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## Lawmakers pass \$53.1 billion state budget in wee hours

By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – After a near-derailment and an all-nighter to wrap up the General Assembly’s spring session, supermajority Democrats in the Illinois House gave final legislative approval to the state budget as the sun rose Wednesday morning.

Despite holding 78 seats in the chamber, it took Democrats three tries to reach the 60 votes needed to approve more than \$1.1 billion in revenue increases, including a tax hike on sportsbooks and businesses, to balance the \$53.1 bil-

lion spending plan for fiscal year 2025.

“This year’s \$53 billion budget is 32% larger than it was in 2020. Our spending spree is simply unsustainable,” Rep. Travis Weaver, R-Edwards, said. “I am a firm believer that Illinois’s brightest days can still be ahead, but only if we tighten our belts, cut waste and start respecting the taxpayer.”

The spending plan passed 65-45, with seven Democrats joining Republicans in opposition.

The revenue plan that capped the voting on the budget-related

bills was more of a challenge. House Bill 4951 fell one vote short of passage twice after 4 a.m. due to attendance issues. On the third try – after about an hour of procedural maneuvering by Republicans – the bill passed at 4:43 a.m. with the minimum 60 votes necessary.

“I think it should be clear to everyone in the state what this supermajority is willing to do to ram a tax increase down the throats of the citizens of Illinois at 4:30 in the morning,” Rep. Patrick Windhorst, R-Metropolis, said.

Democrats had earlier highlighted that despite a tight fiscal year, the budget would send \$198 million to the state’s “rainy day” fund and make the full payment into the state’s pension systems that is required by law.

Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth, a Peoria Democrat and lead budget negotiator in the House, pointed to the state’s nine credit upgrades of the past four years. And she noted a backlog of unpaid bills that reached nearly \$17 billion under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner has shrunk to a payment cycle that lasts “mere days.”

Gov. JB Pritzker says he’ll sign the plan for the fiscal year that begins July 1, which spends about \$400 million more than what he requested in his February budget address. In a statement after its passage, the governor claimed investments made in the budget will grow Illinois’ economy.

The budget cleared the General Assembly five days after lawmakers had scheduled their spring session’s adjournment, although the May 24 “deadline” was a largely arbitrary date that

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### MEMORIAL DAY 2024



• Above, youngsters watch as Bradford American Legion members perform military rites at Osceola Grove Cemetery. Photo courtesy of Lorie Watson.

• At left, Bradford Legion Auxiliary member and Gold Star Mother Mary McCullough placed a wreath at Bradford Cemetery during Memorial Day services. Photo courtesy of Angie Stange.

• At right, Lora and Leah Howard of Galva and Brilee Harper of Wyoming raised money with a lemonade stand at the Osceola Grove Memorial Day service.



## Pipeline pause

### Bill puts 2-year halt on CO2 pipelines

By **ANDREW ADAMS**  
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – After state regulators rebuffed several proposed carbon transport projects over the past year, lawmakers moved to ban new projects until the federal government sets forth new safety rules.

The measure, part of a package regulating the developing technology, was the fruit of extended negotiations among lawmakers, environmentalists, business groups and the governor’s office.

Senate Bill 1289 passed the House 78-29 and the Senate 43-12, with two senators voting present. Gov. JB Pritzker said Sunday evening he plans to sign the bill.

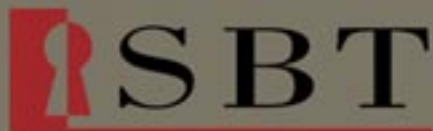
The moratorium would expire on July 1, 2026, if the U.S. Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration doesn’t finalize safety rules by then. In addition, the bill has

what proponents call some of the strongest CO2-related safety protections in the nation.

The bill requires monitoring injection wells for at least 30 years after they close, a process that must be approved by the state and federal government. It also grants the Illinois Commerce Commission expanded authority to impose fees and require safety models for carbon sequestration and transportation projects.

Fees would go into a group of newly created state funds to train first responders and provide equipment to manage potential emergency situations.

Critics of the bill, including the Illinois Farm Bureau, dislike provisions that allow the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to issue a binding order on “nonconsenting” landowners to force them to let carbon sequestration companies use their land.



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# BUDGET: Critics say 2026 will be even tighter

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 left a week on the calendar as a contingency plan. Negotiations were complicated by inflation and other spending pressures driving up the expected cost of government, while economists predict the state's economy will slow in the upcoming fiscal year. Still, Democrats approved the spending plan with several votes to spare

but no Republican support – as they've done every year in Pritzker's tenure except the first in 2019.

Republicans argued the pace of spending growth – and the fact that some of the revenues raised to pay for it are temporary – set the state on pace for an even tighter fiscal year 2026.

Overall, state spending grew by about 5 percent from last year's enacted plan, or about 1.6 percent above expected end-of-year expenditures following a supplemental spending plan's inclusion in the budget package this week.

Democrats highlighted a \$50 million appropriation for a child tax credit for children under 12 if their

household qualifies for the state's Earned Income Tax Credit. The plan contains \$200 million for after-school and summer youth programs and \$45 million for grants through the Reimagine Public Safety Act.

But Republicans accused Democrats of having misplaced priorities, pointing to hundreds of millions of dollars for programs serving noncitizens.

The budget includes \$182 million to provide shelter, health care and other services for recently arrived migrants, many of whom have been bused to the state from Texas. And it includes \$440 million from the GRF for two programs providing state-funded Medicaid-like benefits to noncitizens, with \$189 mil-

lion from other state funds as well.

More than \$1.1 billion in added revenue was needed to balance the books, so lawmakers extended an expiring cap on corporate net operating losses to ensure that \$526 million in tax dollars wouldn't disappear in FY25. Another \$25 million will be raised by subjecting "re-renters" of hotel rooms to a state hotel tax.

Sportsbooks will see their current 15% tax rate on profits increase via a new graduated structure that will tax between 20-40%, based on profits. The change is projected to bring in about \$200 million to the state's General Revenue Fund. A 1% point increase to the tax on the state's video gambling industry would generate an additional \$35 million.

The revenue plan also caps a tax discount claimed by retailers at \$1,000 monthly, generating \$101 million for state coffers and about \$85 million for municipalities.

The budget also freed up about \$200 million by redirecting \$150 million from the Road Fund and \$50 million from the Leaking Underground Storage Fund to public transit.

Despite the diversion of money from the Road Fund, the budget includes \$3.5 billion for infrastructure – about \$500 million more than what Pritzker had outlined in his February budget proposal.

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**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

**5-18** - Owen T. R. Harmon - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
**5-22** - Zachary Ryan Joos - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

**Misdemeanors & Felonies**

**3-30** - Criminal misdemeanor - Joshua R. Tuhey - Criminal damage to property.

**5-11** - Ordinance violation - James S. Harlan - Maintaining a nuisance.

**Incidents & Accidents**

**Stark County**

**5-19** - Stephanie A. Kash, 36, Williamsfield, was arrested on an out-of-county warrant from Menard County for failure to appear on the original charge of driving on a suspended registration. She posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a court date.

**5-23** - Kenyon E. Louis, 25, Galesburg, cited for driving without valid registration and driving while license was suspended or revoked. He was released with a notice to appear.

**5-25** - Gustavo Gutierrez-Verduzco, 40, of rural Toulon hit a deer near the intersection of Illinois Route 93 and Route 40. No injuries reported, but estimated vehicle damages reported were over \$1,500.

**5-26** - Misty D. Adams, 42, Chillicothe, was arrested following a traffic stop in Bradford. Adams was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and aggravated battery on a police officer. She was issued a court date in Stark County. Adams was also found wanted on a Tazewell County warrant for a retail theft warrant. She was extradited to the Tazewell County Jail.

**Peoria County Report**

**5-28** - Ronald L. Warren, 39, of Toulon was arrested shortly after 12:30 p.m. and accused of violating an order of protection, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

**5-20** - to the 300 block of Commercial St. to assist several customers that were unable to find staff at motel at check-out time. Officer called the owner, who made contact with an employee. Situation resolved.

**5-20** - to Hayes Road west of town for a subject yelling and laying in the roadway. After speaking to the individual, it was clear they were suffering from a mental-health crisis. Officer contacted a family member, who took the subject home.

**5-20** - to the 300 block of E. Division St. for a complaint involving harassment through electronic communications.

**5-20** - to the 400 block of SE 3rd St. for a complaint involving child-custody visitation.

**5-20** - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a physical altercation involving a subject armed with a knife



and threatening others. As the result, Christopher Hill, 44, Galva, was arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and disorderly conduct. He was transported to the Henry County Jail.

**5-21** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a report involving a stolen bicycle. The owner found the bicycle nearby and took it back home.

**5-21** - Officer spoke to a subject by telephone in reference to a theft complaint involving a family member.

**5-21** - to the 400 block of SE 6th St. for a fire that rekindled from a previous day. It was put out.

**5-22** - to the east edge of town to watch for a vehicle that had just been stolen from St. Luke's in Kewanee and was believed to be en route to Galva. Officer was not able to locate at the time. Several hours later, it was found abandoned north of Woodhull.

**5-22** - to the 200 block of NW 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded.

**5-22** - to a residence on NW 2nd Ave. for a disturbance involving a juvenile threatening with a knife. The subject was detained and transported to the Galva Police Department. The subject then destroyed two doors on the holding cells. Per juvenile probation, he was released with a juvenile referral for two counts of criminal damage to government supported property. He was released to a parent.

**5-22** - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint.

**5-22** - to the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. for an out-of-control juvenile.

**5-22** - to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a dog-bite complaint involving a delivery driver. After determining the dog was not up-to-date on its shots, the owner, Jackie McClain, 61, Galva, was issued a notice to appear in Henry County court for failure to inoculate a dog.

**5-22** - to the 300 block of Front St. for a complaint of telephone threats.

**5-23** - to the 200 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a loud-noise complaint. A subject was burning wood scraps and cut pieces early in the morning.

**5-23** - Officer was requested to assist Henry County with a complaint several miles east of town involving a subject standing in the ditch late at night. Subject was given a ride by Henry County.

**5-25** - to speak with a resident in the 500 block of SW 3rd St. about a city ordinance violation involving a camper that was being scrapped out and was blocking the right-of-way.

**5-25** - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint involving a customer screaming and threatening other patrons. Officer convinced the subject to leave. He was suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**5-25** - to the 400 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. It was returned to the owner.

**5-25** - along with Stark County Medic to the Galva Cemetery for a subject having an allergic reaction.

**5-25** - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an identity-theft complaint.

**5-25** - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The owner took the dog back home.

**5-25** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of W. Division St., Edwin Hunt, 60, Galesburg, was arrested after a K9 alert on his vehicle. A probable-cause search discovered psilocybin mushrooms. He was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and transported to the Henry County Jail.

**5-25** - Breanna Spring, 32, Kewanee, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of Se 2nd St.

**5-25** - Brian DeVito, 53, Altona, cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

**5-26** - to the 300 block of Front St. for a complaint involving a subject screaming outside. The subject was told to move along.

**5-26** - While conducting foot patrol during a concert at Wiley Park, officer was alerted to the presence of a sex offender near the playground. As the result, Kyle Hand, 37, Galva, was arrested for a sex offender-being in a prohibited zone. He was transported to the Galva Police Department for processing and was released with a required Henry County court date.

**Property Transfers**

**5-21** - Bobbie and Brock D. Quart to Matthew Bowen and Kaitlynn Irving - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - Pt Block 3 - 304 S. Galena Avenue, Wyoming - Consideration = \$72,000.

**5-23** - West Jersey Township to TLS Investment Properties, LLC - West Jersey Pt Block 1 Lots 8,9,12,13 - 3049 State Rte 78, Toulon - Consideration = \$5,000.

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**5-24** - Kevin R. Wallace to Brittany N. and Chase T. Wallace - Und 1/2 Int. Pt Plus Ease Sect. 30-13-6 NW - Carl L. Lehman's Add'n - Pt Lots 1,2,3,4,5,6 - Consideration = \$17,400.

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**5-14** - Frederick Carl Painter and Sierra Renee Mueller, both of Bradford.

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## GUEST VOICES

# Neither party has a monopoly on the right answers

To The Editor:

I enjoyed Alan Guebert's essay on rural language, mores and politics in the May 17 Prairie News. It was thoughtful, well-written and sometimes delightfully funny.

My own roots are embedded in Toulon, as many know, and I also left town for the same "Big U" that Mr. Guebert attended. Urban students there sometimes made fun of my farm-country accent, which wasn't quite hillbilly but certainly not metropolitan.

When I moved to Chicago for law school nearly a lifetime ago, almost everyone recognized my accent and country slang from "car wrecks" to "roast-n-ears." I didn't think I had an accent, but clearly was wrong. It has largely blended into the accents around me by now, but small snippets still come through. I don't mind.

I especially liked Mr. Guebert's anecdote about former House Speaker Tip O'Neill, a Democrat, who recounted how his own mother could not vote for him without a good deal of thought. Yes, all politics is local to a large degree.

I also agree that the term white rural rage may overstate and misidentify local concerns and to some extent rural resentment. But I would also point out that O'Neill worked with President Ronald Reagan to hammer out legislation via compromise, which requires each side to understand where the other was coming from.



I actually voted for Reagan – twice – because above all else I felt he loved America and was often willing to compromise to move forward. He expressed as much, according to many accounts.

In the May 24 Prairie News, I read about the U.S. Department of Agriculture grant to Stark County allowing local schools to offer free meals to all students for four years. That sounds great for Toulon and Stark County families. But I have seen one political party rail against, target and ridicule such kindness as government interference and overreach.

Other countries value their schools and students and lunches are often not only free, but are nutritious and well-planned. No one minds.

Meanwhile, the party opposed to free lunches for school kids also chides those who want better healthcare for people, yet it favors government regulation over schools and libraries and what books are allowed and what teachers can say. This party also fights healthcare availability and attacks individual rights to privacy and access to voting.

Neither party has a monopoly on

the right answers. O'Neill knew that, and that made all the difference in his day.

I haven't voted Republican in a while, so I can't speak for Republicans. But the current crop does not act or sound like those from my past. My family was involved in local Republican politics during my youth. Plus, in the 1960s our young Illinois representative Jim Nowlan authored legislation to require strip-mining companies to restore land. I hope I have not misstated that.

Today, this act would seem like a very liberal thing. Back then, it just seemed like something good for Stark County and the whole state. That's how it should be.

Governments can't do everything well. But some things are best done by government: national defense, airline safety, major disaster relief, managing the Federal Reserve, healthcare standards, Social Security and education support are a few.

Meanwhile, I can speak for many Democrats I know. All of them at least approach major issues from a lens of kindness, making things better and trying to do good for our neighbors. It doesn't always work out well, but I'm on board with a starting point like that. Especially the parts about being kind to each other.

– Eldon Ham, Glencoe, Ill.

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BRIEFS

Bishop Hill holding book-signing event

BISHOP HILL – The Steeple Building Museum, 103 N. Bishop Hill St., will hold free program and book signing.

Beginning at 1 p.m., author Bill Mueller will describe the stories in his second book, "Time to Ship Another Steer," a fun look at growing up on the family farm with 10 brothers and sisters. Mueller will also share simple ideas on how to save your family's history.



Mueller

For more information about this free one-hour event, email bhha@mymtc.net or call (309) 927-3899.

Illinois turkey hunters post record harvest

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois hunters harvested a preliminary statewide record total of 17,208 wild turkeys during the 2024 spring season.

This year's total compares with the 2023 statewide harvest of 16,123 and the previous harvest record total of 16,569, set in 2006.

The top five counties for the 2024 spring turkey harvest were Jo Daviess 654, Jefferson 472, Marion 435, Pope 397 and Randolph 395.

The 2024 total includes a record youth turkey harvest of 2,009 birds,



Pictured above left (from left to right) are Galva students Makayla Craig, Blake Stahl and Alison Nordstrom, winners of the Wildcat award at the May Galva School Board meeting.

Pictured above at right (from l to r) are Ben Stinson, social studies teacher and National Honor Society sponsor, Jessica Dean, third-grade teacher, and Brandon Owens, workshop and industrial arts teacher, recognized by WQAD as a favorite teacher. These faculty members were recognized for exhibiting The Wildcat Way at the same school board meeting. Photos by Carol Townsend.

which compares with the 2023 youth harvest of 1,309. The previous youth season record of 1,733 was set in 2020.

This year, hunters purchased 86,083 permits compared to 80,642 last year. Spring turkey hunting was open in 100 of Illinois' 102 counties.

Knox County mailing real-estate tax forms

GALESBURG – The Knox County 2023 real-estate tax bills were mailed May 24. Knox County Treasurer Robin Davis said residents should contact her office if they have not received their bill by June 15.

Installment due dates are July 9 and Sept. 9. Property owners have several payment options. In-person payments may be made at the Knox County Courthouse, either in the treasurer's office or in drop boxes located at the exit of the parking lot and on the north side of the building.

Payments may also be mailed to the County Collector, 200 S. Cherry St., Galesburg, IL 61401.

E-check, credit- or debit-card payments can be made with a fee to the cardholder in the treasurer's office, online at www.payknoxcoil.us or by phone at (309) 315-4760. All of the banks in Knox County excluding Wells Fargo will collect payments.

Et cetera

• EAST PEORIA – Colton Blunier of Speer earned a silver medal as a heavy equipment operator for Illinois Central College in the annual SkillUSA Illinois Elite Career connections competition in Peoria.

• WYOMING – The Spoon River Days festival will be held July 27 at the Stark County Junior Fairgrounds. The event will include a 5K run/walk at 8:30 a.m., a bounce house, dunk tank, vendors, food trucks, beer tent, water-balloon fights and live music featuring Run Forrest Run starting at 7 p.m.

Card of Thanks

The family of Cindy Carroll wishes to thank everyone for their love and support and thoughtful expressions of sympathy. It is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered. Special thanks to Galva High School Class of 1973, her friends and staff at Seminary Manor, OSF Hospice, Messiah Lutheran Church/WELCA and her Lake Calhoun neighbors and friends.

Sincerely, Nancy Carlson, Lyn & Markie

Galva Park District

Advertisement for Galva Park District pool opening on Saturday, May 25. Includes pool hours (Noon - 6 p.m.), membership fees (In-district individual: \$70, In-district family: \$90), and private parties information. Also lists 10 swim lessons and adult aerobic classes.

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE SALES

SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE

A certain single family residence located at 311 W. Smith St., Wyoming, IL 61491, to be sold at public auction pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in Case No. 2023 FC 6, entitled Citizens Equity First Credit Union, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU v. Judy A. Eberle, et al., on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or such other room as shall be designated, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said day, to the highest and best bidder for cash or certified funds, payable as set forth below, no refunds.

Interested third parties must sign in and provide proof of payment of at least 10% of the sale price, by certified funds or cash, only, at the time of sale. Personal checks or a bank letter of credit will not be accepted. The sale will not be continued to allow such parties time to obtain the required funds. If an interested party does not have such proof of payment, then such party will be ineligible to bid at sale.

The balance of the purchase price is to be paid to the Sheriff's office, by either certified funds or cash, only, by no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day following the sale. If a buyer does not pay the balance of the purchase price, by either certified funds or cash, only, by such date and time, then the plaintiff's attorney will request that the court enter an order declaring that the bid of such buyer is invalid, and that the winning bid at the sale is the bid of the next highest bidder.

Sale subject to unpaid real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Purchaser(s) to pay applicable transfer taxes, if any, and any sale fee due pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507.1. Sold "as is" without any warranties, express or implied. At said sale, there will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers a Receipt of Sale which shall describe the real estate purchased and shall show the amount bid, the amount paid, the total amount paid to date and the amount still to be paid. An additional

Receipt of Sale shall be given at the time of each subsequent payment. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the Sheriff will issue, in duplicate, and give to the purchaser or purchasers a Certificate of Sale in recordable form. The Certificate of Sale shall describe the real estate purchased, indicate the date and place of sale, show the total amount paid, and further indicate that it is subject to confirmation by the court. The duplicate certificate may be recorded, and the Certificate of Sale shall be freely assignable by endorsement thereon. Sale subject to confirmation by the court. The property may not be inspected prior to sale. For information contact:

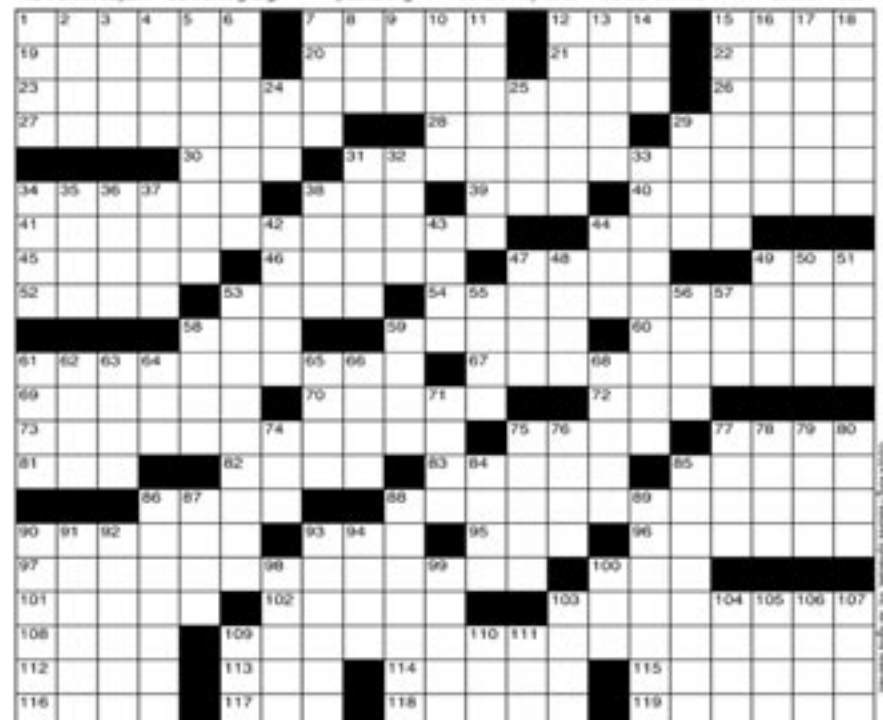
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Super Crossword

MISS SOUTH CAROLINA

Table of crossword puzzle answers. Columns include ACROSS, DOWN, and MISS SOUTH CAROLINA. Answers range from 1-99.



Summer Vacation

The Prairie News will not be published on July 5

Our offices will be closed from Friday, June 27, through Thursday, July 4.

We will reopen Friday, July 5. Thank you for your support!

# Galva Legion presents citizenship awards

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Tommy Funke and Megan Thuline both received the Citizenship Award from the Galva American Legion at Galva’s eighth grade promotion.

Tommy is the son of Mike and Brandy Funke of Bishop Hill and Megan is the daughter of Tim and Julie Thuline of rural Galva.

A total of 32 eighth graders were promoted to high school. Mia Merkel, one of the 2024 Galva High School valedictorians, was the speaker. Sam Sellers and Jace Sterling received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award.



Pictured above (left to right) are Tommy Funke, Cliff Wright and Megan Thuline. Wright presented the Galva American Legion’s Citizenship award to the two students at Galva’s eighth-grade promotion. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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## GALVA'S CLEAN UP 2024

**NOTE: Proof of residency will be required.**

The City of Galva will be having a clean-up week beginning June 17 and ending June 22 for Galva residents only.

All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway located between Preferred Home Health Care and Mary's Family Dining and Lounge) to be placed in a roll off which will be provided by Eagle Enterprises.

Anyone who is handicapped or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard can call City Hall and someone will assist them. Assistance will only be available from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday June 17, Tuesday June 18, Thursday June 20, and Friday June 21. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up.

Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size.

Televisions and electronic components will be accepted for a fee at Eagle Enterprises during their normal business hours. Their number is 932-2936 if you have any questions.

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours June 17-20 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. June 21 the yard will be open until 3:00 p.m. June 22 the yard will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon.

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GOOD THROUGH MAY

# Toulon council has special meeting

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE  
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council held a special meeting on May 22 for two agenda items.

The first was a measure to pay \$6,000 to MIDCO for a diver to go into the city's water tank, not the tower, and inspect and clean the tank. This expenditure was approved.

Second, there was a lengthy discussion of employee health insurance coverage, with numerous coverage options available to full-time employees. As it turns out, only Matt Forstrom had to make a decision as to which coverage he prefers. A motion was made to have Toulon's Leezer Insurance Agency issue an insurance plan for Forstrom.



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- 11 A.M. Coffee Creek
- 1 P.M. Bucky Halker 
- 2 P.M. Bucktown Americana Music Show 
- 3 P.M. Barry Cloyd 

**The Beauty of the Mountain Dulcimer presentation by Mike Anderson, the Dulcimer Guy, in the Steeple Building Museum at noon.**

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## LEGAL ADS

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

ESTATE OF: GAIL RIPKA, Deceased  
No. 2024PR53

#### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Gail Ripka. Letters of Office were issued on May 7, 2024 to Christopher D. Ripka, as Independent Representative 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 November 14, 2024.

Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Name Barash & Everett, LLC  
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Address P.O. Box 165  
City Galva, IL 61434  
Phone (309) 932-2001  
Email: everettr@barashlaw.com  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THOMAS R. LEEZER,  
No. 2024-PR-7

Notice is given of the death of Thomas R. Leezer. Letters of Office were issued on May 3, 2024, to Joshua R. Leezer, 111 Houle Ave., Kewanee, Illinois, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P. O. Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, 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  
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Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
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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,

vs.  
Case No. 23-OV-35k  
MICHAEL D. FESLER and DEBRA FESLER  
Defendant

#### NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Michael D. Fesler and Debra Fesler, all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown

Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up 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: Michael D. Fesler and Debra Fesler.

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23 Lot Number Nine (9) of Danielson's Subdivision of a part of Lot Number Four (4) of the Northeast Quarter (NE ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty-Two (32) in Township Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all in the City of Kewanee, situated in the County of Henry and State of Illinois

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 500 5th Avenue, Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, file your answer to the Petition for Order of Demolition 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  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF STEVEN STIVERS,  
Deceased  
No. 2024 PR 41

#### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Steven Stivers. Letters of Office were issued on May 15, 2024, to Teri Jonmarker, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 26, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU,

Plaintiff,

v.  
JUDY A. EBERLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

Case No. 2023 FC 6

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1), that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale made and entered in the above-captioned case on March 15, 2024, the Sheriff of Stark County, Illinois, or any deputy or officer acting in his stead, will, on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at the hour of 9:30 a.m. of said day, on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or such other room as shall be designated, sell the property hereafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, at public auction to the highest and best bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate:  
Attn: Kevin First Mortgage Adjuster  
Citizens Equity First Credit Union  
P.O. Box 1715  
Peoria, Illinois 61656-1715  
(309) 633-7000

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 311 W. Smith St., Wyoming, IL 61491.

(C) The legal description of the real estate is: LOT SIX (6) AND ALL OF LOT FIVE (5), EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT FIVE (5), FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, IN BLOCK FIFTEEN (15) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF WYOMING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.  
PIN: 07-02-215-001;

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single family residence.

(E) The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale is: June 26, 2024, at 9:30 a.m., on the first floor of the Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or such other room as shall be designated.

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash or certified funds, payable 10% on the day of sale, and the balance payable to the Sheriff's office, by either certified funds or cash, only, by no later than 1:00 p.m. on the day following the sale. No refunds. Sold "as is" without any warranties, express or implied. Purchaser or purchasers to pay applicable transfer taxes, if any, and any sale fee due pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1507.1.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record. Additional Terms: Interested third parties must sign in, and provide proof of payment of at least 10% of the sale price, by certified funds or cash, only, at the time of sale. Personal checks or a bank letter of credit will not be accepted. The sale will not be continued to allow such parties time to obtain the required funds. If an interested party does not have such proof of payment, then such party will be ineligible to bid at sale.

If a buyer does not pay the balance of the purchase price as provided above, then the plaintiff's attorney will request that the court enter an order declaring that the bid of such buyer is invalid, and that the winning bid at the sale is the bid of the next highest bidder.

At said sale, there will be delivered to the purchaser or purchasers a

Receipt of Sale which shall describe the real estate purchased and shall show the amount bid, the amount paid, the total amount paid to date and the amount still to be paid. An additional Receipt of Sale shall be given at the time of each subsequent payment. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the Sheriff will issue, in duplicate, and give to the purchaser or purchasers a Certificate of Sale in recordable form. The Certificate of Sale shall describe the real estate purchased, indicate the date and place of sale, show the total amount paid, and further indicate that it is subject to confirmation by the court. The duplicate certificate may be recorded, and the Certificate of Sale shall be freely assignable by endorsement thereon. The sale and Certificate of Sale shall be subject to confirmation by the court.

CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU, Plaintiff  
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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  
vs.

Case No. 24-MR-13  
ESTATE OF JUANITA LAMPSON JOHNSON  
1095 INVESTMENTS, LLC;  
MIDLAND CREDIT MANAGEMENT, INC.; FIRST SELECT INCORPORATED, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS  
Defendants

#### NOTICE OF DEMOLITION BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, Estate of Juanita Lampson-Johnson, 1095 Investments, LLC; Midland Credit Management, Inc; First Select Incorporated, 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: Juanita Lampson Johnson

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: The South Fifty (50) feet of Lot Number Four (4) of the Subdivision of Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Twenty (20) of Blish's Addition to Kewanee, County of Henry and State of Illinois.

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 210 S. Walnut 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  
Phone: 30918524555  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT MARSHALL COUNTY, ILLINOIS

JOSHUA MUMMERT,  
No. 2024-PR-14  
Notice is given of the death of Joshua Mummert. Letters of Office were issued on May 10, 2024, to Sally Mummert, 4977 Twp Rd 1700 E., Wyoming, IL, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P. O. Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Marshall County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Lacon, Illinois 61540, or with the representative, 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  
Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of BEVERLY A BAUGHMAN,  
deceased  
No. 2024PR54

Notice is given of the death of BEVERLY A BAUGHMAN. Letters of Office were issued on May 21, 2024 to Candace S Mueller, 138 W. 5th Ave., Woodhull, IL 61490, as Independent Administrator, 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.

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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. 2023CH10 v.  
CHAD M. PETTY; FRANCES A. PETTY;  
UNKNOWN OWNERS; AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.

#### NOTICE OF COURT SALE [Code Civ. Proc. §15-1507]

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to the Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-captioned matter, 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: Gary Bradley, City of Kewanee, 401 E. 3rd St., Kewanee IL 61443 / 309-852-2611 x 2322

2. The legal description of the real estate: The East Twenty-five and four-tenths (25.4) feet of Lot Two (2) in Block Four (4) of Doye's Subdivision of Lot Sixteen (16) of Lot Six (6) of the Northwest Quarter (NW ¼) of the Southeast Quarter (SE ¼) of Section Thirty-two (32), in Township Number Fifteen (15) North, Range Five (5) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, situated in the County of Henry and State of Illinois.  
PIN:20-32-409-008

Common address: 1105 Roseview Avenue, Kewanee IL 61443

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

4. The date and time of the sale is: July 2, 2024 / 9:00 AM

5. The sale will be conducted by the Henry County Sheriff at: Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge IL 61238

6. 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.

7. 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 a Respondent to the Memorandum of Judgment in this matter, 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 Foreclosure Law.

#### CERTIFICATE OF ATTORNEY

Under penalties as provided by law pursuant to Section 1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure [735 ILCS 5/1-109], the undersigned certifies that the statements set forth in this instrument are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that he verily believes the same to be true.

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VILLAGE OF BRADFORD, 160 W. MAIN ST., BRADFORD, IL 61421

The Village of Bradford has available upon request this year's Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2023, and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials. Please note, copies will not be mailed out as in the past. You may obtain a free copy at the Bradford Village Hall, 160 W. Main Street, Bradford or the Bradford Water Treatment Plant, 130 Park Street, Bradford.

VILLAGE OF BRADFORD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2023

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Bradford
IL1750050

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of
January 1 to December 31, 2023.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the BRADFORD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by BRADFORD is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact
Jim Chadwick at (309) 238-2073.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water

quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings, the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator, Jim Chadwick at 309-238-2073. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination determination and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells.

The Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and available hydrogeologic data on the wells.

Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper siting conditions; a hydraulic barrier exists which should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this system's ground water supply.

Source Water Information

Table with 4 columns: Source Water Name, Type of Meter, Report Status, Location. Includes details for Well 2 and Well 3.

2023 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Table with 9 columns: Contaminant, Date Sampled, MCLG, Action Level (AL), 90th Percentile, # Sites Over (AL), Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contaminants. Rows for Copper and Lead.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Avg.: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Regulated Contaminants

Large table with 10 columns: Contaminant, Collection Date, Highest Level Detected, Range of Levels Detected, MCLG, MCL, Units, Violation, Likely Source of Contamination. Lists various contaminants like Chlorine, TTHM, Barium, Fluoride, Iron, Manganese, Nitrate, Selenium, Sodium, and Radioactive Contaminants.

## CHURCH DIRECTORY

### Toulon Methodist Church

229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483  
Phone (309) 286-2224

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591  
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

### LaFayette Methodist Church

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

Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.  
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

### West Jersey United Methodist Church

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

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

### Elmira United Presbyterian Church

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

Services each Sunday at 9:00 a.m.  
<https://www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852>

### The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491  
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.

Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491  
email: [info@thegathering.life](mailto:info@thegathering.life)

web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

### 1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901  
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

Email [fcctoulon@gmail.com](mailto:fcctoulon@gmail.com)

website: [firstcongregationaltoulon.org](http://firstcongregationaltoulon.org)

### Galva Congregational Church

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

Service Time 10 a.m.

### First Baptist Church

"faith in truth"

211 NW 4th Ave GALVA  
Main Service: Sun 10:30

Rev. Bryan Griem, Pastor

(309) 932-2713 • [GalvaBaptistChurch.com](http://GalvaBaptistChurch.com)

### Wyoming Nazarene Church

517 N Madison Ave. Wyoming, IL 61491  
309-695-4523 leave message

Sunday School: 10:00, All ages

Sunday Worship: 11:00

Wednesday Night TBD

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### First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491  
(309) 695-4091

Sunday Worship 9 a.m.

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First Congregational Church of Wyoming, Illinois

### Toulon First Baptist Church

110 W. Jefferson St. Toulon  
(309) 286-4611

Sunday School 9 a.m. • Worship 10 a.m.

Sunday Youth Group 5-7 p.m.

Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Email: [pastor@toulonbaptist.com](mailto:pastor@toulonbaptist.com)

[www.ToulonBaptist.com](http://www.ToulonBaptist.com)

[www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon](http://www.facebook.com/FirstBaptistChurchToulon)

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### St. Timothy Lutheran Church

Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491  
[allsaintsil.com](http://allsaintsil.com)

### Galva Messiah Lutheran Church (ELCA)

317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL

Casual, family friendly

Rev. Katie Gallagher

Wednesday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School

9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship

Contact: [messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com](mailto:messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com)

1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434

(309) 932-2460

[preachinghope@gmail.com](mailto:preachinghope@gmail.com)

[galvafirst@gmail.com](mailto:galvafirst@gmail.com)

Sunday Worship: 9:00

### Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm

302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.

309-606-9027

Email: [WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com](mailto:WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com)

Service is held at 10:30 Sunday morning.

### The Oaks Community Church

1868 Congregational Road, Dahinda, IL

(309) 879-2042

Pastor Marty Briney and Pastor Dean Lane

Worship Service 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m.

Website [www.theoakscommunitychurch.com](http://www.theoakscommunitychurch.com)

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch](http://www.facebook.com/TheOaksCommunityChurch)

### Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

### Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421

Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

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

Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Rev Dan Wright

309-897-8113

309-507-1626

[thewrights62@hotmail.com](mailto:thewrights62@hotmail.com)

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to: The Prairie News; PO Box 240; Toulon, IL 61483-0240.

## OBITUARIES

### Dennis L. Cromien

AURORA – Dennis L. Cromien, 64, of Aurora, formerly of Galva, died Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

He was born Nov. 4, 1959, in Galva, Ill., the son of John and Arlene (Slover) Cromien. Survivors include two sons, James Cromien and his wife Yasmeen of Detroit, Mich. and Colin Cromien and his wife Lex of Bartlett, Ill.; daughter Bailey Cromien of Chicago; brother Gary Cromien and his wife Carolyn of Galva; brother-in-law Greg Galler of Lake Elmo, Minn.; several nieces and nephews; and his furry companion, Gravy.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Sue Galler.

Dennis was a graduate of Galva High School and Illinois State University, with a BS in science. He was a history buff, especially regarding the Napoleonic and Civil wars and the history of Catholicism. Dennis was a fan of Chicago sports, political science, and the game show Jeopardy! He was a past president for the A+ Foundation for School District 129.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Friday, May 31, at St. John's Catholic Church in Galva. Celebrant will be The Rev. Chris Haake. Inurnment will follow at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in rural Galva.

Memorials may be directed to St. John's Catholic Church. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

### Dixie M. King

TOULON – Dixie M. King, 73, of Toulon, passed away at 9:40 p.m. Monday, May 27, 2024, at her home surrounded by loving family.

Dixie was born on Feb. 13, 1951, in Peoria, to Charles M. and Nettie (Dixon) King. She was a 1969 graduate of Toulon High School.

Surviving Dixie is a brother, Richard (Danita) King; her nephew who cared for her the last five years, Jeff (Amanda) King; nieces, Shelly (Justin) Webster and Morgan King; nephews Corey King and Adam King; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Dorothy Musselman.

Dixie started her career at Boss Gloves in Kewanee and went on to work for Caterpillar for 31 years, retiring in 2005. She enjoyed going to auctions and studying genealogy,

having completed her family's line and many others. She was a member of the Stark County Red Hat Society and the Stark County Genealogical Society.

Her funeral service will be at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 31, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville. Burial will follow at Swan Lake Memory Gardens. Visitation will take place on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at the funeral home in Princeville from 5-7 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Genealogical Society. To leave condolences for Dixie's family please visit [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### James B. Langdon

TOULON – James B. Langdon, 83, of Toulon, peacefully passed away at 3:16 p.m. on Saturday, May 25, 2024, at Union Hospital in Terre Haute, Ind.

Jim was born on Nov. 19, 1940, in Galesburg, Ill. Jim attended Galesburg High School, where he graduated in 1959. Jim worked many jobs while growing up in Galesburg from being a pin setter at the bowling alley, to bagging and stocking groceries at his neighborhood store, to caddying golf at the Soangetaha Country Club. His childhood memories of growing up in Galesburg were near and dear to his heart.

After graduating from Galesburg High, Jim's family moved to Toulon to work in the Allendale Coal mines. While working at the mines, Jim loaded train cars to move coal, ran the watering and gob truck around the Allendale property, worked as an oiler on the dragline pulleys and in his later years ran the D9 dozer in the reclamation of the once-mined land. Jim loved his coal mining years and told many stories related to the time he spent working there.

In Toulon is where Jim met and married his surviving, loving wife, Sandy (Warren) Langdon on Feb. 4, 1962.

Also surviving are three children: Julie (Robert) Healy of Champaign, Jim (Michelle) Langdon and Jackie (Andy) Colgan of Toulon; and seven grandchildren, Maura (Nick) Stutzman of Champaign, Emma Healy and Aidan Healy of Chicago, Jimmy Langdon of Toulon, and Jack, Maeve and Lucie Colgan of Toulon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Don and Lucille Langdon; his brother John; and younger sister Jane.

Jim was a spirited individual who lived throughout his life mainly on his terms. He loved his sports, particularly the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and the Fighting Illini. Jim was a competitive person who grew up loving to play baseball, basket-

ball, competitive fastpitch softball, billiards and cards, just to name a few. He was also an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing and hunting.

Jim spent many summers coaching youth baseball teams, where he was well-received and respected by his players and opposing coaches. Jim was also a revitalizing director of the Toulon-LaFayette youth baseball program during the 1980s.

Private family services will be held. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Online condolences for Jim's family may be left on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Raymond Rumbold

LaFAYETTE – Raymond Rumbold, 87, of LaFayette, passed away at 3:21 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Raymond was born on Jan. 14, 1937, in Peoria, to Louie and Anna (Endress) Rumbold. On June 30, 1957, he married Joan Berchtold. She preceded him in death on March 22, 2022, in LaFayette.

Surviving are two sons, Randy (Jill) Rumbold of LaFayette, and Rick (Joyce) Rumbold of LaFayette; a daughter, Brenda (Michael) Rose of Galva; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Ronnie Rumbold of Kewanee, Rollie (Carol) Rumbold of Roanoke and Robert (Marge) Rumbold of Peoria.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Roger Rumbold; and a sister in infancy, Edna Rumbold.

Ray worked as a farmer for many years. He enjoyed trucking, hauling grain and he never knew a stranger. He also loved swimming and was a proud member of the 100-mile club at the Kewanee YMCA. He loved vacationing in Branson, Mo., and Holland, Mich., with family and friends. Above all else, he loved spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

His funeral was May 25, 2024, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Burial was in the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville was in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Midwest Food Bank or Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

To leave condolences for Raymond's family, visit his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



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## OBITUARIES

### Debra J. White

WYOMING – Debra J. “Debbie” White, 65, of Wyoming, Ill., passed away surrounded by her loving family at 10:42 a.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at her residence.

Debbie was born on Dec. 16, 1958, in Carbon-dale, Ill., to Harold and Betty (Murphy) Marshall. She married Colin F. White on March 19, 1977, in East Peoria.



White

Surviving are her husband, Colin of Wyoming; children, Ryan (Alaina) White and Tara (Michael) Crady both

of Germantown Hills, Ill.; grandchildren, Zoey and Jovi White and Chandler, Collins and Cillian Crady; brother, Jerry (Jane) Marshall of Maysville, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Bobby Marshall; and sisters Phyllis Vasquez and Ramona Carol Marshall.

Debbie was a bookkeeper for Douglas Irwin Tax Accounting in Kewanee.

Debbie’s smile immediately lit up any room she entered. She had a kind and warm presence to everyone she met. She and her husband, Colin, married for 47 years built a beautiful life together. She loved him fiercely and he adored her.

She unconditionally, unselfishly

loved her children and supported them throughout their lives. In her free time she enjoyed family vacations and quality time with her grandchildren, whom she proudly doted over and spoiled every chance she got. To say that her family and friends will miss her greatly is an understatement.

A private family graveside service will be held at Oakwood Cemetery in Metamora with Reverend Jason Roton officiating. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to Family Justice Resource Center, 411 Hamilton Boulevard, Suite 1928, Peoria, IL 61602.

Condolences can be left online at [www.masonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.masonfuneralhomes.com).

## Princeville alum commits to U of I football

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – The move up from the Lincoln Trail Conference to play college football in the Big Ten is seldom made.

But 2023 Princeville graduate Kellen Francis, 19, has something few football players possess: a 6-foot-6, 320-pound body and an ability to pancake blockers.



Francis

A standout at Butler Community College in El Dorado,

Kan., last year as a freshman, Francis has committed to play on the offensive line for the University of Illinois. He chose the Illini after receiving offers from seven Division 1 schools, including Arkansas.

“It was cool (to visit Arkansas), but as long as Illinois was in the picture, it wasn’t much of a question,” Francis said. “That’s always been the top choice.”

Francis did not have Division I offers coming out of high school. Then again, as a 5-8 freshman, Francis’ career as a Prince was no guarantee, either. But he grew steadily

through high school, graduating at 6-3½ and kept growing last year at Butler, where he played guard.

This spring, Francis practiced at right tackle, a factor that attracted even more attention from colleges.

“Since I have experience at guard, tackle and played center for three years in high school, (the U of I coaching staff) is just wanting me to come in and compete wherever,” Francis said.

He is the son of Mark and Rachel Francis of Princeville.

## IHSA may alter state basketball tourney schedule

The Illinois High School Association has heard complaints about the current state basketball tournament schedule and is expected to make a change for the 2024-25 boys and girls postseasons.

A plan set forth by the IHSA basketball advisory committee, and still awaiting approval by the IHSA board of directors, would guarantee semifinal

qualifiers two days at state by playing semifinals one day and a consolation or championship game on another.

Here is the proposed boys’ schedule:

- Session 1: 9:30 a.m. Thursday - Two Class 1A semifinals.
- Session 2: 2 p.m. Thursday - Two Class 2A semifinals.
- Session 3: 6 p.m. Thursday - Two Class 3A semifinals.

Session 4: 9:30 a.m. Friday - Third-place games for Class 1A, 2A and 3A.

Session 5: 6:30 p.m. Friday - Two Class 4A semifinals.

Session 6: 9:30 a.m. Saturday - Class 4A third-place game.

Session 7: 1 p.m. Saturday - Class 1A and Class 2A state title games.

Session 8: 6 p.m. Saturday - Class 3A and Class 4A state title games.

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## GARAGE SALE

**Estate/Tag Sale June 7 & 8 - 506 W Main Toulon**

• **Pat Brown Estate/Tag Sale June 7 - 8, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. 506 W Main Toulon** She lived 96 wonderful years and if you need it or want it, she probably has it. Everything from collectibles and antiques to all of the typical things found in our homes. Dishes and glassware; (vintage and everyday) furniture and appliances, sewing machine and all that go with it including table/cabinet and material, sheet music, old stamps and postcards, art work, beer stein collection, vinyl records, items from Japan, toys, clothing, tools for inside and out, lift chair, exercise bike and of course holiday items. She loved auctions and collectibles. If you need it; she most likely has it, if you like unique and different things, you just might find them.

**Toulon Public Library 617 E. Jefferson St., Toulon**

• **Garage Sale** Toulon Public Library 617 E. Jefferson St., Toulon Friday, May 31, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 1, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Lots of clothing: kids, junior and men’s, toys, knick knacks, DVDs, baked goods and much more.

• **Northminster Presbyterian Church 10720 N Knoxville Ave. Peoria, IL** • Northminster Presbyterian Church 10720 N Knoxville Ave. Peoria, IL 61615. Friday, June 7 from 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. Saturday, June 8 from 8 a.m.-11 a.m. Bag Sale

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New applicants will have until June 7, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. to submit applications.

The physical test (Power test) will be conducted on June 8, 2024 at 10 a.m., at the Henry County Jail located at 311 W. Center St Cambridge, IL. Information about the written test will be provided to those applicants who successfully pass the physical test. The written test will be at a later date.

Applications may be obtained at the Henry County Sheriff’s Office, 311 West Center St, Cambridge, IL 61238. The Henry County Government application can also be printed from [henrycty.com](http://henrycty.com). A completed application can be emailed to [bfranklin@henrycty.com](mailto:bfranklin@henrycty.com) or dropped off at the Sheriff’s Office.

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The deadline for the applications will be June 7, 2024 @ 4:00p.m. Only fully completed applications will be accepted. Questions can be directed to Chief Deputy Charles Ben Franklin @ 309-937-3902 or [bfranklin@henrycty.com](mailto:bfranklin@henrycty.com).

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# The Prairie News Sports

## Orwig places 8th in 300 hurdles

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Prairie News

CHARLESTON – Keep moving up and getting faster. That’s been Nolan Orwig’s goal all track season and it paid off last Saturday for the Stark County High School junior with an eighth-place medal in the 300-meter hurdles.

“We haven’t had a running medal in 10 years in our school and my coach (Bart Frey) has put a lot of work in for me and I didn’t want to let him down,” Orwig said. “I didn’t think I’d get eighth, but I’m more than happy to get what I got.”

Seeded 18th heading into state after running 42.48 seconds in the Farmington Sectional, Orwig moved up to ninth in prelims on May 23 after a 41.73 clocking. He moved up one more spot in Saturday’s finals, posting a time of 41.87. Dominic Martin of Colfax Ridgeview won the 300 hurdles in 38.87.

Somewhere close to Martin’s time is where Orwig hopes to be next year. He said the current Stark County High School record is 38.7 seconds in the 300 hurdles and 14.7 in the 110 hurdles.

“I’ve already taken the school record in the 200,” with a time of 22.67 seconds, Orwig said. “I want to keep knocking them down. I’m definitely here to leave a legendary footprint statistic wise.”

Orwig said he was one of three juniors in the Saturday’s race, noting that six seniors who competed will be graduating.

“My first race this year was a 43.5. It wasn’t impressive,” Orwig said. “I came here and shaved off and got in the 41s and



Stark County junior Nolan Orwig placed eighth last Saturday in the 300-meter hurdles at the Class 1A state track meet held at Eastern Illinois University.



I just want to keep on improving.”

With his medal, Orwig becomes the fifth Stark County athlete to win a boys state track medal, according to Illinois High School Association records. Other medal winners are Tanner Ewing, who was fifth in the 300 hurdles in 2008 and second in 2009; Leo Helleberg, seventh in 2015 triple jump; Keagan Newton, fifth in 2022 triple jump; and Blake Orwig, eighth in 2022 shot put.

Orwig did not advance to finals in the 100 hurdles, standing in 18th after a 16.45 clocking in the May 23 prelims.

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