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Nine applicants vie to fill Stark school board seat

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News
WYOMING – Nine community members have applied to serve on the Stark County CUSD

A vacancy became available on April 21 when Brian Rewerts retired from the board, as had been planned. Only three candidates were on the ballot for four open seats in the April 1 consolidated election.

The nine applicants are Matthew Bowen, Keith Bush, Sarah Hansard, Chris Hillyer, Aaron Kepler, Karen Lisota, Matthew Nagode, Chelsea SherbeynStreitmatter and Matt Wilson.

Board President Ann Orwig said candidates were given a chance to answer some initial interview questions in writing.

"We asked three to attend (Monday's monthly board meeting) for a second-round interview in person," Orwig said.

The applicant selected by the board will be appointed during the June 16 meeting. The new member will join Orwig, Bruce West, Emily Leezer, Erin Price, Joe Rediger and Dane Richards on the school board.

Superintendent Brett Elliott gave an insurance committee up-

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date. He said that the annual health insurance committee held two sessions and had two agencies include self-funded and fully insured options. A recommendation will be made at the June board meeting.

During reports from the principals, the board heard that two elementary teachers retired,
Diane Gilles and Lynne Paxson.

There were 59 seniors who graduated this year representing 100% of that class. High school teachers Angela Tuthill and Jim Langdon also retired at the end of this school year.

John Leezer gave a brief review of insurance for property, casualty and workers' compensation. The total premium for the new term is \$168,815. This represents a 7% increase over last year's total of \$157,870.

A Fiscal Year 25 budget amendment is required because of expenses related to transportation changes. The school district added more bus routes that increased the insurance cost by \$18,000 and will also incurred more driver salaries. The board will hold a special meeting on June 19 for a public hearing of the amended budget. The budget must be on display for 30 days from May 19.

Approved was a contract with auditing firm Gorenz & Associates for the next fiscal year. Also approved was for Elliott to let bids for milk, bread, trash and for publication of The Rebel Reporter in FY26.

The board approved a 10-cent increase in lunch and breakfast

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Wyoming to enforce property maintenance

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – New Mayor Jim Mercer stated last month that he along with the city council are going to "strictly enforce the nuisance ordinances on property violators."

On Tuesday, the council approved an ordinance to adopt the 2021 edition of the "International Property Maintenance Code" for Wyoming.

The codebook will be used for the control of existing buildings and structures in Wyoming. A copy of this code is available at city hall for viewing.

After a discussion, the council decided that a fine of \$50 per week will be imposed for violations and – if that amount becomes significant – the city will place a lien on the property. The city could also could go to court to take possession of the property, especially those littered with



Council member Dave Rumbold is sworn into office by Wyoming city clerk Diane Baker. Photo by John A. Ballentine

junk vehicles and other debris.

Council member Dave Rumbold was sworn into office by city clerk Diane Baker at the beginning of the meeting.

New pay increases for full- and part-time city employees were announced after an approximately 45-minute executive session. New rates are retroactive to May 1. Per-hour pay rates for full-time staff will be \$22 per hour for City Clerk Diane Baker, \$20 for Treasurer Lisa Evans, \$29 for Police Chief Jim Tiller, \$31.87 for Superintendent Joe Kinsella and Supervisor Jim Kinsella, \$16 for city worker Melvin Rodriguez, \$29.87 for water/sewer operator Steve Marvin and \$288.47 every two weeks for Economic Development Advisor Denny Rewerts.

Part-time per-hour pay rates will be \$25 for Police Officer Philip Wells, \$24 for Police Officer Kerry Copeland, \$29 for water/sewer operator Rob Polk and \$18 for summer helpers Pat Finnegan and John Carroll.

Mercer said during his report that Wyoming's Department of Motor Vehicles office is unlikely to reopen.

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POPPY DAY FOR VETERANS



Vada Edwards presents the first poppy of the year to Wyoming Mayor Jim Mercer. Mercer has declared May 23 as Poppy Day in Wyoming. Poppies are distributed this day to honor fallen veterans and to raise money to support living veterans. Edwards was selected by the Wyoming American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91 to be Wyoming's inaugural Miss Poppy. Citizens are encouraged to wear a poppy and to give back to those who sacrificed so much.



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Continued from Page 1 fees for the upcoming school year. Breakfast increases from \$1.60 to \$1.70, K-5 lunch to \$2.90, grades 6-8 lunch will be \$3.15, high school lunch is \$3.40 and adult lunch increases from \$3.80 to \$4.

The district still has a grant to provide meals for free. The increases are merely to keep current the prices should the grant not be funded moving forward.

The board also increase the FY26 substitute teacher rate \$5 to \$140 per day.

After executive session,

the board approved the following hirings:

- Madi Myers and Jack Colgan as summer seasonal custodians.
- · Jason Clark as high school assistant football coach.
- Megan Lane as longterm substitute teacher for junior high science.
- · Lindsay Garcia as a HS administrative assistant.
- Jackie Carroll as summer technology sup-
- Rick Schertz as HS boys' varsity assistant basketball coach.

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• Aaron Pratt as JV volunteer assistant basketball coach.

The board also approved resignations by Christina

Grusy as HS administrative assistant and Elizabeth Chapman and Taylor Wilkinson as sponsors for the junior class.

WYOMING: City grants 1 acre to daycare center

Continued from Page 1 Chris Schaefer will be the licensed wastewater plant operator starting June 1. Also, Wyoming will utilize the City of Pekin for official lab work, saving hundreds of dollars each

month. Pekin will charge Wyoming \$250 for lab work.

The council approved \$1,000 donations to the **Stark County Continuous** Improvement group for marketing Stark County communities to surrounding areas, and to the St. Jude Run from Kewanee to Peoria that passes through Toulon and Wyoming.

The council also approved resolutions to pay Gasvoda & Associates, Inc., of Calumet City, \$7,094 to renew and upgrade the wastewater treatment plant's software program for three years.

Finally, the council approved donating one acre of city property on East South Street just past the Family Dollar store for the purpose of constructing a daycare facility for the Little Sprouts Enrichment Center.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

5-18 - Kayleb D. Nevarez - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Misdemeanors &

Felonies

- **3-4** Anabelle E. Twomey Felony possession amount of a controlled substance.
- **5-14** Damian J. Carroll Felony Felon in possession of ammunition /body armor.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- **5-14** Joseph M. Vische, 56, Metamora, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and issued a court date.
- 5-15 Corey L. Jones, 31, Brimfield, was arrested and issued two citations including speeding 75 mph in a 55 zone and possession of adult use cannabis by a driver. He was also issued a notice to appear for possession of meth with less than five grams and possession of a controlled substance. His vehicle was towed to the impound lot. He has a pending court date.
- **5-15** Amanda S. Stanley, 44, Sumner, cited for driving without vehicle insurance and issued a court
- **5-15** A possible credit card theft was reported by a Kewanee resident. The incident is under investigation.
- **5-15** Nicholas B. Waldron, 19, Sherman, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.
- **5-15** Todd A. Hart, 50, Bone Gap, cited for driving without vehicle insurance and issued a court date.
- **5-16** Anabelle E. Twomey, 24, Galva, cited for improper lane usage.
- **5-16** Alecsis E. Doering, 23, Creve Coeur, cited for driving 85 mph in a 55 zone and issued a court date.
- **5-17** Lorenzo Avilez Ramirez, 56, Kewanee, ticketed for speeding 79 mph in a 55 zone.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- **5-12** to the NE 6th Ave. railroad tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
- **5-12** to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to follow up on a theft complaint.
- 5-12 During a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 2nd St., Drexel Miller, 24, New Windsor, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance, operating an uninsured vehicle and expired registration. He has a required court date.
- **5-12** to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a two-vehicle accident with only damage.
- **5-12** to the 500 block of SE 1st St. to recover a large bag of hypodermic needles found in a yard there. They were taken for disposal.



- **5-12** to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a trash-dumping complaint. Offender agreed to clean up the mess and was educated on how trash pickup occurs.
- **5-12** to the 100 block of N. Center Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and later picked up by its owner.
- 5-12 to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an aggressive and loose dog complaint. As a result, Linda Yelm, 51, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for allowing a dog to run at large.
- 5-12 to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a disorderly conduct complaint. Robert Heck, 56, Galva, was arrested for disorderly conduct and harassment through electronic communications. He has a required court date.
- **5-13** to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a verbal domestic disturbance
- **5-13** to the 100 block of SE 6th St. for a possible violation of an order of protection complaint.
- **5-13** to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a loud-music complaint.
- 5-14 to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject. Brett Harlan, 41, Galva, was arrested on two Knox County warrants for failing to appear on charges of possession of meth, DUI-drugs, failing to reduce speed to avoid accident, no insurance and no seat belt. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
- **5-14** to the 300 block of NW 1st Ave. for a utility wire in the roadway. Frontier Communications was contacted for repairs.
- **5-15** to remove an unwanted subject in the 00 block of NW 2nd St. The offender was served with a written banning notice.
- **5-15** to the 100 block of SW 9th Ave. for a disabled-vehicle complaint. The vehicle was moved.
- 5-15 to the 800 block of E. Division St. for an open-door complaint.
- **5-15** to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for a safety concern.
- 5-16 As the result of an investigation into an incident last week, Justin Bicknell, 36, Moline, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for assault. He was transported to
- the Henry County Jail.

 5-16 to the 00 block of SW 2nd

- St. for a gas drive-off complaint.
- **5-16** to the 00 block of SE 6th St. for a property-line dispute.
- **5-16** to the 100 block of SE 6th Ave. for a fire. It was a small fire that was quickly put out.
- **5-16** to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a civil standby.
- **5-16** to the 00 block of NE 8th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint.
- 5-16 As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 1st St., Samuel Abdelkoui, 64, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and having an expired drivers license. He was released and has a required court date.
- 5-16 After several traffic complaints involving a reckless driver in various areas in Galva, a traffic stop was conducted in the 300 block of Commercial St. Patrick Hammons, 69, Galva, was issued citations for improper use of registration and operating an uninsured vehicle.
- **5-17** to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a verbal-domestic disturbance.
- 5-17 to the intersection of SE 8th Ave. and SE 1st St. for a utility wire down across the roadway.
- 5-17 to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for a complaint involving pieces of wood with nails in it in the roadway.
- **5-17** to the 00 block of NW 4th St. for a lost or stolen wallet complaint. The complainant later found the wallet inside their house.
- **5-17** to the 600 block of NW 5th St. for a complaint of criminal damage to property.
- **5-17** to Route 34 west of town to remove furniture from the roadway.
- 5-18 As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of W. Division St., Arturo Montenegro, 59, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a required court date.
- **5-18** to the 100 block of Front St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.

Property Transfers

- 5-12 Barbara J. and Martin E. Cantwell to Martin E. and Kyle M. Cantwell and Abbey J. DeSplinter Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n Pts. Block 20 Lots 1-3, 8-11 111 E. Thomas St., Toulon Consideration = \$0.
- **5-13** Katherine L. Harbour to Thaddeus Ingels Pt. Sect. 26-14-7 NE 113 Second St., Bradford Consideration = \$94,000.

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Elmira Memorial Day Service

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Monday, May 26 • 2 p.m. Elmira Presbyterian Church Speaker Bob Wilkinson

The program will be on the Burial of American Soldiers killed in war and other Veterans' Burials.

A procession to the Elmira Cemetery to honor Veterans' graves will follow, with local piper Bill Good. Crosses will be carried and placed at the graves of all Veterans. The general public is invited to attend.



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Stevens Square in Princeville - 11:05 AM All Times A Few Minutes Each Way

Wyoming American Legion Post 91

Memorial Day Services Monday, May 26, 2025

Snareville Cemetery • 8:30 a.m.
Pleasant Valley Cemetery • 9 a.m.
Lawn Ridge Cemetery • 9:30 a.m.
St. Dominic's Cemetery • 10 a.m.
Wyoming Library Lawn • 10:30 a.m.
Wyoming City Cemetery • 11 a.m.

Please join us in honoring all the veterans who have served our country especially those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.



"God Bless America"



MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 26, 2025

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9:00 a.m. - West Jersey

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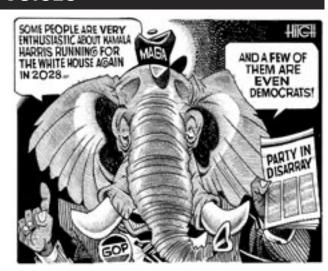






GUEST VOICES





Solar is not a threat. It's an opportunity

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And I haven't mentioned the financial stability of harvesting this new crop! The benefit to both the landowner and the neighboring community is unmatched, particularly during this time of uncertainty. When planting solar panels, you don't choose between crops or renewable energy. You harvest both. As one farmer said, it's like "farming the sun" when the corn market doesn't cooperate.

As a former director of USDA Rural Development in Illinois, I am familiar with the challenges of securing funding for much-needed improvements in our rural communities. Solar infuses a dramatic increase in property-tax revenue. Since 2003, Illinois has increased its renewable-energy tax revenue from \$235 to more than \$64 million in 2022.

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nue from the neighboring farm. That 12-times increase, paid by the solar developer, helped the schools, the fire-protection district and social services. Additionally, don't overlook the fact that someone must build these community solar projects, which means creating jobs.

Long term, solar by itself won't provide all the energy we need. But it is a crucial component of the cleanenergy matrix, the sun being an abundant resource we have taken for granted. Now, Illinois has a chance to be a leader not only in agriculture but also in renewable energy. Because the State of Illinois has set a goal of achieving 100% clean energy by 2050 through the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act, we can reach it in a way that respects our roots, protects our natural resources and provides benefits to farmers and rural residents

Let's accept that the sun is one of our most powerful and consistent resources. Let's adapt to farming it wisely. Let's adopt the view that the sun can shine even brighter for the generations to come ... because solar is not a threat. It's an opportunity.

Colleen Callahan is a former director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources and USDA Rural Development.

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Bradford Betas honor woman, girl of year

By ANGIE STANGE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford Betas are recognizing one woman from the Bradford community and one member of Betas for their exceptional service.

This year's Girl of the Year is Tricia Rouse. Rouse has brought her enthusiasm, organizational skills, and energy into the group. When rejoining Betas this past year, she willingly took on the position of vice president. In that role, she in charge of contacting pledges, conducting pledge training and organizing two installation ceremonies.

Woman of the Year for 2025 is Val Hickey. Hickey and her family

moved to Bradford in 1979. Having school-aged children brought her into the Bradford community a little at a time. Soon she was volunteering at school events, Beta bazaars, bloodmobiles, the Labor Day sports boosters lunch stand, church functions and becoming a positive and integral part of the Bradford community.

As a parishioner of St John's Catholic Church, Hickey has volunteered her organizational skills in decorating the church for Christmas and other celebrations each year for many years. She is also the coordinator of funeral dinners for the church and helps make everything run smoothly and efficiently.

Hickey also coordinates workers for Bradford's annual Hog Roast. Since 2018, she has been reaching out to community members asking for the workers needed to make the Hog Roast a success. She also volunteers on the day of the roast from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and has become a vital part of the Hog Roast and its success.

In 2019, Hickey was one of the founding members of the 150 Club, formed to help Bradford get ready for the village's 150th birthday. Later that group changed its name to the-Bradford Betterment Committee. Through its efforts and thanks to the financial assistance and volunteerism of the community, the BBC has made many positive changes.

Music in the Square concerts returning to Princeville

PRINCEVILLE - The Lillie M. Evans Library District will hold its free concert series on three Fridays in June. This is the eighth year of familyfriendly concerts in Stevens Square Park.

Those in attendance are asked to bring lawn chairs or to feel free to stay in your vehicle. Food vendors will attend all events starting at 5 p.m. Music starts at 7 p.m.

Music in the Square will lead off with the Roundstone Buskers on June 6. This small Irish ensemble consists of Shannan Sullivan (fiddle, vocals), Tom Jones (bodhran, percussion, whistle, vocals) and Bruce Burton (guitar, bouzouki, vocals). The group hails from the Peoria area and has been entertaining crowds with its nontraditional Celtic music since 2007. Top That and Tropi-

cal Sno will serve food from 5-8 p.m.

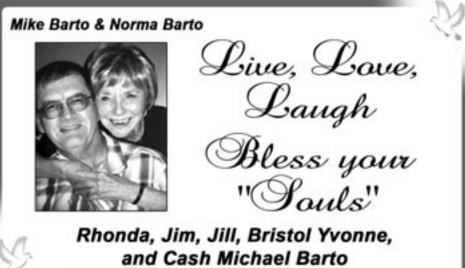
June 13 markes the return of The Aristocrats, an eight-piece band that plays arrangements made famous by big bands of the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s supplemented with contemporary jazz and popular tunes. The Station House and Kona Ice will serve

food from 5-8 p.m.

The final concert on June 27 features "Kelvis." Kevin Breitbarth of Brimfield, a winner of many regional and national Elvis Presley impersonator competitions, will perform his Elvis tribute act. In addition, the Princeville Aquatic Center will have pulled-pork dinners in the

square from 5-8 p.m. as a fundraiser for the "Save the Pool!" fund.

Stevens Square Park is located at W. Evans St. and Illinois Route 91. In case of inclement weather, concerts will be moved to the Lillie M. Evans Library at 207 N. Walnut.









Card of Thanks

Hemmnger Family

The Jeff Hemminger Family would like to thank the communities of Wyoming and Toulon and Stark County CUSD for all of the generosity shown to our family these past few months as Jeff has transitioned to Hospice care due to his cancer. The donations received through the Winterfest, Hearts for Hemmingers, Jeff Fest, and the community Bake Sale, have been able to help our family tremendously in this difficult time. We have been able to check a number of items off of our bucket list and enjoy our time together as a family. We are overcome with gratitude for all who helped with these activities. All of the donations received, meals delivered, cards received in the mail, and random acts of kindness have been overwhelming. Thank you to ALL who had a hand in this endeavor. You will never know how much this has helped our family and how loved we feel. Small town communities know how to come together for one another when in need. Thank You.

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TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R. WILKINS, W. CLARK WILKINS, EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a **Delaware Limited Liability** Company, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,

Defendants. Case No. 2024FC6

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Farmland values showing mixed signals

By KEVIN BROOKS

University of Illinois Extension

Farmland values began to soften in late 2024. With decreasing farm profits in 2023 and 2024, farmland values held firm until the last quarter of 2024.

This was the consensus of professional farm managers at the 2025 Illinois Farmland Values and Lease Trends Conference held in March, which The Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers facilitates.

The value of farmland varied across the 10 regions analyzed across the state. Sales were analyzed by soil productivity indexes as defined by Bulletin 811, a rating system commonly used in Illinois to compare farms by how productive soils are compared to other soils.

What held true in one district was not necessarily the same in another. However, a noticeable softening of land values was occurring in the last quarter of 2024.

Western Illinois sales of excellent farmland suffered the most significant declines. In the southern part of the state, farmland sales per acre were steady to considerably higher, with strong sales values reported in the far south.

Farms by soil type showed differences, but were inconsistent across various locations. Average sales per acre across the state showed a modest decrease in Excellent soil types (Productivity Index 133-147). Good Soils (PI 117-132) were, on average, flat to slightly down. Average and fair soils showed a modest increase in sales values per acre.

Farmland sales increased slightly in 2024 over the previous year, except for average farms, which experienced a noticeable decrease in sales. Estate sales contributed to 59% of the farms sold

Retired farmers and investors represented 13% and 12% of the farm sales, respectively. Six percent of the farms sold were by active farmers. Some of the sales by active farmers were to improve cash positions (5% of sales).

Public auctions accounted for 53% of farm sales, while 27% were private. Farmers purchased 59%, and non-farming buyers represented 30% of the purchasers. Non-local investors represented 13% of the buyers, and institutions came in at 6%.

Farm profits in 2025 will impact future farm values. Interest rate uncertainty, lower grain prices and trade war concerns will cause headwinds holding back values. A farmland market analysis would be remiss not to compare 1980 to the present. A sharp acceleration of the abovementioned factors caused the economic devastation of the 1980s farm depression.





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Anyone who is handicapped, elderly, or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard must have items out to the curb by Monday June 16. You will need to call City Hall beforehand and let them know so that they can arrange for the items to be picked up. Please make sure you only call for pickups if it is needed, staff is limited. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up and items must be on the curb, no backyard or structure pickups at all. "Please do not have items on the curb for more than 48 hours before the 16th *

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

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

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours June 16-19 from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. June 20 the yard will be open until 3:00 p.m. June 21 the yard will be open from 7:00 a.m. to noon. If you have

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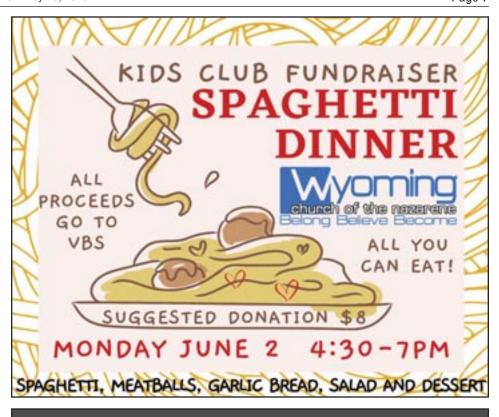
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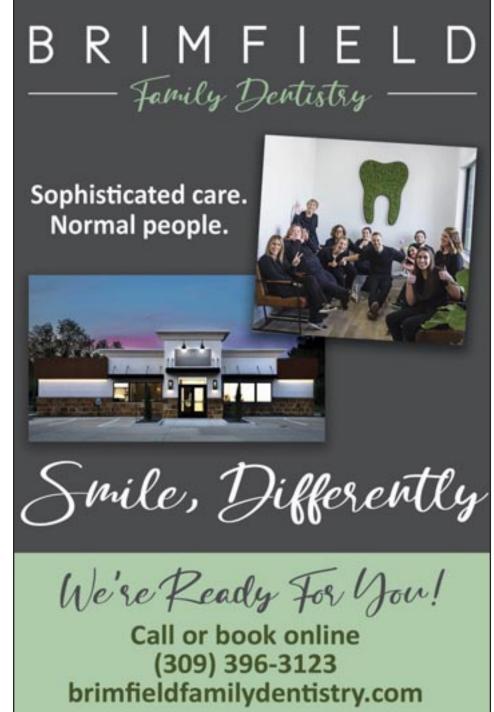
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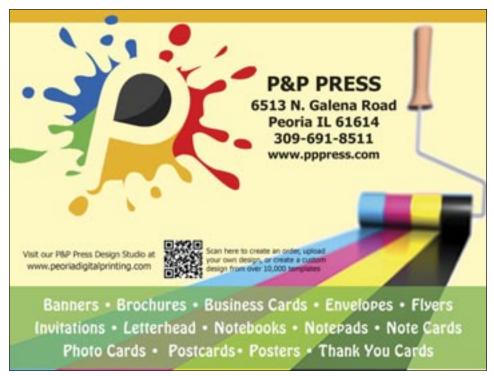
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West Jersey United Methodist Church Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty Phone (217) 425-5707 Sunday Worship: 9 a.m

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OBITUARIES

Larry Eble KEWANEE - Larry "Tuff" Eble,

85, of Kewanee, Ill., formerly of Bradford, Ill., passed away at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria on May 15, 2025.

Tuff was born Feb. 2, 1940, in Bradford, the son of George and Fayetta Eble. He married Janet Sturm on Feb. 14, 1972, in Aberdeen, Miss.



He is survived by his wife, Jane;

sons James Eble of Bradford and Greg (Krista) Eble of Kewanee; beloved grandchildren, Megan (David) Washburn, Haley Eble, Tyler Jackson and Dana Eble, all of Kewanee; his adored great-grandchildren, Owen, Blakely and Jett; and one sister, Judy (Joe) Bachman of Roanoke, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Mary Loudenburg and Edythe Bosch of Connecticut; brothers James "Jim" Eble, Donald "Buzz" and infant brother Stephen; and brothers-in-law, Loren Loudenburg and Ralph Bosch.

He graduated from Bradford High School in 1958. Upon graduation,

Tuff spent majority of his life farming. He served as road commissioner for 16 years. He retired from FS.

His hobbies included collecting toy tractors, roughhousing with his greatgrandchildren and his morning routine of breakfast and coffee at the Red Apple in Kewanee.

A memorial visitation was to be held from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. Graveside Services will be at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 23, 2025, at Osceola Grove Cemetery in Bradford.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

BRIEFS

Volunteers sought for Galva Avenue of Flags

GALVA - Volunteers are needed to put up the flags for the Avenue of Flags on Memorial Day, May 26. Volunteers are asked to meet at the building across the street to the West of the Galva American Legion at 6 a.m. to haul flags to the Galva Cemetery.

Volunteers are also needed to take down the flags and are asked to meet at Galva Cemetery at 4 p.m.

SCGS presents more Stark stories of the past

TOULON - The Stark County Genealogical Society will show three more stories of Stark County's past in the words of those who lived it at 1:30 p.m. on May 31 at the Toulon Methodist Church.

These 2019 interviews feature Margaret Malampy, Sis Magnussen and Don Martin. Topics include the Great Depression, World War II, growing a business in Bradford and building a highway during the 1920s.

Attendees are encouraged to park in the lot on the north/back side of

the church and use the stairs or elevator to reach the sanctuary. The public is always welcome.

Post #371 announces Memorial Day schedule

WILLIAMSFIELD - The Williamsfield American Legion schedule for Monday's May 26 Memorial Day observance is as follows:

- 9 a.m. Members meet at Nor-
- man Legion Hall, Williamsfield. • 9:30 a.m. - Salute at Parker Cem-
- 9:45 a.m. Salute at West Truro Cemetery, roll call of the dead.

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- 10:15 a.m. Salute at Trenton Cemetery, roll call of the dead.
- 10:35 a.m. Salute at French Grove Cemetery, roll call of the
- 11 a.m. Salute at Elmore Cemetery, roll call of the dead.
- 11:45 a.m. Salute at Veterans Park in Williamsfield, emembering those who died in service.
- Noon Salute at Williamsfield Cemetery, roll call of the dead. A potluck will follow at Norman Legion Hall. Commander of the Honor Guard is Floyd K. Gray, Major, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret). Pre-

senter of roll call of the dead is Post Commander, John F. Feltham, Colonel, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret).

College graduates

• Caden Daum of Wyoming and a 2021 graduate of Stark County High School, has successfully completed his bachelor's degree in kinesiology at the University of Illinois. He graduated May 17 with high honors.

Bradford hosts Poppy and Memorial Day events

BRADFORD - The Bradford Auxiliary Poppy Day will be Saturday, May 24.

Auxiliary members will be at Casey's, the Bradford Banking Center and the four-way stop in town from 8-11 a.m. They will be asking for donations and offering poppies in memory of those who gave their lives for our freedoms and for our veterans who still need our help and support.

On Monday, May 26, the Auxiliary will help with the Memorial Day services and the laying of the wreath at the Bradford Cemetery. They will also serve lunch at the American Legion Hall following the Memorial Day services.

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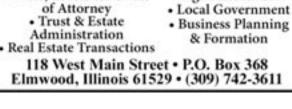
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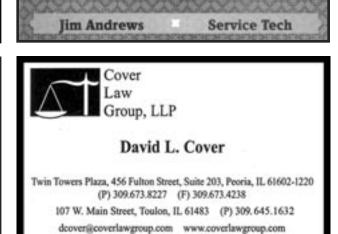
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Bill banning carbon squestration clears

By JADE AUBREY

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A bill that bans carbon sequestration over, under or through portions of the Mahomet Aquifer passed out of the Illinois General Assembly on Tuesday.

The bill has been a point of contention in the Statehouse during this year's legislative session, after it was found that a leak occurred during carbon injections carried out by ADM, a Decatur-based agriculture giant.

Carbon sequestration is a relatively new technological process that pumps liquified carbon dioxide deep underground for long-term storage. Proponents say it could help reduce greenhouse gas emissions for industries like ethanol production.

The ADM injection site, which opened in 2011, received the first federal permit for "geologic sequestration of carbon dioxide" in 2017. Since then, the project has stored more than 4.5 million tons of carbon dioxide more than a mile underground.

Although the leak did not take place in the Mahomet Aquifer area, roughly 8,000 metric tons of liquid carbon dioxide and other ground fluid escaped the area. ADM temporarily paused carbon injections in October after another issue with a well was identified.

The Mahomet Aquifer supplies water to hundreds of thousands of people in central Illinois. Estimates for the number of Illinois residents served daily by the Mahomet Aquifer range from 500,000 to 1 million.

In 2015, portions of the aquifer in 14 Illinois counties were designated as a sole source aquifer by the EPA, since contamination of the aquifer could cause significant public health risk. That EPA designation also indicates that there are no "reasonably available alternative drinking water sources" if the water in the aquifer were contaminated.

Senate Bill 1723 passed on Tuesday with bipartisan support. The bill was spearheaded by Sen. Paul Faraci, D-Champaign, and Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet. It comes after Illinois lawmakers passed a law last year allowing carbon sequestration anywhere in Illinois.

"Proposals under consideration by the U.S. EPA today would store 50 times the amount of carbon that has been stored at the ADM facility under the Mahomet Aquifer," Andrew Rehn, the climate policy director of Prairie Rivers Network, said during a March Senate committee hearing. "Last year's bill leaves a critical gap. It says you have to replace drinking water if you damage it through your carbon sequestration activity, and the sole source designation means there is no alternative."

Charles Harvey, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, spoke on the dangers of carbon sequestration in the wake of the recent ADM leak during the committee hearing. He called the ADM injection facility an experiment, as the injection of carbon at such a depth had never been done before.

He said the pressure and depth of the injections led to fissures in both the injection pipes and the levels of rock the carbon was being pumped into and stored under. Since carbon dioxide is a gas, he said it began to seep through the cracks and the fissures and rise back to the surface, which began the leak.

Due to the aquifer's sole source designation, bill proponents also argued that central Illinois residents can't afford the water to be at risk.

Opponents of the bill argued that since the Mahomet Aquifer sits at roughly 200 feet under the surface.

The bill passed out of the Senate in April 55-0. It now awaits approval from the governor after passing out of the House on Tuesday with a vote of 91-19.

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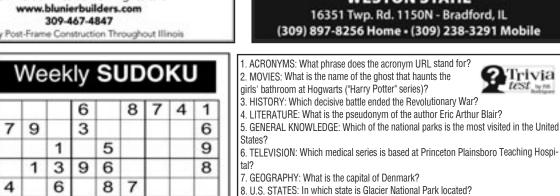
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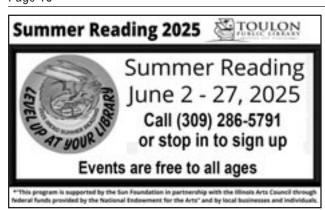
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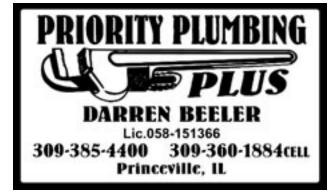
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ESTATE OF: Daniel L. Evans, No. 2025PR44 Deceased

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Notice is given of the death of Daniel L. Evans. Letters of Office were issued on April 24, 2025, to Teresa Allen as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before October 24, 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 IO days after it has been filed.

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

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

V.
TINA RENEE WILKINS a/k/a TINA R.
WILKINS, W. CLARK WILKINS,
EVERBRIGHT, LLC, a Delaware
Limited Liability Company,
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants.

Case No. 2024FC6

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given
that pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure entered by the Court in
the above entitled cause the
property hereinafter described or so
much thereof as shall be sufficient
to satisfy said judgment, will be sold
to the highest bidder.

- 1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M. Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.
- 2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 1013 N. Main Avenue, Wyoming, IL 61491.
- 3. The legal description of the real estate is:

A part of Block 18 of CASTLE'S ADDITION to the City of Wyoming, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a gas pipe at the Southeast corner of Lot 1 of Block 14 of said Castle's Addition: thence East, a distance of One Hundred (100) feet to an iron rod; thence North along the East line of Main Street, a distance of 456.5 feet to an iron rod, the Place of Beginning for this description; thence East along a property line fence, a distance of 207.5 feet to an iron rod, said rod being fifty (50) feet West of the center line of the C. B. & Q Railroad; thence South along the West right of way line fifty (50) feet West of and parallel to the centerline of said railroad, a distance of fifty (50) feet, more or less; thence West, a distance of 207 feet, more or less, to a point fifty (50) feet South of the Place of Beginning; thence North, a distance of fifty (50) to the Place of Beginning; EXCEPTING from the above tract an alley Sixteen (16) feet wide along the West side and adjacent to the West right of way line of said Railroad:

That portion of the abandoned Burlington-Northern Railroad right of way being approximately 50 feet wide by 99.5' in length running adjacent to the grantee's property and running adjacent to Charles Hawley's property West of the center line of said right of way lying in the Northwest Quarter of Section 36, Township 13 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, all being situated in Stark County, Illinois;

P.I.N.: 04-36-103-009;
4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.

6. The time and place of the sale are: June 17, 2025, at 10:00 a.m., in the courtroom at the Stark County Courthouse.

7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS-IS" sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein and redemption rights of the United States of America. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises. MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

By: /s/ <u>Lynne M. Binkele</u> LYNNE M. BINKELE One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C. 101 NE Randolph Avenue Peoria, Illinois 61606 Tel.: (309) 673-0797 8061-953207 Published 5/9, 5/16, 5/23/25

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

ESTATE OF CHARLES M. ORWIG, JR, Deceased No. 2025 PR 53

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Charles M. Orwig, Jr.. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2025, to Christopher M. Orwig and Richard L. Thompson as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF CHARLES D. JACOBS,
Deceased

(Publication)

No. 2025 PR 51 CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Charles D. Jacobs. Letters of Office were issued on April 30, 2025, to Laura L. Martin as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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

ESTATE OF BRUCE L. SIMMONS, Deceased No. 2023 GR 15

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Bruce L. Simmons. Letters of Office were issued on May 2, 2025, to Penny Warren and Cheryl Biddix as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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

ESTATE OF: Earnest Edward Lamb, Jr. No. 2025PR55 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Earnest Edward Lamb, Jr. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2025, to Lori L. Nyman as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before November 6,

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

In The Matter of The Estate of KAREN E. BENNETT, Case No. 25 PR 52 Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of KAREN E. BENNETT, of 29428 North 350th Avenue, Kewanee, Illinois 61443. Letters of Office were issued to SHERMAN C. BENNETT, Independent Executor, of 29428 North 350th Avenue, Kewanee, Illinois 61443, whose attorney is DAVID L. COVER of Cover Law Group, LLP, with offices at Twin Towers Plaza, Suite 203-456 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, and 107 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Claims must be filed on or before December 15, 2025, or six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice. whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred as to the estate If mailing or delivery of a notice from the independent executor is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, then the date of filing claims shall be the later of the date stated above or three months from the date of mailing or delivery.

Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Henry County, Illinois, or with the Independent Executor, or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the court, a copy of the claim must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to his attorney and file with the court proof of mailing or delivery of the copies.

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Dated: May 6, 2025
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF Milroy, Timothy D., No. 2025PR7 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Timothy D. Milroy. Letters of Office were issued on May 16, 2025 to Michael Milroy as Administer whose

attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before November 16, 2025.
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Name Barash & Everett, LLC
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Address P.O. Box 165
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a

petition has been filed by N Valley Rd LLC, 13002 N Valley Road, Wyoming, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a variance in setback requirements for property described as Valley Township, Part Se1/4 Section 8 and Part SW1/4 Section 7.

The request for the variance is for the construction of a pole barn/cold storage building that will be 72 x 168' and will be 10 feet from the North property line rather than the 15 foot setback.

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 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., June 9, 2025, at which time and place all persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson ZONING OFFICER

Published 5/23/25

Galva wins regional softball opener, 12-1

By NICK VLAHOS and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

Galva had to wait to see if it would continue to advance in the Class 1A softball state tournament.

A Kewanee Wethersfield Regional semifinal scheduled for Tuesday against Henry was postponed until Wednesday and then moved to Thursday because of rain. Galva reached that game by beating Varna Midland 12-1 in a regional opener Monday.

Galva (4-20) homered three times in a five-run second inning. Maddie Bates, Kaylyn Gale and Lily Wigant went deep. Amber Plummer hit a two-run homer in the fifth, when Galva scored four times. She had three RBI overall, as did Wigant.

From the circle, Plummer allowed two hits. Midland's run was unearned. Galva is the eighth seed in its Woodhull sub-sectional, Midland ninth. Henry is the top seed.

Galva lost its final three regularseason games. On May 17, Princeville swept a doubleheader, 5-1 and 6-5. Another Galva comeback attempt fell short May 15, when the Wildcats lost 3-2 to Knoxville.

• Stark County softball – A regional semifinal scheduled for Wednesday between Stark County and host Annawan-Wethersfield was rescheduled for Thursday because of rain. Stark County is seeded fifth, A-W fourth.

The championship game is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, May 24. Stark County (13-13) finished its

regular season in convincing fashion May 15, when it beat Bushnell-Prairie City 13-0. Cambri Holmstrom and Hallie Newton had two-run singles in the decisive inning. Brooklynn Ostrowski allowed B-PC only one hit.

• Galva baseball – The Wildcats (7-19) lost to Princeville 17-1 in the first round of the Putnam County 1A Regional on Monday. Ten runs in the third inning from their opponents would be too much to overcome.

Alec Gustafson recorded the lone hit in the game for GHS. MJ Louck drove in one run.

The Wildcats topped Peoria Heights 8-1 on the road last Friday. Four runs in the fourth inning to go with solid pitching and defense secured the win.

Tommy Funke threw 2.1 innings with one hit, two walks and three strikeouts. Gage Simoneaux had a strong relief appearance yielding three hits, one walk, no earned runs and striking out three.

Louck hit four singles and drove in one run. Ty Dowell-Keup hit 2 for 4 with one RBI. Hulstrom recorded a double and one RBI.

Galva lost 6-4 at Knoxville on May 14. Hurd tripled and drove in a run. Blake Stahl drove in a run with a double. Louck recorded two doubles. The Wildcats lost to Farmington 17-3 at home on May 13. Cyrus Hurd had both of the hits for Galva.

• **Stark County softball** – The Rebels (8-21) lost to Ridgewood 12-1 in the Stark County 1A Regional on Mon-

day. Ridgewood scored in every inning. Connor Daum struck out five in 3.2 innings pitched but allowed 10 hits.

Wyatt Snider and Connor Daum hit doubles. Chase Holmstrom and Khaiden Turnbull each recorded a single in the effort.

The Rebels lost 12-2 to ROWVA-Williamsfield on the road last Friday. Wyatt Snider collected two of SC's four hits and recorded two RBI. Holmstrom doubled.

Stark County was shut out 5-0 at Illini Bluffs on May 15. IB scored all of their runs in a fourth-inning outburst. The visitors could only get two hits: Jason Knowles tripled and Turnbull singled.

The Rebels won at R-W on May 14, 9-6. Threes were wild for Stark County, as the Rebels tallied three runs in the fourth and fifth that helped the cause with three in the top of the seventh. Stark County was also able to work around 10 walks to get the win.

Connor Daum drove in three big runs that included a double. Snider drove in one run and doubled. Holmstrom, Sparks and Kaedon Steelman each drove in one run in the win.

Connor Daum threw for 3.1 frames yielding three earned runs, five hits while fanning three hitters. Kaedon Steelman tossed 3.2 innings with a line of two hits and one earned run allowed. He struck out four.

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STARK COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 7419B State Route 17, Toulon, IL 61483 (309)286-2261x3 starkcountyswcd@gmail.com

Job Announcement ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR

The Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District is seeking a part-time Administrative Coordinator (20 hours per week). Duties include; serving as receptionist, bookkeeping, data entry, bill paying, preparing reports & publications, ordering supplies, day-to-day activities, assisting with events, and providing general clerical assistance to staff members, a board of directors, other agencies and landowners.

Qualifications: bookkeeping skills, PCMars and Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, and Outlook) experience preferred, web

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Or email starkcountyswcd@gmail.com Please submit by COB on Friday June 13, 2025.

Swearingen, Smith set school records at IESA state meet

EAST PEORIA – Stark County 8th grader Gia Swearingen hauled home a third-place medal and a school record after competing in last Saturday's IESA Class 2A state track meet at the EastSide Centre.

Swearingen led all area athletes competing in the event by placing third in the 8th grade 200-meter race in a personal-record time of 27.49 seconds. Her time is also a Stark County junior high record.

That same day, the 7th grade Stark County boys 4x100 relay was



Swearingen



Smith

ninth with a school-record time of 53.05. Relay members are Brandon Swearingen, Levi Sparks, Seth Duttlinger, Edward Bickett and Ayden Coons.

In the Class 1A meet last weekend, Bradford 7th grader Sedona Smith was fifth in the 800 in a PR of 2:33.73. Her time is also a Bradford school record. Smith also placed eighth in the 1,600 in 5:58.24.

Galva's Aubrey Dowel-Keup was eighth in the 1A 7th grade high jump after clearing 4 feet, 4.25 inches. In 7th grade 1A, Brigham Carasca of Galva was ninth in the 800 (PR, 2:24.33).

TRACK: 4x800 relay seeking 3rd straight medal

Continued from Page 12 in shot put to qualify for state with her throw of 35-2.

"Lauren definitely wanted to make it there in both events," Terwilliger said. "She has really come on in discus this year and that has become her favorite. And she's been getting it done."

The Lady Rebels' other sectional winner was the 4x800 relay of juniors Cheyenh Smith and Paytin Terwilliger, senior Sarak Kraklow and Dusti Smith. They posted a time of 9:52.24 that was the best among Class 1A sectionals, though Terwilliger said Pleasant Plains did not run its top quartet in its sectional and has posted a faster time this spring.

Even so, the coach believes his squad can go faster on the unique blue track at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. "Those four just keep dropping time," Terwilliger said. "You're taking a group down that can definitely say they are taking a shot at a title."

This is the third straight year a Stark County 4x800 will contend for a medal at state. The relay was ninth in 2023 and placed seventh last year with a time of 9:50.74. Kraklow is the only newcomer to last year's group.

The same quartet also qualified in the 4x400 relay at Aledo with a time of 4:09.26 – fifth best based on sectional seedings.

Another Stark County qualifier at Aledo was Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:22.25). She was second to Princeville's Bethany Sennett and is rated ninth in Class 1A.

Junior Claire Bowser also qualified for state, placing fourth in high jump after clearing 4-11.75.

• **SC** boys track – Boys will compete today, May 23, at Kewanee Wethersfield in a Class 1A sectional meet that starts with field events at 3 p.m.

Stark County freshman Evan Knobloch has the second-fastest time (9:54.71) in a solid 3,200meter field. His 1,600 time of 4:34.05 is rated fifth. Senior Nolan Snider has the third-best shot put throw of 45-7.25. Senior Audon Frihetsli is fourth in discus (134-0).

• Galva track – Senior Maddie Bates placed seventh in long jump (15-1.75) at the sectional for Galva's best finish.

The best sectional prospect for the boys is sophomore Reid Harris, rated seventh in high jump (5-10.75).





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Lady Rebels seeking medals

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News Riding high after a suc-

cessful sectional, Stark County has sent 10 athletes to the IHSA Class 1A state track meet in hopes of seeing several medals return home.

Based on sectional results, the Lady Rebels have four individuals rated in the top 10 in Class 1A and the No. 1 4x800-meter relay. That's no surprise, as those individuals and that relay have been winning and setting records all spring.

"They have definitely had a great season. Just like the running events, I've had to rewrite the record books several times for the throwers," Stark County Coach Clint Terwilliger said.

The May 14 sectional at Mercer County in Aledo was no different. The Lady Rebels placed third as a team and had several top finishes.

Senior Chelsey Stotler won the shot put with a throw of 41 feet, 0.5 inches that ranks her third in Class 1A based on sectional results. Stotler was

fourth last year at state with a throw of 38-8.75 – a distance she has surpassed numerous times this spring.

"Chelsey has consistently been throwing (12 meters or better) and I think that's going to give her a good chance of being in the top three," Terwilliger said.

Sophomore Dusti Smith won the 1,600 at Aledo in 5:10.16. While not her personal best time, her finish ranked fourth among Class 1A milers.

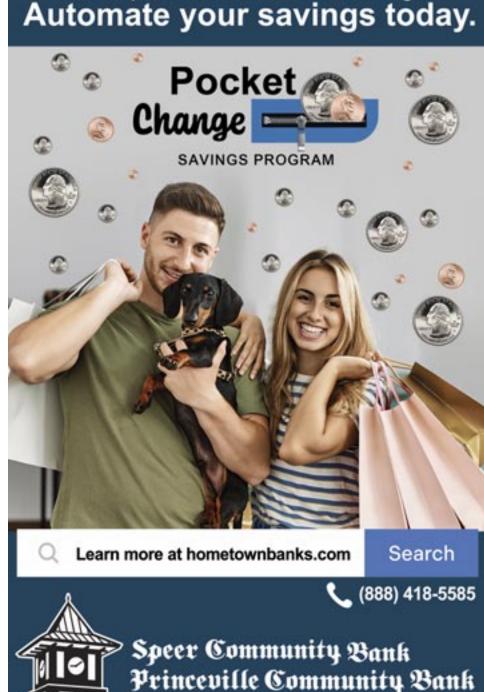
"We don't know how fast she can go," Terwilliger said. "The night she ran that 5:04 (at the Lincoln Trail Conference meet) we asked her, 'What are you trying to do, run under 5 minutes?"

Saturday in Charleston would be a good time for that. Prelims were Thursday and finals start Saturday, May 24, at 10 a.m.

The other individual winner at the sectional was senior Lauren Orwig, who took first in discus with a school and personal record throw of 126-7.25 – fourth best in Class 1A.

Orwig also took second Continued on Page 11





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