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## New design approved

### Stark Co. board OKs new school plan and bonds

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
 For The Prairie News-  
**WYOMING** – After considering input from faculty and staff, the Stark County School Board unanimously approved a revised design for the new school project at its Jan. 28 meeting.  
 Option 5A.3 was unanimously approved and calls for the library and the weight room to be relocated from the initial design plan. There are other revisions of room relocations with 5A.3, as well.  
 The purpose of relocating the library was to make it a more centralized location that would be acces-

sible to both high school and junior high students.  
 Also, under the new design, the weight room and team locker rooms would be located closer to the gymnasium.  
 Also approved unanimously was a resolution that authorizes and provides an installment purchase agreement for the \$15 million debt certificates. The \$15 million is the price tag estimated cost to construct the new high school building.  
 Also, approved was a \$1,500 expenditure to hire two independent profes-

sional development consultants to provide training on Interest Based Negotiations.  
 In other business, the board entertained a first reading, with no action taken, of the School calendar for 2021-22. The calendar may be modified based upon scheduling of the new high school project.  
 Currently, Wednesday, Aug. 18, would be the first day for students; winter break would be from Dec. 18 to Jan. 2, 2022; spring break would be April 9-18; and student's last day would be May 24, 2022;



Shown is the engineering firm's, Farnsworth Group, drawing of the new Stark County High School building that has been proposed. It shows the new high school adjacent and south of the current gymnasium, with the parking lot to the southwest of the new building.

plus a few other scheduled events.  
 In his report, School Superintendent Brett Elliott said the search for a new Junior High/High School

principal will commence. The plan is to have someone hired by March so a transition could occur between current principal Jeff Utsinger and the new prin-

cipal. Utsinger has accepted a position at Canton to become the assistant superintendent there. Elliott reported that the

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## HISTORICAL SOCIETY UPDATE

### New building, renovation progressing

**By JIM NOWLAN**  
 For The Prairie News  
**TOULON** – After two highly successful years as president of the Stark County Historical Society, Carol Rice of Toulon turned over the gavel of leadership to Jeanne Ryan at the group's annual meeting this past Monday at the Newsroom in Toulon (and by Zoom).  
 "Carol has done an absolutely terrific job," said Ryan, who lives in rural Essex Township, "in moving us ahead on our new historic display building and the renovation of the



Fourth from left is Carol Rice, handing the leadership gavel to incoming Stark County Historical Society president Jeanne Ryan. They are surrounded by officers and board members who attended Monday's in-person and Zoom annual meeting. From left: Diane and Tom Cinnamon; Karen Krans, and Julie Kenney; Angie Day, Fred Sams and Michael Baumann. Not pictured: Valerie Wagher, treasurer, Karmella Reining, secretary, and several board members. Photo by Jim Nowlan.

19th Century Victorian home owned by the Society. We all owe her our gratitude."  
 Karen Krans of the Valley

has been chair of both the building and grounds committees this past year, and was

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## USDA needs to help answer carbon sequestration issues

One topic most red, blue, and green politicians – and, even more strikingly, farmers – agree on is climate change; it's real.  
 In fact, notes a December 2020 Iowa Farm and Rural Life Poll, 58 percent of Iowa farmers and landowners now agree that climate change is both occurring and is caused by either human activity or nature.  
 Moreover, if you add the 23 percent who told pollsters climate change exists but is only natural, 81 percent of Iowa landowners and farmers now believe climate change is real and ongoing.



Alan GUEBERT

Those numbers also suggest that most everyone in agriculture is at least somewhat open to ideas for on-the-farm carbon sequestration, a long-discussed strategy to both slow and reduce the impact of climate-altering atmospheric carbon. So far, however, farm-directed carbon storage has been a tough sell for two big reasons.  
 The first is the age-old dilemma for all farmers and ranchers: Does this new idea cost or does it pay? Limited evidence from relatively new, private-financed efforts show decidedly mixed results. Payments, mostly in the \$30- to \$50-acre range, are often less than what participating farmers claim carbon storage schemes cost when bringing in and managing new elements

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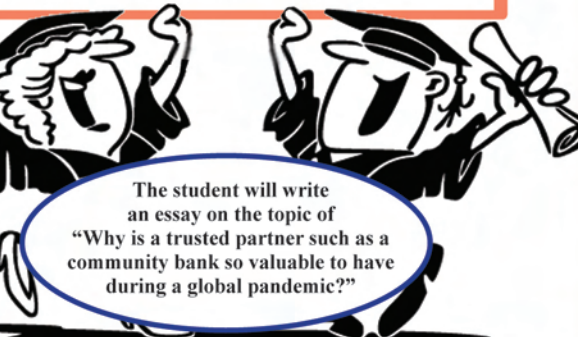
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The Illinois Sheriff's Association announces that it will be awarding over \$58,000.00 in college scholarships throughout the State of Illinois to students wishing to pursue higher education during the 2021-2022 academic year. The Scholarships are to be applied to tuition, books and fees only. The students must be enrolled full-time at a certified institution of higher learning within the State of Illinois, full-time online learning is acceptable.

Sheriff Steven V. Sloan, Stark County, will be awarding one scholarship in the amount of \$500.00.

There will be no restriction on any applicant by reason of race, age, creed, color, sex or national origin. The only limitations are as follows:

- Applicants must be permanent Illinois residents
- Scholarships must be utilized at institutions of higher learning within the State of Illinois
- Students must be enrolled as a full-time student during the 2020-2021 school year (excluding summer session).

Applications are now available at your local sheriff's office or on the ISA Website <https://ilsheriff.org/youth-2/> Students must complete the application, answer the essay question and return all documentation to the Sheriff's Office in their permanent county of residence by March 15, 2021 (must be postmarked by this date). Directory of Sheriff's Offices available on our website. <http://www.ilsheriff.org/sheriff-directory/> For more information, please contact your local Sheriff's Office, Illinois Sheriff's Association, high school advising center or college financial aid office.

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**For more information, contact the Stark County Clerk's Office at 309-286-5911**

## Next COVID vaccine registration available Feb. 8

The Henry and Stark County Health Department and the Henry County Office of Emergency Management remind area residents that its online registration system for COVID-19 Drive Thru Vaccine Clinics will open up again on Monday, Feb. 8, at 9 a.m.

An estimated 600 vaccine slots will be available for a clinic on Friday, Feb. 19. Those eligible to participate are those in Phase 1B, which includes all Henry and Stark County residents age 65 and over and remaining healthcare (1A) and front-line essential workers (1B).

To reserve your spot at the scheduled clinic, anyone eligible for Phases 1A and 1B should visit [www.henrystarkhealth.com](http://www.henrystarkhealth.com) on Feb. 8 at 9 a.m. and complete a registration form. To enroll, you need to access the website and then have a valid email for confirmation.

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## HISTORICAL: Event planned for September

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elected vice president Monday. "Our new building should be finished by June 1," said Krans, "while the more complicated renovation of the lovely Victorian home will be ongoing throughout the coming year."

A number of board members were also elected or re-elected at Monday's meeting.

Additional projects to be developed and completed during the year include videotaped interviews with several "mature" farmers in Stark County. They will discuss old-time farming methods of the type represented by some of the many pieces of antique

equipment and machinery owned by the society.

In addition, professional videographer and Toulon native Tom Talbert is working on a 10-minute video that will provide an overview of a number of the historical highlights of Stark County.

Planning is also underway for a repeat of the popular "History Comes Alive in Stark County" event to be held on the society's campus, one block west of the courthouse, probably in late September.

Lifetime membership in the society is \$25 and the price may go up.

Contact Jim Nowlan at [jnowlan3@gmail.com](mailto:jnowlan3@gmail.com) or (309) 238-1500 to sign up.

## SCHOOL: Sports resume

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Illinois High School Association has cleared the way

for high school sports to resume after being practically shut down due to Covid restrictions. Athletic Director Scott Paxson is currently scheduling the sports' timelines.

Stark County CUSD #100 will be part of a six-part television series on leadership, which will be aired this Spring on WTVP-Peoria public television.

After an Executive Session, the board approved hiring Alli Chasteen as elementary Title-1 teacher for the remainder of the school year effectively immediately. Also, the February board meeting was rescheduled to Monday, Feb. 22, at 6:15 p.m.

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**Felonies & Misdemeanors**

**12-15-20** – Criminal Misdemeanor - Jerry L. Cade - Possession of a firearm/FOID expired and illegal possession of ammunition/FOID.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

**1-27-21** – An unoccupied vehicle that had gone off the roadway into a ditch and struck a tree was reported on rural road 1020E. Upon further investigation, the 1998 Oldsmobile had reportedly been stolen from the owner, in Macomb. The incident remains under investigation.

**1-29-21** – Devan L. Roach, 21, Wyoming, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge of driving while his license was suspended. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a new court date to appear, in Henry County.

**1-31-21** – Jace M. Alldredge, 24, Kewanee, was charged with possession of a hypodermic needle. He was also charged with failure to appear on burglary, aggravated battery, theft and criminal damage to property charges. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released.

**Galva Report**

Officer dispatched:  
**1-25-21** – to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.  
**1-25** – to the 500 block of SE 2nd Street for a shoplifting complaint. As the result, Christopher Leverette, 39, Galva, was arrested for retail theft.



He was released with a notice to appear in Henry County Court.

**1-25** – Officer recognized a wanted subject in the 500 block of SE 2nd Street. As the result, Angela Cecil, 37, Toulon, was arrested on a Stark County warrant for criminal damage to government supported property. She was released with a required court date.

**1-25** – to various addresses and had subjects move their vehicles for the snowplow trucks.

**1-25** – to a vehicle in the ditch complaint about two miles west of town on Route 34.

**1-26** – to the 00 block of SW 4th Street for a disturbance complaint.

**1-27** – to speak to a resident in reference to the theft of a stimulus payment.

**1-27** – to the 300 block of NE 4th Street to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Shawn Tarleton, 50, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

**1-27** – to the 800 block of NW 7th Ave. for a harassment complaint.

**1-28** – Officer notified of a crossing arm malfunction at the railroad crossing at NE 2nd Street. BNSF had a repair crew enroute.

**1-29** – to the Chester Street railroad crossing for a malfunction of the crossing arm. BNSF was contacted for repairs.

**1-29** – to a residence on North Center Ave. for an ongoing issue with a neighbor's unrestrained cat.

**1-29** – Officer assisted Henry County with a motorist assist for a truck in the ditch north of town.

**1-29** – to a property line dispute/loud vehicle complaint in the 00 block of SW 8th Ave.

**1-30** – to assist Stark County in attempting to locate a resident who had left the scene of an accident in Stark County.

**1-30** – to the west end of town for a possible DUI and reckless driving complaint. Vehicle was located and the driver spoken to who was not intoxicated.

**1-30** – to a residence on NE 9th St. for a suicidal subject.

**1-30** – to the 800 block of SE 1st St. for an attempted telephone scam.

**Property Tranfers**

**1-25-21** – Stark County Sheriff to West Jersey Township - West Jersey Pt block 1 lots 8, 9, 12, & 13 - 3049 State Road 78, Toulon. Consideration = \$0.00.

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Case No. 2020CH2  
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3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence and outbuildings.

4. The real estate may be

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5. The time and place of the sale are: February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stark County Courthouse.

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7. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure

entered herein. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises.

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, By: /s/ Lynne M. Binkele LYNNE M. BINKELE One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C. 101 NE Randolph Avenue Peoria, Illinois 61606 Tel.: (309) 673-0797 Published 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/21

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**CryptoQuote**

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The more unintelligent a man is, the less mysterious existence seems to him.

– Arthur Schopenhauer



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## GUEST VOICES



## GUEBERT: Is carbon sequestration possible?

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needed for sequestration like cover crops, machinery modifications, extra data collection, and labor.

The second, bigger concern, though, is if carbon sequestration is even possible. Can farmers grab, for example, 10 percent of the earth's climate-changing carbon and put it back into the soil to help save the planet while feeding it?

Scientific theory says yes; in-the-dirt practice, however, says maybe and if so, it could take decades before minor amounts of carbon can be added to, then stored, in food-growing soils.

At least that's the conclusion of Iowa State University (ISU) research published in November of 2019. The 10-year ISU research project (using winter rye as a cover crop) showed, "The ability of cover crops to stimulate microbes deep in the soil of farm fields leads to significant gains in water quality but does not necessarily increase the capacity of soil to store carbon..."

The main reason, according to the Iowa research, is the same reason we

need to store carbon in the first place: While crops do stimulate soil microbes to store carbon, they also "digest" at least as much carbon as they store. The digestion converts the carbon "to carbon dioxide, which is released to the atmosphere..." which then wipes out any "stored" carbon benefit.

In short, it's what plants were designed to do; asking them to do it differently might be a hard pull for both science and Mother Nature.

But neither is deterring investors and curious farmers from seeking new ways to marry future carbon sequestration with workday agronomy.

On Jan. 22, the Washington Post published a detailed, well-balanced examination of carbon sequestration efforts underway on a 10,000-acre, Maryland corn, soybean, and wheat farm. It included the farmer's hopes as well as his skepticism. (Links at farmandfoodfile.com).

Indeed, the farmer, Trey Hill, told the Post, farming for carbon "makes life a lot more difficult, and not necessarily more profitable."

Still, he, like many others who back "regenerative" farming, view carbon sequestration as not only possible, but necessary if the world is to avoid a climate – and food – catastrophe.

Maybe it doesn't work well right now, they admit, but more research, testing, and adaptation could provide other ways to some near- and long-term storage successes and profits.

Call me crazy, but that sounds exactly like the work the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) was created to perform.

USDA, after all, has the checkbook to finance public research to make carbon sequestration work and the bureaucratic skill to manage such a multi-disciplinary, multi-year push. It also has a public mandate to supply safe and abundant food today while ensuring the nation's means of food production tomorrow.

What could be more important for our children, grandchildren and the world?

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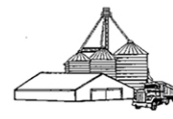
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# Archers post record deer harvest

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Prairie News

What do you do in your free time when faced with a pandemic that limits your options severely? Evidently, the answer for some Illinois residents was to spend more time alone in a treestand, socially distanced and bowhunting.

Archers in Illinois this season posted a record harvest of 75,544 deer during the 2020-21 season, which ran from Oct. 1 to Jan. 17. That is an 11.5 percent increase over last year's archery harvest of 67,743, which was also a record.

While last year's archery boom was

largely attributed to more hunters switching to crossbows, many observers speculate the extra free time provided by the pandemic was more of a factor this year.

The record archery total helped boost the overall statewide harvest for the year to 162,575 whitetails for all deer seasons — well above last year's total of 153,174 deer. Of those, 54.6 percent of deer shot were bucks.

Locally, hunters shot 311 deer in Stark County (144 by bowhunters, 149 by firearm hunters), 992 deer in Henry County (537 bow, 407 gun) and 2,262 in Knox County (1,007 bow, 1,086 gun).

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**ACROSS**  
 1 Ill will  
 7 Accepted blame humbly  
 14 Creatures  
 20 Matia code of silence  
 21 Person of the hour  
 22 Bill Clinton's #2  
 23 Formalwear imparting a pleasantly optimistic feeling?  
 25 Flier Earhart  
 26 Tricky rascal  
 27 Some pipe shapes  
 28 Model of iPod  
 30 Weasel's kin  
 31 Room, in Spanish  
 32 G-men, e.g.  
 33 Appropriate underwear in a law court?  
 35 Gemini, e.g.  
 37 Unwanted plant growth  
 38 "Oh, sure!"  
 39 Neckwear making people unable to move?  
 44 ICU tubes  
 45 Burnt residue  
 48 Yellow hue

**DOWN**  
 1 Boulders  
 2 Oven brand  
 3 Sherpa land  
 4 Deep fissure  
 5 An Amerind  
 6 Brit. mil. fliers  
 7 Get — of (obtain)  
 8 Implements  
 9 Closing parts  
 10 Homer Simpson cry  
 11 Rusty color  
 12 Avenged  
 13 Singer — Maria  
 14 Sheep's call  
 15 "Rum Punch" novelist  
 16 "Yeah, makes sense!"  
 17 Nick of film  
 18 Heartache  
 19 Scorches  
 24 "Angie" star  
 29 "Tommy" actor  
 32 E-I linkup  
 33 Royal flush card  
 34 They're shot from air rifles  
 36 Modest reply to kudos  
 37 Comical sort  
 39 Scots' toppers  
 40 Many Apples

**80** Paperless novel, e.g.  
**42** Turkic language  
**43** Bit of lifting lingerie  
**44** I, to Freud  
**45** Curved line  
**46** Mani offerer  
**47** Quick trip  
**50** Helper; Abbr.  
**51** Gardening implements  
**52** Stock up on  
**55** As is fitting  
**56** Grabs the attention of suddenly  
**57** Cut to bits  
**58** Counteract  
**59** Buckeye State sch.  
**61** A bit drunk  
**63** Plaintiff  
**66** Regretted deeply  
**67** Lysol target  
**68** Jon who played Napoleon  
**69** Join together  
**70** Studio prop  
**75** Earning part  
**76** "I'm Real" singer's nickname  
**77** Pixie  
**78** Deteriorate  
**79** Kiss go-with, often

**81** Stupefy novel, e.g.  
**85** Mel who wore #4  
**87** Helpers in crime  
**89** — Mahal  
**90** Painter's studio  
**91** Used a sofa  
**92** Elected (to)  
**93** Platform for Apple devices  
**94** Biceps, e.g.  
**95** Brunch dish  
**96** Thin  
**98** Slightly off  
**99** Regional  
**100** Hush money  
**101** Slide on a sled, say  
**102** Polyphonic choral piece  
**103** Opinion pieces  
**105** Lysol target  
**106** It's gathered in reoon  
**107** "Pippin" director Bob Mendr, as socks  
**110** Mets' former stadium  
**113** Ending for lion or seer  
**115** — culpa  
**116** "Zip it!"



## OBITUARIES

### Dorene Ruth Klemm

PEORIA – “Karen” Dorene Ruth Klemm, age 83, of Peoria, formerly of Chicago and Orland Park, Ill., passed away at 4:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria.

Karen was born on Aug. 27, 1937, in Chicago, the daughter of Emil and Edna (Herman) Keschull. She married Arnold Alfred

Klemm on Aug. 20, 1960, at Peace Lutheran Church in Chicago. He preceded her in death on Jan. 1, 2021. She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Rev. Allen and Ronald Keschull.

Surviving are two sons, Rev. Arnold (Christine) Klemm Jr. of Palos Park, Ill., and Karl (Rev. Rebecca) Klemm of Wyoming, Ill.; two grandchildren, Michael (Monica) Klemm and Caleb Klemm; two great-grandchildren, Malakai and Mavis; and many nieces and nephews.

Karen was a homemaker, in-home caregiver to extended family and, for a while, a school bus driver. She was also Shaklee Distributor for over 40 years. She enjoyed playing the piano



Klemm

and flute, serving her Lord at the church, and working with several church organizations including the Dorcas Society and Ladies Aid “Clown Club.”

Karen was active at Lutheran Hillside Village and St. Paul Lutheran Church in Matteson, Ill. for many years. She helped with the O.K. Club, vacation bible school, bible study, luncheons, clean-up days, sang in their choir and altar guild.

Her funeral service will be at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Matteson on Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at 11:30 a.m. Visitation will be prior to the church service, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Rev. Matthew Troester will officiate. Burial will be in St. Paul Lutheran cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Matteson to continue to make Jesus’ name known in the community.

Condolences may be left for Karen’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Rose Ann Aeschelman

WYOMING – Rose Ann Aeschelman, 85, of Mishawaka, Ind., formerly of Wyoming, died Jan. 20,

2021, at her daughter’s residence in Elkhart, Ind.

Rose Ann was born on Aug. 29, 1935, in Wyoming to the late William and Pauline (Feucht) Knobloch. On May 20, 1956, she married Richard Lee Aeschleman.

Surviving are her husband; 4 children, Timothy (Peggy) Aeschleman of Kokomo, Ind., Becky (Bill) Ohland of Peoria, Ariz., Thomas (Patricia) Aeschleman of Castle Rock, Colo., and Ann (Kevin) Hunsberger of Elkhart, Ind.; 12 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister.

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### Richard L. Webber

GALVA – Richard L. Webber, 77, of Galva, died Jan. 22, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Private inurnment will be in the spring at Galva Cemetery. He was born Dec. 6, 1943. He married Sherrill L. Wilson on May 19, 1979.

Survivors include his wife, of Galva, step-children Barry Swedeen of Madison, Wis., Tracy (Ceaser) Interrial of Galva, Stacey (Chris) Kendall of Kewanee, Kacey (Hans) Hoelzel of Washington, Krystal (Donnie) Pridmore of Port Byron, and Missy (Landon) Horrie of Kewanee; 17 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



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## Card of Thanks

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## Card of Thanks

BOUDREAU

To all my friends and family who remembered my 70th birthday, please accept my sincere thanks. For the people who sent cards and well wishes, to the friends and family that “Picketed” our home on Jan. 27, you gave me the best gift I could ask for. To my bride Melanie and my daughter Rachel, I love you both, for everything you planned to make my day special. I am truly humbled and grateful to live in this little community. God bless all of you!

~ Tom Boudreau  
Toulon, IL



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Case No. 2020CH2

#### NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M.

Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 16395 Township Road 00 North, Speer, Illinois 61479.

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

A tract of land located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Seven (7) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stark County, Illinois, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only: Commencing at an iron rod at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Thirty-five (35); thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section

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4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence and outbuildings.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.

6. The time and place of the sale are: February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stark County Courthouse.

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8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of

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by Jeff Pickering

## GIRLS: Galva looking to defense first

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Hopp, who Paxson praised for a strong offseason in the weight room. Paxson is also urging Hopp to take more shots this year.

Other top returnees are seniors Kelsey Berchtold, Lexi Davis and Riley Menssen and sophomores Lindley Johnston and Paige Rewerts.

Paxson said Johnston and

Rewerts spent the summer playing AAU ball and will complement the senior returnees nicely.

Stark County will allow 50 home fans per home game and will also live-stream games on Facebook.

#### Galva

Galva has two sophomore starting guards back from a 6-27 finisher: 5-foot-6 Kali Yelm (8.4 ppg,

6.1 rpg) and 5-8 Lexi Stone (10.3 ppg, 5.2 rpg).

The lone senior out for Coach Dan Russell is Brooklyn Taylor, a guard who was hurt in last year's Thanksgiving tournament but is expected to provide "defensive intensity" and "senior leadership."

"I think our strength is on the defensive end this year," Russell said. "We are a very athletic team that can run the floor and defend."

Russell sees Stark County, Princeville, Anna-

#### STARK COUNTY GIRLS

JV and Varsity  
(Games 6 pm and in Toulon, unless otherwise noted)

Feb. 6 - vs. Annawan, 11 am  
Feb. 9 - vs. Wethersfield (varsity only)  
Feb. 12 - vs. Princeville  
Feb. 16 - at United  
Feb. 19 - at Galva (varsity only)  
Feb. 20 - at Midland, 10 am  
Feb. 23 - vs. Ridgewood  
Feb. 26 - at ROWVA-Williamsfield (Oneida)  
Feb. 27 - vs. Kewanee (at Wyoming), 11 am  
March 2 - at West Central  
March 5 - vs. Mercer County  
March 11 - vs. Putnam County

wan and Mercer County as tops in the LTC.

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by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging  
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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## Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

**TRIVIA TEST** By Fifi Rodriguez

1. SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
2. THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
4. LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's aftershave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
7. MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
8. GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
9. MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?

**Answers**

1. A neutron has no charge.
2. "A Streetcar Named Desire"
3. Aristophanes
4. Emily, Charlotte and Anne
5. Hazelnut
6. Hai Karate
7. "Lust for Life"
8. Sonic the Hedgehog
9. "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
10. Rhodesia

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

## CryptoQuote

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is LONGFELLOW

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

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— YPEUG CZIFC MYDUPZL

## TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

1. The Marksman (PG-13)
2. The Croods: A New Age (PG)
3. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
4. Monster Hunter (PG-13)
5. News of the World (PG-13)
6. Fatale (R)
7. Promising Young Woman (R)
8. Our Friend (R)
9. The War with Grandpa (PG)
10. Pinocchio (PG-13)

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## IHSA SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practices Start	Practice Dates Before Games	State Series	End Date
Boys/Girls Basketball	Higher	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Boys Swimming & Diving	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Dance	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (2/27 & 3/6)	March 13
Cheerleading	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	Virtual (3/6 & 3/12)	March 13
Boys/Girls Bowling	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Girls Gymnastics	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	No State Series	March 13
Badminton	Lower	ASAP	7 dates	TBD	April 3
Boys Soccer	Moderate	March 1	7 dates	No State Series	April 17
Football	Higher	March 3	1st Game March 19	No State Series	April 24
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	March 8	7 dates	No State Series	April 24
Boys Gymnastics	Lower	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 22
Boys/Girls Water Polo	Moderate	March 15	7 dates	TBD	May 29
Baseball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Lacrosse	Higher	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Girls Soccer	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Softball	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Tennis	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys/Girls Track & Field	Lower	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Boys Volleyball	Moderate	April 5	7 dates	TBD	June 19
Wrestling	Higher	April 19	7 dates	No State Series	June 12

## IESA SPORTS SCHEDULE

Sport	IDPH Risk	Practice Starts	Practices Prior to Contest	State Series	End Date
Boys Basketball	High	ASAP	7 per individual	No state series	March 12
Girls Basketball	High	March 8	7 per individual	No state series	May 9
Girls Volleyball	Moderate	ASAP	7 per individual	Regional/Sectional	March 19
Bowling	Low			No state series	
Wrestling	High	April 5	7 per individual	No state series	May 30
Track and Field	Low	March 1	7 per individual	TBD	June 12

# IHSA, IESA sports resume

## Busy schedule starts with basketball

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Coaches, players and athletic directors have been scrambling – happily – since last week’s announcement about the return of high school and junior high sports.

While seasons have been shortened, the good news is that all sports should get a chance to play some (see chart at left). With that in mind, here are local boys basketball prospects.

### Stark County

Kane Newton showed the way last year when he stepped up and had a big senior season for the boys basketball team.

Coach Dustin Browning hopes some of this year’s seniors follow Newton’s lead in this COVID-shortened season that opens Saturday at Annawan.

“It would be nice if we’d have some seniors have a big senior year like Kane,” Browning said. “And it definitely starts with (forward Ryan Murphy).”

In a full season, Murphy would have had a shot at the Rebels’ all-time scoring record. As it stands, he’ll have to be content with helping lead a team that was 6-26 last year.

### STARK COUNTY BOYS

JV and Varsity

Feb. 6 - at Annawan  
Feb. 9 - at Wethersfield  
Feb. 12 - at Princeville  
Feb. 16 - vs. United  
Feb. 19 - vs. Galva  
Feb. 23 - at Ridgewood  
Feb. 26 - vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield  
March 2 - vs. West Central  
March 5 - at Mercer County  
March 8 - vs. Midland

### GALVA BOYS

JV and Varsity

Feb. 6 - at Mercer County  
Feb. 10 - vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield  
Feb. 12 - vs. West Central  
Feb. 13 - vs. United  
Feb. 16 - vs. Princeville  
Feb. 19 - at Stark County  
Feb. 20 - vs. Orion  
Feb. 23 - at Wethersfield  
Feb. 26 - vs. Annawan  
March 2 - at Ridgewood  
March 5 - at United  
March 12 - vs. Midland

He won’t have to go it alone. Other seniors who saw starting time last year are guard Raiden Porter and forward Brenden Gibler. Juniors who started were guards James Groter and Ethan Unhold. Others expected to help are seniors Caden Daum and Matthew McCauley.

“I really believe teams in the LTC have problems with our post players,” Browning said. “But we really need our guard play to improve, especially in the area of turnovers.”

Browning lists Princeville, Wethersfield and Ridgewood as expected LTC leaders.

Stark County will let 50 fans into home games and will livestream home games on Facebook.

### Galva

Senior Guard Tanner

Lain (10 ppg) is the lone starter back for Galva and was third-leading scorer on last year’s 3-28 finisher.

Other seniors who figure to see starting time for Coach Josh Harris are forward Cal Clucas and guard/forward Michael Hawes, who has not played since 8th grade but enjoyed a growth spurt last summer and now stands 6-3.

Juniors likely in the starting lineup at some point include 6-1 post player Josh Dunn and guard Cayden Morse. Junior guard/forward Cameron Devenney is also in the mix.

Harris expects Wethersfield and Ridgewood to be tops in the LTC.

Galva will livestream home games and players are given two tickets for each home game.

# Stark Co. girls LTC favorites

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

This was the year Stark County Coach Scott Paxson figures his girls basketball team, “had a shot to do something.” That “something” encompassed many possible outcomes: a Lincoln Trail Conference title, a regional title and maybe even more.

COVID-19 restrictions have changed that scenario dramatically. But while post-season goals are no longer possible, since there will be no hoops playoffs, the LTC title is still up for grabs. And the Lady

Rebels return a team that ranks as a league favorite, along with perennial powers Annawan and Princeville and improved teams at West Central and United.

“I think we’d have been the favorites coming into November,” Paxson said.

While shooting guard McKenzie Stahl will not play in the shortened season that opens Saturday with a home game vs. Annawan (in the high school gym in Toulon), Paxson has six other top returnees.

Heading that list is senior guard Olivia

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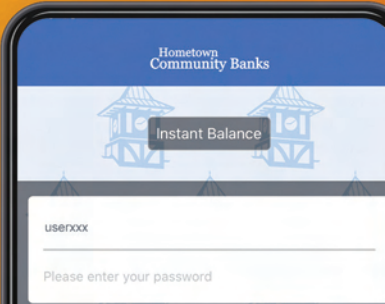
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