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2025 FARM OUTLOOK

‘Is farming worth it?’

Ag groups testify on ag economy

By TAMMIE SLOUP

FarmWeek

For fourth-generation farmer Jennifer James, last year was her family’s most financially difficult year. And the Arkansas farmer is even more worried about what’s to come.

“Just last week, we had one of the most difficult business conversations my family has had. Is farming really worth it?” James told U.S. Senate Ag Committee members as her voice trembled. “What scares me is we are only one farm family of thousands having these conversations.”

James was one of a dozen witnesses during the committee’s first in a series of hearings on the current state of America’s rural economy. Representatives from several commodity and ag groups testified



As planting season nears, some corn growers could face losses of more than \$160 per acre for the 2025 crop year, according to National Corn Growers Association President Kenneth Hartman Jr. Photo by Catrina Rawson of FarmWeek.

Feb. 5, reiterating that coupled with ongoing challenges of high input prices, low commodity prices and the lack of a new farm bill, new barriers are emerging, including possible tariffs.

While thankful for \$31 billion in economic and disaster aid approved late last year by Congress for farmers, witnesses agreed farmers need stability of a new farm bill rather than ad hoc assistance.

USDA’s latest forecast for net farm income shows an increase in 2025, however, that bump is driven by higher government payments.

Released Feb. 6, the Economic Research Service’s report forecasts government farm payments at \$42.4 billion for 2025, a \$33.1 billion increase from 2024.

Net farm income, a broad measure of profits, is forecast to increase

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Wyoming council OKs 3 ordinances

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council passed three resolutions at Tuesday’s meeting, including one to fund repairs on a downtown building.

The council voted to sign a contract with Force Masonry Construction of Pekin for an amount not to exceed \$54,021 to rebuild the brick front of the building at 104 E. Williams Street with a new wall.

The building’s front façade of brick is crumbling and could fall down, posing an imminent threat to health and safety.

The council also discussed outstanding property taxes on the building and will vote on a resolution next month to purchase three years of past taxes on the building.

City Attorney Zac Less-

ard said that the 2022 taxes were \$661.94 with fees and interest. For 2023, taxes were \$626.71 with fees and interest. If 2024 taxes are approximately \$650, then the city would pay under \$2,000 to purchase the building.

The two other resolutions passed were to donate \$1,000 to the Stark County After Prom event on April 26 and to donate \$750 to the Stark County 4H Equine Speed Show to be held on June 14, July 26 and Aug. 16 according to Jessica Jackson.

Jessica and Andy Jackson asked the council about placing a dumpster in front of the Paramount Theater on South 7th Street for a week so they can place material in it during reconstruction of the building north and adjacent to

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Pritzker proposes spending growth, no new taxes

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker has proposed growing spending by about \$2 billion without new income or service taxes in the upcoming fiscal year – though his administration acknowledged policy changes by the Trump administration could drastically alter the fiscal landscape.

Spending and revenues would each grow by about 3% under the proposal laid out Wednesday during the governor’s annual budget address,

with total general revenue fund spending growing to \$55.2 billion.

The proposal is balanced, in part, because the governor’s budgeting office expects to collect about \$1.5 billion more in base tax revenue than it did when it issued its first fiscal year 2026 forecast in November.

That November forecast from the Governor’s Office of Management and Budget had projected revenues to remain flat, driving a deficit of \$3.2 billion. But it relied on a September economic forecast from the

financial services company S&P Global. The governor’s office says S&P has since revised its forecasts – but the numbers released Wednesday are ultimately likely to fluctuate amid the rapid pace of policy changes happening in Washington, D.C.

The governor’s proposal would increase K-12 funding by \$350 million and boost higher education funding by 3%. He’d keep funding flat for the Early Childhood Block Grant,

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Gov. JB Pritzker enters the Illinois House chamber on Wednesday for his annual budget address. Capitol News Illinois photo by Andrew Adams.

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BUDGET: Pause in motor fuel tax transfers

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however, which is a major driver of his effort to increase access to publicly supported preschool in Illinois.

Ultimately, lawmakers and the governor will have to come to an agreement on a spending plan by the end of May. But the governor's opening salvo could meet opposition from Democratic lawmakers in the General Assembly – especially members of the Illinois Legislative Latino Caucus – due to what it doesn't fund.

The proposal would eliminate a health care program for low-income noncitizens aged 42-64 who are in the U.S. without legal permission. The Health Benefits for Immigrant Adults program, implemented in 2022, provided Medicaid-like and

costs the state general revenue fund roughly \$330 million, or less than 1% of the overall budget.

"As always, I stand ready to work with members of the General Assembly to deliberate and negotiate the final budget, but let's be clear, I will only sign a balanced budget. If you come to the table, looking to spend more, I'm going to ask you where you want to cut," Pritzker said in his address.

Advocates say that program is a key public health measure that drives down emergency room care costs and ultimately saves money. The governor's office says its decision not to propose funding reflects the state's fiscal reality.

The budget proposal maintains funding for a similar program serv-

ing immigrants aged 65 and older, passed by the legislature during the early months of the pandemic in 2020.

The governor's plan would raise another \$469 million in revenue through other changes to law, including adjusting tax rates on electronic gambling and table games at casinos to generate \$100 million in revenue. The plan also calls for pausing the transfer of \$171 million in sales tax collected on motor fuel to the road fund, and raising \$198 million by providing temporary amnesty for individuals making delinquent tax payments.

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AG ECONOMY: Corn growers facing losses

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in 2025 after declining in 2023 and 2024 from a record high in 2022.

While government payments are expected to grow, farm cash receipts are forecast to decrease by \$1.8 billion from 2024 to \$515 billion in 2025 in nominal dollars. Total crop receipts are forecast to decrease by \$5.6 billion from 2024 levels to \$239.6 billion following lower receipts for soybeans and corn. Conversely, total animal/product receipts are projected to increase by \$3.8 billion to \$275.4 billion in 2025.

In good news, total production expenses, including those associated with operator dwellings, are forecast

to decrease by \$2.5 billion from 2024 to \$450.4 billion in 2025.

During committee testimony, ag leaders noted that a growing number of farmers are struggling to obtain operating loans for the 2025 planting season, and some likely won't qualify for those loans.

National Corn Growers Association President Kenneth Hartman Jr. said corn farmers are facing losses of more than \$160 per acre for the 2025 crop year.

American Soybean Association Chairman Josh Gackle pointed to shifts in supply and demand as underpinning uncertainty by soybean farmers.

Even with the U.S.'s abundant soy harvest, Brazil is anticipating a record harvest and Argentina is looking at its largest harvest in years. At the same time, the world's largest buyer of soybeans – China – continues to face economic woes and is shifting purchases toward Brazil amid tariff uncertainty.

Both the Senate and House ag committees are gearing up for renewed farm bill talks by holding hearings in February.

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WYOMING: Bed and breakfast planned

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the theater. It is the former Suzy's Place Restaurant building.

The Jacksons plan to open a bed and breakfast on the upper floor and the lower floor would house the Spoon River Soap Company. No decision was made about the dumpster placement.

The city sewer rate needs to increase according to Wyoming Mayor Pat Maher. The current rate is \$22.50 per month. An increase of up to \$6 could be passed next month.


Currently the Sewer Fund has \$2,438 in it at the end of January 2025. The city also has a sewer CD worth \$79,374 that could be redeemed to pay an IEPA loan payment of \$41,666 due March 27.

Reports were given by Superintendent Joe Kinsella concerning lining sewer lines; Steve Marvin about maintenance at both the water and sewer plants; and Economic Development Director Denny Rererts about the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce's plans for upcoming events

such as a March 29 Bingo night, a 50/50 raffle, Christmas decorations for Thomas Park and possible housing projects for Wyoming and Toulon discussed at the Stark County Continuous Improvement meeting.


Council Member Jim Mercer said the Chamber of Commerce wants to put up billboards with Wyoming businesses listed at the three main entrances to the city. No decision was made on the billboards at Tuesday's meeting.

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Incidents & Accidents

Stark County

2-8 - Christian L. Kenogle, 54, of Joliet, was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Route 93 and 1300E. No injuries reported but estimated vehicle damage was over \$1,500.

2-9 - Nicholette C. Williams, 24, Phoenix, Ariz., cited for speeding 93 mph in a 55 zone and issued a court date to appear.

2-10 - Kevin L. Code, 32, Peoria, was cited for improper lighting and driving while his license was suspended. He was also arrested on three outstanding warrants for failure to appear while driving on a suspended license in Macoupin, Douglas and DeWitt counties. He was booked and released with a notice to appear on the Stark County traffic bureau County Jail to await extradition to DeWitt County.

2-11 - Tracy L. McKim, 53, Yates City, cited for disobeying a no-passing zone.

2-15 - Brock A. Colgan, 45, Bradford, was ticketed for driving on a suspended registration and without insurance. He received a court date.

Peoria County report

2-15 - Joshua T. Humes, 43, of Wyoming was arrested at 3:15 p.m. and accused of possession of less than 15 grams of methamphetamine, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

2-10 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for a subject who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

2-10 - to the 700 block of NE 2nd St. in reference to a crossbow bolt found in the yard. It was determined to have come from a neighbor's property. Officer went to a residence in the 100 block of NE 6th Ave and seized the crossbow used in the incident.

2-11 - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a 911 hang-up call. Officer determined it was a medical emergency involving a subject with electrical burns. Stark County Medic was dispatched and transported the subject.

2-11 - During a traffic stop in the



500 block of SE 2nd St., Gregory Dekle, 39, Kirkwood, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He received a court date.

2-12 - along with Stark County Medic and the fire department to the 500 block of S. Center Ave. for a vehicle striking a house. Minor injuries were reported. The car appeared to be totaled. Schlaan Murray, 18, Kewanee, was cited for failing to reduce speed to avoid an accident and driving too fast for conditions.

2-12 - to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave to assist a citizen. As a result, Brett Harlan, 40, Galva, was arrested on two Knox County warrants for failing to appear on the charges of possession of methamphetamine and criminal trespass to building. Knox County requested that he be released with a new court date.

2-12 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd St. for a cat-bite complaint. The cat owner suffered a bite on her hand.

2-13 - to the 300 block of NW 2nd St. for a hit-and-run accident with minor vehicle damage. Both parties were located.

2-13 - During a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Hunter Brill, 26, Galesburg, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and expired registration. He was released with a court date.

2-13 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Michael Thuline, 56, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charges of aggravated battery to a police officer, three counts of resisting arrest, and disorderly conduct. He

was taken to the Henry County Jail.

2-13 - Roger Hochstetler, 43, Galva, cited for expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.

2-14 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to try to assist a subject having a mental-health crisis.

2-15 - to the SW 6th Ave railroad crossing for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

2-15 - to the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a domestic disturbance involving an out-of-control juvenile.

2-16 - to the 700 block of W. Division St. for a complaint involving a semi parked with no lights on. The driver was advised to move on.

2-16 - Mika Miller, 38, Kewanee, cited for expired registration in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.

2-16 - Garrett Pistole, 24, Walnut, cited for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

Property Transfers

2-11 - Sharon A. Barth to Ric L. and Sharon A. Barth, Co-Trustees - Und 1/4 Pts 7-12-5 SW and NW - Consideration = \$0.

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2-11 - Martha Kay Regier to Tracy A. Kieser - Und 1/7 Int Pt Sect. 8-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$171,429.

2-11 - Sharlene J. Moser to Tracy A. Kieser - Und 1/7 Int Pt Sect. 8-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$171,429.

2-13 - Stark County as Trustee to LaPorte Investments, LLC - Speers 1st Add'n to Speer, Plus Pt Vacated Road Block 1 Lot 7 - 227 McKinley St., Speer - Consideration = \$0.

2-14 - Charles R. and Heather S. Demetreon to J&W Business Enterprises, LLC - Pts Sect. 7-13-7 NE - 10875 Township Road 1300 E, Bradford - Consideration = \$640,000.

2-14 - Patti J. and Trent E. Frisby to Trudy A. Holmes - John Wrigley's Add'n - Pt Lots 6 and 7 - 419 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$12,000.

Marriages

2-11 - Kathy Leann Hansen and Gregory Lynne Brown, both of Wyoming.

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Any Bradford seniors who did not receive a packet or who have questions, should contact Hoffert.

Applicants are asked to act quickly to allow for interviews with committee members. These are typically in March at BCUSD 1.

Health check clinic planned for March 7

CAMBRIDGE – The Henry County Health Department, First



The Burns Boosters 4H club attended a Quad City Storm hockey game on Feb. 7. The club then gathered at Bishop Hill on Feb. 16 for a meeting, including talks, demonstrations by Corben and Axel Strand, parliamentary practice, and a t-shirt committee was formed. The club meets again on March 16.

Choice Healthcare and the Henry County Farm Bureau will hold a health check clinic for all Henry County Farm Bureau members on March 7 at the Henry County Farm Bureau, 128 N. Prospect St., Cambridge. The clinic is open to those 18 years of age and older.

Tests available include a general health/thyroid and lipid panel blood

test for \$50 and fasting is recommended for this test. Also available is a \$10 prostate specific antigen test for men aged 50-64. All tests are available for cash only. Free blood pressure checks will be available.

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Et cetera

• **TOULON** – Curt Johnson will give a free presentation on gun-makers of Illinois and the Stark County area on March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stark County Historical Society at 318. W. Jefferson St.

• **BISHOP HILL** – The Peterson Farm Brothers trio will perform on Friday, Feb. 21, at the Bishop Hill Creative Commons, 309 N. Bishop Hill St. The event begins with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., with music at 7. Suggested donation is \$20-30. For tickets and more visit xroadsc.org.



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SPORTS: Galva, SC girls lose

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Abingdon-Avon. If the Rebels win, they advance to a semifinal at 7:30 p.m. at Biggsville West Central, against either No. 5 Elmwood or No. 11 ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Before regionals, Stark County had one regular-season game remaining – Thursday night (Feb. 20) at home against Elmwood. The game first was set for Feb. 5, but bad weather forced a postponement.

• **SC girls** – The Lady Rebels (11-20) lost their first Class 1A regional game at Princeville last Saturday, 49-34.

The loss was the third to Princeville in eight days for Stark County, which was led in scoring by Coley Johnston with 10 points and Hallie Newton with seven.

Princeville senior Paisley Schock scored 22 points in the win and surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for her career. Sahara Streitmatter added 10 points.

Princeville (18-15) lost in the regional semifinal on

Monday to host Abingdon-Avon, 55-28, as sophomore point guard Kennedy Quinn scored 26 points.

“She drilled 3 after 3,” Princeville Coach John Gross said.

• **Galva girls** – The Lady Wildcats (5-22) saw the season end last Saturday in a 56-33 regional quarterfinal loss to Ridgewood.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF Wayne Abbot a/k/a Bernard Wayne Abbott, No. 2025PR16 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Wayne Abbott a/k/a Bernard Wayne Abbott. Letters of Office were issued on January 29, 2025, to Theresa Dickerson as Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before July 29, 2025. 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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Galva, IL 61434
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Published 2/7, 2/14, 2/21/25

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Dennis Webster, 14213 Township Road 650E, Toulon, Illinois directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a Special Use Permit in the (AG-1) Agricultural District for property legally described as Elmira Township, Part SW1/4 Section 19, 2.20 Acres, County of Stark, State of Illinois.

The request for the Special Use Permit is for a helipad on the above described property.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., on March 10th, 2025, at which time and place all interested persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson
STARK COUNTY ZONING OFFICER

Published 2/21/25
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF KIP C. SLEAFORD, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 17

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Kip C. Sleaford. Letters of Office were issued on February 13, 2025, to Trudy Sleaford as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 22, 2025. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 2/21, 2/28, 3/7/25

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LEGAL ADS

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS – STARK COUNTY
In Re ESTATE OF LEO D. SECKMAN, Deceased. No. 2025PR1

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of LEO D. SECKMAN, on January 23, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to DEBRA L. SHANE, of 9282 Township Road 550N, Wyoming, Illinois 61491, and DONALD K. SECKMAN, of 237 Jeb Stuart Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28412, as Executors, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representatives or both on or before the 22nd day of August, 2025 or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representatives is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representatives and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. DATED this 31st day of January, 2025.

DEBRA L. SHANE and DONALD K. SECKMAN, Executors of the Estate of LEO D. SECKMAN, Deceased.

ROBERT L. POTTS, Esq. WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for Executors 118 West Main Street P. O. Box 368 Elmwood, IL 61529-0368 Telephone: (309) 742-3611 becky@whitneyandpotts.com Published 2/14, 2/21, 2/28/25

filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before August 7, 2025.

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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Super Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Brief ad
- 5 Resistance units
- 9 Circular paths
- 15 Implosion
- 19 Starch-yeilding plant
- 21 They may disturb sleep
- 22 — Seltzer
- 23 Nut acquired with great effort
- 25 Nail salon job, in brief
- 26 — box (TV)
- 27 Cathedral in London
- 28 P&G's Brown
- 29 Prohibits
- 30 Erudite article
- 31 Sprinkle sofa shams with water drops?
- 35 Call-raping event
- 37 Link with
- 38 Casino cube
- 39 "Bod" shoulder
- 43 French city on the Rhone
- 47 Tax org
- 48 Stan of jazz saxophone
- 49 Catholic dignitary's vigorous strength?
- 52 West African country
- 54 Jurenu native
- 55 Directives
- 57 Like Stoker's "Dracula"
- 61 Steal from
- 62 Liking a lot
- 64 Overly crooked?
- 66 Quite dry
- 68 Stock debut, for short
- 70 "Nope"
- 71 Often-twisted cookie
- 72 Long-billed wading bird that loves perching on flexed arm muscles?
- 78 Testing stage
- 81 Early 1960s spy gen.
- 82 Navy engineer
- 83 Made airtight, say
- 85 Liken (to)
- 87 Joan of folk
- 89 Climate that promotes the growth of powdery fungus?
- 91 Pale-looking
- 94 "Get 'em, Fido!"
- 96 Model X carmaker
- 97 Flurs after
- 98 Aussie leaper
- 99 Grand house
- 101 "You're — pal!"
- 103 Class teaching the techniques of Civil War photographer Brady?
- 106 Marcel Marceau's clown
- 109 — Cherry (Ocean Spray favor)
- 113 Pretty good grade
- 114 Antennae and tentacles
- 116 Chicago airport
- 117 Unlatch, e.g.
- 118 Baseballer
- 119 Rod when not using a chauffeur?
- 122 Indian bread
- 123 Literary afterthought
- 124 Great skill
- 125 Small vortex
- 126 Literary journalist
- 127 Synops
- 128 "Mad" city
- DOWN**
- 1 Polite title for an Indian man
- 2 Luxury handbag label
- 3 Longtime senator
- 40 Dietary unit
- 4 Big lusses
- 5 "Mac — PC"
- 6 Cooled (around)
- 7 Quebec city
- 8 Star unit
- 9 At just the right time
- 10 Author Dahl
- 11 Actress
- 12 "Kinds sorta"
- 13 Golf peg
- 14 Detroit lo—
- 15 Memphis dr.
- 15 Crawford of the NBA
- 16 In style
- 17 "Told ya so!"
- 18 — faire
- 20 Soggy
- 24 Pat gently
- 25 "Let's Get Loud" singer, familiarly
- 30 1996 presidential candidate
- 31 Nintendo
- 32 Debut
- 33 Salton service
- 34 "We have the OK"
- 35 Japanese "energy healing" label
- 36 Thereabouts
- 39 Egyptian beetles
- 40 Galvanizing element
- 41 Coffee type
- 42 Ave. crosses
- 44 Old Italian money
- 45 Stops
- 46 Look for
- 48 U.S. naval base in Cuba, for short
- 50 Crazy caper
- 51 Small bird
- 53 Law, to Brits
- 56 Sailor's mop
- 58 Victory cries
- 59 Lacking frost
- 60 Snug-fitting necklaces
- 63 Artistic work
- 65 "Riverdale" network
- 67 "You Light Up My Life" singer
- 69 City in Utah
- 73 Str-ly tidbit
- 74 Teeter-totter
- 75 Call au —
- 76 Macpherson or Flanning
- 77 Gets hitched
- 79 Protective shoe tip
- 80 "— and the Night Visitors"
- 84 Oscar —
- 86 School org. (rapper)
- 88 Galvanizing element
- 90 Cary Grant played a male one in 1949
- 91 Radius or ulna
- 92 S.O.S. or Brillo product
- 93 Very helpful tip, informally
- 95 Pigeon sound
- 99 "Bonjour, — amie!"
- 100 Fashion fill
- 102 Michael
- 103 Formerly of Disney
- 104 Word on Winnie-the-Pooh's pot
- 105 Total overhauls
- 106 Suit fabric
- 107 Vitafact of film
- 109 Inlone
- 110 Least typical
- 111 "Am not!" retort
- 112 Full of the latest info
- 115 Spacowalk, in NASA lingo
- 116 Mo. #10
- 118 Tennis unit
- 119 Air quality ga.
- 120 — Mama (rapper)
- 121 School stat

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Dog Man (PG)
2. Heart Eyes (R)
3. Love Hurts (R)
4. Mufasa: The Lion King (PG)
5. Companion (R)
6. One of Them Days (R)
7. Becoming Led Zeppelin (PG-13)
8. Flight Risk (R)
9. Sonic the Hedgehog 3 (PG)
10. Moana 2 (PG)

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AXYDLBAAXR IS LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

Weekly SUDOKU Answer

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. TELEVISION: How many castaways are on "Gilligan's Island"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which Asian nation's nickname is "Land of the Thunder Dragon"?
3. LITERATURE: What is author J.K. Rowling's real first name?
4. SCIENCE: What is a type of material that can't carry an electrical charge?
5. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is "The Last Frontier"?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many quarts are in a half gallon?
7. MOVIES: Which famous landmark is featured in the movie "Rebel Without a Cause"?
8. ANATOMY: What does the cerebellum control in the human brain?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Where is the late Jimmy Carter's presidential library located?
10. HISTORY: When did the Great Fire of London occur?

Answers

1. Seven.
2. Bhutan.
3. Joanne.
4. An insulator.
5. Alaska.
6. Two.
7. Griffith Observatory.
8. Movement and balance.
9. Atlanta, Georgia.
10. 1666.

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Answers

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LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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

Diana K. Chamberlain

PRINCETON – Diana K. Chamberlain, 66, of Princeton, formerly of Galva, died at 9 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2025, at her home.

She was born on Jan. 16, 1959, in Davenport, Iowa, the daughter of Kenneth and Mary (Bennett) Hahn. She married David Schmidt in 1974 and they divorced in 1994. She later married Randy H. Chamberlain on Oct. 25, 2003, in Galva and he preceded her in death on March 12, 2014.

Survivors include her two daughters, Sandra Vandersnick (James Jennings) and Sabrina Pittenger, both of Princeton; a stepson, Randy Ray Chamberlain; a daughter-in-law, Heather Rose; four brothers, Rick Hahn of Florida, Kenneth (Amanda) Hahn Jr. of Atkinson, Tom Hahn of Las Vegas and Tim Hahn of Arizona; three sisters, Kenna (Randy) Ausburger of Moline, Sherry Lorenzen of Arizona and Cindie (Bryan) Nolan of Iowa; grandchildren Austin, Brittney, Kent, Emma, Charlie, Ashley, Angela and Alisha; three great-grandchildren, Aaidyne, Aurora and Zy' Aire; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister-in-law, Brenda Hahn.

Diana obtained degrees in nursing and accounting at Black Hawk College East Campus. She was a licensed practical nurse and worked as an EMT for the Geneseo Ambulance Service and as director of the Galva Ambulance Service.

She was affiliated with the First Baptist Church in Galva. Diana was a diehard Chicago Cubs fan and enjoyed crocheting, sewing, gardening and doing puzzles. She cherished her family and loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 18, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Bryan Griem officiating. Burial was in West Jersey Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

Margaret A. Hand

BRADFORD – Margaret "Peggy" A. Hand, 81, of Bradford, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, at OSF Saint Luke's Medical Center in Kewanee. Margaret was born July 15, 1943, in Bradford, the daughter of Robert Palmer Webber Jr. and Lillian Pearl (Drummond).

Margaret attended Toulon schools. She married James "Jim" Hand Sr. on Oct. 14, 1961, in Osceola; he survives. Margaret is also survived by four children, James H. (Shari) Hand Jr., Beaufort, S.C., Cindy Spears, Kewanee, Terry (Tammy) Hand, Toulon and Susan (Phil) Van-Wassenhove, Osceola; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four siblings, Patricia Angelo, Abingdon, Robert Webber, Michigan, Crystle Hand, Elmira and Ronald Webber, Alabama; brother-in-law Kent Vigor; and sister-in-law Diane Webber.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and a sister-in-law, James Webber, Terry Webber and Michael and Debbie Webber; brother-in-law John Hand; sister-in-law Becky Vigor; son-in-law Jesse Spears; and a grandson, Brian Hand.

Margaret was a homemaker. She worked as a volunteer at the Abilities Plus Retail Store for more than 40 years. She was a member of Bunker Hill Church, she enjoyed helping with vacation Bible School, teaching Sunday School and working in the kitchen.

During her younger years she en-

joyed camping, fishing and bowling with Jim and the family. Margaret enjoyed gardening and going to garage sales. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grand and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at Bunker Hill Church, Buda. Memorial Services will be at 11 a.m., Friday, Feb. 21, 2025, at the church. Pastor Chantha Chhim will officiate. Memorials may be made to Abilities Plus or Bunker Hill Church.

Please leave an online condolence for Margaret's family at www.golnickschuenemanfh.com.

Jennet Russell

BRADFORD – Jennet Russell, 91, of Bradford, Ill., went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Feb. 17, 2025, at Richard Owens Hospice Home in Peoria, Ill.

She was born in Kewanee, Ill., on Oct. 20, 1933, to Walter and Alice (Hogeboom) Gillespie. Jennet married Dean Russell of Bradford on Sept. 9, 1956.

They were married in Annawan, Ill., and were together for 65 years, up until Dean's passing in June 2022.

Jennet worked in Bradford as town administrator and clerk for 29 years before retiring.

Some activities Jennet enjoyed were camping, gardening, reading and working in her puzzle books. She especially liked doing extreme Sudoku puzzles, as she found them extra challenging. She loved watching football and was a long-time Chicago Bears fan. Jennet had a God-given talent of being very artistic and took pleasure in drawing and painting from a very young age and throughout most of her adult life.

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net's life was her love and devotion to the Lord. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Bradford, where she spent many years teaching a children's Sunday School class and Vacation Bible School. She had a strong, steadfast faith in Jesus and was never hesitant in sharing that faith with family and friends.

Jennet had a selfless love for her family and received much joy from spending time with them. It was natural for her to always put other people's needs before her own, whether it was family, close friends or other acquaintances.

Jennet is survived by a daughter, Christy Paver of Wheaton, Ill.; a son, Larry Russell of Germantown Hills, Ill.; three grandchildren, Kevin Paver of Fort Myers, Fla., Stephanie (Kyle) Lemerand of Warsaw, Ohio, and Ryan Russell of Peoria; six great-grandchildren, Jacob Paver, Aiden Rodriguez and Skyler, Harley, Arlynn and Calvin Lemerand; and a brother, Richard (Shari) Van Hyfte of Palo, Iowa.

Jennet was preceded in death by her husband, Dean Russell; her parents, Walter Gillespie and Alice Van Hyfte; her stepfather, Lee Van Hyfte; and two sisters, Vera "Skip" Folger of Neponset and Grace Bugbee of Kewanee.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of funeral service at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025, at the First Baptist Church in Bradford with Pastor Mark Graves officiating. Burial will immediately follow in Bradford Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church of Bradford or the American Cancer Society.

Online condolences may be made at www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Ron Sparks

DUNLAP – Ron "Ronnie" Sparks, 69, of Dunlap passed away on Sunday, Feb. 16, 2025. He was born Jan. 10, 1956, in Peoria to William and Shirley Sparks.

He married Susan Higbee in Dun-

lap in 1981. They later divorced, but together had three children.

Ronnie was very mechanically inclined. He inherited his father's ability to fix anything from the simplest problems to the most complex. He was always there for anyone who needed help with anything.

Ronnie worked for Bessler Welding for years before starting his own business, Sparks Welding.

Ronnie was a simple man who enjoyed a good joke, cold beer and road trips in the country.

He is survived by his sons, Brad (Gretchen) of East Peoria and Tom of Peoria; daughter Veronica (Ryan) Theurer of Denver; granddaughter Adalynne; brother Bill (Frances); sisters Barbara Berry, Kathy (Tom) Detra, with whom he made his home, Carol (Bob) Patterson and Teresa (Dave) Kellem; several nieces and nephews; and his beer-drinking, road-tripping partner, Judy McCosh.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Kenny and Gary and sisters Becky Trockur and Judie Jansen.

Ronnie will be sorely missed by all who knew him.

As per his wishes, cremation rites have been accorded. A celebration of Ron's life will be held on Sunday, March 2, at the Dunlap American Legion from 2-5 p.m.

Robert M. Winn

TOULON – Robert Marshall "Bob" Winn, 71, of Toulon, passed away at 7:54 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2025, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Bob was born on April 28, 1953, in Kewanee to Marshall Webster and Frances Kath-

leen (Hotz) Winn. He married Jayne Elizabeth (Johnson) Winn on April 10, 1982, in Kewanee; she survives.

Also surviving are his son, Keith Marshall Winn of Galesburg; sister Patricia Anderson of Arizona; brother-in-law Ted (Mary) Johnson of McHenry; sister-in-law Kathy Johnson of Princeville; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers-in-laws Eldon Anderson, Gary Johnson and Ron Johnson; and sister-in-law Cathy Johnson.

He deeply loved his family and that love was deeply returned.

Bob worked at various police departments in the area before starting his long-time career as a deputy sheriff at the Stark County Sheriff's Office, where he worked from 1986, until he chose to retire as chief deputy/captain in December 2016. Bob was always known for being fair, honest and compassionate with everyone he met. When Bob retired, his family was thrilled to have him home to stay after sharing him for so many years with everyone. He was a man with simple pleasures who enjoyed rural and small-town life.

Growing up on the family farm provided Bob with some of the best years of his life and instilled in him lifelong values and a love for Farmall tractors. Additionally, he loved classic cars, driving his Cub Cadet and driving his black truck "Angus." He was an avid reader, often reading several books at one time, with an affinity for military history. He served in the Illinois National Guard and was a member of the Toulon American Legion Post 416.

A visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 28, 2025, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. We hope you will come and share happy memories of Bob. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Toulon American Legion.

To leave condolences for Bob's family, please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.



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Prairie News Sports



Galva 7th, Rebels 9th at LTC

By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Stark County won both its games in the Lincoln Trail Conference boys basketball tournament at Princeville.

Connor Daum had 22 points Monday and Ross Saner scored 15 to lead the Rebels to a 60-38 victory over 11th-seeded Knoxville for ninth place. Daum had 10 points and Saner hit two 3-pointers in the second quarter, which ended with ninth-seeded Stark County (9-18) ahead 44-22.

In the tournament's opening round Feb. 15, Stark County beat West Central 48-36 behind 24 points from Saner and 15 from Daum. Saner had 11 fourth-quarter points, including 5-for-5 on free throws as Stark County expanded a three-point lead.

Princeville was to play Wednesday against Abingdon-Avon for first place. Bureau Valley and Annawan were to meet for third.

Fifth-seeded Galva finished in seventh place by beating No. 6 Monmouth United 62-52 on Monday. Blake Stahl had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Wildcats (21-7). JP Sloan had 11 points, and Reid Harris had 10 points and 10 rebounds.

In the opening round Feb. 15, eighth-seeded Ridgewood upset Galva 69-65. JP Sloan had 19 points, Blake Stahl 17 and

MJ Louck 16. Sloan and Stahl each had six rebounds, but Ridgewood out-rebounded Galva 37-28.

"We gave up too many second-chance points," Galva Coach Jake McClintic stated.

Ridgewood also was 17-for-23 on free throws, and Galva was 3-for-5. Roy Sandberg of Ridgewood had 38 points and 18 rebounds.

"We wanted to work on some things that we have not been very good at this season and start getting ready for regionals," McClintic stated. "We tried some new things defensively and offensively to see how they would work in game situations. Some things looked good and other we still need to work on."

Class 1A regional play for Galva, which was assigned to the Pecatonica Sectional, begins at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at home against Kewanee Wethersfield. Galva is seeded fourth in its sub-sectional and Wethersfield is 13th.

Victory sends Galva to a regional semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 26, with a title game set for 7 p.m. Feb. 28, both at Savannah West Carroll.

Stark County is seeded 13th in its Brimfield sub-sectional and begins regional play at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 at third-seeded

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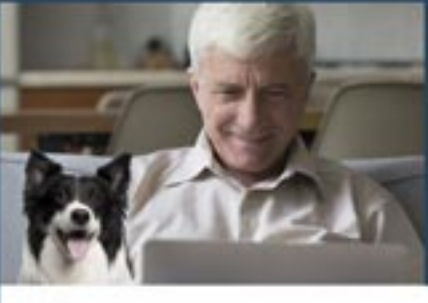



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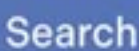
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