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## Emergency services manager suggests CO2 moratorium

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – A crowd of about 150 concerned citizens from Galva and the surrounding area filled half of the Galva High School gym Monday to hear more information on a proposed carbon-dioxide sequestration project.

Among the items the crowd heard was a recommendation by Mat Schneppe, the director of the Henry-Stark County Office

of Emergency Services, to place a moratorium on the project proposed by Lapis Carbon Solutions and the Big River Resources ethanol plant.

Under the proposed plan, an estimated 725,000 metric tons of CO2 per year for the next 12 years would be permanently stored more than 4,000 feet underground near the Big River Resources plant on the east side of Galva. About 50 trucks per day would bring the CO2 to Galva.

CO2 would also be stored in above-ground tanks prior to being injected into the ground.

Schneppe said Galva presently has trains going through with hazardous materials, anhydrous tanks across the street from the ethanol plant and propane tanks. He said his office has emergency plans to deal with all of those potential hazards, but as of now there is no plan in place to deal with CO2.

As a result, he said he will sug-

gest to the chairman of the Henry County board that a moratorium be put on the project. Details of a moratorium will be up to the board to draw up and vote on.

Schneppe said he plans to offer objectives for Lapis. He said once those plans are in place, pursuit of a permit for the project could continue.

The crowd also heard comments from Dustin Williams, who has led a group of citizens trying to find answers to ques-

tions about this project that were not revealed to them immediately.

Williams said everyone has to have food, water and air to live. He said his concern for this project is that CO2 could leak into the city's wells and then Galva and surrounding towns would have no water to use.

Lapis has said the CO2 will not impact Galva's wells, which are less than 2,000 feet deep. Residents are not so certain, saying

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## State passes \$56B budget and new taxes

By BEN SZALINSKI

Capitol News Illinois

**SPRINGFIELD** – Illinois lawmakers approved the state budget early Monday morning after slogging through the night, enacting new taxes on businesses and authorizing less spending than what Gov. JB Pritzker proposed in February.

"It's allowed us to be prepared for the great reality we face today," Senate Democrats budget leader Elgie Sims, of Chicago, said during debate. "The reality of federal cuts. The reality of chaos coming from Washington ... We are not placing blame. We are prepared. We are not acting on fear. We are acting responsibly."

The budget totals \$55.9 billion, supported by a similar amount of revenue. The spending plan included an \$830 million supplemental current-year spending plan, meaning the upcoming fiscal year 2027 budget is essentially flat.

To get it across the finish line, Democrats – especially progressives – had to temper their expectations. Many called

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### SUMMER FUN

## Food & music Event at Toulon Park scheduled for today

By The Prairie News

Summer is drawing near, and so is the smell of grilling pork chops and the taste of festival food. While most major events are still a few weeks away, Brandon Simpson of Toulon is hoping to add food, fun and music to the summer scene in his city.

Simpson has organized the first-Summer Nights in Toulon event today from 5-8 p.m. in Toulon Park. Rowan Burdock will perform live music and food will be served by the Top That and Covenant Barbecue food trucks. Alcohol will also be sold in a designated area. The next Summer Nights event is July 10.

Elsewhere, Saturday is the Bradford Hog Roast at the Bradford Firehouse, with food served from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Other upcoming events include:

- **June 18-20** – Heritage Days, Princeville.
- **June 20** – MidSommar Festival, Bishop Hill (and many more events).



Summer is a time for live music, food, floats and fun at festivals across the area.

- **July 3-4** – Freedom Fest, Galva.
- **July 23-27** – Stark County Junior Fair, Wyoming.
- **July 25** – Spoon River Days, Wyoming.
- **July 31, Aug. 1-2** – Old Settlers Days, Toulon.
- **Sept. 5-7** – Labor Day Weekend, Bradford.
- **Sept. 4-7** – Hog Days, Kewanee.
- **Sept. 13** – Ag Day, Williamsfield.
- **Sept. 19-20** – Stark County Fall Festival, Wyoming.

## Galva sets cleanup days for June 22-27 City staff gets raises

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – The Galva City Council on Monday approved holding cleanup week in the city on June 22-27 and reported that city staff will be receiving 5% raises.

During cleanup week, residents are asked to bring their items to the maintenance building if they are able. If no, city staff can come to a residence only one time during the week. Those items must be put out to the curb by early Monday morning.

The maintenance yard will be open Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to noon, according to Street Superintendent Richard Plummer.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that there are large items on

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# CO2 MEETING: Similar project OK'd in Hennepin

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the project could endanger Galva's water aquifer.

Williams said the whole project is about the money. It has been noted that Lapis and Big River could earn \$62 million a year in tax incentives to store the CO2 underground.

Also speaking at the meeting was Amanda Stodgel, a registered nurse, who presented details from a forensic audit on Galva's emergency infrastructure that she conducted.

She said her summary reveals "systemic failures that threaten public safety and represent a critical lapse in fiscal management."

She said Galva allocates approximately \$250,000 per year to the ambulance budget, noting that service costs have increased 131%.

She said federal requirements mandate verified, documented emergency response arrangements for high-stake industrial projects and her audit confirms these arrangements are currently non-existent.

Stodgel asked for a written response from the council to her audit findings by its next meeting, which is scheduled for July 6.

In response, four Galva aldermen said they need more questions answered. Second Ward Alderman John Wirtz said he opposed the project and

thinks the ethanol plant should not have been built as close to Galva as it was.

Third Ward Alderperson Jackie Clucas thanked Williams for his hard work and the knowledge he has on CO2 sequestration to help answer questions from residents.

Lapis and Big River Resources submitted a permit application to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in February. The permit process could take up to four years, according to officials.

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# CLEANUP DAYS: Hazard mitigation plan adopted

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curbs now. He said that Eagle Enterprises require a \$10 sticker in order to pick them up. They only pick up large items the first Wednesday of the month. Items are only to be on the curb a few days before the monthly pick-up and must have a sticker on them.

Mayor Rich Volkert said 5% raises

for city staff were approved after executive session at the council's May meeting. Volkert said at Monday's meeting that the raises are retroactive to May 1.

Water Superintendent Jake McClintic reminded residents not to blow their grass onto the street.

The council also passed a resolution to adopt the Hazard Mitigation

Plan, which does not include CO2 sequestration.

Ward Three Alderperson Jackie Clucas reported that flags will be left up in Galva's downtown until after July 4.

The council went into closed session for real estate and personnel.

The next city council meeting will be on July 6.

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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:**

5-25 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a trespassing complaint.  
 5-25 - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for an animal neglect complaint.  
 5-25 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.  
 5-25 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud noise complaint.  
 5-26 - to the 400 block of SE 4th St. for a reckless driving complaint. Officer was not able to locate suspect vehicle.  
 5-27 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a disturbance complaint. As a result, Luke Rawlings, 43, Galva, was arrested for assault and disorderly conduct. He was taken to the Galva Police Department for processing and later released with a required court date.  
 5-27 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of S. Center Ave., Donald Adams, 49, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.  
 5-27 - to a residence on SW 2nd Ave. for a complaint about a suicidal subject.  
 5-28 - to the 100 block of SE 1st Ave for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was located and returned to its owner.



5-28 - to a residence on NW 11th St. for a welfare check. The subject was located out of the area and was fine.  
 5-28 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a theft complaint.  
 5-28 - to the 500 block of James B. Young Road for a 911 open-line complaint. It was determined to be an accidental pocket dial.  
 5-28 - the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a 911 open-line complaint. Officer checked the area and was not able to locate anyone needing assistance.  
 5-28 - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for a civil complaint involving the purchase of a vehicle.  
 5-29 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 2nd St., Evan Salz, 22, Kewanee was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released

with a required court date.  
 5-29 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a city ordinance violation involving a pile of furniture sitting on the terrace. The residents were advised to dispose of the items.  
 5-29 - to the 300 block of NW 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer was not able to locate the dog.  
 5-29 - to the 00 block of S. Center Ave. for a 911 hang-up complaint. It was confirmed to be a misdial.  
 5-30 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a wild-animal complaint involving an injured fox. Officer located the fox and followed it further east toward the outskirts of town.  
 5-30 - to the south edge of town to watch for a reckless driver. Officer did not locate the alleged driver.  
 5-31 - Officer spoke to a resident by telephone about a city-ordinance violation.  
 5-31 - to the 800 block of NW 7th Ave. for a wild-animal complaint involving a snake found in the backyard.  
 5-31 - Officer assisted Henry County with a welfare check southwest of town for a couple walking toward Galva. Officers were not able to locate the couple.

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for new revenue measures throughout the session, including taxes on corporations and billionaires and for Illinois to untie itself from parts of the federal tax code.

Instead, the measure freezes corporate net operating loss and enacts taxes on social media companies, digital assets, fantasy sports, tobacco and sports betting on prediction market websites.

Democrats also sought to include at least a few measures that address affordability. It freezes the 1.3-cent gas tax increase slated for July 1, pushing it to January. It also creates a sales tax holiday on school supplies from Aug. 7-16.

Republicans said the relief didn't go nearly far enough.

"We're not going to raise the gas tax in July, we're just going to wait a couple more months, so we can raise it at the end of the year after election time," Rep. Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford said.

**Path to passage**

Its passage comes after an spring session thrust further into unpredictability by the war in Iran and federal policy changes. Budget analysts for the General Assembly and governor's office tempered revenue expectations just weeks ago, citing growing pessimism over the economy.

The 3,700-page spending plan and associated implementation bill were introduced late Saturday evening and about 200 additional pages were added around 2 a.m. on Monday. But other components of the budget, including the capital and revenue bills, were not filed until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

"Thirteen million people expect us to do our jobs in the openness of daylight within the months and weeks leading up to a May 31 deadline each year, not in the final few hours of darkness," Sen. Chris Balkema, R-Channahon, said as the Senate took up the spending bill around 2:30 a.m.

No Republicans voted for the plan, though some House lawmakers said they were at least more involved in budget negotiations.

"It's been very recent communication, but it's certainly better than no communication at all, which has been, of course, the status quo for many years," Rep. Ryan Spain, R-Peoria, told reporters.

The spending measure, House Bill 111, passed the Senate 37-21 after 3 a.m. Monday. The House followed around 4:15 a.m. with a 76-39 vote,

followed by the budget implementation bill, House Bill 2949. The revenue and tax changes, Senate Bill 3019, passed the House around 11:15 p.m. on a 73-41 vote, followed by the Senate around 12:30 a.m. Sunday with only Democratic votes.

**Tax increases**

The budget also calls for transferring \$150 million in sales tax revenue from gas to the General Revenue Fund once public transportation is fully funded.

"If you're a driver who is irritated by the high price of gas that you're paying, you should be extra irritated when you where the funds are going," Spain said.

Sen. Chapin Rose, R-Mahomet, aired similar concerns earlier on Sunday during committee.

"We ought to be suspending the sales tax on motor fuel right now — not diverting it to the General Revenue Fund, and not diverting it, oddly to the exact same dollar amount that we got for illegal immigrants and welcoming centers," he said.

That state plans to spend \$143 million on a healthcare program for undocumented immigrant seniors and another \$4 million on welcoming centers that provide services to immigrants arriving in Illinois.

Lawmakers incorporated a pair of the tax changes that Pritzker had proposed in February. One would lower the cap on corporate net operating loss deductions for business. Another would impose a tax on social media companies based on the number of users the platform has in Illinois. Combined, those would generate \$500 million in new revenue.

The revenue package also creates a Targeted Advertising Services Tax, which is more commonly known as a digital ad tax. However, lawmakers expect the tax will also face legal challenges and are not planning to gather revenue from it in FY27.

Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago, said the goal was to create a framework to implement the tax later if it's held up in court. Keith Staats, president of the Illinois Taxpayers Federation, told a House committee the tax likely violates federal internet freedom laws.

The budget package does not eliminate tax incentives for data centers, despite Pritzker calling for it.

Other spending in the budget appears to rely on numerous fund sweeps that redirect money from one program to another or to the state's General Revenue Fund. One of those sweeps includes transferring \$70 mil-

lion from the BRIDGE program — created last year to allow Pritzker to allocate funding to programs that fall short in funding because of federal cuts — to the Fund for Illinois' Future for infrastructure projects. Money in that fund is typically earmarked for specific projects in Democratic legislative districts.

However, the spending bill stipulates that \$70 million from the BRIDGE Fund should go to a new program to fill gaps in food assistance programs.

**Spending**

Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, said the budget includes about \$65 million in reductions for government operations, a relatively small cut in the budget. She said no government staff would be laid off.

The budget would establish a program to help people who have lost Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits as the federal government institutes new restrictions on eligibility. Under the new Families Receiving Emergency Support for Hunger, or FRESH Program, people who have lost or seen their SNAP benefits reduced would be eligible for a one-time \$400 payment. The program is scheduled to last one year at an estimated cost of \$70 million

Funding for local governments will increase. Lawmakers allowed the percentage of the income tax that they receive to stay flat at 6.47%. Because of natural income tax growth, their total dollar amount received will grow — Pritzker had proposed reducing the percentage.

Mayors vigorously lobbied lawmakers this spring not to cut the percentage and Sims told reporters on Sunday morning that senators agreed.

Illinois lawmakers are also in line for a roughly 3% pay raise, which will bring their base salaries to \$101,450. State law indexes their pay each year to the rate of inflation.

The bill also fully funds pensions and the state's Evidence-Based Funding model for K-12 education, including a property tax relief component. However, districts receiving those grants will need to forgo property tax increases for three years, rather than two as current law requires.

Higher education will only receive a 1% increase next year — the second year in a row new funding was below the rate of inflation.

Direct service providers will receive a 60-cent wage increase, half of what is recommended.

**FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3**

**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

1. Star Wars: The Mandalorian and Grogu (PG-13)
2. Obsession (R)
3. Michael (PG-13)
4. The Devil Wears Prada 2 (PG-13)
5. The Sheep Detectives (PG)
6. Passenger (R)
7. Mortal Combat II (R)
8. I Love Boosters (R)
9. The Super Mario Galaxy Movie (PG)
10. Project Hail Mary (PG-13)

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1. TELEVISION: What are the names of the three girls in the animated series "Powerpuff Girls"?  
2. GEOGRAPHY: Which ocean lies between Australia and Africa?  
3. MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numerals MMXXVI?  
4. MUSIC: Who won Best New Artist at the 2026 Grammys?  
5. U.S. STATES: Which state is an archipelago?  
6. MOVIES: Which classic movie has the tagline, "From the moment they met it was murder"?  
7. GAMES: How many basketball players can be on the court at the same time?  
8. SCIENCE: What is the heliosphere?  
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is vexillology?  
10. HISTORY: Who was the only English king to be executed for treason?

**Answers**

1. Blossom, Buttercup and Bubbles.
2. Indian Ocean.
3. 2,026.
4. Olivia Dean.
5. Hawaii.
6. "Double Indemnity."
7. 10, five from each team.
8. The Sun's solar winds and magnetic fields create a protective bubble around our solar system.
9. The study of flags.
10. Charles I in 1649.

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## VILLAGE OF BRADFORD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2026

### Consumer Confidence Report Annual Drinking Water Quality Report Bradford IL1750050

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 BRADFORD is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact Kurt J. Downie at (815) 228-9548.

#### 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 EPA's 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 Standards 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 Kurt J. Downie at 815-228-9548. 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 (815) 228-9548. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessment, including the 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: Bradford

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells.

The Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply's source water is not 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 available hydrogeologic data on the wells. Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper siting conditions; a hydraulic barrier exists which 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 the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this system ground water supply.

#### Source Water Information

| Source Water Name | Type of Meter | Report Status | Location                           |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------------------|
| Well 2 (31351)    | GW            | Active        | West of Well 1 and WTP             |
| Well 3 (01657)    | GW            | Active        | 200' N of WTP at N End of Park St. |

### 2025 Regulated Contaminants Detected

#### Lead and Copper

**Definitions:** The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation.

**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: 0 UG/L to - 750 UG/L

Lead Range: 1 UG/L to - 150 UG/L Sampling Data: Kurt Downie - 815-228-9548

**CIRCLE ONE:** Our Community water supply has not developed a service line material inventory To obtain a copy of the system's service line inventory: Contact Kurt Downie - 815-228-9548

| 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               | 0.043           | 0                 | ppm   | N         | Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Lead          | 2025         | 0    | 15                | 8.6             | 2                 | 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 (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology. **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that additions of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (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            | 1.1                    | 0.97 - 1.21              | MRDLG=4               | MRDL=4 | ppm   | N         | Water additive used to control microbes  |
| Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)               | 2025            | 1                      | 0.612 - 0.612            | 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                                     | 02/07/2023      | 0.0089                 | 0.0089 - 0.0089          | 2                     | 2      | ppm   | N         | Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.                                |
| Fluoride                                   | 02/07/2023      | 0.533                  | 0.533 - 0.533            | 4                     | 4.0    | ppm   | N         | Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories. |
| Iron                                       | 02/07/2023      | 0.18                   | 0.18 - 0.18              |                       | 1.0    | ppm   | N         | This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.       |
| Manganese                                  | 02/07/2023      | 1.8                    | 1.8 - 1.8                | 150                   | 150    | ppb   | N         | This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.       |
| Selenium                                   | 02/07/2023      | 4.3                    | 4.3 - 4.3                | 50                    | 50     | ppb   | N         | Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.                          |
| Sodium                                     | 02/07/2023      | 190                    | 190 - 190                |                       |        | 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                    | 04/17/2023      | 1.77                   | 1.77 - 1.77              | 0                     | 5      | pCi/L | N         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |
| Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium    | 04/17/2023      | 7.89                   | 7.89 - 7.89              | 0                     | 15     | pCi/L | N         | Erosion of natural deposits.   |

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### Aiden Painter selected for Legion Boys State

BRADFORD – Bradford American Legion Post 445 has selected **Aiden Painter**, son of Jeremy and Nicole Painter of Bradford, as their candidate for Boys State 2026.



Painter

The 89th annual session of the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State will be held from June 13-19 at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston.

The week-long civic leadership program allows high school juniors to form mythical cities, run for office and learn government operations.

### Free screenings in Princeville June 18

PRINCEVILLE – The Lions mobile hearing and retinal screening unit will be conducting free hearing and retinal screenings on Thursday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the

Lillie M. Evans Library, 207 N. Walnut.

The screening is sponsored by the Princeville Lions Club and the Lions of Illinois Foundation and is made possible through generous donations. Persons wishing to join the Lions in their fight against vision and hearing loss should contact their local Lions Club or visit lionsofillinoisfoundation.org.

### College honors

• **Marcel Fisher Smith**, of Bradford was named to the Dean's list (3.5 gpa or better) at Illinois Wesleyan University for the spring 2026 semester.

### College graduate

• **Blake Orwig** of Wyoming graduated from Monmouth College at the May 17 commencement with a degree in business administration and accounting.

### Goldrush Apple Wind donates over \$40,000

PRINCEVILLE – Goldrush Apple Wind announces the distribution of \$36,500 in the first-quarter community grants and sponsorships, rein-

forcing its ongoing commitment to strengthen and support local communities.

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Goldrush Apple Wind sponsored Spoon River Days in Wyoming, Old Settler's Days in Toulon and Princeville Heritage Days.

Goldrush Apple Wind also provided funding for:

- Playground drainage improvements and play area at Midland Schools.
- The purchase of new regulation-compliant boots for the Wyoming Fire District.
- The City of Wyoming's town beautification project, including the purchase of a sweeper attachment.
- Display materials and a tent for the Stark County for Continuous Improvement's promotional efforts and initiatives for Stark County residents.

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# Bishop Hill hosts Doodle folk festival

For The Prairie News  
 BISHOP HILL – On Saturday June 13, 2026, Bishop Hill celebrates America’s 250th birthday with the Doodle Folk Music Festival, starting at 10 a.m. in the village park, and continuing throughout the day. The music festival will feature some of Illinois’ best-known folk musicians, including Lee Murdock and the Bucktown Americana Music Show. The festival is named in honor of Bishop Hill’s first folk musician, Doodle (Jonas Danielson) and there will be an infor-

mational display about Doodle in the park gazebo. All park concerts are free and open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to bring lawn chairs.  
 The concert schedule includes the following performers:  
 • 10 a.m.- Barry Cloyd  
 • 11:30 a.m. - Taproot Wranglers  
 • 1:30 p.m. - Bucktown Americana Music Show  
 • 3 p.m. - Lee Murdock  
 The Filling Station Restaurant will also host the 17th annual Honor Flight Benefit from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. featuring live music, a

pay-what-you-can Honor Flight breakfast and lunch buffet, (the grill will not be open day of the event); a brown-bag raffle fundraiser from 8 to 11 a.m.; and a live auction at 11 a.m. Proceeds from the day’s events will be donated to Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.  
 The Doodle Folk Music Festival is made possible by funding from the Illinois Arts Council and the Minneapolis Foundation. Regional Media is our media sponsor. For more details, call (309) 927-3899 or visit [www.bishop-hillheritage.org](http://www.bishop-hillheritage.org).

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### 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/

www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

### 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.

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

### First Congregational Church

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

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Wednesday Kid's Club 5:30-7 p.m.

Wednesday Virtual Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

Email: pastor@toulonbaptist.com

www.ToulonBaptist.com

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Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.

16883 State Route 17, PO Box 158 - Wyoming, IL 61491

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317 SW Third Street, Galva, IL

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5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall)

Sunday: Worship: 9 a.m.

Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com

1-309-932-3346

Facebook: Messiah Lutheran—Galva, IL

### Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart

214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434 • (309) 932-2460

preachinghope@gmail.com • galvafirst@gmail.com

Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

### Holy Trinity National Catholic Church

Father John Cramer

716 N. Tremont, Kewanee, IL

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

### St. Dominic Catholic Church of Incarnation Parish

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

officeic25@gmail.com - incarnationcatholic.org

Mass Times: Saturdays 5 p.m. in Brimfield

Sundays 8AM in Wyoming - 9 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. in Princeville

Religious Education - 10 a.m. Sunday Mornings

### 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

Services on Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Boyd's Grove UMC 1976 Wyonet Walnut Rd, Bradford, IL. 61421

Services on Sundays at 9 a.m.

Rev Dan Wright

309-897-8113 309-507-1626

thewright62@hotmail.com

### Bradford Apostolic Christian Church

440 E Main St Bradford IL 61421

9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship Service and simultaneous Sunday

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## OBITUARIES

### Doris L. Boehle

GALVA – Doris L. Boehle, 90, of Galva, died on Wednesday, May 27, 2026.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 13, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with the Rev. Al Harmon officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Interment will follow in Princeville Cemetery. Memorials be made to the Honor Flight or to the First Baptist Church of Toulon.



Boehle

Doris was born on Jan. 30, 1936, in Akron Township near Princeville, the daughter of Ervin and Margaret (Hohenbery) Streitmatter. She married Gerald Harlin, who preceded her in death. She later married Eugene Boehle, and he also preceded her in death.

Other family members who are no longer living include her parents and two brothers, Maurice Streitmatter and Lester Streitmatter.

She is survived by her children, Timothy (Lynne) Harlin of Cedar, Minn., and Dawn Mossage of Galva; five grandchildren, Emily, Elizabeth, Cassandra, Nicholas and Taylor; and four great-grandchildren, Charles, Benjamin, Mia and Leo. She also is survived by two brothers, Larry Streitmatter of Edmond, Okla., and Rodger Streitmatter of Washington, D.C.

Doris grew up in Princeville and graduated from Princeville High School, where she played the clarinet in the band, received the Daughters of the American Revolution Award for Good Citizenship and was named an honor student her senior year. She went on to graduate from Illinois State University and was a primary school teacher at Sparland Grade School for many years.

She attended the First Baptist Church in Toulon and was active in the Senior Citizens of Kewanee. She enjoyed reading, traveling and gardening. Anyone who met Doris soon discovered that she was a person of great kindness and enormous concern for others. She found great joy in going to restaurants and studying every detail of the menu and had a particular fancy for chocolate. But her first love was her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

### Joseph E. Colgan

BRADFORD – Joseph Edward Colgan, 79, of Bradford, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Joe was born on Feb. 15, 1947, in Kewanee, the son of Francis "Hank" and Lucille (Nellinger) Colgan. He was a proud graduate of Bradford High School.



Colgan

Joe began his college education on a football scholarship at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale but found himself homesick for the farm. He returned home briefly before continuing his studies at Western Illinois University in Macomb.

However, the sale barn in Macomb captured much of his attention, and he ultimately chose to return home to farm.

Joe was a lifelong farmer, tending both grain and livestock, though he particularly loved working with pigs. While home from college, he met a cheerleader named Sandra "Sandi" Blakey. Their courtship blossomed and they were married on July 11, 1971, at the Wyoming United Methodist Church.

He was a devoted member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford and the Farm Bureau. Above all, Joe cherished his family and treasured the time spent with them.

Joe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Sandi Colgan of Bradford; two children, Tina (Neil) Telander of North Liberty, Iowa, and Gregory Colgan of Toulon; one grandchild, Kelby Telander; five siblings, Bill (Ken) Colgan of Princeville, Helen (Ken) Slane of Peoria, Robert Colgan of Bradford, Mary Ann (Butch) Knobloch of Tiskilwa and Peggy (Robert) Bauer of Knoxville, Tenn.; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Colgan.

Visitation will be held from noon until the time of the Funeral Mass at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford, with the Rev. Michael Schaab officiating. Burial will immediately follow in St. John Cemetery in Bradford.

Memorials may be directed to The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research.

### Janet M. Garnett

PRINCEVILLE – Janet Marie Garnett, 69, of Princeville, passed away peacefully at home in rural Princeville on Thursday, May 28, 2026. Janet was born on Jan. 15, 1957, in Blythe, Calif., the daughter of Ted and Leanora (Dekens) Milligan.

She graduated from Ames (Iowa) High School in 1975 and recently helped in planning her 50th reunion.

Janet married Stephen Garnett on Nov. 26, 1977, sharing over 48 years together; Steve survives. They lived in Peoria from 1977-83 and on a farm in rural Princeville from 1983 until her passing.

Also surviving are their two children, Matthew (Bobbi) Garnett of Princeville and Lisa (Joshua) Inman of Chiang Mai, Thailand; and six grandchildren, Taylor, Colby, Hailey, Noah, Alexandria and Jordan. She was lovingly called "Grandma" by Lisa's kids and "Kiya" by Matt's. She is also survived by one sister, Rita Stephans of Bellevue, Neb.; and one brother, Greg (Jamie) Milligan of Ames, Iowa. She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Teddy, Don and Mike; and one sister, Sharon.

Janet was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. Her Catholic faith was very important to her. She prayed the Rosary daily and found comfort in the words of the Bible. She built lasting friendships through her work at

Sears, First Financial Bank of Princeville and 1st Farm Credit Services, which later became Compeer Financial, from which she retired in 2022.

She had a great voice – her siblings fondly remember her singing to them at night when they were young. In Janet's younger years, she was also known for her basketball skills, especially when she attended St. Cecilia School and Ames High. She was known for her "devastating left hook shot," which she had practiced to perfection. Throughout her life, she loved watching college basketball, especially the Iowa State Cyclones, Caitlin Clark and the WNBA. She was also a voracious reader of books, a passion she passed on to her daughter and granddaughter.

Janet loved visiting the ocean and especially the beaches in Florida while her daughter lived there. Some of her favorite vacations included an Alaskan vacation with Steve, a special trip to Hawaii and recent family vacations to Lake Michigan. While she was afraid to fly, she eventually overcame her fear, even flying to Thailand to visit her daughter and grandchildren numerous times.

Janet enjoyed riding bikes – she participated in RAGBRAI's ride across Iowa three times with Steve. In recent years, Janet loved feeding and watching hummingbirds, eating at Applebee's and Longhorn Steakhouse and watching "NCIS" and "Law and Order SVU."

She truly loved mowing the lawn with her riding mower and was very particular about how it was done. She also loved driving Alexandria to school and taking the grandkids to the library or to get ice cream. She was thrilled to follow the grandkids around as they drove the little trucks on the farm and generally spoiled her grandkids as much as she could.

Most of all, Janet loved her family – her children and grandchildren were her greatest joy. She was the most selfless person, always putting the thoughts and concerns of others before her own. She was an example to her kids and grandkids of what it means to give selflessly and love unconditionally. She never missed an activity or sporting event of her children or grandchildren if she could help it, even driving as far as Iowa for Matt's college games. She was their greatest cheerleader, support and friend. Janet was also extremely welcoming to Matt's and Lisa's friends. Many considered the farm a second home and considered Janet a second mom because of her warm hospitality.

A visitation will be held on Friday, June 5, 2026, at Golnick Family Funeral Home (formerly Haskell) in Princeville from 6-8 p.m. with a Rosary service at 5:30. A funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, June 6, 2026, at 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. Msgr. Gerald Ward will preside; burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be made to Smile Train or the American Cancer Society.

Condolences may be left for Janet's family on her tribute wall at www.golnickhaskellfh.com.

## OBITUARIES

### Charles R. Hollis

CHILLICOTHE – Charles R. Hollis, 73, of Chillicothe, passed away on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at his home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Chuck was born on March 10, 1953, in Kewanee to Dale Wilson and Mae Minnie (Thurston) Hollis. He married Barbara J. Howell on March 5, 1977, in Odin.

Surviving are his wife of 49 years, Barbara; his daughter, Tammy Hollis of Chillicothe; his grandchildren, Ashley Clougherty and Dominic Hollis; his brother, Jerry (Charlotte) Hollis of Kewanee; his sisters, Sallenda "Sally" McCullough of Woodbury and Marcine Gilbert of McMinnville, both of Tennessee; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Shirley Hollis, Norita White and Sharon Sparkman.

Chuck was an electrician for Caterpillar Inc. for 35 years and owned Hollis Fence for almost 20 years, serving a lot of the Chillicothe community. He was a member of North Chillicothe Baptist Church, the Peoria Casting Club, the Chillicothe Sportsman Club and the UAW. Chuck enjoyed hunting and fishing and was active with the Boy Scouts of America. He was also a huge fan of the Peoria Rivermen.

Services were held on May 26, 2026, at 12 p.m. at Weber-Hurd Funeral Home in Chillicothe. Burial was in Chillicothe City Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Illinois Cancer Care.

### Larry L. Smith

WEST JERSEY – Larry Leigh Smith, 88, passed peacefully at his rural West Jersey home he shared for six years with his brother, Brent.

He was born May 29, 1937, in Kewanee, the son of Clifton L. and Isabelle (Mehl) Smith. In 1955, he graduated from Toulon Township High School, where he was active in FFA, sports and music, and was cited as the ideal boy with the best personality.

Larry married Joyce A. Daum on Dec. 22, 1959, and their adventures of travel began with a honeymoon drive to California where they first lived.

Years later after returning to Gales-

burg, Larry earned an associate's degree from Canton Junior College and worked as an accountant for Peat, Marwick & Mitchell and Hansen Lumber, in Galesburg. He also worked independently. After retirement, he worked in maintenance at Soangetaha Country Club and as a driver for DO Travel.

Larry was a member of Elks 894 Galesburg and served many years as treasurer. As a member of the Monticello Railway Museum, he helped with numerous special events, including Thomas, Little Engine and being Santa on the Polar Express, a role he really enjoyed. His other hobbies were golf, fishing and trains, especially steam trains.

He and Joyce loved traveling the world. Always up for an adventure, he celebrated his 79th birthday on a desert safari, complete with riding a camel and enjoying a Bedouin-style dinner under the desert stars in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Larry is survived by his sister Faye (Syl) Keller, Carlock; brother Brent Smith and sister-in-law Sylvia (late Merlin) Smith, both of Toulon; nephew Philip Keller of Congerville; nieces Melissa (Scott) Connor of Springfield, Laurie (James) Bethmann of Lake Villa and Barbara Hildebrandt of Toulon; great-nephew Connor Bethmann; and great-nieces Abbi Hildebrandt, Nyah and Ari Bethmann.

He was predeceased by his parents, brother Merlin "Mert" Smith and his beloved wife Joyce on May 11, 2017.

Cremation rights have been accorded. A graveside service was held May 30 at 10 a.m. at West Jersey Cemetery with Deacon Michael Crummer officiating. Memorials may be made to Elks 894 Galesburg or Monticello Railway Museum for the Turntable Project.

Online condolences or expressions of sympathy may be made through [hurd-hendricksfuneralhomes.com](http://hurd-hendricksfuneralhomes.com).

### Walter T. Tracy

SPARTA, Tenn. – Walter Thomas "Tom" Tracy died unexpectedly at his home on Friday, March 14, 2026, in Sparta, Tenn.

Born Tuesday, July 8, 1947, in Kewanee, he was the son of the late Dean Tracy and the late Irma Tracy.

He is survived by his sister-in-law, Erminda Marie (Clay) Ayers of Tryon, N.C.; and a brother-in-law, Wayne Andrew (Karin) McIntire of Galva.

Tom was known to many as "Uncle Tom" and is survived by many nieces and nephews, including Amy Himlin (Dustin) Rawlings and their sons Wyatt Matthew, Tucker Alan and Dustin Wesley of Durham, N.C.; and Chloe (Kevin) Konstant

and their two sons. Surviving nephews include Rodney Tracy of Florida; Chris Tracy and his children, Riley and Lila, of Florida; Paige Ryan Tracy and his daughters, Paisley Reagan, Peyton Raquel and stepdaughter Chloe Grace Harrington of Wyoming; and Ross (Olivia) McIntire and Thomas Wayne (Kimberlee) McIntire, who have a son and daughter, both of Galesburg.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Dean and Irma Tracy, and brothers, Gary Tracy and Paul Tracy.

Tom grew up on the family farm outside of Castleton and graduated from Wyoming High School in 1965 as valedictorian of his class. He married his high school sweetheart, Sandy McIntire, on June 18, 1966, in Princeville. It is said that from the moment Tom saw Sandy, he was smitten with her. Before Sandy passed away, they had celebrated 50 years of marriage together.

He later graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1970 with a bachelor's degree in business and economics. During his college years he was a member of the Air Force ROTC.

After college, Tom worked for various companies such as Funk's, A.O. Smith, a large foundry in Chicago, and a stint developing a retrofit business with some other men before striking out on his own and developing TNC Integration Inc.

Tom and Sandy traveled extensively during their life together, renovating houses and collecting beautiful antiques from every locale they called home.

Tom worked with his company, TNC Integration Inc., up to the day before he passed away.

Tom will be remembered as a loving, generous man, husband and uncle who loved his nieces and nephews as his own. Tom had several annual shopping trips with Paige's daughters, and we are sure they will miss the time he gave them.

A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2026, at Sheets Cemetery in rural Wyoming. A luncheon will be from noon to 3 p.m. at Speer Community Bank, 14 Main St., Speer. Burial will be in Sheets Cemetery. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Tom's life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider supporting the Stark County Historical Society, P.O. Box 524, Toulon, IL 61483. Both Tom and Sandy had been active in the work and support of this group.



Hollis



Tracy

### Consignments Wanted Anything But Household Auction

Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m., Wyoming, IL  
310 East Washington Street, Wyoming IL  
Highway 17 West Wyoming IL

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511 East Division Street Galva IL

Real Estate OPEN HOUSE: Thursday, June 11 at 5 p.m.  
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We will reopen Friday, June 12.

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| <b>Monday, June 1 -</b><br>Individual Transports Available -<br>Call (309) 364-2287  | <b>Thursday, June 4 -</b><br>KEWANEE - Pick up Bradford 8:40,<br>Wyoming 8:55, Toulon 9:10    |
| <b>Monday, June 8 -</b><br>Individual Transports Available -<br>Call (309) 364-2287  | <b>Thursday, June 11 -</b><br>GENESE - Bradford 8:40,<br>Wyoming 8:55, Toulon 9:10            |
| <b>Monday, June 15 -</b><br>Individual Transports Available -<br>Call (309) 364-2287 | <b>Thursday, June 18 -</b><br>KEWANEE - Pick up Toulon 8:40,<br>Wyoming 8:55, Bradford 9:10   |
| <b>Monday, June 22 -</b><br>Individual Transports Available -<br>Call (309) 364-2287 | <b>Thursday, June 25 -</b><br>GALESBURG - Pick up Toulon 8:40,<br>Wyoming 8:55, Bradford 9:10 |
| <b>Monday, June 29 -</b><br>Individual Transports Available -<br>Call (309) 364-2287 |   |

**Please Note:**  
The van will leave the destination city at 2:30 p.m.

Fees: People under age 60: \$10 except to Kewanee is \$6; People aged 60 & over: voluntary donation Call by 4:00 p.m. the day before you would like to ride the van to make your reservation. Individual transports are available M - F with advanced reservations.

# Open House

## Wyoming United Methodist Church

Sunday, June 14, 2026  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
**Final Worship Service**  
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## LEGAL ADS

### Legal Notice

Stark County CUSD #100 is taking bids for bus barn construction at Stark County Elementary School, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, IL, 61491. Please contact Brett Elliott at bellott@stark100.com for bid specs. Deadline for Sealed Bids: 12:00 noon, Thursday, June 11, 2026. Sealed bids to be delivered to Stark County CUSD #100, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491. The bids will be presented to the Stark County Board of Education at its regular meeting on June 15, 2026. The Board of Education is an equal opportunity employer and reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published 6/5/26

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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

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

### 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, De-  
ceased. 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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Margy M. Rogers  
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### Illinois Department of Transportation

Office of the Secretary  
2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764  
Telephone 217/782-5597

#### ORDER DOCKET # 26-26

**In re:** Application of Denny Webster to Construct a new Restricted Landing Area (RLA) known as Denny Webster Heliport RLA near Toulon, Illinois.

On (Initial Date of Cert), Denny Webster filed an application for approval of an RLA, owned and operated by Denny Webster, to be known as Denny Webster Heliport RLA. The facility will be located near Toulon in the (Legal Description) in Stark County, Illinois.

On May 23, 2026, the Division served Notice of its intention to enter an Order approving said application, pursuant to Section 60 (620 ILCS 5/60) of the Illinois Aeronautics Act. No comments have been received by the Division on this matter.

#### IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED BY THE DIVISION OF AERONAUTICS AS FOLLOWS:

1. No operations from said RLA are authorized by this Order until the Certificate of Approval has been issued hereunder.
2. Unless the Division grants an extension of time for completion, this Order shall become null and void unless construction is satisfactorily completed within **18 months** from the effective date hereof. If all requirements of the Division are met upon completion and final inspection, a Certificate of Approval for said RLA shall be issued to Denny Webster. **Applicant shall notify the Division within 30 days after the completion of construction.**
3. Said RLA shall conform to all requirements (including written notice of abandonment) of this Division.
4. Unless the Department finds that a hearing is necessary or that a longer period is appropriate, this Order shall take effect twenty (20) days after the service date thereof.
5. This Order and Certificate of Approval create no private interest in the applicant or its successors. The Division expressly reserves the authority to revoke or modify said Certificate when in the public interest to do so.
6. This Order and any Certificate of Approval issued pursuant thereto do not pre-empt, waive, suspend or modify any zoning regulations, building code requirements, or local ordinance adopted by local governmental bodies.
7. The Certificate of Approval must be modified or reissued if any alteration or extension is made to the RLA.

Please address any comments or request for a hearing regarding this Order within fifteen (15) days after the date of service to: IDOT, Division of Aeronautics, Bureau of Aviation Safety, 1 Langhorne Bond Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62707-8415.

Clayton Stambaugh, Deputy Director  
Office of Intermodal Project Implementation

**DATED:** May 8, 2026 **TO BE SERVED:** (June 7, 2026)

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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  
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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  
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good@wmpj.com

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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

Property Index No. Tax Sale Certificate No. 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

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# KNOBLOCH: Goal is to win 3,200 in 2027

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reasons to quit. There's one reason to stay in, and that's what he did."

The usual afternoon heat at O'Brien Field appeared to factor in Oberkfell's state-meet strategy. Unlike other events at state, there is no 3,200 preliminary round that winnows sectional qualifiers. Runners compete in three heats on the final day of the meet, grouped according to their sectional times. Results from the heats are combined to determine overall places.

According to the Alton Telegraph, Oberkfell finished second intentionally in the 3,200 at the Gillespie Sectional. His sectional time of 10:06.74 was the slowest in the second heat at state. But that race began about 10:15 a.m., with scattered clouds and temperatures approaching 75 degrees.

When Knobloch ran two hours later, it was sunnier, more humid and at least five degrees warmer. Oberkfell employed the same tactic in 2025, when he was runner-up in the 3,200.

"He did it last year and it didn't work out for him," Rennick said. "You can't be too cute with it."

Meet public-address announcer Matt Piescinski of Charleston stated he didn't recall seeing a 3,200 boys champion from the slower heats in the 35 years he's been on the job.

Knobloch was the top seed overall in the 3,200, based on his Aledo Sectional winning time of 9:32.76. He said he dropped about 20 seconds off his two-mile time this season, in addition to 50 seconds off his cross country time last season.

"It's amazing to see the growth year to year, and even from the fall,"

Rennick said. "He's racing great. Not running great, but racing great. He's there with a plan and a purpose."

Knobloch's efforts capped a banner school year for Stark County distance running. One week earlier in Charleston, the Rebels' 4x800 relay won the 1A girls state championship. Junior Dusti Smith, who ran the anchor leg of that relay, finished 10th in the 1A girls cross country final.

"You're just fortunate as a coach, because you've got some really great kids," Rennick said. "I'm enjoying every last moment."

Next year might not be shabby, either.

"My goals are to win the two-mile and maybe the mile next year," Knobloch said. "We'll see how it goes."

# SOFTBALL: Lady Rebels took steps forward

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said. "You're not going to win sectional games with five errors. It kind of snowballed on us, and we had trouble recovering from it.

"You just can't expect yourself to come back from an eight-run deficit in the bottom of the seventh when you haven't been hitting the ball all day."

Still, the result was an improvement for Stark County from its regu-

lar-season games April 11 against Ridgewood. The Rebels lost a doubleheader 10-6 and 16-6. After that, Stark County won 17 of its next 20 games, including its first regional championship since 2011.

That effort from a team that had no seniors gives Wise plenty of hope for next season.

"We wanted an over-.500 season, we wanted a regional title, we

wanted to improve our team batting average and we wanted to reduce our number of strikeouts. We did that," Wise said. "We achieved a lot of the goals that we had set for ourselves.

"We're not satisfied, but we're pleased with the progress. We didn't take steps backwards. We took steps forward, and that's what you've got to do to keep building a program."

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• **Huge Indoor Garage Sale** - 3967 Duncan Road, Toulon, IL 61483. 2 miles south of West Jersey, IL on RT 78. Turn left on Duncan Road. One mile down on left. Fri. and Sat. June 5-6, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sun. June 7, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lots of Clothing all sizes: Girls, Boys, Jr's, Misses, & Men's Name Brands: Rock Revival, Miss Me, Pink, Silvers, Maurices, North Face, Under Armour, Justice, etc. Shoes, Authentic Purses: Michel Kors, Coach, Kate Spade, Dooney & Bourke, Polo, etc., Pink Lotions, Bath & Body Soaps, Barbies, Disney, Rainbow High, Nickelodeon, Fisher Price, Monster High etc., Pioneer Woman, Hearth & Hand, Home Décor, Jewelry, Tupperware, Candles, Longaberger, and much more, way too much to mention. Don't miss this sale best one ever! It's well worth the drive! Lots of new & used items. Not responsible for accidents.

• **Garage Sale** - Friday, June 5 - 8 am to 7 pm. Saturday, June 6 - Bag Sale (\$5 per bag) from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Northminster Presbyterian Church 10720 N. Knoxville Ave., Peoria, IL 61615

• **Garage Sale** - 613 W. 12th St., Kewanee. Fri., June 5, 9am-6pm and Sat., June 6, 8am-3pm. Home & Holiday Decor, Kids and Adult Clothing, Toys, Household items, Antique sewing machine, Stroller, Books, Schwinn bike trailer/kid carrier, Electric snowblower, furniture, canning jars, and lots of misc.

## LEGAL ADS

### 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**

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### IN THE 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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### NOTICE OF BIDS

Stark County CUSD #100 is now accepting bids for milk, bread and the publishing of the "Rebel Reporter" for the 2026-2027 school year. Interested bidders should contact Brett Elliott at 309-695-6123, option 1 or [bellott@stark100.com](mailto:bellott@stark100.com) for bid specifications. The bid deadline is June 11, 2026 at noon.

Emily Leezer, Secretary  
Board of Education  
Stark County CUSD #100

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

According to Section 10.20.56 of the Illinois School Code, school districts may, by adopted resolution, utilize "e-learning days" in lieu of emergency days. The district's e-learning program must be verified by the Regional Office of Education for the school district prior to implementation for the 2026-27 school year. Before adoption/renewal, the school board must hold a public hearing, followed by official board action.

Stark County CUSD #100 will hold a public hearing on June 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm at the Stark County Elementary School, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491

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

ESTATE OF SALLY JOAN ENDRESS, Deceased  
No. 2026PR228

#### CLAIM NOTICE

(Publication)

Notice is given to creditors of the death of **SALLY JOAN ENDRESS**. Letters of office were issued on **February 17, 2026** to **William J. Endress, 612 East Street South, Kewanee, IL 61443**, as independent executor whose attorney of record is Justin J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

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 until **November 30, 2026**, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 5/18-3 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 19th day of May, 2026.

Stoller Law Office  
Justin J. Stoller, Attorney for Representative  
15 W Front St  
El Paso, IL 61738  
(309) 527-4300  
[justinstoller@stollerlaw.com](mailto:justinstoller@stollerlaw.com)

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

ESTATE OF Linda Martin, Deceased  
No. 2026PR60

#### CLAIM NOTICE

(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Linda Martin. Letters of Office were issued on May 14, 2026, to Kathy McCoy as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the **office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois** or with the **representative, or both** on or before **November 14, 2026**.

Any claim not filed by that date is **barred**. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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Name Barash & Everett, LLC  
Attorney for Executor  
Address P.O. Box 165  
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Phone (309) 932-2001  
Email: [everettr@barashlaw.com](mailto:everettr@barashlaw.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.

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# The Prairie News Sports



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## Second at state

Stark Co. soph Knobloch places second in 3,200, eighth in 1,600

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

CHARLESTON – Evan Knobloch finished second in one of the most unusual 3,200-meter state-championship competitions in a long time.

The next two years might be long ones for those competing against the Stark County sophomore.

Although he won the fastest of three heats in the metric two-mile May 30 at the Class 1A boys track and field state meet, Knobloch was overall runner-up to Gillespie senior Chaz Oberkfell. He ran 9:08.17 and was first by 41 seconds in the second heat.

Knobloch finished in 9:32.06, a personal best. He was gassed after his race on the blue track at Eastern Illinois University, but he didn't appear too disappointed, all things considered.

"I knew what I had to do to win, which was to go for it with 800 meters left to go," Knobloch said. "I pretty much led the rest of the way, which got me second. I know Chaz is one of those great guys that is really, really hard to beat, but he deserved it. He's a very gutsy racer."

Knobloch also finished second to Oberkfell in the 1A boys cross country state final in November at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

Hours after the 3,200, the two raced again – this time in the 1,600, the metric mile. Oberkfell won in 4:14.66. Knobloch finished eighth in 4:27.04, good for a personal record and another state medal.

It also gave Stark County a total of 10 team points and a 29th-place tie with four other schools. Morrison (51 points), Pleasant Plains and El Paso-Gridley took the top



Stark County sophomore Evan Knobloch runs in the 3,200-meter race at the Class 1A state track meet last Saturday. Knobloch won two medals, placing second in the 3,200 and eighth in the 1,600. Photo by PhotoNews Media/Clark Brooks.

three team spots.

Knobloch's resilience in the 1,600 impressed Bob Rennick Jr., the Stark County distance-running coach.

"I'm really proud of the

second in the 32, but man, am I proud of that 1,600," Rennick said. "You know how hard that is, to come around as a sophomore in this heat? There's a million

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## Stark Co. softball falls in sectional

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD –

Things were a little too late for Stark County softball in its Class 1A Williamsfield Sectional semifinal.

The Rebels couldn't break through against Ridgewood pitcher Campbell Casteel until the seventh inning May 27. By then, a late spate of Ridgewood runs made it academic in an 8-3 Stark County defeat. Ridgewood (23-10) scored three times in the sixth inning and four in the seventh.

"We played them great for five innings," said Stark County Coach Amy Wise, whose team committed five errors. "Then we just had an error in the sixth that compounded into another mistake, and that compounded into another mistake. Then we turned around and did the

same thing in the seventh."

Casteel struck out 20 to help her team, a No. 2 sub-sectional seed, advance to the title game May 29. Biggsville West Central beat Ridgewood 5-1 in that game, then lost 6-5 Monday to Dakota in the Sterling Supersectional.

West Central beat Henry 3-1 in a Billtown semifinal May 26.

In the bottom of the seventh in the other semifinal, Kenna Sparks had a two-run single and a Cambri Holmstrom base hit drove in another run for Stark County (19-10), the top seed in its sub-sectional. Then came the final Casteel strikeout, followed by a groundout to end it.

"You're not going to win many ballgames if you're striking out 20 times in a game," Wise *Continued on Page 11*

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