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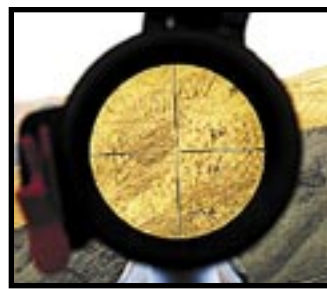
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## District 150 plans new donation, trip policies

Controversy arose after school trip to Jamestown, Va., in May; more administrative oversight likely

BY CLARE JELICK  
OF THE JOURNAL STAR

PEORIA — Lessons learned from a controversial Roosevelt Magnet School trip last spring are expected to be incorporated into District 150's policies.

The district is in the process of updating its field trip policy and is creating a new policy regarding accepting donations. Both have elements inspired by the issues that arose after Roosevelt's May trip to Jamestown, Va., board member Debbie Wolfmeyer said Monday.

"The goal in relation to field trips is to be able to allow our children to go on them, to have safe trips and to have accountability at the end," she said.

The revised field trip policy and new donation policy were introduced at Monday's School Board meeting. The board approved the first reading and must approve additional readings before they're adopted.

Wolfmeyer, chairwoman of the district's policy committee, added that the committee had intended to look at policies related to these areas already.

District 150 conducted the financial review after questions arose in the public about funding for the weeklong trip.

Several parents said they were blindsided with additional costs when their

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## More young women dying of heart disease

Overall trend is positive, as cardiovascular death statistics show continued decline

BY MIKE STOBBE  
AP MEDICAL WRITER

ATLANTA — For decades, heart disease death rates have been falling. But a new study shows a troubling turn — more women younger than 45 are dying of heart disease because of clogged arteries, and the death rate for men that age has leveled off.

Heart experts aren't sure what went wrong, but they think increasing rates of obesity and other risk factors are to blame.

The rates will have to be monitored to see if this is the beginning of a real trend. But if the data holds, the new study may

be an early glimpse of the effect of escalating obesity and diabetes on U.S. deaths, said Wayne Rosamond, a University of North Carolina epidemiology professor and expert on heart disease statistics.

"This could be a harbinger of things to come," Rosamond said.

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# Ruling hurts plans for trail

Feds say two rail companies can keep access to Kellar Branch; Peoria weighing appeal

BY DAVE HANEY  
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PEORIA — Advocates for converting the Kellar Branch rail line into a hiking and biking trail were dealt a serious blow by a federal government ruling Monday.

The federal Surface Transporta-

tion Board, which has exclusive domain over U.S. railroads, denied a petition to keep Pioneer Industrial Railway off the eight-mile short line that runs through Peoria and Peoria Heights.

The decision means two rail operators, Pioneer Industrial

Railway and Central Illinois Railway, now have access to the Kellar Branch — a step backward for trail proponents.

Peoria City Manager Randy Oliver said the City Council will have to decide whether to appeal the decision.

"Effectively, they said it can't be turned into a trail," Oliver said of the board's ruling. "Certainly, it's a setback."

Mike Carr, Pioneer CEO and

president, said he's already made calls to CIRY to determine when they might be able to return to the line, which under Monday's ruling is effective immediately.

No locomotives have traveled the lower portion of the Kellar Branch for at least two years, when Pioneer was removed from the line in 2005.

Recreational Trail Advocates President George Burrier said he

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Map shows location of proposed trail extension. Page A9

# FINDING BERTH THROUGH DEATH



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ABOVE: Bradley University sophomore Chris Cutshaw congratulates teammates Monday night, shortly after the Braves soccer team learned of its first-round NCAA pairing during a party at the Lariat Club. The Missouri Valley Conference champs will play DePaul at 7 p.m. Saturday at Shea Stadium. BELOW: Signs touting Bradley's conference title rest below a jersey remembering deceased teammate Danny Dahlquist.

## BU soccer coach calls NCAA-bound team's season 'healing process' alongside family of lost player



There was far less anxiety for the Bradley University soccer team this year as the Braves gathered Monday at the Lariat Club to watch the NCAA tournament selection show.

For the first time, Jim DeRose's team had a tournament berth in hand. The automatic bid was secured a day earlier in Omaha, Neb., with a 1-0 win over nemesis Creighton for the Missouri Valley Conference tournament title.

BU had never before been certain its name would be among the 48 called, though

three times the Braves were at-large invitees to the NCAAs (2000, 2002, 2005).

What this occasion lacked in anxiety, it made up for in a range of emotions, the ones that have defined this most improbable of championship seasons for DeRose and his players.

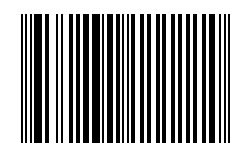
"This season has been an incredibly difficult one for our players, staff and university, and obviously for Craig (Dahlquist) and his family," DeRose said

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Team reacts to learning first-round opponent. Page D1



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