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## ON TRACK



Work is well underway on Stark County's new all-weather track at the Toulon High School campus. Concrete work has been completed and the track surface is scheduled to be put down this spring. Workers have recently been installing a rock foundation as a base. Below right, construction workers assemble a new grandstand, which is scheduled to be completed this week. The entire project is scheduled to be finished by early this summer and is being funded by \$6.6 million in bonds that will also pay for construction of a new gymnasium.



## Galva council passes new parking ordinance

By CAROL TOWNSEND  
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council on Monday passed a new ordinance regarding parking and storage of vehicles, farm equipment and construction equipment in the city.

The ordinance goes into effect on April 1 and governs where residents can park abandoned vehicles, farm and construction equipment, recreational vehicles, utility trailers, lawn mowers and more.

Third ward alderman Dougie Anderson said that residents need to use the month of March getting their properties free of these vehicles because, on April 1, the new law will start being enforced. Galva authorities will send letters with 15 days for clean up, or action with fines and towing will begin.

“We have dealt with this for

too many years,” Anderson said. “There are no more second chances.”

It was suggested that residents who have trailers, campers and lawn mowers sitting in their yard might want to pick up a copy of the new ordinance at City Hall.

For instance, a camper in a yard may not be used for living, sleeping or housekeeping purposes for a period exceeding 48 hours or connected to gas, water, or sanitary sewer for more than 48 hours.

And no more than two mowers in working condition may be parking on a property.

First Ward Alderman Jeff Olson said, “I would not want to live by some residences as they spoil it for everyone else.”

Mayor Rich Volkert reminded residents they should not put  
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## Galva School Board approves \$323k bid for new gym roof

By CAROL TOWNSEND  
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva School board unanimously approved the low bidder of Oldeen Roofing of Kewanee for \$323,252 for the Jr/Sr High School gym roof Bid. The alternative bid of \$7,843 was also accepted for replacing six skylights. Galva schools will have a \$50,000 grant to apply to the roof.

The board had two other bids of \$378,205 and \$424,300.00 which were rejected. The sky-

lights that were not chosen were \$9,295 and \$13,600.

The board approved Superintendent Jerry Becker's contract until June 30 of 2027. Becker will retire as Galva's Superintendent at that time.

The board approved the 2024-2025 school calendar with opening day, August 16, 2024. This is the first time, that students get election day, Tuesday, November 5 off.

The board approved a track use intergovernmental agree-

ment with Stark County to use the Galva track facilities. This will be the last agreement as Stark County is getting a new track.

Board members Jill Pankau and Kaleena Conrad will serve on the bargaining team.

Eric Bates of the transportation team reported that the district might have to get a new bus as the handicapped bus is getting some age on it. It will have to be replaced with a handicapped available bus.

The district is looking into a getting a mental health counselor next year through a program from the Henry County Health Department. More details will be coming.

The board will take action on the weight room renovations which were addressed by parent Mike Yepsen. He had Chrissie VanDeVelde of Kewanee give her opinions of updates. The plans are for just cosmetic changes that will make the fa-  
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Noah Gonzalez-Carlino was awarded the Wildcat Pride Award at Monday nights Galva school board meeting. He exhibits the values of respect, honesty, responsibility, positivity, and a commitment to success the Wildcat Way. Submitted photo.



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# COUNCIL: Police involved in 3 altercations

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 their garbage container in the streets. Containers should be placed on the edge of your terrace.  
 Police Chief Kraig Townsend said Galva officers were in three altercations over the past

weekend.  
 "Somebody is going to get hurt," Townsend said.  
 Sarah Bamba introduced herself at the council meeting, as she is with the Bi-State Regional Commission and can help city staff with zoning ordi-

nances, salary schedules in the area and grants.  
 Also present was Grace Clucas, who is presently working for the Illinois Broadband Lab. She said she would like to bring a form of The Galva News back to residents. Clucas is asking high school students to report on sports teams, community events and a community calendar. She said students will travel to games and take action shots and cover events. She wants to start as a monthly newsletter and asked the city and school district for monetary support.

Tom Wilson's bid of \$405 for a vacant lot at 706 SW 4th St. It was the lone bid. Those voting "yes" were Anderson, Jeff Olson and Jackie Clucas with Jim Hartman casting a "no" vote.

The city had a vacant house taken down on the property last summer.  
 Anyone interested in a tree from the Henry County Soil and Water Conservation District should contact city hall for the list. The city will pay half and plant the tree on your terrace or you can pay the full price and plant the tree on your property. Orders are due on March 22.

The council discussed a proposed amendment to the liquor ordinance for class A, B F and G class holders. The change would require cameras in these establishments.

Water Superintendent Greg Thomson reported his department will be installing more water meters inside of houses.

The council accepted

# SCHOOL: 29 out for track

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 cility more inviting to use.

Josh Morris, the track coach reported there are 11 boys and 18 girls out for track this year. The first home junior meet is April 3 and the first high school home meet is April 10.

Adam Norway was happy to announce that the variance for the chair lift in the Elementary building finally came through.

This will help for handicapped people who want to attend an event at the school.

Elementary Principal

The following personnel items were approved:

- Kyle Schipper as JH/HS Track volunteer
- Holly Wangein as 5th grade teacher for the 2024-25 school year
- the resignation of Josh Harris as 8th grade boys basketball coach.

**NOTICE OF COLOR OF PRIMARY ELECTION BALLOTS**  
 ANNOUNCEMENT IS HEREBY MADE THAT THE COLORS OF THE OFFICIAL PRIMARY BALLOTS TO BE USED BY THE RESPECTIVE POLITICAL PARTIES AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MARCH 19th 2024 WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 1-19** - Charles D. Slightom Sr. - Maintaining a nuisance.
- 1-29** - Jasmine L. Gleason - Expired registration and uninsured vehicle.
- 1-30** - Jacqueline M. Frisby - Driving 1-10 mph above limit and uninsured vehicle.
- 1-30** - Corey L. Ford - Suspended registration, uninsured vehicle, and driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 2-7** - Nicholas J. Ingle - Suspended license and driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 2-16** - Thomas C. Bashuse - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-17** - Steven S. Armstrong - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-17** - Matthew J. Garland - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-17** - Blake A. Roedell - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-18** - Felipe Dejesus Alvarado Arreola - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-19** - Randie M. Kocher - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-20** - Payton Petty - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-23** - Riley A. Hamilton - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

### Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 2-8** - Criminal misdemeanor - Charles D. Slightom Jr. - Battery, makes physical contact.
- 2-16** - Criminal misdemeanor - Jared C. Dougherty - Criminal trespass to a building (Toulon R-Bar).
- 2-23** - Criminal felony - Travis E. D. Cline - Criminal trespass to a residence/persons present.

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 2-18** - Dulce M. Contreras, 27, Kewanee, ticketed for driving while license was suspended and for operation of an uninsured vehicle. Ticketed in the same traffic stop was passenger Jose L. Contreras, 27, also of Kewanee, cited for possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle.
- 2-20** - Travis G. Riddle, 31, Wyoming, ticketed for unlawful possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle and disobeying a stop sign.
- 2-20** - Kewan D. Hudson, 25, Peoria, was arrested on an outstanding warrant from the city of Galesburg for failure to appear on a traffic related violation. He was also charged with possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. Hudson was transported directly to the Knox County Jail. Also cited was the driver Hannah M. Dozard, 19, Bradford, for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.
- 2-21** - Bryce W. Glisan, 33, Galva, was cited for driving on a suspended registration due to mandatory insurance, loud exhaust and illegal possession of adult use cannabis.
- 2-22** - Keith Strong, 35, Peoria, cited for driving on an expired registration.
- 2-24** - A two-vehicle accident occurred at 8:44 a.m. at the intersection of Illinois Route 40 and Castleton Road (Western Avenue). Drivers involved were Michael A. Hamilton, 63, Toulon, and Hobart M. Stutt, 47, of Clinton, Iowa. According to the accident report Stutt was traveling south on Route 40 and Hamilton was driving west on Western Ave. when he entered the in-

tersection and was struck by the oncoming truck. Hamilton was transported by Stark County Ambulance to OSF St. Francis Hospital, and a passenger from the same vehicle Helen D. Sammons-Hamilton, 64, Toulon, was life-flighted from the scene and taken to the same hospital. Hamilton was cited for failure to yield at the stop intersection.

### Peoria County Report

- 2-23** - Kyra D. Comer, 26, of Toulon was arrested about 3:45 p.m. and accused of failure to appear in court, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.
- 2-26** - Troy L. Bowen, 53, of Edelstein was arrested shortly before 9 a.m. and accused of burglary, possession of burglary tools, unlawful possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

### Galva Report

**2-7** - A Galva-area man reported the radio inside his minivan was stolen, but no evidence of forced entry was found. A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched about 6:15 p.m. Feb. 7 to the 2800 block of Illinois Route 17, where he found the 65-year-old resident in his driveway. Dogs were plentiful on the property, according to a report.

The deputy noted the area around which the radio was missing from the 1994 Plymouth Voyager was covered in dust and dog hair. The owner said the incident happened within the previous few days. The deputy requested additional patrols in the area.

### Officer dispatched:

- 2-19** - to a residence on NW 3rd Ave. to assist the ambulance with a patient having an altered mental status. The subject was transported for treatment.
- 2-19** - to the 100 block of SW 6th St. assist with a civil standby to retrieve property.
- 2-19** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 700 block of W. Division St., Linda Gaard, 53, Altona, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance. She was released with a court date.
- 2-19** - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of NE 5th St. for a child custody dispute.
- 2-19** - Lacey Hughes, 31, Galesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
- 2-19** - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
- 2-20** - to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog returned home before it was found by the police.
- 2-21** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a reported fight in progress. Officer determined the caller was having a mental-health crisis.
- 2-21** - to the 300 block of Front St. to assist a business ban a subject who caused issues. The subject was served with a banning letter.
- 2-21** - to City Hall to retrieve a check found and turned in. Officer took the check to its rightful owner.
- 2-21** - along with the fire department, Stark County Medic, Life Flight helicopter, Henry County Sheriff's Office, Office of Emergency Management, were dispatched to the Galva Big River Resources Ethanol Plant for a subject who received severe burns. The patient was airlifted to Iowa City for treatment.

**2-21** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a subject having a mental-health crisis.

**2-21** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to remove an unwanted subject. After a brief altercation, Jeffrey McBride, 28, Wyoming, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting or obstructing a police officer. He was released with a court date.

**2-22** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave, Angelo D'Andrea, 86, Galva, was arrested for operating a vehicle with a cancelled driver's license. He was released with a court date.

**2-22** - to the 800 block of SE 2nd St. for two loose dogs. They were located and impounded.

**2-23** - to the 200 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog owner was able to catch the dog.

**2-23** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave., Kyle Leverette, 26, LaFayette, was issued a citation for no lights when required. A passenger, Kayla Snider, 34, Kewanee, got into a physical altercation with the officer when he attempted to arrest her on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving under the influence of drugs. She was taken into custody and charged with resisting or obstructing a police officer as well as the warrant. She was taken to the Henry County Jail.

**2-23** - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a child-custody dispute.

**2-23** - Cody Jenkins, 32, Victoria, cited for having expired registration in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.

**2-23** - Nichole Gillespie, 46, Galesburg, cited for not having registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 500 block of W. Division St.

**2-24** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of NW 5th Ave., Rebecca Muckey, 35, Galva, became involved in a physical altercation with an officer. After a lengthy struggle, she was arrested for resisting a police officer, possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle, operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date.

**2-24** - to the 300 block of Main St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.

**2-24** - to the 700 block of NE 2nd St. to remove an unwanted subject and hand out a banning letter.

**2-24** - to the 300 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose and aggressive dog. As the result, Paige Davis, 27, Galva, was issued a notice to appear in court for violating the Illinois leash law.

**2-24** - to the 200 block of NW 4th Ave. for a utility complaint involving lines down. It was determined to be a cable line. Mediacom was notified.

**2-25** - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a verbal dispute. The subjects agreed to stay separated.

### Property Transfers

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I knew this because it didn't take much to get him to talk about his fish-centered youth: vacations with neighborhood friends to northern Minnesota in the 1930s; creekside camping and fishing under the stars with high school pals in the early 1940s; his 1950 honeymoon on Missouri's Lake of the Ozarks so he, well, could fish.

Later, fishing kept those carefree, cow-free days alive. Most times it was just a couple of hours on slow, lazy Sunday afternoons with me and a couple of my brothers when, after his post-dinner, noon nap, Dad would ask, "Who wants to go to the river" – meaning the just-over-the-levee Kaskaskia River – "to see what's bitin'?"

Usually it was the slow nibbles of toothy alligator gars or the slamming hits of a fish we called drum. Dad wanted neither so we usually went

home empty handed. "Ah," he'd say, "it's more about gettin' the fever down anyway."

In the late 1960s Dad bought a V-hull, 16-foot aluminum boat with a 40-horsepower Scott-Atwater outboard motor. It "needed work" of course, so my brothers and I were recruited to replace dozens of leaky rivets, fiberglass its exterior ribs and bow and sand it smooth and bare for a recoat of snappy azure blue and bright white.

A couple of years later, I was in that refurbished boat one summer morning with my father and a longtime camping friend, our congregation's pastor, crappie fishing on Kentucky Lake. When the morning heat built, however, the crappie bites cooled.

My patient father, who had never had a bad day fishing no matter the results, kept his feathery jig dancing and the conversion moving.

Pastor Holstein – I kid you not – wasn't entertained by either and soon he, who insisted Dad call him "Bob" when not in church, launched into a no-fish dirge that sounded like a reading from the bitter book of Lamentations.

When he finished, Dad looked at him and said in a firm voice, "Well, Bob, remember your Bible: 'And the Lord said to Peter, 'Peter, you dummy! Cast out on the other side!'"

I didn't know whether to laugh out loud or jump into the lake to keep from laughing out loud. Pastor, however, guffawed so hard it shook the boat but he quickly followed the

Lord's advice.

As my brothers and I got older and more able to take over the milking and fieldwork, Dad traded his "alumabub" for a quieter, better equipped, fiberglass boat.

Soon he and Mom, an avid fisher, too, would spend weekends fishing and camping at state parks and local lakes.

Then, after the cows went in the late 1980s, Dad acquired a new, 18-footer that had more conveniences and luxuries than any house he and Mom ever lived in.

"There's no law that says you can't be comfortable having fun," he said by way of explanation.

The last time I fished with Dad was in that comfortable boat. Always wanting to get to any fish first, Dad claimed the bow seat, I was in the stern, and my two older brothers – in a 40-year-old replay of those sultry Sunday afternoons on the Kaskaskia – were parked in the swivel seats in between.

It was an achingly beautiful spring afternoon and we were fishing on a small, private, spring-fed lake hidden in the southern Illinois hills. The fish were hitting, the beer was cold, and the love was honest and unmentioned

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# Latest ag census serves as wake-up call

By TAMMIE SLOUP

FarmWeek

The number of farms and farmland in the U.S. continues to fall, as the average age of farmers ticks higher.

USDA's 2022 Census of Agriculture released Feb. 13 serves as a "wake-up call" to policymakers, said USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack, noting the number of farms plummeted by 142,000 from 2017 to 2022, and the country lost 20 million acres of farmland during that same period.

"This survey is essentially asking the critical question of whether as a country, are we OK with losing that many farms? And are we OK with losing that much farmland?" Vilsack said during a news conference.

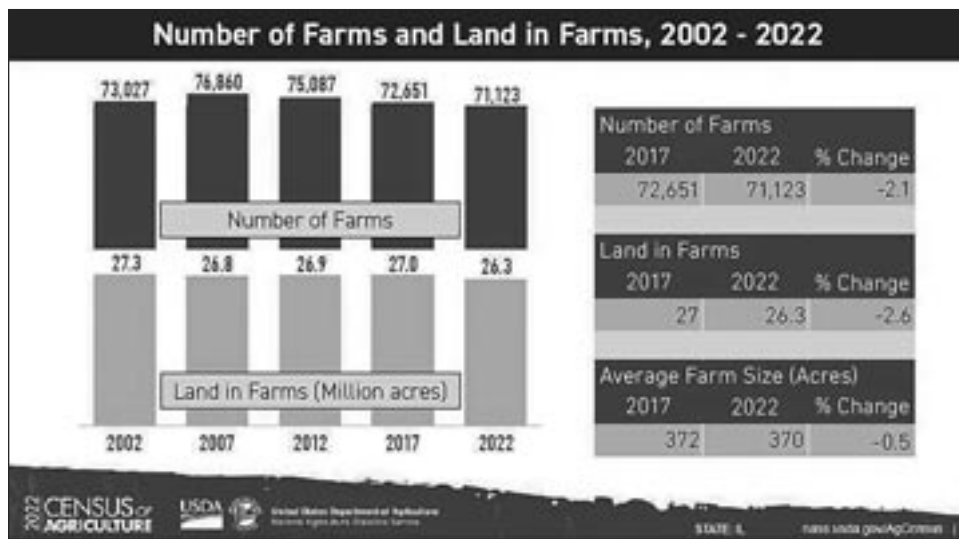
Nationally, there were 1.9 million farms and ranches (down 7% from 2017) with an average size of 463 acres (up 5% on 880 million acres of farmland (down 2%). That is 39% of all U.S. land.

The data-rich report, produced by USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, spans more than 6 million data points about America's farms and ranches and the people who operate them down to the county level. The census dates back to 1840 and is conducted every five years.

American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said the new census data shows an alarming loss of family farms.

"The latest census numbers put in black and white the warnings our members have been expressing for years," Duvall said. "Increased regulations, rising supply costs, lack of available labor and weather disasters have all squeezed farmers to the point that many of them find it impossible to remain economically sustainable."

The data also contained bright spots, including a rise in the number of new and beginning (operating 10 or fewer years on any farm) as well as young (under 35) farmers.



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Young farmers made up 9% of all producers, with the 221,233 farms with young farmers making decisions tending to be larger than average in both acres and sales.

In fact, 33% of all farms in 2022 had a new or beginning producer, NASS Statistician Virginia Harris highlighted during USDA's Ag Outlook Forum on Feb. 15.

While the number of producers between the ages of 35 and 64 declined 9%, the number of producers 65 and over increased 12% outpacing the 3.9% increase of young farmers. However, more than 1 million beginning producers were counted.

Illinois also is in line with a decrease in farms and farmland, as well as an aging farmer demographic. The number of farms decreased 2.1% to 71,123 (the fifth highest number of farms in the U.S.), with farmland acres falling from 27 million to 26.29 million.

The average age of an Illinois farmer rose to 58.6, slightly higher than the national average of 58.1.

Of the 121,342 Illinois farmers, 10,632 are under

the age of 35, and 32,538 are new and beginning farmers — an increase from 2017 of 11%.

New census questions dealt with hemp, precision agriculture and internet access. Farms with internet access continued to rise from 75% in 2017 to 79% in 2022. In Illinois, farms with internet access increased slightly from 77% of all farms to 79%.

The census also showed:

- Family-owned and operated farms accounted for 95% of all U.S. farms and operated 84% of land in farms.

- U.S. farms and ranches produced \$543 billion in agricultural products, up from \$389 billion in 2017. With farm production expenses of \$424 billion, U.S. farms had net cash income of \$152 billion. Average farm income rose to \$79,790 and 43% of farms had positive net cash farm income in 2022.

- The total value of crops in 2022 was \$281 billion, up 45% from 2017. For livestock, the value was \$262 billion, up 35%.

- A total of 153,101 farms and ranches used renewable energy produc-

ing systems, a 15% increase from 2017. The majority of farms (76%) with renewable energy systems reported using solar panels.

- In 2022, 116,617 farms sold products directly to consumers, with sales of \$3.3 billion. Value of sales increased 16% from 2017.

- The 105,384 farms with sales of \$1 million or more were 6% of U.S. farms and 31% of farmland; they sold more than three-fourths of agricultural products. The 1.4 million farms with sales of \$50,000 or less accounted for 74% of farms, 25% of farmland and 2% of sales.

- Nearly three-fourths of farmland was used by farms specializing in two commodity categories: oilseed and grain production (32%) and beef cattle production (40%).

- In 2022, 1.2 million female farmers accounted for 36% of all producers. Fifty-eight percent of all farms had at least one female decision maker.

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Saturday March 9, 2024  
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FEES: T-Ball & Coach Pitch - \$20 (These teams will play in hometown)  
 Boys & Girls 9/10, 11/12, 13/14/15 - \$60 (per player)

Number of teams determined by numbers signed up in each age group.

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State Bank of Toulon (Toulon)	SC Elementary School
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## BRIEFS

### Bradford School Board OKs roof replacement

BRADFORD— The Bradford School Board on Tuesday approved a \$246,662 roof replacement project for the Junior High School.

Kreiling Roofing Co. of Peoria submitted the low bid for phase three of the roofing project.

Superintendent Chad Gripp reported to the board that the building and grounds committee has decided to proceed with several projects: flooring in the junior high locker room, a scoreboard in the junior high gym and concrete for the pre-K playground.

The board also approved:

- Hiring Abigail Stevenson as Scholastic Bowl coach.
- Using the school grounds for a senior recognition event in April, a ceremony that has been held annually since Bradford High School closed.
- A policy for bullying prevention, which is a new requirement of school districts for 2024.
- A consolidated district plan, a yearly action item that certifies state grants.

### Galva Senior Center reopens March 1

GALVA – The Galva Senior Citizen Center will have its re-opening today, March 1, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet the new director, Carlin Follis. The Center has been closed since Dec. 31.

As part of today's grand reopening, Bingo will be played at 1 p.m.

– Carol Townsend

### Man airlifted following accident at Galva plant

GALVA – A man was airlifted from the Big River Resources ethanol plant on Feb. 21 at about 3:35 p.m. following an accident.

According to the Henry County Office of Emergency Management, a contractor at Big River Resources was using a power tool in an area “thought to be free of ethanol” when residual ethanol ignited. The man suffered significant thermal burns. Employees and contractors then extinguished the fire. No other injuries were reported.

First responders said they arrived on scene and began pre-hospital life support measures while the Galva Fire Department established a landing zone for an OSF medical heli-



The Bradford Junior High Chess team participated in the IESA State Chess meet for the first time on Feb. 23-24. The following students attended the meet: Aidan Parrish, Kevin Williams, Bailey McDermott, Schuyler Garlisch, Erik Knobloch, Easton Blake, Deaken Alexander, Silas Smith, Nick Miller, Ian Cresto, Derek Alexander and Jackson Smith. They were accompanied by Coach Brown and Assistant Coach Switzer.



The 2024 National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony was held on Feb. 26 on the stage at Bradford Junior High. The ceremony was led by the current members and NJHS Director Becki Hoffert. Pictured above (from left to right) are inductees Molly Wellman, Kevin Williams, Schuyler Garlisch, Madison Kiewser, Bailey McDermott, Deaken Alexander, Caden Chapai, Erik Knobloch, Alyssa Cauthon, Creighton Stah and Dawson Alexander.



The Galva Ready to Grow committee recently presented the City of Galva with a check for \$4,000 to purchase a wheelchair swing for Wiley Park. The cost of the swing is \$25,000. Pictured are (from left to right) Shirley Crisco, Mayor Rich Volkert and Pat Raley. Anyone who would like to contribute to the wheelchair swing can take donations to City Hall. Photo by Carol Townsend.

copter.

The victim was transported a short distance by Stark County Ambulance to the awaiting helicopter. There are no updates on the victim's condition.

Also responding were Bishop Hill Fire District, Galva police and the Henry County sheriff's department.

### Et cetera

• GALVA – Wynonna Judd will headline the Aug. 10 Back Road Music Festival in Galva. Other artists

slated for the event include Collin Raye and Tracy Byrd, who will open for Judd.

• KEWANEE – Entry forms are available today, March 1, for the June 18 Henry County Fair Queen Pageant. Forms can be found on the Henry County Fair Queen Facebook page or Instagram account or can be emailed or texted directly upon request. For questions or information, contact Kelli Patton at henrycopageant@gmail.com or (309) 944-7743.

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

# Updates on CO2 Pipelines and Ongoing Efforts

Tues., March 5<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 - 6:45pm  
 Brimfield Public Library Meeting Room  
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**This program is free and the public is invited to attend.**

Rumors abound: one is that Wolf Carbon Solutions may refile for a state permit.

Sponsored by Central Illinois Healthy Community Alliance and members of Coalition to Stop CO2 Pipelines  
<https://noillinoisco2pipelines.org/>

Update on Citizens Against Predatory Pipelines opposing the pipeline and the ongoing pipeline permit application

# Pritzker budget seeks more spending, taxes

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker last week proposed growing state spending by over \$2 billion in the upcoming fiscal year while making a handful of corporate, sports wagering and other tax changes to pay for the increase.

Pritzker's plan, laid out to lawmakers during his annual budget address on Feb. 21, does not alter or increase state income tax rates. But it would more than double the tax rate paid by sportsbooks on gross revenues and extend an existing cap on operating losses businesses can claim on taxes.

Those two changes would raise about \$726 million in revenue, erasing much of what had been projected as an \$891 million deficit for the upcoming fiscal year.

In total, Pritzker's budget anticipates \$52.9 billion in general revenue and \$52.7 billion in spending for the state's main discretionary spending account in the fiscal year that begins July 1. The proposal now goes to lawmakers, beginning the annual negotiating process that generally concludes in May.

The governor's budget office is also projecting current-year revenues will come in \$199 million

above previous estimates. The state expects the current fiscal year to end with \$52.2 billion in total revenues.

When including a proposed \$1.2 billion supplemental spending plan for the current year, next year's budget proposal would spend about \$750 million more than the current year.

Pritzker's spending plan calls for a total of about \$1 billion in revenue he proposes generating in the upcoming fiscal year through changes in the tax code or state operations.

That includes \$526 million by extending a cap on the amount of net operating losses that corporations can claim on taxes. Lawmakers created a \$100,000 cap on such deductions in 2020, but it was set to expire in the 2025 tax year.

The proposal seeks to extend it while expanding the claimable losses to \$500,000.

Another major change would increase the sports gambling tax to 35 percent from 15 percent. That tax is applied to the profits collected by sportsbooks and will bring in about \$200 million, according to the governor's office.

Other revenue changes include raising \$101 million by capping a sales tax credit retailers are allowed

to claim. The change would also generate \$85 million for local governments.

As in previous years, Pritzker called for sizeable increases in education funding. For Pre-K-12 education, Pritzker proposed a roughly \$450 million increase as well as a \$350 million increase in Evidence-Based Funding.

His plan also includes an additional \$150 million to fund his "Smart Start Illinois" initiative to expand access to early childhood education and an additional \$10 million for career and technical education programs, as well as \$13 million to fund a new state agency for

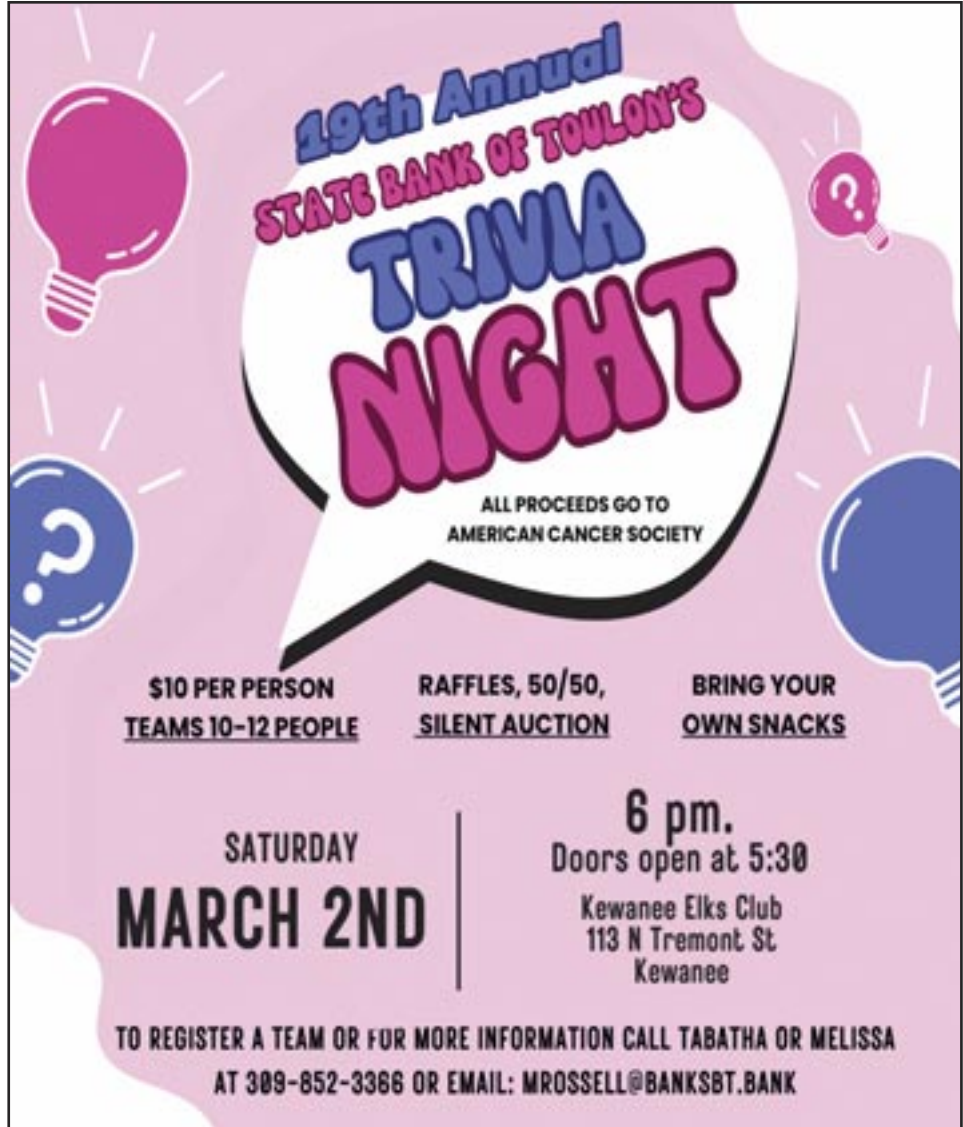
early childhood department.

Pritzker is asking lawmakers to dedicate \$182 million to address the influx of migrants from border states. The spending plan includes fully funding the state's \$10.1 billion required pension payment in the upcoming fiscal year.



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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
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ESTATE OF: KAREN REDMAN, Deceased  
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.

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**

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.  
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[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  
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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  
No. 2023ASN-11745  
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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. Fiege, of 406 N. Vail Street, Geneseo IL 61254, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 1 15 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 1 15 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434  
Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
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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 FLETCHER'S HARD TARGET GUN AND AMMUNITION SUPPLY located at 10345 TOWNSHIP RD 71 N. PRINCEVILLE, IL 61559.  
Dated this 9th day of February 2024.

/S/ Heather Hollis  
County Clerk  
No. 2023ASN-11746  
Published 2/16, 2/23, 3/1/24

**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 [https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE\\_Status/bfe\\_main.asp](https://www.floodmaps.fema.gov/fhm/BFE_Status/bfe_main.asp) or call the FEMA Mapping and Insurance eXchange (FMIX) toll free at 1-877-FEMA MAP (1-877-336-2627).  
Published 2/23, 3/1/24

**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.  
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/gethelplp.asp](http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelplp.asp). Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Name Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor  
Address P.O. Box 165  
City Galva, IL 61434  
Phone (309) 932-2001  
Email: everettr@barashlaw.com  
Published 2/23, 3/1, 3/8/24

**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 vs.  
Case No. 2024FC11  
MANDY M. MOORE; MARINER FINANCE, LLC; 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 February 22, 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: Mandy M. Moore  
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Two (2) in Block Three (3) of Burlington View Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois  
PIN: 20-32-230-008  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
343 North Rice St., Kewanee IL 61443.  
5. An identification of the Mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
a. Names of Mortgagor: Mandy M. Moore  
b. Name of Mortgagee: Union Federal Savings & Loan Association (f/k/a First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Kewanee)  
c. Date of Mortgage: March 1, 2013  
d. Date of Recording: March 4, 2013  
e. County Where Recorded: Henry County, Illinois  
f. Recording Document Identification: 20-1301439  
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 April 2, 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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff IN CHANCERY Case No. 23-MR-39K vs.  
MAURICIO BARRAGAN TELLO; JICTB INC Defendants

**NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY  
PUBLICATION**

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Mauricio Barragan Tello and JICTB, Inc., all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled action was filed 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: Mauricio Barragan Tello  
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot Four (4) of Executor's Subdivision of Lot One (1) of Little's Subdivision of Lot Twenty-one (21) of Elliott's Addition to the City of Kewanee, subject to a common driveway easement over the South four (4) feet of Lot Four (4) and over the North four (4) feet of Lot Three (3), and dated September 4, 1971, and recorded September 10, 1971 as Document 71R3472 in the Office of the Recorder, Henry County, Illinois, all lying, being and situated in the County of Henry, State of Illinois.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 614 S. Chestnut Street., Kewanee, IL 61443.  
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your

appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.  
/s/ Terilyn A. Motley  
Circuit Clerk  
Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff  
211 W 2nd St  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
309/852-5555  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff IN CHANCERY Case No. 23-MR-37K vs.  
BARBARA BURMEISTER; FIRST MIDWEST BANK n/k/a OLD NATIONAL BANK, and MS INVESTMENT GROUP, INC. Defendants

**NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY  
PUBLICATION**

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Barbara Burmeister, First Midwest Bank n/k/a Old National Bank, and MS Investment Group, Inc., all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled action was filed 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: Barbara Burmeister  
3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lots 7 and 8 in Block 2 of Ackerman Subdivision of Lots 8 and 21 of the Original Town of Wethersfield, now a part of the City of Kewanee, excepting therefrom the North 50 feet of said Lots 7 and 8; situated in the County of Henry, in the State of Illinois.  
4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 144 Tenney Street., Kewanee, IL 61443.  
NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley  
Circuit Clerk  
Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff  
211 W 2nd St  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
309/852-5555  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF NANCY A. PUSKAR, Deceased  
No. 2024 PR 24  
**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)  
Notice is given of the death of Nancy A. Puskar. Letters of Office were issued on February 22, 2024, to Leo Puskar III 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 August 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 service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service

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

THE RENNICK LAW FIRM, P.C. P.O. Box 430  
Toulon, Illinois 61483  
Telephone: (309) 286-5921  
Facsimile: (309) 286-5000  
RONALD G. SEFRIED (Independent Representative) By: Robert H. Rennick, Sr.  
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provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelplp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The regular scheduled meetings of Valley Township Board of Trustees to conduct regular business of the township, to inspect and pay bills, and any such matters that shall come before the board for the fiscal year 2024-2025, will be held on the second Thursday of each month. Meetings will be held at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois beginning at 7:00 PM.  
Dated March 1, 2024  
Jodi Dienst  
Valley Township Clerk  
Published 3/1/24

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF  
THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STARK COUNTY, STATE OF  
ILLINOIS**

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EVELYN I. SIEGMUND, Deceased.

Case No. 2024-PR-4  
**WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION**

Notice is given of the death of EVELYN I. SIEGMUND of Rural Route #1, Bradford, Stark County, Illinois, 61421. Letters of Office were issued on February 23, 2024 to RONALD G. SEFRIED as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.  
Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on February 23, 2024, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main, Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the representative, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: September 1, 2024, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative and the attorney of record 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 10 days after it has been filed.  
The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat., Ch 755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration form from the Clerk of Court at the above address.  
Dated this 23rd day of February, 2024.

THE RENNICK LAW FIRM, P.C. P.O. Box 430  
Toulon, Illinois 61483  
Telephone: (309) 286-5921  
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# Expansion of E15 fuel aids farmers

By KEVIN BESSLER

The Center Square

Illinois corn farmers stand to benefit from the recent decision by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to allow year round sales of E15 fuel.

In 2022, the governors of Illinois and several other Midwest states requested year-round E15 sales in an effort to lower gas prices. E15 is a 15% blend of ethanol to petroleum fuel and is also known as Unleaded 88.

Mike Shane with the Illinois Corn Growers Association said the ruling will give a huge boost in the use of ethanol.

"It's a 50% increase for us which is a pretty large increase for the usage of corn," said Shane. "It should increase the demand for corn and help alleviate the extra supplies of corn right now."

Despite E15 having a



lower Reid vapor pressure than most fuel on the market, the ICGA said outdated regulations excluded it from being sold during summer months

The use of E15 was approved by the EPA in 2011 for all 2001 and newer vehicles, accounting for more than 96% of vehicles on the road today.

Shane said Illinoisans will save money.

"E15 is a cheaper product than straight gasoline

so the consumer is going to drive the demand wanting cheaper gasoline at the pump," said Shane.

Some oil refiners have argued that allowing E15 in just select states instead of nationwide could lead to fuel price spikes and supply issues.

The ruling goes into effect in April of next year. It is not known if the EPA will grant waivers to states for the use of E15 this summer.

## LEGALS

### PUBLIC NOTICE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Valley in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday April 9, 2024, at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois at the hour of 6:00 o'clock PM for the transaction of miscellaneous business of Valley Township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law come before the meeting.

Dated: March 1, 2024  
Jodi Dienst  
Valley Township Clerk

Published 3/1/24

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS on Road District Budget and Township Budget

Notice is hereby given that Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance meetings for Road Purposes of Valley Township, in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, and also for Town of Valley in said county, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2024, and ending March 31, 2025, will both be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at Valley Town Hall, 15003 Township Road 300N, Wyoming, IL 61491, after March 14, 2024, by appointment only.

Notice is further given that public hearings on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinances will be

held at 6:15 PM and 6:30 PM respectively, Tuesday, April 9, 2024 at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois and that action on these ordinances will take place immediately following.

The 7:00 PM regularly scheduled April 11th, 2024 monthly meeting of Valley Township Board of Trustees to discuss regular business will be rescheduled to take place April 9, 2024 immediately following the budget hearings.

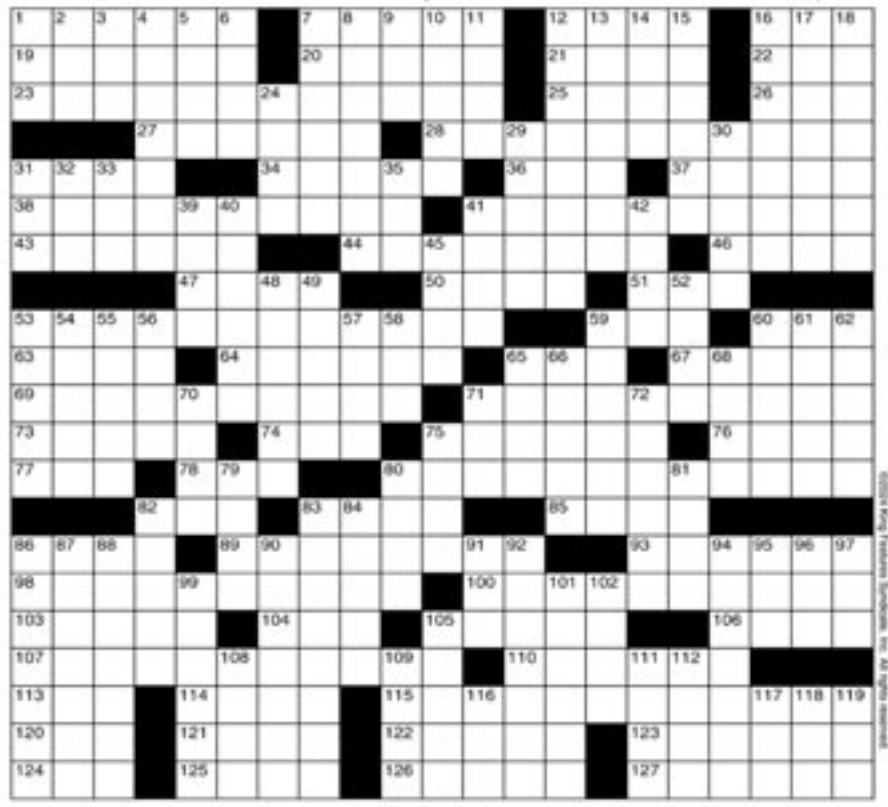
Dated: March 1, 2024.  
Jodi Dienst  
Valley Township Clerk  
309-230-8953  
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## Super Crossword

INTERPRETING ALL THE SIGNS

- ACROSS**
- 1 Friendly and cheerful
- 7 Custard apple relative
- 12 Peevish state
- 16 Air gun ammo
- 19 With no secrecy
- 20 Caribbean resort island
- 21 Physiques, for short
- 22 Suffix with east
- 23 Door-bashing device
- 25 Working hard
- 26 Grazing field
- 27 Politician Alexandria —
- 28 Bud Light mascot
- 29 Spuds MacKenzie, for one
- 31 A verb often follows it
- 34 Vex
- 36 Winning tic-tac-toe row
- 37 "boarders" channel
- 38 "Full House" acting pair
- 41 Sideways-moving arachnid
- 43 Judo teacher
- 44 Test taker
- 46 Sailors, informally
- 47 "The Villain" actor Jack
- 50 Gain's offset
- 51 Ignited
- 53 "If I Only Had the Nerve" singer
- 59 "Ka-POW!"
- 60 Me, in Lyon
- 63 On — with (equal to)
- 64 One of the Kennedys
- 65 Org. with merit badges
- 67 Leaning
- 69 Mother of Jesus
- 71 Things to step on in washrooms
- 73 Moon that's home to the Ewoks
- 74 Top-secret U.S. org.
- 75 Dialect of Aramaic
- 76 Ad biz award
- 77 French article
- 78 CEO's deg.
- 80 Flashy, diving soccer move
- 82 Put a flaw in
- 83 Dog in "The Thin Man"
- 85 Hockey's Phil, to fans
- 86 Manufacture
- 89 Leaned back
- 93 Negev's land
- 98 "Fatal Attraction" Oscar nominee
- 100 Fets, for one
- 103 Official order
- 104 Prevarication
- 105 Spiral-shelled mollusk
- 106 Rep on the street
- 107 Luxury writing implement
- 110 Eye ring
- 113 Rhinoplasty doc
- 114 Nastase of tennis fame
- 115 Halibut, sole and flounder
- 120 Beatified
- 121 Madams' counterparts
- 122 Eldest of the Musketeers
- 123 1998 Masters champ Mark
- 124 One of the Kennedys
- 125 Hug's partner
- 126 Century's 100
- 127 All 12 of its symbols are featured in this puzzle
- 3 Court divider
- 4 Chants
- 5 Actor Baldwin
- 6 Vega's constellation
- 7 Grill-marked sandwiches
- 8 French forest region
- 9 Brand of faucet filters
- 10 Cry like —
- 11 Bank bought by Chase, for short
- 12 Govt. advances for mom-and-pops
- 13 Opposite of destined
- 14 "And When —" (1969 hit)
- 15 Certain high-heel feature
- 16 Go-Go's singer Carlisle
- 17 Offspring producer
- 18 Ones
- 24 "Vid," in English
- 29 "Slow" primate
- 30 Bonnie of blues rock
- 31 Antis' votes
- 32 Corrida cry
- 33 Sailor's org.
- 35 It runs on a 52-Down
- 39 — do-well
- 40 Bill of tennis
- 41 "Hurry it up!"
- 42 Actress Ward
- 45 Balm additive
- 48 Female grad
- 49 Chatty birds
- 52 Apple buy
- 53 Went spelunking
- 54 Think aloud
- 55 Prison units
- 56 2012 Ben Affleck thriller
- 57 Turkish money unit
- 58 Bitterly cold
- 59 Adherents of an Iranian religion
- 60 Thousand: Prefix
- 61 — acid (lat product)
- 62 "There, there"
- 65 Georgia politician Bob
- 66 Michael of the band R.E.M.
- 68 Small nail
- 70 "— la Douce"
- 71 Drink-related party abbr.
- 72 Suffix with micro- or kaleido-
- 75 Read quickly
- 79 "I'm o-c-cold"
- 80 Start to wake
- 81 Light snack
- 82 Small rodents, jocularly
- 83 Sore feeling
- 84 Slumber
- 86 Star of "I'm No Angel"
- 87 Slower than allegretto
- 88 Like booties
- 90 Cream-filled pastries
- 91 Big head
- 92 Contributor
- 94 Covered anew, as a book
- 95 — Lingus
- 96 Suffix with Senegal
- 97 Guided
- 99 In ham's way
- 101 Transversely
- 102 Those people
- 105 100-buck bill
- 108 Roman 1,052
- 109 Auction website
- 111 "The Wizard —"
- 112 Celeb's ride
- 116 Radio host
- God
- 117 "Bali —"
- 118 Epoch
- 119 Small pouch

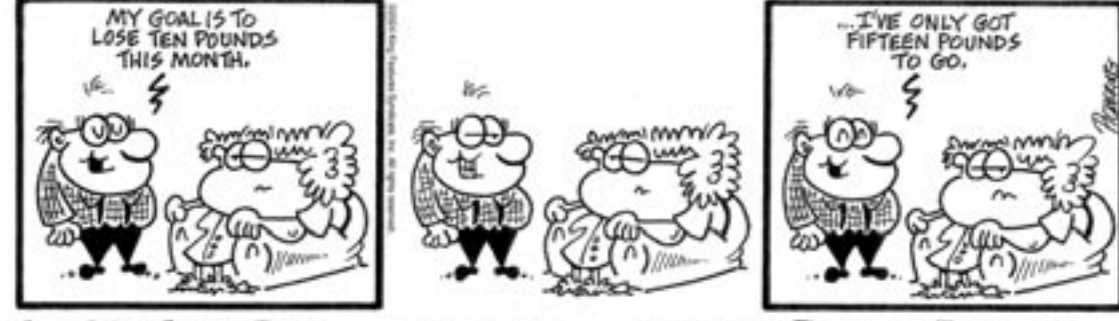


## Amber Waves



by Dave T. Phipps

## The Spats



by Jeff Pickering

## Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



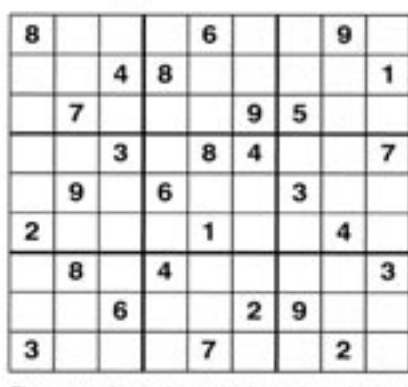
## GRIM BEARD IT



"Otis really seems to enjoy the dining experience."

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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!

## Trivia test

by Fidi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE: In the children's book, what is Doctor Dolittle's special talent?
- ART: Who painted the work titled "Starry Night"?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which vegetable is commonly used to make pickles?
- MUSIC: What is pop singer Taylor Swift's favorite number?
- MEDICAL: What is a common name for lachrymation?
- BUSINESS: When was the Chia Pet invented?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the first American to win a Nobel Prize?
- HISTORY: The Aztec civilization emerged in which modern-day country?
- TELEVISION: Who played the character Michael Scott on TV's "The Office"?
- GEOGRAPHY: The volcano Mount Vesuvius overlooks which modern-day Italian city?

- Answers
- He can talk with animals.
  - Vincent van Gogh.
  - Cucumbers.
  - 13.
  - Tears or crying.
  - 1977 (Chia Guy).
  - Theodore Roosevelt, the Nobel Peace Prize.
  - Mexico.
  - Steve Carell.
  - Naples.
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## CryptoQuote

AXYOLBAAXR 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.

XIB NVZO YPO NQX NU XNGPO\*W  
ARWBEO RW UNE HBNHZZB XN  
TBJNAB YNEXIO NU BPJI  
NXIBE\*W XEQWX.  
— PZTBEX WJIYBRXMBE

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## TOP 10 MOVIES

- Bob Marley: One Love (PG-13)
- Madame Web (PG-13)
- Argyle (PG-13)
- Migration (PG)
- The Chosen: S4 E4 (NR)
- Wonka (PG)
- The Beekeeper (R)
- Anyone But You (R) I
- Lisa Frankenstein (PG-13)
- Land of Bad (R)
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**OBITUARIES**

**Margaret A. Turner**

WYOMING – Margaret Ann “Maggie” Turner, 75, of Wyoming, passed away at 10:08 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, at her home.



Turner

Maggie was born on Nov. 14, 1948, in Kewanee, to Herman and Hazel (Collett) Warken. She married Orville Turner on March 9, 1968, in Neponset; he survives.

Also surviving are her daughter, Iva (Lenny) Schmitt of Bolingbrook; one son, Jeff (Traci) Turner of Wyoming; five grandchildren, Logan, Mason, Gavin, Natalie (Stephen) and Nathan (Skylar); seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Richard Warken of Kewanee.

She was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings.

Maggie worked as an in-home daycare provider for 25 years. She adored her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed going to all of their many activities.

Her celebration of life will be Saturday, March 16, 2024, with a gathering of family and friends from 1-4 p.m. at St. Dominic’s fellowship hall.

Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

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

**Margaret L. Camey**

KEWANEE – Margaret L. Camey, 74, of Kewanee, died Feb. 22, 2024, at the Kewanee Care Home.

She was born Feb. 1, 1950, in Ke-

wanee, the daughter of Dale and Dorothy (Nordstrom) Doye. She married Rik Camey in 1969.

Survivors include her two daughters, Kim (Mark) Tudder of Kewanee and Danielle Cadey of Galva; three brothers, David (Caroline) Doye of Florida, Mike Doye of Kewanee and Dennis (Florence) Doye of Duncan; six grandchildren, Mallery (Austin) Pettis, Katie and Ryan Tudder and Samantha, Jennifer and Kimber Schwigen; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Margaret graduated from Galva High School.

Services were Feb. 26.

**Patrick H. Williams**

GALVA – Patrick H. Williams, 70, of Galva, died Sunday, February 18, 2024 at his home.

Cremation will be accorded and no services are planned at this time.

**SPORTS: Galva falls to Annawan at the buzzer**

*Continued from Page 12* all, you cannot ask for a better group of kids.”

**Galva Boys** – Annawan beat the buzzer to beat Galva 49-47 in a Wethersfield Regional semifinal Feb. 21 at Kewanee.

Seeded ninth in their Hanover sub-sectional, the Wildcats (10-21) tied the game at 47 on a 3-pointer by Blake Stahl with nine seconds remaining. On the ensuing possession for second-seeded Annawan, Gabe Sims missed a shot but got a long rebound and scored from about 10 feet as time expired.

Stahl finished with 17 points and six rebounds against Annawan (24-9), which lost to Fulton in the regional final Feb. 23.

For the season, sophomore Stahl averaged 14.9 points and 7.8 rebounds per game, both team highs. Senior Braxton Rylander averaged 12 points. Underclassmen Cyrus Lilly and J.P. Sloan averaged 7.4 points and 6.3 points, respectively. Lilly also averaged 6.8 rebounds.

“We have a lot of young

players that played a lot of minutes for us,” Galva Coach Jake McClintic stated. “We went through some ups and downs this season but ended with a positive attitude. I enjoyed every minute of it.”

**Princeville boys** – Peoria Heights topped Princeville in the Brimfield Regional final, 59-54, meaning all three Lincoln Trail Conference boys teams in the finals were eliminated.

In four games against Peoria Heights this season, the Princeville boys basketball team won three. Unfortunately for the Princes, the loss came in the state tournament.

The loss ended a stellar season for Princeville (28-6), which tied a school record for wins. But Princeville players might wish for a do-over after this one, in which they struggled with shooting.

“It didn’t end how we wanted it to,” senior guard Parker Melick said.

Camron Williams scored 31 to lead Heights, which advanced to an Abingdon Sectional semifinal played

Tuesday against second-seeded Camp Point Central. Princeville was top seed in its sub-sectional. Heights (19-13) was No. 4.

The Patriots’ regional victory atoned for losses to Princeville by nine, three and 27 points.

“The first two times we played were exactly like this game,” Princeville Coach Tait Sennett said. “It was a hard-nosed battle, and it was anybody’s ballgame. We just came out on top. The third time we hit shots, and we hit shots, and we hit shots. And whatever they could do, we just countered it and hit shots.”

“Tonight we didn’t hit shots, and it turned into one of those battles like the first two games, and they came out on top.”

For the game, Princeville made only two 3-point attempts and missed at least a dozen. With 3:01 to play in the first quarter, Tucker Sennett made the initial 3-

pointer. With six seconds left in the game, Tayshaun Kieser made the second. The Princes also were 6-for-16 on free throws.

Coach Sennett said it was among his team’s worst shooting performances of the season. In the fourth quarter, Princeville was 2-for-6 from the line.

Princeville’s only two double-digit scorers – Kieser (17 points) and Zach Stalter (13) – worked mainly from inside.

Heights used a matchup-zone defense against Princeville instead of the man-to-man defense deployed previously.

This Princeville team joins the 1985 Class A Elite Eight qualifier and the 2019-20 squad in the 28-victory club.

Princeville reached the final by beating Midland 66-54 in the semifinals on Feb. 21 behind 18 points from Jake Williams and 16 from Kieser.

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God’s Blessing to All,  
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# The Prairie News Sports



## Rebels stuck in the semis

### Stark Co. boys lose in regional semis for 3rd year

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
For The Prairie News

Stark County had a boys basketball season worth celebrating. The Rebels won 19 games, their highest total in more than a decade.

As satisfying as that might have been for Stark County Coach Dusty Browning, he can be forgiven for believing the job was only semi-completed.

For the third consecutive season, Stark County lost in the Class 1A regional semi-finals. This time the winner was Abingdon-Avon, 44-32 on Feb. 21 at the Williamsfield Regional.

“A heartbreaker,” Stark County senior Luke Rewerts called it.

Rewerts’ team-high 14 points weren’t enough to boost the Rebels (19-13), who were seeded fifth in their Abingdon sub-sectional. Third-seeded A-Town (20-14) led 18-11 at halftime and 25-17 with three minutes left in the third quarter.

Carter Redfern then had the next 10 A-Town points, including six in a row overall, on his way to a game-leading 23. Following two free throws by Asa Stegall, the Tornadoes led 37-21 with 5:38 left in the fourth period.

“They got that one-two-three baskets in a row here and there, and that’s how I thought they took control of the game,” Browning said.

The two six-point A-Town runs exacerbated Stark County offensive struggles. The Rebels had only three 3-pointers, all in the fourth quarter. That’s half as many

as they had overall in a 43-42 Lincoln Trail Conference loss Feb. 13 to A-Town.

“To be honest, it was the exact same game, except we didn’t miss any bunnies,” Browning said in comparing that game and this one. “We made every easy basket we got.

“Seven points is a massive (deficit) when you’re struggling from the floor. All year long, we talked about stacking up baskets and stacking up shots. And it felt like we never got two stops in a row and two baskets in a row.”

Rewerts echoed his coach.

“It felt like we were playing down 20 and we were only down seven,” he said. “Just trying to hurry too much and not really playing our game, and that’s where we went wrong.”

A-Town lost in the regional final Feb. 23 to second-seeded Peoria Christian.

Rewerts averaged 13.8 points per game to lead Stark County this season. Senior teammates Matthew Bowser and Will Rumbold averaged 10.2 and 10.1, respectively. Rumbold also averaged 5.5 rebounds.

Browning suggested the good times this season outweighed the bad, but the ending still stung.

“We’re stuck in this semifinal game,” he said. “Two years ago, we played United. Last year, we played Princeville and hit a buzzsaw, and this year, the same game again. In that regard, our goal was to make a step forward in the postseason. But over-

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A lifelong Peorian, Spain attended District 150 schools and is a Richwoods High School alumnus. He graduated from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a double degree in political science and speech communication and Bronze Tablet Honors. Spain also holds an MBA from Bradley University.

In April 2007, Spain was elected to the City Council as the youngest at-large member in Peoria history, a seat he held until Fall of 2016. He is currently employed at OSF Healthcare System as the Vice President of Economic Development. Spain and his wife Ashley have two young daughters- Vivienne & Eleanor.

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