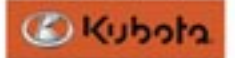




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EF-1 tornado impacted Galva Sunday

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – A storm that took down trees here, damaged roofs and buildings and destroyed baseball dugouts on Sunday was part of a line of storms that spawned six tornadoes in Henry County.

The National Weather Service reported Tuesday that the longest tornado of the six in Henry County had a path length of 16.4 miles and impacted Galva. The EF-1 tornado touched down about 1 mile west of Victoria at 8:39



p.m., where it snapped four power poles along Illinois Route 167.

The tornado then proceeded to the northeast, passed through Galva and ended about 3 miles west of Kewanee at about 8:57

p.m. after taking down more trees.

Peak winds were estimated at 100 mph. An EF-1 tornado is the second-weakest on the Fujita Scale, with EF-5 the most damaging.

Galva’s ESDA coordinator Adam Jaquet said the storm mainly hit the southeast and northeast sections of Galva, though a tree was uprooted in the southwest part of town.

Damage was reported across Galva. A fence was knocked

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A farm building in Galva owned by Pete VanDeVelde suffered heavy damage from an EF-1 tornado that passed through the city Sunday evening. Photo by Carol Townsend.

CONSTRUCTION SEASON

Route 180 road work begins soon

2026 completion likely

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD – A long-planned reconstruction of Illinois Route 180 in and around Williamsfield is to begin next week.

The project that starts Monday might take two years to complete, although the Illinois Department of Transportation anticipates being finished by the end of 2026, according to Williamsfield Village President Robert Johnson.

“There has been much lobbying to have this on IDOT’s priority list,” he stated. “It will be a pain for everyone while it is being done, however it will be well worth it once it is finished.”

Road closures and detours are likely at the Williamsfield railroad



A long-planned reconstruction of Illinois Route 180 in and around Williamsfield is scheduled to start next week. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

viaduct and at the Route 180 intersection with Illinois Route 167 north of Billtown. That junction is the northern end of the project. The southern end is the Route 180 intersection with U.S. Route 150 south of Williamsfield.

Detours are to last no longer than 10 days, according to IDOT. The IDOT project leader agreed to

notify local authorities a week before the closures so police, fire and ambulance services can prepare alternate routes, according to Johnson.

Widening and resurfacing about 10½ miles of north-south Route 180 is to be the primary focus.

Other work on Route 180 is to

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SC board reorganizes

Member will be appointed to fill vacancy

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

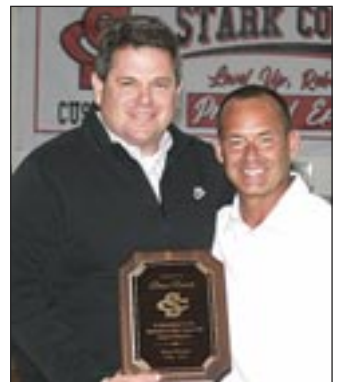
WYOMING – The Stark County School Board has been newly established after the recent election process.

Re-elected to the board are Erin Price, Emily Leezer and Ann Orwig. Brian Rewerts retired from the board after 16 years of service, leaving a vacancy.

“There were four seats up for election this year and only three people ran,” Orwig said. “We have 60 days from April 21 to appoint a new member.”

Said Rewerts, “There is no big reason why I didn’t run again. I really just felt like it was time. I truly enjoyed being on the board all of my years. It just seems like a good time for someone new to join the board with fresh ideas.”

Rewerts was presented with a plaque and other gifts



Brian Rewerts (left) accepts a plaque honoring his 16 years service on the Stark County School Board from Superintendent Brett Elliott. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

after his retirement while thanking the community for the past 16 years that he was on the board.

The new board elected Orwig as president, Bruce West as vice-president, Leezer as secretary and Rebecca Lane as treasurer and recording secretary. Additionally, regular meeting

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ROUTE 180: Crosswalk added in Williamsfield

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include culvert repairs and replacements, guardrail replacement and drainage improvements, an IDOT prospectus stated.

Also to be built is a pedestrian crosswalk at Route 180 and Gale Street. The crosswalk is to include pavement striping and rapid-flashing beacons. The village is to maintain the crosswalk after construction is finished.

Sections of Chestnut Street, Gale Street, Legion Road, Lions Drive, Maner Avenue and Park Road are to be milled and resurfaced.

Route 180 is about 15½ miles long. The southern terminus is at Route 150, and the northern terminus is at Illinois Route 17 south of Galva.

IDOT isn't yet certain if work will begin at the Williamsfield viaduct and continue south to Route 150 or begin at the junction with Knox

Highway 24, also known as the Sharkey Highway, and proceed south, according to Johnson.

The local field office for the project is to open in the shuttered former BP gasoline station in Williamsfield.

Johnson said village businesses stand to benefit from construction-worker traffic. Construction-related water sales also are expected to bolster village coffers.

STARK BOARD: Parent's Club raises \$27,748

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dates, places and times were established. The board meets on the third Monday of the month except January due to Martin Luther King's birthday and President's Day in February. September will be the fourth Tuesday due to the requirement for 30 days of display of the tentative budget.

Board committee assignments were tabled until a new member is appointed within the following 60 days. The committees are building and finance, bargaining and policy, education and extracurricular plus Henry-Stark Coop governing board and finally the Stark County Education Foundation.

Elementary School Principal

Emily Mastin reported that the Parents' Club Auction raised \$27,748, with \$10,000 of it going toward Project Playground. Superintendent Brett Elliott said Project Playground is a long-term effort of the SCES Parents' Club to raise funds to replace elementary school playground equipment.

Junior/Senior High School Principal Megan McGann reported that Stark County Education Foundation scholarship interviews were completed with the 30 seniors who applied for them.

Elliott provided several dates for upcoming events: April 26 is Prom, April 29 is the first home track meet on the new track, May 6 is senior honors day, May 15 is eighth grade

promotion, May 18 is graduation and May 23 marks the last day of school.

The board reopened the meeting after a closed session and announced that Ella Williams and Claire Weiland have been hired as new elementary teachers, as well as Whitney Michanicou. Brittany Venson resigned as Rebel Reporter editor and Tim Vigor was hired as second-shift custodian.

Jenny Acree resigned as high school student council assistant. Approved to fill that position was John L. Carroll. Jackie Carroll was approved as a special education teacher.

TORNADO: 10 trees damaged in Galva cemetery

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down at the Donna Walentine property as well as damage to a pool on SW 2nd Ave.

About 10 trees were broken at the Galva Cemetery.

The dugouts at one of the ball fields at the Galva Park District were taken down.

A farm building that sits behind Mary's Family

Dining at 1011 SE 2nd St. that is owned by Pete VanDeVelde was heavily damaged, with pieces of metal flying across the highway into property owned by the Big River Resources ethanol plant.

Several metal sheds were destroyed and several houses and garages were damaged from the impact of trees falling on them.



Siding on a building in Galva was damaged by an EF-1 tornado that passed through the city on Sunday. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

4-14 - Rita Ann Krause - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

4-18 - Dakota M. Hanson - Operating an uninsured vehicle and expired registration.

4-20 - Bryce L. Schwerbrock - Operating an uninsured vehicle.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

4-12 - Felony Class 2 - David D. Shallenberger - Child pornography/possession/moving DPTN.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

4-4 - Andrea C. Domingo, 21, of Toulon was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Route 93, approximately one-half mile east of 950 E. No injuries were reported but estimated damage to the vehicle was reported at over \$1,500.

4-14 - Grace L. Hamilton, 20, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.

4-15 - A harassment complaint was reported to authorities from a Henry resident.

4-17 - Treyson J. Bowen, 18, of Wyoming, was cited for driving on a suspended driver's license.

4-18 - A 16-year-old Bradford teen was involved in a deer-related vehicle accident on Illinois Route 93 approximately one-half mile east of 900 E. No injuries were reported but estimated damage to the vehicle was reported at over \$1,500.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-14 - to the north edge of town to watch for a reckless driver after a traffic complaint. Officer located the vehicle but was not able to establish probable cause for a traffic stop.

4-14 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of N. Center Ave., William Barnes, 40, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was later released with a required court date.

4-14 - to assist the Woodhull Police Department attempt to locate a Galva resident who also owns property in also.

4-14 - to the 400 block of SW 5th St. for a domestic disturbance.

4-15 - to the 500 block of NE 5th St. to assist a motorist who had locked keys inside a vehicle. They were referred to Tarleton's for assistance.

4-15 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a low-speed vehicle inspection. The permit was denied due to the subject not having a valid drivers license, which is a requirement.

4-15 - to the 00 block of SE 4th St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. It was determined to be a family member.

4-16 - As the result of an interview



at the Fulton County Jail, the driver of a vehicle pursuit last week was issued several citations. Billy Hammond, 39, Galva, was arrested for aggravated fleeing and eluding, speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit, and three separate stop-sign violations. He has pending charges in Fulton and McDonough counties also. He was given copies of his citations and told of his required court date.

4-16 - to several houses to follow up on ordinance letters they had received a few weeks back. Several are making progress in the clean-up efforts.

4-16 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance. The offender appeared to be suffering a mental-health crisis.

4-16 - to the 100 block of NE 6th Ave. for a solicitor complaint. The subject did not have a permit and was asked to cease his activities.

4-17 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession that was taking place in the 100 block of SE 8th Ave.

4-17 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. for a neighbor dispute.

4-17 - to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a loose-dog complaint.

4-18 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. It was returned to its owner.

4-18 - to the 200 block of SE 5th Ave to recover an abandoned bicycle. It was taken to impound.

4-18 - to the 300 block of NE 8th Ave. for a solicitor complaint. The subject was located and did not have a valid permit.

4-18 - to the 00 block of NW 4th St. for an ongoing scam complaint.

4-18 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to check the welfare of children sitting in the vehicle. A parent returned soon after and was educated about leaving children in a vehicle.

4-18 - to the 700 block of N. Center Ave. for a traffic complaint involving teenagers riding scooters on the roadway. They were located and warned to stay off the road.

4-18 - to assist the Knoxville Police Department locate a stolen vehicle and vehicle parts in the Galva area. All the stolen items were located. Charges are pending through the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

4-18 - to assist the Kewanee Police Department attempt to locate a suicidal subject. The subject was located

in Kewanee unresponsive but breathing.

4-19 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

4-19 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

4-19 - While patrolling, officer recognized a wanted subject driving in the 400 block of SE 1st St. As the result, Lucas Gustafson, 39, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on charges of resisting a police officer and domestic battery. This was a no-bond warrant. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

4-19 - to the women's restroom at Wiley Park for a sewer back-up complaint. Officer contacted a water department employee. The complaint was unfounded.

4-19 - As a result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Christi Knapp, 45, Onaska, Wis., was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

4-20 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd St. for a complaint involving harassment through social media.

4-20 - to the 300 block of SW 4th Ave. for a loose-cat complaint. Officer checked the area but was not able to locate the feline.

4-20 - to the 100 block of NE 6th Ave, for a verbal domestic disturbance between two siblings.

4-20 - to deal with many complaints of storm-related damage and debris from a strong thunderstorm that passed through Galva.

Property Transfers

4-14 - Matthew A. McGarvey to Steven W. Kraklow - Pt. Sect. 30-13-6 NW and SW - Consideration = \$605,000.

4-14 - Joyce A. Kermeen to Byron R. Kermeen - Fair Acres Subdivision, Section 1 Lot 17 - 203 N. 3rd St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$35,000.

4-14 - Brett O. and Jeffrey W. Yemm to Yemm Farms LLC - Pt. Sect. 35-14-7 SW - Consideration = \$0.

4-14 - Crista Dallmann, Mary Smith, Wesselhoft Farms LLC, Daniel, James Jr., Jonathan, Mark, Thomas, Timothy Wilson and Susan Wright to Code Family Investments LP and Code Farms LLC - Pt. Sect. 1-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$1,473,290.

4-15 - Daniel E. & Trisha J. Berchold to Jason J. Cresto - Pts Sect. 3-13-7 NW and 4-13-7 NE - Consideration = \$500,000.



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Tariff costs will be more than taxpayer money

The Trump Administration may grant U.S. agriculture special exemptions from parts of its ever-changing tariff regime, but it can't exempt the ag world from everyday economic reality.

That mainstay of farming – with or without ever-changing White House trade policies – will keep the 2025 American ag economy on its heels, say the farm-income specialists in the U.S. Department of Agriculture.



Alan GUEBERT

Tariffs will only make USDA's bleak income forecast worse.

According to USDA, 2025's net farm income will be a slim \$137.7 billion, slightly skinnier than last year's \$139.1 billion. Both, however, are miles from the 2022 record of \$182 billion.

Recall, however, that Congress poured billions into the ag economy last December. Those supplemental and ad hoc disaster assistance payments, USDA notes, "are forecast at \$35.7 billion ... (for) losses due to natural disasters in 2023 and 2024."

When other, already-on-the-books USDA payments – like EQIP and CRP – are added, farmers and ranchers can expect 2025 federal government direct farm program payments to be a whopping \$42.4 billion.

Only one year tops that amount, 2020's record-setting \$45.6 billion, which included the first Trump Ad-

ministration's \$27 billion market facilitation program introduced to soften the effects of its 2018 tariffs that clipped ag exports to China.

This year's federal assistance, explains USDA, will go straight to farmers' 2025 bottom line and raise the market-generated total from \$137.7 billion to a near-record \$180.1 billion.

None of that, however, includes one penny of the money both the White House and Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins promised farmers and ranchers recently when explaining the administration's ever-evolving tariff policies.

Billions in potential ag exports and billions in future farm program payments are at stake. America's top five ag buyers – Mexico, Canada, China, the European Union and Japan, accounted for 61% of the \$191 billion in U.S. ag exports in 2024.

Any threat to one of them is a threat to every American farmer and rancher.

China, again the target of White House wrath, imported \$24.7 billion of U.S. ag goods in 2024. This vital U.S. ag market now faces a 104% tariff.

That means everyone from Beijing to Brooklyn will lose: China will lose its best source of high-quality grain, meat and farm technology, American farmers and ranchers will lose a hard-won, valued customer and U.S. taxpayers can expect to foot the bill for both.

Ironically, the biggest winners will still be American – South American,

mostly Brazil and Argentina.

There will be two other losers. First, giving away any ag export market in a tariff war means the American ag trade deficit will grow.

After almost 60 years of ag trade surpluses, the U.S. turned an ag trade deficit in 2019, the year after the first Trump Administration imposed tariffs on China. Since then, the annual deficit has grown; it hit \$37 billion in 2024 and is forecast at \$49 billion in 2025.

But that was before White House tariff bulls started pawing for a fight. Today's tariff war will increase – not cut, as the Trump White House claims – the ag trade deficit.

American taxpayers are losers, too, because, if the administration keeps its word and protects American farmers from tariff losses, ad hoc disaster assistance payments could easily double from the forecasted \$42.4 billion.

Think not? If anticipated trade-war payments simply matched the market facilitation payments the first Trump USDA paid farmers in 2018 and 2019, they'd receive another \$27 billion.

Today's far-bigger tariff war suggests far bigger payments – \$40 billion? \$60 billion? More? – to stem the bleeding caused by this self-inflicted trade war.

Whatever the cost, it can't possibly cover what will be lost.

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Pritzker is a good governor

To the Editor:

JB Pritzker is a good governor I noticed when I went to Walmart in Kewanee that a few of the people in the parking lot had bad stickers on their car about Pritzker.

I say Pritzker is a good governor of Illinois to all the senior citizens and all the poor of Illinois. Any governor who is helping the poor of his state is not a villain. To put a Republican governor in would be a big mistake because they work for the rich of Illinois and half of Kewanee is poor, half of Illinois is poor and half of America is poor!

The voters need to do the smart thing next year and re-elect Pritzker. Voters got it wrong with who they put in as president. Don't do that for the governor of Illinois. You will see before the president is out of office, he is the villain not Pritzker.

– John Collopy, Kewanee

Must-see history lesson Saturday in Toulon

To the Editor:

On March 29, the Stark County



Genealogical Society began a series of stories from Stark County's past in the words of those who lived it.

The first program included stories of Audrey Staple, LeRoy Enley and Dorothy Allen Cibulskis recorded in 2019 by Tom Talbert and Don Schmidt. Videos were edited and presented by Daryl Hoover.

Our normal meeting room at the Toulon Public Library was filled to capacity. On Saturday, April 26, we will show another story told this time by John Cover. We are expecting an even bigger crowd, as word of the series has spread. Hence, we have moved the program to the sanctuary of the Toulon Methodist Church to begin at 1:30 p.m.

I had the pleasure to preview Cover's story. Tom, Don and Daryl have done an excellent job memori-

alizing the best of one of Toulon's best. Cover was born in October 1927 in Kewanee and died in Peoria in April 2024 at age 96.

A graduate of Toulon High School in 1945, he worked delivering papers, mowing yards and other odd jobs. He worked as a clerk in the grocery stores of Dutch Arganbright and Edna Rashid and delivered groceries in their cars long before he was a licensed driver.

John was our go-to source for the history of our history before Google. He seemed to know everything about everyone: their homes, property and family, where they came from and where they went. The Cover family was active and respected in the community. They fairly dominated Main St with their drug store, their insurance and real estate businesses.

His story is a must see.
– Floyd Ham, formerly of Toulon
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Pages From the Past Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago in 2015

- Work begins on the new Super-Valu grocery store in Wyoming to replace the old store destroyed by fire.
- A former Toulon man, the Bag Bandit, is sentenced to four years of probation for attempted robbery of The State Bank of Toulon.
- The Village of LaFayette seeks an appeal to Illinois Supreme Court in the Brown case, which disputed six acres purchased by Jerod and Dana Brown located within the village limits. The Browns intended to farm those six acres but had to go to the Supreme Court to win the case that let them farm the acreage.
- Wyoming's public library celebrated its 100th anniversary on April 18.

25 Years Ago in 2000

- Associate Circuit Judge Stuart Borden of Wyoming is appointed to fill the unexpired term of Judge Robert Cashen, who retired from the post last November.
- Jacqui Grant of Bradford is presented the State of Illinois Woman of Achievement award.
- The Bradford Board of Education voted to place the Bradford High School deactivation issue on the November ballot.
- The Stark County School Board voted to accept bids for a new gym floor at the Junior High School.

35 Years Ago in 1990

- The Rock Island Trail is to open in Wyoming on May 12. The trail runs from Toulon to Alta.
- Janet Wilkinson is named as the new children's librarian at the Toulon Public Library.
- Valley Grade School is dropped from the consolidation plan of the Stark County School District.
- The Toulon "cannon" (ordnance rifle) is returned to the Stark County Courthouse lawn after being repaired and refurbished.

50 Years Ago in 1975

- The Toulon nursing home project progress is discussed. The proposed nursing home has met the legislative requirements in order to move forward.
- Longtime Toulon farmer Clarence Heaton holds an auction to sell his farm items due to his retirement.
- Thefts and vandalism thrive in Toulon. Tires are slashed on 11 cars, a storage building is broken into and a tractor is driven through the end of a shed and car windshields are broken.
- A drug raid in Castleton nets illegal drugs. Stark County Deputies Pat Horrie and Lonnie Dennison along with Illinois State Police trooper Joe Roberts executed a search warrant and seized 40 pounds of cannabis worth a street value of approximately \$12,000.

60 Years Ago in 1965

- Tornadoic winds damage area farms and down 11 trees in the Toulon Cemetery. Many farm animals were lost due to the storm.
 - The Stark County track meet is scheduled in Toulon with Bradford, LaFayette, Toulon and Wyoming as participants.
 - Interest is shown for establishing a new Bradford Lions' Club.
 - Six railroad cars loaded with coal derail two miles north of Bradford.
- ## 70 Years Ago in 1955
- Sellers Sales & Service, in Toulon, advertised the brand-new Oldsmobile Rocket 88, while Young Sales & Service, Toulon, had the new 1955 GMC pickup truck for sale.
 - The annual Easter egg hunt hosted by the Toulon Lions' Club was held April 9 at the city park for all children under the 8th grade.
 - The movie "San Antone" was featured at the Wyoming Paramount Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.
 - Polio vaccine shots will be given to all 1st and 2nd graders of Stark County per Superintendent W.S. Perin's proclamation. The serum was developed by Jonas Salk in the early 1950s and licensed in 1955.

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FIREARMS: FOID required to buy. Guns will be held and handled by Phil Albertson, Princeville, IL-- A 12.00 fee per gun will be charged. AA. Taurus PIT 99AF 8mm para hand gun—A, Hi-Standard HB 22lr—B, RH14 22lr—C, Sundance A-25 .26acp—D, Remington 12 ga.—1, Type 45 Siamese Mauser 8x52R—2, US Krag Jorgenson 1898 30-40 Krag—3, Wards Westernfield 46D-22 S/LR—4, Remington rolling block 7mm Mauser—5, Remington Model 8 .35 Remington—6, Ruger Super Blackhawk .44 magnum—7, Ruger Mark 2 .22LR #14-61439—8, Japanese Type 99 Arisaka 7.7mm Jap, airplane sights intact, mum intact, Vet initials carved in stock—2 Marlin 22s, parts—30x40 bullets. **HOUSEHOLD AND ANTIQUES:** Nice tall dining room wooden table w/8 tall chairs and leaf insert—nice Kenmore French Style refrigerator w/bottom freezer/ice maker—electric Hot Point black stove—newer Whirlpool washer and electric Roper dryer—Freemontion digital treadmill—brown sectional couch w/matching lounge chair—lg. projector TV—32" flatscreen—bedroom furniture, chests of drawers—flatware—Oreck sweeper—karaoke machine—rotisserie—Air Hockey and ping pong tables—retro bar and glassware—2 older sewing machines—new soundbar—30 boxes of NB waterproof flooring—1932-1979 license plate collection—Rogers Bros., other silverware—ant. bedroom dresser, chest—flip table—Sunbeam stand mixer—stereo equip., electronics, Disney VHS—dragons—Jay Wilson signed oil—iron skillet—LF&O grinder—Nancy Drew, Golden's, books—glass churn—lamps—feather/vintage hats—ant. settee, bad seat—jars, bottles—bears, statues—a few primitives—squirrel bell—brown band crock—2 Thatcher Dairy blue qt. 1884 jars—Schierer's Dairy ½ gallon bottle—China—ant. stained glass—basic household items.

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Wyoming man arrested for child pornography

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – A 51-year-old Wyoming man was arrested April 15 for one count of possessing and receiving child pornography and one count of child pornography distribution.

David Dwight Shallenberger was taken into custody and transported to the Bureau County Jail. Wyoming Police Chief Jim Tiller and Galesburg Police Officer Eryn Pearson were the arresting officers.

At a hearing on April 17 in Stark County Circuit Court, Judge Paul E. Bauer ruled that Shallenberger was to be released with a GPS monitoring device. The state had submitted a petition of non-release from incarceration.

The Galesburg Police Department has an ongoing investigation of Shallenberger but had not yet filed charges at the time of his hearing. Tiller said other residents at Shallenberger's residence are not believed to

not be involved.

Bauer said at the hearing that possession of child pornography is a Class 2 felony punishable by 3-7 years (and up to 14 years if extendable) in the Illinois Department of Corrections, one year of mandatory supervised release after prison or up to 48 months of probation and associated fines.

At the hearing, Stark County State's Attorney Austin King said Galesburg police started investigating Shallenberger after receiving information about his use of child pornography.

"He admitted to the investigator and interviewer Eryn Pearson that three years ago he possessed porn," King said. "Subsequent investigations showed that he had 10 images presently on three electronic devices he possessed. He also admitted that he prefers male children and admitted to a prior assault of an underaged boy."

King continued stating, "There is enough evidence for detaining him. He is a threat to the community and to minor children. He admits that he

is addicted to child pornography."

Public Defender Robert M. McBride said Shallenberger has no prior offenses or convictions.

"There is no specific person in danger," McBride said. "I request that he be ordered on a GPS device and have no access to electronic devices."

Shallenberger told Bauer he lives in a house in Wyoming with two roommates, ages 38 and 20. He has lived there for nine months since moving from Galesburg. One roommate has underaged sisters who visit the house.

"The roommates should be made aware of these restrictions of no contact with individuals under 18 years old," Bauer said. "There is evident proof that he poses a real threat to children. I find there are threats in the Safety Act."

McBride was appointed Shallenberger's public defender. Shallenberger has a Friday, April 25, date scheduled for his next court appearance. Bauer said Circuit Court Judge James A. Mack will review Shallenberger's pre-trial release at that time.



Shallenberger

Illinois Senator Durbin to retire in 2027

By BEN SZALINSKI

Capitol News Illinois

Longtime Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, the No. 2 Democrat in the U.S. Senate, announced he will retire after his term ends in January 2027.

"I truly love the job of being United State Senator, but in my heart, I know it's

time to pass the torch," Durbin said in a social media video.

Durbin's retirement will end a 44-year congressional career. The East St. Louis native who has lived in Springfield for the last five decades was first elected to the U.S. House in 1982.

Durbin, 80, won election to the U.S. Senate in 1996 to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Paul Simon, to

whom Durbin served as legal counsel in the early 1970s when Simon was the state's lieutenant governor. Durbin has since risen through the ranks of the Senate, chairing the powerful Senate Judiciary Committee and now serving as the No. 2 ranking Democrat in the Senate as minority whip.

Durbin has kept decisions about his political future a closely guarded secret, telling reporters as recently as last week that he has not made any decisions about his future.

Durbin said at a news conference in Taylorville

last month that "whether I'm still physically able, mentally able to deal with the issues," were the top factors guiding his decision. At the time, he suggested he was.

His retirement is expected to set off a flurry of moves by top Democrats who are widely believed to be interested in the seat, including Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton and U.S. Reps. Raja Krishnamoorthi, Lauren Underwood and Robin Kelly.

"We are also fortunate to have a strong Democratic bench ready to serve," Durbin said. "We need them now more than ever."

With Durbin stepping aside in 2027, Sen. Tammy Duckworth, a Hoffman Estates Democrat, will become Illinois' senior senator.

Gov. JB Pritzker said in a statement that Durbin has been "a consistent leader and reliable champion" for Illinois.



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Cash rents steady to down slightly

By KEVIN BROOKS

University of Illinois Cooperative Extension

Cash farm rents in Illinois held steady to slightly downward in 2025 compared to 2024.

At the recent Illinois Land Values Conference, farm managers from across the state released the statistics analyzed by the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers. Cash rents negotiated for 2025 ranged from being flat to down 10%, depending on location. These cash rents are significantly impacted by location across the state and at the local level.

Competition for leasing farmland remains strong, with Illinois having about 75% of its farmland leased.

Cash rental rates are dependent on farm profitability. Grain profits are down following higher prices earlier this decade. Ironically, cash rents are low historically compared to land values.

Land values are also under negative pressure. Twenty to 25 years ago, cash rents typically were 4.7% of land values, whereas today, they are slightly under 3%. Most farmland is continuing to be purchased by family farms.

Farmers and landowners are reacting to the current economic developments.

Farmers cite declining grain prices, higher input costs, and higher interest rates for reducing cash rent. Landowners, in turn, are concerned about higher property taxes. Illinois property tax rates are based on previous profitability levels, and it takes six years plus to fully cycle through higher profit years to see lower property taxes.

Rents on Illinois farms declined slightly more often on excellent soils vs. fair to good soils. However, some locations still report cash rents of \$450 to \$500 per acre on excellent, well-drained soils with solid

fertility levels. Recently negotiated leases on excellent farmland ranged from below \$350 to \$450 per acre level in some places.

Good soils also had a variable cash rent level ranging from \$300 to \$400 per acre. Some locations experienced intense competition in offers for cash rent in the good range, provided there is good drainage.

In farmland with soils rated average, the cash rent declines were generally more modest, with some areas seeing a modest increase. Average soils ranged from \$300 on some leases in the Interstate 70 corridor east of St. Louis to below \$200 to the south. Cash rents for fair soils were variable, being steady to slightly down.

Farm producers vary in their ability and willingness to pay higher cash rent. Relationships are a significant factor in cash leases. Landowners can contact their local NRCES office to help determine the productivity index of a farm, or go online to soilproductivity.nres.illinois.edu/Bulletin811ALL.pdf.

Statewide, cash rents represent 77% of professionally managed lease arrangements. Cash rent is divided, with 41% of the leases being traditional cash rent and 26% being flexible cash rent, usually depending on yields and grain prices. Five percent of professionally managed Illinois farmland is custom farmed: the landowner hires a farmer who is paid a fee for the farming services. An additional 28% of lease agreements between farmers and landowners are crop-share arrangements.

The 2025 crop growing season and the resulting yields will determine farmer profits and whether the downward pressure on cash rents persists in 2026. Parties to a farm lease contract should be in communication as the fall approaches about cash rent levels for 2026.



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OBITUARIES

Gwen A. Ames

WYOMING – Gwen A. Ames, 64, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:45 p.m. Friday April 18, 2025, at Arcadia Care in Toulon. Gwen was born on Aug. 2, 1960, in Alexandria, La., to Grace Marie Marchant and Walker Dale Cullop.

She is survived by her significant other, (personal pain in the butt), Christopher Sherbeyn; two daughters, Aubrey and Alexis Ames; two grandsons, Jaxon and Josiah Armstrong; two sisters, Carmen and Pamela; and one brother, David. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Roy and Ron; and a granddaughter, Janelle.

Gwen was a U.S. Marine and Army veteran and worked as a cook for many years at Casey's in Wyoming. She loved spending time with her family and many fur babies.

A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2025, at the Wyoming American Legion. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Service in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Illinois Cancer Center or to the family. Condolences may be left for Gwen's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Robert D. Kieser

WYOMING – Robert Daniel Kieser, 56, of Wyoming, passed away at 9:25 p.m. on April 19, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He was born in Peoria on Dec. 13, 1968, to Gerald and Wilma (Moser) Kieser.

Robb graduated from Wyoming High School in 1987 and then attended Illinois Central College and graduated from the diesel-mechanics program. He farmed in the Wyoming and Bradford areas all of his life.

Robb wasn't a man of many words but rather chose to live his life by example. He loved his family dearly and truly enjoyed being a grandpa or Bobby to his four grandkids – Drew, Ry, Bristol and Ella. He loved the Lord and quietly lived his life following the examples of Jesus. He showed love and kindness to all, always being willing to help others where he could. He was never one to complain and never complained throughout his illness.

He was a member of the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church, where he was baptized on July 14, 1991. He served as trustee, Sunday School teacher, usher and was on the church remodeling committee, as well as serving on the Princeville Villa board.



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Kieser

He married Kelly (Geary) Kieser on June 23, 1990, in Princeville. She survives along with their five children, Andy (Megan) Kieser, Clayton Kieser and Landon (Sarah) Kieser, all of Princeville, Samantha (Aaron) Herrmann of Edwards and Daniel Kieser of Wyoming. Also surviving are his mother, Wilma Kieser of Wyoming; three sisters, Barb (Les) Fehr of Bradford, Mary Ann (Craig) Wettstein of Gridley and Donna (Philip) Nenadov of Wyoming; and three brothers, Joseph (Geri) Kieser of Wyoming, Matt (Tracy) Kieser of Bradford and Brad (Rachel) Kieser of Wyoming. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Sam and Lucille Kieser and John and Emma Moser; and his father, Gerald Kieser.

Visitation was to be on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Fellowship Hall from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service will be at the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church on Thursday, April 24, 2025, at 10 a.m. with a visitation from 9-9:45 a.m. Burial will be in the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Larry N. Varner

KEWANEE – Larry N. Varner, 80, of Kewanee, Ill., and formerly of Galva, Ill., passed away on Saturday, April 19, 2025, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill. Larry was born to D. Steve and Avis (Beede) Varner at Fort Knox, Ky., on Sept. 2, 1944.

He was a 1962 graduate of Monticello High School in Monticello, Ill., and a 1965 graduate of Illinois State University with a bachelor of science in English education. He received both a master of science in 1970 and an advanced certificate in 1971 in counseling from the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, which prepared him for counseling in a school setting.

He taught English at Pekin High School during the 1965-66 school year and the 1968-69 school year. From 1966-68 he served in the U.S. Army. In the fall of 1970, he began his counseling career at Galva High School and he retired from Galva Junior-Senior High School in the spring of 1999.

From 1973 through 2008 he served as coach of the Galva High School scholastic bowl team and was inducted into the Illinois High School Scholastic Bowl Coaches Association Hall of Fame.

On March 22, 1969, Larry married Patty Carper at the Morton Methodist Church in Morton, Ill. She survives,

as do their two sons, Mark (Andréia Krause) Varner of Skokie, Ill., and Ben (Erin) Varner of Lincoln, Ill.; and two grandchildren, Adalyn Varner and Colin Varner, of Lincoln. Larry is also survived by two brothers, Bruce (Connie) Varner of Creve Coeur, Ill., and Eric (Sue) Varner of Carlock, Ill. His last Brittany spaniel, Maggie, who always accompanied him, also survives.

He was predeceased by his parents and one brother, Alan Varner.

He very much enjoyed fishing in his spare time. He belonged to Little John Conservation Club and Hook and Bullet Conservation Club and fished at both clubs' lakes often. He spent many summer vacations fishing in the Minnesota Boundary Waters, the Turtle-Flambeau area in northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan. He and his successive Brittany spaniels would fill his truck and boat with a great amount of fishing and camping equipment for a wonderful time on the lakes. One of his favorite quotes was by Henry Thoreau, "Some men fish all of their lives without knowing it is not really the fish they are after."

Larry's other great passion was riding motorcycles and taking trips for several weeks all over the United States and Canada with his brother, Bruce. They loved finding little known winding roads as well as publicized cycling roads in the mountains and valleys throughout the continental U.S. They thoroughly enjoyed discussing various motorcycles and shared "cycle mags" and videos on YouTube.

He spent many hours working in his large yard in Galva, where he lived for 45 years. The last 30 years he lived in an old Victorian house with turrets west of Wiley Park and surrounded by many trees. He loved that house and its setting so dearly and hated moving when it was necessary to find a house with only one story. He moved to Kewanee with Patty only because the new house had two garages with five car stalls and a workbench area!

Larry joined the Galva Lions Club in 2000 because he thought they did worthwhile service projects in the community. He served as their secretary for an extended time. Memorials may be made to the Galva Lions Club.

Visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, April 24, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Cremation will be accorded with a private interment service in Galva Cemetery.

Mary Colgan

WASHINGTON – Mary "Colette" Colgan, 80, of Washington, passed away on April 13, 2025, at Carle Bromenn Medical Center in Normal. Colette was born on Nov. 22, 1944, in Peoria to Earl L. and Florence (Pauli) Colgan.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. on May 19, 2025, at St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming.



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Toulon hires new employees

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON — Charlie Holmstrom will soon be hired as a new water and sewer employee after the Toulon City Council approved his application during a special meeting on Tuesday.

Holmstrom will start at \$22 per hour, with a possible pay increase to \$25 after a 90-day evaluation period.

The third employee, as the position is known, was tabled after a long discussion to hire Brock Ouart for a pay range between \$22 to \$25 per hour. The council believed that pay range is too low and wants the range readvertised for a top limit of \$35 per hour.

Training for the part-time police officer position sought by Derek Welge was approved. Welge will attend a police academy in May in Springfield. Tuition is \$2,200 and that could be reimbursed upon graduation. Welge will be paid \$20 per

hour while in training and will soon have a physical test in Rochester.

One bid was received to landscape city hall from Lohman Earthworks of Davenport, Iowa, for \$25,118. The bid increased to \$44,000 with prevailing wage factored in. Lohman's bid was rejected. Mayor Larry Hollis and the council believe city employees can landscape the area for less.

Matt Forstrom informed the council that a new X-Mark mower purchased last year is junk. Last year the new mower was in for repair all mowing season and is again proving to be problematic. Forstrom is to obtain bids for a new reliable mower and report back to the council.

Purchase of new water meters was tabled so councilmember Donna Lefler can hold a committee meeting concerning this issue. Two companies were contacted about purchasing their water meters but Lefler isn't satisfied with their prices and meters.

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Super Crossword RE-SOUNDING DUOS

ACROSS: 1 Gourd-shaped raffle, 7 Cognizant, 12 — no replay, 15 Alaskan island, 18 Greeting in Apple ads, 20 Gourmet mushroom, 21 Paddle-propelled surfboards, 23 BOX + BISCUITS, 25 Family of writer Ralph Waldo, 26 Main character on "Saved by the Bell", 27 MARRY + WIDER, 29 Yearned (for), 32 — Jima, 34 Bass-based saucier, 35 SHANTY + OWNERS, 40 Suits maker, 44 Golf bag peg, 45 That, in Peru, 46 Grain staple, 47 Winnie-the-Pooh creator, 50 Fix the spine of, as a book, 53 CLONK + BUNGLE, 57 "Fashioner" director Kurosawa, 58 Rate — (be judged as perfect), 59 Vanosces, 60 Annoy, 61 CLEANSER + SCOW, 64 Norway's biggest city, 65 Positive votes, 66 Je ne sais —, 67 Finish, 69 Prime draft status, 71 Prefix with sphere, 74 Radiance, 77 POGGY + CONCH, 83 Sicuan tribe, 84 Successor of mono, 86 — Reader (magazine), 87 Pool in the opera "Pagliacci", 88 SHAT + SCOURGE, 91 Gives a lift to, 92 Ancestry, 93 Punk-folk singer, 94 Herms of soccer, 96 Bar "rocks", 97 Filmflam, 98 OFFICIATED + IGNITE, 103 Hammy actor, 107 Turn — dime, 108 Prenatal test, informally, 109 BARBARIAN + FARM, 115 Poetic loci, 117 Fire-resistant material, 118 ANISTON + J.M., 123 Repelled by, 124 Animator Tex, 125 Boston hockey team, 126 Nimble, 127 Survey info, 128 "Let's wager on that", 129 Game venues, 11 Snow queen in "Frozen", 12 Stockholm citizens, 13 Ovine babies, 14 Flash to see, 15 Booth or Oswald, notably, 16 Dejected in decision in boxing, for short, 17 Fork point, 18 World power until '91, 22 Slangy ending for switch, 24 Sips on sleek, say, 26 "Weekend Editor" air, 29 Of the stars, 30 Insolently, 31 — jeebies, 33 "— Man" (1994 hit for Salt-N-Pepa with En Vogue), 36 Flanders on sock band, "The Simpsons", 37 Racine lully, 38 Pops, 39 LAX guesses, 41 Song from the '50s, e.g., 42 "It's the end of —", 43 Big wheel's benefits, 47 Rock-clinging moluk, 48 Prairie nut, 49 Followers of lambdas, 51 Baghdad citizen, 52 Half of Mark's "Bye", 54 That woman rival, 55 Sgt., e.g., 56 Texas or Kansas city, 62 Pooch's ID, 63 Suffix with depend, 65 "Tippie", 68 Hip-hop dance of the 2010s, 70 This, in Peru, 71 Copies, 72 Moral tenet, sarcastically, 73 2016 Disney film, 75 No, like "first" or "third", 76 Spider snare, 78 Suffix of 75-Down numbers, 79 2015 Marvel film, 80 Naval officer, 81 Chinese nut, 82 Be beaten by pop music, 84 Jamaican, 85 Snowman in "Frozen", 89 Gravelite site, 90 Having one bit, musically, 91 Nasty, 95 Grant — (financial subsidy), 98 Yankees' rival, 99 Fumble, 100 Cause injury, 101 Actress Hedy, 102 Stain or soak, 104 Jumble, 105 Writer Joyce Carol —, 106 Govt. bond, 109 Sheep cries, 110 Abbr. on an invitation, 111 Rival of Lyft, 112 Take — at a wiff (criticize) sarcastically, 113 Actress, Comptel, 114 News site for techies, 116 "Dancing Queen" group, 119 "Science Guy" Bill, 120 — Tin Tin, 121 Stuck — nut, 122 Suffix with ion

Weekly SUDOKU

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

TOP 10 MOVIES

1. A Minecraft Movie (PG)
2. The King of Kings (PG)
3. The Amateur (PG-13)
4. Warfare (R)
5. Drop (PG-13)
6. The Chosen: Episode #5.6 (NR)
7. A Working Man (R)
8. Snow White (PG)
9. The Woman in the Yard (PG-13)
10. The Chosen: Episode #5.3 (NR)

CryptoQuote

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

QMD'B ICWTV CB C FMWBV
JMU VHA CJJYRBCBHMDA:
VY HA MDIF BUFHDT MD
MDY JCRY CJBYU
CDBVYU BM JHQQ VHA MGD.
— IMTCD XYCUACII AEHBV

1. MOVIES: Which animated movie was the first to be nominated for a Best Picture Academy Award?
2. GEOGRAPHY: Interior and exterior film shots of Alnwick Castle in England are featured in the first two movies of which film series?

3. TELEVISION: What was the last name of the family in the sitcom "Married ... With Children"?
4. LITERATURE: For which category is the Caldecott Medal awarded?
5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Also known as a double eagle, what is the golf term for scoring three under par on a hole?
6. ANATOMY: What is the protein that carries oxygen in the blood?
7. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president was the first to name a woman as a Cabinet member?
8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby toad called?
9. FOOD & DRINK: Which fast-food chain's secret ingredient is 11 herbs and spices?
10. ASTRONOMY: How many moons does Mars have?

- Answers
1. "Beauty and the Beast."
 2. "Harry Potter."
 3. Bundy.
 4. Outstanding children's picture books.
 5. Albatross.
 6. Hemoglobin.
 7. Franklin D. Roosevelt named Frances Perkins as Labor Secretary.
 8. Tadpole.
 9. Kentucky Fried Chicken.
 10. Two: Phobos and Deimos.

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

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CryptoQuote

Don't laugh at a youth for his affectations; he is only trying on one face after another to find his own. — Logan Pearsall Smith

Galva baseball tops Knoxville on passed ball

By NICK VLAHOS and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

The Galva baseball team scored three runs in the top of the sixth inning and then held on for a 6-5 win over Knoxville on Monday.

MJ Louck scored the winning run on a passed ball after reaching base on an error in the sixth and stealing second. Louck scored three times in a game that saw Galva (3-9) make the most of five hits, six walks and four errors by Knoxville.

Braxton Hulstrom got the win in relief of Tommy Funke, allowing two hits and two earned runs in two innings.

Galva had hosted ROWVA-Williamsfield Saturday in a Lincoln Trail twin bill and fell short 10-0 and 7-6. In the first game loss Ty Dowell-Keup recorded the only hit, a double.

The second game was a battle for nine innings. R-W got a run across in the ninth then held on for the win. Braxton Hulstrom was the big hitter on the day with three RBI, a single and a double. Dowell-Keup hit safely twice. Louck drove in one score and had one hit.

The Wildcats topped Port Byron Riverdale 21-4 on April 15 at home after lashing 18 hits. Louck hit two home runs and drove in seven. Hulstrom drove in four with a home run

and a double. Lucas Piester drove in four scores including a double.

Sloan pitched one inning and whiffed one hitter. Smith threw two frames with four strikeouts and no walks. Piester finished up for one inning. He gave up two hits and walked none in the win.

• **Softball** – The winner of the Galva-at-Stark County softball game Tuesday was to be determined. Rain forced that game to be suspended in the fifth inning, with Stark County leading 3-2. The game was to be resumed Thursday at Galva, followed by another game between the teams.

Stark County dropped a doubleheader April 19 at Knoxville, 6-0 and 21-2. The Rebels managed only two hits in the first game. In the second, Abby Nagode's two-run homer represented the Stark County scoring.

Brooklyn Ostrowski struck out nine Abingdon-Avon batters and allowed two hits April 17 in an 8-0 Stark County victory. Sophie Finnegan was 3-for-4. Jacey Endress and Katie Grinnell each had two RBI, and the Rebels stole five bases.

Galva split a doubleheader April 19 against Monmouth United. The Wildcats won the second game 12-2 as Avery Dooley drove in four runs. She had a two-run single in the fifth. Maddie Bates had four of Galva's 14 walks. Galva had only five hits.

In the second game, United withstood a late Galva charge to win 5-4.

• **SC baseball** – The Rebels (5-10) lost 12-1 and 8-3 to Annawan-Wethersfield last Friday at home. The hosts committed four errors, gave up 13 hits and had only one hit.

Down 5-0 in the nightcap in the fifth inning the Rebels worked on a rally with two in the fifth and one in the sixth but the visitors plated three in the seventh to end the comeback.

Connor Daum pitched five frames. He gave up one earned run, walked three and fanned seven hitters. Ben Browning recorded two RBI in the effort.

Stark County lost 8-5 at Monmouth United on April 17. Wyatt Snider hit a double and drove in one run. Jason Knowles recorded one RBI.

The Rebels turned a shootout into a blowout in a 24-13 win over Bushnell-Prairie City on the road April 15. Down 13-11 after three innings Stark County proceeded to score 13 to seal the win after five.

Blair Daum went 2-for-3 with three RBI and a double. Turnbull hit a triple and collected one RBI. Chase Holstrom added one RBI and a double. Snider drove in three runs. Connor Daum collected two RBI. Dillon Steelman drove in two runs. Jason Knowles added two RBI in the hit parade.

TRACK: Bates, Harris shine at Dale Collis Invite

Continued from Page 12 field (92) in the eight-team field.

Nolan Orwig led the fourth-place boys team at Knoxville with a victory in the 300 hurdles (42.11). He was also third in the 200 (23.04).

Evan Knobloch was second in the 800 (2:03.89) and third in the 1,600 (4:37.79), while breaking his own school records in both events.

The Rebels also got a second-place finish from the 4x100 relay of Nolan Orwig, Jackson Knoblauch, Cary Morgan and Braxxten Gibson (46.33).

On April 17 at Riverdale's Paul Parker Coed Invite, the Lady Rebels placed second to Sherrard while the boys were third behind Kewanee and Riverdale.

Girls winners included Barnwell in long jump (14-9.5), Stotler in shot put (37-5.5) and Dusti Smith in the 1,600 (5:22).



Stark County's Dusti Smith won the 1,600 on Monday at Knoxville in a school-record time of 5:12.77. That broke her own personal best. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

second in shot put (PR, 44-9.75).

On April 16 at the Dale Collis Invite in Galva, Barnwell won the 100 (13.65), Stotler was first in shot (36-7.25) and Lauren Orwig won discus (123-2) as Stark County fielded a limited team.

Stark County has its lone home track meet of the spring on Tuesday, April 29, on its new all-weather track located in Toulon.

• **Galva track** – Maddie Bates had a strong day for Galva at its Dale Collis Invite on April 16. Bates was second in long jump

(14-9), third in triple jump (PR, 30-4.5) and second in the 100 (14.1). Addie Moore was also second for Galva in the high jump, clearing 4-7.75.

For the boys, Reid Harris won the high jump by clearing 5-6 and was second in 300 hurdles (48.38). Brayden Robinson was third in the triple jump (32-11.25) and Bryant Jeffrey was fourth in the 3,200 (11:58.65).

Harris was third in high jump at Port Byron on April 17, clearing 5-6.

Galva holds the Pam Foley Memorial Invite on Monday.

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CITY OF TOULON

NOTICE OF CITY'S ACCEPTANCE OF SEALED BIDS FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE

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All bids must be submitted to the City Clerk for the City of Toulon before 5:00 p.m. on May 12, 2025, at the following address:

City Clerk
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1. Seller will not furnish title insurance and the conveyance will be by quitclaim deed.
2. Seller reserves the right to reject any and all bids submitted.

Any questions can be directed to the Mayor, Larry Hollis by phone at 309-286-5042 or by email at lhollis@hotmail.com

Dated this 12th day of March, 2025.

Barbara Cantwell, City Clerk
City of Toulon, Illinois

