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By **DANIEL GRANT**
FarmWeek

Illinois once again produced some of the largest crops of any state in the nation despite drought and other weather challenges last year, according to USDA's crop production report released Jan. 12.

Prairie State farmers produced 648 million bushels of soybeans in 2023 (down from 2022 but the most of any state nationwide) and 2.27 billion bushels of corn (up slightly from the previous year and the second-most nationwide behind Iowa).

Statewide, yields averaged 206 bushels per acre for corn in 2023 (up 3 bushels from the November estimate but down 8 bushels from the 2022 record) and 63 bushels for beans (up 2 bushels from November and even with last year).

The trend of higher-than-expected yields was also evident nationwide



Illinois produced some of the largest crops of any state last year despite drought and other weather challenges, according to the USDA. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

in USDA's annual crop summary.

U.S. corn production was pegged at 15.3 billion bushels last year with an average yield of 177.3 bushels per acre, both records. Soybean production totaled 4.16 billion bushels last year (down 2% from 2022) with an average yield of 50.6 bushels.

USDA raised corn yield estimates from its previous report by 9 bushels in Nebraska, 4 bushels in Minnesota

and 1 bushel in Iowa, along with the boost in Illinois. Iowa finished with a corn yield estimate of 203 bushels per acre. Indiana was at 201 bushels.

"No doubt this crop ended up better than we feared it was going to be," said Joe Camp, of CommStock Investments.

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Tarleton honored as Citizen of the Year

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Denny Tarleton was named Citizen of the Year Saturday at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at Midland Country Club. Tarleton grew up in Bishop Hill as a young child before moving to Galva.

He said his parents, Bill and Phyllis Tarleton, always taught him to help others as there is "always somebody needing help."

Tarleton served as Galva's Fire Chief for 20 years and still remains very active with the Galva Fire Department. Denny has run Tarleton's Service for many years along with his father and brother, Mike. Denny has helped many people with car repairs, towing and getting into a locked car. While the service station was sold, Denny has stayed on to work on cars and drive the tow truck. He was nominated by Nate Byers, who took over as fire chief when Denny stepped down. Denny and his wife Joyce have a son, Chase who lives in Lowell, Mass., with his wife Nora. Aaron Kewish was honored as Friend of the Chamber after being nominated by John Hathaway and Rich Nordstrom. Kewish has restored sev-



Tarleton

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Edelstein eyes Princeville for better water

By **NICK VLAHOS**
For The Prairie News

Digging a well 2,000 feet deep might not provide Edelstein residents with better water. Building a pipeline about 7 miles long probably will.

Water officials in Edelstein and village officials in Princeville are trying to bring such a pipeline to fruition. They also are trying to secure a federal grant to help pay for it.

The proposed water pipeline

from Princeville would help bring Edelstein into compliance with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. The current Edelstein well is deficient structurally, and the radium level in its drinking water has been too high for decades. Radium is a radioactive metal.

"It's been going on too long," said Peoria County Board Member Brian Elsasser, who represents the area. "It's just a major hassle for those

people." Also too high in relation to potability might be the rates the 60 or so Edelstein Water Works Co-Operative customers pay each month – \$80 currently, according to Judd Giffin, a co-op consultant. The small size of the co-op helps make impractical a bond issue to pay for improvements.

"I see a lot of communities that have their hands out for help but not doing anything to help themselves. Edelstein is

not one of those," Giffin said. "People are paying \$80 a month for water and sometimes you don't have water and sometimes it's a thick, warm color because of rust."

The pipeline project might cost between \$3 million and \$4 million, according to Chad Gardner, the Princeville superintendent of public works. His village also stands to be a beneficiary.

"Princeville could make



Officials in Edelstein and Princeville are hoping a federal grant will help pay for a 7-mile pipeline to bring Princeville water to Edelstein, whose current well is deficient.



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GALVA: Kewish named Friend of the Chamber

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eral old buildings in Galva. He purchased and has restored the old Waterworks building, which he has filled with his still-growing collection of Galva items.

Nordstrom read information on Kewish and said it is “very impressive to see all of his collections”

Kewish purchased a large statue from Arkansas and had it restored. The giant Viking, King Orry, stands near his building.

The shield says Kewish Concrete, which is his full-time job. The statue attracts visitors to Galva and is also seen by Amtrak travelers coming



Galva Chamber President Carson Halsall (left) presents a plaque to Aaron Kewish.

In 2023, Kewish bought Grace Methodist Church which sits on U.S. 34. He has not decided what to do with the church.

Adam Jaquet, a Chamber board member, said the Chamber had ribbon cuttings for J Mac Metals new lumber yard and also The Garage Restaurant.

Officers of the Chamber are Carson Halsall, president; Jake Anderson, vice president; and Stacey Hanks, secretary and treasurer.

The chamber meets the first Tuesday of each month City Hall and will elect new officers for 2024 at its next meeting.

PIPELINE: Princeville plant would need upgrade

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 some money off of selling its water to Edelstein, and Edelstein would have good-quality water,” Giffin said. “It would solve a number of things.”

Said Elsasser: “It would be a huge economic-development boon if they could run that water line out there.”

Word from U.S. Rep. Darin LaHood’s office about federal-grant approval might be forthcoming this summer, Elsasser said.

Elsasser and Princeville officials are taking the lead

regarding the grant, according to Giffin.

If it happens, the project might take a couple of years to complete, Gardner said. It’s the latest attempt to solve a problem that dates to at least the beginning of this century.

The radium issue requires each Edelstein co-op customer to have a water softener, according to Giffin. He said the Edelstein well, which is roughly 2,000 feet deep, is obstructed about 300 feet below the surface. Pumps cannot be lowered deeper.

“To rehabilitate it, you’d have to blow that obstruction out, which would threaten to collapse the whole well,” he said. “It’s just a messy ordeal.”

A new Edelstein well would be expensive and not guaranteed to solve the radium problem, according to Giffin. But a transmission line east from Princeville would provide water to Edelstein from three

wells 1,600 to 1,700 feet deep.

Those Princeville wells tap into the Sankoty Aquifer, which provides groundwater to sections of Peoria and to other communities in northwest and central Illinois. The pipeline grant would require Princeville to upgrade its water plant, according to Gardner.

“It’s kind of a win-win, if the grant’s awarded,” Gardner said. “When I presented it to the Village Board, they weren’t sure. But they were all about it because they do want to help the neighboring community. Those kids go to our school. They come to our functions in town.”

The proposed project also appeals to Elsasser and Giffin on a personal level. Giffin resides in the service area of the Edelstein co-op, which his grandfather helped create. Elsasser resides in Princeville, but his family farm is

about 3 miles south of Edelstein.

In addition to the potential federal grant and about \$150,000 in local money, Elsasser said he’s proposed Peoria County contribute \$350,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds.

According to him, that effort hasn’t gained traction so far among his board peers or other county officials.

“They say, ‘What if one of our other county board members wanted that?’ I’d support it in a heartbeat,” Elsasser said. “If you don’t have water, you don’t have anything.”

It’s something for which Edelstein co-op customers would be willing to pay at least what they’re charged currently, according to Giffin. He wasn’t sure how a new pipeline would affect Edelstein water rates.

“Right now, if they had to pay 80 dollars a month but they knew they had good-quality water and they didn’t have to worry about the well going down, they’d probably keep paying the 80 dollars a month,” Giffin said. “The most important thing is that everybody gets good water – quality and quantity.”

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Misdemeanors & Felonies

1-13 - Criminal Felony - Cassel O. R. Taylor - Domestic battery/harm/1-2 Preconvictions.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-13 - Stark County Sheriff's Office was notified a 25-year-old man was hit in the leg by a moving vehicle while trying to help a stranded motorist stuck in a ditch 5 miles south of Bradford. The unidentified vehicle driver left the scene. The accident is under investigation.

1-13 - Authorities responded to a possible domestic battery and criminal damage to property incident in the 200 block of N. Olive St. in Toulon. Incident is under investigation.

1-17 - Robert C. Boatman Jr., Toulon, reported theft of an ATV discovered missing from his property in the 200 block of Greenwood St.

1-17 - A harassment/threat complaint was reported to authorities by a rural Bradford resident. Incident is under investigation.

1-18 - A Castleton resident reported suspected fraud involving an identity theft. Incident is under investigation.

1-21 - Charles D. Yocum III, 21, of Galva, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and illegal transportation of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle.

Peoria County Report

1-18 - Andrew J. Egelston, 18, of Wyoming arrested at 12:15 p.m. on Jan. 18 and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

1-14 - A rural-Kewanee man was accused of drunk driving after his vehicle crashed in snow south of Galva. Trent M. Doss, 35, was driving a southbound 2001 Chevrolet Silverado shortly before 5:30 p.m. Jan. 14 in the 2900 block of Illinois Route 17 when the truck struck a snowbank and overturned, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report.

Blowing and drifting snow in the lane was as deep as four feet, the report stated. In addition to driving under the influence of alcohol, Doss was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. He is to appear Feb. 14 in Knox County Circuit Court in Galesburg. His vehicle was towed.

1-15 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. to assist a parole agent from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

1-15 - On patrol, an officer located a disabled vehicle near the Chester Street railroad crossing. Tarleton's got a tire fixed so the subject could move from the roadway.

1-15 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. to deliver a message for a business in Galesburg.

1-15 - On patrol, an officer located a semi tractor trailer broke down in the 500 block of W. Division St.

1-16 - Officer spoke to a resident by telephone about a civil issue involving a subject failing to pay for snow removal.

1-16 - to the 700 block of W. Division St. for a disabled semi tractor trailer blocking traffic. Driver Leon James, 65, of Oklahoma City, was arrested for improper operation of a commercial vehicle since he did not have a CDL license. The semi was moved to private property. He was released with a court date.

1-16 - to the 300 block of SW 2nd Ave. to meet with a complainant who found a debit card on the ground. Officer has been attempting to contact the owner to return the card.

1-16 - On patrol, an officer located a loose dog in the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. Owner retrieved the dog.

1-16 - along with the Galva Fire Department and Stark County Medic to a two-vehicle accident in the 100 block of N. Center Ave.

1-17 - to the intersection of NW 5th St. and NW 5th Ave. for a pickup truck vs. power pole accident. There was no damage or injuries reported.

1-17 - to the 200 block of NE 3rd St. for a complaint involving criminal damage to vehicle involving a cut tire. It appeared to be weather related and not a criminal act.

1-18 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to retrieve a wallet dropped in a business parking lot. The wallet was returned to the owner.

1-18 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a water line that ruptured inside a business. An employee from the water department shut the water

off for repairs.

1-19 - On patrol, an officer located a vehicle in a snow pile along the roadway in the 00 block of NE 2nd St. Officer and a passing motorist, pushed the vehicle onto the road.

1-19 - to the 900 block of NW 6th St. for a motorist assist for a stuck vehicle. Tarleton's got the vehicle back on its way.

1-19 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a subject who cut themselves and was having a mental-health crisis. They were taken by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.

1-20 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a loose-cat complaint. Officer was not able to locate it.

1-20 - to assist Henry County with a civil paper service in the 00 block of SW 4th St.

1-21 - to 300 Front St. to assist Henry County with his K9 partner.

1-21 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check on a subject having a mental-health crisis.

1-21 - to the 800 block of NW 5th Ave. for an open-door complaint. The door was secured.

1-21 - to a residence on SE 3rd Ave. for a suicidal juvenile who was out-of-control. The minor was transported by ambulance for treatment / evaluation.

Property Transfers

1-18 - Julie A. Baxter Ind. Exec., Jeffrey R. Ewing Ind. Exec., Robert L. Ewing Estate and Joanna L. Veirs Ind. Exec. to Katie and Luke Ehnle - Pts Sect. 27-14-7 NW - Consideration = \$484,318.

1-18 - Jeffrey R and Mary Ewing to Katie and Luke Ehnle - Pt Sect. 27-14-7 NW - Consideration = \$460,182.88.

1-18 - Brian J. Knobloch to John A. and Sara A. Ehnle - Pt Sect. 27-14-7 SW and Pt Sect. 28-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$189,543.

1-18 - Julie A. Baxter Ind. Exec., Jeffrey R. Ewing Ind. Exec., Robert L. Ewing Estate and Joanna L. Veirs Ind. Exec. to John A. and Sara A. Ehnle - Pt Sect. 27-14-7 SW - Consideration = \$399,187.50.

1-18 - Julie A. Baxter Ind.Exec., Jeffrey R. Ewing Ind. Exec., Robert L. Ewing Estate and Joanna L. Veirs Ind. Exec. to MDK Farm LLC - Pt Sect. 27-14-7 SW - Consideration = \$715,302.50.

1-19 - Isaac L. and Tom Newman to Payton Nowlan and Colton Senders - Vg of LaFayette - Pt Block 4 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 - 504 Timber St., La-Fayette - Consideration = \$58,500.

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BRIEFS

Bloomberg named best coach for judging

GALVA – Black Hawk College’s Dr. Blake Bloomberg recently was voted Best Junior College Livestock Judging Team Coach in the Best of the Barns competition.



Bloomberg

Best of the Barns is an annual nationwide awards program sponsored by Sullivan Supply Inc. that recognizes leading businesses and individuals in the livestock and agriculture industry.

Winners in each category were voted on by members of the livestock industry from Jan. 1-13. Winners are considered the best of the best in their respective field. A record number of votes were cast this year.

Bloomberg is an associate professor of animal science and lead coach of the award-winning BHC Livestock Judging Team. A 2005 Black Hawk College East Campus graduate and former member of the BHC Livestock Judging Team, he returned to his alma mater in 2020 to teach and coach.

“I personally feel one of the most rewarding educational experiences in animal science is the opportunity to participate on a judging team,” he said. “My coaching philosophy is to teach for success. I believe a good coach, in any area, understands his or

her job goes full circle – from recruitment to teaching to delivering professionals. Coaching a livestock judging team is no different.”

Added Bloomberg, “As a coach, I believe it is my duty to enable each student to reach their full potential. As a coach, there is no greater pressure than to know your students are counting on you to prepare them for success.”

Tri-County council offering scholarships

ROCK FALLS – At least 12 scholarships will be awarded by Tri-County Opportunities Council to income-eligible students residing in the agency’s service area. The scholarships are worth up to \$1,250 and have been made available by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Development through its Community Services Block Grant funds. To be eligible:

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rated if they are selected as a winner.

Application deadline is March 15. More information and application forms may be obtained by contacting the office at (800)323-5434, Ext. 710, or on the website at www.tcochelps.org.

College honors

• **Levi Nusz** of Wyoming, a materials engineering major, was named to the Iowa State University Dean’s list (gpa 3.5 or better) for the fall 2023 semester.

• Several local students were named to the Dean’s list (3.5 gpa or better) at Carl Sandburg College for the fall 2023 semester. Honored were full-time student **Brayden Collins** of Galva; and part-time students **Katherine Magee** of Galva, and **Samantha Weir** of Toulon.

Among those who made the Carl Sandburg College Honors list (3.0 gpa or better), were **Chandler Colgan** of Toulon and **Heather Reese** of Wyoming.

• **Olivia Hopp** of Toulon was named to the Culver Stockton College President’s list (4.0 gpa) for the fall of 2023.

Et cetera

BISHOP HILL – The Bishop Hill Heritage Association will hold its annual meeting Feb. 3 at 11 a.m. at the Steeple Building Museum. The meeting is open to BHHA members only. Please RSVP to (309) 927-3899 or bhha@mymctc.net.

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Galva accepts lone bid for lot

By CAROL TOWNSEND

The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council received one bid on a lot at 14 SE 1st Street for \$1,160 from Barb Felt. At its Monday meeting, the council unanimously accepted the bid.

The city owned the lot and had taken down a house on the lot that was in bad repair.

Resident John Wirth told the council he is involved with several car groups and he is organizing several car cruises in Galva this summer.

The council has been working on a parking ordinance for several months. The council hopes to pass the ordinance at the February council meeting.

The ordinance addresses parking or abandoned derelict, or junk vehicles, on public or private property and parking or farm equipment, trailers, mowers and construction equipment.

The proposed ordinance also states that farm equipment that is being entered into a parade or a show may only be parked on a single lot within the public view for

seven days before and after the event. No more than two licensed utility trailers and two lawn mowers in good working condition may be parking on a single lot in public view.

No recreational vehicles can be inhabited for more than 48 hours or hooked up to water, sewer or gas for more than 48 hours. And no recreational vehicle can be used for storage of household items or other items.

Second Ward Alderman Jim Hartman reported that he believed certain intersections in Galva could use more salt.

City Administrator David Dyer and resident Diana Whitney commented on how well the city crews had plowed the heavy snow.

A presentation by the Galva: Ready to Grow committee will be done in February, due to the weather.

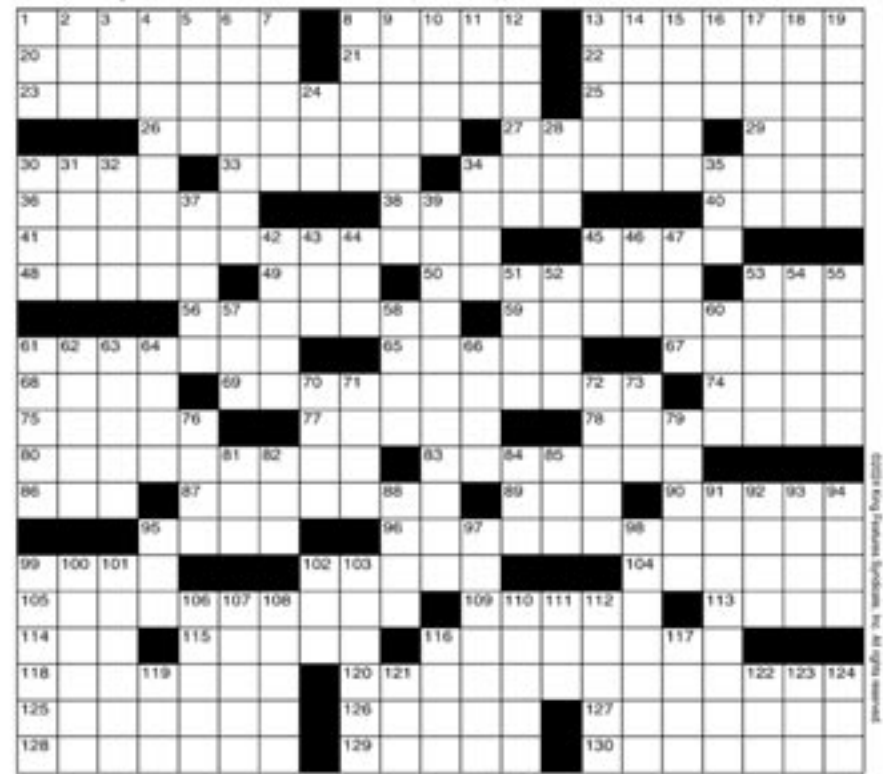
Superintendent Greg Thompson reported that Well No. 4 will be back in operation on Jan 29.

The council went into closed session to discuss real estate, but no action was taken.

Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Grappler, backwoods-style
 - 8 Skylit courts
 - 13 Astronaut Wally
 - 20 "The Stranger Beside Me" true-crime writer
 - 21 Flowers in the iris family
 - 22 Some sweatshirts
 - 23 Swift warship for law enforcement?
 - 25 Finales
 - 26 Makes mother's milk
 - 27 Comic Radner
 - 29 "How about that!"
 - 30 Lugosi of "The Raven"
 - 33 Hefly books
 - 34 Defectively built flat-bottomed boat?
 - 36 Pumpkin's color
 - 38 Resident of Tehran
 - 40 Makes a choice
 - 41 Light, speedy boat transporting Orcs?
 - 45 Just barely
 - 48 Indian state known for silk
 - 49 United
 - 50 In a smoothly elegant way
 - 53 Neon, e.g.
 - 56 French mime master
 - 59 High-sterned ship orbiting Earth?
 - 61 "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" star Andy
 - 65 Central Canadian tribe members
 - 67 Upscale hotel
 - 68 Snail
 - 69 Discovering a sharp-bowed rowboat?
 - 74 Safe, at sea
 - 75 Do a tally of
 - 77 "Get what I'm sayin', man?"
 - 78 Zealous
 - 80 Paint a passenger ship?
 - 83 Soapmaking solution
 - 86 Auditing org.
 - 87 Message on a tombstone
 - 89 Kabuki sash
 - 90 Enthusiasm
 - 95 Prison, in London
 - 96 Very fast ship decorated with shrubbery?
 - 99 Coll. reunion attendee
 - 102 Father
 - 104 Quick-witted
 - 105 Racing boat with lots of mollusks attached?
 - 109 Fill with joy
 - 113 Lyric verses
 - 114 Billiards stick
 - 115 They make up molecules
 - 116 Abstruse
 - 118 Reproductive organs
 - 120 Sub-sinking ship full of aquariums?
 - 125 Lay aside
 - 126 Bert's pal
 - 127 introductions
 - 128 In clothes
 - 129 Actors O'Neal and Reynolds
 - 130 Says "OK"
 - 1 Jay-Z's music
 - 2 Year, in Portugal
 - 3 NBC skit show, in brief
 - 4 Indian Ocean island nation
 - 5 — Brasi (role in "The Godfather")
 - 6 One voted in
 - 7 Book page opposite a verso
 - 8 Severe
 - 9 Samples something
 - 10 Singer Diana
 - 11 With
 - 13 Down, thick glacial mass along a polar shore
 - 12 BB shooter
 - 13 See 11-Down
 - 14 Magazine publisher
 - 15 Wannabe surfer
 - 16 Exiled Amin
 - 17 Key into a cash register
 - 18 Acting king
 - 19 Good traits
 - 24 He-sheep
 - 28 "— may be so bold —"
 - 30 — Raton
 - 31 Lovers' deity
 - 32 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 34 Clayey fertilizer
 - 35 Herd of seals
 - 37 "— a break"
 - 39 Gave a new interior design to
 - 42 Welsh canine
 - 43 Mom's bro
 - 44 Ball supporter
 - 45 Org. for cavity fillers
 - 46 Doc's warm treatment
 - 47 "For" votes
 - 51 Like thrift store goods
 - 52 — facta
 - 53 Sly deception
 - 54 Prices to
 - 55 Variety of trapshooting
 - 57 Spot's noise
 - 58 Etching liquid
 - 60 Husband of Eva Peon
 - 61 Actress Keenan
 - 62 Enthusiasm
 - 63 Gold-fancying king
 - 64 Bowlers' event
 - 66 Waffle brand
 - 70 No. to Nikita
 - 71 Tones with "12 Olympic swimming medals"
 - 72 Antique item
 - 73 "hooray!"
 - 76 "Guilty" or "not guilty"
 - 79 Onetime TV host Phibin
 - 81 Debut on Wall St.
 - 82 Zippo
 - 84 Wooling pet
 - 85 Actor Vigoda
 - 88 Olympic skier Mahre
 - 91 Meeting building regulations
 - 92 Taser
 - 93 Head, in Metz
 - 94 Mining strikes
 - 95 Big ints. in SUVs
 - 97 Certain deer leather
 - 98 Hamlet's dual opponent
 - 99 Peace treaty
 - 100 Shutter piece
 - 101 Fidgetiness
 - 102 Valuable rock
 - 103 Long, loose outerwear
 - 106 Nipickers split them
 - 107 Olympic skier Mahre
 - 108 Sprayed, with "down"
 - 110 Mining strikes
 - 111 Downed
 - 112 Electric car producer
 - 116 Skellan resort city
 - 117 Investments for later yrs.
 - 119 Home: Abbr.
 - 121 Suffix with budget
 - 122 — and yang
 - 123 Doc for head colds
 - 124 Blog feed format ints.



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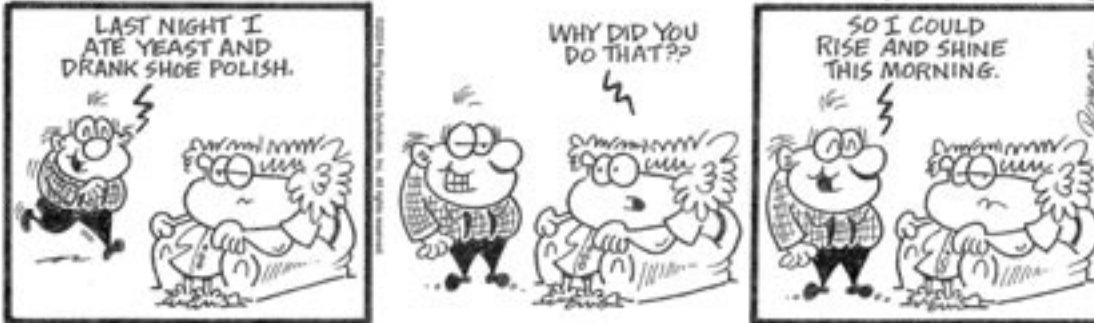
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by Linda Thistle

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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

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the last name of Ken, who was Barbie's boyfriend?
 - TELEVISION: In the sitcom "The Office," the company is in which U.S. city?
 - GEOGRAPHY: In which country is The Matterhorn located?
 - MUSIC: Which 1990s group was the singer Beyonce a part of?
 - U.S. STATES: In which state is Monument Valley located?
 - LITERATURE: In which children's book do the characters Tweedledee and Tweedledum appear?
 - MATH: In Roman numerals, what is XLVIII divided by XII?
 - MEDICAL: What is a common name for polythelia?
 - CHEMISTRY: How many elements are listed on the Periodic Table?
 - MOVIES: What is the year of the Olympics in the movie "Chariots of Fire"?
- Answers**
- His full name is Kenneth Sean Carson.
 - Scranton, Pennsylvania.
 - Switzerland.
 - Destiny's Child.
 - Arizona.
 - "Through the Looking-Glass."
 - IV (Four).
 - Having an extra nipple, which affects about 1%-5% of the population.
 - 118.
 - 1924.
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Mean Girls (PG-13)
 - The Beekeeper (R)
 - Wonka (PG)
 - Anyone But You (R)
 - Migration (PG)
 - Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13)
 - Night Swim (PG-13)
 - The Boys in the Boat (PG-13)
 - The Book of Clarence (PG-13)
 - The Iron Claw (R)
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229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
Phone (309) 286-2224

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
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LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (217) 425-5707 or (217) 778-1591.
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

West Jersey United Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty
Phone (217) 425-5707

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen
7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483
(309) 896-3481

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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491

email: 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

website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones
211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434
(309) 932-3733

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309-695-4523 leave message

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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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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

www.ToulonBaptist.com

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1-309-932-3346

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Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434
(309) 932-2460

preachinghope@gmail.com

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

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

Facebook: www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch

Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church
Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421

Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyand Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421

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OBITUARIES

Wauneta R. Lang

GALVA – Wauneta R. Lang, 89, a resident of the Kewanee Care Home, formerly of Galva, died at 12:29 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 21, 2024, at the home.

She was born Sept. 25, 1934, in Princeton, the daughter of George and Allison Ratliff. She married Leo Lang on Sept. 5, 1954, in Buda and he preceded her in death on Nov. 11, 2001.

Survivors include her daughter, Kathy Lang of Galva; son-in-law, Richard Hagerty of Galva; sister, Shirley of Princeton; two grandchildren, Tammy Hagerty (Jason Otis) and Teri (Ryan) Stone; six great-grandchildren, Brittany, Tyler, Paige, Gage, A.J. and Alexia; and five great-great-grandchildren, Warren, Oakley, Paisley, Jaycen and Josephine.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Harold, Ronnie and Bobbie; two sisters, Lula and Elmerine; and two daughters, Karen Hagerty and Peggy Lang.

Wauneta had worked in the shipping department for Empire Clothing. She attended the First Baptist Church in Galva and enjoyed shopping and doing crossword puzzles. Most of all, she loved her family and cherished her time with them.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, Jan. 26 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Inurnment will follow at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to OSF Hospice.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Charlotte L. Overbaugh

GALVA – Charlotte L. “Cherie” Overbaugh, 94, of Galva, died at 6:25 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 18, 2024, at Courtyard Estates of Galva.

She was born Nov. 3, 1929, in Beloit, Wis., the daughter of Leonard and Cleora (Dennick) Larsen. She married Robert G. Overbaugh on June 28, 1952, at Beloit College in Beloit, Wis., and he preceded her in death on March 1, 1993.



Lang



Overbaugh

Survivors include her daughter, Teri (Overbaugh) Pankau of Oneida; her grandson, Matthew (Jill) Pankau of Galva; and her friend and companion Josef Novak of Kewanee.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; brother Leonard “Spark” Larsen; and her son-in-law, Ronald Pankau.

Alongside her husband Robert, they owned and operated the Overbaugh Equipment Company, an International Harvester dealership in Galva that was founded in 1926. Prior to that, she worked for the Galva CO-OP and for Rex D. Johnson in Oneida.

She was a member of the Galva Congregational Church, an active member of Galva Chapter BR - PEO and was a lifetime supporter of the Henry County Republican Party. Cherie was proudly the first woman chairperson in Illinois, serving on the Henry County Board and was a true patriot.

Cherie had a passion for cats, swimming, enjoying the Florida life, keeping an impeccable home and yard and spending time with her close friends Josef, Nancy and family.

Funeral services are to be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Marshall Jones officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. A private burial will be held at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

David R. Peterson

LaFAYETTE – David R. “Dave” Peterson, 91, of LaFayette, died at 8:49 a.m., Monday, Jan. 15, 2024, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born March 30, 1932, in Callender, Iowa, the son of Percy and Inger (Haggen) Peterson. He married the love of his life, Evelyn J. Hanson on Aug. 13, 1954, in Callender, and she preceded him in death on Nov. 12, 2021.

Survivors include his two sons, Scott (Penny) Peterson of Marshfield, Wis. and Webb Peterson of Westfield, Ind.; his daughter, Jilene

(John) Hergert of Altona; sister-in-law, Carol (Jerry) Mobley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; six grandchildren, Mallory (Dan) Brun, Abigail (Matthew) Smallwood, Logan (Jamie) McCoy, Kayla (Michael) Siudak, Karleen (George) Hergert and Harry (Megan) Hergert; 14 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Paul and Phillip.

Dave graduated from Callender High School and served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a dairy farmer in his early years and moved to Galva in 1968. He was a shop foreman at Kress Corporation in Brimfield from 1972-97. Following his retirement, he worked at Tanners Orchard.

He was an active member of the Messiah Lutheran Church, where he had served on the church board. In his early years he volunteered with the Boy Scouts and was also a member of the Galva Lions Club and was proud to have been on the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.

He loved his faithful companion “Skeeter” and enjoyed vacationing with his family and fishing, camping and boating together. Most of all he cherished the time spent with his family and grandchildren. He was also thankful to be blessed with so many kind and caring neighbors.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3 at Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva with Pastor Katie Gallagher officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 2, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Memorials may be directed to Messiah Lutheran Church.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Richard H. Winter

GALVA – Richard H. Winter Sr., 97, of Galva, died Jan. 19, 2024, at Knox County Nursing Home in Knoxville.

He was born Dec. 26, 1926, in Kewanee. He married Elizabeth Visco on July 27, 1946. That union ended in 1981. He then married Juanita Shryack on Sept. 2, 1983.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 29, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Following the services, a Celebration of his Life will be held at the Galva American Legion.

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SPORTS: Galva girls top Stark County for 11th

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No. 2 Mercer County, No. 7 ROWVA-Williamsfield and No. 11 Knoxville are in Pool B.
First-place pool finishers meet starting at 6 p.m. Feb. 1 in Aledo, at the same time second-place teams are to face off in Joy. Third-place finishers are to meet beginning at 6 p.m. Feb. 2 in Aledo. In each case, Pool A will play Pool D and Pool B will play Pool C.
On Feb. 3, six games are to be played at Aledo, beginning at 11 a.m. with the

11th-place game. The third-place game is scheduled for 5 p.m., with the title game – featuring the winners of the first-place pool matchups – at 6:30 p.m.
Galva girls – Galva (3-15) topped Stark County Jan. 20 in the 11th-place game of the LTC girls tournament at West Central, 43-14.
Galva jumped to a 12-5 lead after one quarter and never looked back, as Ava Strom led with 19 points, Kaylyn Gale added seven, Jovie Weber had two 3-pointers for six points and

Kendall Rogers tallied four.
Galva and Stark County were to meet again Wednesday.
“Against Galva we felt great after a good game Thursday and a good practice Friday and then we were never in the game. We could do nothing right,” Stark County Coach Bob Bohm said. “But all the credit to them.”

On Jan. 18, Stark County (2-20) lost to Ridgewood, 45-43, in what Bohm called one of its best games of the season. Ten days earlier, the Lady Rebels had lost to Ridgewood by 30 points. Payten Hillier scored 14 points and Emily Demetreon tallied 11.
Stark County is home vs. Henry on Saturday and vs. Annawan on Monday.

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LEGALS

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN REAL ESTATE
WHEREAS, the City of Galva currently owns a parcel of real estate commonly known as 706 S.W. 4th Street, Galva, Illinois, whose PIN# is 24-33-203-002, and which is legally described as:
LTS 2 & 3 & W1/2 VAC ST E & ADJ BLK 59 ORIGINAL TOWN CITY OF GALVA
WHEREAS, the subject property is currently zoned R-1 (Residential); and
WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Galva hereby finds that the above-described real estate is surplus real estate and is no longer necessary or useful to the City; and
WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the sale of said surplus real estate would be in the best interest of the City; and
WHEREAS, the value of said real estate has been determined by written appraisal to be \$2,800.00; and
WHEREAS, a copy of said appraisal is available for public inspection in the office of the City Clerk of the City of Galva during regular business hours; and
WHEREAS, no offer acceptable to the City has been forthcoming after six months from first publication of a Public Notice to bid for said real estate; and
WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in Henry County, as determined by the IDES is higher than the national unemployment rate as determined by the US Department of Labor;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GALVA, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. Sale of Surplus Real Estate
Pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.1 the real estate commonly known as 706 S.W. 4th Street, Galva, Illinois, shall be sold by the City Administrator to any interested party. Should the City receive more than one offer, the City Council shall direct, by a 3/4ths (three-fourths) majority vote, the City Administrator to accept the offer they deem to be in the best interest of the City of Galva pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76-4.2.
Section 2. Award
The fee simple interest in the aforesaid real estate shall not be awarded until at least thirty days has passed since first publication of this Resolution Authorizing The Sale of Certain Real Estate.
Published 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF: PHYLLIS M. STRAND, No. 2024PR2 Deceased
CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Phyllis M. Strand. Letters of Office were issued on January 4, 2024, to Jo Elizabeth Crist and Jill Fincham as Independent 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 July 8, 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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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executors P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everett@barashlaw.com
Published 1/12, 1/19, 1/26/24

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
UNION FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION (F/K/A FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION OF KEWANEE), Plaintiff,
IN CHANCERY Case No. 2024CH1 v. CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ; UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY PUBLICATION
The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned mortgage foreclosure action was filed on January 16, 2024, 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 name of the titleholder of record is: CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:
The North Half (N 1/2) of Lot Twelve (12) in Block Two (2) of Hoffrichter's Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois. PIN: 20-32-482-009
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:
828 Franklin St., Kewanee IL 61443.
5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:
a. Name of Mortgagor: CHARLENE F. REBHOLZ
b. Name of Mortgagee: Union Federal Savings & Loan Association (f/k/a First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Kewanee)
c. Date of Mortgage: July 18, 2014
d. Date of Recording: July 21, 2014
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois
f. Recording Document Identification: 20-1403892
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants, file your answer to the Complaint for Foreclosure in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Circuit Court of the Fourteenth Judicial Circuit, Henry County, Illinois, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, on or before February 23, 2024, default may be entered against you and each of you at any time after that day and a Judgment for Foreclosure may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint for Foreclosure.
/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
Circuit Clerk

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee IL 61443 Phone: 309/852-5555 justin@barashlaw.com
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LAFAYETTE PARK DISTRICT ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
Statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2022 and ending May 31, 2023.
Cash on hand all accounts
June 1, 2022 \$81,992.50
Receipts
Real Estate Taxes \$25,621.41

Interest	\$83.32
Building Rentals	\$200.00
Recreation Programs	\$18.00
Donations	
Loans	
Miscellaneous	\$270.05
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$26,192.78
TOTAL CASH AND RECEIPTS	\$108,185.28
DISBURSEMENTS	
Operational Costs	\$529.80
Building Maintenance	\$3,599.75
Supplies	
Insurance	\$5,234.00
Asset Maintenance	
Loan Repayment	
Utilities	\$7,989.55
Recreation Programs	
Miscellaneous	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$17,353.10
CASH on hand all accounts	\$90,832.18
Respectively submitted	
Keith Knowles	
Treasurer LaFayette Park District	
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF CHARLOTTE J. CURRIER, Deceased No. 2024 PR 9
CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Charlotte J. Currier. Letters of Office were issued on January 19, 2024, to Tamara J. Currier, as Independent Representative 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 July 26, 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.
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The Prairie News Sports

Winning week for Rebels

Stark Co. tops Wethersfield, Ridgewood; LTC ahead

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

For The Prairie News

Last weekend was a winning one in the Lincoln Trail Conference for the Stark County boys basketball team.

Ross Saner had 19 points Jan. 20 and Luke Rewerts scored 18 as the Rebels defeated visiting Kewanee Wethersfield 77-51.

Matthew Bowser had 14 points, Will Rumbold 11. Bowser's three 3-pointers in the third quarter helped Stark County expand a 40-22 halftime lead. The Rebels (11-8, 4-1) had 11 3-pointers overall, including eight after intermission and three from Saner in the fourth quarter.

"We established our inside game in the first half with our post players, then outside in the second half," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated.

Stark County also had 26 assists on 31 total field goals, which Browning called amazing.

"We've really been stressing the importance of looking for teammates first," he stated. "Good to see it show up in a game."

The previous night, Stark County worked overtime at home to beat Ridgewood 61-58. Stark County trailed by four with 1:30 remaining in OT but took a lasting lead on two Rumbold free throws at :15. Bowser and Rewerts each scored 17.

Stark County was to play host Tuesday night to Galva, but that game was moved to Wednesday because of icy weather. The Rebels were to play again Thursday night

at West Central. Both are LTC games.

Galva boys – J.P. Sloan had 16 points, but Galva (6-12, 1-3) lost an LTC game Jan. 19 at Annawan, 67-44. That came two nights after a 64-53 home loss to Lowpoint-Washburn. Braxton Rylander scored 18 for the Wildcats, and teammate Blake Stahl had 15 points and 11 rebounds.

Like Stark County, Galva faced games on back-to-back nights this week because of weather delays. The Wildcats were to play host Thursday to Princeville in a game that's been postponed twice, most recently on Monday.

LTC tourney – Stark County is seeded fourth and Galva is seeded 10th in the 12-team Lincoln Trail tournament, which begins Saturday.

Mercer County is host of an event that features four pools of three teams each in and around Aledo.

Stark County is in Pool D with No. 5 Wethersfield and No. 9 Monmouth United. The Rebels play at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at Mercer County High School against United and face Wethersfield at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Mercer County Early Learning Center in Joy.

Third-seeded Annawan and No. 6 Abingdon-Avon join Galva in Pool C. The Wildcats play Annawan at 6 p.m. Saturday and A-Town at 6 p.m. Jan. 29. Both games are in Aledo.

Pool A consists of top-seeded Princeville, No. 8 Ridgewood and No. 12 West Central.

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