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## FUTURE OF POOL UNCERTAIN

### Princeville ponders pool

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – If Princeville-area residents want public swimming pools in their community, they probably will have to demonstrate it financially. And repeatedly.

The Princeville Aquatic Center is projected to have a deficit of more than \$100,000 to begin the 2023 summer season, based on 2022 income and estimated expenses. The facility that's about a quarter-century old always has operated at a deficit, but this one is extreme, according to village officials.

Increases in the minimum wage, higher costs for materials and expenses for necessary upgrades are part of the recent issue. That last category includes \$15,000 for a new chlorine system and \$10,000 for a pool heater.

"If the pool was open seven or



The future of the Princeville Aquatic Center is in doubt thanks to rising debts. The center is expected to have a deficit of more than \$100,000 to start the 2023 summer season and the Village Board is pondering the future of the facility.

eight months out of the year and you lost \$100,000 or \$80,000, that's feasible," said Chad Gardner, the village superintendent of public works. "For 2½ months, to lose that kind of money it just seems like it's become astronomical."

A decision regarding the aquatic

center's 2023 fate probably will have to be made within the next month or so, Village President Jeff Troutman said.

What Trustee Teresa Gilroy called a "save the pool" campaign is likely. It would entail newspaper

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### Galva council offers respects to McClintic

By CAROL TOWNSEND  
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Council meeting began Monday night with a moment of silence for former mayor and current part-time mowing helper, Dave McClintic, who died unexpectedly at his winter home in Florida on Saturday.

The council heard another presentation on revitalizing Galva's buildings and attracting new businesses from Hometown Consulting. The company is seeking a three-year contract: \$60,000 the first year, an estimated \$50,000 for the second year and an estimated \$40,000 for the third year.

Third-ward alderman, Dougie Anderson said this is an "opportunity for us"

as the city needs to increase its Equalized Assessed Value to allow for expansion.

The council plans to take action on hiring Hometown Consulting at the March meeting, due to the absence of aldermen Jamie Hopping and Rick Otterstrom on Monday.

Galva City workers will do the spring clean up at the Galva Cemetery beginning April 3. This time just flowers and other decorations need to be removed. Family and friends do not need to remove any shepherd's hooks or statues. Items may be placed back on the graves on April 7.

City Administrator David Dyer reported the city had purchased a house in bad repair at 706 SW 4th St. and had it tore down.

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### From hedgehogs to llamas, vet enjoys variety

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Variety is one of the enjoyable aspects of work for Dr. Kimberly Stevens, who returned to the Galva area to set up her veterinary practice in the area where she grew up.

Stevens is a multi-faceted veterinarian. She treats large animals, such as cattle, horses, sheep, pigs, goats – and llamas. She even has treated a zebra, camels, hedgehogs and a gray parrot.

"I really do love my job! There are days that are harder than others, but I think that's with every profession. I

think 'What else would I do with my life?'" Stevens said. "It is fun and I enjoy the variety of going out on a farm and then coming in here."

Asked what animal is hardest to treat, she said "All of them because they can't talk."

Stevens was raised in rural Galva by parents Kirk and Virginia Stevens and graduated from Galva High School in 2002. She has a brother, Kyle, and he is married with two sons.



Stevens

Currently, Stevens lives in a nearby rural area and – perhaps not surprisingly – in a renovated barn with her two dogs.

After high school, Stevens graduated from Black Hawk East College in 2004 with an Associates in Science degree, from the University of Illinois in 2006 with a bachelor's degree in Animal Science, and also from the U. of I. in 2010 with a doctorate degree in veterinarian medicine.

During her college years, Stevens apprenticed with Doctor Colleen Lewis, DVM, at what was then

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### WILDCAT PRIDE



Aylah Blomberg (left) and Camden Johnston were recently honored by the Galva School Board as winners of the February Wildcat Pride Award, given to students who exhibit "Wildcat values of respect, honesty, responsibility, positivity, and a commitment to success the Wildcat Way. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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# PRINCEVILLE: 'Save the Pool' campaign likely

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 advertising to help increase awareness of the problem and to solicit donations. Village public events and social-media accounts also are to promote the campaign.

The village has used money from other funds to cover previous aquatic-center shortfalls. But the problem has been building for years and can't continue, Gilroy said.

"I'd love to keep that pool there, but I'm elected to be fiscally responsible, too," she said. "I don't want to have to pay for the pool with water funds or sewer funds or whatever."

Gilroy leads the Village Board committee that oversees the aquatic center. The committee met Feb. 21 to discuss the deficit and to brainstorm

about how to address it.

Located at 620 Princeville Ave., the aquatic center is open daily in the summer, weather permitting. It has three pools – a 25-yard lap pool, a T-shaped pool and a wading pool.

Daily aquatic-center admission last year was \$8 for most children and for adults 60 and older, \$10 for most others. Season passes also were available for Princeville residents and non-residents. Pass prices ranged from \$200 to \$300.

According to village figures, about 4,400 customers used the facility last summer. Total receipts were \$44,659. Estimated expenses for 2023 are \$149,024. The highest expense, \$60,264, is for salaries for part-time aquatic-center employees. State-

mandated minimum-wage raises are not included.

Per Troutman, aquatic-center deficits used to be in the \$25,000-30,000 range annually.

Michael Harmon, vice president of the Princeville School Board, suggested a public call to action might be the best way to help address the problem.

Gardner and others said such fundraising can't be a one-shot deal. Expenses, including wages, aren't likely to decrease soon. Otherwise, closing the aquatic center and selling the property might be an option.

"I know a lot of people love the pool. I get it," Gardner said. "I think it's good for a lot of things, too. But ..."

# VET: On call 24 hours per day, 7 days a week

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 named the Galva Regional Veterinarian Service. In 2013, Stevens assumed the veterinarian practice, renaming it the Stevens Veterinary Clinic.

The Clinic is located at 307 Market Street, Galva, and has the phone number (309) 932-3434. Her hours are Monday through every other Friday 8-5 and Saturdays 8 to Noon. Her building used to be the Ford Garage and was also the NAPA Auto Parts business.

Stevens discussed the difficulty in switching emotions when treating different patients.

"If you think about euthanizing a pet and then your next appointment is a happy dog, you have to make

that emotional switch from being sad with the family that you euthanized their pet to be happy with the dog you're currently treating," she said.

Stevens explained that euthanizing a pet isn't taking its life but helping relieve its suffering. "You have to get into that correct mindset or you will drive yourself crazy," she said.

Stevens said while growing up, she and her family were not always able to help animals in need.

"I remember a dog that got hit by a vehicle that definitely needed help," Stevens recalled.

Having become a veterinarian allows Stevens to give that care to every animal she sees.

Stevens is on-call 24 hours-a-day, seven-days-a-week. Her practice covers a territory from Galva to Tam-

pico, south of Knoxville, west of Viola and east to Granville. She also guest lectures at area schools.

Shelli Halsall is the office manager-vet tech-lead receptionist. "She wears every single hat in the practice – I would be lost without her," Stevens said.

Other employees who keep the clinic running smoothly include Debbie Gravitt and Joyce Tarleton who are both receptionists.

Employees Sam Wall, Bryanna Delgado and Isabella Kuelper are vet assistants. Delgado and Kuelper currently are attending Black Hawk East College in the pursuit of veterinary degrees. Delgado has the goal of becoming a veterinarian and Kuelper has decided to become a veterinarian technician.

# GALVA: Residents can order trees from the city

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 Dyer said the lot is appraised at \$2,800 and must be sold for 80 percent, which is \$2,240. He said legal ads will be put in the paper and, after six months, it can be sold to the highest bidder. Dyer also reported Galva's finances are \$11,000 ahead of last year at this time.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that two full-time officers and one part-time officer have found

other positions and have left the Galva Police Department. He said all small towns are having trouble keeping police officers.

Townsend said he has a full-time officer starting Monday who still needs training. He has also had several applications for part time.

If any resident wants a tree planted on city property in front of their home, visit City Hall before March 27. The city pays for half of the tree

and will plant it. The cost for the resident is about \$22.

Chief Townsend told the council that he found a used dog kennel for the police car that will serve as the new canine unit. The kennel is from Knox County and will save money for the city. The kennels are temperature controlled for the dog.

Townsend said he thinks having a crime dog has been worthwhile.

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## Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

2-24 - Dale J. Ensley - Unlicensed, operating an uninsured vehicle and driving 15-20 mph above limit.

## Misdemeanors & Felonies

2-23 - Criminal felony - Rachel W. Newton - Meth delivery and possession of meth.

2-23 - Criminal felony - Matthew R. Hollis - Meth delivery, possession of meth, suspended vehicle registration, uninsured vehicle and head/tail/sidelight violation.

## Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-19 - David S. Dailey, 41, Galva, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance and for driving on a suspended license.

2-22 - Jacob D. Tramutolo, 22, Bradford, was ticketed for possession of drug paraphernalia. He was issued a notice to appear.

2-23 - Michael J. Cooper, 21, Peoria, was cited for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. He was released with a notice to appear.

2-23 - Rachel W. Newton, 46, LaFayette, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine and possession with the intent to deliver. She was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail. The following day she posted \$1,000 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

2-23 - Matthew R. Hollis, 30, LaFayette, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine with the intent to deliver, driving on a suspended registration and ticketed for driving with only one headlight. His cash bond was set at \$7,500. Unable to post bond he remains in custody at the Stark County Jail.

## Galva Report

### Officer dispatched:

2-20 - to the 500 block of S. Center Ave. for a loose dog complaint. Officer checked the area but was not able to locate.



2-20 - Officer was notified that a repossession was taking place in the 800 block of NW 1st Ave.

2-20 - Officer located an unsecured door at a business on Front St. The door was secured.

2-21 - Officer was flagged down in the downtown area to attempt to locate two dogs that ran away. Officer located the dogs in the 200 block of NW 4th St. and they were returned to their owner.

2-21 - to the 200 block of Exchange St. in reference to a trash dumping complaint. The offender was located and warned.

2-22 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a 9-1-1 open line call. It was a misdial from a high school student.

2-23 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for two 9-1-1 hang up calls. It was determined to be an employee of the phone company conducting test calls.

2-23 - Barry Cade, 30, Neponset, was arrested at the Galva Police Department on a Peoria County warrant for failing to appear on a civil case. He posted bond and was released.

2-23 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance/harassment complaint.

2-23 - Officer, along with his K9 partner, were requested to assist Stark County with a traffic stop north of LaFayette. Contraband was located and Stark County made an arrest.

2-24 - to a residence on NE 1st Ave. to check the welfare of a subject who hadn't shown up for work. The subject was located and was

fine.

2-24 - to the 700 block of SE 8th Ave. for loose goats in a field.

2-25 - to the 00 block of NW 3rd St. for an activated panic alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.

2-25 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St., Drew Smith, 33, Kewanee was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

2-25 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a minor two-vehicle crash with damage only. The subjects involved decided to work out the damages among themselves.

2-26 - While patrolling, officer located a sick or injured cat near the roadway near the park district on S. Center Ave. The cat was taken to Stevens Vet Clinic to check for microchip info.

2-26 - to a residence on SE 3rd St. to remove unwanted subjects.

2-26 - Officer was again dispatched to a residence on SE 3rd St. to remove unwanted subjects.

2-21 - Christopher Talbot, 26, Geneseo, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 100 block of NE 1st St.

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2-22 - Grant Armstrong Knobloch of Milford, Ind., and Sarah Christine Endress of Galva.

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## Some traits of many small towns

To the Editor:  
These words were written by Clarence "Pete" Hughes as a tribute to small towns like the one he grew up in, the Stark County village of LaFayette.

One of four children, Hughes lost his father at a young age, and his mother worked strenuously to raise the family. Pete went on to graduate from LaFayette High School in 1954, then earned a degree from Blackburn College in 1958, where he became the school's all-time leading scorer in basketball.

Hughes has been married to Carol Nielson, a college classmate and longtime educator, for 64 years. They raised two children while he built his own successful career in education, both on the high school and college levels. In his later years, he established an international mission that touched countless lives.

But Hughes never fell out of touch with his old hometown and cherishes the influence little LaFayette had on his life.

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9. All kids can be on the basketball team.
10. Every kid can be in the school play.
11. We know who got a speeding ticket.
12. All can go to a funeral.
13. All go to the hall after the funeral and eat potato salad.
14. One knows the basketball team will lose often.
15. If the team beats the rival, the season is great!
16. There are more good people than bad people.
17. Some people go to church only on Easter and Christmas to keep their



- souls in GREAT shape!
18. We know all who go to college.
  19. We all know who was sent to the principal's office.
  20. We all liked as kids but never returned to live.
  21. There are no more stores.
  22. Walmart has taken over.
  23. Old folks have taken over.
  24. Abandoned houses are a sad sight.
  25. The cemetery where we will spend eternity is located.
  26. Only the rich kids went to college - sons of farmers.
  27. You could get a summer job de-tasseling corn.
  28. A farmer at the end of the day asked what he owed you.
  29. A farmer would never think of giving you a "tip."
  30. Grocery stores sold July 4 sparklers.
  31. You did not pump your gas in the car.
  32. You memorized a poem for the Christmas program.
  33. Kids visited the Baby Jesus in their dad's bathrobes.
  34. The church was full to see the Christmas program.
  35. The new kid in town was harassed.
  36. A good kid defended the new kid.
  37. Only a few homes had flush toilets.
  38. Single women teachers were courted by local bachelors.
  39. An ice storm meant NO SCHOOL!
  40. Everyone knows who had the new car.
  41. One had an eccentric person no one bothered.
  42. All knew who drank too much.
  43. There was a guy who was seen as a "fighter."
  44. One got new clothes for Easter.
  45. Your mother told you to "Be good" when you left the house.

46. Going to a movie, any movie, was a big treat!
47. A family had kids who smoked walking to school.
48. The kid smoking wore a T-shirt in the winter.
49. The smoking kids rolled the cigarettes in their sleeve.
50. The place that was our world. It was home and it was safe to us.

- Clarence "Pete" Hughes, Eureka  
**In support of Bradford village board members**

To the Editor:  
I'm writing to offer my support to the Village of Bradford board members. I was a trustee from 2015 until August of 2022. During that time, I learned public service is hard.

The board is comprised of elected officials and those appointed by the elected mayor to fill vacant seats such as my own. They are the people entrusted in making the decisions that directly affect the daily lives of Bradford residents. They are friends and neighbors and they are currently being treated like the enemy.

This has led to strained relationships, not just for board members but for their family and friends alike. The village board is not perfect (no human is), but they have an obligation to make decisions that are financially and legally responsible, even if that means disappointing some people. They should not be ostracized and ridiculed - not verbally nor on social media.

I commend them for continuing to do this difficult job even after recent articles and comments at board meetings have criticized and made them out to be bad.

I would also like to remind our community that there is an election in April. If they feel they can do better, then they should have put their name on the ballot. Two years ago, there weren't enough candidates to fill the open seats.

Bradford does not need this negativity, it is dividing our community. I hope some day soon we can all work together. Our village is better than this.

- Wendy Moodie, Bradford  
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# Stoner re-sentenced in battery case

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A 43-year-old former Toulon woman, now of Kewanee, was sentenced a second time in a 2019 Class 3 felony aggravated battery of a school employee case last Friday. This was due to a petition to revoke the original sentence of probation.

Lisa M. Phelps Stoner was originally tried in court three years ago for going to the Stark County Junior High School building, in Toulon, on the first day of school – Aug. 15, 2019 – in an attempt to see one of her children, who she did not have custody of at that time.

She was met at the school building doors by then assistant principal and dean of students Anne K. Snyder. Phelps Stoner was outside of the building “cursing and yelling,”

which alerted school officials.

When confronted by Snyder, Phelps Stoner pushed Snyder into a brick wall twice to get past her and into the building. The Stark County Sheriff’s Office was called and Phelps Stoner was arrested when she said she refused to leave the school.

In circuit court last Friday, Stark County State’s Attorney Caroline Borden Campion stated that Phelps Stoner had violated her 2019 probation due to a lack of willingness to abide by its terms. Phelps Stoner was ordered to complete an anger management class and failed to comply, as well as complete a family class that was part of her 2019 sentencing. Borden Campion requested that Phelps Stoner be sentenced to 60 days in Stark County Jail.

Phelps Stoner’s public defender Donald Knuckey Jr. said his client

had difficulties getting appointments for the classes and that Phelps Stoner believed that she was in compliance with her probation by completing an online anger management class.

However, terms of her probation did not accept the online class.

Circuit Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher said to Phelps Stoner, “You have had more than sufficient time to comply with probation and complete the two classes neither of which you did. I don’t know what it takes to get your attention.”

Fehrenbacher then ruled to sentence Phelps Stoner to 14 days in Stark County Jail with day-for-day credit, which means she will spend a total of seven days in jail. He also ordered her to complete an anger management class in 90 days and also extended her probation by 90 days.

# Illinois’ credit rate upgraded

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – S&P Global Ratings announced it has raised Illinois’ long-term credit rating to A-, up from BBB+, marking the seventh upgrade the state has received from a major rating agency in less than two years.

The rating applies to roughly \$27.7 billion in outstanding general obligation, or GO, bonds.

“The upgrade on the GO debt reflects our view that Illinois’ commitment and execution to strengthen its budgetary flexibility and stability, supported by accelerating repayment of its liabilities, rebuilding its budget stabilization fund to decade highs; and a slowing of statutory pension funding growth, will likely continue during the outlook period,” S&P Global Ratings credit analyst Geoff Buswick said in a news release.

Before the recent string of upgrades, all three major rating agencies – including Moody’s Investors Service and Fitch Ratings – had rated Illinois’ bonds at one notch above “junk” status. The point at which large institutional investors will no longer purchase them.

During the last two years, however, Illinois has used higher-than-expected revenues to pay off its backlog of past-due bills and retire other short-term debt early. In addition, it has set aside \$1.9 billion for the state’s budget stabilization fund, and the state is projected to deposit another \$138 million into that fund in the upcoming fiscal year, according to Gov. JB Pritzker’s latest budget proposal.

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**Galva Park District hires pool manager**

GALVA – The Galva Park District board hired Matt Bersell as pool manager for the 2023 season at its February board meeting.

The board is still looking for lifeguards.

Board member Laura Nordstrom is working on Park District flyers to get them approved at the March board meeting. They are to be sent home with area school children.

Board member Tyler Glaser reported that Ameren will remove a fallen power pole when the weather improves. Glaser said there are grants to get all of the light poles tested and to replace poles as needed. The grant might cover those costs.

The board hired grounds help for the 2023 season based on the recommendation of Superintendent Nathan Glaser.

– Carol Townsend

**Black Hawk College group backs trustees**

GALVA – Friends of Black Hawk College have endorsed Samantha Gange of Rock Island and David Dyer of Galva for six-year terms each on the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees in the April 4 election.

Gange is city clerk of Rock Island and Dyer is city administrator of Galva.

“This is a critical election for the future of Black Hawk College,” said Bruce Dennison, chair of the Friends Steering Committee. “Gange and Dyer have the

governmental experience, plus the knowledge of and affection for the college that will be invaluable going forward.”

Gange is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and holds a master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of Illinois in Springfield. Prior to her appointment by Rock Island Mayor Mike Thoms as city clerk in 2021, Gange served in a variety of roles at Black Hawk College in Moline for nearly eight years.

Dyer is a graduate of the University of Texas in Dallas. He worked as a corporate executive and small business owner before moving to Galva 18 years ago to become city administrator. Dyer saved the city \$1.8 million in his first year. He has served on the board of the Black Hawk College East Campus Foundation for the past six years.

**Songbag concerts begin March 12**

GALESBURG – John Daniel Lane opens the 2023 Carl Sandburg Songbag Concert Series with a performance on Sunday, March 12. John’s set will feature traditional music and original songs on both guitar and fiddle. Concert begins at 2 p.m. at Carl Sandburg State Historic Site 313 E Third St. Galesburg. Suggested donation: \$5 per person.

**Black Hawk College offers Ag Day visits**

GALVA – Black Hawk College will offer prospective students the opportunity to learn about its agriculture programs on Friday,



The Bradford Junior High speech team performed very well at the Conference Competition on Feb. 25. Everyone earned first and second places. Pictured from left to right are Schuyler Garlish and Molly Wellman (duet); Shelby Bruecks, Emma Howell, Bailey McDermott, Joann Dozard and Mekaela Kroh (small group); Jake Primo, Carter Peterson and Erik Knobloch (trio). Photo by Becki Hoffert.

March 31, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the college’s Spring Ag Visit Day.

Students interested in studying agriculture, auto or ag mechanics, horse science, veterinary technology, or welding are encouraged to attend.

Students and parents will also have the opportunity to:

- Learn about steps to enroll, scholarships and financial aid.
- Meet faculty members and students.
- Tour campus, including the Agriculture Center, Mechanics Lab, Veterinary Sciences Center and Prairie Pointe Apartments.
- Hear about our student clubs and organizations and meet ag alumni.

Lunch will be provided. RSVP by Friday, March 24, at [www.bhc.edu/agvisitday](http://www.bhc.edu/agvisitday).

**State creates website for new commission**

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Department of Central Management Services announced the launch of a website for the Afri-



The 2023 Bradford Junior High National Honor Society induction ceremony was held Feb. 23. The current members led the candle light ceremony and the new members were inducted by principal/superintendent Chad Gripp and advisor Becki Hoffert. New inductees are as follows, (left to right): Jake Primo, Evan Knobloch, Blake Kieser, Emma Howell, Carter Peterson, Jacey Endress, Grace Atteberry and Isaac Crest. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

can Descent-Citizens Reparations Commission (ADCRC).

As part of the Economic Opportunity Bill, the ADCRC was established to bring an equity focus on African American communities and residents that have been disproportionately impacted by longstanding disinvestment due to direct and systemic repercussions of slavery.

The ADCRC has been tasked with developing and recom-

mending measures to ensure equity, equality and parity for African American descendants of slavery.

As part of its scope, the commission, authorized by Illinois statute, will review and recommend actions geared towards the preservation and growth of African American neighborhoods and communities.

The groups’s new website is [adrc.illinois.gov](http://adrc.illinois.gov).

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# Navigator files updated ICC application for pipeline

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Navigator CO2 Ventures LLC on Friday filed an updated permit application with the Illinois Commerce Commission for its proposed Heartland Greenway CO2 pipeline.

Navigator said in a press release that its new application includes adding 42 miles to the proposed pipeline that is designed to “connect to additional permanent storage locations in central Illinois.”

“Our team is excited to advance the development of additional permanent storage locations for the Heartland Greenway platform,” Navigator CEO Matt Vining said in the press release. “The updated permit and expanded footprint allow us

to address the increasing commercial demand regionally, especially within the Illinois industrial complex.”

According to Navigator, central Illinois is “home to some of the world’s most well-studied and proven geology for carbon storage.”

The planned pipeline is designed to capture and store 15 million metric tons of CO2 every year, according to Navigator.

A Phase 2 map showed on Navigator’s website shows proposed future expansion of the pipeline in Iowa, South Dakota and Nebraska.

In Illinois, the pipeline is currently proposed to pass through 14 counties – including Henry, Knox and Fulton – on its way to

the sequester locations in Christian County and Montgomery County.

Navigator says its supporters include various biofuel producers and labor and construction unions.

Detractors include a group called the Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines, whose recent press release included this quote from McDonough County farmer Steve Hess: “Navigator Heartland Greenway may be persistent in its attempts to endanger Illinoisans through the

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# Sociologist urges change in view of rural life

By **TAMMIE SLOUP**  
FarmWeek

Ben Winchester is hoping to flip the script on the negative narrative surrounding rural communities. “The narrative we’re using to describe our small towns and rural places is terrible,” said Winchester, rural sociologist for the Center for Community Vitality at the University of Minnesota. As an example, he points to words like “sleepy” and “dying,” which he sees used regularly in mainstream media. Winchester kicked off the University of Illinois Extension’s Attracting Rural Residents interactive webinar series, and walked attendees through misconceptions about rural America and how to change the conversation. “Rural is changing, not dying,” Winchester said.

He points to the housing market in rural communities to contradict that narrative. “I can’t find a home to buy across this country in our small towns and rural places,” he said. “We’re far from dead.” Winchester offered some suggestions for discussions of rural life. First, watch your language. With more regionalized schools, hospitals and commerce, talk up the region, not just the town. He also warned to not use population to determine success or failure. “The rural population hasn’t gone down, it’s gone up. It’s gone up by 11 percent,” he said. “What’s gone down is the relative percentage of Americans that live in small towns and rural places.” In 1970, one in four people lived in

a rural area, but by 2022, it was one in eight. So, how can the percentage decrease when the rural population went up? While most Illinois counties lost rural population from 2010-19, 71 percent gained housing units. The composition of housing units also is a factor. Today, 30 percent of rural households are owned by people over the age of 70, while 45 percent are Baby Boomers, he said. “There is so much change coming into our rural communities. It’s almost unbelievable, over the next 25 years,” he said. “Let the kids go but let them know there’s somewhere to come back to,” he said. *This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association.*

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by Dave T. Phipps



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by Linda Thistle

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# Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which river flows through the European capitals of Vienna and Budapest?
- SCIENCE: At what temperature are Fahrenheit and Celsius equal?
- TELEVISION: The comedy series "Frasier" is a spinoff of which sitcom?
- LITERATURE: Which novel features a character named Katniss Everdeen?
- FOOD & DRINK: What kind of beans are used in falafel?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a beaver's home called?
- THEATER: Which musical features a character named Tracy Turnblad?
- MOVIES: Which actress plays the young Wendy Darling in the movie "Hook"?
- HISTORY: Who invented the game of lacrosse?
- SCIENCE: What percentage of the world's population has brown eyes?

**Answers**

- The Danube River.
- 40.
- "Cheers."
- "The Hunger Games."
- Chickpeas or fava beans.
- A lodge, or a den.
- "Hairspray."
- Gwyneth Paltrow.
- Iroquois tribes in the eastern United States and Canada.
- 70%-80%.

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# TOP 10 MOVIES

- Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13)
- Astar: The Way of Water (PG-13)
- Magic Mike's Last Dance (R)
- Puss in Boots: The Last Wish (PG)
- Knock at the Cabin (R)
- 80 for Brady (PG-13)
- Titanic (PG-13)
- Marlowe (R)
- Missing (PG-13)
- A Man Called Otto (PG-13)

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# SPORTS: Stark Co. JH volleyball wins regional

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high 22 points from Sennett, 17 from Melick and a 19-14 record. Princeville Coach Tait Sennett finished the season with a smile on his face.

"These guys just love basketball," he said. "I'm just so proud of these guys. They just work and work and work. It's just been a joy to be around them."

Princeville was 5-1 and won the Brimfield Turkey Tournament before a school disciplinary action in early December ended the seasons of two starters.

That led to a retooling, as Tait Sennett worked with a starting lineup that ultimately consisted of his son and fellow sophomore Jake Williams, juniors Melick and Logan Carruthers and senior Marcus Daily. They faced a Peoria Christian team that starts four seniors and another coach's-son a sophomore.

Seeded first in the sub-sectional, Peoria Christian used an eight-point first-quarter run to break an early tie. Then PC had two more eight-point streaks in the second quarter to lead 41-20. Malachi Persinger had three 3-pointers in the half and finished with a team-high 21 points.

"They were just hitting so many shots," Tucker Sennett said. "We couldn't get in a rhythm."

"(At halftime) we thought about kind of splitting the game in quarters, like four-minute spurts. If we win each four-minute part by just a couple of points, we can get right back in the game by the end. We kind of did that."

Peoria Christian led 51-27 with 4:44 left in the third quarter. But in the fourth, Sennett hit three treys and junior Josh Hunt had five points as fifth-seeded Princeville pared its deficit to 67-59 with 47 seconds remaining. Peoria Christian was 5-for-6 on free throws after that.

"We didn't really expect that," Peoria Christian Coach Jason Persinger said about Hunt, who scored 10. "That's a resilient, well-coached team."

All things considered, the Princes probably will accept the compliment — just as they accepted postgame autograph requests from local grade-school students, which also made Coach Sennett beam.

• **Volleyball** — The Stark County 7th grade girls volleyball team won a Class 7-2A IESA regional championship Tuesday night, topping re-

gional host Brimfield, 26-24, 25-15.

Stark County advances to sectional play, but does not yet know what team it will face.

The Lady Rebels were No. 1 seed at Brimfield and beat ROWVA in the semifinals, 25-17, 21-25, 25-17.

No. 7 seed Galva won its first match on Feb. 25 over No. 2 seed Kewanee Wethersfield 25-19, 21-25 26-24.

Galva then lost to Brimfield in the semifinals on Feb. 25, 25-19, 21-25, 25-13.

The local 8th grade girls volleyball teams start IESA postseason play Saturday. Galva is seeded No. 3 and will play No. 6 seed Stark County Saturday at Brimfield Grade School.

The Galva-Stark County match is the third of the morning, with the first starting at 10 a.m. and the next to scheduled to start 20 minutes after the preceding contest ends.

• **Et cetera** — Galva High School will be fielding a junior varsity team only this spring for boys baseball, with the season starting March 15.

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**Answers on Page 3** **Super Crossword** **TORCHBEARERS**

**ACROSS**

1 Bell sounds	46 Fabled man?	84 Phoenix Suns point guard who was the 2005 and 2006 NBA MVP [2010]	124 Major South Korean airline	32 Little children	81 Back of a 45
8 Headwear for the slopes	50 Confounded	86 Not on time	125 Twinkle tiling	33 Thing at the end of a foot	82 Suffix with prank or mob
12 Dinner, e.g.	52 First female figure skater to land a triple axel in competition [1998]	88 Pope's crown	127 Award for Mel Brooks (1952 hit)	35 To no — (in vain)	83 Ordinal suffix
16 Truckload	56 Sportscaster Bob	92 Trial excuse	128 Hankered	38 Reduced by	85 Scottish port on the North Sea
19 Pollicio Palm	59 Nearly dried-up sea	93 1950s-'60s champion decathlete [1984]	129 Brags of film	39 "Botch" —	87 Sternward
20 14th-century sculptor Andrea	61 Shot glass	96 Here, in Paris	1 Down	43 "Notorious" screenwriter	89 Concerning Ben
21 Impala, e.g.	62 Uninteresting	99 Icelandic literary saga	1 Sorority letter [1984]	44 Ex-Floquet window	90 Muddy up
23 Pairs figure skater who won 10 consecutive world titles [2014]	65 Prefix with athlete	101 Some jazz combos	3 Meyers of TV	45 Without instrumental backup	91 Distant Frank
25 Frozen cube producer	66 Imitator	102 Solder metal	4 Sri —	47 Stay a while	93 Skedaddled
26 Figure skater Michelle	67 Opponent	103 Alpine skier voted Canada's female athlete of the 20th century [2010]	5 Whip over the shoulders	48 Large bay	94 Voice of Olat in "Frozen"
27 "Hack My Life" channel	68 Peace activist Yoko	108 Salad endive	6 Financial backer	49 Porker	95 Award for Mel Brooks
29 Pooh creator	69 What this puzzle's featured athletes did in the years indicated	111 Go places	7 Joke around	52 Artist Chagall	96 Not outdoors
30 Stimulus for a reaction	74 "As I see it," to letters	112 Morito —	8 Lacks entity	53 Some horror film helpers	97 Bings about
34 "The Greatest" boxer [1996]	75 "O'er and o'er	115 Physically fit	9 What fur is (by the year)	54 Morise insert	98 Wages
36 Spanish gold	76 Stared at	116 All by oneself	10 Per —	55 Maine city	100 Nov. follower
37 Alley Oop's girlfriend	77 NHLer Bobby abbr.	118 Hockey player voted Canada's male athlete of the 20th century [2010]	11 Flawlessly	57 Singer Gwen	105 Metro's lack
40 "Please reply" abbr.	78 "It comes — surprise —"	123 Windshield condensation cleaner	12 — tai	58 Jogging gait	106 Arrive at
41 Banquet of Pink Floyd	79 It's hit in a festa		13 Slept in tents	60 Actress Yara	107 Wipe clean
42 Australian sprinter who specialized in the 400 meters [2000]	81 Lavish dance		14 Top players	62 Radar spots	109 Baldwin and Waugh
	82 "Up in Smoke" persona		15 Helping	63 Ceiling	110 Back in style
			16 Writer Alice E. —	64 Make up for	113 "You ain't —" ("Amen")
			17 Not in private	65 — nitrite (vasodilator)	114 Put — act
			18 Water nymph	67 Game similar to bacarrat	117 Uninteresting
			22 Placed	70 Ritz or Hilton	119 Arizona to Kansas dir.
			24 Like a — sunshine	71 "You bet!"	120 Buddhist sect
			28 VCR format	72 Social orbe	121 Chiang — -shek
			30 — Cola	73 Singer Bobby	122 Singing
			31 "I smell —"	80 Director DuVernay	Sumac

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## OBITUARIES

### Philip H. Harris

BRADFORD – Philip Hayden Harris, 80, of Bradford passed away Feb. 24, 2023, at home surrounded by his family.

He was born Aug. 19, 1942, to Johnson B. and Eleanor A. (Deyo) Harris.

Philip married Edna Faye Evans on Oct. 27, 1968, in Bradford she survives. Also surviving are three daughters, Patricia (Lloyd) Harper of Toulon, Pamela (Josh Tuhey) Harris of Bradford and Kimberley (Jeff) Simmons of Avondale, Ariz.; two sons, Robert (Cecilia) Singleton of Las Vegas, Nev., and Denver Singleton of Las Vegas; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister, Judy (Jerald) Cobb of Bradford.

He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Winston, Jerry, Herbert, Bruce and Bradford Harris; three sisters, Patsy Galli, Lora Dunn and Lyn Horrie; and daughter Sheila Singleton.

Philip served his country in the U.S. Air Force from 1960-64 working as a special vehicle mechanic. He worked to support his family as a factory worker, throughout the years he had worked at Caterpillar, Pines and Chillicothe Metal. He was also a truck driver with Transport America.

Philip loved to work with his hands and to be busy. He was a mechanic and could fix and build anything and everything. He was a devoted Chicago Bears and Cubs fan, loved to ride motorcycles and spend time with his family and friends. He was a past member of Bradford American Legion #445.

Visitation will be Saturday, March 4, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. at the Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford with military rites at 4 p.m. Cremation rites will be accorded after visitation. Celebration of Life will be at the Bradford American Legion following services.

Burial will be private at a later date in the Bradford City Cemetery, Bradford.

Memorials may be directed to Susan G. Komen breast cancer organization.

Condolences can be left online at

[www.grant-johnsonfh.com](http://www.grant-johnsonfh.com)

### David E. McClintic

GALVA – David Edmund "Dave" McClintic, 83, of Galva, died Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023, at his winter home in North Fort Myers, Fla.

He was born in Hillsdale, Mich., to Gerald (Jake) and Dorthy (Evans) McClintic. He was raised in Hillsdale and graduated from Hillsdale High School in 1958.

He married Nancy (Moultrop) McClintic on Jan. 12, 1959; she survives. Dave and Nancy made their home in Jonesville, Mich. until 1973, when they moved to Galva with their four children, Tami Siemers, Traci (Rick Otterstrom) McClintic, Todd McClintic and Carol Suddeth, all of Galva.

Dave has 13 grandchildren, Lucas (Lauren) Siemers, Christopher (Geri) Siemers, Jeremy (Amy) Martinson, Nolan (Kerrie) Martinson, Kristina (Colby) Rice, Melissa (Dustin) Dingleline, Timothy Heady (and family), Cortnie (Jarod) Ackerman, Jacob (Pasence) McClintic, Brittany (Wes) Drake, Payton (Collin Landis) Suddeth, Maggie Suddeth and Jenna Suddeth; 19 great-grandchildren, Zachary, Madelynn, Mathew, Liam, Jensen, Avery, Brody, Caleb, Trevor, Josie, Eleanor, Henry, Theodore, Lynnde, Drew, Isles, Sloane, Jady and Kinsley; and one great-great-granddaughter Paityn. David also leaves behind four siblings; Kay McClintic, Judy (Russell Smith) Keiser, George (Charlene) McClintic and Rick (Monica) McClintic; and several nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by both of his parents; one sister, Joanne McClintic; three nephews, Jerry Caldwell, Greg Luke and Jeff Lewis; and sisters-in-law, Phyllis Lewis and Donna Donahue.

Dave first became involved with his community while living with his young family in Jonesville. It was in Jonesville where he became a member of Rotary International and volunteered for various charities and community organizations.

In 1973, Dave moved his family to Galva as the manager of Bob

Evans Farms. As he transitioned from Jonesville to Galva, he once again became involved in Rotary and continued volunteering, holding offices, and hosting several foreign exchange students. Dave was a Rotarian for over 50 years and a long-standing member of the Lions Club and the Masonic Lodge in Galva.

In addition to his commitment to these service organizations, Dave was a longtime supporter and contributor to Boy Scouts of America, Galva School District, Galva Senior Citizen Center, Galva Arts Council and Galva Food Pantry, where he volunteered every other Saturday to bring food to people in need.

Along with being involved in service organizations, Dave was involved politically as well. He started his political career in Galva as an alderman for the city. It was then, as he was serving as alderman that he was appointed to finish the late Mayor Young's term as mayor of Galva. Once he finished his term, he was re-elected for another term.

Dave has worked with other businessmen to bring new businesses to town. He had been an elected official for the Galva Township for over 30 years and continued his service to Galva as an employee of the city. You could find him mowing the cemetery and parks, hanging up Christmas lights, or working to keep Veterans Park looking nice in the warmer months.

Dave was involved with the members of this community as a fellow business owner of McKay's Restaurant, community supporter, and friend.

He has watched many of us grow up in this community, been there as we celebrated each other, sent our family members off to war, cheered when they returned, buried our loved ones and welcomed babies and families to our community. He will be missed dearly.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 4, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Marshall Jones officiating. Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, March 3, at the funeral home. Burial will be in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Galva Food Pantry.

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



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## OBITUARIES

### Dale K. Catton

TOUON – Dale Kenneth Catton, 80, of Toulon, passed away at 2:27 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria.

Dale was born on June 30, 1942, in Kewanee; the son of Vincent Catton and Violet (Howell) Fitzpatrick.

Dale is survived by his daughter, Lorrie (Robin) Nowlan of Toulon; two sons, Lawrence (Sheri) Catton of Pekin and Randy Catton of Atlanta, Ga.; five grandchildren, Ashton (Patrick) Sheehan of Springfield, Alex Nowlan of Toulon, Ashley (Jeremy) Egli of Manito, Cody Catton of Pekin and Chelsey Catton of Pekin; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Kay Catton.

Dale proudly served in the United States Army National Guard from Aug. 1, 1960 to July 31, 1968.

He worked a lifelong career as a carpenter, joining the Carpenters Union #183 in 1970 and maintaining an active membership his whole life. After retiring, he enjoyed working as a farmer in the Toulon area.

To honor Dale's wishes, there will be no public services. A private burial will be in Evergreen Memory Gardens in Kewanee. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leukemia and Lym-

phoma Society.

Condolences for Dale's family may be left at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Christopher M. Leverette

GALVA – Christopher M. "Marvin" Leverette, 41, of Hannibal, Mo., formerly of Galva, died Sunday, Feb. 26, 2023, at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and a private family gathering will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to his family. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born June 23, 1981, in Kewanee, the son of David "Dave" and Janet (Kermeen) Leverette.

Survivors include his father of Galva; three brothers, Chad Leverette and Joseph (Amanda) Leverette, both of Kewanee and Nick Leverette of Galva; his sister, Jennifer (Jim) Hart of Hannibal, Mo.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother.

Marvin had been a factory worker and enjoyed fishing and working on cars and had restored a 1968 Camaro with his father. He was a loving uncle to his nieces and nephews.

### Dorothy I. Nelson

GALVA – Dorothy I. Nelson, 91, of Galva, passed away on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023, at Hillcrest Home, rural Geneseo.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 3, at the Galva Chapel of Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services. Pastor Katie Gallagher will officiate. Burial will be in the Galva Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church, Galva or Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.

Dorothy Ileen Boostrom was born March 10, 1931, in Bishop Hill, the daughter of Karl Albin and Gladys W. Larson Boostrom. She was educated in rural Henry County schools and graduated from Galva High School.

Her marriage to Gerald D. Nelson took place on Jan. 14, 1951, in Galva. He passed away on Dec. 13, 2018.

She was a farm wife in the Galva-Bishop Hill area for many years and had also worked at Pearson Brothers and Co-op both in Galva. She was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, Galva.

Those surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Teri and Rich Volkert, Galva; a son and daughter-in-law, Bob and Kathy Nelson; Trempealeau, Wis.; a daughter-in-law, Dawn Nelson, Sparta, Wis.; five grandchildren, Bilan (Chad) Hockers, Skylar Nelson, Mitchell Nelson, Kyle (Melissa) Volkert and Kelly (Matt) Fargher; three step-grandchildren, Jeff (Jessica) McCabe, Tom (Melissa) McCabe and Marc (Jamie) McCabe. Other survivors include six great grandchildren and seven step great grandchildren.

Her parents; a son, Tom; two great-grandsons, Noah and Liam Hockers; sister, Lillian Cederberg; and a brother, Howard Boostrom; preceded her in death.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Red-hot Princes top Stark Co.

By NICK VLAHOS  
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – The hosts of the Class 1A Princeville boys basketball regional had one of those nights. That meant it was the last night of the season for Stark County.

Princeville couldn't miss the basket in the first half of its 72-42 semifinal victory Feb. 22. Stark County (17-14) trailed 34-18 at intermission as Princeville shot 74 percent from the field. Jake Williams had all nine of his points in the half, on three 3s.

The Princes missed only four first-half field shots, according to Rebels Coach Dusty Browning.

"We hit a buzzsaw," he stated. "I kept telling the kids they would cool off, but they kept shooting it well."

Princeville Coach Tait Sennett marveled at his team's shooting prowess, too.

"It was phenomenal," he said. "That got us off to a good start, and our defense just didn't let them have an inch. It was just our night. ... They met a perfect storm, and we just capitalized on it."

Princeville expanded its lead to 49-22 after three periods. The Princes finished 19-14 by losing 72-62 to Peoria Christian in the regional title game Feb. 24.

Luke Rewerts and Ross Saner each scored 11 in the semifinal for Stark County, the fourth seed in the sub-sectional. Princeville was seeded fifth.

Princeville also defeated Stark County 57-50 in a Lincoln Trail Conference game Jan. 3.

According to Browning, his team had a solid nine-game midseason stretch before the Lincoln Trail tournament in late January. The Rebels matched their overall victory total from last season (17-16). That was their most victories since they finished 23-6 in 2010-11.

"It was really fun and we played great basketball during that streak, but it was at the wrong time of the season," Browning stated. "You really want to be playing your best basketball at the end."

"We never really regained that same momentum after the conference tournament. It felt like we left a few wins out there. With all that said, two years ago we were a long way from a 17-win season."

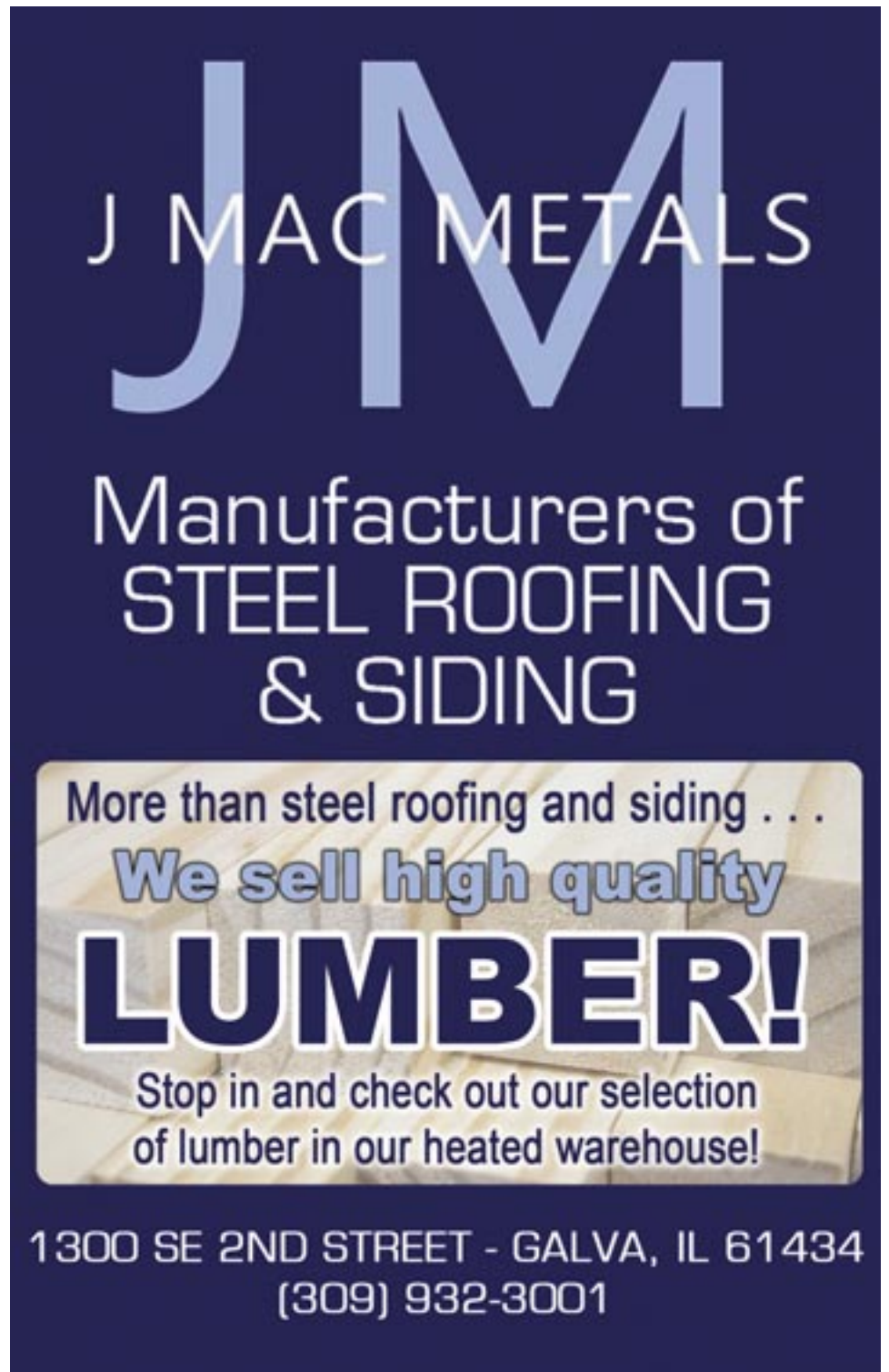
• **Princes lose final** – For the hosts, the title game of the Class 1A Princeville boys basketball regional was a lot like their season.

Last Friday's game began with promise, underwent a significant disruption, then the team recovered and things ended imperfectly but with a measure of satisfaction.

Princeville endured multiple first-half runs by Peoria Christian, which led by 21 points at intermission. The Princes staged a second-half comeback, fueled by Tucker Sennett's five 3-point baskets. But the Chargers withstood it and won 72-62.

As Peoria Christian (24-10) advanced to a Bushnell Sectional semifinal played Wednesday night, Princeville's season ended. The Princes finished with a game-

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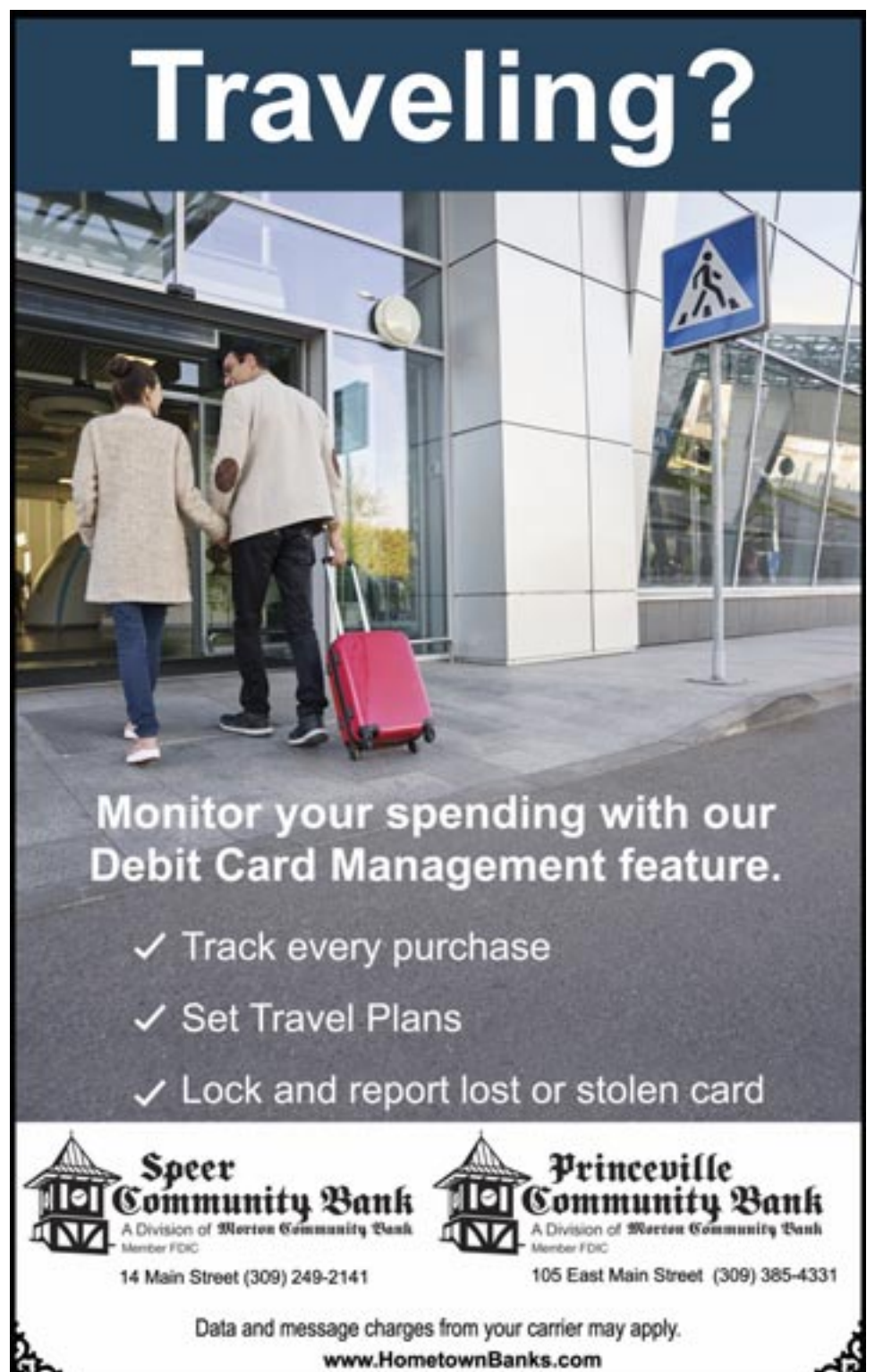
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