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## NEW SPECIAL ED FACILITY

### Henry-Stark purchasing new facility

Special ed classes moving to Kewanee

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District is preparing to move to a new home.

Stark County Board of Education Member Emily Leezer gave an overview of the change during a school board meeting Tuesday.

Leezer reported that the Henry-Stark board was planning to purchase the former Kewanee American Legion building at 1509 Railroad Ave.

The building was listed for



The Henry-Stark Counties Special Education District is planning to convert the former American Legion building in Kewanee into classrooms for students with autism and other learning disabilities. Photo by Susan DeVilder of The Kewanee Voice.

\$349,900 last October but, according to The Kewanee Voice, the district will purchase the building for \$300,000.

Currently the board is located at 107 S. State St. in Atkinson. The new office will provide a space to educate students with autism and other learning difficulties.

Currently, those students from

Henry and Stark counties are bused to Peoria or to the Quad Cities.

T. Greg Wertheim, executive director of the special education district, told The Kewanee Voice he expects the sale to close in March. He said plans call for eight classrooms in the 10,000-square-foot building.

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## Trump bashing

Gov. Pritzker critical of new president for courting CEOs, communication

By BEN SZALINSKI

Capitol News Illinois

CHICAGO — A wave of executive orders and bold pronouncements of his vision for the country highlighted President Donald Trump’s first day back in the White House Monday.

In Illinois, Trump’s ascension back to power kicked off new frustrations for Gov. JB Pritzker, who ripped into the new president at an unrelated news conference Tuesday for a lack of communication with the states, executive actions, and who he chose to surround himself with at inaugural events.

Pritzker, whose net worth is estimated at \$3.7 billion by Forbes, is one of the 1,000 wealthiest people in

the world. As one of the richest politicians in U.S. history, he largely self-funded his two campaigns for governor. But on Tuesday, he raised concerns about the prominent appearance of several large tech company CEOs at Trump’s inauguration. Meta founder Mark Zuckerberg, Apple CEO Tim Cook, Amazon founder Jeff Bezos and TikTok CEO Shou Chew were among those seated behind Trump’s family during Monday’s festivities at the U.S. Capitol.

“These are the wealthiest people in the country who essentially Donald Trump feels better about having them around than having  
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## Grants will offer aid for substance abusers

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Stark County residents with substance-abuse problems will have additional resources to turn to in the upcoming year.

A \$900,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice is funding the launch of an adult drug court in Stark, Putnam and Marshall counties. Similar courts exist in Peoria and Tazewell counties, where they are designed as a way to help stop the cycle of addiction.

Those responsible for generating grant money for the new drug court include Megan Spradling, the Marshall, Putnam and Stark Probation District chief; Samantha McAvoy,

CEO of the Society for Growth; the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts; and others.

Organizers aim to increase resources for adults within the judicial system who require treatment for substance use or for mental-health issues. Drug court will offer treatment services, case management, probation supervision, recovery support and incentives and sanctions.

The grant runs through September 2028 and organizers hope services will be available starting in May.

McAvoy helped write another \$1 million grant awarded to Putnam County from the Bureau of Justice

Assistance from its Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program. The award also covers residents of Stark and Marshall counties.

McAvoy said that grant does not require someone to be involved in the justice system to get help.

“Referrals can come from law enforcement, the ambulance service or from other emergency services,” said McAvoy, who has a Society for Growth office in Wyoming. “Or somebody can just walk in and say, ‘I need help.’”

To learn more, email McAvoy at [samantha.mcavoy@societyof-growth.org](mailto:samantha.mcavoy@societyof-growth.org) or Spradling at [mspradling@marshallcountyillinois.gov](mailto:mspradling@marshallcountyillinois.gov).

## LEGION AWARD



Galva American Legion Commander Wayne Glisan, right, presents a statue to Steve and Susan Bell, who received the award for the Duane and Suzanne Bell family at a recent breakfast for veterans. Steve is the oldest son of the late Duane and Suzanne Bell. Photo by Carol A. Townsend.

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# STARK: Approval granted for solar bus barn

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 The Stark board heard a proposed 2025-26 school calendar to be approved in February. Board President Ann Orwig gave a description of the calendar committee's meeting on Jan. 16. The group chose the first of two options. Later in the meeting, Superintendent Brett Elliott presented a reading of the proposed calendar for 2025-26. Highlights are: First day of school for students on Aug. 14; No school on Labor Day, Sept. 1; Thanksgiving break Nov. 26-28; Winter break Dec. 19 to Jan. 2, 2026; Students and staff return from winter

break Jan. 6; Spring break, April 3-10; Graduation, May 17. Other dates include 8th grade promotion, May 13, 2026; Last day of school, May 21; Early release Wednesdays at 1:45 p.m.. School will be in session next school year on Columbus Day and Veterans' Day. In his report, Elliott said, "The school district has received authority from the federal government to move into Tier II of the solar bus grant. This grant is for a new bus barn and solar installation for our first electric bus. Funding is all covered by the grant." Approval was given for the letting

of bids for three new buses to replace those buses coming off of contracts. Also, approved was hiring M&M Lawn Service to mow the school's Wyoming football field at the same price as last year, \$50 per hour. After executive session, the board approved: Jason Clark as high school physical education teacher for 2025-26; Clint Terwilliger as boys' head track coach; a leave of absence from Jan. 24 to April 30 for aide Mary Beth Newby; the resignation of kitchen worker Felicia Potter; and maternity leave for Amy Sierra from March 6 to the end of the school year.

# TRUMP: State Republicans expect lower costs

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 ordinary Americans backing him up or standing with him," Pritzker said at an unrelated news conference. "And I think it's just an indication of what this

administration is really all about. It isn't about what he ran on." Pritzker, who has been floated as a future presidential hopeful in the Democratic Party, reserved

more specific criticism for Elon Musk, the Tesla and SpaceX CEO who Trump has tapped to lead a "Department of Government Efficiency." While speaking at Trump's rally Monday, Musk gave a gesture to the crowd that has been criticized as a Nazi salute, though the Anti-Defamation League said that is not the case. Pritzker, who is Jewish, said he was "disgusted" by the act and Trump should condemn it. "They hope to become greater than billionaires," Pritzker said of Trump's wealthy guests. "They hope to double what they already have. That is why they're making nice. That's all I can imagine. I mean, maybe some of them have delusions of becoming dictators themselves."

Kathy Salvi said in a statement. "Illinois Republicans look forward to working with President Trump to restore liberty, lower costs, and create safer communities for Illinois families." House Republican Leader Tony McCombie, R-Savanna, echoed that sentiment in a statement. "Together, we can deliver relief to families, bring peace to divided communities, and restore economic success by focusing on policies that get people back to work, lower the cost of living, and strengthen our nation's standing at home and abroad," McCombie said.




The governor said he saw no evidence in Trump's executive orders that the president was following through on campaign promises to lower costs for Americans. Illinois Republicans expressed hope that Trump's presidency would improve costs for Americans. "Illinois families can sigh a breath of relief knowing that the chaos and instability of the last four years is behind us, and a new reality of unity, prosperity and peace through strength begins," Illinois Republican Party Chair

Pritzker argued Trump turned against the Republican Party's values when he pardoned or commuted sentences for more than 1,000 people convicted of crimes related to the Jan. 6, 2021, U.S. Capitol riot. "What used to be the party of law and order is now the party of chaos and disorder, and that stands against law enforcement," Pritzker said. Spokespeople for McCombie and Salvi did not respond to requests for comment about the pardons and commutations. *Capitol News Illinois is a nonprofit, nonpartisan news service that distributes state government coverage to hundreds of news outlets statewide.*

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**Misdemeanors & Felonies**

1-15 - Criminal felony - Joshua D. Davidson - Possession of methamphetamine.

**Incidents & Accidents**

**Stark County**

1-14 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Illinois Route 78 approximately one-half mile south of 400N. According to the accident report, driver Henry N. Chirinos Bejarano, 36, of Peoria, was traveling north when he attempted to pass a semi-truck and struck a southbound vehicle head-on being driven by Logan T. Corzatt, 18, of Kewanee.

Both drivers and three passengers were transported by Stark County Ambulance to OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria for treatment.

Chirinos was ticketed for passing in a no-passing zone.

1-17 - Craig M. Watson, 41, of Goodfield, was ticketed for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

1-19 - Baillie A. Meacham, 33, of Princeville, was cited for driving on a suspended registration and for possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle.

**Galva Report**

**Officer dispatched:**

1-13 - to the 300 block of SE 8th Ave. for a complaint involving an attempted scam.

1-13 - to the 400 block of NW 4th St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. It was determined to be a misdial.

1-14 - to the 500 block of SW 6th Ave for a suspicious person complaint. Officer checked the area but was not able to locate anyone.

1-14 - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department in reference to a fraud, forgery complaint.

1-14 - to the 400 block of NW 4th St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. It



was determined to be a misdial.

1-14 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a child-custody dispute.

1-14 - to the 400 block of NE 9th St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. The call plotted at a tower. No other calls were received. Officers was unable to locate anyone needing assistance.

1-15 - to the north edge of Galva for an abandoned-vehicle complaint on private property. Officer located a note advising the vehicle had mechanical issues and would be removed.

1-15 - to speak with a subject by telephone to gather additional information regarding a runaway juvenile.

1-16 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave., Ryan Johnson, 49, of Dunlap, was arrested for not having a valid drivers license (expired more than three years) and not having valid registration (expired more than one year). He was released with a court date.

1-17 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd St. for a suspicious person complaint. Officer was not able to locate the subject.

1-17 - to the 100 block of SW 10th Ave. for a criminal damage to vehicle complaint. A vehicle window reportedly was shot with a BB gun.

1-17 - to the 200 block of Morgan

Road to investigate a suspicious vehicle. The subject was waiting for somebody.

1-17 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St., Cameron Ralstin, 26, of Toulon, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was taken to the Galva Police Department for processing and then released with a required court date.

1-17 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SE 5th Ave., Xavier Calvin, 26, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when out-of-state registration suspended. He was released with a required court date.

1-18 - to a two-vehicle accident with damage only in the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. A crash report was completed.

1-18 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a loud-music complaint. The offender was advised to turn it down.

1-18 - to the 500-600 block of NW 1st Ave. for a possible fireworks complaint. Officer was not able to locate anyone.

1-18 - along with the fire department to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for an activated fire alarm.

1-18 - to the 300 block of Front St. to remove an unruly and unwanted patron. As the officer arrived, the suspect fled at a high rate of speed in a vehicle. Officer pursued and the driver bailed out and ran into a house in the 300 block of SE 1st Ave.

Multiple officers from the Henry and Stark county sheriff departments and Galva arrived to assist.

As the result, George Johnson, 26, Kewanee, was arrested for criminal damage to property, resisting and/or obstructing a police officer, fleeing, or attempting to elude a police officer, driving while license suspended and battery. He was taken to the Henry County jail.

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## GUEST VOICES

# Pardons color optics of presidential transfer

The United States uses far less pomp and pageantry than our European friends. Inauguration Day is the one time the U.S. gives its European friends a run for the money.

From a formal church service, to an intimate tea, to the full ritual of a swearing in ceremony, the U.S. goes for glory on the day that demonstrates the peaceful passing of power in a democracy. It's a sight to behold and well worth the time I gave to it on Monday.

However, there were some optics that need mentioning.

Both President Biden and President Trump were on a pardon frenzy over the inaugural event.

**Richard KORITZ**

Biden granted pardons or commutations to more than 1,500 individuals in the days leading up to his leaving office.

The pardons that will create the most commentary he left until the hours and minutes before he left office. Biden gave preemptive pardons to several members of the Jan. 6 Commission and to Gen. Mark A. Milley. Then in the hour before he left office, Biden granted preemptive pardons to his siblings.

As a note, a preemptive pardon is a pardon given a person before a criminal charge is even filed. While I am not personally challenging Biden's authority to grant the preemptive pardons, the optics are

terrible for Biden's legacy. Biden allowed for no public commentary on the issue while he was in office.

Add to this it was mostly family members pardoned during his last hours in office. Even though Biden clearly stated he did not view those given preemptive pardons had committed a crime, the natural assumption is that a pardon is granted for a crime committed. Whatever Biden achieved as president, the granting of preemptive pardons will leave a pall over his legacy.

Not to be outdone, President Trump on his first day in office pardons 1,500 individuals charged in the Jan. 6 riots during his first term of office. The majority of those pardoned had not been charged with causing bodily harm to others, but the charged offenses were serious.

Again, I do not question Trump's authority to grant the pardons and fully acknowledge that Trump stated during the campaign that he would issue the pardons if elected. There is simply something that bothers the general mindset when so many are pardoned for actions on one of the most infamous days in American history. For Trump the optics may not be as bad, because so much is happening during the first few weeks of a presidency that the event may well go away in the public's mind.

Biden welcomed Trump to the White House, with, "Welcome

home." That civility is worth noting. Trump's speech at the swearing in was a very thinly-veiled attack on Biden's presidency, with Trump laying out his agenda.

Biden was having none of it and was looking at his watch wondering when it would end. Biden and Trump simply do not like each other. But to both of their credit, neither went to any length to disparage the other personally.

The optic that I believe sets the tone for Trump's presidency was the new president signing executive orders in the Oval Office. We all knew Trump was going to sign numerous executive orders his first day in office. We just didn't know the logistics of the event.

Trump's performance at the oval office was very telling. Trump for two years now has been complaining of Biden not answering reporter's questions in an unscripted manner. While signing executive orders, Trump answered reporter's questions for 40 minutes. Trump was responsive to all questions and answered them in a very relaxed manner.

The confidence Trump exhibited in answering questions is something world leaders and this nation noticed. That optic told the world more than any speech on Monday.

*Richard Koritz is an Illinois native and former DeWitt County State's Attorney.*

## BRIEFS

### Bishop Hill hosts annual meeting Feb. 1

BISHOP HILL – On Saturday Feb. 1, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association will hold its annual meeting at the Steeple Building Museum, located at 103 N. Bishop Hill St.

The meeting will start at 11 a.m. and is open to BHHA members only. Items to be covered at the annual meeting include: the election of board members and officers; a review of 2024; and a preview of 2025 events.

This will be an in-person meeting only. Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP, if planning to attend, by contacting the BHHA at (309) 927-3899 or at



Picture above is the Steeple Building Museum in Bishop Hill.

bhha@mymctc.net.

### College honors

• **Blake Orwig**, a business administration major from Wyoming, has made the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better) at Monmouth College for the Fall 2024 semester.

• Several local students made the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better) at Carl Sandburg College for the fall

2024 semester: **Brayden Collins**, **Leslie Lobas**, and **Katherine Magee** of Galva; **Chandler Colgan**, **Novalee Hoffmann**, **Faye Koepf** of Toulon.

• **Samantha Weir** of Bradford made the Honors List (3.0 or better) at Carl Sandburg College for the fall 2024 semester.

### Et cetera

SPRINGFIELD – House Minority Leader Tony McCombie has appointed State Rep. Travis Weaver, R-Edwards, to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, a bipartisan legislative budget commission for the 104th General Assembly. The CGFA reports to the General Assembly on economic trends related to budgeting and the state's fiscal condition.

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## OBITUARIES

### Alma R. Sornberger

ONEIDA – Alma Ruth Sornberger, 101, formerly of Oneida, Ill., died at 1:35 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 19, 2025, at the Knox County Nursing Home surrounded by her family.

She was born on April 21, 1923, in Trenton, Mo., the daughter of Benjamin and Sarah (Wilcox) Ziegler. She attended and graduated from



Sornberger

Victoria High School in 1941. She grew up in the home of Raymond and Martha Ziegler. She married Sterling A. Sornberger on Nov. 14, 1942, in Palmyra, Mo. He preceded her in death on March 25, 2001.

Surviving are her children, Connie Carlson of Washington, Ill., and Roger (Judy) Sornberger of Williamsfield, Ill.; five grandchildren, Doug Carlson, Dirk (Misty) Carlson, Devin (Lea) Carlson, Penny Sornberger and Dan (Tarah) Sornberger; and nine great-grandchildren: Briggs, Pava, Crew, Parker, Mason, Nolan, Piper, Taylor and Kylee.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son-in-law Lester Carlson, five sisters and four brothers.

She worked as a clerk at grocery stores, and worked in the ammunition department at a defense plant in Kansas City during World War II.

She was a member of the United

Methodist Church in Victoria, Ill.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, knitting, game nights with the family and bowling in the ladies' league. She was a loving grandma and mom and family oriented.

Cremation rites were accorded. A graveside service will be held on April 21, 2025, at 11 a.m. at the Victoria Cemetery, in Victoria. Memorials may be made to the Knox County Nursing Home Activity Fund or to the Victoria United Methodist Church. Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes & Crematory is assisting the family with her wishes.

Online condolences and/or expressions of sympathy may be sent through [www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com](http://www.hurd-hendricksfuneral-home.com).

### Anne M. St. John

BONFIELD, Ill. – Anne Marie St. John, 83, born July 6, 1941, passed away on Dec. 31, 2024, at Autumn Leaves of Orland Park, Ill.

Anne was preceded in death by her parents, Felix and Edna Russmann, and a daughter, Kim Wells.

Surviving are her husband, Richard St. John; daughter Leanne (Stan) Schneider of Bonfield; grandchildren Eric Them, John Wells and Lauren (Aaron) Speaks; a brother, Richard (Sally) Russmann; and a sister, Frances (Glenn) Angelo.

Anne had a lifetime career as an insurance agent, at one time running her own agency. Upon retiring she married Richard St. John and moved to Wyoming, Ill., and subsequently to Bonfield to be near her daughter

Leanne.

Anne enjoyed family and traveling. She made two trips to China, one to Ireland and one to Vietnam. She and Richard traveled domestically in their RV as well.

Anne, per her wishes, was afforded cremation and no funeral services. A celebration of life with her family will be held upon the spreading of her ashes.

### Raymond R. Rouse

BRADFORD – Raymond R. Rouse, 81, of rural Bradford, died Jan. 19, 2025, at his home.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1943, in Peoria, the son of Charles and Bernadine (Butte) Rouse. He married Carol J. Ouart on Nov. 12, 1966 at Visitation Church in Kewanee.

Survivors include his wife of Bradford, his four daughters; Karen Rouse (Tom) of Kewanee and Pamela Rosebeck (Jeremy), both of Kewanee, Amanda (Jeff) Whitted of Funks Grove and Shelley (Kevin) Rouse-Quanstrom of Kewanee; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Richard (Mary Jo) Rouse of Kewanee; and sister-in-law Hilda Rouse of Henry.

Raymond graduated from Bradford High School in 1961.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee. A visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 23 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant View Cemetery in Kewanee where military rites will be accorded by the Kewanee Veteran Council.

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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020-R7 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R7 PLAINTIFF

Vs. Jeffrey Scott; et. al. DEFENDANTS

No. 2024FC2 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 12/20/2024, the Sheriff of Stark County, Illinois will on February 26, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 AM at Second floor courtroom of the Stark County Courthouse 130 Main Street Toulon, IL 61483, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Stark and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)(1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

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purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-24-00595.

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### 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  
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### LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449

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LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty

Phone (217) 425-5707

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

### Elmira United Presbyterian Church

Rev. Art Blegen

7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483

(309) 896-3481

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

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

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Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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

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1-309-932-3346

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### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434

(309) 932-2460

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

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

Sunday Worship: 9:00

### Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

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Pastor Rebecca Klemm

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

309-606-9027

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Suzanne R. Bell, No. 2025PR1 Deceased

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

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Name Barash & Everett, LLC  
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Address P.O. Box 165  
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Phone(309) 932-2001  
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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Estate of ROBERT K. FREEMAN, deceased No. 2024-PR-152

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of ROBERT K. FREEMAN. Letters of Office were issued on December 5, 2024, to ROBERT SCOTT FREEMAN, 1424 N. Cedar, Galesburg, IL 61401, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

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Massie & Quick, LLC  
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**Prairie News Sports**

**Steady scoring for Stark**

Rebels guard Daum tallies 24 in back-to-back victories

By **NICK VLAHOS** and **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

Say this for Connor Daum: He's been consistent recently.

Daum had 24 points Tuesday night to lead Stark County to a 55-39 Lincoln Trail Conference boys basketball victory over ROWVA-Williamsfield. That matched the junior guard's point total Jan. 17 in the Rebels' 67-16 beating of Biggsville West Central.

Against visiting R-W (5-14, 1-4), Daum had 17 second-half points as Stark County (6-12, 3-2) expanded a 24-15 lead. Teammate Ross Saner finished with 22 points.

"We played well at times," Stark County Coach Kane Mastin stated afterward. "We still need to be able to play better off the ball if we want to compete with upper-tier teams. We just had superior athletes tonight."

Against West Central, Stark County led 43-4 at intermission behind 17 points from Daum and 14 from Saner, who finished

with 17. Ben Browning had 11 points for the Rebels.

"We had the momentum from the get-go and I think they ran out of steam quickly," Mastin stated. "They are a well-coached team. We just had the right stuff."

Stark County is to travel tonight (Jan. 24) to Ridgewood.

• **Galva boys** – JP Sloan had 23 points and eight rebounds Jan. 18 to lead Galva to a 58-55 overtime victory against Bushnell-Prairie City. John Ingels had 12 points for the Wildcats (16-4). He and MJ Louck each had five steals.

The victory came one day after Galva traveled to Princeville and lost 51-21 in a showdown of 3-0 LTC teams. Galva managed only one first-quarter point and three fourth-quarter points.

"I noticed they really didn't like man-to-man defenses," Princeville Coach Tait Sennett said about scouting the Wildcats.

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