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## Galva adding soccer, football field to park

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The City Council unanimously voted to sell 5 acres to the Galva Park District to provide space for flag football soccer and extra parking.

Park Board President Katie Laurin asked the city for the additional ground that is located east of the current park district property.

Sale price of the 5 acres was set at \$22,100 per acre, the same price the city paid when it purchased the farm-

ground several years ago.

The council also passed a resolution to annex 120 acres of farmground to the Park District to provide extra income from taxes. The land, which has already been annexed into the city, is north-east of Galva near the Big River Resources, LLC ethanol plant. Most of the current City of Galva is also in the Galva Park District tax boundaries.

In other business, the council approved a 5% pay increase for city workers that is

effective starting May 1.

Three aldermen were sworn in on Monday: Dougie Anderson, ward three; Jamie Hopping, ward one; and newcomer, John Wirth, ward two.

Bruce Palmer, owner of a car recycling business in the old Bixby Zimmer building attended the meeting and said he is ready to apply for a salvage license. He said the city will receive some tax revenue after he gets the license.

The city was going to

check on his current zoning so he could apply. Palmer said he still needs to work on the front of the building.

Mayor Rich Volkert thanked Palmer for no longer having cars piled on trucks in the roadway. Alderman Jeff Olson requested that Palmer place cars stacked more than two high behind a fence the city recently helped Palmer purchase.

Supervisor Richard Plummer told the council that the city-wide cleanup

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Three Galva aldermen were sworn in on Monday. From left to right are Attorney Zac Lessard swearing in Dougie Anderson, Jamie Hopping and newcomer John Wirth. Photo by Carol Townsend.

## FUNDING FOR BISHOP HILL

### State funding \$12 million to Bishop Hill renovations

By The Prairie News

SPRINGFIELD – State Rep. Travis Weaver (R-Peoria) has confirmed that the Illinois Department of Natural Resources secured \$12 million in funding for the first phase of long-awaited restoration and repair work at the Bishop Hill State Historic Site in Henry County.

Funds appropriated for this phase of the renovations will include architect and engineering fees, as well as physical construction costs. The focus of the work will center on the Colony Church, Bjorklund Hotel, Boys Dormitory, church restrooms and shed.



The Colony Church at the Bishop Hill State Historic Site is one of the buildings slated for repairs thanks to \$12 million in state funds appropriated for renovations and repairs at the state-managed site.

“The tireless work of so many incredible people is coming to fruition at Bishop Hill, and I couldn’t be more excited or proud,” Weaver said. “I again want to thank the Capital Development Board and IDNR for

working with us and recognizing the critical nature of the needs at Bishop Hill.

“I am thrilled for the Bishop Hill Advocates and Project Team, as this announcement has been a

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## Galva, Stark County award scholarships

By The Prairie News

Graduating seniors from Galva and Stark County high schools were honored with a bevy of scholarships in the past week as graduation nears.

Stark County awarded more than \$150,000 in scholarships to its graduating class. A complete list of Stark County scholarship winners will be printed in the May 16 edition.

Listed below are the Galva High School scholarship winners, who received their awards Sunday at the annual Galva Rotary Awards banquet.

The speaker was Abigail Jones, the salutatorian of the Galva High School class of 2021.

**2025 High School and Junior High Local Graduate Photos Inside**  
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### GALVA SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

• **Madison Bates**, daughter of Justin Bates and Christy Bates – Community State Bank of Galva Scholarship; The Sheldon and Dorothy Dornink Memorial Scholarship; Illinois State Scholar.

• **Jake Conrad**, son of Jake and Kaleena Conrad – The Bates and King Memorial Scholarship; Kenneth C. Speed Memorial English Award; IAA  
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## GALVA: City cleanup days will be June 16-21

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will be June 16 to June 21.

Anyone who is able and has a vehicle for hauling must take their items to the roll-off located behind the City Maintenance Building on SE 2nd St. Those not able to haul to the roll-off must have items on the curbside on June 16 by 7 a.m.

Plummer said workers will only pick up from a terrace one time. It was reported that one resident called four times last year for return visits. Plummer also noted that city workers will not go inside of houses, garages or anywhere in the yard, just on the terrace to get the items.

Hours are June 16-19 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., June 20 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and June 21 from 7 a.m. to noon.

Superintendent Greg Thompson reported the water department will flush hydrants May 19-30, but not over Memorial Day weekend.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported he is getting complaints about



Miss 2025 Galva Poppy girl is Journey Gilsan, 7, the daughter of Loerin Mallery and Bryce Gilsan. May 17 is Poppy Day in Galva. Journey sold a poppy to everyone present at Monday's City Council meeting. Photo by Carol Townsend.

idents not to give bank information out to solicitors.

Resident Mike Martin asked Townsend if the city could provide a police officer for this summer's Levitt AMP series of concerts. Townsend said he will meet with Martin in the next few days and try to work something out.

City Administrator David Dyer announced that the city and Allenia Space at 330 Front St. are running a contest to paint crosswalks. The City of Galva will provide paint for the winning designs. All entries are due by May 16 at noon. More information is available at the business or online at alleniadesign.com or the City of Galva's website (galvail.gov). Contest winners will be announced on May 19.

The Henry County Board is asking each municipality in the county to add something to a time capsule. Galva will submit a Christmas ornament, coin, key chain and a Levitt AMP item.

solicitors knocking on doors in Galva who do not have permits. In several incidents, solicitors asked for bank information. Townsend reminds res-

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## BISHOP HILL: Restoration 'moving forward'

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long time coming. Everyone remained steadfast and on message, and the restoration of the beautiful Bishop Hill site is indeed moving forward."

Previously, the CDB announced that JLK Architects had been selected to complete an architecture plan to restore several buildings at the Bishop Hill site.

### Free program on Henry County gunsmiths May 17

BISHOP HILL – The Bishop Hill Heritage Association will host a free program by Curt Johnson on gunsmiths of Henry County on May 17 at 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Blacksmith Shop at 203 N. Bishop St..

Johnson's presentation will be on Illinois gunsmiths, with an emphasis on Henry County gunmakers. Guns made by area gunsmiths will also be on display.

Johnson is a retired tool-and-die maker with a lifelong interest in antique firearms. His two-volume book set "Gunmakers of Illinois 1683-1900" has information on over 1,500 early Illinois gunsmiths.

To learn more, call the BHHA at (309) 927-3899 or email bhha@mymctc.net.

The Bishop Hill State Historic Site is a small village that includes a beautiful array of historic buildings, memorials, a park, and gazebo. The settlement dates back to 1846, when the community was founded by Swedish immigrants fleeing religious persecution.

Bishop Hill was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970 and listed in 1984 as a National Historic Landmark. Many of the buildings at Bishop Hill are in need of repairs, due to deferred maintenance, insufficient funding and neglect.

The buildings are owned by the State of Illinois and maintained by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Last year, the non-profit group Landmarks Illinois included Bishop Hill on its annual list of the 10 Most Endangered Historic Places in Illinois.

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### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 4-27 - Joshua S. Buhs - Expired registration.
- 5-1 - Stephen A. Smith - Uninsured vehicle.
- 5-4 - Logan S. Carruthers - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 4-28 - Damian J. Carroll, 35, Princeville, cited for operation of an uninsured vehicle and issued a notice to appear in court for unlawful possession of ammunition by a felon. Carroll's truck was impounded.
- 4-29 - A 17-year-old Kewanee teen cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55 zone and issued a court date.
- 4-29 - Alexis K. Purdy, 22, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 82 mph in a 55 zone. She was issued a court date to appear.
- 4-29 - Lucas R. Berg, 27, Wyoming, was cited for driving with no vehicle insurance.
- 4-30 - Dean E. Buttrum, 52, Pekin, cited for driving without insurance.
- 5-2 - Joshua R. Petty, 45, Toulon, issued a notice to appear for violation on an order of protection and driving without a vehicle front license plate.
- 5-3 - David Garza, 59, Kewanee, cited for disobeying a stop sign and driving with a revoked license.

### Knox County report

- 4-22 - A Galva woman was arrested on illicit-drugs charges following a suspicious incident near Altona.
- Roselyn A. Rebholz, 38, was a passenger in a Chrysler Town & Country minivan that caught the attention of a Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy about 8 p.m. in the 1600 block of Knox Highway 4. The vehicle had no license plates, according to a sheriff's-office report.
- The vehicle fled at high speed and stopped at a residence in the 2800 block of Knox Road 1600 East, where the deputy found it. A search of the vehicle revealed 20 hypodermic needles, a glass pipe and a bag of white powder that tested positive for methamphetamine, the report stated.
- Rebholz was accused of possession of meth and of drug paraphernalia. The driver, 35-year-old Joshua D. Carlson of Kewanee, was accused of driving with a suspended or revoked license no valid registration. He and Rebholz were transported to the Knox County Jail in Galesburg.
- 4-24 - Someone stole about \$200 worth of tools from a locked camper trailer parked west of LaFayette, according to authorities. The thefts were reported about 7 a.m. in the 2600 block of Illinois Route 180, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office re-

port. The owner said the lock was pried open overnight. He mentioned two possible suspects.

### Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 4-28 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave for a property-line dispute.
- 4-28 - to assist Henry County with traffic control for a chemical spill east of town. About 25 gallons of fertilizer was spilled and cleaned up.
- 4-28 - to the 300 block of SE 4th Street for a possible utility wire across the road. It was a traffic counter.
- 4-28 - Jessica Claves, 29, Kewanee, cited for having expired registration in the 100 block of NW 4th Ave.
- 4-29 - to assist Henry County with an abandoned vehicle east of town. Officer contacted the registered owner and made arrangements for the vehicle to be removed.
- 4-29 - to the 00 block of SW 8th Ave. for a low-speed vehicle inspection.
- 4-30 - to the 100 block of Main Street for a domestic disturbance.
- 4-30 - to the 900 block of West Division Street for a disorderly conduct/neighborhood dispute.
- 4-30 - to the intersection of Morgan Road and NW 1st Ave for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.
- 4-30 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a low-speed vehicle inspection.
- 4-30 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving juveniles standing on top of vehicles.
- 4-30 - Kody Beller, 30, Galva, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.
- 5-1 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. for an unknown complaint. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
- 5-1 - to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. for an animal complaint involving chickens running around with no fence or enclosure. The resident was advised to capture and relocate them.
- 5-1 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a solicitor complaint. Officer told the solicitor to obtain a permit or cease their activity.
- 5-1 - to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a runaway juvenile complaint. The subject returned home within a few minutes.
- 5-1 - to the 500 block of W. Division St. for a subject having a mental-health crisis. The subject was taken by ambulance for an evaluation.
- 5-1 - to the 300 block of NW 1st St. to remove unwanted subjects after a verbal disturbance. Brandon Swank, 29, and Jamie Howard, 36, Galva, were arrested for disorderly conduct and assault and served with a written banning notice and court dates.
- 5-1 - to the 100 block of SE 1st St. for a disabled and abandoned vehicle. Owner removed it the next morning.

- 5-2 - to the 100 block of Main St. for a trespassing complaint. A resident was served with a banning letter.
  - 5-2 - to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. for a complaint involving loose chickens. The chickens were found to be contained by a coop.
  - 5-2 - to the 900 block of NE 2nd St. for a property-line dispute.
  - 5-2 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.
  - 5-2 - to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for a complaint involving a child who wandered away from home. The child was reunited with family members within minutes.
  - 5-2 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd St. for a civil-property dispute.
  - 5-2 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a civil standby.
  - 5-3 - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a resident suffering from a mental-health crisis.
  - 5-3 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd St. for a property-line dispute.
  - 5-4 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. for a complaint involving a stray cat attacking a dog.
  - 5-4 - to the 600 block of S. Center Ave. for a crash detection notification from an I-phone. It was a false alarm.
  - 5-4 - to the 200 block of SE 6th Ave. to assist an elderly resident remove a bee from their residence.
  - 5-4 - to the SW 6th Ave. railroad crossing due to a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.
  - 5-4 - to the 800 block of W. Division St. for a loose-dog complaint.
  - 5-4 - to the 300 block of NE 1st St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.
  - 5-4 - to the 100 block of NW 1st St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint.
- ### Property Transfers
- 4-29 - Judith A. and Robert L. Beamer to Kathy Beamer - Pt. Sect. 16-12-5 SE - 3059 Township Rd. 292 E. Toulon - Consideration = \$0.
  - 4-29 - KJLK Properties LLC, Anne L. and Joseph K. Westart to Debra A. and Steven R. Krizan - Pt. Plus Ease Sect. 2-12-6 SE - Consideration = \$11,132.
  - 4-30 - Clara and Thomas J. Swearingen to Clara and Thomas J. Swearingen, Trustees and Swearingen, TJCJ Family Trust - John H. Drawer's Add'n. - Pts. Lot 13 - 119 Silver St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
  - 5-2 - Green Gables Inc. to Mitchell Alan Stange - Pt. Sect. 26-14-7 NE - 106 Lincoln St., Bradford - Consideration = \$67,500.
  - 5-2 - Gerald J. and Karin R. Orwig to Lace Adler Properties LLC - Grain Bin - Pt. Sect. 29-13-6 NE - 7642 Grain Bin Rd., Toulon - Consideration = \$335,000.

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# SCHOLARSHIPS: Seniors earn numerous honors

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Foundation Scholarship; Henry County Farm Bureau scholarship.

• **Tori Jo Conner**, daughter of Joe and Vicki Conner – Galva Lions Club H. Ray Young Memorial Science Scholarship; Galva Masonic Lodge Scholarship.

• **Makayla Craig**, daughter of Curtis and Heather Craig – Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award; Shanna Thomson Scholarship; River Valley Co-operative Scholarship.

• **Emma Farmer**, daughter of Zach Farmer and Liz Farmer – Beta Sigma Phi Xi Kappa Gamma Award; Christa Townsend Memorial Health Scholarship.

• **Shane Garcia**, son of Chris Garcia and Meg Sallee – Mary Evelyn Conelly Memorial Music Award; Dorothy Davis Talbot Memorial Music Scholarship; Jim Kiley Financial Freedom Scholarship; Sean Alan Collis Memorial Music and Theater Scholarship.

• **Josh Gravitt**, son of Mike and Debbie Gravitt – Galva Masonic



These Galva seniors were recognized Sunday for achieving a 3.5 GPA or higher for the first semester of the 2024-2025 school year (an asterisk denotes all As). Front row (left to right) are Lillian Wigant\*, Loreyn Robinson, Addison Moore\*, Emma Farmer, Makayla Craig\*, Tori Jo Conner, Cheyanne Bell and Madison Bates\*. Back from (l to r) are Shane Garcia, Dakota Olander, Jake Conrad, Joshua Gravitt and Cole Baulch. Absent Sunday were Olivia Hartman, Camron O'Brien, and Matthew Swank. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Lodge Scholarship; Sanford Bittle Memorial Athletic Scholarship.

• **Addison Moore**, daughter of Dan and Tina Moore – Edgewise Scholarship; Galva Arts Council Fine and Creative Arts Scholarship; The Janet and Ken Russell Scholarship; The Melissa Bates Memorial Scholarship; The Xavier Hartman Memorial Scholarship; Keppy Foundation and

Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement Award.

• **Lily Wigant**, daughter of Lucas and Rachel Wigant – Beta Sigma Phi Lambda Nu Chapter Award; Galva Lions Club Scholarship; Galva Rotary Scholarship; Health Professional Scholarship by Dr. Scott Bialobreski; PEO BR Chapter Award; Illinois State Scholar-

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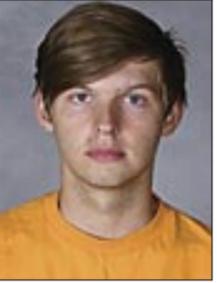
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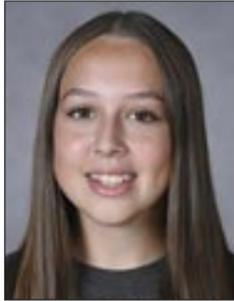
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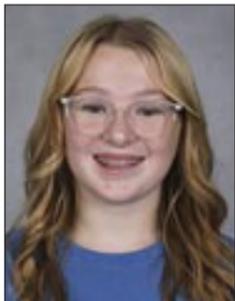
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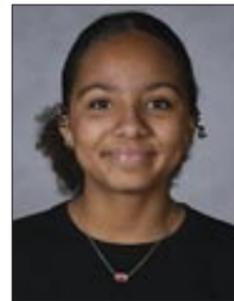
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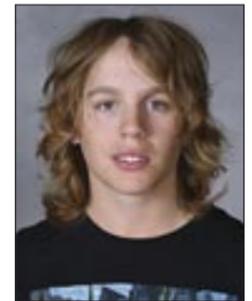
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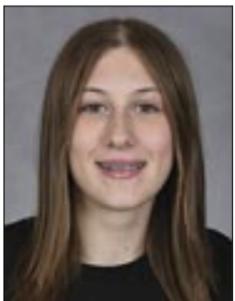
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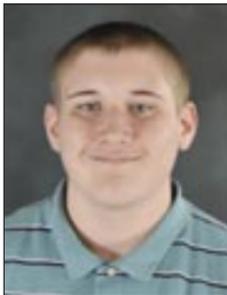
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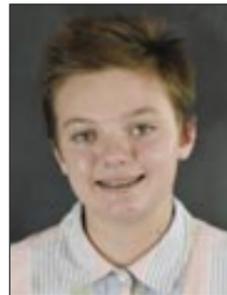
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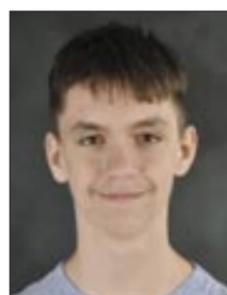
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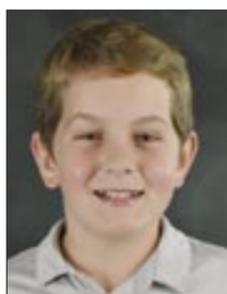
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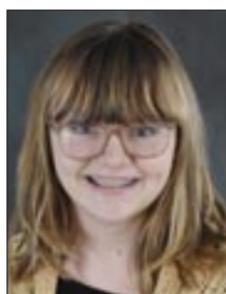
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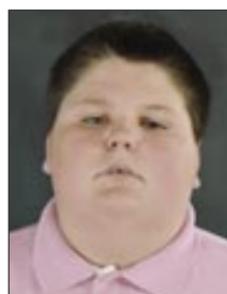
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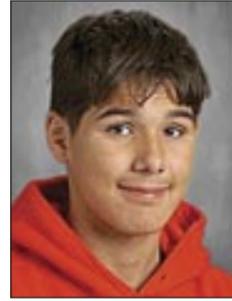
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The quilt show was started by Betty Robertson and Marilyn Nelson, who both owned and operated a quilt shop in Bishop Hill in the mid 1980s. The Bishop Art Council helped sponsor the event until 1990 when the club went solo.

Attendees will see all sizes of quilts, demonstrations and items from the corner store will be available for purchase.

Friday attendees help select winners in five categories. Each year, quilt club members select a charity to provide with homemade quilts and proceeds from the show. This year's charity is GROW ministries, which provides shelter for women who are homeless or abused.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$5.

### Memorial Day service set for Osceola Grove

OSCEOLA – The 109th annual Memorial Day service at the Osceola Community House and Osceola Grove Cemetery will be held on May 26 at 1 p.m.

State Rep. Travis Weaver will be the featured speaker. Musicians Patrick Sloan and Nolan Peterson will also perform. Refreshments will be served after the service.

### Et cetera

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• BISHOP HILL – Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton will perform a live concert with their folk duo project called TRASNA on Saturday, May 10 at Bishop Hill Creative Commons. The show will begin with a potluck dinner at 6 p.m., with music starting at 7 p.m., and is open to guests of all ages. A \$20-30 donation is suggested.

• BISHOP HILL – The Vasa National Archive, located at 109 S. Bishop Hill St., will host a non-



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## OBITUARIES

### Lou A. Johnston

ALTONA – Lou Ann Johnston of Altona, passed into heaven on May 2, 2025, at OSF Saint Mary Medical Center in Galesburg. She was 91 years old when she moved on to be with the Lord.

Lou Ann was born in Oneida to Elizabeth and Edmund Weech.

Upon graduating from Oneida High School, she married First Lieutenant Tracy Johnston in 1954. Lou Ann supported her husband's successful Air Force career for 21 years. They raised three children, Kathy Johnston, David (Lynn) Johnston and Mark Johnston in many homes throughout the continental United States.

Following their transition from the military, they managed Tracy's uncle's century-old farm and they continued farming together for over 30 years. After Tracy passed away, Lou Ann and her son Mark managed the family farm from 2011 to the present.

Lou Ann, a baptized believer and follower of Jesus Christ was a member of the First Baptist Church of Galva for over 20 years. She loved music and avidly supported the music ministries of the churches she attended, playing both the piano and organ.

Lou Ann is survived by her three loving children and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., Friday, May 9, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Bryan Greim officiating. A visitation will be



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held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. The burial will be in Oneida Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to the First Baptist Church of Galva or Gideons International.

### Cathleen S. Breese

WYOMING – Cathleen S. Breese, 72, of Wyoming, passed away at home, surrounded by her family, at 7:10 a.m. on Monday, May 5, 2025.

Cathy was born on March 17, 1953, in Kewanee to Donald G. and Cleo M. (Leadley) McCauley. She married Robert Michael "Mike" Breese on Oct. 2, 1971, in Wyoming; he survives.

Also surviving are their three children, Ryan (Erin) Breese of Wyoming, Marqué (David) Johnston of Wyoming and Cole (Kari) Breese of Huntley; 11 grandchildren, Evan (Courtney) Webber, Michaela Breese, Quinlan Breese, Kali (Daegan Porter) Breese, McCauley (Courtney) Johnston, Drake Johnston, Lindley Johnston, Coley Johnston, Taylor Breese, Kennedy Breese and Addyson Breese; two great-grandchildren, Myla Webber and Cleo Cathleen Breese; four siblings, Don (Diane) McCauley of Wyoming, Debbie (Dennis) VanDeSampel of Kewanee, Lori McCauley of Colorado Springs and Mark (Gloria) McCauley of Bradford; one sister-in-law, Mary McCauley of Wyoming; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, James McCauley.

Cathy was devoted to her faith. She

was a longtime member of St. Dominic Catholic Church, where she served as a choir director, cantor, lector and member of the Altar and Rosary Society.

She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Peoria Prairie Storytellers, National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century Chapter, Wyoming Library Book Club and was an original member of the Bishop Hill Knitters' Club.

Cathy worked her entire career for the U.S. Postal Service, retiring in 2011. She enjoyed reading, cooking, music and crossword puzzles in her free time. Above all else, Cathy loved time spent with her family. She attended all her kids' and grandkids' events, following them whenever she could. Cathy also looked forward to the winters spent in North Fort Myers, Fla., with her husband and their Swan Lake community.

Her funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, May 9, 2025, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. The Rev. John Baptist Uwigaba and the Rev. Corey Krengiel will officiate. Visitation was to be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. A rosary service was to be held at 4:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Dominic Catholic Church or the Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary.

Condolences may be left for Cathy's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



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## REAL ESTATE AND AUCTIONS

### 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 NON-RECORD 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. 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/ Lynne M. Binkele 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

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Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty  
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Rev. Rebecca Gearhart  
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Pastor Rebecca Klemm  
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.  
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ESTATE OF:  
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 No. 2025PR41  
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**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of Donna Mae Anderson. Letters of Office were issued on April 8, 2025, to Lloyd Anderson 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 8, 2025.

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

ESTATE OF:  
 Sandra J. Lang,  
 No. 2025PR43  
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**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

Notice is given of the death of

Sandra J. Lang. Letters of Office were issued on April 21, 2025, to Sarah Garcia as 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:  
 Daniel L. Evans,  
 No. 2025PR44  
 Deceased

**CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)**

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.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the Board of Education, Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, in the Counties of Bureau, Marshall and Stark, State of Illinois, that the amended Budget for said School District for the fiscal year, beginning July 1, 2024, is on file beginning May 13, 2025 and is conveniently available for public inspection at the Unit Office, 115 High Street, Bradford, Illinois.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that a Public Hearing on said budget will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 24th day of June 2025, at the Grade School, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, Illinois.

Dated this 2nd day of May 2025.  
 By Jessica Petersen,  
 Board Secretary

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN me, a Notary Public, on the 2nd day of May 2025. Notary Public Stark County, Illinois. My commission expires: May 31, 2028.  
 /s/ Andrea Jo Scott  
 5/9/25

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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 NON-RECORD 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;

AND  
 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.

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# Stark Co. girls track team wins Titan Invite

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

Stark County girls track and field enjoyed a first-place team trophy, more school records and plenty of individual and relay wins in the past week.

The Lady Rebels placed first at the AW Titan Invite on May 2 at Wethersfield, scoring 175 points to outpace runnerup ROWVA-Williamsfield's 124 points.

Top finishes were plentiful for Stark County. Individual winners included Chelsey Stotler in shot put (12.4 meters), Claire Bowser in the 100-meter hurdles (19.3 seconds), Sarah Kraklow in the 400 with a personal record time of 1:03.67, Cheyenh Smith in the 800 (2:23.67) and Dusti Smith in the 1,600 (PR, 5:12.45).

Smith's 1,600 time at Wethersfield was a school record that she broke again Monday in the Lincoln Trail Conference Frosh-Soph meet at Princeville with a time of 5:09.05.

Relay winners at the Titan Invite were the 4x400 of Kraklow, Paytin Terwilliger, Cheyenh Smith, and Dusti Smith (4:16.83) and the 4x800 relay of Kraklow, Terwilliger, Cheyenh Smith and Dusti Smith (10:10.78).

Individuals who placed second for the Lady Rebels were Lauren Orwig in shot put (11.5m) and discus 35.95m, Paul'yna Barnwell in the long jump (4.27m) and 100 (13.56), Darilis Knobloch in the

## Rebels athletes enjoy first meet at track

TOULON – Stark County athletes enjoyed their first meet in the school's new track and field complex on April 29, according to Coach Clint Terwilliger.

"It was great having a meet in our own back yard," he said. "I want to see a huge shoutout to everyone who ran a field event and helped with the timing. It had been at least 10 years since we hosted anything."

"It takes a village to run one smoothly."

Terwilliger said one of the evening's most impressive showings was by Chelsey Stotler, who had a shot put throw of 43 feet, 4.5 inches – an improvement of more than 3 feet on her own schools record.

1,600 (6:08.89) and Alexis Martinez in the 3,200 (13.40.77).

For the boys team Evan Knobloch won the 3,200 in 9:59.51, a time he topped at Monday's LTC frosh-soph meet where he won in 9:54.71.

Second-place finishers for the boys were Nolan Snider in shot put (13.46m), Audon Frihetsli in discus (PR, 40.85 meters) and the 4x100 relay of Braxtten Gibson, Louis O'Byrant, Justin Warner and Riley Masters (48.55).

On May 6, Stark County competed at the Brockman Invite in Ke-

wanee.

Stotler won in shot put (11.7m), Cheyenh Smith won in the 1,600 (5:22.41) and the 4x400 relay of Kraklow, Terwilliger, Martinez and Cheyenh Smith won in 4:27.46.

Placing second were Orwig in shot put (11.0m) and discus (35.4m), Claire Bowser in high jump (1.49m) and Barnwell in long jump (4.86m.)

Top boys finisher was Snider in shot put (13.18m).

Stark County is to compete at the LTC varsity meet today, May 9, at Wethersfield.

The girls compete in the Class 1A sectional on May 14 at Mercer County and are among the favorites to place first. The Lady Rebels rank first in the sectional field for the 4x800 relay, the 3,200 and the 800; hold the top three spots for shot put; and own the top two positions for discus and the 1,600.

• **Galva track** – Reid Harris won the long jump at the AW Titan Invite on May 2 with a leap of 5.52 meters and was second in high jump after clearing 1.7 meters. The next best boys finish was by Blaiden Brose, who placed fourth in the 400 (59.53).

For the girls, Maddie Bates was third in triple jump (9.08m) and fourth in the 100 (14.54).

Galva competes in the LTC meet today, May 9, and will host the Pam Foley Memorial Invite on Monday, May 12.

# SPORTS: Rebels baseball seeded 9th, Galva 10th

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Tommy Funke drove in three runs for Galva, going 2-for-3. Stahl also had two hits and drove in a run. Smith, Dowell-Keup and Gage Simo-neaux each recorded one hit.

The Rebels lost 11-0 at Henry last Friday, picking up just three singles.

The Rebels lashed out 16 hits and got solid pitching in a 12-6 Lincoln Trail win at West Central on April 30. With a 7-6 advantage going into the seventh, the visitors scored five runs.

Browning was 4-for-5 at the plate with four RBI and a triple. Sparks drove in two and ripped a triple. Blair Daum and Snider each drove in two runs. Kaedon Steelman hit three singles. Holmstrom hit a double.

"(Browning) was unstoppable at the plate today," Stark County Coach Scott Paxson said.

Sparks threw five solid innings, striking out eight, walking two, yielding two earned runs and three hits. Kaedon Steelman and Blair Daum relieved and held the hosts at bay.

"Sparks gave us a great start while Kaedon and Blair held off a rush from West Central," Paxson said.

Stark County lost 11-1

at Bureau Valley on April 29 after managing three hits. Jason Knowles drove in the only run. Connor Daum was 2-for-3.

The next game for the Rebels is a Lincoln Trail matchup Saturday at ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Stark County has been assigned the No. 9 seed in its sub-sectional of the Class 1A Peru St. Bede Sectional. Stark County and Putnam County are regional hosts. St. Bede is top seed. Regional play is to start on May 19.

• **Galva baseball** – The Wildcats lost 12-0 at home to LVC on Friday and were limited to three

hits, two by Dowell-Keup

Galva traveled to Bushnell-Prairie City on April 29 and brought back a 4-2 win. The game was tied 2-2 until Galva scored twice in the seventh.

Funke pitched six innings, yielding four hits and two earned runs while fanning eight. Hulstrom saved the win.

Keys for the GHS offense were an RBI and a double from Dowell-Keup, an RBI from Gustafson and an RBI oby Funke. Hulstrom and Louck each clubbed a triple.

The Wildcats are next at Lincoln Trail opponent

West Central tomorrow (Friday).

Galva is seeded No. 10 in its sub-sectional of the Class 1A Peru St. Bede Sectional.

• **Galva softball** – Annawan-Wethersfield held Galva to three hits Tuesday in a 12-0 victory. Galva (3-12) committed eight errors. Kaylyn Gale was 2-for-3 for the Wildcats.

They are seeded eighth in their Woodhull sub-sectional, the same one in which Stark County is playing.

Galva is to play a doubleheader Saturday at Bureau Valley.

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# Prairie News Sports

## Stark Co. softball heats up

### Lady Rebels win 3 straight; Galva and Rebels baseball split

By NICK VLAHOS and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

As of earlier this week, Stark County was on a winning streak.

The Lady Rebels (10-11) made it three in a row Tuesday, when they walked off Ridgewood 3-2. Sophie Finnegan's two-out single in the seventh inning drove in Jacey Endress with the winning run.

Ridgewood led 1-0 before Hallie Newton's two-run double in the sixth gave Stark County the lead. Ridgewood tied it again in the seventh. Stark County won despite being outthit 12-4.

Newton was 3-for-3 with three RBI the previous day, when Stark County beat Peoria High 20-3. The Rebels had eight runs in the first inning and seven in the second. Abby Nagode, Kenna Newton, Hailey Peterson and Addy Westphal each drove in two. Stark County pitchers allowed only one hit.

The Illinois High School Association re-

leased Class 1A state-tournament seeds Tuesday, and Stark County was fifth in its nine-team Woodhull sub-sectional. Henry was first. Biggsville West Central was first in the other sub-sectional. Annawan-Wethersfield and Fulton are regional hosts.

Regional play is to begin May 19. Pairings are available on the IHSA website.

Stark County is to play a doubleheader Saturday against Monmouth United.

#### • Stark Co. baseball –

The Rebels (7-17) split a home doubleheader on Saturday vs. Galva with a 3-2 loss followed by a 7-5 victory.

Stark County had a shot in the opener thanks to strong pitching from Kaedon Steelman, who fanned nine in 6.1 innings and allowed four hits and no earned runs. But five errors and only four hits (by Steelman, Chase Holmstrom, Khaiden Turnbull and Wyatt Snider) made the difference.

Galva (4-13-1) got good pitching and defense in the opening game. Braxton Hulstrom relieved to save the game for MJ Louck, who pitched 6.2 innings with 12 strikeouts, five hits and no earned runs.

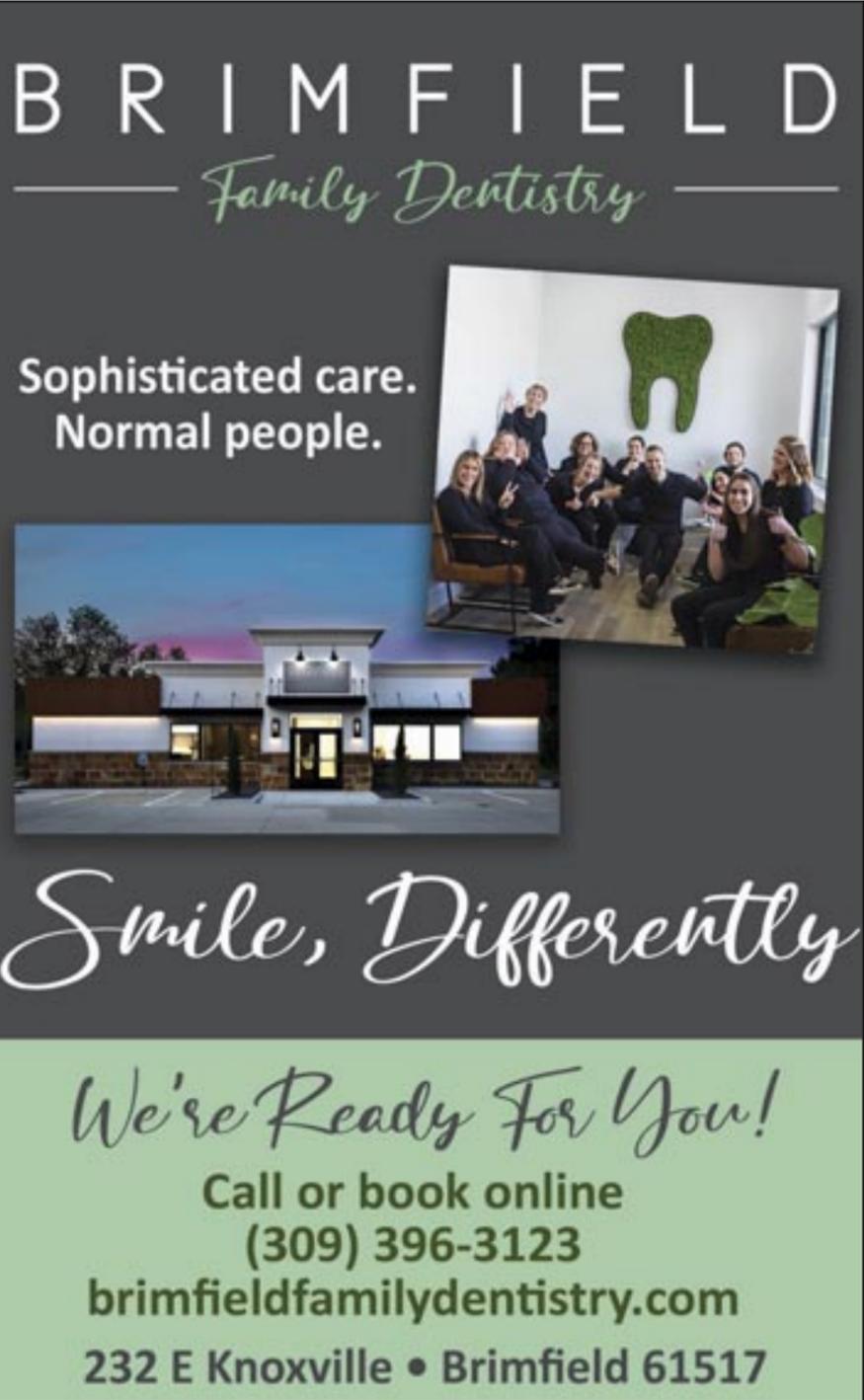
Key RBI came from Alec Gustafson and Jay Smith (one each). Blake Stahl batted 2-for-4 and Ty Dowell-Keup had a hit.

Stark County kept the pressure on in the 7-5 nightcap victory by scoring in every inning but the fourth. Keegan Sparks drove in two runs. Blair Daum drove in one score. Brayden Woith recorded one RBI and a double. Connor Daum also doubled.

Daum pitched five frames, giving up six hits, two earned runs while whiffing eight opposing hitters. Ben Browning threw two innings. He yielded one hit and no walks while fanning four.

Galva scored either one or two runs in each frame except for the fourth.

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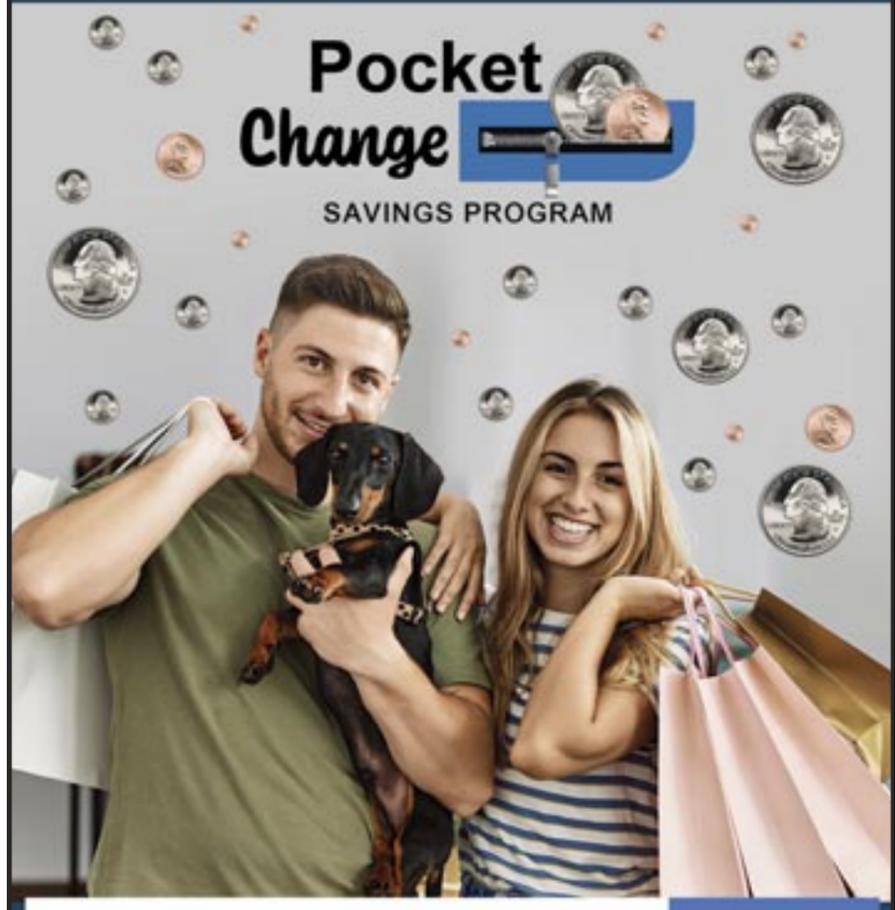
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