 12 days there and that's where they diagnosed him with dementia and Alzheimer's."

Williams' son also said, "We contacted APS (Adult Protective Services) to try to help him to get out and get the help that he needed. We were in contact with local law enforcement ... I went to court to get guardianship to get him the help he needed and was denied."  
 Williams concluded, "We wholeheartedly believe that other forces besides lethal forces could have been used that could have prevented this and he'd still be here with us."  
 According to court documents,  
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## Wyoming council amends TIF deals

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 WYOMING – The Wyoming City council passed several measures Tuesday at its scheduled monthly meeting. The council also approved two donations to Stark County organizations.  
 The building at 100 N. 7th St. Wyoming has been redeveloped by Leslie and John Bowser doing business as The Refined Home, LLC. This building is located in the northwest corner of the Williams and Seventh Streets intersection. The business will sell furniture and home interior decorations.  
 The amendment to the redevelopment agreement extends the term for the TIF loan to Aug. 31, 2032, that was originally approved on July 12, 2021 for a TIF loan of \$16,000.  
 A building located at 104 E. Williams St., Wyoming, that last housed Curry's Pizza has been purchased by Marcus Wilson. The approved amendment replaces part of the original agreement executed on May 10. "The City shall reimburse the Developer a one-time lump sum of (\$13,000) from the TIF District Special Tax Allocation Fund."  
 Wilson said he plans to refurbish the building  
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## RIBBON CUTTING



Pictured above (left to right) are Galva Chamber of Commerce President Carson Halsall, Galva City Administrator David Dyer, J Mac Metals owner and president Adam Baze and Galva Mayor Rich Volkert during a ribbon-cutting ceremony held last Friday as part of an open house at the new lumber yard. Photo by Carol Townsend.

## New lumber yard opens in Galva

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**  
 For The Prairie News  
 GALVA – J Mac Metals held a ribbon cutting and open house for its new lumber yard last Friday. The new heated indoor lumber yard is located at 1300 SE 2nd Street on the East side of Galva.  
 The 22,400-square-foot lumber yard with 8,400 square feet outdoors is open 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.  
 J Mac Metals has been in Galva for 10 years with a large building east of the lumber yard. They sell post frame buildings.  
 Radiant Outfitters is another distributor at the lumber yard and offers free quotes for the installation of radiant floor heat.

## Stark board OKs school calendar

New Chromebooks coming  
 By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News  
 WYOMING – The Stark County School Board approved several items including a 2023-24 school calendar at its Feb. 21 meeting. In addition to the calendar, the board voted to approve an annual Chromebook purchase, letting of transportation bids, a performance/program management consultant and personnel hirings.  
 Dates for the 2023-24 school are:  
 • Teacher Institute Aug 14.  
 • First day of school Aug 15.  
 • Early release, 1:45 p.m. through Labor Day.  
 • Thanksgiving break Nov 22-24.  
 • Winter break Dec 20-Jan 5, 2024.  
 • Classes resume Jan 8, 2024.  
 • Spring Break March 28 – April 5.  
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 • Junior High/High School last day May  
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# WILLIAMS: Son says subject had Alzheimer's

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 Williams was charged on Feb. 17 with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon stemming from a Feb. 13 incident. That is a Class A criminal misdemeanor charge.

Court documents state that Williams, "in committing an assault used a deadly weapon being a machete in that he knowingly and without authority displayed a machete to Paul E. Porter while at 500-A N. Olive St.,

Toulon, thereby placing Paul E. Porter in reasonable apprehension of receiving a battery."

This incident remains under investigation through the Illinois State Police.

# WYOMING: Payment made to Leander Construction

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 and then rent it.

Two resolutions were approved authorizing a donation of \$500 to the Stark County 4-H Equine Speed Show to be held July 28-29 and a \$1,000 donation

to the Stark County After Prom Committee.


A resolution was passed authorizing a payment to Leander Construction for a total of \$219,772 in conjunction with the wastewater plant project.

The council approved installation of a new concrete

sidewalk, as well as an eight-inch sewer extension and inlet, at the property just south of A Few of My Favorite Things on South Seventh Street owned by Ernie Unhold. The proposed storm pipe will run parallel with Illinois Route 91 for approximately 125

feet on the west side of the road.

Water and wastewater plant operator Greg McCauley said work continues on the wastewater plant refurbishment project. David Johnston will start the roof-soffit-fascia work this week.



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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

- 2-11 - Mariah M. Dickerson - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 2-12 - Kody L. Horsley - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 2-11 - Stephen M. Boswell - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 2-8 - Anthony D. Thomas - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.

**Misdemeanors & Felonies**

- 2-13 - Rodney G. Williams - Criminal misdemeanor - Aggravated assault/use deadly weapon.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

2-13 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Illinois Route 40 south of the intersection of 1200N. The driver was a 17-year-old Bradford teen. She was traveling north on Route 40 when her vehicle started to slide on the approach of a curve. The 2002 Toyota Highlander left the roadway and entered a ditch before traveling into a field and overturning. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages. No tickets were issued.

2-16 - Grace N. Hendrick, 33, Peoria, was cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55 zone, and for driving with no headlights when required.

**Peoria County report**

2-5 - An Edelstein woman side-swiped an automobile parked in the lot of a Peoria church, according to authorities. Shelly M. Fishel was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado about 12:30 p.m. Feb. 5 at Northwoods Community Church, 10700 N. Allen Rd., when the accident happened. The front bumper of the parked 2022 Toyota Camry was hanging from the vehicle, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. No injuries were reported. Total damage exceeded \$1,500.

2-19 - Thomas M. Leverette, 35, of Bradford was arrested at 10 a.m. and



accused of theft by unauthorized control of property between \$500 and \$10,000, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.  
2-19 - Raven Grinslade, 31, of Bradford was arrested after 8 p.m. and held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

2-13 - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. for a complaint involving children playing in the roadway. Officer spoke to a parent and advised them of the complaint and dangers of playing in the road.

2-13 - Officer checked on subjects in the parking lot of a business in the 00 block of SW 2nd St.

2-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave, Clayton Coyne, 28, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding 26 mph to 35 mph above speed limit. He was released with required court date.

2-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St., Rebecca Muckey, 34, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, failure to transfer registration upon new ownership and having expired registration. She was released with a required court date.

2-14 - to the 300 block of SW 6th Ave. for a trash complaint.

2-14 - to meet with a locksmith from Galesburg in the 00 block of SW 4th St. He had been called to Galva to unlock a vehicle that he wasn't able to locate. It was deter-

mined to be a scam.

2-15 - to the 100 block of NE 4th St. to attempt to locate a "missing adult" from Missouri. Officer was not able to locate her.

2-15 - to the 200 block of Morgan Rd. to meet with school officials in reference to a child abuse report. DCFS was contacted.

2-15 - Officer met with a subject at the Galva Police Department to discuss a child custody dispute.

2-15 - to assist a motorist locked out of their vehicle in the downtown area. Tarletons were contacted to assist the subject.

2-16 - Officer was flagged down near the park district in reference to a Pepsi truck disabled about a mile south of town. Officer drove out there but the truck was already gone.

2-17 - Officer went to a residence in the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. in reference to a city ordinance violation for junk and garbage. There was no answer at the door, so officer left a violation notice on the front door.

2-17 - While patrolling, officer noticed a vehicle parked at the Lincoln House with an open trunk. Officer checked around and shut the trunk.

2-18 - to the 600 block of NW 7th St. in reference to a family dispute. One of the subjects involved agreed to leave.

2-18 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 8th Ave., Benjamin Verstraete, 42, Kewanee, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration, and for having expired registration. He was released with a required court date.

2-14 - Jose Davila, 35, Kewanee, was issued a citation for failure to secure a child under the age of 8 in the 200 block of SE 2nd St.

2-17 - Camron Rohrig, 23, Neponset, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

2-19 - Jevante Powe, 33, Kewanee, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 700 block of NW 2nd St.

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While some of the assistance programs are no longer available due to funding cuts, there is still assistance available.

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The outreach program has helped people to continue to be independent by offering assistance when it's needed.

If you are aged 65 or older and meet the income requirements you



The Galva 7th grade boys basketball team, winner of the Lincoln Trail Conference championship, was recognized at a recent meeting of the Galva School board. Pictured are: Front row (left to right) - Blaiden Brose, Gage Simoneaux, Kaison Wood, Harlem Young and Eli Ingels; Back row (l to r) - Coach Dave Platt, Luke Piester, Fisher Appell, Scheyer Jones, Thomas Funke, T.J. Hudson and Coach Josh Harris. Submitted photo.

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### College honors

• **Olivia Hopp** made the President's List (4.0 gpa) at Culver Stockton College in Canton, Mo., for the fall 2022 semester.

### Law allows change of sex on birth certificate

SPRINGFIELD – Illinoisans seek-

ing to legally change the gender on their birth certificate will have an easier time under a new law signed by Gov. JB Pritzker last week."

Under House Bill 9, which will take effect July 1, individuals will no longer need a medical professional to affirm they have undergone gender reassignment surgery or other clinical treatment in order to change their gender on their birth certificate. Their intention to change their gender classification.

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# SPORTS: Rebels perfect vs. Wethersfield

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Daniel Kieser had 20 points Feb. 18 at Toulon to lift the Rebels to the 50-46 victory. Kieser had 13 points in the second half. Luke Rewerts scored 10 overall. Stark County (17-13) played Princeville in the regional semifinals Wednesday night. The title game is at 7 tonight (Feb. 24). The Rebels were undefeated this season against the Flying Geese. That in-

cluded a Lincoln Trail regular-season game, an LTC tournament game and the season opener, in Kewanee at Wethersfield's Wally Keller Invitational. "The two teams are very familiar with each other," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning understated. "They shot the ball extremely well in the first half and we told our players at half they will cool off, especially from 3. "We were very deliberate with the ball in the sec-


ond half, which frustrated them a little and got them to extend their defense to open some driving lanes. It was the difference in the game." Abingdon-Avon and Stark County canceled their regular-season game Feb. 17 at Toulon. It was a mutual decision based in part on neither school being in session Feb. 16 because of bad weather, according to Stark County Athletics Director Roland Brown.

# STARK: New Chromebooks OK'd

*Continued from Page 1*  
23, 2024. Approved was the purchase of 180 Acer Chromebooks at \$129 each, plus delivery for a total of \$30,600. The savings realized on this purchase equals \$18,000. These units will be for 4th, 7th and 10th grades. The board approved authorizing Superintendent Brett Elliott to let bids for bus leases for the upcoming school year. Kari Bush was approved to be hired as a performance/program management consultant to improve the clerical, custodial, cafeteria, and transportation departments. Bush will earn

\$32 per hour for approximately two days per month. After executive session, the board approved:  
• Amy Wise as high school head softball coach.  
• Gary Frail as head junior high track coach.  
• John England as volunteer JH track coach.  
• Bob Rennick as assistant HS girls track coach.  
• Dave Wallace as assistant HS boys track coach.  
• Laura Lee as JH/HS nurse.  
• Laurie Ellenberger as kitchen staff.  
• Raiden and Riley Bower as student kitchen workers.  
• K.C. Singer as SC ele-

mentary school part-time custodian.  
• Katie Allen for the stipend of HS band director, prorated 50 percent.  
• Mariah Kraft as HS assistant softball coach, pending paperwork.  
Superintendent Elliott reported that the "Committee of 10" were honored Feb 10 for their efforts in establishing the Stark County School District, in 1992. The original committee members were: Ron Shambaugh, Chuck Terwilliger, Barney and Sharon Villatte, Sandi Clark, Jack McGinnis, Bruce Dutton, Wayne Winans, Chris McMillen and Perry Muckey.




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Check us out on Facebook @ Toulon United Methodist Church

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# OBITUARIES

## Richard W. Clark

PEORIA – Richard “Dick” William Clark, 70, of Peoria, passed away unexpectedly, but peacefully on Friday, Feb. 10, 2023 at the home of his daughter in Peoria, Ill. His dog Colt was lovingly by his side.

He was born Aug. 9, 1952, in Kewanee, Ill., the youngest child and only son of William Wade and Annabelle Mae (Talbert) Clark.

On a beautiful spring day on May 15, 1976, at Martin’s Lodge in LaFayette, Ill., he married Jennifer Lynn Jackson. They resided and raised their family in Galva, Toulon LaFayette and Wyoming, Ill. They were married for almost 45 years.

Survivors include children, Laura Clark of Peoria, Marcia Clark of Peoria, Stephanie (Derek) Waldschmidt of Chillicothe and Lucas (Amanda Dunn) Clark of Peoria; designated as dad (DAD) to two bonus-children, Michelle Kelly of Peoria and Jamie Morss, of Creve Ceour; nine grandchildren, Jenna, Colton, Emma, Jackson, Cooper, Caleb, Carly, Briggs and Amelia; and two great-grandchildren, Spencer and Scarlett; a sister, Kathy Clark of Orion; a brother-in-law, Daren Sall of Cambridge; and a sister-in-law, Barb Jackson of Bushnell.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents, mother-in-law Lorraine Jackson, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Karen “Sue” and Les “Butch” Morss, brother-in-law Dennis Jackson, and his grandson Zachary Kelly.

Cremation rites have been ac-

corded. Schmidt-Haller Burial and Cremation Service was in charge of cremation. Richard’s ashes will be buried alongside Jennifer at the Galva Cemetery.

The family invites you to join them for A Celebration of Life at the Lake Calhoun Country Club in LaFayette on Saturday, March 18, 2023, from 1-4 pm. Please feel free to wear your favorite sports team’s attire. That’s how he would want it.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude will always hold a special place in the family’s collective heart for taking care of Marcia when she was sick and offering hope to the family through the tough times. Words of comfort can be shared with the family at [www.schmidthaller.com](http://www.schmidthaller.com).

## Lawrence Newton

WYOMING – Lawrence “Lynn” Newton, 87, of Wyoming, passed away at 8:05 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023, at

Heartis Village of Peoria. Lynn was born on Nov. 28, 1935, in Modena, Ill., to Harold and Beulah (Mon-tooth) Newton. He married Patsy Kitterman, the mother of his children, in 1953. He later married Sarah J. “Sally” McKeighan in 1977; they both survive.

Also surviving are his four children, Randy (Chris) Newton of Toulon, Joni (Greg) Oberlander of Peoria, Veronica Gail (Robert) Maher of Princeville and Janet Quiring of Kansas; 12 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great grandchildren; 1 brother, Clemet (Judy) Newton; 1 brother-in-law,

Bernard Dunn; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Page Newton and Milton Newton; one sister, Lynda Jane Dunn; and one granddaughter, Heather Newton.

Lynn graduated from Wyoming High School in 1953. He was a member of the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wyoming, the National Rifle Association, Stark County Masonic Lodge A.F. & A.M. #479, Stark County Board, a member and past president of the Stark County Farm Bureau and an original contributor to the Ronald Reagan Foundation, which earned him a private visit to the ranch outside Santa Barbara, Calif., in 2016.

Lynn was a life-long farmer in the Wyoming area and enjoyed being a referee for basketball games for over 25 years.

His greatest joy in life was his family and he loved watching his grandchildren participate in sports and livestock shows. Lynn genuinely loved spending time with people and going to every social event he could. He never knew a stranger and was known for his sense of humor. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Lynn’s funeral is 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Wyoming. Pastor Ross Wyman will officiate. His visitation will be from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. A Masonic service will be prior to the visitation at 1:15 p.m. Burial will be in Snareville Cemetery in rural Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to his church or Vitas Hospice. Condolences for Lynn’s family may be left on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



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**REAL ESTATE:** This older 2 story 960 sq. ft. home sits on a large 3,133 acre lot. The house consists of a full eat in kitchen, dining room, full bath with laundry area, one bedroom and living room on the lower level with 2 more bedrooms located upstairs. The basement is full. Front and back porches attach to the house. Although the house is in need of updating and a new furnace, there is much potential to turn this into a nice family home or rental property. The roof is in good shape. There is also an unattached garage and small storage shed located on this property. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Tuesday March 7 th from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of auction with the balance to be pd. In full in approx. 30 days. This is an as is auction. Watch for a list of personal property soon.  
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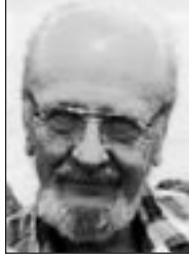
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OBITUARIES

Rodney G. Williams

TOULON – Rodney G. Williams, 66, of Toulon, died Saturday, Feb. 18, 2023.

A memorial gathering will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 24, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee. Memorials can be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.



Williams

Rodney was born Nov. 27, 1956, in Galesburg, the son of Leighton and Sandy (Cantwell) Williams. He is survived by his parents of LaFayette; three sons, Rodney (Ashley) Williams, Brandyn Williams (Denise Kutzman) and Lucas (Traci) Yelm, all of Kewanee; seven grandchildren, Rodney Jr., Emma, Lauryn, Ruthie, Gracie, Khloe and Arayah; a brother, Mark (Traci) Williams of LaFayette; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his

sister and brother-in-law, Roxanne and Roger Sherbeyn.

He attended ROVA High School and had worked as a custodian for the Stark County School District for 20 years, retiring in 2018. He enjoyed watching Westerns and all sports, fishing, hunting and camping and helping people do landscape work. His greatest pride and joy were his children and grandchildren.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

LEGAL ADS

PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE STARK COUNTY BOARD OF APPEALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing before the Stark County Board of Appeals will be held on Monday, March 13, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Courtroom of the Stark County Courthouse located at 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, for the purpose of considering the application of SV CSG Toulon Solar 1, LLC (hereafter, Applicant) to obtain special use approval pursuant to Section 33 (Special Use Permits) of the Stark County Zoning Ordinance (hereafter, Zoning Ordinance). The Applicant is submitting this petition for a Special Use pursuant to and in compliance with the requirements set forth under Sections 33, 34, 35 and 36 of the Stark County Zoning Ordinance to develop and maintain a Solar Farm Energy System.

The SV CSG Toulon Solar 1, LLC Project will be located on approximately 39 acres contained within a larger 105 acre parcel of land owned by June Orwig, et al c/o Michael Williams, described as a part of the NE1/4 of Section 23, Township 13N, Range 5E, of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stark County Illinois, being described as follows: All that part of said NE1/4 Section lying south of the right-of-way known as the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway right-of-way.

The public hearing may be continued to a further time, date and place without further notice given except as may be provided by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. A copy of the pending application filed by the Applicant is available for review at the Stark County Zoning Office, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483.

All persons interested and all persons desiring to object should file written objections thereto before such hearing with the undersigned Board of Appeals, and/or should appear at the hearing to present their objections.

The proposed Solar Project contains a 5MW Ground Mounted Solar Farm with equipment to generate electricity from solar energy, including rows of cell panels on a single-axis tracking system, inverters and perimeter fencing.

The following are the names of all officers and directors of SV CSG Toulon Solar 1, LLC Project:

SV CSG Toulon Solar 1, LLC William French 330 W. State Street, Suite 1 Geneva, IL 60134

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.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 465 MIDLAND DRIVE, KEWANEE, HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

5. Identification of the mortgage

sought to be foreclosed is as follows: a. Names of Mortgagees: 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, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center Street, Cambridge, 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 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 justin@barashlaw.com Published 2/10, 2/17, 2/24/23

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.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Galva forfeits regional game

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva boys basketball season ended earlier than anticipated.

The Wildcats forfeited their Class 1A Monmouth United Regional opener Feb. 18 against ROWVA-Williamsfield because they played too many regular-season games. Galva played 32, one game more than the Illinois High School Association allows.

Galva Athletics Director Adam Norway took responsibility for the error. In a statement to The Prairie News, Norway said he miscalculated the number of games Galva played in one of its tournaments.

“Our first-year head coach has done a tremendous job with our team,” Norway said of Jake McClintic. “He is instilling a positive culture focused on doing what is right. Once we both became aware that we would be one game over the limit, I immediately contacted the IHSA office to inform them.”

Late in the season, Galva added a game to its schedule – Feb. 13 against DePue, a

66-55 victory that made the Wildcats 2-29. But Galva had one regular-season game remaining, Feb. 17 at Knoxville on its Senior Night.

“We did not think it was appropriate to cancel that game and take away that opportunity for their kids,” Norway stated. “We realize how important that is for senior team members.”

Knoxville beat Galva 64-41. Jaxson Willer had 20 points, seven rebounds and four blocks.

“When I scheduled the DePue game ... I was looking to find an additional contest for our team, especially one that would match our level of game play,” Norway said. “I was so proud and excited for the boys to get an additional win. There was no intention of exceeding the game limit.”

### Stark County

For the fourth time this season, Stark County defeated Wethersfield – this time in the first round of the Class 1A Princeville Regional.

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