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## Stark Co. principal takes Cambridge superintendent job

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
For The Prairie News

WYOMING— The Stark County School Board heard at its Feb. 20 meeting that Elementary School Principal Jenna Bibb has accepted the Cambridge School District superintendent’s position for the 2024-25 school year.

Bibb has been Stark’s elementary school principal since 2015. Previously, she was an elementary school teacher at Wilder-Waite Grade School in the Dunlap School District. She

earned a bachelor of science degree from Bradley University, a master of science in educational administration from Western Illinois University and an educational specialist in instructional leadership degree from the University of Alabama.

Bibb and husband Bruce have



Bibb

a son, Silas, and they currently reside in Wyoming. They plan to move to the Cambridge area in the next couple of years. Bruce is self-employed and will make decisions later on in his future.

In other business at the meeting, Architect Dan Steider from the Farnsworth Group presented an update on the new gymnasium project set for construction at the Toulon school campus. He said Feb. 28 will be a pre-bid meeting for all subcontractors and bids will be opened on

March 12 for awarding of the contract.

In his report, Superintendent Brett Elliott said “the track project is well underway with 95 percent of the concrete work completed. Grading and fencing as well as the grandstand bleachers are to be done by the end of Feb. Once the asphalt plant opens in the spring, we will move forward with the laying of the track.”

In other business, the board approved the second reading of the

school 2024-25 calendar with the first day of school set for Aug. 15. Thanksgiving break will be Nov. 27-29, winter break is Dec. 20 to Jan. 3, 2025, spring break will be April 14-21, 2025, and graduation will tentatively be May 11, 2025. Eighth-grade promotion is May 14, 2025. Graduation and promotion dates are to be approved later.

Approval was given of the transportation bids for 2024-25 that were opened Feb. 15, 2024, with

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### NOISY DAYS AHEAD

## Bzzzy year for cicadas

Two broods due for 1st time since 1803

**By KEN JOHNSON**  
University of Illinois Extension

JACKSONVILLE – Can you hear them? Probably not yet, but soon, Illinois will be awash in the songs of periodical cicadas.

This year is a big year for periodical cicadas in Illinois, where Broods XIII and XIV will be emerging throughout much of the state at the same time for the first time since 1803. Despite some talk of an impending insect apocalypse, cicadas don’t pose a threat to humans (or pets).

While two broods will be emerging at the same time, they won’t be emerging in the



Periodical cicadas will be emerging across much of Illinois in 2024. Photo by Ken Johnson, University of Illinois Extension.

same places. Brood XIII will be emerging in the northern half of the state. Brood XIV will be emerging in the southern half of Illinois.

There may be a few places in central Illinois, around Springfield, where the two broods will be emerging in the same area. However, they aren’t ex-

pected to overlap to any great extent.

Periodical cicadas are among the longest-lived insects on the planet, living for 13 or 17 years. They spend the vast majority of that time living underground, feeding on tree roots. Once the soil warms enough in the spring, they will begin to

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## Garbage costs rising

### Wyoming council OKs \$3 garbage increase

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council passed five resolutions at its meeting on Feb. 20.

Among those resolutions was one to increase by \$3 the current charge for garbage removal per household. The increase by Murphy’s Container Service is due to increased landfill rates and fuel charges. The increase is from \$9 to \$12 per month. The recycling rate remains the same.

The council also approved a \$16,893 purchase from Bonnell Industries, Inc. of a wing curb shoe for the city’s snowplow.

“This addition will make snow removal and road clearance easier and more efficient,” according to the resolution.

In addition, a resolution was approved that states “the owners of the buildings downtown are responsible for removing snow and ice from the sidewalks in front of their buildings.”

The snow removal zones are: Illinois Route 91 between Thomas and Elm Streets; Route 91 to 110 W. Williams Street; and East Williams Street between Route 91 and Galena Avenue.

Failure to comply could result in a fine of not more than \$750 per instance.


The council approved a Motor Fuel Tax fund resolution for \$203,426 (not to exceed \$224,000) to maintain Wyoming city streets between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31. Streets will be designated to be seal coated.

Finally, a resolution was approved to pay Leander Construction \$428,335 and Farnsworth Group Engineering \$6,904 for work performed on the wastewater treatment system project.

The council entered into closed executive session to discuss a “pending litigation exemption.”

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| State Bank of Toulon (Toulon) | SC Elementary School        |
| Better Banks (Wyoming)        |                             |

**CICADAS: Egg-laying can damage small trees, shrubs**

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emerge, usually around late May or early June.

Periodical cicadas have black bodies with orange wing veins and red eyes. Male cicadas will start singing four or five days after they emerge. They gather in trees and sing together to attract females. Each species of cicada has a distinctive song.

After mating, female periodical cicadas will lay their eggs in woody plants. They prefer branches that are about the width of a pencil or a little larger. They will use their saw-like ovipositor to cut into branches and lay their eggs. After about a month,

the adult cicadas will begin to die. Large piles of cicadas can accumulate under trees and can smell rather unpleasant. However, their decaying bodies serve as fertilizer for plants.

Twigs and branches that have had eggs laid in them may sometimes break, which will cause everything past this damaged area to die. Fortunately, this will not kill healthy, mature trees. The same can't be said for small trees and shrubs, though.

Newly planted small trees and shrubs may have trunk diameters small enough for female cicadas to lay their eggs in; if this happens, the trees can be killed. These smaller plants also have fewer branches on

them, and egg-laying can cause significant damage. There are several things you can do to prevent cicada damage to trees and shrubs:

1. Avoid planting trees and shrubs the year before a periodical cicada emergence or in the spring.

2. Place netting around small trees and shrubs, making sure it is secured around the base of the plant to prevent cicadas from crawling up the plant from the ground.

3. Insecticides are not recommended.

This year provides a once-in-a-multi-generation opportunity. Take some time to track down some cicadas and enjoy nature's symphony.

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**SCHOOL: Buses leased**

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three bus companies present. The board awarded Midwest Transit three bus leases (a 65-passenger, 14 and 21 +1 passenger) and a 65-passenger bus from Midwest Bus Sales.

The board approved the purchase of a line-stripping

machine from Sherwin Williams for \$3,332 to have custodial staff line the school's various athletic fields.

After closed executive session, the board approved Susan Gibbs as art director for the 2024 spring musical, Kane Mastin as teacher mentor, Gary Frail as junior high volunteer track coach, Chad Gardner and Kevin Wise as volunteer high school softball coaches, Sandra Carter as high school cheerleading coach, Cole Hartley as junior high lunch supervisor, Jimmy Brown as bass fishing coach and Alexis Martinez as student custodial worker.

The board accepted the resignation of Sara Nowlan as high school cheerleading coach, Bibb as elementary principal, Trey Swanson as high school social studies teacher and Jane Murray as kitchen staff, and the retirement of Linda Melton as social studies teacher.

<p><b>MOTIVATED SELLER!</b></p> <p><b>18 SW 8th Ave., Galva - \$99,900</b> Spacious 4 bedroom/2 bath home Sunroom. 1-car detached garage/ large shed.</p>	<p><b>NEW LISTING!</b></p> <p><b>312 E Gale St Williamsfield \$84,900</b> 4 bedroom/ 2 bath, Large lot</p>
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- List of offices for the Primary Election:**
- United States President/Vice President
  - United States Representative in Congress 16th Congressional District
  - Delegates/Alternate Delegates 16th District
  - State Senator 37th Legislative District
  - Representative in the General Assembly 73rd District
  - Representative in the General Assembly 93rd District
  - Circuit Clerk
  - State's Attorney
  - County Board Member District #1
  - County Board Member District #2
  - Judicial Vacancies
  - Precinct Committee person
- Precinct Polling Places:**
- East Toulon\* & Essex Precinct Polling Place 104 S. 7th, Wyoming (Paramount Theater)
  - Goshen & West Jersey Precincts Polling Place 3986 State Route 17, Toulon (Goshen Township Building)
  - Osceola & Elmira Precincts Polling Place 239 W. Main, Bradford (Bradford Fire Station)
  - Penn Precinct Polling Place 304 Concord, Castleton (Penn Township Building)
  - Valley Precinct Polling Place 15005 Township Rd 300 N, Wyoming (Valley Township Building)
  - West Toulon Precinct Polling Place 617 E. Jefferson, Toulon (Toulon Public Library)

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

2-5 - Alicia J. Johnson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
 2-5 - Katherine E. Layne - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

**Misdemeanors**

2-10 - Criminal misdemeanor - Andrew W. Szparkowski - Criminal trespass to a building (Toulon Dollar General).

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

2-10 - Elle M. Schupbach, 21, Wyoming, was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone.  
 2-10 - Ashley K. Lambert, 37, Bradford, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.  
 2-11 - Tara R. Derry, 28, Princeville, was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-13 - Larry D. Colwell II, 31, Galva, was arrested and charged with criminal damage to property. He was released with a notice to appear.

2-14 - Mitchell R. McKelvey, 22, East Peoria, was cited for speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-14 - Michael R. Shullaw, 24, Tremont, was cited for speeding 79 mph in a 55 mph zone and for driving on a vehicle registration that expired over a year ago. He was released with a court date to appear.

2-15 - Veronica Corral, 44, Kewanee, was ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-15 - Kade W. Mennen, 19, Walton, Ind., was cited for speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-16 - Stephany J. Pugliano, 42, Toulon, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle.

2-16 - Zachery T. Vore, 19, South Pekin, was cited for passing in a no-passing zone and for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date to appear.

2-16 - Thomas C. Bashusen, 18, Melissa, Texas, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-16 - Jared C. Dougherty, 27, Toulon, was arrested for criminal trespassing to the R-Bar business in Toulon. He was released with a notice to appear.



2-17 - Matthew J. Garland, 57, Sterling, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-17 - Steven S. Armstrong, 58, Peoria, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-17 - Blake A. Roedell, 31, Hanna City, was cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 mph zone.

2-17 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Illinois Route 78 and 50N. The driver involved was Jeffrey A. Soufal, 63, of Bloomington. No injuries were reported but the 2021 Buick utility vehicle had damage estimated at over \$1,500.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

2-12 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. for an activated medical alarm. Officer gained entry and found a subject who had fallen. Stark County Medic also responded.

2-12 - to a residence on NE 9th St. to assist Stark County Medic gain entry into a residence after an activated medical alarm.

2-12 - A 16-year-old driver from Princeville was cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

2-13 - Officer was notified that the Stark County Sheriff's Department had dropped off a Galva resident at his parent's house and they had refused him due to his intoxication. The subject was walking around the area but didn't cause further issues.

2-13 - to the Galva Lincoln House for a complaint involving a vehicle parked in a handicap parking spot. The vehicle had a handicap placard hanging from rearview mirror. No enforcement action taken.

2-13 - Officer responded to Woodhull to assist a Henry County deputy who requested emergency assistance with a combative subject fighting

him. The subject was ultimately tased and arrested by Henry County.

2-13 - Natalie Muckey, 38, Wataga, was issued citations for having expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 900 block of NW 6th St.

2-14 - Vickie Piper, 58, Dunlap, was cited for speeding on Illinois Route 17 north of the cemetery.

2-14 - to the 700 block of NW 2nd St. to deliver a message to a residence from the Henry County Animal Control Warden.

2-14 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of S. Exchange St., Kelly Smithson, 46, Galva, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license, expired more than one year. She was released with a court date.

2-14 - to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

2-15 - to the 00 block of NE 8th Ave. to assist a citizen.

2-16 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave to assist Stark County Medic with a subject who had fallen.

2-17 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St., Gustavo Acevedo Medina, 57, Kewanee, was arrested for being out-of-compliance for his sex offender registry. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

2-17 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a neighbor dispute.

2-18 - to the 300 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint.

2-18 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a gas-drive-off complaint.

2-18 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to deliver a message for the Kewanee Police Department. No contact was made.

2-18 - to a residence on SW 6th St. to check the welfare of a subject. The subject was found deceased. The Henry County Coroner was contacted.

2-18 - Steven Ochs, 43, Cambridge, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 800 block of W. Division St.

**Property Transfers**

2-13 - Rebecca S. Gomes to Kitty J. and Michael D. Zuelly - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - Block 2 Lots 5 and 6 - 203 E. Clinton St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

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Friends of the Animals are hosting our Annual Craft/Vendor Show. All funds raised will be used to help assist families in financial need to help pay their vet bills. (money paid directly to the Vet.) Please come join us for shopping with vendors such as Pampered Chef, Tastefully Simple, Paparazzi, BV Jewelry Designs, Tupperware, Purple Owl, Glass by Sue, Mee to Youee and Scentsy just to name a few. Come have breakfast and lunch with us, we will be having a special drawing for the Faber Family donations from Tim Bryner Chainsaw Carving and Little Valley Crafts. Plus raffle baskets donated by, Sauk Trail Animal Hosp., PNB, 7 Sisters, Kew Park District, SBT, NAPA, Tastefully Simple, just to name a few

## BRIEFS

### Fire departments called to Route 17 shed fire

**WYOMING** - Several local fire departments responded to a Feb. 17 call of a machine shed on fire at 13210 Illinois Route 17.

Wyoming Community Fire Protection District had five firefighters on the scene at 5:40 p.m. Bradford and Toulon fire departments also responded, as did Stark County Ambulance and the Stark County Sheriff's Office, which shut down Route 17 for a period of time.

Firefighters rescued three goats from the barn. Other animals were already outside the structure.

By 5:56 p.m. the fire was declared under control and all crews were able to leave the scene by 7:11 p.m.

Cause of the fire is unknown, but according to a Wyoming CFPD press release, may have been started from heat lamps that caught straw on fire.

The fire in the shed, owned by Tyler Joos, was contained to the center of the back wall. There was some damage to the wall and beams,



Pictured above is the Galva High School Mid-Winter Court. Queen candidates include (front from left): Camrie Underwood, Jennace Serres and Mia Merkel. King candidates include (back from left): Andrew Mille, Grayson Burke and John Gravitt. The Mid-Winter Masquerade Dance will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at the school. Photo by Carol Townsend.

but the shed is not ruled a loss. There were no injuries to firefighters or to animals.

### College honors

• Four local students were named

to the Bradley University Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the 2023 fall semester. Honored were **Joshua Braker** of Speer, **Jordan McCauley** of Bradford, **Caleb Raineri** and **Mark Wagner**, both of Toulon.

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**ACROSS**

1 Gilda Radner character on "Saturday Night Live"

9 Certain martial arts surface

16 Just OK

20 Enthusiastic reply to a request

21 Raised, as a building

22 Central point

23 British ruler applying veneer?

25 Violent anger

26 Nutrition Facts category

27 Brewed beverage

28 Great Plains tribe

29 The Devil

30 Nile goddess

33 Turkish ruler's pungent condiment?

38 Quaint office transcribers

41 Sleep study diagnosis

42 Regarding

43 Something a French-kissing Arab ruler has?

46 Small sailboats

51 Nuptial vow

52 Really smell

53 Kind of tide

56 China's Zhou —

57 Actress Perez

59 Hindu ruler's radio sign-off?

65 Secretive U.S. org.

67 Tehran's land

68 Jug handle

69 Skye of film

70 Save the Russian ruler from tumbling to the ground?

75 Actors Mineo and Landi

77 Car club inits.

78 Coin-op hole

79 Thesaurus entry: Abbr.

80 Afghan ruler caught up in a tornado?

85 Stared in amazement

89 Agate playing marble

90 Lingo suffix

91 Greek money

93 Brewed beverage

94 Exam taker

96 Very easy task for a Muslim ruler?

102 Many a war vet's affliction

105 Behave badly

106 Yellowstone gusher

107 English ruler making mouse sounds?

111 Bomb part

112 Liquid — (Drano rival)

113 Electees

114 Iowa college

116 Louver strip

120 Hula —

121 What's revealed by taking an X-ray of a Persian ruler?

127 Shower affection (on)

128 Butt forcefully

129 Waters north of Australia

130 Went swiftly

131 Visits during a trip

132 Car mileage recorder

**DOWN**

1 Son of Willy Loman

2 Tibet locale

3 Bat very gently

4 Emerging

5 Actor Studi

6 Herr's "Alas!"

7 Sits tight

8 Writer Rice

9 Pa Clampett

10 Arg. neighbor

11 Last mo.

12 Gaffer

13 Volcano in E. Sicily

14 — Fables

15 Six-pt. plays

16 Shredded bit

17 Pontificate

18 Fructose, e.g.

19 Yoked yaks

24 Utters breathlessly

29 Oral

31 Most vinegary

32 "Understood"

34 Sch. in the Granite State

35 Director Ang

36 Mal — (drink)

37 UFO pilots

38 Commotion

39 Commotion

40 Actress Mireille —

41 Singer Paul

44 Ending for cash

45 Comedian Hart, casually

47 Hoosier State

48 Building story

49 Part-goat god

50 Where it's at

54 "It's — real!"

55 Boast

58 Irritated

60 Big name in peanut butter

61 Break out in —

62 Actress Berry

63 Set to a slow speed

64 Bow shapes

66 Berry of Brazil

70 Some mollusks

71 Loathe

72 Ochs and —

73 "Lord, is —?"

74 Precursors of embryos

75 Brief parody

76 Cry of woe

81 Person crying

82 Golf game

83 Kind of side

84 Used a spade

86 Cronies

87 Model Macpherson

88 Doe or stag

92 Spaghetti sauce brand

95 GPS calculation

97 Egyptian — (cat breed)

98 Cold cubes

99 GPS calculation

100 Grape cluster

101 Visual insult

103 Slope-hitter's headwear

104 Energetic sort

107 Small sailboat

108 Citation

109 Officiated on the diamond

110 Vessel used to lure U-boats

111 Foul-smelling

112 Profs' degs.

115 Maestro

117 Strong desire

118 1940s film

119 "— she blows!"

121 This yr.'s grade

122 Hoop. VIPs

123 "Give — try"

124 Obtained

125 Med. group

126 DVD —

### Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps

MOM, CHECK IT OUT! I DREW A PICTURE OF MYSELF FOR ART CLASS.

TEACHER SAYS I REALLY CAPTURED MY INNER WILD SIDE.

THAT IS GREAT! IT'S SO GOOD WE SHOULD PUT IT ON THE FRIDGE.

UH, OK, IF THAT'S YOUR OPINION OF IT, I WAS THINKING OF A MUSEUM.

### The Spats

by Jeff Pickering

I'M AT THE END OF MY ROPE!!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GET A LONGER ROPE?

### Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

UH, I WAS JUST KIDDING. I HAVEN'T SEEN "THE BACHELOR" EITHER.

"You've had your foot in your mouth again, haven't you, Senator?"

### Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

	3			2	1			
9	4			6				7
		2	5				8	
8			1			9		
	1			5				4
		7			4			1
		3	6					4
	2		8	7			6	
1					3			5

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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### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR  
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.

CN NCJ WX OJSEJHD —  
DPVD'X GPL OJCHWMX  
PVKJ JSVXJSX.  
— GNMEFVCF SWJRJ

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### Trivia test

by Bill Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Canada?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What was the first animal to be cloned?
- LITERATURE: In the children's book series "The Bobbsey Twins," what are the names of the two sets of twins?
- CHEMISTRY: What is the symbol for the chemical element platinum?
- MUSIC: What is the title of Elvis Presley's first commercial single?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the first U.S. national park?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for xerosis?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is a sommelier?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first president to visit all 50 states?
- HISTORY: What were the principal powers of the Axis in WWII?

Answers

- Ottawa.
- A sheep.
- Nan, Bert, Flossie and Freddie.
- Pl.
- "That's All Right."
- Yellowstone National Park.
- Dry skin.
- Wine expert.
- Richard Nixon.
- Nazi Germany, Italy and Japan.

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Argyle (PG-13)
- Lisa Frankenstein (PG-13)
- The Beekeeper (R)
- Wonka (PG)
- Migration (PG)
- The Chosen: S4 E1 (NR)
- Anyone But You (R)
- Mean Girls (PG-13)
- American Fiction (R)
- Poor Things (R)

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## OBITUARIES

### Sandra Hardman

WYOMING – Sandra “Sue” Hardman, 79, of Wyoming, passed away at 6:38 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, 2024, at Carle Health Methodist in Peoria. Sue was born on June 14, 1944, in Kewanee to David and Pansy (Riley) Edwards. She married Dan Hardman on Sept. 8, 1991; he survives.



Hardman

Also surviving are four sons, Jim (Robin) Blair of Sheffield, Tim Blair of Toulon, Matt (Carrie) Hardman of Nashville, Tenn., and Aaron Hardman of Pekin; eight grandchildren, Jakob, Tylor, Samantha, Jessica, Hope, Roger, Farrwell and Ebba; five great-grandchildren, Tucker, Xander, Elizabeth, Maddison and Willow; and one sister, Rebecca Heaton of LaFayette. She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Roger Blair; one granddaughter, Anna Blair; two brothers, Johnny and Bob; and one sister, Evelyn.

Sue graduated from Browns Busi-

ness School and began her career working as a secretary at Blackhawk College in Kewanee. She worked for the Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District for many years, before working as a clerk in the Secretary of States Wyoming branch for nearly 20 years. She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church in Toulon, a Gold Star legion member, and a member of the DAR. She taught bible school and was a Cub Scout den mother when her sons were young. Sue enjoyed cooking for her family, watching the birds, and loved her cat Emma.

Her funeral was to be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, at the First Baptist Church in Toulon. Visitation was to be from 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19, 2024, at the church. Rev. Al Harmon was to officiate. Burial will follow at Toulon Cemetery. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church in Toulon. Condolences may be left for Sue's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### J. 'Wayne' Becker

KEWANEE – J. “Wayne” Becker, 90, of Kewanee, father of a Toulon man, died Feb. 17, 2024 at the Kewanee Care Home.

He was born Oct. 7, 1933, in Two Rivers, Wis., the son of George and Bernice (Schimmel) Becker. He married Donna M. Riemer on June 11, 1955, at St. John Lutheran Church in Pulcifer, Wis.

Survivors include his wife of Kewanee; his four sons, Tim Becker of Hickory, N.C., David (Amy) Becker of Algonquin, John (Kim) Becker of Toulon and Steven (Joan) Becker of Kewanee; daughter-in-law Kelly Becker of St. Charles, Mo.; brother John Becker of Two Rivers, Wis.; sisters Delores Petska of Manitowoc, Wis., Judy Goldsmith of Fon du Lac, Wis., and Carol (Danny) Wergin of Two Rivers, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and one great grandchild on the way. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Chris Becker.

Funeral services were Feb. 21 at Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kewanee. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery where military rites will be accorded by the Kewanee Veterans Council.

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# SPORTS: Rebels advanced to rematch with A-Town

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was seeded 11th and trailed by 17 at intermission.

"I thought we ran the floor well and took control of the game with some transition baskets," Stark County Coach Dusty Browning stated.

Stark County played a regional semifinal Wednesday night against third-seeded Abingdon-Avon. Last week, Stark County

lost to A-Town by a point in a penultimate regular-season game.

On Feb. 15 in the regular-season finale, Stark County lost to Princeville, 59-54 in overtime. The Rebels overcame a six-point fourth-period deficit to tie the game at 52, but neither team had a field goal in OT.

"We played at a very high level and had our chances to win but just

couldn't get things to go our way," Browning stated.

Will Rumbold had 16 points, Bowser scored 13 and Connor Wagenbach scored 10 as Stark County finished 8-3 in the LTC.

**Elsewhere** – The Abingdon-Avon girls continued a

late-season surge, topping Lewistown Tuesday at the Class 1A Bushnell Sectional, 56-47. No. 6 seed A-Town was to face No. 1 Illini Bluffs on Thursday in the sectional final. IB beat No. 3-ranked Annawan on Tuesday, 53-46.

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No. 2024PR18

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

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No. 2024PR17

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Karen Redman. Letters of Office were issued on February 6, 2024, to Darci Montoya 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 August 9, 2024.

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

COMMUNITY STATE BANK,  
Plaintiff, IN CHANCERY

vs.

Case No. 2023 FC 47  
TIMOTHY M. MANNON, FRANK C. MANNON, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

### NOTICE OF COURT SALE

[Code Civ. Proc. §15-1507]

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the court in the above entitled cause, the property hereinafter-described, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is:

Ben Nelson, Vice President  
Community State Bank  
409 Tenney Street  
P.O. Box 549  
Kewanee, IL. 61443  
309-853-8182

2. The common address is: 3815 Elmwood Avenue, Kewanee, IL 61443

3. The legal description of the real estate is: Lot Number Nine (9) of Block Number Three (3), in Elmwood Addition to the City of Kewanee, in the County of Henry and State of Illinois

4. Description of Improvements: None

5. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale unless arrangements are made.

6. The date and time of the sale is: 5 March 19, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

7. The sale will be conducted by the Henry County Sheriff at: The first floor of the old wing of the Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, IL

8. The terms of the sale are: This is an "as is" sale for "cash". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds at time of sale with balance to be paid, by certified funds, in full within 24 hours from the time of sale upon delivery of possession and warranty deed. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Real estate taxes to be

prorated to date of closing. Any statements made at time of sale will supersede any previously advertised or announced.

9. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

Upon payment in full of the bid amount, 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.

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.

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### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Friday, February 9, 2024, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as

HK TRUCKING AND EXCAVATING located at 332 Enterprise Dr. Bradford, IL 61421

Dated this 9th day of February 2024.

/s/ Heather Hollis  
County Clerk

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

ESTATE OF CHERYL K. BINGAMAN,  
deceased  
No. 2024PR3

Notice is given of the death of CHERYL K. BINGAMAN. Letters of Office-Independent Executor were issued on January 8, 2024 to Edward R. Fliege, of 406 N. Vail Street, Geneseo IL 61254, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC  
Attorneys for Estate  
115 Northwest Third Avenue  
Galva, IL 61434  
(309) 932-2168  
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Dated this 9th day of February 2024.

/s/ Heather Hollis  
County Clerk

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### DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY Proposed Flood Hazard Determinations for Stark County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas

The Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency has issued a preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM), and where applicable, Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report, reflecting proposed flood hazard determinations within Stark County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas.

These flood hazard determinations may include the addition or modification of Base Flood Elevations, base flood depths, Special Flood Hazard Area boundaries or zone designations, or the regulatory floodway. Technical information or comments are solicited on the proposed flood hazard determinations shown on the preliminary FIRM and/or FIS report for Stark County, Illinois and Incorporated Areas. These flood hazard determinations are the basis for the floodplain management measures that your community is required to either adopt or show evidence of being already in effect in order to qualify or remain qualified for participation in the National Flood Insurance Program. However, before these determinations are effective for floodplain management purposes, you will be provided an opportunity to appeal the proposed information. For information on the statutory 90-day period provided for appeals, as well as a complete listing of the communities affected and the locations where copies of the FIRM are available for review, please visit FEMA's website at

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

ESTATE OF: STEVEN LLOYD  
ANDERSON,  
Deceased  
No. 2024PR20

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Steven Lloyd Anderson. Letters of Office were issued on February 15, 2024, to Mary Jane Anderson 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 August 15, 2024.

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### Notice of Public Hearing

RE: Illinois Department of Transportation State Fiscal year 2025 Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Grant Application. Notice is hereby

given that a public hearing will be held in Marshall County and Stark County. Please email your request for information, questions, or comments to either Hannah Fuchs, Marshall County PCOM, at pcom@marshallcountyllinois.gov or Traci Dowell, MSW Projects of Henry Executive Director, at tracimswprojects@gmail.com

**Date:** March 12, 2024 Time: 11:00 a.m. Place: Toulon Nutrition Site, Toulon Methodist Church, 229 W. Main, Toulon, IL

**Date:** March 15, 2024 Time: 11:00am Place: Henry Nutrition Site, St. John's Community Center, 1301 Second Street, Henry, IL.

For the purpose of considering a project for which financial assistance is being sought from Illinois Department of Transportation, pursuant to the Illinois Department of Transportation's general authority to make such Grants.

**I. Description of Project:** Application for financial assistance to provide transportation services to the general public, elderly and individuals with disabilities in Marshall and Stark Counties.

**II. At the Hearing:** Marshall County will afford an opportunity for interested persons or agencies to be heard with respect to the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the Project. Interested persons may submit orally or in writing evidence and recommendations with respect to said Project.

**III. Marshall County** requests that any hearing impaired person wishing to attend this Public Hearing notify Traci Dowell at 309-364-2287 at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing date so that arrangements can be made to provide an interpreter.

**IV. Copy** of the application for the state grant for the proposed project will be made available for public inspection at the MSW Projects office, 1013 Western Avenue, Henry, IL.

Traci Dowell  
MSW Projects of Henry  
P.O. Box 140  
Henry, IL 61537  
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# The Prairie News Sports

## Galva wins regional opener

### Wildcats top St. Bede; Stark County beats United

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Prairie News

For the first time in a long time, Galva won a boys basketball postseason game.

Blake Stahl had 17 points and seven rebounds to lead host Galva to a 57-50 victory Monday night over Peru St. Bede in a Class 1A Wethersfield Regional quarterfinal.

The victory advanced the Wildcats (10-20), seeded ninth in a Hanover sub-sectional, to a regional semifinal played Wednesday night in Kewanee against second-seeded Annawan.

Galva Coach Jake McClintic wasn't sure the last time his school won in the state tournament. It might have been as long as seven years ago. A postseason victory might have seemed like a longshot a year ago, when Galva was ending a 2-30 season.

But the boys team quintupled its victory total in part through contributions from multiple players, something evident against 10th-seeded St. Bede (11-21). Braxton Rylander had 11 points, six rebounds and six steals. Cyrus Lilly scored

11 and had four assists. Freshman M.J. Louck had nine points.

"We had a good plan going in on how to stop what they did well, and we executed well," McClintic stated. "Our shot selection on the night was great. We played good team basketball."

Galva also won its final regular-season game, 59-53 on Feb. 15 over Wethersfield. Louck had a team-high 19 points. Lilly had 11 points, 15 rebounds and three steals. Rylander also had 11 points and three steals, as well as five assists.

"We moved the ball well and played good defense," McClintic stated. "We had a rough time shooting in the first half and started to hit the shots in the second half."

Galva finished 2-9 in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

**Stark County Boys** – Matthew Bowser had 20 points Monday night to lead host Stark County to a 56-39 Williamsfield Regional victory over Monmouth United.

Luke Rewerts scored 11 for the Rebels (19-12), who are seeded fifth in their Abingdon sub-sectional. United (15-15)

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