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## Christmas events ahead for Bradford, Bishop Hill, Toulon

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

Along with colder weather, December ushers in a busy slate of Christmas events across the area for the next two weekends. On Saturday, Dec. 2, Bradford will hold its Old Fashioned Christmas, starting with a noon Senior Citizen lunch at the Fire House. Most other events are from 4-8 p.m. In addition to Santa appearing at the Bradford Fire House from 4-5:30 p.m., other activities include horse-drawn wagon rides, prizes for the best decorated business and home in Bradford, refreshments at the firehouse from 4-7:30 p.m.

and a raffle. Pick up your Christmas passport at a local business and have it stamped at the businesses and locations you visit. Get at least three of seven stamps and you are entered for the raffle drawing. There will also be tours of St. John's Catholic Church from 4-6 p.m. and various vendors at the First Baptist Church. The evening culminates with a Christmas sing-along at Leet Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. The Toulon Civic Association has its annual Christmas Walk next weekend, on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 3-7 p.m., with a variety of tours and activities scheduled



and Santa's arrival slated for 6 p.m. at the downtown gazebo. The Toulon Women's Club has a tour of homes from 3-6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the event. The Stark County Historical Society will offer its "Tour of Christmas Past" from 3-5 p.m. Toulon

United Methodist Church has a nativity display in its basement from 5-7 p.m., which are also the hours the Stark County Genealogical Society will be open. Patrick Sloan will provide live music at the Newsroom Bistro from 5:30-6:30 p.m., to be followed by the Christmas charity auction starting at 7:30. Participants in the Toulon walk are encouraged to register for door prizes at local businesses that will be open for the event and to get clues at those businesses to receive Toulon Bucks. Bishop Hill has its Lucia Nights event Dec. 8-9 from 6-9 p.m. Highlights on Dec. 8 in-

clude a Christmas tree lighting at 6 p.m. in the Village Park, with music provided by the Galva High School choir; Peoria Co-operative Madrigal Singers performing at Bishop Hill Methodist Church from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and other singers and musicians performing in other locations. On Dec. 9, horse-drawn carriage rides are 6-9 p.m. at Krans Cafe and musicians and singers will again be performing. Brian "Fox" Ellis will also tell Swedish and pioneer Christmas stories at the VASA National Archives from 6-8 p.m.

## City of Galva OK's two new stop signs

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**  
For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – The City Council approved two new stop signs on SW 3rd St. at the intersection near the Lutheran Church. There have been multiple complaints that vehicles race to get across the SW 6th Ave. crossing, which is usually open when the trains are blocking the tracks uptown. Some vehicles on U.S. Routes 34 and 17 use SW 3rd St. as a cutoff to save time to continue on the route and avoid going through town. The council also unanimously voted to join the Henry County Tourism

Bureau for \$5,000 per year for three years. Speakers at the meeting gave a presentation on getting a new bureau going and hiring a director. The former Henry County Tourism Bureau was dissolved in 2021. The city hopes the bureau can help draw more people to the July 4 Celebration in Galva, the Levitt AMP concerts and the The Back Road Music Festival. The bureau will advertise through a website, social media and printed materials. It was reported that the Galva Freedom Fest committee got word that

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## OPEN HOUSE



Individuals in the Abilities Plus work services program are busy decorating wreaths for Sunday's 1-3 p.m. open house.

## Abilities Plus has open house

For The Prairie News  
**KEWANEE** – Abilities Plus is preparing for the Christmas season with its annual holiday open house on Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. at 1100 N. East St. in Kewanee. The public is invited. Refreshments will be provided. The open house will feature a bake sale, raffle items and a chance to purchase collectibles, holiday décor, hand decorated evergreen wreaths, ornaments, fairy sticks and holiday gnomes. Also available will be pictures with The Grinch for a \$3 donation.

## Yager joining race for state senate seat

For The Prairie News  
**GENESEO** – Tim Yager, a local farmer, Henry County Board member and Henry County Farm Bureau Board member, has officially announced his campaign for the Illinois State Senate. Incumbent Sen. Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) announced in August he would not run again after serving two terms. The 37th District consists for about 217,000 residents and encompasses parts of Peoria, Stark and Henry counties, among others. Other candidates for the senate seat are former Dixon mayor Li Arellano Jr. and Dixon City Council member Chris Bishop.

After filing nearly two times the required number of signatures needed for ballot access and forming his official campaign committee, Yager cited a need for leaders in Springfield who understand issues facing the typical Illinoisian and leaders who know how to fight for the solutions necessary for the residents of the 37th District.

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Yager

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# Stark County Board approves budget, tax levy

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County board met Nov. 29 to approve final fiscal year 2022-23 bills that came in after the Nov. 14 monthly meeting. Additionally, the board formally approved the annual budget appropriation and Tax Levy Ordinance for

fiscal year 2023-24.

The tax levy will be in place Dec. 1 through Nov. 30, 2024. There were no changes to the tax levy and no one from the public viewed the tax levy ordinance the past 15 days it was made available for review.

The tax will be at a rate not to exceed .87780 of the full fair cash val-

uation. The total budget equals \$4,428,940. Board members in attendance who voted unanimously to approve the payment of bills and the tax levy ordinance were Robin Nowlan, Adam Wilson, Joe Orwig, Bill Loane, Tom Howes and, by Zoom, Kari Bush. Tim McMillen and Jamie Schaffer were absent.

# GALVA: Front Street demo project is progressing

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July 4 festivities and fireworks will be on July 4 next year, after being pushed back this summer.

The council unanimously joined the Illinois Property Maintenance Code in an effort to help the city attorney expedite the demolition of several houses. Galva currently has 20 houses on a list, with 11 slated for demolition and nine that might not have to come down if owners choose to make needed repairs.

Mayor Rich Volkert said all of the video gaming tax goes into a fund for a new fire truck. The fund now has \$170,000. Volkert said any purchase is still down the road, as he saw that Rock Island purchased a new fire truck for \$610,000.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that all residents need to get their vehicles, trailers, lawn mowers, campers etc. off of the roadway

when it snows. He said it takes too long to knock on doors in order to ask people to move their vehicles.

He also noted that motorists need to either de-ice their windows on their vehicles or scrape them. He said he recently saw several people driving with just a peep hole through the ice to see out of.

Also, residents need to take their trash cans in after the trash is picked up. It was noted that several residents never take them back from the curb.

Bricks will be left outside of the fence next week if anyone wants a souvenir from the old Creamery building on Front Street that is being taken down.

A truck the city ordered months ago has still not arrived, so the city plans to purchase a truck that is available at Gustafson Ford in Kewanee and cancel the other order.

It was suggested that banners

should be hung on poles around Veterans Park with pictures of old Galva veterans on them.

Resident John Wirth was present and asked the council if they would be interested in him bringing a car cruise to Galva before the AMP Levitt concerts this summer. The council thought this would be a good idea to get more visitors to town.

City Administrator David Dyer said demolition of the building on Front Street has resumed. The new wall on the Odd Fellows building is complete and will now be insulated. Dyer said an EIFS wall will then be put on the outside for \$43,000.

The next council meeting will be Dec. 18 with a tax levy hearing at 5:30 p.m. due to a 7% increase in the levy, prompted by increasing equalized assessed values of properties. The tax rate has actually gone down 6 cents.

# SENATE: Yager owned wireless companies, now farms

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Farming continually since 1992, Yager is the sixth generation to farm in Henry County and started a

successful wireless company (iPCS Inc.) that grew rapidly and was publicly traded before eventually being acquired by Sprint Nextel. He continued on to successfully rebuild another financially distressed wireless company that was then also acquired. After completing

the turnaround mission successfully, he began farming full time in 2014.

Yager service also includes U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood's Agriculture Advisory Council.

"I will be a voice for voters of the 37th District. We live in a great state that is abundant in natural

resources and hard-working people," Yager said. "I am tired of friends and family leaving this state because of woke policies and high taxes. When people are paying significantly more than they were last year for a tank of gas or groceries, we know it hurts."

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Stark County Report**

**11-24** - A fight and battery incident was handled at the Spoon River Bowl establishment in downtown Wyoming. The incident remains under investigation.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**11-20** - to a residence on SW 7th Street to check the welfare of a child. They were fine.

**11-20** - Officer met with a subject at the Galva PD to file a report involving a lost or stolen front license plate.

**11-20** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd Street for a fire that had been started close to the residence. The fire was out prior to the officer's arrival.

**11-21** - to the 100 block of Main Street for a complaint involving a verbal altercation and theft.

**11-21** - to assist the Kewanee Police Department with locating a subject in the 400 block of NW 5th St. who got fuel in Kewanee earlier and the fuel was not paid for. The subject was located and returned to pay.

**11-22** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a disturbance complaint. As the result, Anthony Sterling, 37, Galva, was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct. He was transported to the Galva Police Department for processing and then released with a required court date.

**11-22** - to speak with a deputy from Peoria County about a runaway juvenile that may be staying in the Galva area.

**11-23** - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a 911 hang-up call. It was determined to be a misdial.

**11-23** - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loud music/party



complaint. This complaint was unfounded.

**11-23** - While patrolling, the officer noticed three of the five railroad crossings had been blocked by a stopped freight train for several hours. BNSF advised they were working on a mechanical issue. After several hours, the train moved along.

**11-23** - to the 400 block of S. Center Ave. to answer questions about a recent incident.

**11-23** - to the 800 block of NW 1st Ave. for a 911 call. It was determined to be a misdial.

**11-23** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd Street to remove an unwanted subject.

**11-24** - to assist Henry County with a single-vehicle rollover crash on County Highway 5 north of town.

**11-24** - to the 500 block of SW 3rd St. for a reckless driving complaint. Officer located the suspect vehicle near SE 2nd St. and S. Center Ave. As a result, Victor Koelling, 76, Toulon, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol and improper lane usage. He was transported to the Henry County Jail.

**11-24** - to the SW 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a crossing gate

malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

**11-25** - to the 500 block of SW 6th Ave. for an ongoing property-line dispute.

**11-25** - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for an animal complaint.

**11-26** - to the east end of town to watch for a reckless driver. Officer was not able to locate.

**11-23** - A 17-year-old subject from Geneseo was issued a citation for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

**11-25** - Sarah Kaiser, 18, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 400 block of NW 1st Ave.

**11-25** - Michael Eckardt, 30, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**11-25** - Rita Meaker, 53, Toulon, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**Property Transfers**

**11-20** - Joyce A. & Rick L. Rumbold to Joyce A. & Rick L. Rumbold - Pt 18-13-5 SW - 76 Twp. Rd. 930 N., LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.

**11-20** - Carol Joanne Gorman to Carol Joanne Gorman, Trustee - Sect 13-14-6 SE, Elmira Twp. - Consideration = \$0.

**11-22** - Roger B. Jr., Cody L., Kristina E. & Patricia L. Potter to Kristina E. Potter - Castle's Add'n - Pt Block 16 Lots 5 & 6 - 915 N. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

**11-22** - Kristina E. Potter to Dylan R. Carter - Castle's Add'n - Pt Block 16 Lots 5 & 6 - 915 N. &th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$27,000.

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## GUEST VOICES



## Good neighbors another cause for thanks

The day after Thanksgiving is one of my favorite times of the year. After hosting my family for dinner, I have the day to just relax. The reality this year was a little different. I had just finished moving the furniture back into the south room when I saw an unfamiliar pickup truck pull into our lane. It was our neighbor to the east, Shelli Halsall.

"There are a couple cows in Rick Rumbold's field across the river from us," she said. "I could see them from my yard. I only saw two."

I thanked her for the timely information and for driving over to be sure we knew about it at once.

"Let me know if you need help," she added.

I thanked her for the offer and went to rouse AJ.

Unsure of the full extent of the situation at this point, we got the truck and began to inventory our cattle. Given the location, we were almost certain that these escapees were from our Other Place, which is straight south of where Shelli and Hank live. On the other hand, we had just moved our four Angus bulls to The 40 that morning, and it was fathomable that they had gone exploring. We quickly drove up the road and immediately saw three bulls grazing contentedly.

Satisfied that the fourth bull was nearby, we headed for the Other Place. There we were relieved to see that our keeper heifers were all in their lot and that there were approximately 41 cows in the big pasture. At that point we drove back down the road and headed east to the scene of the crime. Yep. Just as she described. There were two cows nonchalantly nosing through the cornstalks in Rick's field behind the big hill. One was a pretty blonde and the other black.

"Hmmf," AJ snorted. "I can tell you right now that's 8396."

Our next step was to secure the not-yet-out cows by setting out some irresistibly delicious rye bales to distract them while we played Find Where They Got Out. We drove the mile and a half back home to get the tractor and soon enough had three fresh bales in the dip by the slough.

I climbed into the tractor with AJ and we set off to the Frog Pond to check the fence there. He let me out at one end and he drove to the other.

When we met in the middle I shrugged, and he motioned me aboard. Nothing was amiss.

We proceeded to the Park, the most likely point of egress, given the current location of the wayward pair. This fence bordered the Tall Timber and would be more difficult to survey.

Again I started at one end while AJ drove to the east end. I picked my way through multiflora rose bushes and fallen trees. By the time I reached the little gully and paused to find the least muddy route across it, I saw the Kubota lifting, then setting back down a large tree trunk. I got the wave and climbed back in the cab. The tree was too big for the tractor to safely move and anyway, the cows needed to be able to get back in the way they went out.

We drove up the steep hill out of the Tall Timber into the Park and headed back to the big pasture, where the cows were enthusiastically eating rye. We closed the gates to the Park behind us.

The plan was to go home again, get the RTV and some buckets of corn to put out as an incentive. There were two key factors for success in this plan. One was that the out cows would hear the RTV, which would indicate food was arriving, and the other was that they could hear AJ call the herd to the bunks.

Back we went in the RTV. AJ dumped three buckets of corn into the bunks just inside the gate and called loudly, "Coooooome boss!" The now-bewildered good cows began to leave the bales at the base of the hill to cross the culvert and plod up the hill. This was not when they usually were fed, but hey, corn!

Now to see if the plan worked. We putted back down the hill, across the slough and up to the main part of the pasture. The Park was at the far end. As we approached the gates we said at once, "Ha!" There they were, standing impatiently at the gate. I still had a couple buckets of corn in the back of the RTV and as soon as AJ got the gate open, the pretty blonde cow trotted over and stuck her head in one to gobble corn. I looked at her ear tag. Just as predicted: 8396.

AJ closed the gates behind them and we set off once again. When we got back to the bunks we dumped what was left of the corn and exited the pasture for the last time that day. We hoped that the other cows would finish all the corn just as the two rogues sauntered up to the

bunks.

The whole episode took no more than an hour and a half. Because he knows his cows, AJ was able to use cunning to get them to come home. We only had to open the gate for them.

But the most important element was that we have good neighbors. Shelli made sure we knew our cows were out the minute she saw them. Because of that, they never got onto the road and no more escaped. And I had one more thing to add to my list of things for which I am thankful.

### SLOW-COOKED WHISKEY-MOLASSES SHREDDED BEEF

Ingredients

- 1 beef bottom round roast (about 2½ pounds), cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ cup whiskey
- ¼ cup plus 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, divided
- 1 can (6 ounces) tomato paste
- 4 tablespoons packed brown sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup molasses
- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ½ teaspoon ground red pepper
- 1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
- 2 cups shredded carrots
- 2 cups diced Granny Smith apple

Directions

1. Place beef bottom round roast in 4½-to 5½-quart slow cooker. Combine whiskey, ¼ cup vinegar, tomato paste, 2 tablespoons brown sugar, molasses, salt and pepper; pour over roast. Cover and cook on high 4-6 hours or on low 8-10 hours, or until beef is fork-tender.

2. Remove roast from slow cooker; shred with two forks. Skim fat from sauce as needed. Return beef to slow cooker; stir to combine with sauce.

3. Meanwhile, combine remaining 2 tablespoons vinegar, remaining 2 tablespoons brown sugar and mustard in large bowl. Add carrots and apples; mix well. Season with salt and black pepper, as desired.

Refrigerate until ready to serve. Serve beef with slaw.

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

**AUCTIONS**



**REAL ESTATE AUCTION**

The following real estate will be offered at Public Auction at the site located at 827 Beach Street, Kewanee, IL 61443 Saturday December 2nd at 10 AM

The Real Estate consists of a 1 1/2 story, 4 bedroom full bath home with approximately 1548 sq ft of living area. The main floor offers a large kitchen with plenty of cabinet and counter space, living room, dining room, a bonus room that could be used for another bedroom, office or playroom, nice front foyer area, bathroom and laundry room off kitchen. 2nd floor offers 2 large bedrooms and one smaller one with carpeted floors. The home has central air and a 6 yr old furnace. Full basement and vinyl siding are added features.

P.L.N. #20-32-483-016 Legal Description: Lot 6 Blk 1 Hoffrichter add. City of Kewanee, IL. Lot size 60' X 130"

To view property call Mark Guthrie 309-945-6120.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

1. The successful bidder shall be required to enter into a standard purchase agreement with 10% of the purchase price due immediately following the sale of the real estate and the balance of the purchase price due on or before 30 days from the date of sale, when possession will be given.
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Mike and Linda Murray- Sellers  
John Blachinski Barash and Everett - Attorney for the Seller  
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**Terms of Bidding:** The farm will be offered for sale as one 35± acre parcel. Sealed written bids setting forth the total purchase price and the name and address of the bidder shall be delivered to **Seller's Attorneys, WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., P.O. Box 368, 118 West Main Street, Elmwood, Illinois 61529-0368, no later than 4:00 P.M., Friday, December 15, 2023**, at which time and place the sealed bids will be opened and the highest bid announced. The bids must be in the possession of Seller's Attorneys by the time and date above specified. **The written bids are final and no further bids will be considered once the bids are opened at the above place and time.** Sellers reserve the right to reject any or all bids.

**Terms of Sale:** The successful bidder will be obligated to enter into a Purchase Agreement and pay a deposit of 10% of the purchase price within 48 hours after the bids are opened. The Purchase Agreement provides for a final closing on or before February 2, 2024, at which time a Warranty Deed and an Owner's Title Insurance Policy in the amount of the purchase price insuring merchantable title and possession of the farmland shall be delivered to the Purchaser in exchange for the balance of the purchase price. Sellers shall give Buyer a credit for the 2023 Real Estate Taxes. Sellers are retaining the 2023 farm rent. **A bid package, containing the bid form, purchase agreement, title commitment, and detailed information about the farm, may be obtained from the Attorneys for Sellers.**

**ATTORNEYS FOR SELLERS**  
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**BRIEFS**

**Stark County mini-bus involved in accident**

TOULON – A mini-bus used by Stark County CUSD 100 students on a Wethersfield Like Skills bus route was involved in an accident on Monday, Nov. 27, on Illinois Route 78.

According to the school, a pickup truck lost control on the blowing snow and struck the mini-bus. One student suffered a cut on the forehead but is now safe. All other students were unhurt and taken home safely.

**Bradford School Board sets Dec. 18 tax hearing**

BRADFORD – The Bradford Board of Education at its Nov. 28 meeting voted to switch its next meeting to Dec. 18 and to hold a Tax Levy/Truth in Taxation Hearing at 7 p.m. prior to the regular meeting.

The board voted unanimously to approve the preliminary 2023 levy estimate of \$4 million. The tax hearing is needed because of an increase in equalized assessed valuation of district property that has boosted the levy more than 5%.

Superintendent Chad Gripp noted that the tax rate for the district is unchanged from last year.

The board also approved: the 2022-23 Illinois School Report Card, the 2023 financial report and a tuition reimbursement program for district employees to complete college coursework and be reimbursed \$200 per credit hour.

**Illinois shotgun hunters shoot 53,348 deer**

SPRINGFIELD – Hunters in Illinois shot a preliminary total of 53,348 deer during the first weekend of the Illinois firearm deer season, Nov. 17-19. That's slightly more than the 52,354 deer shot during the first firearm weekend in 2022.

Of that total, hunters shot 1,296 in Fulton County, 821 in Knox County, 581 in Peoria County, 321 in Henry County and 150 in Stark County. Randolph County led Illinois with 1,506 deer shot.

Illinois' seven-day firearm deer season started Thursday, Nov. 30,



U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood toured the Stark County Historical Society building in Toulon on Nov. 27 while visiting Stark County businesses. Pictured above (left to right) are Sam Rice, Carol Rice, Jim Winslow, Diane Winslow, Karen Krans, Adam Wilson, Larry Hollis, Ann Castagna, Darin LaHood, Don Schmidt, Mike Bigger, Robin Nowlan and Judd Giffin. Photo by John A. Ballentine.



Galva Girl Scouts Troop 2236 collected toys last Saturday during the Ole Fashioned Christmas for the annual Love Tree for needy Galva children for Christmas. Scouts pictured above, from left to right, are Harper Rice; Lora Howard and Harper Craig. Photo by Carol Townsend.



The Stark County School District broke ground at Stark County High School on Nov. 28 for a new all-weather track. In attendance were members of the school faculty, school board and students. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

and concludes Sunday, Dec. 3.

**MSW Projects seeking Senior Saver donations**

HENRY – MSW Projects is only partially funded by federal and state grants to provide senior citizens with a prepared meal. MSW's Senior Saver program is a campaign to help senior citizens who are unable to

make a donation.

Donors can make a tax-deductible donation for a senior meal for a day for \$4, \$20 for a week and \$100 for a month. Donations can be mailed to MSW Projects of Henry, Attn: SENIOR SAVER Program, P.O. Box 140, Henry, IL 61537. Donations are also accepted via Venmo (MSW Projects of Henry).

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# Students get first-hand look at conservation practices

For The Prairie News  
 On Nov. 14, 2023, the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District held a conservation tour for Black Hawk East College students. Students from Black Hawk College instructor Andrew Larson's and Cole Wright's soils classes attended the event. The event began at 9 a.m. in the classroom. The presentation included a short brief on Stark Soil and Water Conservation District and the diverse conservation

practices the SWCD assists farmers with planning and implementing. From there, students traveled to the field to view a variety of conservation practices on college property and property owned by Endress Farms. Students led by Jannifer Powelson visited three local locations to view terraces, waterways, stabilizing structures, cover crops, riparian buffer, grassed buffer and a bioreactor. Powelson presented information to the group on



Jannifer Powelson of the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District recently led a group of Black Hawk East students on a field trip to observe a variety of conservation practices on property owned by Endress Farms. Submitted photo.

conservation programs and practices, with assistance from Katie McCauley of the SWCD. Sponsorship of the event was provided by Rumbold and Kuhn, Inc. and Streitmatter Land Improvement. The SWCD also thanks Endress Farms for allowing the students to view their conservation practices.

**58,277 M/L Acres of Peoria County Farmland**  
**FOR SALE BY VIRTUAL AUCTION**

**December 19, 2023 - 9 AM (online only)**  
 LOCATION: located on Cline Rd, Peoria, just south of Cedar Hills Drive.

TOTAL ACRES:	58,277
FSA TILLABLE ACRES:	52
PI:	123.2

LEASE: Farm lease has been cancelled for 2024.  
 REGISTER TO BID: [www.leezerfarmland.com](http://www.leezerfarmland.com) - select "Online Auction" box  
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Pictured above, Black Hawk East students on site observing soil and water conservation in practice. Submitted photo.

**Biscuit Gravy Fundraiser**  
**Dec. 9 & 10**  
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Send donations to  
**Stark County Good Samaritan Fund,**  
**PO Box 233, Toulon, IL 61483**  
**Thank You.**

## Bradford's Old Fashioned Christmas

**Saturday, December 2, 2023**  
**4:00 - 8 pm**

**Beta Senior Holiday Dinner**  
**Firehouse at Noon**

**Bradford Firehouse**  
 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - **Santa** arrives at the firehouse  
 4:00 - 7:30 p.m.

- ~ Enter your completed Passport card in the raffle drawing
- ~ Vote for the Best Decorated business & Bradford's Holiday Home of the Year
- ~ Bring your **Snack Shack** carry out dinner & dine at the firehouse
- ~ Coffee & Hot Cocoa & Cookies thanks to the Betas
- ~ Project stuff stockings for Courtyard Estates, the Peoria VA Outpatient Clinic, Home Health & Homeless Team

Stop by **Main Street Tap & My Place** for some food & Christmas Cheer

Pick up a **Christmas Passport** at your first stop. Have it stamped everywhere you go. Get at least **3 of the 7** stamps & enter it in the raffle drawing at the Firehouse.

Take a **horse drawn wagon ride** around town.

**First Baptist Church**  
**4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**  
 ~ Kids can shop at the **Lil Shoppers Holiday Shoppe**  
 ~ Christmas Market with a variety of vendors  
 ~ Photo op and amazing decorations

**St. John's Catholic Church**  
**4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  
 Stop by our beautiful church for a tour and see the Christmas decorations

Stop by **Courtyard Estates** Hot Chocolate & Cookies!

**Leet Methodist Church 7:30 p.m.**  
 ~ **Raffle drawings** for kids and adults  
**Prizes** on display in the window of the Plaid Apron

- ~ Best decorated business & Holiday Home of the year awards
- ~ Announcements of the BBC's Citizen of the Year Award
- ~ Christmas Sing-a-Long

## LEGALS

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF: IRENE H. JOHNSON, Deceased  
No. 2023PR95

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of IRENE H. JOHNSON. Letters of Office were issued on November 27, 2023, to Kathleen A. Litwiler and Ronald L. Johnson, as executors, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before May 30, 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.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
ESTATE OF: JOAN E. ANDERSEN, Deceased  
No. 2023PR97

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of JOAN E. ANDERSEN. Letters of Office were issued on November 27, 2023, to Reynolds M. Everett, Jr. as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before May 30, 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 provider. Visit [efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm](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 [www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp). Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY - ILLINOIS**  
PUBLICATION NOTICE OF COURT DATE FOR REQUEST FOR NAME CHANGE OF AN ADULT IN THE MATTER OF:

Janelle LeAnna Novak  
CHANGE OF NAME TO:  
Janelle LeAnna Simpson  
Case No.: 23MR30  
There will be a court date on my Request to change my name from Janelle LeAnna Novak to the new name of Janelle LeAnna Simpson. The court date will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. at 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL in Henry County, in Courtroom #3.

/s/ Janelle Novak  
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**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  
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**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.

1 The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.  
2 The names of the titleholders of record: Timothy M. Mannon.  
3. 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.  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate 815 Elmwood Avenue, Kewanee, Illinois.  
5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed.

a. Names of Mortgagors' Timothy M. Mannon.  
b. Name of Mortgagee Community State Bank.  
c. Date of Mortgage July 18, 2016.  
d. Date of Recording: July 26, 2016.  
e. 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  
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**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  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY- IL 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.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought; and the Case Number are identified above.  
2. The names of the titleholders of record: Kevin E. Galbraith, deceased and Corina L. Galbraith.  
3. 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.  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate: 205 Dodge Street, Kewanee, Illinois.  
5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed:

a. Names of Mortgagors: Kevin E. Galbraith & Corina L. Galbraith.  
b. Name of Mortgagee: State Bank of Toulon.  
c. Date of Mortgage: April 12, 2017  
d. Date of Recording: April 17, 2017  
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, IL  
f. 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.

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**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 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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**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

2023-AD-2

CHARLOTTE A. DOTY, A minor, and  
STANLEY D. DOTY,  
Respondent.

**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 2023 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

/s/ Julie A. Kenney

Stark County Circuit Clerk

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The Rennick Law Firm, P.C.  
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**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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**Notice of Acceptance of Nominations - NOTICE -**

To all persons of legal voting age who own or reside on land located within the boundaries of Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District. Beginning on November 2, 2023 nominations will be accepted for the two year term of office of Director of the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District at the District's Office at 7419B State Route 17, Toulon, Illinois 61483 during our normal business hours of 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. to be considered for nomination as a candidate for the office of Director, nominees must provide proof of residency or ownership of land located within the boundaries of the District. Interested persons must respond by 4p.m. on January 12, 2024.

**Notice of Election of Directors - NOTICE -**

To all owners and occupiers of lands lying within the boundaries of the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District:

Notice is hereby given that an Annual Meeting and Election will be held on the 2nd day of February, 2024 - located at 310 Diagonal St, Wyoming, IL 61491 Stark County Fairgrounds Conference Room at 8:30 a.m. Three Directors will be elected to serve the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District of the State of Illinois.

All persons, firms, or corporations who hold legal title or are in legal possession of any land lying within the boundaries of the said district are eligible to vote at said election whether as lessee, renter, tenant or otherwise.

Only such persons, firms, or corporations are eligible to vote.

Keith Bush, Chairman  
Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District





# Are days numbered for state FOID?

By GREG BISHOP  
The Center Square

Recent rulings against different states' gun-owner permit laws are fueling hope among Illinois' gun-rights community that the days are numbered for the state's Firearm Owner's ID card.

The Fourth Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals Tuesday ruled that Maryland's permit to buy and own a handgun is unconstitutional.

"The challenged law restricts the ability of law-abiding adult citizens to possess handguns, and the state has not presented a historical analogue that justifies its restriction; indeed, it has seemingly admitted that it couldn't find one," the majority opinion for the Fourth Circuit Appeals Court said.

In Illinois, gun rights advocate Todd Vandermyde compared Maryland's law that requires fingerprints with Illinois' FOID card.

"It's similar to a FOID card, but it's like the FOID card on steroids in certain ways like we've seen the anti-gunners in the [Illinois Legislature] try to propose," Vandermyde told The Center Square.

In Oregon last Wednesday, a state circuit court judge found that state's gun-owner ID law violated the state's constitution, enjoining

voter-approved referendum.

"Oregon citizens have a right to self defense against an imminent threat of harm, which is unduly burdened by Ballot Measure 114," Harney County Circuit Court Judge Robert Raschio said in his opinion.

Vandermyde said such cases across the country

give the gun-rights community in Illinois some hope.

"This imports very poorly for Illinois' FOID card and I think it's getting to the point where the FOID card is on life support," he said.

Challenges against Illinois' FOID card continue in both state and federal court.

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Answers on Page 3 — **Super Crossword** — A TO Z REPEATEDLY

**ACROSS**

1 Dubs or JFK  
5 Horse riders  
12 Bandleader  
Lawrence  
16 NBA's Erving, familiarly  
19 Totally alter  
20 Visibly sulky  
21 Pack of yaks  
22 Coastal inlet  
23 Monumental  
24 Of very hilly regions  
25 Livelihood  
27 Betray by unchaining  
29 Possible answer to "Who is?"  
30 Scottish refusals  
32 Lupe of "Mexican Spire"  
33 With 73- and 117-Across, notable fact about this puzzle's solution  
37 Antigen-attacking lymphocyte  
39 Abbr. ending a math proof  
40 Suffix with tom  
41 Deer relative  
42 Surgical tool  
44 Put a levy on  
47 Smidge

**DOWN**

49 Des Moines native  
51 Cry to a lifesaver  
53 Move in spasms  
56 "American Pie" actor — William Scott  
58 Visibly awed  
60 Tailless cat  
61 Pop's Grande  
63 The Beatles' "Eleanor —"  
65 Gibson liquor  
66 1847 Herman Melville novel  
67 Big name in utility knives  
68 Atty.'s title  
69 18-wheeler  
71 Dir. of a hoops game  
73 See 33-Across  
80 Mtn. in Italy  
81 ROY G. —  
82 Albuquerque-to-Denver dir.  
83 Chef's hat  
85 Travel by foot  
89 Cable into for old films  
91 Reversed Jackson  
93 Tease  
94 Ending for buck  
95 "Ei —" (nickname of a drug lord)  
97 Drink heartily

99 Acorn trees  
100 "Incredible!"  
102 D-Max pickup maker  
104 Tips, as a hat  
106 Wd. often ending in "ly"  
107 Rho-tau link  
109 Western treaty inits.  
111 U.S. spy gp.  
112 Former Pan Am rival  
115 Decide you will  
117 See 33-Across  
121 Part of a ship's hull  
123 Cartoon hit  
125 Cool, man  
126 Some Native Americans  
127 Getting a laugh out of  
129 Cool guy on "Happy Days"  
133 Years, in Italy  
134 Traffic snarl  
135 Lawn digger  
136 Popular place for a piercing  
137 Give a test to  
138 Log splitter  
139 "— Out of My League"  
140 Basic nature  
141 "That's clear"

2 Put new concrete on  
3 Revised copy  
4 Cholesterol-lowering drug  
5 Furry Caney  
6 Artist Yoko  
7 "Be quiet!"  
8 Univ. about 50 miles west of Topeka  
9 Coating with glossy varnish  
10 Yang partner  
11 Office scribe  
12 Interlaced  
13 Is  
14 Third bk. of the Bible  
15 Roguish behavior  
16 Group of precision marchers  
17 Ceremony  
18 "Run This Town" rapper  
19 Toon name  
20 Laugh syllable from a Stoooge  
31 Plant — claim some territory, maybe  
34 Writer Mario Vargas —  
35 Mitgate  
36 "King Kong" studio

38 Solidifies  
43 "Seminar," for "Marnes," e.g.: Abbr.  
45 River in Italy  
46 "Kisses and hugs" symbol  
47 Glide in a rink  
48 Glaring  
50 "That's the — goes"  
52 Mkt. insurer  
53 NFL's Jaguars, on scoreboards  
54 The "E" of 39-Across  
55 Well-off  
57 Muslim face  
58 Blue hue  
59 Arouse  
62 Linguist Chomsky  
64 Mark over a short vowel  
68 Ploocene, e.g.  
70 Big name in inferential knives  
72 Eligible for Soc. Sec.  
74 Class for an Eng. major  
75 Little jewel  
76 Sam of golf  
77 Judo halls  
78 Venus tooth  
84 Alens, briefly  
85 Tom's glassful  
86 Yank who wore #13  
87 Small amount, as of sales  
88 Jazz saxophonist Dave  
90 Injure greatly  
92 People crushing things  
93 Stick on  
96 Biblical song  
98 Points of convergence  
101 Prizes highly  
103 Animals: Suffix  
105 Komnet  
108 Wolf down  
110 Suppress  
112 Pre-letoff expression  
113 Hot dog  
114 Judicial inquest  
116 Book div.  
118 Lander of cosmetics  
119 Cereal cereal  
120 Basra citizen  
121 Mexico's — California  
122 Huge-screen film format  
124 In-favor votes  
128 "Stupid me!"  
130 Partakes of  
131 "Gimm" awer  
132 Wye follower

## Amber Waves

GERALD, HONEY, GO AHEAD AND TELL SANTA WHAT YOU WANT.

LET HIM KNOW IF YOU'VE BEEN GOOD.

WELL, LITTLE BOY... HAVE YOU BEEN GOOD ALL YEAR LONG?

THAT'S A STRETCH, HOW ABOUT WE STICK TO THE LAST 2 HOURS.

## The Spats

I AM NOBODY.

NOBODY IS PERFECT.

...THEREFORE, I AM PERFECT!!

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

FOR CHRISTMAS MY WIFE WANTS JEWELRY. TELL ME YOU HAVE AN "IT'S THE THOUGHT THAT COUNTS" SECTION?

## GRIN & BEAT IT

"I saw what happened on 'America's Funniest Home Videos'!"

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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		7	2				9	
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆  
◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What is the name of the captain in "The Love Boat"?
- MOVIES: What is E.T.'s favorite candy in "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is Hungary's national spice?
- ADVERTISING: Which company's mascot is Elsie the Cow?
- PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutoptophobia?
- GAMES: How many pawns are on a chessboard?
- SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which of the Great Lakes is southernmost?
- LANGUAGE: What is an octothorpe?
- LITERATURE: Where are the novels "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

**Answers**

- Capt. Merrill Stubing.
- Reese's Pieces.
- Paprika.
- Borden Dairy Company.
- Fear of wealth.
- 16, eight pawns for each player.
- Pangea.
- Lake Erie.
- A hashtag or pound sign.
- Missouri.

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## FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 14

**CryptoQuote**

XYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

AK TGS UREPPT VEMF FG BG  
JGORFNAMX, TGS'PP KAMB E  
VET. AK TGS BGM'F, TGS'PP  
KAMB EM RYQSR. — IAO UGNM

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## TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Songbirds & Snakes (PG-13)
- Trolls Band Together (PG)
- The Marvels (PG-13)
- Thanksgiving (R)
- Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)
- The Holdovers (R)
- Next Goal Wins (PG-13)
- Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)
- Priscilla (R)
- Killers of the Flower Moon (R)

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## OBITUARIES

### Joan M. DeBord

PRINCEVILLE – Joan Mae DeBord, 91, of rural Princeville, passed away on Sunday, Nov. 26, 2023, at Carle Health Methodist Hospital in Peoria.

Joan was born on Nov. 10, 1932, in Stark County to Everette Glenn and Mary Clarice (Hewitt) Scott. She married James R. DeBord Sr. on Aug. 10, 1953, in Chillicothe and moved to rural Princeville, where she has lived in the same home for over 70 years. James preceded her in death on Sept. 7, 2009.

Also preceding her in death are her parents and her brother Gene Scott.

Surviving are her daughter, Mary J. DeBord of rural Princeville; three sons, Jim (LaLette) DeBord Jr., Larry "Shine" (Maralee) DeBord and Bill (Christy) DeBord, all of Princeville; her grandchildren, Rachel (Sean) McGinn, Ryan (Kaylin Herron) DeBord, Grant (Sarah) DeBord, Brooke (Dustin) Hiser, Alec (Brittany) DeBord and Shawn (Falon) DeBord; and her great-grandchildren, Kinley, Jameson, Broden, Laeten, Rylenn, Merrill, Monroe, Cohen, Maggie, Keldon, Jentry and Tucker and one great-grandchild on the way. Also surviving are many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Joan operated the Monica Coffee Shop from 1986 to 1996 with her husband and daughter. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, was an avid bowler and a Chicago Cubs fan. Most of all, she enjoyed being with her family and loved watching the grandkids in their activities.

Services will be held on Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023, at 10 a.m. at Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe. Rev. David Pyell will officiate. Visitation will be held on Friday, Dec. 1, 2023, from 5-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow the service on Saturday at Princeville Township Cemetery.

Memorials in Joan's name may be made to the Akron Princeville Ambulance or Illinois Cancer Care.

Online condolences may be made through [www.weberhurdfuneral-home.com](http://www.weberhurdfuneral-home.com).



DeBord

### Bruce P. Fehrenbacher

BRADFORD – Bruce P. Fehrenbacher, 68, of Bradford, passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 2023, at Liberty Village in Princeton.

Bruce was born in Peoria, on Oct. 2, 1955, to the late George and Barbara (Dewey) Fehrenbacher. On June 15, 1979, he married Marykay Brockman in Mount Prospect. She survives.

Further surviving Bruce is his daughter, Olivia (Michael) Tasch of Champaign; a grandson, Noah Fehrenbacher; a daughter-in-law, Laura Fehrenbacher; and two sisters, Margot (Jim) Lair of St. Paul, Minn., and Anne (Gary) Jinks of Olathe, Kan. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Fehrenbacher, and a brother, Richard Fehrenbacher.

Bruce graduated from Illinois State University in 1977 and went on to graduate with a Juris Doctor degree from American University Washington College of Law in Washington D.C., in 1980. Following graduation, he worked at Whitney and Potts, Ltd., until 1984, when he opened his own law practice, Fehrenbacher Law Office in Wyoming, Ill. In 2018, he was elected Judge of the Tenth Judicial Circuit representing Stark County, a position he currently held.

Bruce was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend who cared deeply for each person in his life. He loved spending time with his family, was a lifelong swimmer, an avid reader and held a special place in his heart for all of his pets. Bruce was driven by patience and empathy and allowed those qualities to impact each corner of his life.

His funeral service was to be at St. Jude Catholic Church in Peoria on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2023, at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will be from 9:30-11:30 a.m. prior to the service, also at the church. Father Henehan will officiate. Burial at a later date will be private.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Bradford Community Fire Protection District or to Illinois CancerCare in



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

### Pamela G. Spencer

EDELSTEIN – Pamela Gail

Spencer, 76, of Edelstein, passed away on Friday, Nov. 17, 2023, in Kickapoo. She was born in Cullman, Ala., on March 15, 1947, to the late Casey Iven and Emma Jean (Lawler) Jones. On Nov. 27, 1999, she married Michael R. Spencer in Groveland, Ill.; he survives.

Survivors also include a daughter, Julie Malisa Johnson of Germantown Hills; a son-in-law, Matthew Noar of Roanoke; close family friends Tony Suddith of Gilbert, Ariz., Penny Suddith of East Peoria, Ill., and Michael Suddith of Midvale, Utah; two aunts, Judy Barksdale of Hamilton and Maron Frederick of Hodges, both of Alabama; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Carrie Malinda Noar earlier this year.

Pam had a heart as big as a mountain. Everyone that met her felt that and was drawn to her. Pam worked at CMA Flodyne Hydradyne with her husband for 22 years, retiring in May of 2018. Since 2011, Pam was also co-owner (along with husband Michael) of their business, Innovative LED Stage & DJ Lighting. She loved Elvis Presley, painting, enjoyed being outside, tending to her flowers, feeding all the birds, especially hummingbirds, and attending Mike's band's live shows.

A celebration of Pam's life will be held at a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

In lieu of flowers and memorial gifts, memorial contributions towards St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Shriners International, Huntington's Disease Society of America, or the American Cancer Society, would be appreciated by the family.

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



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# More spending for migrants anticipated in January

By ANDEW HENSEL

The Center Square

Illinois has spent nearly \$1 billion on migrant care and services over the past 15 months to deal with more than 24,000 non-citizen arrivals. When legislators return in January, the taxpayer cost could increase.

Chicago has set aside an additional \$150 million to help shelter and care for the influx of noncitizen arrivals. The state recently announced it will be contributing another \$160 million in taxpayer funds for services.

On Tuesday, after 25 more buses arrived over the weekend, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that lawmakers may vote on increased funding when they return.

“I want to ensure we are doing everything we can. Obviously, those will be parts of a budget discussion with the General Assembly,” Pritzker said. “We have made it available to the General Assembly to vote on if they wanted to have a supplemental [appropriation] to provide dollars for this.”

In October, Pritzker shot down the idea of a supplemental appropriation to the crisis and said he has been diverting money from state programs to cover extra costs.

“We have taken some of the programs that have pre-existed the crisis and adjusted them to help with the migrant crisis,” Pritzker said last month. “Let me give you one example, our rental assistance program, we have provided some of

that rental assistance money, which wasn’t originally intended to be about asylum seekers, for this challenge.”

Aside from the tens of millions of dollars for housing migrants, the state budget has \$550 million in taxpayer subsidies for the health care of migrants over 65.

• **Snowplowers needed** – A national shortage of licensed truck drivers means fewer snow plows on the roads this winter.

Maria Casteneda of the Illinois Department of Transportation said staffing levels for the winter response team have been down approximately 10-15% since the start of the pandemic. IDOT has openings for both full and part-time snow plow drivers.

# SPORTS: Strom leads Galva in loss to Midland

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Senior Ava Strom led Galva with eight points and freshman Addison Yepsen added six.

Galva was home vs. West Central on Wednesday and travels to Monmouth United on Monday.

**Stark County Girls** – The Lady Rebels (1-3) ended an 11-day Thanksgiving break with a game at Mercer County on Wednesday, were home vs. Illini Bluffs on Thursday and are at Kewanee on

Saturday, Dec. 2.

**R-W Boys** – Port Byron Riverdale defeated ROWVA-Williamsfield in the title game of its round-robin tournament, 56-41 on Nov. 25 in Billtown. Lewis Sams had 12 points to lead the Cougars.

Riverdale finished 5-0 in the six-team event, with R-W at 4-1. Henry was 3-2, United 2-3, Galva 1-4 and West Central 0-5.

In a 58-51 victory Nov. 24 over United, Dawson Traphagan had a team-high 13 points for R-W. That included 4-for-4 on late free throws. Riley Danner and Talan Hull evenly split 22 points.

On Nov. 21, the Cougars beat Henry 59-50 behind 20 points from Danner and 17 from Hull.

R-W Coach Bob Anderson missed all those games because of illness. According to R-W assistant coach Jeff Hannam, it’s the first time Anderson was absent in the 45 years he’s been coaching in Billtown. Hannam and fellow assistant Ryan Hart guided the team in Anderson’s stead.

**R-W Girls** – Three days after losing to Rockridge by 17 at home, the R-W girls went on the road on Nov. 21 to rack up a 34-30 win over Rockridge.

Avery Rigg had 12 points and Riley Smith

added nine to lead R-W (3-3).

The Lady Cougars went to double overtime on Monday to win at Farmington, 44-42. Erin Welch scored eight points, including the game-winning floater with two seconds left in the second overtime.

Addysen Link led R-W with 16 points and Rigg added 10.

**Princeville Boys** – A 58-49 victory Nov. 25 over Peoria Heights left Princeville at 3-1 in the Brimfield tournament. Against Heights, Jake Williams had 10 third-quarter points to help the Princes expand a two-point halftime lead. Tucker Sennett had 14 points, Williams 12 and Josh Hunt 11.

On Nov. 24, Princeville defeated Brimfield 62-45 behind 14 points from Hunt and 11 each from Williams and Logan Olshawsky. Williams hit three 3-pointers and Tayshaun Kieser had two in a 29-point third period. Princeville beat Knoxville 65-28 on Nov. 21 as Hunt and Olshawsky each scored 11.

Princeville is host Friday night to Peoria Heights.

**Princeville Girls** – Competitive losses to Brimfield (47-41) and Elmwood (36-28) didn’t

make John Gross feel much better about his Lady Princes (4-3).

“I wasn’t happy at all. Way too many turnovers. Way too many missed layups and missed free throws,” Gross said after the loss to Brimfield. “We need some leadership on the floor.”

Princeville could also use more outside shooting to ease the pressure on post player and top scorer Brianna Brodie.

Despite having defenders packed inside on her against Brimfield, Brodie scored 17 points. Paisley Schock scored nine and Kinley McGinn added seven.

“We don’t have an outside game,” Gross said. “That’s why our inside game got hurt (Saturday) because they just moved everybody inside to guard (Brodie).”

Against Elmwood, Brodie had 18 of her team’s points in a 36-28 loss.

“She’s good with her body and always finds a way to get the ball and to get rebounds and put-backs,” Brimfield Coach McKown said of Brodie.

Princeville ended its two-game skid on Monday at home, beating North Fulton 53-42 as Brodie had 29 and McGinn tallied 11.

Princeville is home vs. Farmington on Saturday at 1 p.m.

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Rebels 3-2 at Wethersfield

### Rewerts earns all-tournament honors for Stark County

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Prairie News

Stark County won two of its final three boys basketball games last week in the Wally Keller Invitational at Kewanee.

The Rebels (3-2) ended the tournament Nov. 25 by beating Putnam County 50-43. The game at Wethersfield was tied at 21 at intermission, but Luke Rewerts had seven third-quarter points to help Stark County take a 36-32 lead heading into the fourth.

In that period, Rewerts scored 10 to finish with a game-high 22. Teammates Matthew Bowser and Ross Saner had 11 and 10 points, respectively.

On Nov. 24, Stark County defeated Bureau Valley 49-45. Will Rumbold, a 6-foot-4 transfer from Kewanee High, had a team-high 16 points.

“Rumbold in particular had a solid game,” Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated. “We played well against their zone (defense). We got some good interior play from our bigs, both offensively and defensively.”

Tournament MVP Landon Sauer had 27 points Nov. 22, including 19 in the fourth quarter, to help Wethersfield beat Stark County 60-49. Wethersfield had half its points in the fourth, which began with the teams tied at 30.

“They went kind of crazy with scoring and it got away from us,” Browning stated.

The Rebels had three double-digit scorers, led by Rewerts with 13. Bowser and Saner each scored 12. Rewerts had nine second-period points to help Stark County lead 21-18 at halftime.

Annawan finished 4-1 to win the tournament. Rewerts was an all-tournament

pick for Stark County, which finished with the same tourney record as Bureau Valley and Wethersfield.

Ties were broken by fewest total points allowed against the other two teams that went 3-2. Bureau Valley (87 points) was second and Wethersfield (102) was third. Stark County allowed 105 points.

Stark County travels to Brimfield for a game tonight (Dec. 1).

**Galva Boys** – Galva lost its final three games in the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invitational, but the final defeat might have been the toughest.

A layup with 1.3 seconds left in overtime gave Henry a 51-49 victory Nov. 25. The Wildcats (1-4) missed an open 3-point shot, which the Mallards rebounded. Their full-court pass led to the winning points, according to Galva Coach Jake McClintic.

Braxton Rylander’s free throws with 32 seconds left in regulation tied the score at 41 and forced OT. Rylander also blocked a ball out of bounds with 1.7 seconds left. He finished with a team-high 20 points. Earlier in the day, Rylander scored 10 in a 47-31 loss to Monmouth United.

Tournament-champion Port Byron Riverdale defeated Galva 80-46 on Nov. 24. Blake Stahl had 22 points for the Wildcats.

Galva is to play host tonight to North Fulton. A game that was to have been played Tuesday at Midland was rescheduled to Dec. 18.

**Galva Girls** – The Lady Wildcats (0-4) had trouble handling Midland’s pressure defense early and could not overcome a 31-2 first-quarter deficit in a 54-21 loss.

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