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Galva OKs 20-year deal with Ameren

Council updated on playground

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council unanimously approved a 20-year franchise agreement with Ameren at Monday’s meeting.

The \$139,080 agreement is for Ameren’s gas mains that are located in the City of Galva’s right of way. Payments are \$9,300 for the first year, \$8,700 for the second year, \$8,700, \$8,160 for the third year \$7,590 for the fourth year and \$7,020 for the fifth year through the



Pictured above is an artist's rendition of playground equipment recently ordered to replace equipment that was damaged in Galva's Wiley Park.

end of the deal.

The council also heard an update on new playground equipment for Wiley Park from Pat Pueblo, a recreation consultant. A video of the equipment is to be available on the city’s website.

One bid was received and unanimously approved to sell the lot at 214 NW 1st Ave. for \$1,140 to

Judy Crystal. Another bid was opened and unanimously approved to sell a water department-tool truck for \$1,550 to Joe Hoenig.

City Administrator David Dyer and Street Superintendent Richard Plummer discussed Galva’s current street sweeper, a 2001 model that has no brakes and for which parts

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Galva man arrested

Cavanagh faces 9 child-porn charges

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

GALVA – A Galva man arrested on Jan. 29 faces nine felony charges of possession of child sexual abuse material.

Mason J. Cavanagh, 31, of Galva was arrested at the Kewanee Life Skills Re-Entry Center after officers executed a search warrant at his residence in the 200 block of SW 6th St. in Galva. Canavagh has worked as an account technician for the Illinois Department of Corrections.

Officers discovered images and videos on multiple electronic devices in Cavanagh’s residence, Galva Police Officer Scott Keithley said.

Cavanagh is being held without bond in the Henry

County Jail in Cambridge. He waived his preliminary hearing on Monday and is scheduled for a jury pre-trial hearing Feb. 19 at 11 a.m. in the Henry County Courthouse in Cambridge.



Cavanagh

Cavanagh’s arrest was the culmination of a multi-agency investigation started when the Galva Police Department received information regarding suspected criminal activity.

According to a news release from the Galva Police Department, as the investigation progressed,

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Pritzker pushes to fully fund pensions

By BEN SZALINSKI
Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker is continuing to push a plan he introduced two years ago to reform Illinois pensions.

The governor announced on Monday he is reviving a plan he introduced during his 2024 budget address that calls for fully funding pensions by 2048 and changing benefits calculations to comply with Social Security requirements. Despite years of negotiations that began even before Pritzker made his pitch, the General Assembly has not moved forward on Pritzker’s or anyone else’s pension reform plans.

The hallmark of the plan calls for fully funding pensions by 2048,

rather than reaching 90% funding by 2045 like current state law calls for.

The governor also wants direct surpluses in the state fund that’s dedicated to paying out tax refunds to the pension system, once all refunds are paid to taxpayers. Surpluses in that fund after tax season otherwise go to general fund operations under current law. But Pritzker’s plan would ensure they go to pay pension debt.

Illinois is also working to pay down a series of unrelated bonds by 2030 and 2033. Once those are paid off, Pritzker wants to use the revenues that had been dedicated to bond repayment to pay down pension debt.

Pritzker also wants lawmakers to

extend the state’s pension buyout program for another two years through fiscal year 2028. The program has already been extended twice since it was created in 2018 and has reduced the state’s pension liability by \$2.9 billion, according to the governor’s office. They predict extending the program will reduce the unfunded liability by another \$1.4 billion.

The state has also run into problems providing adequate benefits for people who were hired after 2010. The benefits, known as Tier 2, have raised concerns about compliance with Social Security and fairness to public employees. Federal law re-

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CITIZEN SPOTLIGHT



Bill Morrissey of Wyoming, pictured with his wife, Karen, was recently honored by State Rep. Travis Weaver in his Citizen Spotlight feature. The Morrissey family has owned Morrissey Appliance in Wyoming since 1959 and Bill was praised for his many contributions to the community.



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GALVA: Wirth working to resolve railroad issue

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are no longer available. Dyer priced a new street sweeper at \$278,963 and said a used 2019 model is \$194,500. No action was taken.

John McArthur, a water employee, reported that the water department will miss outgoing superintendent Greg Thompson and his wealth of knowledge from a 46-year career with the city. He said new water superintendent Jake McClintic had to handle a water-main break on his first day.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that with tax season here, IRS scams are starting. He said the IRS will never contact anyone through social media and never asks for money to be wired to them.

Dyer thanked Second Ward Alderman John Wirth for stepping up to try to solve the issue of railroad crossings that are frequently blocked by trains in Galva. Wirth has worked for the railroad for 25 years and knows who to call when crossings are blocked.

It was reported that most of the trains blocking crossings are coming to the Big River Resources ethanol plant. Sometimes the trains leave one crossing open and sometimes they block all of them. Ambulance and fire personnel are not notified if a crossing is open or not. This creates a potentially life-threatening situation for those in need of immediate medical attention or rescue from a fire.

Alderman Wirth is also working with the Galva Ready to Grow committee to select a residence each month that is making improvements. The City will award each winner with a \$100 gift card.

Dyer reported that Galva has received several grants from Trees Forever. The first grant is for \$8,400 to purchase trees and \$29,170 to do an inventory of the trees in Galva.

Dyer said the city will apply for an annual \$25,000 grant to take down dead trees and trees that have been damaged.

The Galva Cemetery spring clean-up is scheduled for March 29 through April 3. All flowers must be removed if they are to be saved. Statues can remain, according to Plummer, but broken statues will be removed.

First Ward Alderman Jeff Olson thanked the community for the well wishes, prayers and monetary donations for his grandson, Job, during his heart surgery and since his return home. “It was very moving,” he said.

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CAVANAGH: Felony charges

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Galva requested additional assistance. Other agencies involved include the Kewanee Police Department, Henry County Sheriff’s Department, Henry County State’s Attorney’s Office, Moline Police Department, Homeland Security Investigations, Illinois Attorney General’s Office Divisions of Forensics and the Illinois Attorney General’s Office of Investigations division.

The investigation remains active and additional charges are expected pending review by the Henry County State’s Attorney Office.

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1-27 - Gabriel M. Hubbard, 45, Buda, was cited for speeding 74 mph in a 55 zone.

1-28 - Keon A. Willis, 24, East Moline, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone and for possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle by the driver. He was issued a court date.

1-30 - Kennie A. Young Jr., 27, Peoria, was ticketed for driving on a suspended vehicle registration and for operation of an uninsured vehicle. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

1-30 - Kari L. Sanders, 37, Sterling, was cited for possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle by a passenger. She was issued a court date.

2-1 - A 16-year-old Bradford teen was cited following a traffic stop for driving a vehicle without a valid registration and for improper use of vehicle registration. His vehicle was impounded and he was issued a court date.

Galva Report
Officer dispatched:

1-26 - to the 500 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was impounded and the owner was later contacted and signed over the dog for adoption.

1-26 - to follow up on a trespassing complaint from the previous day in the 700 block of SE 1st St.

1-27 - to assist Stark County Medic by driving the ambulance to a local hospital during a medical emergency on Trolley Road.

1-27 - to an activated burglar alarm in the 200 block of SW 2nd



Ave. It was determined to be a false alarm.

1-27 - to the 800 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. Officer spoke to a subject who confirmed they had permission to be there.

1-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SE 2nd St., Michael Guerrero, 33, Kewanee, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. He was released with a court date.

1-27 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to assist a subject who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

1-28 - to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. for an attempted scam complaint.

1-28 - Officers from several agencies conducted a search warrant on a residence in the 200 block of SW 6th St.

1-29 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. to assist a business.

1-29 - to the 500 block of West Division St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer was not able to locate.

1-30 - to the NE 6th Ave. railroad

tracks for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

1-30 - to the 600 block of NW 7th St. for a telephone-harassment complaint.

1-30 - to a residence on NE 6th Ave. for a welfare check. The resident was located in a local hospital.

1-30 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a verbal-domestic disturbance.

1-30 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. A subject needed directions, which were provided.

1-31 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. The owner was updating a cell phone and accidentally called.

1-31 - to the east edge of town for a reckless driving complaint. The suspect vehicle was located, but no violations were observed.

1-31 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a 911 hang up-complaint. It was determined to be a child playing with a phone.

1-31 - to a residence on NE 9th St. for a suicidal subject who had made threats to a friend over the phone. Officer was able to contact the suspect by phone, but they denied being in the Galva area.

2-1 - Officer met with a subject at the Galva Police Department to update their annual sex offender registration. A completed copy was emailed to Henry County for LEADS entry.

2-1 - to the 100 block of SW 4th St. for a telephone-harassment complaint.

2-1 - to a walk-in complainant at the Galva Police Department in reference to a neighbor dispute.

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WYOMING – First Baptist Church of Wyoming will open its food pantry at the WyHi building on Sunday, Feb. 8, from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Please use the door in the north alley and bring your own boxes and bags. The pantry is scheduled to be open every Sunday.

PENSIONS: Lawmaker action remains uncertain

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quires governments to provide benefits that are at least equal to Social Security. If a pension system fails to meet that "Safe Harbor" requirement, courts could force the employer, in this case the state, to make up the difference.

Whether or not lawmakers take immediate action on Tier 2 reform, added costs are likely on the horizon.

Pritzker's plan calls for adjusting the pensionable earnings cap to be equal to the Social Security wage base and put Tier 2 in compliance with Social Security requirements.

Lawmakers allocated \$75 million in this year's budget to cover costs to help bring benefits into compliance. The state's pension systems have told lawmakers they aren't sure of the total cost.

Where it stands

It's not clear what will move forward on pensions during the spring session, if anything. Lawmakers have vetted Pritzker's proposal, as well as proposals from labor unions, over several years.

The We Are One coalition, a group of unions asking lawmakers to reform Tier 2 to comply with "Safe Harbor" and make benefits more attractive to workers, said Pritzker's continued push for his plan ignores "the growing recruitment and retention crisis driven by the inadequate Tier 2 pensions."

A bill passed a House committee in October, that called for lowering the minimum retirement age for many Tier 2 employees, raising the salary cap to equal the Social Security wage base and better cost-of-living adjustments and final average salary calculations for workers.

Pritzker said the bill needs "a lot more work" before it's ready to go.

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Case No. 2026FC1

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07-01-104-003
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CBI BANK & TRUST d/b/a F&M BANK, Plaintiff,
vs.
RICK K. MCGHEE; ANITA M. MCGHEE; CAPITAL ONE BANK, N.A.; CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE; STATE OF ILLINOIS, DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; DISCOVER BANK; COMMERCE BANK; LVNV FUNDING, LLC; PARTIES IN POSSESSION; INTERESTED PERSONS; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants.
CASE NO. 2025 FC 2

NOTICE OF SALE
(735 I.L.C.S. Sec. 5/15-1507(c))
Public notice is hereby given to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause that the property hereinafter described, or so much thereof 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 Ian Smith, telephone number 309-344-2563.
2. The legal description of the real estate is:
Commencing at a point One Hundred Fifty-One (151) feet West of the Southeast corner of Block "V" of

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

ESTATE OF **ELDA J. PINNICK**, Deceased
No. 2025PR115

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Elda J. Pinnick. Letters of Office were issued on January 20, 2026, to Robert L. VerHeecke, as Independent Administer whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the **office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the representative, or both on or before **July 20, 2026**. Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Name Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Administrator
Address P.O. Box 165
City Galva, IL 61434
Phone (309) 932-2001

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

Estate of **KEVIN M. DUYTSCHAUER**,
Deceased
No. 2025PR125

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Kevin M. Duytschaver**. Letters of Office were issued on **January 7, 2026**,, to **Angela R. Carey, as Independent Administrator** whose attorneys are **Barash & Everett, LLC**.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the **clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the representative, or both on or before **July 19, 2026**. Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
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everettr@barashlaw.com

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Giles C. Dana's Addition to Wyoming, Illinois; running thence North One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) feet; thence West Fifty (50) feet; thence South One Hundred Forty-Eight (148) feet; thence East Fifty (50) feet to the Place of Beginning; also the use of a strip of land Thirteen and One-Half (13 1/2) feet in width lying North of land herein described and North of the tracts heretofore deeded to Frank M. Colgan and Hariet M. Peard, to be used as a private alley only, Stark County, Illinois.
PIN: 04-36-314-009

3. The common address or other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
104 East Park Street, Wyoming, IL 61491

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is as follows:
Single Family Dwelling

5.The time and place of sale is:
March 10, 2026 at 10:00a.m. at the Stark County Courthouse in Toulon, Illinois.

6. The terms of the sale are payment in full in cash at the time of sale.

7. The case title, case number and court in which the foreclosure action was filed is pending is shown above.

8. Title to the real estate will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes, which are a lien upon the real estate, special assessments,

if any, easements and restrictions of record and subject to leases of tenants in possession of the premises.
Dated this 26th day of January, 2026.
/s/ Douglas R. Lindstrom, Jr.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE
10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
STARK COUNTY - 130 WEST MAIN
STREET TOULON, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF BOBBIE J. WALTERS
DECEASED.
Case No. 2026PR2.

PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION
State of Illinois,
In the Matter of the Petition for Letters of Administration upon the estate of **BOBBIE J. WALTERS**, deceased. Case No. 2026PR2.
Public Notice is hereby given that an amended application or petition has been filed by GITSIT SOLUTIONS, LLC in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois.Probate division showing that the above named decedent, who resided in Stark County, Illinois, died on September

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

In the Matter of the Estate of **Eleanor A. Addis**,
Deceased.
No. 2026PR1

NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Notice is given of the death of Eleanor A. Addis on **September 1, 2025**, and that Letters Testamentary were issued on **January 15, 2026**, to James D. Addis, whose attorneys are **Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, 300 Hamilton Blvd., P.O. Box 6199, Peoria, IL 61601**. Claims may be filed within six months from the date of issuance of Letters of Office or within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice of Claim Date, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is **barred** as to the estate which is inventoried within that period.
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, and copies thereof mailed or delivered to said legal representative and to said attorneys of record. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission, any heir or legatee may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 5/6-21 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 5/8-1 of the Probate Act of 1975 (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.
Dated this 22nd day of January, A.D. 2026.
HEYL, ROYSTER, VOELKER & ALLEN
By:___/s/Timothy W. Kirk
Attorneys for Executor of the Estate of Eleanor A. Addis, Deceased
Timothy W. Kirk
Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen
P.O. Box 6199
Peoria, IL 61601-6199
Telephone: (309) 676-0400

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

Estate of **Russell McConnell**,
Deceased
No. 2026PR10

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Russell McConnell**. Letters of Office were issued on **January 29, 2026**, to **Elizabeth McConnell 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 **July 29, 2026**. Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.
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06, 2021 ad that said decedent left surviving, any Unknown heirs, as the only heirs at law.
Notice is hereby given to UNKNOWN HEIRS OF BOBBIE J. WALTERS, and to all whom it may concern, that the said above named petitioner prays that Letters of Administration be granted to Shawn P. Ryan and that said Petition has been set for hearing, and proof of heirship of said petition will be offered to the **Circuit Court of Stark County, Probate Division, Stark**

County Courthouse 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, on **March 13, 2026 at 10:00 AM** or as soon thereafter as counsel or the matter can be heard, at which time and place you may attend if you see fit.
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229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
Phone (309) 286-2224
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

LaFayette Methodist Church

Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

West Jersey United Methodist Church

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

Elmira United Presbyterian Church

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Services each Sunday at 9 a.m.
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The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
website: www.thegathering.life/
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1st Congregational Church of Toulon

Reverend David Graham
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon • (309) 286-4901
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fcctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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Pastor Marshall Jones
211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434
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Rev. Shawna Marsh
Sunday School: 10 a.m., All ages • Sunday Worship: 11 a.m.
Wednesday Prayer & Fellowship 5:30 to 6:30
Thursday Kids Club 5:30 to 7 p.m.
Baby Connection: Wednesday and Thursdays 9 - 11 a.m.
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First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491
(309) 695-4091
Sunday Worship 10 a.m.
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Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com
1-309-932-3346
Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434 • (309) 932-2460
preachinghope@gmail.com
galvafirst@gmail.com
Sunday Worship: 9:0 a.m.

Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer
716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL
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Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191
Father Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287. 309-606-9027
Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
Service is held at 10 a.m. Sunday morning.

Bradford Leet United Methodist Church

Boyd's Grove United Methodist Church

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Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyanet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421
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Rev Dan Wright
309-897-8113 309-507-1626
thewrights62@hotmail.com

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OBITUARIES

Kathleen M. DeCrane

GALVA – Kathleen M. DeCrane, 96, a resident of the Hillcrest Home in Geneseo, formerly of Galva, died at 12 p.m., Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2026 at Hillcrest Home.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1929, in Wyoming, Ill., the daughter of Cecil and Mildred (Anderson) Kitterman. She married John P. DeCrane on Nov. 27, 1948, in Wyoming and he preceded her in death in February 1990.

Survivors include her children, Chuck (Kathy) DeCrane of Galva, Sally DeCrane and her fiancé Mike of Kewanee and Tom “Toby” (Eileen) DeCrane of Plano, Ill.; six grandchildren, Casey, Brenda, Micheal, Tabitha, Jessica and Nicky; 14 great-grandchildren; a daughter-in-law, Shelly DeCrane of Galva; and her sisters-in-law, Martha Kitterman of Wyoming and Judy Kitterman and Bonnie Clark, both of Galva.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, John Ray DeCrane and Dean DeCrane; daughter Betty in infancy; grandson Brian DeCrane; and siblings Betty, Nola, Darlene, Ken and Dean.

Kathleen was a homemaker and worked as a cook at Maxwell’s Market in Woodhull. She enjoyed baking, crocheting, word-search puzzles and watching old Westerns. She loved her dogs and cherished the time spent with her family.



DeCrane

Graveside services were to be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 31 at Galva Cemetery with Pastor Russell Collister officiating.

Memorials in her honor may be made to the Galva Puppy Fund c/o Stevens Veterinary Clinic in Galva. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

Steven C. Warner

TULSA, Okla. – Steven Carl Warner, 75, passed away Jan. 27, 2026, at Sherwood Manor in Tulsa, Okla. He was born Sept. 25, 1950, in Kewanee, Ill. His parents were Carl Warner and Dorothy Ferns McDowell. Steven married Cheryl Arbuckle in 1979.

Survivors include a daughter, Melissa (Chris) Constant; a granddaughter, Taeran Gravatt; and four great-grandchildren, Jensen, Amber, Rylee and Amaya Gravatt. He is also survived by his sister Linda (Rod Johnson) Schwartzkopf, one niece, three nephews, cousins and friends.

Steven attended Galva, Ill., schools. He worked in the area before moving to Oklahoma.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Carol Warner Bradshaw; a great-grandson, Roman Gravatt; a brother-in-law, Dan Schwartzkopf; and two nephews, Micheal Schwartzkopf and Christopher Bradshaw.

Serenity Funeral Home, Tulsa, Okla. is in charge of arrangements. Interment will be at a later date in Pleasant View Cemetery in Kewanee, Ill.

Shonna R. Helms

CAMBRIDGE – Shonna R. Helms, 45, of Cambridge, passed away Feb 1, 2026 at the home of her mother in Neponset.

She was born Dec. 12, 1980, in Princeton, the daughter of Michael William and Lucretia Ann (Thumma) Sloan. She married Robert W. Helms on April 16, 2005, and they later divorced.

Survivors include her mother, Lucretia Sloan of Neponset; her two sons, Conner Helms and Colton Helms, both of Cambridge; a brother, Joshua Sloan of Kewanee; uncles, Chuck (Ginger) Thumma of Neponset and Steve (Jill) Sloan of Wyoming; several cousins; and her special friend, Chad Simaytis of Kewanee.

She was preceded in death by her father, maternal grandparents, Charles and Millie Thumma and paternal grandparents, Leo and Barbara Sloan.

Shonna graduated from Wethersfield High School and obtained her bachelor’s degree in social work from Illinois State University and had worked at Kewanee Hospital, Winning Wheels, Mary Davis Home in Galesburg and for Braveheart. She was currently the office manager for the building and zone division at the Henry County Courthouse.

Funeral services were to be held at 1 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 5, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Pastor Lisa Unger officiating. A visitation was to be from 11 a.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home. Burial was to follow at Floral Hill Cemetery in Neponset.

REAL ESTATE AND AUCTIONS

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Dated this 26th day of January, 2026.
/s/Douglas R. Lindstrom, Jr.

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Charvat to lead Stark Co. emergency communications

For The Prairie News
TOULON – Joe Charvat was officially appointed as director of the Stark County Emergency Communications Center last month. Stark County Sheriff Chuck Demetreon nominated Charvat, who was then formally recognized



Charvat

by the Stark County Board. Charvat has more than 10 years of experience as a firefighter, having served as captain, assistant chief and fire chief of the Wyoming Fire Protection District. He is currently a lieutenant for the Akron-Princeville Fire Department. He has also worked as an auxiliary police officer and previously worked as a part-time dispatcher at the Stark County

center in 2020 and 2022. • **Chief Deputy** – Matt Shipp has been appointed as chief deputy of the Stark County Sheriff's Office. Shipp has more than two decades of experience in law enforcement and has been a sergeant in the

Sheriff's Office since 2022. He has also served two stints in the U.S. Marines, worked as a Black Hawk College officer, worked in Peoria County in 2002 before joining the Stark County department as a road deputy in 2003.

Wyoming man's arrest briefly closes schools

For The Prairie News
KEWANEE – The arrest of a Wyoming man on a warrant Tuesday led to a brief closure of Visitation Catholic School and Irving Elementary School, according to a report by the Kewanee Voice. Kewanee Police Chief Stephen Kijanowski told The Voice that Andrew J. Egelston, 20, of Wyoming was arrested by Kewanee police on a Bureau County warrant for charged of armed robbery, aggravated vehicle hijack and aggravated kidnapping. The schools were closed for about 10 minutes as a precaution. The Voice reported that Kewanee police assisted the U.S. Marshalls Fugitive Task Force in the operation. The task force tracks

people wanted on warrants. Egelston is also named in warrants out of Peoria County.

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Galva boys win 10th straight

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News

In its last four games, Galva boys basketball has been far from perfect from the 3-point line. But in its last 10 games, Galva has been perfect regarding the bottom line.

MJ Louck had 22 points Tuesday night and Blake Stahl scored 16 as host Galva extended its winning streak to double digits by beating Stark County 78-45. The Wildcats led 23-10 after one quarter and by about 30 at halftime on their way to a 19-6 record, 8-0 in the Lincoln Trail Conference.

“It’s a good time to be rolling,” Galva Coach Jake McClintic said, referencing the Feb. 23 start of regional play.

That roll has not included long-distance shooting. According to McClintic, Galva shot 7% on 3-pointers in a four-game span. But Galva is averaging 71 points in its LTC games. McClintic credited the inside play of Stahl and Jay Smith.

“When you can’t hit outside, you’ve got to do something inside,”

Girls postseason
Schedules for the girls basketball postseason are to be posted online at ihsa.org today (Feb. 6) at about 4 p.m. Regional play can start on Feb. 14.

McClintic said.

Stahl had 10 rebounds. Louck had eight rebounds and five assists. JP Sloan scored 11.

Connor Daum had 25 points to lead Stark County (6-13, 3-5). The Rebels were without starter Tanner Bishop, who sprained an ankle Jan. 31 in a 68-26 loss to Abingdon-Avon.

“Ugly game all around on our end,” Stark County Coach Kane Mastin stated about the Galva defeat. “I clearly didn’t have our kids ready to play. Galva did a good job executing their game plan.”

The previous night, Smith had 21 points, four assists and five steals as Galva beat Knoxville 76-40. Stahl scored 32, all in the first three periods, in leading Galva to a 70-42 victory Jan. 30 over ROWVA-Williamsfield. Sloan and Smith, who scored eight in the third quarter, had 10 points each.

Daum had 11 points against A-Town, but he had 32 points Jan. 30 as Stark County beat Knoxville 72-55. Daum scored 28 in the final three quarters. Mastin also cited contributions from Connor Down, Caleb Gentle and Tyson Gillespie.

“They are the glue guys who do a lot behind the scenes,” Mastin stated.

Stark County is to play Friday in Toulon against Ridgewood. Galva is at Monmouth United.

• **Stark County girls** – Coley Johnston had eight points and as many rebounds and Hallie Newton had seven points and 15 boards in a 35-29 loss to Ridgewood on Jan. 28.

Johnston scored 23 points and Sophie Finnegan netted 16 in a 57-46 loss to Wethersfield on Monday.

Stark County (11-14, 3-6 LTC) was to play home against Midwest Central on Thursday.



• **Galva girls** – The Lady Wildcats snapped a seven-game losing streak with a 35-30 win over Monmouth United on Jan. 28.

Galva (5-18, 2-7 LTC) was to play Abingdon-Avon on Wednesday.

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