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## Toulon man arrested for distributing child pornography

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
TOULON – A 19-year-old man was arrested at his rural Toulon home and charged with five Class X felony counts of child pornography distribution. Class X felonies are punishable for 30 years maximum prison terms on each count.  
Matthew Shipp was taken into custody Nov. 15 by the Illinois Internet Crimes Against Children, which is made up of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies. According to Stark County Sheriff

Steven Sloan the Stark County Sheriff’s Office in conjunction with the Illinois State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and Geneseo Police Department made the arrest of Shipp, who was booked at the Stark County Sheriff’s Office.  
At his arraignment, Shipp was



Shipp

found to have probable cause for his arrest and detained in Marshall County. Circuit Judge James A. Mack granted Shipp’s detention in Henry County Jail, in Cambridge.  
Shipp was assigned Stark County Public Defender Robert M. McBride as his legal counsel. Special Prosecutor Shanti Kulkarni appeared via Zoom who is from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office.  
He was scheduled for a preliminary hearing with McBride in Stark County Circuit Court

on Nov. 17 and was transported to the courtroom from Henry County Jail, while Kulkarni appeared by Zoom.  
Shipp waived the preliminary hearing and also waived a speedy trial. Mack set a scheduling conference for Dec. 1 and a March 4 trial date after Shipp pleaded not guilty to the charges.  
At the hearing it was announced that Shipp is seeking treatment and will not hire private counsel. Kulkarni requested to be allowed to

monitor the Dec. 1 hearing on Zoom, but Mack denied that request.  
“I want you to be present in court because Zoom isn’t always reliable and this is a case of serious allegations,” Mack said.  
Shipp is being held in custody with no bail under the SAFE-T Act law. The state requested that Shipp be detained without release from custody and was granted that request according to his legal counselor Robert M. McBride.

## Wyoming council adds new member

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
For The Prairie News  
WYOMING – David Rumbold was appointed as a new alderperson on the City Council at the Nov. 21 meeting. Rumbold will fill the Ward One vacancy and was sworn into office at the beginning of the meeting.  
The council also passed a resolution recognizing the Wyoming Lions’ Club on its 75th anniversary. The Club was formed in 1948 and Wyoming designated Dec. 6 as Lions’ Club Day.  
Several resolutions approved donations of varying amounts to Wyoming groups. A \$1,000 donation to the After Prom organization was approved as well as \$400 to the Wyoming Chamber of

Commerce for the Nov. 25 Small Business Saturday event and \$400 for Moonlight Madness, held Nov. 17.  
In addition, the council approved Christmas bonuses for city staff: \$600 for full-time employees and \$300 for part-time employees, the same as last year.  
A resolution to pay Leander Construction, Inc. \$483,276 was approved for work completed at Wyoming’s wastewater treatment plant. This payment comes from a 30-year term loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.  
Leander was also paid \$3,373 for additional sandblasting needed to  
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## OL’ FASHIONED CHRISTMAS



Decorated trees and mini-wreaths will be on display at the Galva Arts Council building on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Christmas comes to Galva

**By CAROL TOWNSEND**  
For The Prairie News  
GALVA – Galva will hold its Ol’ Fashioned Christmas on Saturday, Nov. 25, with activities all day:  
• 9-11 a.m. - Galva Arts

Council, kids make and take Christmas ornaments.  
• 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m. - Galva Arts Council, festival of wreaths and trees.  
• 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Galva Arts Council, chili  
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## Stark school readies for all-weather track

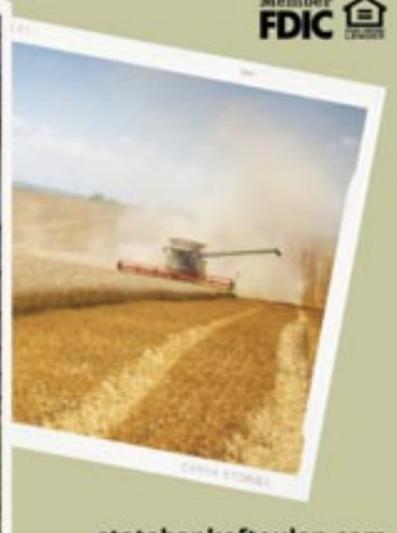
**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
For The Prairie News  
WYOMING – The Stark County School Board is preparing steps for the new all-weather track that is to be built in Toulon just south of the high school.  
Last week the school district purchased three lots for \$90,000 in the Toulon Ridge subdivision on 107 Willow St. The lots will be turned into parking lots for the new track and school parking.  
School Superintendent Brett Elliott announced at the Nov. 20 school board meeting that groundbreaking for the new track will begin the week of Nov. 27.  
“This will prepare the grounds for concrete work that will take place in the spring,” Elliott said.

Related to this project is the new gymnasium project. Farnsworth Engineering and CORE Construction are continuing to work together on the planning stage of the project.  
Also, the school board passed a resolution of intent to issue funding bonds. The district intends to issue \$6,600,000 of bonds “for the purpose of paying claims against the school district.” This is the projected amount required to build the new gymnasium and new track.  
The school district presented and accepted the 2022-23 Illinois School Report Card. The three Stark schools (elementary, junior high and high school) all received com-  
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# STARK: Tax rate down, but levy to increase 7%

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 mendable ratings. Elliott said Stark schools are in the high-end range of the commendable rating, near the highest rating of exemplary. The board passed a motion to approve a preliminary tax levy with a 7% increase and to set a Truth in Taxation Hearing for Dec. 18. According to Elliott, the increased estimated 6.5% EAV "presents an overall reduction in the tax rate from previous years reflecting an 11-cent and 7-cent reduction per \$100,000 assessed value compared to 2022." Elliott said the tax rate has remained constant at 5.43 from 2014 to

2023. Elliott said, "The proposed tentative levy reflects a constant tax rate at 5.40." Elementary School Principal Jenna Bibb said this year's K-5 Christmas program will be at the high school on Dec. 12. Also, the Elementary School Parents' Club and Education Foundation auction will be March 9. High School Principal Megan McGann said a Veterans' Day program at the high school was held on Nov. 10 and 10 local veterans were invited to share their stories. McGann also said six Stark County students participated in the FFA National Convention. Chelsey Stotler earned sec-

ond place in her division for food processing and production. The board approved a proposal from Athletic Director Roland Brown to increase event workers pay scale for 2023-24 from \$10 per game to \$20-\$25 per game. After closed session the board approved Cole Hartley as assistant high school baseball coach, Andrew Collins as junior high school science teacher and as boys' basketball second assistant coach, Olivia Orwig as student worker, the resignation of Colby Wall as high school bass fishing coach and the maternity leave of Rachel Kellogg.

# WYOMING: Gasoline thefts increasing in town

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 repair a clarifier at the treatment plant. Ferguson Waterworks presented a maintenance renewal agreement for the city's meter-reader hardware unit and a software package for \$2,984. Tabled were two insurance resolutions. Ben Leezer, of the Leezer Insurance Agency, discussed the city's insurance package renewal. Last year the premium was \$54,889 but this

year the renewal rate was set at \$63,820. Mayor Pat Maher hesitated to give the approval of this amount. The council asked Leezer to talk with the insurance company, Tokio Marine, about the cost. Also, health insurance for city employees was tabled and not discussed at the council meeting. Jim Mercer told the council reverse osmosis filter membranes at the water-treatment plant need to be re-

placed for \$50,000. Mercer said the entire 30-year-old reverse-osmosis system needs to be replaced. Wyoming Police Chief Jim Tiller reported that the Wyoming police department had 22 calls last month, assisted three times for other law enforcement agencies, had one felony investigation and said that local gasoline thefts have increased. Tiller said that he would concentrate on these gasoline thefts.

# GALVA: Lighted Christmas parade downtown at 5 p.m.

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 and soup luncheon.  
 • 11:30 a.m. - Galva Arts Council, chocolate walk sponsored by Galva girls basketball team.  
 • 1 p.m. - Market Street, free pony rides sponsored by City of Galva and Eagle Enterprises.  
 • 1-4 p.m. - Veterans Park, Galva girls scouts will be collecting unwrapped toys and gifts for newborn

to age 15 for the Love Tree project.  
 • 1-4 p.m. - Santa will be in his gingerbread house in Veterans Park.  
 • 1-4 p.m. - Veterans Park, free horse-drawn carriage rides, sponsored by the State Bank of Toulon.  
 • 4 p.m. - Parade line-up at Stackhouse Moore parking lot.  
 • 5 p.m. - Lighted Christmas parade through downtown Galva.  
 • 5:30 pm. - Lighting of Veterans

Park. Santa will lead the countdown to turn on the lights.  
 • 7 p.m. - Galva's Youth Sports Association's Raffle Bash at Crescent City Tap.  
 • 7-9 p.m. - Galva Arts Council's Christmas Coffeehouse with Jenna Lynn Cisna, with an open mic to follow at 8 p.m.. Several downtown businesses will also hold open houses on Saturday.

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Traffic citations and Ordinance violation**

**11-14** - Cody A. Reaver - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**11-15** - Brenda J. Lessman - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**11-15** - Jacob A. Thacker - Electronic communication device.  
**11-15** - Mary L. Johnson - Electronic communication device.  
**11-15** - Sean M. Kuberski - Electronic communication device.  
**11-15** - Timothy J. Williams - Electronic communication device.  
**11-15** - Matthew Donath, Jr. - Seat-belt required.  
**11-15** - Michael J. Lucas - Uninsured vehicle, expired registration & display plate attachment.  
**11-16** - Kellea J. Nelson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**11-16** - Judy A. Eberle - Operating a vehicle with suspended registration & uninsured vehicle.  
**11-16** - Dameian B. Decker - Disregard stop sign.  
**11-16** - Michael T. Brown - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**11-17** - Anna M. Persinger - Disregard stop sign.  
**11-17** - Jason A. Redman - Disregard stop sign.  
**11-18** - Linda M. Strowmatt - Disregard stop sign.  
**11-18** - Kevin J. Boudreaux - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.  
**11-19** - Slone M. Windish - Disregard stop sign.

**Misdemeanors and Felonies**

**10-15** - Criminal felony - Paige T. Popescu, 26, Kewanee, possession of a controlled substance.  
**11-3** - Criminal felony - Matthew R. Shipp, 19, Toulon, five Class X felony counts of child pornography/reproduce/victims<13.

**Incidents and Accidents Stark County**

**11-14** - Shortly before 5:30 p.m. Nov. 14, Pewunny M. Leafgreen, 58, of Altona was driving a 2021 Toyota RAV4 north in the 2500 block of Illinois Rte. 180 west of LaFayette when the vehicle struck a deer. The vehicle sustained disabling front-end damage and was towed. The accident impact killed the deer.  
**11-14** - Debra A. Ringberg, LaFayette, reported criminal damage to property after finding evidence of where her garage had been shot. The incident remains under investigation.  
**11-15** - Derek W. Elston, 34, Doniphan, Mo., was cited for failure to wear a seat belt.  
**11-16** - Cara A. Ferneti, 47, Bradford, was ticketed for driving on a suspended vehicle registration due to mandatory vehicle insurance.  
**11-17** - Antonysha R. Bailey, 22, Peoria, was arrested on a Peoria County warrant for failure to appear for driving revoked on a suspended vehicle registration, and on a Pike County warrant for failure to appear



for driving revoked on a suspended vehicle registration. She posted \$500 cash bond on the Peoria County warrant and \$250 on the Pike County warrant before being released with new court dates to appear.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**  
**11-13** - Officer met with a subject at the Galva Police Department in reference to an injured kitten that had been struck by a vehicle. The complainant decided to take the kitten to a veterinarian's office for evaluation.

**11-13** - to meet with a resident in the 200 block of NE 7th St. about a city ordinance building code violation.  
**11-13** - Kevin Pickett, 38, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 500 block of SW 4th St.  
**11-14** - A controlled burn of prairie grass was called in behind the Galva High School.  
**11-14** - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. to check on a suspect of an earlier disturbance complaint that started in Cambridge. The victim refused to prosecute or cooperate.

**11-14** - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession taking place in the 400 block of SW 7th St. The vehicle was retrieved without an issue.  
**11-14** - Area law enforcement was notified to be on lookout for a suicidal subject possibly enroute from the Chicago area to the Galesburg area. The subject reportedly made comments about wanting suicide by cop and was carrying a realistic bb gun. Subject was not located.

**11-15** - to the 600 block of NE 2nd St. for a disturbance involving an out-of-control juvenile.  
**11-15** - to assist a motorist in the 00 block of NE 6th Ave. The subject had run out of gas. Officer gave the subject a ride and vehicle was refueled and removed.  
**11-15** - to assist Henry County locate a vehicle driving in a pasture north of town. Officers were not able to locate the suspect vehicle.  
**11-15** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for an activated alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.  
**11-16** - to the 300 block of Front St. for a complaint involving a group of children playing in a construction zone that is fenced off.  
**11-16** - to assist Henry County with an intoxicated subject threatening others several miles west of Galva.  
**11-17** - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for a complaint involving a physical domestic disturbance.  
**11-17** - Gail Kenney, 61, Galva,

was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign at the intersection of SE 2nd Ave. and SE 2nd St.

**11-18** - to a loose-dog complaint in the 200 block of NW 4th Ave. The dog was returned to its owner.

**11-18** - to Illinois Route 34 east of town to check on a subject walking. The subject, a Galva youth, was given a ride to his residence.

**11-18** - Collin Kenyon, 19, Wales, Wis., cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**11-18** - Teygan Morris, 20, Metamora, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**11-19** - to the 500 block of S. Center Ave. for a dog-bite complaint.

**11-19** - Officer spoke to a resident in the 500 block of SE 1st St. about a city ordinance involving burning on a non-burn day.

**11-19** - Officer spoke to a resident in the 100 block of NE 6th Ave. about a city ordinance involving burning on a non-burn day.

**11-19** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 1st St., Christopher Talbot, 27, Geneseo, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

**11-19** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of Commercial St., Hayley Anselmi, 29, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

**Property Transfers**

**11-13** - BBJ FLP LLC to Spoon River Valley Farms, Inc. - Pt 2-12-5 NE - 4878 Township Rd. 600 N, Wyoming - Consideration = \$380,000.

**11-13** - Jennifer & Matthew Power to Michael & Susan Callahan - Castle's Add'n Pt Block 14 Lots 1 & 2 - 1004 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$142,500.

**11-13** - Stark County Sheriff to Christian & Courtney Cinnamon - Pt 19-13-6 SW - 315 W. Turner Ave., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**11-15** - Bonnie Carrier to Alan Diehl - Pt 28-13-7 SW - 14043 State Rte. 17, Wyoming - Consideration = \$117,500.

**11-16** - Darrell G. Efnor to Dustin L. & Jolene L. Efnor - Pts Lt 2,3 Assrs Sub Sect 1-14-7 NE - 427 W. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$50,000.

**11-16** - Terry Warren to Board of Education of Stark County - Toulon Ridge Subdivision Lots 3,4,5 - 107 Willow St., Toulon - Consideration = \$90,000.

**11-17** - Kim Banz to Barbara A. Peterson - Pt 10-12-6 NE - Consideration = \$212,016.

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## Thanksgiving a reminder of love for the farm

Demeter is a common name in the grain trade. For example, Indiana-centered Demeter LP was a family-owned, regional grain business for more than 50 years before its purchase by Wisconsin-based DeLong Co., in 2019.

Another Demeter-themed company, Demeter Grains, currently exports “animal feeds, grains and pulses for human consumption” from Perth, Western Australia, to most of east Asia and the American West Coast.



**Alan GUEBERT**

It's not a coincidence that these companies – there are several more – share the name. Revealingly, Demeter is the Greek goddess of agriculture, grain, and bread who, mythology maintains, “sustained mankind with the earth's rich bounty.” She is “depicted as a mature woman ... bearing a sheaf of wheat or a cornucopia and a torch...”

It's the cornucopia that Americans have made their centerpiece at today's Thanksgiving celebrations. We weren't the first. The ancient Greeks filled their cornucopia – a goat's horn they called the “horn of plenty” – with “flowers, fruit, and corn,” notes my 1937 edition of the Oxford English Dictionary.

The Oxfordians, however, were doing some mythmaking of their own with that explanation. There was no corn in ancient Greece – or, in fact, in all of Europe – until Christopher Co-

lumbus carried it back from Mexico in 1493.

There were no cornucopias (or goat horns either) at the Thanksgiving dinners on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth. In fact, I don't clearly remember more than one or two Thanksgivings on the farm while growing up. My mother, an excellent cook, let other relatives do that holiday hosting while she did that holiday's visiting.

And who could blame her? A day of true thanksgiving to her was any day that didn't put her in the kitchen for most of it while making meal after meal for a husband, six children and Dad's ever-present Uncle Honey.

I caught on early to Mom's “go-to-Grandma's” Thanksgiving pattern and usually volunteered to remain home so my father or one of my older brothers wasn't forced to leave the feast mid-afternoon to do the evening milking.

It wasn't a sacrifice; I sought it out for several reasons.

First, I was a free bird from late morning until our 4 p.m. milking time every Thanksgiving. That thought alone was sweeter than Grandma's pecan pie because it held adventure-filled possibilities like hiking to the woods along the river, eating a lunch of thick, just-made chocolate pudding or lighting up one of Dad's unfiltered Camels for a dizzying puff or two.

Then there was the money. I was paid 50 cents an hour for farm work and I fought my older brothers to get as many hours a week as they conceded. The small earnings were vital to finance my modest independence.

They paid for the clothes I wanted to wear, the movies I wanted to see and the expected \$1-per-week church donation my parents wanted to see.

Only much later did I learn that those days were really about love. I loved being on the farm. I loved being depended upon by my father. I loved being alone anywhere any day, whether it was cultivating soybeans at two miles an hour on a hot summer afternoon or milking cows so my family could have an enjoyable, unpressured afternoon and evening off the farm some winter holiday.

Being alone also gave me permission to daydream, and later, believe that those dreams weren't daydreams but real possibilities and reachable hopes.

And I really loved being with Howard, the quiet, kind herdsman who I had been around since my grandfather had hired him when I was a small boy. Milking with Howard any day meant three hours of pipe-tobacco smoke and long, often-interrupted stories about his growing up in the Mississippi River bottoms 50 years earlier.

Maybe I was too naive or too self-important to either feel or see that love back then, but it was there.

And I suspect it's still there and I wouldn't need to be paid 50 cents an hour to relive another day of it again.

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# Wolf Carbon pulls CO2 pipeline application

By **ANDREW ADAMS**

Capitol News Illinois

Plans for a pipeline that would have transported carbon dioxide from Iowa for eventual storage in central Illinois are off the table – for now.

Wolf Carbon Solutions, the company behind the proposed project, filed a motion with state regulators on Monday to withdraw its application, although Wolf's president said the company intends to file a new application in the future.

"We have made the decision to withdraw our current application, with the intent to refile in early 2024, to address the questions and concerns raised by ICC staff in their recommendation." Wolf President Dean Ferguson said Monday.

Ferguson also noted the company "remains committed" to the project and will continue going through reg-

ulatory processes in Iowa and with the Army Corps of Engineers.

While portions of the pipeline's plan have yet to be finalized, it was generally proposed to run from two ethanol production plants owned by Archer Daniels Midland in Iowa and end near Decatur, home to ADM's North American headquarters.

According to the initial plan filed with the ICC, the pipeline would have run southeast from the Iowa border through Rock Island, Henry, Stark, Peoria, Tazewell, Logan, De-Witt and Macon counties.

Wolf's withdrawal comes a few weeks after staff at the Illinois Commerce Commission, the agency responsible for overseeing such projects, recommended the state reject the project application.

Brett Seagle, an engineer in the ICC's safety and reliability division,

said in written testimony that Wolf had not yet identified a specific enough location for the pipeline, had not finalized its business arrangement with ADM, nor had it filed appropriate paperwork with federal authorities.

Seagle further urged the commission to consider the "overwhelmingly negative public sentiment" toward the project.

That sentiment is being driven, in part, by the work of activists who have engaged in a months-long campaign against the pipeline.

Joyce Harant, president of advocacy group Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines, said that safety was a top concern for herself and residents along Wolf's proposed route.

Harant said her group is gearing up to oppose the pipeline if Wolf returns and files a new application.

## BRIEFS

### Anderson, Weaver open new office in Kewanee

KEWANEE – State Sen. Neil Anderson and State Rep. Travis Weaver are opening a new office in Kewanee in the train station at 210 W. 3rd St.

The office will be staffed Mondays and Fridays (noon to 4 p.m.) and Wednesdays (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). Office hours will also be held every other Tuesday.

"Constituent services are an incredibly important part of our job and with the size of the new 47th District, it's important to have a location for area residents so they don't

have to drive hours to get the help they need from our office," Anderson said. "I look forward to seeing how this additional location can help the Kewanee community and surrounding area."

"Having your voice heard, and being able to contact and get help from your elected officials is a cornerstone of representative government," Weaver said. "Opening this new office in Kewanee gives residents of the northern part of the 93rd District an office they can visit that's closer to their home and their community."

"Whether you have an idea for how

to improve Illinois or need help with a state-related issue, my staff and I are eager to help in any way we can."

For more information, contact Rep. Weaver's office in Pekin at (309) 204-6514 or Sen. Anderson's office in Aledo at (309) 230-7584.

### Et cetera

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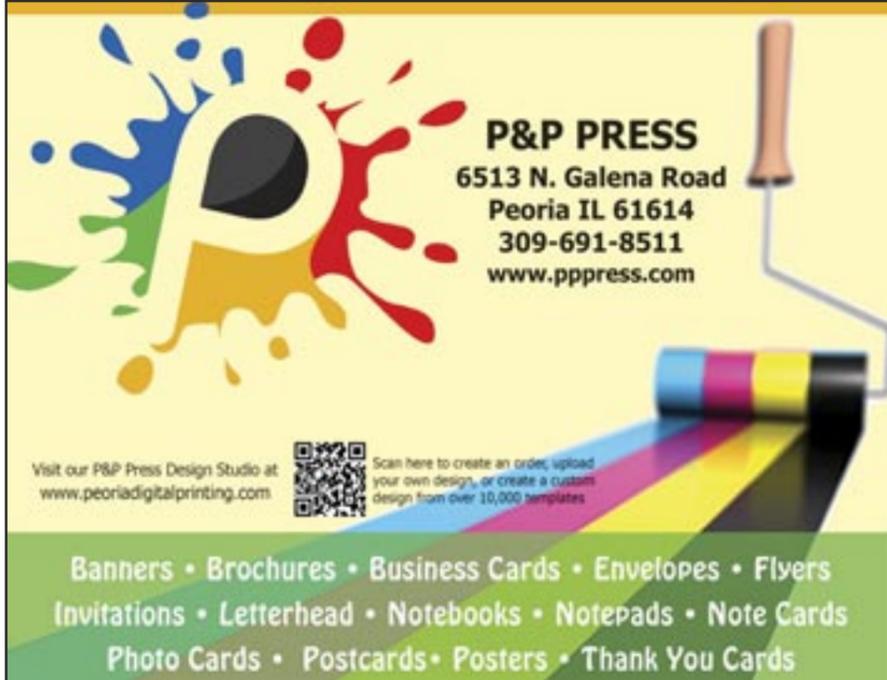
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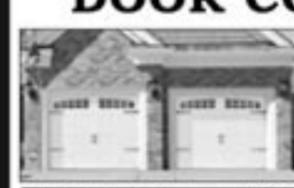
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# GALVA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 224

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

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**Galva CUSD 224**

**224 Morgan Rd. Galva, IL 61434 1090**

**309-832-2108**

**8:30 - 4:00**

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Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2023		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,990,362	623,409	562,894	188,008	162,473	6,039	65,887	792,636	46,100
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,371,883	9,925	0	248,612	0	851,156	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	900,253	55,969	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>5,262,498</b>	<b>689,303</b>	<b>562,894</b>	<b>436,620</b>	<b>162,473</b>	<b>857,195</b>	<b>65,887</b>	<b>792,636</b>	<b>46,100</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>4,686,767</b>	<b>624,650</b>	<b>329,428</b>	<b>392,361</b>	<b>213,523</b>	<b>725,351</b>		<b>556,624</b>	<b>34,100</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		800,000	0	0	0	0	918,450	(800,000)	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2022</b>		<b>2,708,761</b>	<b>902,947</b>	<b>209,345</b>	<b>674,944</b>	<b>339,652</b>	<b>246,397</b>	<b>890,776</b>	<b>678,129</b>	<b>144,100</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>4,084,492</b>	<b>967,600</b>	<b>442,811</b>	<b>719,203</b>	<b>288,602</b>	<b>1,296,691</b>	<b>156,663</b>	<b>914,141</b>	<b>156,100</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>4,270,945</b>	<b>967,600</b>	<b>442,811</b>	<b>719,203</b>	<b>288,602</b>	<b>1,296,691</b>	<b>156,663</b>	<b>914,141</b>	<b>156,100</b>

<b>GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL</b>	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - 59,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - 59,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$60,000 - 89,999
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Hammer, Lisa A Hodge, Laurel K. Jones Chapman, Dana K	Bersell, Matthew Dean, Jessica A Dulla, Emily	Kendall, Jacqueline F Lucas, Kayla K McMeekan, Tayler C	Stinson, Benjamin J Wangelin, Holly K Wigant, Rachel M	Main, Patricia L Mersman, Michelle L Norway, Adam J
Anderson, Ryan K Bersell, Deana K Burrows, Rita J Christakos, Gregory W Down, Stacey A Drury, Shirley Anne Foley, Timothy Forsythe, Julie A Fulton, Mary Kay Gibbons, Charlie	Klavohn, Susan J Nance, Heather Nichols, Tyler N Nordstrom, Laura N Shirley, Julie Suddeth, Carol S Thielbar, Marlea M. Weston, Alexandria J Wolf, Jon R	Fahner, Whitney Humphrey, Stephanie Maertens, Jennifer Price, Rachel P  Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 Angelo, Joseph P Bosnich, Kathryn D Sailer Dooley, Trista M Harris, Joshua	Moore, Christina F Morris, Joshua J Murray Dynes, Amanda L. Olson, Anna M Owens, Brandon E Painter, Jeremy C Peters, Dawn E Pickard, Toni M Rodseth, Jillian C Sellers, Heather J	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999  Conner, Victoria C Corkill, Amy M Horton, Mary Beth L Klein, Patricia L Landis, Kristen L Loncka, Krista M	Norway, Adam J Norway, Amanda E Raley, Susan M Sullens, Kristine S  Salary Range: \$90,000 and over Becker, Jerry J Kelly, Mary L Smyth, Kurtis A

<b>GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL</b>	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Richards, Jessica L. Abernathy, Tonya L. Gustafson, Darci Atkinson, Barbara S	Lamb, Lynne M Saunders, David A. Larson, Drew Swanson, Darcy	Platt, David C Wigant, Rebecca A Anderson, Eric A Dunn, Sierra L.	Serna, Breonna Lake, Jonathan Swanson, Bridgette M	Ringberg, Tammara D Thompson, Tracey A
Strand, Frances M Stone, Kelsey I Sterling, Nicole Fischer, Beverly A Brooks, Charlie M Wilson, M Gloria Engels, Kandy Warner, Catherine M	Boston, Michael Gregory, Patricia A VanDeVelde, Peter G Fontana, Robert Raley, Tracy K Jeffrey Mark A Coakley, Mariann Hamilton, Linda S	McClintic, Jake Russell, Daniel C Jackson, Bradley L. Lewin, Robert W Cramer, Ashton J Olson, Jett C. White, Van K. Boston, Michael	Jackson, Brooke N. Foster, Dustin Townsend, Sarah J Ruhl, Joyce E Trigg, David Howard, Jayme A Miller McClintic, Pasence A Modesto, Lillian VanDeVelde, John M	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999  Anthony, Jody K Bates, Victoria A Brake, Ivan E Branham, Michael Scott Bresnahan, Andrew J Kaiser, Anne V Kelly, Thomas E	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 Spivey, Travis M DeSmit, Stanley A West, Krystal L VanWassenhove, Sarah E  Salary Range: \$60,000 and over Peters, Lorraine M

<b>PAYMENTS TO PERSON, FIRM, OR CORPORATION OVER \$2,500 EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES</b>					
If no payments were made, put "None" in "Person..." column and "0" in "Aggregate" column.					
Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
Accident Fund Ins Co of America	32925.00	Gerber Life Insurance Co	2900.00	Moore Tires Inc	11688.85
Amazon Capital Services	20779.08	GETZ FIRE EQUIPMENT CO	2569.80	Mystery Science	5995.00
Ameren Illinois	11452.03	Gold Star FS	45493.54	Nextera Energy Services	21412.30
Anna Olson	2700.00	Gorenz & Associates Ltd	17810.00	NICHOLS DIESEL SERVICE	8946.25
Atlanta National Bank	58090.63	Great America Financial Services	20036.54	Norway, Adam J	2820.00
Bendsen Signs & Graphics Inc	46500.00	HART'S NURSERY	3205.09	OFFICE SPECIALISTS INC	4505.43
BLACKHAWK COLLEGE	21289.48	Hathaway's Ace Hardware	6840.19	Pacific Life	9060.00
Bluum of Texas, LLC	61638.66	HENRY-STARK COUNTIES SPED	712472.94	Peoria Metro Constuction	369493.00
BREEDLOVE'S SPORTING GOOD	7383.50	Hepner Farm & Home Constr	3800.00	PowerSchool Group LLC	14545.23
BSN Sports LLC	2978.54	Home Depot Pro	20675.90	Primergy Solar Illinois	16935.92
Cambridge Telephone Compa	19240.05	HUDDL	8700.00	R. A. Oldeen Inc	8112.09
Capital Bank & Trust	42440.00	I Print Technologies	10890.00	Realityworks	2899.05
CDW Government Inc	3137.04	IASB	8498.00	Regional Office Of Educat	3075.00
Chemsearch	3001.00	ICRMT	67948.00	Resource Sharing Alliance	3979.00
Cintas Corp #342	3359.50	IL MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT	129821.25	Richard L Johnson Assoc I	18645.49
City Of Galva	72270.05	ILL DEPT EMPLOYMENT SEC	3951.00	Santander Leasing LLC	71745.00
Clearly	3434.21	ILL DEPT. REVENUE	152152.66	School Specialty LLC	3627.83
CodeHS, Inc	2600.00	ILL STATE BOARD OF EDUC	52083.00	Stalker Sports Floors	4100.00
COMMUNITY STATE BANK	450782.57	Imagine Learning	4325.00	Staples Credit Plan	2965.24
Constellation New Energy	54165.65	Impact Networking	3840.00	State Bank Of Toulon VISA	10053.08
Dave Jones	17300.00	IMPREST 2	32174.35	State Disbursement Unit	15224.11
DEMCO INC	8010.19	IMPREST FUND 1	30815.21	Stewart Signs	19542.05
Digital Copy Systems	5252.81	Jeremy Gerard	23890.00	Susan Raley	2700.00
East Moline Glass	297524.70	Johnson Controls	5847.90	T.H.I.S.	41776.61
Education Company	5000.00	Johnson Mechanical Service	7629.02	TARLETON SERVICE INC	5819.23
Employee Benefit Systems	420183.57	Kewanee Physical Therapy	4526.76	TASC	3256.51
EMS LINQ INC.	5298.00	Kinsale Contracting Group, Inc.	38250.00	TASC - PVR	44297.88
EnCompass Iowa LLC	135185.80	LAKESHORE LEARNING MAT.	10472.93	TEACHER RETIREMENT FUND	276149.06
ENGIE Resources LLC	4728.99	Mark's Plumbing Parts	3758.51	The Clock Depot	3307.80
Enyeart Distributing	24703.89	Martin Bros Dist	114378.87	UMB Bank N.A.	271337.17
Equitable Financial Life Ins Co of America	4885.12	MCGRAW HILL COMPANY	6677.85	Unland Insurance	13681.00
ERate Program.com LLC	4535.36	MENARDS	3873.91	V & M Mechanical Service	16389.42
FSS Inc	2504.50	Midland Golf Club	2800.00	VARSITY	3000.00
GALVA CUSD 224	2820.00	Midland Technologies	20692.57	Verizon Wireless	4127.52
GALVA EDUC ASSOC	26220.60	Midwest Carpets	10516.00	WAL-MART STORES INC.	7370.35
Garaventa USA Inc	34724.25	MILLER HALL & TRIGGS	3160.80	WASTE MANAGEMENT	11334.31
				WebstaurantStore	6287.24

## OBITUARIES

### Lucy B. Lindstrom

GALVA – Lucy B. Lindstrom, 103, of Galva, died at 7:13 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at her home.

She was born Sept. 28, 1920, in Redfield, Ark., the daughter of Stanley and Isal (Dalton) Jackson. The family traveled by horse and wagon to Illinois after Stanley inherited a farm near LaFayette in the late 1920s. Lucy married Russell Lindstrom on May 30, 1940.

Lucy was preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Alfred, Elmer, Everette, Edwin and Oscar; four sisters, Pansy, Hellen, Edith and Ida Jane in infancy; and her husband, Russell. Survivors include her children, Judy Huber and Russell "Link" (Joyce) Lindstrom and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

She lived through the roaring 20s, Prohibition, the Great Depression, World War II, The Korean War and Vietnam and witnessed every advancement in cars, television, phones, space travel, internet, microwaves, every fashion trend and the invention of countless musical genres in the last 103 years.

Lucy worked at Lily Tulip for several years, starting at less than \$1 per hour. Secondary work as a waitress at Godfrey's allowed her to bring sandwiches home for the kids and she allowed them to count her tips. She could somehow stretch her limited income to find a few coins for an occasional movie or ice cream treat. She always made time to spend with her children. No one could ask for a more loving mother.

Funeral services were held Nov. 21 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Karen Martin officiating. Burial followed at Galva Ceme-

tery.

Memorials may be directed to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation.

### Virginia L. Ahlberg

GALVA – Virginia L. "Ginny" Ahlberg, 73, of Galva, died at 9:44 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Cremation will be accorded and memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Chaplain Jordan Knight officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association or to Illinois Cancer Care.

Ginny was born Aug. 1, 1950, in Kewanee, the daughter of Charles Edward and Hazel Drucilla (Brubaker) Blank. She married Roger Ahlberg on June 20, 1987 in Galva.

Survivors include her husband of Galva; their children, Tim Conway of Neponset, Chad Conway of Kewanee, Trisha Dailey of Toulon, Dawn Ahlberg of Kewanee, Missy Coaster of Toulon and Aaron Ahlberg of Galva; a brother, Mike Blank of Missouri; a sister, Patricia Hill of Peoria; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Ginny graduated from Toulon High School in 1968. She worked as a receptionist at Ahearn and Associates in Kewanee until her retirement. She had also worked at Kewanee Hospital and at a dental office. She also did landscape maintenance at the Kewanee Dunes and was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed golfing, bowling and taking care of flowers. Most

of all she loved her family and enjoyed time together with them.

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

### Catherine V. Carter

TOULON – Catherine V. Carter, 73, of Toulon, Ill., passed away at 8:19 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at OSF St. Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Born on Dec. 20, 1949, in East St. Louis, she was the daughter of the late William and Lura (Horton) Hansen. She was married twice, first, to David Bezanson in 1973, and second to Chuck Carter in 1989.

She is survived by a brother, Rex Hansen; a sister-in-law, Pamela Hansen; and two nephews, Brett Hansen and Dane Hansen, all of Springfield, Mo.

Catherine attended the University of Arizona and received her bachelor of arts in English and psychology. Following graduation, she moved to Australia and worked as a teacher. She returned to the United States and worked as a feature writer and reporter for the Arlington Heights Herald. In addition, she worked as a writer for a variety of publications.

Catherine loved dogs and they gave her much love and companionship over the years. She spent her final years at Toulon Healthcare Center in Toulon, where she made friends and enjoyed the good care of the staff at the nursing home.

No visitation or memorial services are planned currently. Catherine will be buried at Oak Hill Cemetery in Watska, Ill., at a later date.

Memorial contributions can be made to [www.dementiasociety.org](http://www.dementiasociety.org).

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services of Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.



Lindstrom



Ahlberg



Carter

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Toulon, LaFayette & West Jersey United Methodist Church

Rev. Pablo Marty  
229 W. Main St., PO Box 538, Toulon, IL 61483  
(217)425-5707  
Sunday Worship: LaFayette - 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday (Pastor), 2nd & 4th Sunday (Lay Speaker); West Jersey 9 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sunday (Lay Speaker), 2nd & 4th Sunday (Pastor); Toulon Sunday School: 9:15 a.m., All Ages. Sunday. Worship: 10:30 am  
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### Elmira United Presbyterian Church

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(309) 896-3481  
Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

### The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491  
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.  
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491  
email: [info@thegathering.life](mailto:info@thegathering.life)  
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

### 1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901  
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon  
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.  
Email [fcctoulon@gmail.com](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)  
website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

### Galva Congregational Church

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(309) 932-3733  
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Sunday Worship: 11:00  
Wednesday Night TBD

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### First Congregational Church of Christ

Pastor Ross Wyman  
204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491  
(309) 695-4091  
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.

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First Congregational UCC of Wyoming, Illinois

### Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon  
(309) 286-4611  
Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.  
Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.  
Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.  
Email: [pastor@toulonbaptist.com](mailto:pastor@toulonbaptist.com)  
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### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

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Contact: [messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com](mailto:messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com)  
1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2460  
[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)  
[galvafirst@gmail.com](mailto:galvafirst@gmail.com)  
Sunday Worship: 9:00

### Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm  
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.  
309-606-9027  
Email: [WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com](mailto:WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com)  
Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

### The Oaks Community Church

1868 Congregational Road, Dahinda, IL  
(309) 879-2042  
Pastor Marty Briney and Pastor Dean Lane  
Worship Service 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.  
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
Fellowship 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.  
Website [www.theoakscommunitychurch.com](http://www.theoakscommunitychurch.com)  
Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch)

### Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church  
Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421  
Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyand Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421  
Rev Dan Wright  
309-897-8113  
309-507-1626  
[thewrights62@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrights62@hotmail.com)

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# STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 100 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by November 30, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

Stark County CUSD #100

300 W Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491

309-695-6123

8:30 - 4:00 Monday-Friday

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Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.

**SUMMARY:** The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

### Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2023

		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	5,840,962	1,054,842	1,063,602	368,189	203,267	32,896	117,030	409,920	72,225
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
State Sources	3000	1,759,878	50,000	0	209,261	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	1,932,863	63,188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total Direct Receipts/Revenues</b>		<b>9,533,703</b>	<b>1,168,030</b>	<b>1,063,602</b>	<b>577,450</b>	<b>203,267</b>	<b>32,896</b>	<b>117,030</b>	<b>409,920</b>	<b>72,225</b>
<b>Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures</b>		<b>7,666,615</b>	<b>1,813,708</b>	<b>1,047,930</b>	<b>534,308</b>	<b>201,619</b>	<b>6,107,775</b>		<b>351,853</b>	<b>176,894</b>
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		0	141,954	0	0	0	0	(141,954)	0	0
<b>Beginning Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - July 1, 2022</b>		<b>6,609,585</b>	<b>2,196,666</b>	<b>94,424</b>	<b>1,278,571</b>	<b>218,174</b>	<b>6,075,587</b>	<b>1,520,970</b>	<b>401,504</b>	<b>356,994</b>
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Ending Fund Balances without Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>8,476,673</b>	<b>1,692,942</b>	<b>110,296</b>	<b>1,321,713</b>	<b>219,822</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>1,496,046</b>	<b>459,571</b>	<b>252,325</b>
<b>Ending Fund Balances (all sources) with Student Activity Funds - June 30, 2023</b>		<b>8,661,486</b>	<b>1,692,942</b>	<b>110,296</b>	<b>1,321,713</b>	<b>219,822</b>	<b>708</b>	<b>1,496,046</b>	<b>459,571</b>	<b>252,325</b>

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000      Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999      (CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - 59,999      (CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - 59,999      (CONT.) Salary Range: \$60,000 - 89,999

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Loane, William A. Macke, Brenda M. McGrath, Angela D. McRell, Crystal M. Meaker, Caitlin A. Monahan, David R. Mueller, Robert E. Paxson, Scott Reed, Janene M. Simmons, Patricia A. Southe, Alexander J. Strode, Theresa M. Wallace, David West, Janet S. Wilkinson, Janet Wilkinson, Patricia E.	Acree, Chad D. Brown, Roland J. Dauck, Kara J. Dietz, Elizabeth S. Kellogg, Rachel L. Sierra, Amy M. Whittle, Kyli M.	Edwards, Melinda N. Groter, Mary J. Grundstrom, Gayle Helms, Brandi A. Jackson, Melissa A. Jacobs, Jennifer L. Kunkel, Courtney M. Lancaster, Brooke R. Mastin, Kane A. Melton, Linda Milburn, Paige L. Rennick, Leslie A. Ropp, Emily J. Siekman, Jacob W. Smith, MacKenzie L. Swanson, Trey J.	Terwilliger, Andrea C. Venzon, Brittany E. Westphal, Shannon E. Wilkinson, Taylor M. Wise, Amy J. Workman, LaDon L.	Gilles, Diana M. Langdon, James J. McGovern, Michael A. Noard, Jade G. Nowlan, Sara E. Paxson, Lynne D. Roark, Angela K. Terwilliger, Clint C. Tuthill, Angela M.
		Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999		Salary Range: \$60,000 - \$89,999	
		Coyle, Lauren E. Coziahr, Terena K. DeBord, Sarah J. Down, Hayley Duckworth, Kristen		Browning, Dustin Chapman, Elizabeth S. Colgan, Jacqueline L. Conrad, Kaleena M. DeBolt, Marianna Ford, Deborah K. Frey, Bartholomew T.	Salary Range: \$90,000 and over
					Bibb, Jenna B. Elliott, Brett M. McGann, Megan D.

### GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL

(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000      (CONT.) Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999

Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Coats, Morgan X. Collins, Barbara A. Curtis, Connie J. Daum, Cheryl Daum, Kathleen A. Davis, Amanda Down, Stacey A. Ellenberger, Laura A. England, John R. Finnegan, Richard P. Forstrom, Mary E. Frail, Gary Giesenhagen, Timothy J. Graham, Gloria J. Grigg, Samuel E. Grinnell, Lori A. Hall, Danielle Hamilton, Ashlie R.	Hatfield, David A. Hegwood, Katina M. Ingels, Barbara P. Jason, Mary L. Johnson, Paula J. Juskiv, Kasey J. King, Seth T. Knoblauch, Ann L. Kraft, Mariah J.M. Kronner, Roberta A. Lee, Laura R. Loane, Barbara J. Magnussen, Joseph P. Mancera, Ashley A. McCauley, Tiffany J. Meaker, Mary E. Mercer, Owen J. Miller, Dylan G.	Minder, Cody J. Morrissey, Karen A. Neirynek, Linda A. Newby, Mary Elizabeth Potter, Savannah R. Reiff, Steven E. Rennick, Robert Rice, Carol J. Roberts, Karen S. Robertson, Joy V. Schaub, Kylie Shambaugh, Julie A. Sies, April A. Singer, KC J. Singer, Rita M. Singleton, Patricia L. Smith, Nancy A. Stevens, Lynette R.	Stieghorst, Sarah E. Streitmatter, Janine A. Swanson, Bridgette Turnbull, Donald C. Vargas, Cesar Webster, Jill Winans, Lisa J. Woodward, Anita E.	Nowlan, Vicki K. Otten, Caleb N. Patterson, Terrie J. Rewerts, Deann K. Schierer, Russell C. Wyant, Debbie W.
			Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: \$60,000 and over
Allen, Shelly L. Barnes, Sarah J. Berchtold, Dawn Berchtold, Donetta Berchtold, Kelsey J. Berchtold, Trisha J. Bishop, Rachel G. Bowen, Raidon W. Bowen, Riley J. Bush, Kari L. Carroll, Jackie L. Cassidy, Shawna D. Chatman, Jerica L. Clancy, Kerrigan M.				Faber, Timothy J. Horsley, Mary Kelly, Mary Beth Magnussen, Bonnie J. Mercer, Jailynn Morrissey, Michelle R. Murray, Helen Jane	Bunch, Michael B. Lane, Rebecca J. Nowlan, Toni Jo
					Bohm, Robert M. Streitmatter, Mary E.

### PAYMENTS OVER \$2,500, EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
2080 Media Inc.	3,500	Gerber Life	4,266	IRS-FIT	348,713	Regional Office Education	3,650
Abel Plus Services	75,000	GFL Environmental	6,776	IRS-Medicare	89,214	Renaissance Learning Inc.	11,676
Accident Fund Ins. Co.	43,257	Golf Team Products, Inc.	3,035	IXL Learning	4,169	Resource One	142,875
Ag View FS Inc.	78,366	Goodheart - Wilcox Co Inc.	8,690	James Unland and Co, Inc.	94,898	RK Dixon Co.	5,880
Allan B Corpuz	8,457	Gorenz and Associates LTD	17,700	Johnson Contracting Company Inc.	31,542	Rogue Fitness	35,237
Alzheimer, Jonathan	6,500	Graphic Edge	11,250	Johnson Controls Fire	4,693	Ron Turnbull Construction	17,956
Amazon Capital Services	33,681	Great Minds PBC	7,730	Johnson Mechanical Service, Inc.	13,993	Ruyle Mechanical Inc.	180,409
Amazon/SYNCB	21,670	Green Street Schools	44,725	Jostens Inc.	3,283	S & S Builders Hardware	2,612
Ameren Illinois	6,288	Green View Landscaping Company	16,040	KAEB Sanitary Supply Inc.	34,286	Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	4,476
Anthem Sports LLC	4,825	Guardia Basic Life - Appleton	4,035	Kidder Music Service	5,061	School in Sites	2,700
Bernard Food Insut., Inc.	2,937	Guardian Dental - Appleton	35,967	Kohl Wholesale	180,327	School Specialty LLC	2,599
BIST - Cornerstones of Care	15,737	Guardian Vision - Appleton	6,297	Lampe Publications LLC	12,968	School Graphics Inc.	3,835
Black Hawk College	15,792	Guardian VDL Life - Appleton	4,931	LineWize	17,664	Self Insurance Fund	624,190
Brand U LLC	3,300	Harvest Right	2,795	Locker Room	3,493	Skyward	5,528
Breedlove Sporting Goods	13,513	Headon & Sons Inc.	10,326	McGraw Hill LLC	4,390	State Bank of Toulon/Wire	108,757
BSN Sports LLC	8,974	Heart Technologies, Inc.	62,462	Mediacom	16,736	State Bank of Toulon	659,324
Camelot Therapeutic Schools LLC	105,138	Heartsmart	13,660	Menards Kewanee	9,023	State Bank of Toulon/Investments	7,000,000
Capital One/Walmart Comm Card	5,720	Henry-Stark Counties	924,409	Menards Peoria	4,736	Summit Learning	2,976
Charles Schwab #201892	33,232	HUDL	6,800	Midwest Bus Leasing LLC	163,644	Sysco Central Illinois	2,520
Columbia Rug Carpet One	76,403	I.M.R.F.	105,339	Midwest Bus Sales, Inc.	5,448	Teachers Health Insurance	55,179
Constellation New Energy	69,147	IASA	4,221	Mitel Cloud Services Inc.	5,306	Teachers Retirement System	329,344
Core Construction Services	7,309,210	IASB	10,108	Morrissey Refrigeration	14,779	Triple D Roofing & General Contractors	51,000
Dreamseats LLC	3,768	IEA Membership Processing	34,377	Nelson Auto Sales Inc.	19,364	TRS - New Employer Contrib	20,385
Edmentum	11,715	Illini Plumbing Inc.	6,327	Net2Phone Inc.	5,414	Turnbull's Precision Painting	11,720
EMS Ling Inc.	7,684	Illinois Department of Employment Security	18,105	Oberlander Electric, Inc	23,783	Two Trees Technologies	7,433
Enerco Corporation	3,000	Illinois Department of Revenue	205,304	Pacific Onesource Inc	6,950	U.S. Postal Service	3,000
Engle Resources	110,859	Illinois State Board Ed.	6,825	Paxson, Scott	3,000	US Bank Equipment Finance	13,958
EPS Operations LLC	8,628	Impact Networking LLC	9,825	Pipco Companies LTD	12,352	Visa	34,593
Farnsworth Group, Inc.	132,077	Imprest Fund	70,644	Potter & Sons Blacktopping Inc.	313,275	Walters, Robert and Sharon	11,500
Fast Signs	33,529	Institute Multi-Sensory	6,514	Potter, Roger	19,000	Wyman Group	43,333
Forstrom, John	7,033	Integrated Systems Corp	2,968	Prairie Farms Dairy Inc.	31,569	Wyoming, City of	5,471
Frontier	3,284	IRS - FICA	195,883	Project Wayfinder Inc.	3,450	Xerox Corporation	5,828

# Stark Co. girls basketball earns 1st win over Streator

By The Prairie News

The Stark County girls basketball team got its first win on Nov. 15 with a 39-36 victory over Streator.

The Lady Rebels (1-3) fell to Bureau Valley (50-24) on Nov. 18 and dropped a 50-23 decision to Midland on Nov. 16.

## SPORTS: Galva tops W. Central

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night of the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invitational. The previous night, Stahl had 15 points in a 77-44 loss to the hosts.

The tournament continues today, when Galva plays at 2 p.m. in Oneida against Port Byron Riverdale. The Wildcats are to play twice Saturday in Williamsfield, against United at 10 a.m. and against Henry at 2:30 p.m.

Kenna Newton scored 13 points against Streator. Emily Demetreon led with eight points against Bureau Valley and six against Midland and tallied nine against Streator. Payten Hillier added seven in the win.

“Lots of good things to take away after a 1-3 start, but still a lot to work

on to get where we would like to be,” SC Coach Bob Bohm said.

• **Galva girls BKB** – Galva is off to an 0-3 start following a 34-26 loss to Orion on Nov. 16. The Lady Wildcats also lost to Rockridge (34-23) on Nov. 14 and Monmouth-Roseville (61-21) on Nov. 13.

## IHSA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

**CLASS 1A Semifinals**  
Lena-Winslow 30, Chicago Hope Academy 28  
Camp Point Central 54, Greenfield-Northwestern 20  
**Championship, Friday, Nov. 24**  
Lena-Winslow (13-0) vs. Camp Point Central (13-0) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Friday, Nov. 24, 10 am

**CLASS 2A Semifinals**  
Wilmington 42, Maroa-Forsyth 7  
Athens 39, Shelbyville 6  
**Championship, Friday, Nov. 24**  
Wilmington (12-1) vs. Athens (11-2) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Friday, Nov. 24, 1 pm

**CLASS 3A Semifinals**  
Byron 26, Lombard Montini 20  
Mt. Carmel 63, Roxana 48  
**Championship, Friday, Nov. 24**  
Byron (13-0) vs. Mt. Carmel (12-1) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Friday,

Nov. 24, 4 pm

**CLASS 4A Semifinals**  
Burbank St. Laurence 31, Wheaton Academy 30, 20T  
Rochester 42, Murphysboro 14  
**Championship, Friday, Nov. 24**  
Burbank St. Laurence (10-3) vs. Rochester (13-0) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Friday, Nov. 24, 7 pm

**CLASS 5A Semifinals**  
Nazareth Academy 38, Wheaton St. Francis 31  
Joliet Catholic 31, New Lenox Providence Catholic 21  
**Championship, Saturday, Nov. 25**  
Nazareth Academy (8-5) vs. Joliet Catholic (10-3) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Saturday, Nov. 25, 10 am

**CLASS 6A Semifinals**  
Cary-Grove 28, Lake Zurich 10  
East St. Louis 34, Washington 18  
**Championship**

Cary-Grove (11-2) vs. East St. Louis Sr. (11-2) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Saturday, Nov. 25, 1 pm

**CLASS 7A Semifinals**  
Downers Grove North 42, Normal Community 0  
Chicago Mt. Carmel 64, Batavia 26  
**Championship, Saturday, Nov. 25**  
Downers Grove North (11-2) vs. Chicago Mt. Carmel (12-1) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Saturday, Nov. 25, 4 pm

**CLASS 8A Semifinals**  
Wilmette Loyola Academy 23, Elmhurst York 14  
Frankfort Lincoln-Way East 49, Barrington 6  
**Championship**  
Wilmette Loyola Academy (13-0) vs. Frankfort Lincoln-Way East (13-0) at Normal (Hancock Stadium), Saturday, Nov. 25, 7 pm

## LEGAL ADS

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Richard McMahan, Plaintiff vs. Tracy D. Williams, Nicole A. Williams, et. al., Defendants. Case No. 2023FC3

### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 11/03/2023, the Sheriff of Stark County, Illinois will on December 12, 2023 at the hour of 9:30 AM at Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stark and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Lot 9 in Block 3 of the Village of Speer, Stark County, Illinois. Parcel Index Number 08-36-100-044. Improved with a single-family residence commonly known as 318 McKinley Street, Speer, IL 61479. Sale terms: Bidders must present, at the time of sale, a cashier's or certified check for 10% of the successful bid amount. The balance of the successful bid shall be paid within 24 hours, by similar funds. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility / expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the

condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Michael T. Mahoney, Ltd., 1011 N. Second Street, P.O. Box 295, Chillicothe, IL 61523 Telephone: (309) 274-5451 Attorney No. 3125680 Email: mahoney@mahoneyltd.com Published 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1/23

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

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN OWNERS and COMMUNITY STATE BANK, Plaintiff, vs. TIMOTHY M. MANNON. FRANK C. MANNON. NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants IN CHANCERY Case No. 2023FC47

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, defendants in the above-entitled cause that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on September 29, 2023 and is now pending.

- The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
- The names of the titleholders of record: Timothy M. Mannon.
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty Lot 9 of Block 3 in Elmwood Addition, to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate 815 Elmwood Avenue, Kewanee, Illinois.
- An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed.
  - Names of Mortgagors' Timothy M. Mannon.
  - Name of Mortgagee Community State Bank.
  - Date of Mortgage July 18, 2016.
  - Date of Recording: July 26, 2016.
  - County Where Recorded. Henry County, IL

f Recording Document Identification 20-1604407 NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for

Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W Center St, Cambridge, IL 61238 on or before December 8, 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.

Terilyn A. Motley, Circuit Clerk Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee. IL 61443 Phone (309) 852.5555 justin@barashlaw.com Published 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1/23

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Stephen R. Kuster, Deceased

No. 2023 PR 90 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Stephen R. Kuster. Letters of Office were issued on November 6, 2023, to Clara E. Kuster, as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 13, 2024. 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. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1/23

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

STATE BANK OF TOULON. Plaintiff, IN CHANCERY Case No. 2023FC58 VS. KEVIN E. GALBRAITH, deceased, CORINA L. GALBRAITH,

UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS. Defendants,

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above - entitled cause that the above-entitled Mortgage Foreclosure action was filed on November 13, 2023 and is now pending.

- The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought; and the Case Number are identified above.
- The names of the titleholders of record: Kevin E. Galbraith, deceased and Corina L. Galbraith.
- A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty: Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 5 of West End Addition to the Village of Wethersfield, now a part of the City of Kewanee, situated in the County of Henry, in the State of Illinois.
- A common address or description of the location of the real estate: 205 Dodge Street, Kewanee, Illinois.
- An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed:
  - Names of Mortgagors: Kevin E. Galbraith & Corina L. Galbraith.
  - Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon.
  - Date of Mortgage: April 12, 2017
  - Date of Recording: April 17, 2017
  - County Where Recorded: Henry County, IL
  - Recording~Document Identification: 20-1702194

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners; Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein; in the Circuit Court of the 14th Judicial Circuit, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238 on or before December 27, 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.

Terilyn A. Motley, Circuit Clerk Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee. IL 61443 Phone (309) 852.5555 justin@barashlaw.com Published 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1/23

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

ESTATE OF Gene R. Emery, Deceased No. 2023 PR 93 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Gene R. Emery. Letters of Office were issued on November 7, 2023, to Susan M. Emery and Ron Emery, as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 14, 2024. 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. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 11/17, 11/24 and 12/1/23

### Bradford Public Library District Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023

Receipts: Property Taxes \$116047 Grants \$12120, Fines & Fees \$51, Services \$1239 GiOs & Memorials \$18868, Interest \$143 Disbursements: Wages \$45987, Payroll Taxes \$3592, IMRF \$4118, Office \$2203, Utilities \$6107, Legal \$760, Dues \$3314, Education \$243, Library Materials and Programs \$24521, Travel \$200, Insurance \$6215, Accounting \$2160, Building Maintenance \$4391, Building \$138330 Published 11/24/23

### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

IN RE: THE PETITION OF: BENJAMEN A. LEEZER and EMILY A. LEEZER, Petitioners, To adopt CHARLOTTE A. DOTY, A minor, and STANLEY D. DOTY, Respondent. 2023-AD-2

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION Take notice that on September 20th 2023 a Petition for Adoption

was filed in the Circuit Court of Stark County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named Charlotte A. Doty. Now, therefore, unless all whom it may concern, file your answer to the Petition in the action or otherwise file your appearance therein, in the said Circuit Court of Stark County, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, Illinois, 61483. On the 5th day of January 2024 at 11:00 a.m., a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Petition. Dated: 11-16-23

Julie A. Kenney Stark County Circuit Clerk

Robert H. Rennick, Jr. The Rennick Law Firm, P.C. 117-119 West Court Street P.O. Box 430 Toulon, Illinois 61483 Telephone: (309) 286-5921 ARDC #6227069 robertrennickjr@rennicklawfirm.com Published 11/24, 12/1 and 12/8/23

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

ESTATE OF Ned S. Stuckey, Deceased No. 2023 PR 94

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Ned S. Stuckey. Letters of Office were issued on November 17, 2023, to Phyllis Stuckey, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 24, 2024. 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. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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**Saturday, December 9th**  
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# The Prairie News Sports



## Rebels boys open with win

### Guard play to be strength of Stark County basketball team

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Stark County began its 2023-24 boys basketball season with a victory.

Luke Rewerts had a game-high 20 points Monday to lead the Rebels to a 50-38 beating of Annawan at the Wally Keller Invitational in Kewanee. Ross Saner had 15 points and Matthew Bowser scored 13 in Kewanee for Stark County, which shut out Annawan in the first quarter and led 27-13 at intermission.

Stark County Coach Dusty Browning is hoping for more of the same for at least the next three months.

The 6-foot-3 Rewerts, who averaged 11.4 points per game last season, and fellow guard Bowser (6-2, 6 ppg) are expected to form a good foundation.

“The strength of our team will be the guard play,” Browning stated.

“We have a lot of experience as well as depth.”

Among the depth at guard are Saner, a 6-2 junior; classmates Chris Barnwell and Dillon Steelman; and senior Braden Lindley. But a big guy can't hurt. Stark County has a new one in 6-4 senior forward Will Rumbold, a transfer from Kewanee High.

Rumbold is expected to add experience to the post, a group that includes 6-2 senior Owen Gibler, 6-0 junior Cole Kinsella and 6-3 senior Connor Wagenbach.

Browning hopes all of it will help the Rebels avoid what happened at the end of last season. They finished 17-14 and tied for second place in the Lincoln Trail Conference (7-3) but swooned heading into the state tournament. Princeville ousted Stark County in the Class 1A regional semifinals.

“We played really well in January and hit a wall,” Browning stated. “We kind of limped home last year down the stretch, and I would like to see us play better basketball after the conference tournament

and heading into regionals.”

Browning sees improvements in defense and rebounding as keys to that effort. He considers Princeville and ROWVA-Williamsfield among contenders in a balanced LTC this season.

Stark County fell to 1-1 with a 40-39 tournament loss Tuesday night to Elmwood. Bo Windish tipped away a Stark County inbound pass with about 3 seconds left, chased down the ball at mid-court and made a layup as the buzzer sounded. Rewerts had nine points, Wagenbach eight.

The Rebels played Wednesday against the tournament hosts and are to play at 2 p.m. today (Nov. 24) against Bureau Valley and at 4:30 p.m. Saturday against Putnam County.

### Galva

Improvement might seem almost automatic this season at Galva. The Wildcats finished 2-30 last season and were at the bottom of the LTC and the league tournament.

Promising news this season for Galva Coach Jake McClintic is the return of four starters – senior guard Carter DeVenney, senior forward John Gravitt, sophomore guard J.P. Sloan and sophomore forward Blake Stahl.

Expected to provide key minutes are two players who moved back to town, senior guard Braxton Rylander and junior forward Cyrus Lilly.

“We are working the ball on offense well and our defensive pressure has picked up from where we were last year,” McClintic stated. “I am excited to get the season started and get some games under our belts. Time will tell what we are able to do.”

After two games, the Wildcats already have half as many victories as they had last season.

Rylander had 23 points Tuesday night at Oneida and Stahl scored 14 to lead Galva past West Central 62-37 on the second

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