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## Farm to table? Not in Illinois

More infrastructure needed for crops

By **TARA SUN**  
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CHICAGO — Inside a factory on Chicago’s North Side, the smell of simmering soybeans drifts through the air. On a typical day, “I use about 4,000 pounds of dry beans,” Jenny Yang said. She and her team grind, cook and press thousands of pounds of soybeans into silky tofu and rich soy milk – the taste of home for Yang and for many who grew up with tofu on the table.

“She still makes it the same way – no preservatives, made mostly by hand,” said Bob Lum, a longtime friend of Yang who helps with the business. Her company, Phoenix Bean, has been making tofu and soy milk this way since she bought it in 2006. It is one of the few businesses in the state that uses Illinois food-grade, non-GMO, or non-genetically modified organism, soybeans, sourced directly from local farms like Janie’s Mill in Ashkum.

“I know them since back in the day, like at least 10, 15 years,” Yang said. “This is a good, very good partnership.”

Illinois grows more soybeans than any other state, harvesting more than 639 million bushels in 2025, well ahead of Iowa’s 595 million bushels and Minnesota’s  
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## STATE CHAMPS



## Well-versed in faith

SC sisters champion their religion

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
 For The Prairie News

Some athletes have been heard to say running is their religion.

Not the Smith sisters of Bradford. For Dusti and Cheyenh Smith, religion is the reason they run. That’s obvious on their hands every time the sisters take to the track. Before each meet, they write Bible verses on the back of their hands.

“People ask about the verses,” Cheyenh said. “They are always interested.”

Last week’s hand scripture for Dusti at the Class 1A girls state meet included parts of Proverbs 3:5-6 and

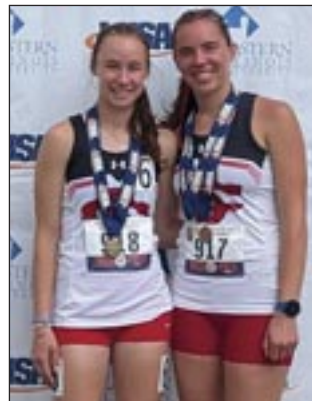
the following from Isaiah 40:31.

“Those who wait for the Lord will renew their strength. They shall mount up on wings like eagles, they shall run and not grow weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

The running part of that familiar verse obviously fits well with the lives of the Smith sisters, who helped Stark County win a state championship in the 4x800-meter relay last Saturday and who have amassed 10 state track medals between them in the past four years.

For both girls, religion is never far from conversations about their success.

“I’m a Christian and run-



At top, Dusti Smith closes out Stark County’s win in the 4x800-meter relay. Above, Dusti Smith (left) and sister Cheyenh Smith are all smiles after the state track meet. Photos by Wendy Moodie. At left, Bible verses help motivate Dusti Smith.

ning is something I do to express the gifts God has given me,” Dusti said. “I want to be a good steward of what he has given me and he’s given me the ability to run well.”

Nowhere was that more evident than on Dusti’s anchor leg of the 4x800 relay. Running third, 30 meters behind the leaders when she  
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## Bradford board OKs personnel, coming or going

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
 For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board approved a variety of personnel matters at its May 26 meeting.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Caroline Piasse as a 5th-grade teacher and approved contract extensions for IT Director Ryan Switzer, District Secretary/Bookkeeper Kristen Atchley and District Nurse/Elementary Secretary Megan Streitmatter.

Resignations accepted were from Morgan Coleman, assistant girls volleyball and basketball coach; Tara Blundy, library assistant; Maggie Suddeth, 1st-grade teacher; and Paul Barry, transportation manager, who will step down with 33 years of experience after the 2026-27 school year.

The board approved a preliminary amended budget with plans to hold a hearing in June and pass the amended budget.

The board also OK’d:

- A new health insurance plan that includes a 12% cost increase.
- Various Illinois School Board Association PRESS policy updates.
- Retaining Gorenz & Associates as district auditor for no more than \$22,670.
- IESA registration for Fiscal Year 2027.
- The 2025-26 school calendar.
- Bids for milk from Prairie Farms, bread and fuel, with prices very similar to what was paid last school year.

Superintendent Chad Gripp reported that registration will be Aug. 3 from 2-6 p.m. and Aug. 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. The first day of school for 2026-27 will be Aug. 19 for students, with teachers attending Teachers Institute on Aug. 17-18.

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# SISTERS: Seeing Dusti in stretch a dream realized

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got the baton, Dusti steadily closed the distance and, coming off the final turn, sprinted to first after a sizzling split of 2:10.44 that would have won the open 800 in Class 1A and 2A.

"I've always dreamed of watching her come down that stretch in first place and feeling like, 'Thank you Lord for this moment,'" Cheyenh

said.

Cheyenh did her part in the relay, as well, running a 2:18.62 that staked Stark County to an early lead.

After three years of running together, the sisters admit that participating in a final state meet together is bittersweet. A senior, Cheyenh plans to attend Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va., next fall. Dusti is a

junior and will be a highly touted runner next prep cross country and track season. Both sisters attend Bethany Baptist Church in Peoria.

"These past three years we've been together have been really amazing," Dusti said. "We've really grown closer together through it. I'm really thankful to God for giving us this opportunity."

# SOY: State relies on imports for its soy food

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371 million bushels. Lawmakers designated the soybean as the official State Bean in 2025, effective Jan. 1, 2026, with Sen. Doris Turner, D-Springfield, who chairs the Senate Agriculture Committee, calling Decatur the "soybean capital of the world."

But almost none of those millions of bushels end up

as food on Illinois plates. According to the Illinois Soybean Association, 60% of soybeans grown in the state are exported; most of the remaining 40% are processed as animal feed, leaving the state reliant on imports for its soy food.

"Ninety-five percent of food consumed in the state of Illinois is imported," said Rep. Sonya Harper,

D-Chicago, chair of the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee, speaking of Illinois food crops. "If there were any type of natural disaster, Illinois only has enough food that will last us for three days."

In 2025, with a trade war freezing exports to China - one of the biggest buyers of Illinois soybeans - Gov. JB Pritzker declared an "Agricultural Export Crisis" on Oct. 29 and directed state agencies to enhance domestic markets. For farmers and food producers, the pressure has made the need for local infrastructure more urgent than ever, raising the question of whether more of Illinois' own crops can finally start feeding more Illinoisans.

Harper said more effort and massive investment are needed. She sponsored the Local Food Infrastruc-

ture Grant program, which provides local farmers with small grants for processing, storage and distribution.

"We have some of the best soil, the best farmland," Harper said. "No matter where you are, urban, suburban and rural - we need to be producing more food in the state."

She described local food production as a win-win that will help create jobs and generate revenue.

For Illinois farmers, the math is brutal. Food-grade soybeans require older genetics that yield 10 to 15 fewer bushels per acre. Jeff O'Connor, a northern Illinois farmer who has grown food-grade soybeans, said his commodity soybeans averaged in the low 70s bushels per acre last year. His food-grade soybeans, which use varieties more than a decade old, yielded in the low 60s.

Weed control is another issue. Unlike commodity soy, which allows for certain herbicides, food-grade soybeans are non-GMOs, so farmers can't use any of those chemicals. And fields often look unkept.

"You can't do that again," one landowner told O'Connor after a season of raising food-grade soybeans. "I don't care if we made a little more money. They looked terrible."

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Village of Bradford Residents,

To make sure every resident is aware of changes, we are writing to inform you of an increase that will affect your water bill in the coming months. For the last several years, the cost of running the water and sewer facilities has continued to increase. The Village Board has investigated and discussed alternative solutions to keep the cost to citizens down. Bradford has attempted to apply for Grant Funding to help our area, the board was told by USDA Rural Development that we cannot apply as we do not meet the criteria. Bradford was told we do not charge enough on water and sewer to maintain upkeep of the repairs. Until we increase our rates, Bradford will not qualify. Unfortunately, this problem has come to a head.

To give residents a glimpse into this decision, we have compiled a few items that we acquire regular increases on. Ameren costs alone have increased by approximately 41% on average from 2023 to 2026. This overall rise is driven by two main factors: rising "supply" prices (market cost for electricity) and periodic "delivery" rate hikes (regulated fees for grid maintenance). Yearly cost of municipality maintenance has increased as well. Wastewater Sewer costs for some municipalities have increased 25% in 2026 alone, following the 40% increase in prior years to fund required upgrades set by the EPA.

In early 2025 the village experienced an extremely heavy burden. Membranes for the water treatment facility needed to be replaced immediately. These are basically "filters" inside the vessels that the water flows through. Wyoming just had the same issue in July of 2025. The cost of the membrane is around \$75,000. Then, if not installed and pressurized correctly, the membrane can blow out and will need to be replaced again.

In Bradford's case, we were fortunate enough to have our own City Maintenance Manager who is educated in this matter and saved Bradford substantial funds. Bradford replaced the membranes for \$39,480.34.

The increase in the water and sewer bill was not a decision that was made lightly. Several conversations trying to establish alternative actions have been discussed. The increase affects all residents in Bradford. We do understand the constraint that this can put with individuals in low-income households. Copies of funding assistance can be found in the front lobby of the Village Hall if needed. We encourage residents to call these resources if needed.

It was discussed by the board to raise the cost of water and sewer during the February Committee Meeting. Voting on the increase was determined at the April Board Meeting. The rate for water will increase from \$45.50 to \$50.50 and the rate for sewer will increase from \$35.50 to \$40.50 so the total bill will be \$110.00. This is an increase of \$10.00 per month and this will take effect on the bill issued in July.

PUBLIC RECORD

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

5-18 - to the 300 block of SE 6th St. for a complaint of suspicious activity.

5-19 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hang-up complaint. Officer checked the area, but was not able to locate anyone needing assistance.

5-19 - Officer met with a resident on Swank St. to discuss a city ordinance violation they had received.

5-19 - to the 100 block of SE 1st Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was located and returned to its owner.

5-19 - to a residence on NW 3rd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.

5-20 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint involving a property-line dispute.

5-20 - along with the ambulance service, to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a medical emergency involving an unconscious pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital.

5-20 - to the 100 block of N. Exchange St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.

5-20 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to remove an unruly customer. The subject was removed and also served a written banning notice.

5-20 - to Illinois Route 17 south of town after a motorist struck something in the roadway. A deer was possibly struck by an unknown vehicle and then struck again by this motorist. No injuries were reported.

5-21 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint of a loose pit bull. Officer was not able to locate.

5-22 - to the 200 block of SW 2nd



Ave. to take possession of counterfeit currency.

5-21 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. to complete a low-speed vehicle inspection.

5-21 - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. to speak to a resident who had located a stray cat.

5-22 - While patrolling, officer located a motorist who appeared to be lost. Officer spoke to the subject and gave him directions to get back to Interstate 80.

5-22 - to a residence on SW 2nd Ave. to check the welfare of a subject.

5-22 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving an abandoned vehicle.

5-22 - to the 00 block of NW 3rd St. for an activated burglar alarm. It was a false alarm.

5-22 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a complaint involving a subject causing a disturbance and hitting concrete with a large hand tool. Marks were located on the concrete, but no actual damage was documented.

5-23 - to the 100 block of NE 7th St. for a complaint involving a resident bitten by a stray cat. A very

minor injury was observed.

5-23 - to the 900 block of N. Center Ave. for a water leak. The Galva Water Department was contacted and advised.

5-23 - to the Wiley Park area for a complaint of a loose pit bull. The dog was located and returned home. As the result, Jessica Fletcher, 34, of Galva, was issued administrative warning tickets for allowing a dog to run at large and failure to obtain rabies inoculation.

5-23 - to the 400 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

5-23 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a 911 open-line complaint. It was an accidental dial.

5-24 - While patrolling, officer saw a train coming to a stop and ultimately blocking every Galva crossing. BNSF was contacted and the train eventually moved along.

5-24 - to the 100 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a possible attempted burglary. Officer checked the area, but did not locate anyone. No entry was made to the residence.

5-24 - to meet with a resident at the Galva Police Department to conduct a low-speed vehicle inspection.

5-24 - While patrolling, officer located a motorist in the 100 block of SE 4th Ave. who was having vehicle problems. The officer was able to assist.

5-24 - to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving either gunshots or fireworks. Officer checked the entire area, but did not locate anything unusual.

5-24 - to the 500 block of NW 10th St. for a low-speed vehicle inspection.

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Super Crossword

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# Preemptive water tests advised near CO<sub>2</sub> sites

To the Editor:

As a retired U.S. Marine Corps judge advocate, member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and State Bar of Texas and owner of a Knox County farm that was once threatened with the use of eminent domain by a CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline company, controversy surrounding the contemplated Lapis Project Big River carbon capture and sequestration project at Galva caught my eye.

It immediately made me think of the potential for toxic-tort litigation in the event of a carbon-dioxide leak or underground migration of carbon dioxide from the sequestration site.

Although industry platitudes might lead the public to think CCS is safe, the CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline rupture that sent nearly 50 people to the hospital, and forced the evacuation of nearly 300, near Sartoria, Miss., in 2020 suggests otherwise.

While proving that one's family or animals were killed or injured by CO<sub>2</sub> leaking into the atmosphere would be relatively straightforward, proving one's domestic water supply was contaminated by sub-surface CO<sub>2</sub> migrating from a pipeline rupture or underground sequestration site could be problematic. Without baseline data to show the condition of a plaintiff's water prior to con-



struction of a CCS project, a defendant might persuasively argue to a judge or jury that there is no proof a plaintiff's water is in any worse condition after a leak than it was before.

Hence, although I'm not an Illinois lawyer, I'll go out on a limb and suggest that any resident, landowner or governmental entity near a proposed CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline or CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration site consider having their water tested prior to construction. This may not be as hard as one might think.

A Google search using the term "water testing Henry County Illinois" produced six pages of information, including the fact that water test kits and advice can be obtained directly from the Henry & Stark County Health Department.

The search results also indicate that in-depth analysis of water samples is available through the use of Illinois-certified commercial laboratories, and provided contact information for testing facilities in Peoria, Peru and Springfield.

If you want to dig deeper, consider contacting the Illinois State Bar Association, or a law firm that handles toxic-tort litigation, for additional suggestions and information. The potential for high-dollar judgments against CCS toxic tort defendants – especially in cases involving mass casualty incidents – should make helping potential plaintiffs prepare the groundwork for such lawsuits attractive to the legal profession.

The bottom line is that if you think you may someday need to sue a CCS company for contaminating your water, get your water tested now. Take it from a retired Marine: the time to prepare the battlefield is before the war begins, not after.

– **John F. Feltham**, Williamsfield  
*The Prairie News welcomes letters to the editor. Email your letter to [jeff@wklypost.com](mailto:jeff@wklypost.com) or mail to: The Weekly Post, PO Box 745, Elmwood, IL 61529 We reserve the right to edit letters for clarity and length.*

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## CITY OF GALVA ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2026

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report  
Galva  
IL0730450

Annual Water Quality Report for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2025 This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water.

The source of drinking water used by GALVA is Ground Water For more information regarding this report contact:  
Name: Jacob McClintic  
Phone 309-932-2555

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
  - Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
  - Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
  - Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
  - Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPAs

Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The drinking water supplier is responsible for providing high quality drinking water and removing lead pipes, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components in your home. You share the responsibility for protecting yourself and your family from the lead in your home plumbing. You can take responsibility by identifying and removing lead materials within your home plumbing and taking steps to reduce your family's risk.

Before drinking tap water, flush your pipes for several minutes by running your tap, taking a shower, doing laundry or a load of dishes. You can also use a filter certified by an American National Standard Institute accredited certifier to reduce lead in drinking water. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested, contact Jacob McClintic at 309-932-2555. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

### Source Water Assessment

We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator at 309-932-2555. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Source of Water: GALVA To determine Galva's susceptibility to groundwater contamination, information obtained during a Well Site Survey performed by the Illinois Rural Water Association on May 18, 1999 was reviewed. Based on this information, 14 potential sources of contamination were identified within proximity of this water supply's wells. The Illinois EPA does not consider the source water susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and the available hydrogeologic data on the wells. In anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that this water supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the completed evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper site conditions; a hydrogeologic barrier exists that should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and a sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should minimize the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the vulnerability determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this groundwater supply.

### Source Water Information

| Source Water Name                | Type of Meter | Report Status | Location         |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------|
| Well 4 (31722) 500GPM LINE SHAFT | GW            | ACTIVE        | 103 N Center Ave |
| Well 5 (00653)                   | GW            | ACTIVE        | 949 SE 2nd St    |
| Well 6 (02016)                   | GW            | ACTIVE        | 949 SE 2nd St    |

## 2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

### Lead and Copper

#### Definitions:

**Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

**Action Level Goal (ALG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Copper Range: 11 ug/L to 50 ug/L      Lead Range: < 1.0 ug/L- to 15 ug/L To obtain a copy of the system's lead tap sampling data; Please contact City Hall at (309) 932-2555 or visit 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL.

CIRCLE ONE: Our Community Water Supply (has) has not developed a service line material inventory. To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: Visit City Hall at 311 NW 4th Ave, Galva, IL or call 309-932-2555.

| Lead & Copper | Date Sampled | MCLG | Action Level (AL) | 90th Percentile | # Sites Over (AL) | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contaminants   |
|---------------|--------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------|-----------|---|
| Copper        | 2025         | 1.3  | 1.3               | 0.1             | 1                 | ppm   | N         | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Lead          | 2025         | 0    | 15                | 1.5             | 0                 | ppb   | N         | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |

### Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. Avg: Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. Level 2 Assessment: A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. Maximum Contaminant Level or MCL: The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. Maximum Contaminant Level Goal or MCLG: The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety. Maximum residual disinfectant level or MRDL: The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. Maximum residual disinfectant level goal or MRDLG: The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. na: not applicable. mrem: millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body). ppb: micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. ppm: milligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. Treatment Technique or TT: A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

### Regulated Contaminants

| Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG                  | MCL    | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination   |
|--|-----------------|------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------|-----------|--|
| Chlorine                                   | 2025            | 1.8                    | 1 - 2                    | MRDLG=4               | MRDL=4 | ppm   | N         | Water additive used to control microbes  |
| Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)                    | 2025            | 4                      | 3.5 - 3.5                | No goal for the total | 60     | ppb   | N         | By-product of drinking water disinfection.   |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)               | 2025            | 26                     | 36.1 - 26.1              | No goal for the total | 80     | ppb   | N         | By-product of drinking water disinfection.   |
| Inorganic Contaminants                     | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG                  | MCL    | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination.  |
| Barium                                     | 09/17/2024      | 0.027                  | 0.027 - 0.027            | 2                     | 2      | ppm   | N         | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.                                |
| Fluoride                                   | 2025            | 2.36                   | 2.31 - 2.36              | 4                     | 4.0    | ppm   | N         | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)             | 2025            | 0.08                   | 0.06 - 0.08              | 10                    | 10     | ppm   | N         | Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.                               |
| Selenium                                   | 09/17/2024      | 5                      | 5 - 5                    | 50                    | 50     | ppb   | N         | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.                          |
| Sodium                                     | 09/17/2024      | 340                    | 340 - 340                |                       |        | ppb   | N         | Erosion from naturally occurring deposits. Used in water softener regeneration.  |
| Radioactive Contaminants                   | Collection Date | Highest Level Detected | Range of Levels Detected | MCLG                  | MCL    | Units | Violation | Likely Source of Contamination.  |
| Combined Radium 226/228                    | 2025            | 1                      | 1.19 - 1.19              | 0                     | 5      | pCi/L | N         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |

### Violations Table

#### Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)

Some people who drink water containing haloacetic acids in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.

| Violation Type                   | Violation Begin | Violation End | Violation Explanation   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|---|
| MONITORING, ROUTINE (DBP), MAJOR | 01/01/2025      | 12/31/2025    | The City of Galva utilizes a third-party testing facility. Our samples from 3rd quarter were lost by the sampling facility resulting in a resample. Results of this resample were not available before the deadline, resulting in this violation. Per PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC: METHOD 552 (HAA) WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INTERNAL STANDARD FAILURES AND THE SAMPLE BEING OUT OF HOLD TO RE-EXTRACT. CLIENT WAS CONTACTED AND RESAMPLE BOTTLES REQUESTED.. |

# New congregation in Bradford church

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – A crowd of 45 parishioners attended the first service a new congregation held last weekend at the former St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church.

The Byzantine Eparchy of Parma has officially signed a one-year lease on the entire St. John facility and held its first liturgy on May 24.

Services in June are scheduled for June 14 at 10 a.m. and June 20, with a tentative time at 5 p.m. and a possible vespers one hour before that. After



The Byzantine Eparchy of Parma has leased the former St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church for one year and had a service last week.

June, services will be held on the first three weeks of each month. Three priests will service

the parish. Father Thomas Loya of Homer Glen will conduct Sunday services on the first week of a month, Father Tyler Strand of Chicago serves on the second Sunday of each month and Father Joseph Weber of St. Louis will conduct Saturday evening services on the third week of each month.

“We’re just excited to get started and we definitely encourage people who are curious to attend and see what it’s about,” said Jake McKean, a parishioner who helped organize the outreach.

McKean said last weekend’s crowd was a mix of Byzantine Catholics, Bradford locals and out-of-towners. All Catholics in good standing are welcome to receive communion at Byzantine liturgies.

**Happy FATHER'S Day**

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Meatloaf  
Swedish Meatballs  
Lasagna-Stuffed  
Chicken Breast**

Desserts Include...

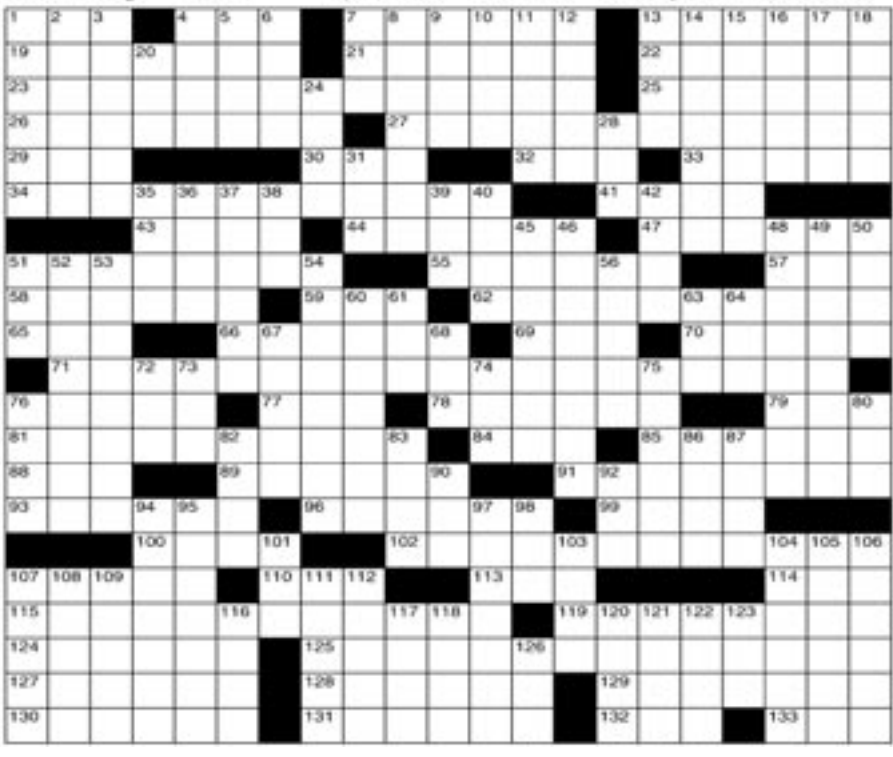
**Oreo Cheesecake  
Atlantic Beach Pie  
Peanut Butter  
Cream Pie  
Tollhouse Sundae**

**Sunday, June 21  
11 AM - 2 PM**

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## Answers on Page 3 — Super Crossword — D-PARTING

- ACROSS**
- 1 PlayStation 3 competitor
  - 4 Prefix for "bird"
  - 7 Man-to-man term of endearment
  - 13 Luau skirt
  - 19 Native (to)
  - 21 Modern way to shop
  - 22 Neckwear clasp
  - 23 Noteworthy septet of piers?
  - 25 Spanish fleet
  - 26 Worship
  - 27 Publicly revealing Edison's secret?
  - 29 Bottom-row PC key
  - 30 Recipe city
  - 32 Overly
  - 33 Eggs' shapes
  - 34 Successfully trap a moray?
  - 41 Shrek is one
  - 43 "There oughta be —"
  - 44 Dozing
  - 47 Spellbound
  - 51 "This works like a charm"
  - 55 Up-to-the-minute
  - 57 Director Ang
  - 58 Like family-friendly films
  - 59 Pres. after FDR
  - 62 Bring a Ferris wheel to a complete stop?
  - 65 Scrape (by)
  - 66 Charlotte —, Virgin Islands
  - 69 Internet ID
  - 70 TV host Philbin
  - 71 Like a king who has wild mood swings?
  - 76 Burns a little
  - 77 Army NCO
  - 78 Teeny bit
  - 79 Noted period
  - 81 Ruling eagle sitting in her high nest?
  - 84 Org. giving tows
  - 88 Architect I.M. from China
  - 89 "Avengers: Age of —" (2015 Marvel film)
  - 91 Government revenue sources
  - 93 Ukraine port
  - 96 Baskety willows
  - 99 Shout
  - 100 Mask
  - 102 Wish you had never met the star of "Firestarter"?
  - 107 Curved
  - 110 — Fridays (restaurant)
  - 113 Bank acct. amount
  - 114 Uncooked
  - 115 Response to a question about "Swan Lake"?
  - 119 1996 #1 hit for Los def Rio
  - 124 Funnel-shaped bloom
  - 125 People with unorthodox opinions about a girl in Wonderland?
  - 127 Quick raids
  - 128 Cringed
  - 129 Sugar alcohol used as a sweetener
  - 130 Tiny amounts
  - 131 Goes hastily
  - 132 From — Z
  - 133 Pop/soul singer Des—
- DOWN**
- 1 Floor cleaner for liquid spills, in brief
  - 2 Suffering, figuratively
  - 3 — Kit (police face-maker)
  - 4 Part of ACLU: Abbr.
  - 5 — voce
  - 6 "High Rollers" rapper
  - 7 See
  - 109-Down
  - 8 With the wish (of)
  - 9 Actress Summer of "Serenity"
  - 10 Encircled with a band
  - 11 Not suitable
  - 12 Like many simple questions
  - 13 TDs or RBI
  - 14 Loud warning device
  - 15 Eliminator
  - 16 Former first lady Michelle
  - 17 Rafael of tennis
  - 18 Lawn surface
  - 20 Suffix of nationalities
  - 24 Amsterdam is its cap.
  - 26 Sticky gunk
  - 31 Island setting
  - 35 Appellation
  - 36 Dressed
  - 37 Bible book before Zechariah
  - 38 Prefix with light
  - 39 Pipe joint
  - 40 Foliage unit
  - 42 Stan of jazz
  - 45 Region of pre-Roman Italy
  - 46 Viewed intently
  - 48 Some wheel adjusters
  - 49 Anima's "family tree"
  - 50 Golf pegs
  - 51 Deep anger
  - 52 Pay attention
  - 53 Sault —, Mich.
  - 54 Replace with
  - 56 Bud of Cooperstown
  - 60 Some roofing specialists
  - 61 Up to, in brief
  - 63 Suffix with southwest
  - 64 Outdoor gear retailer
  - 67 Large city in Iraq
  - 68 Raised RR's
  - 72 "Either he goes — go!"
  - 73 Mao —-tung
  - 74 Diva Sumac
  - 75 Boomer's kid
  - 76 Mafia chief
  - 80 Horse cousin
  - 82 Campus area
  - 83 Film genre
  - 86 Skittily
  - 87 Tranquil
  - 90 Modern, in Munich
  - 92 Scottish port
  - 94 Varnish resin
  - 95 Judy glance
  - 97 Make more offspring
  - 98 Govt. loan agency
  - 101 LAX guess
  - 103 — mater
  - 104 Collier's team
  - 105 Really bug
  - 106 Discarded PCs or TVs
  - 107 At the stern
  - 108 Barber's tool
  - 109 With 7-Down, the original "IT" girl
  - 111 Chews on
  - 112 Town on Long Island's South Shore
  - 116 Russian news agency
  - 117 Chablis, e.g.
  - 118 Ovid's "Lo"
  - 120 Brand of athletic shoes
  - 121 "— la vie"
  - 122 Slangy suffix with buck
  - 123 Cup edge
  - 126 ER staffers



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### Weekly SUDOKU

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|   |   | 9 |   | 8 | 2 | 4 |
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|   | 6 |   | 4 |   | 1 |   |
| 1 | 2 | 8 |   | 9 | 3 |   |
| 4 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 9 |
|   |   | 8 | 9 | 3 |   |   |
| 5 | 2 |   | 8 | 1 | 6 |   |

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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### Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female fox called?
- HISTORY: In what year was the first iPhone released?
- MOVIES: What was the first U.S. movie to be rated PG-13?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost capital city in the world?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the world's largest cave system?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What category of writing are the Hugo and Nebula Awards given for?
- TELEVISION: In what year did the comedy show "Saturday Night Live" debut?
- MATH: What is a polygon with seven sides?
- LITERATURE: What city is the setting for Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"?
- ENTERTAINERS: Which New Jersey city has a statue of singer Frank Sinatra?

**Answers**

- A vixen.
- 2007.
- "Red Dawn," 1984.
- Wellington, New Zealand.
- Kentucky.
- Science fiction and fantasy.
- 1975.
- Heptagon.
- Verona, Italy.
- Hoboken, New Jersey.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

### CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

ZNZEQ OHWZ H LRDS YB  
FERMM, H IZZD MYEEQ  
VZJRPZ H SBYL OCZ FERMM  
HM MJEZRWHBF RO WZ.  
— VREVRER WJJDHBOYJS

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### TOP 10 MOVIES

- Michael (PG-13)
- The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13)
- Obsession (R)
- Mortal Combat II (R)
- The Sheep Detectives (PG)
- The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
- Project Hail Mary (PG-13)
- Top Gun (PG)
- In the Grey (R)
- Is God Is (R)

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### BRIEFS

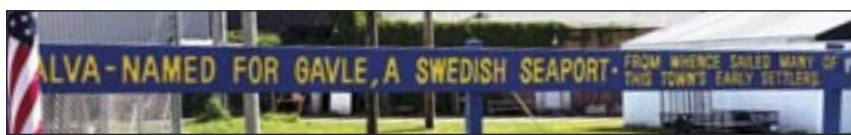
#### Galva's June 1 council meeting moved to H.S.

GALVA – To accommodate a larger crowd, the scheduled June 1 City of Galva council meeting will be moved to the Galva High School gymnasium. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. A proposed carbon sequestration project near Galva's Big River Resources ethanol plant drew a standing-room-only crowd to the last meeting.

#### Independent tosses hat in ring for governor

SPRINGFIELD – Former Republican strategist Collin Corbett says he is hoping to bring a more balanced voice to the Illinois governor's race after filing petitions to run for governor as an independent on Tuesday.

Corbett, of Palatine, is founder of the consulting firm Cor Strategies, which has helped Republican candidates run for office. He left the firm following the primary after expressing concerns the party no longer welcomes opposing opinions.



The Galva Ready to Grow committee recently hired Tristin Almgrim to paint three signs in Galva. This sign, located on W. Division St., is about Galva's Swedish sister city. The group also provided the labor and paint for Almgrim to paint a sign in Washington and Wiley parks. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Aaron Kewish has been chosen as grand marshal of the Galva July 4 parade. He was chosen for his outstanding contributions and passion for restoration and preservation of Galva. He always brings positive attention to Galva, according to Freedom Fest Chairman Melissa Halsall. Pictured above (left to right) are Christina Smith, Annette Smith, Aaron Kewish, Melissa Halsall and Dustin Jaco. Galva's July 4 fireworks will include extra fireworks and a laser-light show this year. Photo by Carol Townsend.

## Pulling the trigger on gun law?

By BEN SZALINSKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers are considering legislation that a major gun-rights organization says would effectively ban one of the nation's most popular types of firearms.

The House Gun Violence Prevention Committee voted 9-5 along party lines last week to pass House Bill 4471, which seeks to ban the sale of any semiautomatic pistol with a cruciform trigger bar in Illinois. Supporters say that design can be altered to install an already illegal switch, ultimately turning the pistol into a machine gun.

John Weber, Illinois' director of the National Rifle Association, said banning that design would ban Glocks from being sold in Illinois. However, it would not apply to people who currently own that type of gun.

Bill sponsor Rep. Justin Slaughter, D-Orland Park, called the bill a consumer-product safety measure that

continues to support smart, sensible gun ownership.

Slaughter said consumers still have other pistols to choose from that do not use the same firing mechanism design as Glock, such as Henry County-based Springfield Armory.

Advocates said the goal is to put pressure on Glock to change their design to make it impossible for

their guns to be modified with a switch. Lawmakers in California banned the sale of guns with the design beginning July 1.

"The Responsible Gun Manufacturing Act will go to the root cause of the source by holding the gun industry accountable," said Kathleen Sances, president of the Gun Violence Prevention PAC.

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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

7874 State Route 93, Toulon, IL 61483 • (309) 896-3481  
Services each Sunday at 9 a.m.

www.facebook.com/Elmirachurch1852

### 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

### Galva Congregational Church

Pastor Marshall Jones

211 N.W. 3rd Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434

(309) 932-3733

Service Time 10 a.m.

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Rev. Shawna Marsh

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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.

Facebook: Wyoming Naz • Website: www.wyomingnaz.com

### First Congregational Church

204 N. 7th St., PO Box 35, Wyoming, IL 61491

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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 a.m.

### Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer

716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL

Mass - Sat. at 5 p.m., Sun. at 9 a.m., Mon.-Thurs. at 9 a.m.

Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191 Father Cramer Phone: 574-329-9292

### St. Dominic Catholic Church of Incarnation Parish

303 N Galena Ave - Wyoming, IL - 309-385-2578

officec25@gmail.com - incarnationcatholic.org

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### 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

Leet UMC 118 E. Main St., Bradford, IL 61421

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## OBITUARIES

### Vanita R. Dixon

BLOOMINGTON – Vanita Ruth (Ballentine) Dixon, 81, of Bloomington, passed away at 6:12 a.m. May 21, 2026.

She is the sister of Ardene Martin (passed away in 2008) and brothers Galen and John Ballentine.

Vanita was born Sept. 28, 1944, the daughter of Orville and Edith (Carter) Ballentine. She graduated from Toulon Township High School in 1962. She will be interred in the West Jersey Cemetery.

### Keith H. Patty

GALVA – Keith H. "Lou" Patty, 72, of Galva, died peacefully at 10:08 p.m., Thursday, May 21, 2026, at his home surrounded by his loving family. Lou lived most of his life in Galva but also spent years in Jacksonville and Chattanooga, Tenn.

A Mass of Christian Burial was to be celebrated May 27, 2026, at St. John the Beloved in Galva. Celebrant was to be Monsignor Michael Bliss. Burial was in Galva Cemetery, where military rites were accorded by the Galva Fusiliers.

Memorials may be directed to St. John the Beloved, Visitation Catholic School, or to the Quad City Honor Flight.

Keith was born on July 7, 1953, in Galesburg, the son of Russell and Virginia (Krans) Patty. He married Paula Jo Holevoet on Dec. 20, 1980, in Galva. He was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter, Dena Marie Patty.

He is survived by his loving wife Paula; his brother, Stuart (Deanna) Patty; his children, Heather (Brett) Sellers, Jake (Ann) Patty and Brynn (Kyle) Schipper; and his grandchildren, Jessa, Julia, Micah and Mina Patty (and granddog Finn); and many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins.

Lou attended Galva High School and graduated in 1971. He was dubbed (along with Pat Lee) the class clown. He served in the U.S. Army from 1972-74, achieving rank of SP4. He was awarded the National Defense Service medal, marksman M16 and M60 and Sharpshooter M79.

In early years he worked at Bob Evans Farms in Galva. He was a USDA food inspector for 26 years and in his retirement served as Galva Park District superintendent and then worked for the City of Galva mowing until last year.

He was an active member of St. John the Beloved Catholic Church and served faithfully as an usher and the sausage cooker for the pan-

cake breakfasts. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion in Galva. He made Cursillo 350 in Peoria and it made a great impact on his life.

He will forever be remembered as a funny, loving, devoted man who will be missed dearly.

### Merrill G. Wright

HENRY – Merrill George Wright, 86, of Henry, Ill., passed away on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at Accolade Healthcare of Peoria in Peoria.

Merrill was born on April 21, 1940, in Peoria, the son of Ernest and Mildred (Hall) Wright. He graduated from Henry-Senachwine High School in 1958. On Nov. 29, 1957, Merrill married Eleanor "Kay" Moore at Henry Methodist Church. She preceded him in death on Dec. 7, 2014.

Merrill was a lifelong farmer and also worked in construction before beginning a career as a chemical operator for BF Goodrich, where he worked for more than 20 years before retiring in 2000.

Merrill had a deep passion for history, especially the history of Marshall County. He especially enjoyed studying plat books and learning about the families and farmland that shaped the community through the years. He also had a love for antique John Deere and Oliver tractors and enjoyed sharing stories and memories connected to them.

He is survived by his two sons, John (Lynne) Wright and Daniel (Michele) Wright; four grandchildren, Miranda (Jake) Hofer, Jacob Wright, Bailey (Colton) Houghtby and Jessica Wright; one great-grandchild on the way; one brother, Bruce (Audrey) Wright; and two nephews, Mike and Tom Wright.

Merrill was preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sons, Joseph Dean Wright and Ronald Eugene Wright.

A private celebration of life will be held at a later date. Burial of cremated remains will be in Mound Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be directed to Marshall County Historical Society or Mound Cemetery.

### Holly A. Angus

PEORIA – Holly A. Angus, 72, of Peoria, died May 18, 2026, at Apostolic Christian Restmor in Morton.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, June 20 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva, followed by a celebration of life at 1 p.m. Burial will be at a later date in Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Par-

kinson's Research.

Holly was born March 8, 1954, in Olongapo, Zambales, The Republic of the Philippines at the U.S. Naval Base Subic Bay, the daughter of Warren and Janet (Swain) Arter.

She married William G. Angus on May 6, 1989, in Galva. He survives, as do one son, Ted (Anne) Angus of Bozeman, Mont.; one granddaughter, Jane Angus; two brothers, John (Liz) Arter of Donahue, Iowa, and Hays (Jennifer) Arter of Chesterfield, Mo.; brother-in-law David Hoffman; 11 nephews and nieces; and 11 grand-nephews and grand-nieces. She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Susan and Kathryn.

Holly graduated from Galva High School in 1972. She attended Miami of Ohio University, where she graduated in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in art. While at Miami, Holly made many friends while a member of Kappa Alpha Theta that she held for the rest of her life.

After graduating, Holly taught middle-school art at Galva Community School. She then built a career in graphic art and communications working for Gibson Greeting Cards in Cincinnati, Bradley University in Peoria and Dynamic Graphics in Peoria. She also freelanced extensively, producing art, brochures and company logos for many clients.

Holly volunteered at Concordia Lutheran School, where her son Ted attended, as well as First Federated Church, Peoria.

Holly loved family gatherings, reading, arts-and-crafts hobbies, photography, music and well-behaved dogs. Her happiest memories were the numerous family vacations along the western shores of Michigan, where she would spend hours searching for and retrieving Petoskey stones. Silver Lake, Point Betsie, Frankfurt, Traverse City and Harbor Springs were some of her favorite Michigan locations to visit in a vacation tradition that started when she was a girl and sustained over four generations of her family.

She maintained great interest in her family until the end of her life, both toward the past by keeping a careful written and photographic genealogy dating back over a century, and to the future by an active interest in her nieces, nephews, second cousins and their children. She was thrilled to become a grandmother and showed warmth to all whom she encountered on her life's journey.

### Larry T. Smith

Toulon – Larry L. Smith, 88, of Toulon, died on May 20, 2026, at his home.

Hurd-Hendricks Funeral Homes & Crematory is handling arrangements. Services are pending.



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

Estate of SANDRA KAY POLLOCK, deceased  
No. 2026-PR-54

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of **SANDRA KAY POLLOCK**. Letters of Office were issued on May 6, 2026, to Rock Miller Pollock of 1950 Bayshore Dr., Englewood, FL 34223 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, **Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238**, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC  
Michael E. Massie  
Attorneys for Estate  
P.O. Box 205  
Galva, IL 61434  
Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
ARDC #: 1788949  
Published 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/26

## NOTICE CITY OF WYOMING THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS 103 N. GALENA AVE.

The City of Wyoming is accepting sealed bids, for the sale of a vacant lot the City owns. **103 N. Galena Ave, legally described as Danas Addition City of Wyoming N. part lots 1 & 2 & S 32 lot 16 block T 155x47. Parcel # 04-36-319-007.**

**Minimum bid of \$2000.00**

All bids shall be submitted to Wyoming City Clerk, at 108 E. Williams Street, Wyoming IL 61491, in **sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside with "103 N. Galena Ave"**. Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at City Hall.

Bids will be opened at the City Council Meeting on June 9th, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theater, 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL.

The accepted bid will be determined by a 3/4ths vote of the corporate authorities to be in the best interest of the City. The City has the right to reject any or all bids received.

The City requires the successful bidder to deposit Ten (10%) percent of the accepted bid with the City Attorney not more than 24 hours after acceptance and pay the balance within Thirty (30) days thereafter.

**If you have any questions or want to view the property, please call City Hall to set up an appointment Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at (309) 695-4831**

Published 5/22, 5/29, 6/5/26

## Notice of Public Hearing (School Board)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois, that the amended budget for said School District for the fiscal year ending in July 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois in this School District from and after o'clock 8:00 am., on the 18th day of May, 2026.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said amended budget will be held at 6:55 pm., on the day of Monday, June 29th, 2026, at the Galva Jr/Sr High School Library in this School District Number 224. Dated this 18th day of May, 2026. School board of School District Number 224, in the County of Henry, State of Illinois.

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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY – IN PROBATE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RITA M. HENNEBERRY, Deceased. Case No. 2026 PR 3

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of the above-named Decedent and that Letters of Office were issued May 1, 2026, to **Margy M. Rogers and Donald A. Rogers, as Independent Representatives, whose address is Box 90, Bishop Hill, IL 61419-0090**, and whose attorney is **Zoe S. Walton, of Miller, Hall & Triggs, LLC, 416 Main Street, Suite 1125, Peoria, Illinois 61602 (309) 671-9600**.

Claims may be filed on or before December 1, 2026, and any claim not filed on or before that date is **barred**.

Claims may be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County, Illinois; the Representatives; or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Representatives and the Representatives' attorney; and shall file with the Court proof of mailing or delivery.

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**Spouse of Adam D Darling**

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A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of

STARK COUNTY, IL as Case No. 2026TX10

The Property is located at:

**10200 Twp Rd 62 N, Princeville, IL 61559**

**Property Index Number: 07-35-100-015**

Said Property was sold on

10/24/2023 for Delinquent Real Es-

tate Taxes and/or Special Assess-

ments for the year 2022.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/16/2026. On 10/02/2026 at 10:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of a Tax Deed.

1095 Investments, LLC,  
Petitioner  
Published 5/15, 5/22, 5/29/26

## CITY OF GALVA PUBLIC NOTICE: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER Elevated Fluoride Levels Detected

**This is an alert about your drinking water and a cosmetic dental problem that might affect children under nine years of age.**

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### Older children and adults may safely drink the water.

Drinking water containing more than 4 mg/L of fluoride (the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's drinking water standard) can increase your risk of developing bone disease. Your drinking water does not contain more than 4 mg/L of fluoride, but we're required to notify you when we discover that the fluoride levels in your drinking water exceed 2 mg/L because of this cosmetic dental problem.

For more information, please call Jacob McClintic of The City of Galva at 932-2555.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

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**What should I do?** There is nothing you need to do at this time.

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| Contaminant                         | Required sampling frequency | Number of samples taken | When all samples should have been taken | When samples were or will be taken |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5), TTHM | Yearly                      | 1                       | 8/1/2025-8/31/2025                      | 9/15/2025                          |

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for The Galva Park District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2026, and ending April 30, 2027, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the office of Barash & Everett, LLC, Lawyers, 110 Exchange Street, Galva, Illinois, from and after May 29, 2026.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:00 o'clock P.M., July 8, 2026, at the Galva City Hall, 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL 61434, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Commissioners of The Galva Park District, Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Galva City Hall, 311 NW 4th Ave., Galva, IL 61434, at 6:15 o'clock P.M., July 8, 2026.

By order of the Board of Commissioners of said District.  
Dated this 18th day of May A.D. 2026.

The Galva Park District

Henry County, Illinois

By: /s/ Peter VanDeVelde

Peter VanDeVelde, President

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TO:

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**Estate of Dwight D Persinger**

**Spouse of Dwight D Persinger**

**Rebecca Saner**

**James Saner**

**Sam Delbridge**

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**Hannah Theobald**

**Stark County Clerk**

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A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of

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The Property is located at:

**702 N Galena Ave, Wyoming, IL 61491**

**Property Index Number: 04-36-110-012**

Said Property was sold on

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ments for the year 2022.

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1095 Investments, LLC,  
Petitioner  
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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS HENRY COUNTY

ESTATE OF CAROL M. DeRYCKE, Deceased  
Case No. 2026-PR-48

### CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of **CAROL M. DeRYCKE**, of Kewanee, Illinois. Letters Testamentary were issued on April 30, 2026, to **MARK P. DERYCKE** and **LOIS J. WALLACE**, Independent Co-Executors, 4009 W. Hearthwood Dr., Dunlap, IL 61525, and 3135 E. Leland Circle, Mesa, AZ 85213 whose attorneys are Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 100 N. Main Street, Morton, IL 61550. Claims may be filed on or before November 29, 2026, being more than six (6) months from the date of the first publication hereof: any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Claims may be filed in the office of the Clerk of this Court at the **Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238**, with the Independent Co-Executors or with the attorney of record. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a provider. If you need additional or have trouble e-filing visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. Within ten (10) days after a claimant files a claim with the Court, the claimant must mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Co-Executors and to their attorney of record and file with the Court a proof of mailing or delivery of said copies.

Dated this 8th day of April 2026.

/s/ **MARK P. DeRYCKE**

/s/ **LOIS J. WALLACE**

This Document Prepared By:

Benckendorf & Beckendorf, P.C.

100 N. Main Street

Morton, IL 61550

Tel.: (309) 673-0797

2026-2718

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## What happened? What is being done?

*Our certified third-party laboratory lost our timely submitted samples, causing a resample in which those results were not submitted to the Illinois EPA by the 10th of the month following the monitoring period for Disinfection By-Products (DBP). Our samples were reported to the Illinois EPA later than the deadline; however, results met the guidelines.*

Per Pace Analytical Services, LLC: METHOD 552 (HAA) WAS CANCELLED DUE TO INTERNAL STANDARD FAILURES AND THE SAMPLE BEING OUT OF HOLD TO RE-EXTRACT. CLIENT WAS CONTACTED AND RESAMPLE BOTTLES REQUESTED.

For more information, please contact Jacob McClintic at 309-932-2555 or 311 NW 4th Ave, Galva, IL 61434

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

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Date distributed 5/29/2026

Published 5/29/26

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

ESTATE OF RICHARD W. BAUER, DECEASED  
NO. 2026PR10

### CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of **Richard W. Bauer**. Letters of office were issued to **Anne C. Cantwell of 14580 Canyon 7 Rd., PMB 158, Guerneville, CA 95446** as Independent Executor whose attorneys are Angel, Isaacson & Tracy, 111 Park Avenue East, Princeton, Illinois 61356.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the **Office of the Clerk of the Court, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., PO Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483**, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before **November 22, 2026**, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Independent Executor is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorneys within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Dated this 22nd day of May, 2026.

Angel, Isaacson & Tracy

Attorneys for Estate

111 Park Avenue East

Princeton, IL 61356

815-875-6551

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tate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2022.

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## LEGAL ADS

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

Estate of CHERYL ANN DOWELL, deceased  
No. 2026-PR-52

**CLAIM NOTICE**

Notice is given of the death of **CHERYL ANN DOWELL**. Letters of Office were issued on May 1, 2026, to Gregory Steven Dowell, 20346 N. Park Hill Dr., Deer Park, IL 60010 as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, **Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238**, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC  
Michael E. Massie  
Attorneys for Estate  
P.O. Box 205  
Galva, IL 61434  
Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
ARDC #: 1788949

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

ESTATE OF Paul L. Palen, Deceased  
No. 2026PR59

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Paul L. Palen**. Letters of Office were issued on **May 15th, 2026**, to **Skyler T. Palen, as Independent Representative** whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the **office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois**, or with the representative, or both, on or before **December 1st, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555

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

STERLING FEDERAL BANK F.S.B,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.

2025FC4

HEARTLAND EQUITIES TOULON, LLC, AN ILLINOIS LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Defendant.

LEGAL NOTICE FOR FORECLOSURE SALE – PUBLIC AUCTION OF REAL ESTATE (IT IS ADVISED THAT INTERESTED PARTIES CONSULT THEIR OWN ATTORNEYS BEFORE BIDDING AT FORECLOSURE SALES.)

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE entered by the Court in the above-entitled cause on May 1, 2026, the property hereinafter described will be sold to the highest qualified bidder.

(A) The name, address, and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is Brad Kolb, Sterling Federal Bank F.S.B, 815-622-3361.

(B) The common address of the real estate is 524 East Jefferson Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483 and its legal description is:

All of Lot Five (5), and a part of Lot Four (4) bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast Corner of said Lot Four (4) and running thence West Fifteen (15) feet, thence South Two Hundred Eleven (211) feet, thence East Fifteen (15) feet, and thence North Two Hundred Eleven (211) feet to the place of beginning; all being in John Culbertson's Eastern Addition to the City of Toulon and situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois.

(C) The real estate consists of a commercial trailer park.

(D) The time and place of the sale are as follows: 10:30 a.m. on June 18th, 2026 at Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483.

(E) The terms of the sale are 100 percent of the purchase price at the time of the auction sale. All payments shall be by CASH, BANK DRAFT, or CERTIFIED FUNDS. Any sale is subject to Court approval. Any specific restrictions on property or title will be announced day of sale. ANNOUNCEMENTS DAY OF SALE TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER ANY PRINTED MATERIAL.

(F) The case title, case number and the court in which the foreclosure was filed are specified above.

(G) The sale shall be subject to all easements, covenants, restrictions and reservations of record, taxes for the year 2024 and all subsequent years.

(H) No other information is required to be disclosed.

STERLING FEDERAL BANK F.S.B  
Plaintiff,  
By WARD, MURRAY, PACE & JOHNSON, P.C.  
Its Attorneys

Maverik A. Good – ARDC 6342150  
Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C.  
Attorney for Sterling Federal Bank F.S.B  
202 E. 5th Street | P.O. Box 400  
Sterling, IL 61081  
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good@wmpj.com

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**NOTICE  
CITY OF WYOMING  
THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS  
611 N 7th Street**

The City of Wyoming is accepting sealed bids, for the sale of a vacant lot the City owns. **611 N. 7th Street, legally described as City of Wyoming-Castle's Addition Lots 2,3,6, & 7 Except S 8' 155 X 190. Parcel # 04-36-113-006**

**Minimum bid of \$2000.00**

All bids shall be submitted to Wyoming City Clerk, at 108 E. Williams Street, Wyoming IL 61491, in **sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside with "611 N 7th Street"**.

Bids will be accepted until 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at City Hall. Bids will be opened at the City Council Meeting on June 9, 2026 starting at 6:00 p.m. at the Paramount Theater, 104 S. 7th Street, Wyoming IL.

The accepted bid will be determined by a 3/4ths vote of the corporate authorities to be in the best interest of the City. The City has the right to reject any or all bids received.

The City requires the successful bidder to deposit Ten (10%) percent of the accepted bid with the City Attorney not more than 24 hours after acceptance and pay the balance within Thirty (30) days thereafter.

**If you have any questions or want to view the property, please call City Hall to set up an appointment Monday – Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at (309) 695-4831**

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**NOTICE  
CITY OF WYOMING  
THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE KNOWN AS  
103 N. GALENA AVE.**

The City of Wyoming is accepting sealed bids, for the sale of a vacant lot the City owns. **103 N. Galena Ave, legally described as Danas Addition City of Wyoming N. part lots 1 & 2 & S 32 lot 16 block T 155x47. Parcel # 04-36-319-007.**

**Minimum bid of \$2000.00**

All bids shall be submitted to Wyoming City Clerk, at 108 E. Williams Street, Wyoming IL 61491, in **sealed envelopes clearly marked on the outside with "103 N. Galena Ave"**.

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

ESTATE OF Doris E. Lindstrom, Deceased  
No. 2026PR58

**CLAIM NOTICE**  
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Doris E. Lindstrom**. Letters of Office were issued on **May 19th, 2026**, to **Dale R. Lindstrom, as Independent Representative** whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before **December 1st, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
211 W. 2nd St.  
Kewanee, IL 61443  
(309) 852-5555

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**TAKE NOTICE  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

CASE NO. 2026TX11

To: Karen Walker; Spouse of Karen Walker; James Walker, Tri-County Opportunities Council; James Walker II; Heather Hollis, Stark County Clerk; Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property, unknown owners or parties claiming any right, interest or title in the described real estate:

Property located at: 309 LaFayette St, LaFayette, IL a/k/a 701 E Main St, LaFayette, IL 03-18-423-004 202200017

This property was sold on **October 24, 2023** for delinquent general taxes for the year of 2022. A Petition for Tax Deed for this property was filed on April 6, 2026.

Your right to redeem the property from the sale will expire on October 1, 2026. If you fail to redeem by that date, the court may enter a judgment granting petitioner a tax deed.

This matter is set for hearing in the **Circuit Court of this county in Toulon, Illinois on November 6, 2026 at 9 AM** before Judge Bauer, or whomever may be sitting in his or her stead.

JICTB, INC., Petitioner  
Angela L. Tucker, Esq.  
JICTB, INC.  
1701 Broadmoor Dr. Ste 100  
Champaign, IL 61821

Published 5/29, 6/5, 6/19/26

possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of STARK County, IL as Case No. 2026TX3

The Property is located at: **321 2nd St, Bradford, IL 61421 Property Index Number: 02-26-213-007**

Said Property was sold on 10/24/2023 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2022.

The period of redemption will expire on 9/16/2026. On 10/02/2026 at 10:00 AM the Petitioner will make application to such Court in said County for an Order for Issuance of

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**TAKE NOTICE**  
CERTIFICATE NO. 202200025

**Ash M Jones  
Ash M Jones  
Spouse of Ash M Jones  
Ash M Jones  
Spouse of Ash M Jones  
Kyle Burzych  
Occupant  
Stark County Clerk**

Persons in occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said land or lots.

A Petition for Tax Deed on premise described below has been filed with the Circuit Clerk of STARK County, IL as Case No. 2026TX5

The Property is located at: **103 W Clinton St, Toulon, IL 61483 Property Index Number: 04-19-101-004**

Said Property was sold on 10/24/2023 for Delinquent Real Estate Taxes and/or Special Assessments for the year 2022.

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**TAKE NOTICE**

CERTIFICATE NO. 202200010

**Dale R Weir  
Susan Ann Weir  
Amanda Weir  
Occupant/Loan of IL LLC  
Illinois Attorney General  
Illinois Department of Revenue  
Stark County Clerk**

Persons in occupancy or actual

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# Double winner

## Knobloch wins 2 sectional races

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

**ALEDO** – Last year’s Class 1A sectional track meet was one to forget for Evan Knobloch. This year’s was one to cherish.

While winning both the 1,600-meter and 3,200 races, the Stark County sophomore set two school records on May 20 at Mercer County High School. Knobloch followed his 3,200 time of 9:32.76 with a clocking of 4:28.28 in the mile.

As he headed to state at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston for Thursday’s prelims, Knobloch was seeded first in Class 1A for both races.

“He had not had a double like that all year,” Coach Clint Terwilliger said. “I wasn’t sure what he was going to have left in the tank after that record 3,200, but he followed it up with a record mile.”

Knobloch ran third in the 3,200 in sectionals last year but did not finish the 1,600. He was not fully recovered in time for the state meet and placed 26th in the 3,200 in 10:30.24.



*Stark County sophomore Evan Knobloch sprints to win the 1,600-meter race at the May 20 Class 1A Sectional at Mercer County High School.*

Prospects are more promising this time around.

“He is peaking at just the right time,” Terwilliger said. “I look for him to show even better down there.”

• **Galva** – Also qualifying for state at Aledo was sophomore Ben Burris, who placed second in shot put with a season-best throw of 45 feet, 7.75 inches. Burris is seeded 36th heading to the state meet, which ends on Saturday.



**Burris**

# Stark County, Galva fall in 1A baseball regional

By **ANDY LATORA**  
For The Prairie News

**HENRY** – Henry-Se-nachwine’s Carson Rowe hit a first-inning solo home run and had an RBI single in the fourth on Monday and the Mallards eliminated Galva 2-1 in a Class 1A baseball regional quarterfinal.

MJ Louck and Cyrus Hurd were 1-for-3 with doubles for Galva, which finished 8-15. Louck allowed two runs and nine hits in six innings.

Last week, Blake Stahl and Louck were both 2-for-3 in a 2-1 loss to West Prairie on May 20. Ty Dowell-Keup’s sacrifice fly in the third inning provided Galva’s only run. JP Sloan allowed one hit in 3⅓ innings of scoreless relief after Louck started.

Galva won its regular-season finale 5-3 over Streator/Woodland on May 22. Hurd threw a complete game, allowing three runs and three hits with five strikeouts. Hurd also broke a 3-3 tie with a two-run double in the top of the seventh.

Gage Simoneaux had an RBI double in the first and Dowell-Keup had an RBI

single in the fifth. Louck was 2-for-3 with a double and scored twice and Braxton Hulstrom was 2-for-3.

• **SC baseball** – Morrison scored five runs in each of the first two innings en route to a 10-0 five-inning win in a Class 1A regional quarterfinal on Monday.

The Rebels ended the season with a 7-27 record.

Last week, Ben Browning and Kaedon Steelman combined on a three-hitter in a tough-luck 2-0 loss at Erie-Prophetstown on May 19. Browning gave up two hits, including the decisive two-run single by Sawyer Copeland in the fifth inning. Steelman gave up the other hit in a scoreless inning of relief.

The Rebels were limited to four hits – singles by Connor Daum, Wyatt Snider and Jordan Walton and a double by Chase Holmstrom.

Stark County dropped its regular-season finale 6-3 to Delavan on May 20. Delavan had a four-run sixth to take 5-0 lead before Stark County answered with three runs in its half of the inning.

Holmstrom doubled and had two RBI.

# SPORTS: Smith split would have won 1A, 2A

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pass her.”

That set up Smith’s thrilling finish, which started with her 30 meters off the lead.

“As a seasoned runner, you could tell she knew exactly how she needed to attack that,” Coach Clint Terwilliger said. “She just kept herself close and kept eating away at it. When she came around that last curve and into lanes two and three, I knew it was over.

“I’ve seen that again and again this year, when she comes out you can tell she’s feeling it and, sure enough, she turns it on. She just has better footspeed than a vast majority of the girls out there.”

Even so, the speed of the finish was impressive. Dusti’s split was 2:10.44, her fastest by seven seconds and a time that – had she run it in the open 800 – would have won both the Class 1A and 2A titles.

“The fact every one of them ran their best race at the same time in the finals was just amazing,” said Terwilliger, handing most of the credit to assistant Bob Rennick Jr., who coaches the distance runners. “Come to find out, we needed every bit of it.”

Second-place Winnebago ran 9:27.26 and third-place Shelbyville was clocked in 9:28.55. Terwilliger



said a look through records dating back to 2017 shows just three other relays in the 9:20s outside this year’s trio.

“Everybody was so fast this year,” he said.

But nobody was faster than Stark County.

“Everyone did their part. It was exactly what we needed them to do,” Dusti Smith said.

Added Cheyenh Smith, whose 4x800 medal was her fourth in high school and sixth overall, “It’s been an amazing four years. Just growing together with such a special group of teammates and coaches has been really special.”

The only downside to the adrenaline of a state championship may have been felt in individual races later on last Saturday.

Cheyenh Smith placed sixth in the 800 with a time of 2:16.79 – well back of Jacksonville Routt sophomore Millie Schumacher who won in

2:13.86.

Cheyenh Smith had posted a personal-best time of 2:16.72 and battled within .41 seconds of Schumacher in prelims on May 21.

“I was hoping for higher than that, would have hoped for top three,” Cheyenh Smith said. “I was feeling pretty tired during the 800, which is strange because I don’t usually feel like that coming off 4x800 and I had more time than usual.

“I think it was just after the adrenaline from that 4x800 and then coming back down, it was hard to run another race.”

Dusti Smith echoed her sister’s comments after placing seventh in the 1,600 in 5:04.7, well off her PR of 5:00.37 at Distance Night in Palatine. Klaire Eighner of team champion Maroa-Forsyth won the mile in 4:56.75 and also won the 3,200 in 10:17.66.

“It definitely wasn’t my best race. I was still tired from the 4x800 and I was OK with that,” Dusti Smith said. “The opportunity we had in the 4x8 is something that likely won’t be repeated. It was everything we had been hoping for.”

The same quartet that ran the 4x800 relay also qualified in the 4x400 relay but did not advance out of prelims after placing 16th on May 21 in a time of 4:12.98.

# SOFTBALL: Stark County has won nine of 10

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sectional, Ridgewood second. Each of the Rebels’ four games preceding the sectional semifinal were decided by one run.

Against Bureau Valley, Ostrowski was 3-for-4. She had an RBI single in the first inning. Kenna Sparks homered in the second on her way to three RBI, then Stark County scored four in the fourth to lead 6-0. But Bureau Valley had four runs in the fifth, one in the sixth and two in the seventh to lead 7-6.

“They had some really good hits and we made a couple of mistakes defensively and let them back in,” Wise said. “It was a dogfight from there to the finish. But I felt good and I felt confident as we were going

through that game.”

On May 2, Stark County swept a doubleheader from Bureau Valley, 15-3 and 11-2.

“I think in the back of their heads they were thinking, ‘We should beat them after we beat them twice in the regular season,’ but we also knew they were going to come gunning for us,” Wise said.

“One thing for us to work on is we’ve got to be able to close a game and not put ourselves behind and have to do it in dramatic fashion. The Princeville game was in dramatic fashion.”

Indeed, Stark County again squandered an early lead, this one 3-0 after three innings. But the Rebels erased a three-run deficit in the seventh to

force extra innings. Newton drove in three runs overall, and Cambri Holmstrom drove in two.

Regardless of how this season finishes, Wise appeared satisfied with how her senior-less team has played, particularly in May. Headed into the sectional, the Rebels were 9-1 this month.

“They’ve really grown a lot as a team,” Wise said. “They’ve played together since junior high, and they’re all such good friends. That chemistry is what contributes to their success.

“It’s a super-great feeling to know I’m going to have every single one of them back (next season) and got freshman coming in who will be an asset as well.”

## LEGAL ADS

| LYNN TOWNSHIP<br>ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT<br>04/01/25 - 03/31/26 |              | Total Funds Available  | \$748,675.93 |
|---|--------------|--|--------------|
| <b>REVENUE</b>  |              | <b>EXPENDITURES</b>  |              |
| Town, Cemetery, General Assistance and Audit Funds                |              | Dues & Fees  | \$160.00     |
| Beginning Balance 4/01/25   | \$104,617.07 | FICA/Med Expense   | \$146.88     |
| Real Estate Taxes   | \$58,568.06  | Fuel & Oil   | \$3,848.58   |
| Interest Income   | \$165.65     | Insurance  | \$5,078.00   |
| State of IL   | \$1,006.98   | Legal Fees   | \$1,070.00   |
| Miscellaneous   | \$685.00     | Repairs & Maintenance  | \$29,918.91  |
| Total Revenue   | \$60,425.69  | Rock   | \$8,024.91   |
| Total Funds Available   | \$165,042.76 | Road Maintenance & Repair  | \$9,280.70   |
| <b>EXPENDITURES</b>   |              | Supplies   | \$225.92     |
| Accounting/Legal Fees   | \$3225.00    | Trucking   | \$12,462.24  |
| Dues & Fees   | \$206.15     | Wages  | \$1,920.00   |
| FICA/Med Expense  | \$2,864.93   | Total Expenditures   | \$109,368.77 |
| Insurance   | \$582.00     | Ending Balance 3/31/26   | \$639,307.16 |
| Legal Fees  | \$1,070.00   | <b>Expenditures in Excess of \$2,500</b>                                 |              |
| Local Assistance  | \$1,500.00   | Alliance Materials \$2,835.45, Betcher Trucking \$8971.80, Bock's        |              |
| Office Supplies & Postage   | \$310.26     | Crossroad Truck Srvc \$11,389.56, Environmental Road Solutions           |              |
| Salaries  | \$33,250.00  | \$9280.70, Galena Road & Gravel \$3657.49, Payroll Taxes \$3011.81,      |              |
| Utilities   | \$2,024.81   | Martin Equipment \$3717.15, TOIRMA \$5078, West Central FS \$5251,       |              |
| Trustee Wages   | \$4,200.00   | Yemm Chevrolet \$32,232.63   |              |
| Total Expenditures  | \$49,233.15  | Payroll Under \$25,000.00  | \$6,120.00   |
| Ending Balance 3/31/26  | \$115,809.61 | Jim Anderson, Nicholas Appell, Crystal Kitterman, Jeffrey O'Bryant, Kyle |              |
| Road & Bridge, Permanent Road, Insurance, Special Bridge,         |              | Stevens, Timothy Thuline, Gail Sherbeyn                                  |              |
| Building & Equipment Funds  |              | Payroll \$25,000.00 to \$49,999.00                                       | \$33,250.00  |
| Beginning Balance 4/01/25   | \$480,635.31 | Nicholas George  |              |
| <b>REVENUE</b>  |              | I Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor of Lynn Township, Knox County, IL. do    |              |
| Real Estate Taxes   | \$114,418.79 | hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the Annual Treasurer's   |              |
| State of IL   | \$1,658.14   | Report for the fiscal year April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026          |              |
| Windmill Income   | \$149,985.00 | Crystal Kitterman, Supervisor  |              |
| Miscellaneous   | \$754.00     | Published 5/29/26  |              |
| Total Revenue   | \$268,040.62 |  |              |



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## Lady Rebels 4x800 wins state title

### All four runners post fastest splits, paced by Dusti Smith's sizzling 2:10

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

CHARLESTON – Running third as she entered the final turn in the 4x800-meter relay, an idea occurred to Dusti Smith.

“The thought went through my head that this was the chance I was waiting for,” the Stark County junior said. “All the sudden, I realized we had the chance to win and I was so excited and it gave me this burst of energy. And I gave it everything I had in the last 100 meters.”

And with that sizzling finish that saw Smith win easily in a split of 2:10.44, the Lady Rebels relay capped four years of steady improvement on the iconic blue track of Eastern Illinois University with a Class 1A state championship. The medal was the fourth straight for a relay that was ninth in 2023, seventh in 2024 and fourth last year.

Making the final move up to win a title took an almost perfect race in which all four runners posted their fastest splits of the year for an overall time of 9:24.77 – nearly 23 seconds faster than last year’s time of 9:47.19.

Senior Cheyenh Smith got Stark County an early lead with her split of

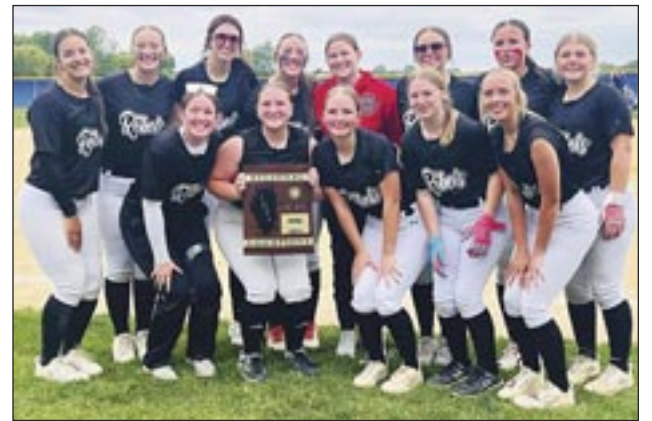


IHSA state championship medals taste good to the smiling members of the Stark County 4x800-meter relay, from left to right, Dusti Smith, Paytin Terwilliger, Cheyenh Smith and Norah Rorem. The quartet won the Class 1A title last Saturday in Charleston with a time of 9:24.77. Photo by Wendy Moodie.

2:18.62 and then handed to freshman Norah Rorem, who lost a spot but stayed in sight of the leader from Winnebago after a 2:26.58. From there, senior Paytin Terwilliger slipped back one spot behind a runner from Shelbyville but kept things close by posting her fastest time (by three seconds) of 2:29.13.

“Paytin kept us in a really good spot, but I was nervous how far Winnebago got ahead,” Dusti Smith said. “I just tried to focus on (second-place) Shelbyville because I knew their anchor can run a really good 800 and I knew she could pull me to a good position and I could try to

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Stark County won its first softball postseason title in 15 years over Bureau Valley on May 22. The Rebels are, Front row (left to right): Anna Nagode, Brooklynn Ostrowski, Jacey Endress, Scarlett Steelman and Taylor Price. Back row (l to r): Kenna Sparks, Gracie Rowell, Sophie Finnegan, Mackenzie Hamilton, Abby Nagode, Addy Westphal, Hallie Newton and Cambri Holmstrom.

## Rebels win regional in dramatic fashion

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

ANNAWAN – A pair of dramatic Class 1A regional-tournament victories provided Stark County with its first softball postseason championship in 15 years.

Brooklynn Ostrowski’s two-run home run in the bottom of the seventh inning gave Stark County an 8-7 title-game victory May



22 over Bureau Valley. Two days earlier, Stark County beat Princeville 7-6 in the semifinals on Hallie Newton’s RBI single in the bottom of the eighth.

“We had a pretty rough week with tight games and having to come back at the end,” Stark County Coach Amy Wise said. “They were sweet victories.”

They sent the Rebels *Continued on Page 11*

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