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Stark school board OKs credit reduction

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – A special meeting of the Stark County board of education is set for Wednesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. to seat the new board and elect officers according to present board president Ann Orwig. Write-in candidate Erin Price, of rural Toulon, joins the current members.

Current board member Beth Rumbold will be leaving the board after serving on it for 12 years. She was honored and thanked for her service at the monthly board meeting on Monday.

The board approved reducing the high school credit graduation requirement to 25 for the incoming class of 2025 and to 24 for the class of 2026. Also reduced was the high school social studies graduation requirement to two years from three to "match that of the state's, making World Culture an elective class."

Textbook/Resource fees were increased to \$65 high school, \$55 Jr. High and \$45 for elementary school, plus the driver's education fee was raised to \$75.

Approved was the Final Bonds Resolution for the



Outgoing board member Beth Rumbold was recently honored for her 12 years of service to the Stark County School Board.

Toulon Renovation project. The issuance of \$15 million in general obligation school bonds was "for the purpose of increasing the working cash fund of the district and paying claims against the district, providing for a levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on the

bonds, and authorizing the sale of the bonds" to purchasers.

Graduation is set for 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 16. The graduation will be outdoors at the Wyoming football field.

Approved was the summer meal program that changes to

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New Galva board OK's pay raise

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The School Board had a busy meeting Monday that included swearing in new members, approving a 2.5 percent pay raise for non-certified staff and handling several other administrative duties.

The board swore in new members Brittany Boston, Eric Bates, Laura Burke and Kaleena Conrad. John VanDeVelde was re-elected for this third year as board president, while Andrew Larson will be vice president, Kaleena Conrad is secretary and community member Bob Lewin will be treasurer.

Committees assignments are – curriculum: Conrad; transportation: VanDeVelde and Bates; extracurricular: Mike Clucas and Larson; special education: Larson; facilities: Boston and Burke.

Superintendent Doug O'Riley said he feels

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Pink flowers add color to April garden

By RON DIETER

For The Prairie News

In early spring, the colors yellow, white and blue dominate the gardens around our house. Daffodils and spring snowflakes contribute the bright yellows and whites while the intense blue flowers of tiny scilla and the softer, paler blues of pulmonaria and bluebells complete the picture.

When I was ordering flower bulbs a couple of years ago, I ran across a section in the catalog

Garden Section

Watch for our annual Yard and Garden section on May 5, which always appears just a few days before Mother's Day. Why? Because as this week is proving, planting anything before Mother's Day can be a risky proposition.

called "The Best Of The Rest," a list of special miscellaneous or minor bulbs. At the top of the roster was a "new" item: *Corydalis solida* 'Beth Evans.' Like bees

to honey, many gardeners are attracted to any "new" plant. I'm no exception. I admit to being an "avant garde-ner," so to speak.

Doing some research, I learned that 'Beth Evans' wasn't really new. It was first exhibited in 1988. Nevertheless, I ordered a few dozen bulbs, technically tubers, and set them out in groups here and there in the garden. I'm really happy with the result. The bright pink flowers of *C. 'Beth Evans'* provide a pleasing counterpoint to the yellows and blues

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Corydalis solida 'Beth Evans' is a relatively new bulb that offers some variety to the typical spring garden palette of whites, yellows and blues. Photo by Ron Dieter.

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Galva couple charged in LaFayette theft case

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A former Galva couple appeared in Stark’s Circuit Court on April 16 for a preliminary probable cause hearing in a theft case.

Thomas Edward Hartman, 69, and his wife Judy Ann Hartman, 64, were arrested last fall and charged with theft from the owners of Tucker Equipment, which is located on Illinois Route 78 in rural LaFayette.

Each defendant is charged with a Class 3 felony theft case that alleges they stole approximately \$90,000 from Tucker Equipment, which is owned by Jack and Nancy Knobloch.

Defendants heard state’s witness, Arianna Franzen, of the Douglas W. Irwin accounting firm, testify to losses she found during a fraud audit. Franzen said approximately \$90,000 was missing from Tucker’s profits.

The Knoblochs hired the Hartmans to run Tucker Equipment and hired

the accounting firm to transfer from paper to digital bookkeeping. During this transition, Franzen began noticing irregularities in bookkeeping during the Hartman’s employment.

Franzen said a credit card was opened in Thomas Hartman’s name and that she found personal items charged to the card, such as flowers, Ameren payments, doctor bills, Verizon payments (not used by Tucker Equipment) and other charges.

Franzen said a checking account also showed questionable payments made. Franzen testified that around \$6,000 was potentially misappropriated in credit card charges and that \$12,000 in checks were not associated with Tucker Equipment.

Franzen said approximately \$70,000 associated with trailers and other equipment is also questionable. She said trailers were gone, but no payments were made. Her conclusion was that the sales were fraudulent.

In addition, trailers did not seem to be logged with the Illinois Secretary of State. A search of equipment inventory showed some trailers were sold and some were missing.

Stark County State’s Attorney Caroline Borden-Campion asked Franzen what happened after the Hartmans were no longer employed. Franzen said, “Profits skyrocketed after the Hartmans left.”

Circuit Judge James A. Mack ruled that probable cause was in both cases.

The defense entered a plea of not guilty and demanded a jury trial, asking that the trial date be moved to Dec. 6. Also, the defense asked for a leave of appearances by the Hartmans, which was granted.

The next court appearance is scheduled for Sept. 24. Steven R. Glasgow of Monmouth represents Thomas Hartman, while Hugh F. Toner III represents Judy Hartman. Both defendants posted \$1,000 bond.

SCHOOL BOARD: Sports complex to be studied

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nondelivered meals and requires pick up of the meals two days per week.

Also approved was to have Farnsworth Group conduct and submit a health life safety survey for the Wyoming sports complex. The question to be answered is whether the sports complex can be repaired or if a new gymnasium is more practical.

Air conditioning units were approved for purchase at a cost of \$41,000 for the Junior High building. They will be installed this summer.

A new school district website was approved with School in Sites, to be implemented for next school year.

After an Executive Session, the board approved: hiring Jaielyn Mercer as head custodian at the Toulon cam-

pus; accepting the retirement of custodian Dean Rosebecke; hiring Caitlin Meaker as part-time elementary music teacher; hiring Melinda Edwards as kindergarten teacher; hiring Matthew Roark for summer tech support; and accepting the resignation of Jake Lowery, plus the retirement of Jill Klooster as SCES Rtl instructor effective in 2022.

GARDEN: Asian plant adds another spring color

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of the other bulbs. The common name for Corydalis is fumewort, which comes from the Latin words for “smoke of the earth.” The silvery-grey foliage of some relatives of Corydalis resemble smoke from a distance, hence the fumewort moniker.

Corydalis solida, the species from which ‘Beth Evans’ was selected, is native to western and central Asia and Europe. It appears in the garden in early spring and produces a mound of “fern-like” foliage about eight inches high and wide. Numerous upright flower stems support clusters of tubular reddish-purple flowers above the foliage.

C. ‘Beth Evans’ was singled out from the species for its bright coral pink flowers, which are showy

even from a distance. There may be as many as 20 tubular one-inch flowers on each arching stem.

Maybe I’m being particularly persnickety, but I have a problem with the description, “fern-like foliage.” Picture fern foliage in your mind. Now tell me, did you conjure up an image of Boston fern, or did you imagine maidenhair fern, or even asparagus fern? Three distinctly different foliage. You get my point.

A more accurate description is to say that the leaves of fumewort resemble those of columbine (Aquilegia), only more delicate and finely dissected.

At first glance you could easily mistake a fumewort for columbine or even dwarf bleeding heart, Dicentra eximia, its cousin. Corydalis solida and its cultivars are spring ephem-

erals. They pop up in early spring and break forth in bloom while most other perennials are still asleep. Then they fade and die back to the tuberous root, disappearing until the next year. They provide some bright spring color in the shade garden before hostas and ferns even think of emerging.

I’m going to try two other C. solida cultivars for next spring, ‘Purple Bird’, with violet-purple flowers, and ‘G. P. Baker’, which bears bright red flowers. Planted in proximity to each other, the varieties often cross and produce varying shades of pink, purple, and red.

I’ve tried several times to grow Corydalis flexuosa ‘Blue Panda’ but I’ve never been successful. Native to China, it bears intense sky blue flowers in spring, goes dormant for the summer, and blooms again in the fall.

I already have plenty of

blue flowers in springtime so I can get along without ‘Blue Panda’.

Another fumewort, Corydalis lutea, has been wandering around our gardens for several years. It has soft lemon yellow flowers and blooms from spring through early fall. It self-seeds prolifically, popping up here and there throughout the garden, even in stone walls and sidewalk cracks.

A white-flowered species, C. ochroleuca, is another self-seeder that’s happy at our place. The flowers are milky white with yellow throats. I love the serendipity of these plants and because they’re shallow-rooted, I can easily pull out any that show up in the wrong places.

No serious diseases or insects cause trouble for the fumeworts. Rabbits and deer leave them alone, preferring to wait for the tastier hosta, I suppose.

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Traffic citations and Ordinance violations

- 4-13-21 – Alexandra M. B. Thomas - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-14-21 – Amanda A. Goodwin - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-14-21 – Samantha L. Delellis - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-17-21 – Daniel F. Borries - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-17-21 – Jeremiah D. Bair - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-18-21 – Grant S. Hutchison - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-14-21 – Nicholas A. Langeberg - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
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Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 4-12-21 – to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for an identity theft report.
- 4-12– to the 700 block of NW 4th Street for a property line dispute.
- 4-12– to the 600 block of SE 2nd Street for a disorderly conduct complaint.
- 4-12 – to a runaway juvenile complaint in the 600 block of NW 7th Street. The juvenile was located and is with other family members.
- 4-12 – to investigate several low-hanging wires on Main Street near NW 2nd Ave. Frontier was contacted.
- 4-13 – to city hall to recover a cellphone that was found near the Galva schools. The phone was turned over to the school resource officer.
- 4-13– As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd Street, Herman Brown, 53, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle, and no valid registration. He was released with a court date.
- 4-13 – to a disturbance at Wiley Park involving a parent and children in a verbal dispute.
- 4-13 – to the 900 block of NE 2nd Street for a criminal damage to property complaint.
- 4-14 – to assist ambulance staff gain entrance into a residence on NE 5th Ave. for a medical emergency.
- 4-14 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd Street, Donn Main, 58, LaFayette, was arrested for improper lane usage, DUI alcohol, driving while

license suspended, and operating a vehicle without a required BAID device. He was released with a required court date.

4-15 – As the result of a disturbance complaint in the 00 block of NE 4th Ave., Joseph Arnold, 38, Galva, was arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer, disorderly conduct, and criminal damage to property. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

4-16 – to a loose horse complaint on Route 34 near Bishop Hill Road.

4-16 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd Street, Jennifer Huffman, 29, Kewanee, was arrested for unlawful display of registration. She was released with a required court date.

4-17– to the 100 block of Chester Street for a complaint involving unattended young children walking.

4-18– to a business on SE 2nd Street to remove an unwanted customer.

Property Transfers

4-12-21 – David M. Harper to Alexander Calef, Jason Calef and Craig Cox - Castle's Addn - block 1 lot 18 - 601 N. Galena Avenue, Wyoming - Consideration = \$1,000.00.

4-14-21 – Billie J. Snider to Brandi M. and Ryan C. Snider - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - block 3 lot 4 - 309 S. 7th Street, Wyoming - Consideration = \$35,000.00.

4-14-21 – Are You Ready 721 LLC to OH 418 LLC - Pt 35-13-6 SE - 210 W. Thomas Street, Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.00.

4-14-21 – David L. and Joni M. Rumbold to Rumbold and Kuhn Incorporated - Pt 30-12-6 SW - Consideration = \$1,060,570.00.

4-14-21 – Rumbold and Kuhn Incorporated to Brice L. Teubel (Und 43% Int) and Julie L. Teubel (Und 57% Int) - Pt Und 66.66% Int - Sect 12 -12-7 NW - Consideration = \$1,059,894.00.

4-16-21 – Axellux, LLC to Joshua M. Streitmatter - Pt 36-13-6 SW - 100 N. Galena Avenue, Wyoming - Consideration = \$25,636.00.

4-16-21 – Joshua Streitmatter to Nancy Whaley - Pt 36-13-6 SW - 100 N. Galena Avenue, Wyoming - Consideration = \$43,000.00.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

4-16-21 – A single-vehicle accident occurred at Route 17 and Henderson Street in Toulon. Driver David D. Williams, 69, Galva, tried to make a right-hand turn off of Route 17 at the intersection when his semi struck a utility pole. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

4-13-21 – A complaint involving a violation on an order of protection was reported by a rural Wyoming resident. The incident remains under investigation.

4-14-21 – Bobby L. Goodwin, 25, Milwaukee, Wis., was arrested on an outstanding Wisconsin warrant. He was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail awaiting extradition.

4-16-21 – Anastazia S. Vogt, 23, of Kewanee, was transported to the Stark County Jail on an outstanding Champaign County warrant. She was later released with a notice to appear on a scheduled required court date.

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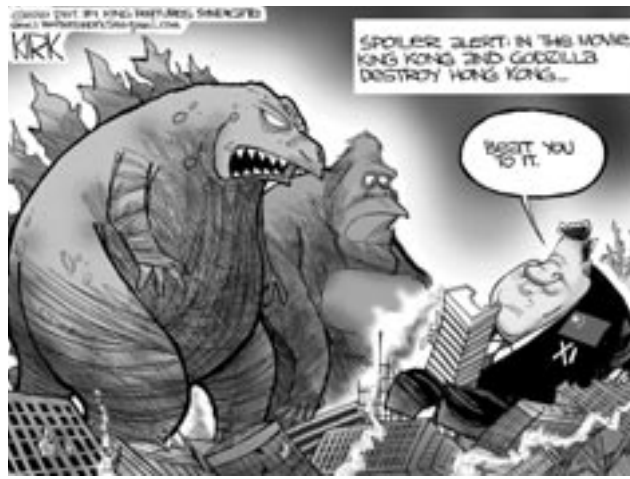
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GUEST VOICES



Of capybaras, cougars & dead armadillos

Now and then, often after blessed moments when I can flee the office, I find cryptic messages on my desk.

A recent note topped them all. Written on the back of a church contribution envelope (sorry **Father Joe**) was the following: “**Larry Benson** saw a capybara by new bridge on way to Farmington.”

Hmmm. Larry has always struck me as a reasonable guy. So I was sure the note, written in my wife’s hand, was incorrect. Surely Larry had not reported seeing a large South American rodent.



Jeff LAMPE

Shortly thereafter I encountered Larry and **Mary Ann Hanlin** at Toot’s Treats in Elmwood.

“Yes, that’s exactly what it looked like,” Hanlin said of the alleged capybara. “We’ve been looking for it since, but have not seen it again.”

Once upon a time, I might have burst out laughing. But age – and being wrong so often – has made me wiser. My motto? When it comes to critters, never say never (except for Bigfoot sightings in Illinois).

That lesson was hammered home by a phone call a few days after

Christmas in 2002 when I was still writing the “critter column” for the Peoria Journal Star. The caller was **Randy Worker**, of Henry, who claimed he had just accidentally shot a wolf in Marshall County. Uh huh.

“Email me a picture,” I said, expecting to see a coyote.

What I saw looked exactly like a wolf. And it was – an impressive 84-pound canine that became the first wolf confirmed in Illinois in more than a century. The guy who confirmed it was **Bob Bluett**, then the Illinois furbearer biologist – a good guy who was always good for a story.

That same year, though, Bluett uttered a comment that would haunt him. Asked about mountain lions in Illinois, Bluett bellowed, “Show me the money.” His point was not to steal from the movie “**Jerry Maguire**,” but rather that if there were mountain lions in Illinois (as so many alleged), somebody would have produced a dead one. Within a week, somebody found a bona fide cougar killed by a train in Randolph County in southern Illinois. Bluett was slightly less bombastic after that.

So it goes for me. A capybara in central Illinois? Not probable. More likely, it was a mangy coyote. Maybe a long-legged beaver. But it is possible ... or a really good ruse.

One year, my buddy **Chef Todd** and

I went on a fishing trip to Pickwick Lake. The farther we drove south, the more we saw armadillos – some running but most dead along the road.

Eventually, this hatched an idea: Let’s bring some dead ones home, toss them out by a few roadsides and see how long it takes somebody to call the Journal Star in amazement.

The idea seemed sound until we learned armadillos can carry leprosy. By then, we already had one road-killed ‘dillo in the back of my truck. Weighing leprosy vs. a great prank, we decided one was plenty and the less handling, the better. Upon returning home at 3 a.m., Todd dispatched the carcass after we crossed the Interstate 474 bridge over the Illinois River. We figured somebody would either call me or Presley’s Outdoors to report their find.

Like clockwork, my phone rang at 6:30 a.m. “Jeff, you’ll never guess what I found along Interstate 474,” said the caller.

Real quiet, I whispered, “Is it an armadillo?”

The caller was flummoxed, then laughed as I explained the situation.

All of which is a roundabout way of asking: Do you know anybody who raises capybaras? Because I smell a rat.

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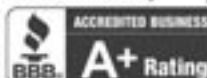
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GUEST VOICES



The boys of my summer arrive every April

I was very young – I had just turned eight – to begin a torrid love affair, but the St. Louis Cardinals made it easy. It was 1963, Stan Musial’s last year in baseball, and the young team began the season hot and stayed hot through July.

So hot, in fact, that the starting infield for the National League’s All Star team that year was all Cardinals; around the horn, first to third, it was Bill White, Julian Javier, Dick Groat and Ken Boyer.

And on the bench was Stan the Man himself, playing in his record, 24th All Star game.

Like I said, love came easy in 1963.

That final Musial summer was only a taste of the supreme delight to come in 1964. When that team came north from spring training, though, it still had a hole in its line-up, Stan’s left field spot. No one that Manager Johnny Keane had tried seemed to fit. Who could replace a legend?

Only another legend and on June 15, 1964, it arrived when the Cardinals traded a tiring star pitcher, Ernie Broglio, for a fleet-but-floundering Chicago Cubs outfielder named Lou Brock. The leadoff-hitting Brock would never replace Musial, but Stan’s ghost gave the skinny kid room and he blossomed.

Still, Brock’s spark couldn’t ignite

the team that had won 90 games the year before. Two months after his arrival, the Cardinals languished 10 games back of league-leading Philadelphia.

Cardinals’ owner, beer baron August A. Busch, Jr., decided to act. Since Augie Jr. couldn’t fire any players, he fired the team’s general manager, Vaughn “Bing” Devine. It was Devine, of course, who only 60 days earlier had pulled off what would soon become the biggest steal in baseball history, the Brock-for-Broglio deal.

In mid-September, the team turned some unseen corner and began to make a run at league leaders Philadelphia and Cincinnati.

Then, at the end of the month, one of those beautiful baseball things happened: the Phillies lost 10 games in a row while my Cardinals won eight in a row. The Cards, improbably, were in first place and stayed there until late Sunday, Oct. 4, when they clinched their first pennant in 18 years.

When the final out that sent the Cardinals to the 1964 World Series was made, my father danced a little jig in the milking parlor. I know because I was with him, too nervous to stay home and listen to the game alone.

What a sight! What a day! What a year!

The World Series pitted the now-flying Cardinals against the powerful New York Yankees, the only major league team to win more pennants and World Series than St. Louis.

But there was a hitch; by tradition, all World Series games were day games. That meant, of course, several games would be held on school days. What rotten luck.

But lightning struck again: My teacher at St. John’s Lutheran School that year – a dour lady who ruled the classroom with a pine scepter made from a bed board – was a Cardinals fan. She brought a transistor radio to school so no one missed one pitch or one beer commercial of one game.

The 1964 Series was baseball at its best, a seven-game nail biter that was won by the boys of my youthful spring and summer. I cried – it seemed like everyone cried – when pitcher Bob Gibson got the final Yankee out on a weak pop fly to second.

And now I tear up whenever I hear that one of these incredible players has traded baseball glory for eternal glory. It’s hard to let go of those who were bona fide heroes on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth and, in most cases, I never will.

Brock. Gibson. Boyer. Shannon. McCarver. Flood. Sadecki. Washburn. Maxvill. Groat. White. Javier.

Yes, they won a few World Series but they also won millions of hearts, and mine still beats faster at the mention of their names. That’s love, right?

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GALVA: Graduation May 16; location uncertain

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that the district is in good shape financially. The board approved moving \$450,000 from working cash to the education committee.

Joe Becker, Principal of the Galva Junior/Senior High School said high school graduation is still set for Sunday, May 16, at 2 p.m. Becker said that right now he plans to have seniors practice both inside in the gym and outside on the football field, pending a final decision on where the graduation will be held.

The board set June 21 at 5:30 p.m. to hold its annual retreat to set goals for 2021-22 and to evaluate the superintendent.

In other action, the board approved equipping the greenhouse with a sprinkler/fire detection system for under \$25,000.

The board also approved:

- reassignment of Branson Owens to Industrial Technology Teacher;
- reassignment of Heather Sellers to K-1 response to Intervention Teacher;
- reassignment of Amanda Dynes to 2nd-4th grade R.T.I. teacher;
- reassignment of Toni Pickard to 5th-8th grade R.T.I. teacher;



Abigail Jones and Cal Clucas were crowned 2021 Galva High School Queen and King Sunday and are pictured in the Homecoming parade. Abigail is the daughter of Courtney and Matt Jones of Galva. She participates in softball, choir, band, basketball cheer, football cheer, interact club, National Honor Society, bowling and drama. Cal is the son of Mike and Jackie Clucas also of Galva. He plays football, baseball and track and is a member of the drama club, trapshooting team and FFA.

- reassignment of Jeremy Painter to 6th grade elementary classroom teacher;
- reassignment of Tricia Klein to 7th-9th grade math teacher;
- assignment of substitute probationary teacher Emily Dulla to first-year probationary status for 2021-22.



Four newcomers were sworn in Monday night as new Galva School Board members. They include (left to right), Kaileena Conrad, Laura Burke, Eric Bates and Brittany Boston.



President of the Galva School Board John VanDeVelde (center) presented plaques to outgoing board members Gary Edmonds, left and Darcy Jeffries, right for their 16 years of service on the Galva board.

- employment of Marlee Thielbar as high school math teacher starting Aug. 13, 2021;
- assignment of Christopher Conleas 7-12 grade PE/Health teacher/athletic director

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Awards for achievement in the following areas were presenting last week at BCUSD #1: Art, Music, PE and Library. From left to right: Art Awards recipients Julie Atkins and Alyssa Cauthon; Music Award recipients Reagan Calder, Gracie, Rosie Godfrey; PE Award recipients Julius Tyus, Evan Knobloch, Conrad Bosch; Library Award Recipients Garrett Bruecks, Madison Kieser, Sophia Tyson.

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Galva inducts 3 to honor society

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Three Galva High School juniors were inducted into the Galva F.U. White chapter of the National Honor Society.

Savannah Platt and David Mock were inducted into the National Honor Society Saturday night.

Taylor Burke, also a new inductee, was absent from the induction. Burke will be the new vice-President.

Ben Stinson, the National Honor Society sponsor gave the welcome and thanked the families of the inductees.

Joe Becker, the Galva Jr/Sr High School Principal, said that these students



Pictured are (left to right) Kathleen Kocan, senior and outgoing vice-president of Galva's chapter of the National Honor Society; Abigail Jones, senior and outgoing president; Savannah Platt, junior and new treasurer; and David Mock, junior and new president. Photo by Carol Townsend.

“have truly earned being inducted into the Galva Honor Society.”

The speaker was Katie Huffman, a 2009 Galva graduate who was one of three valedictorians. She is also a 2013 graduate of the University of Illinois.

“Look up, the best is yet

to come” Huffman said, quoting her late grandfather, Arnie Jacobs

Huffman said she started her career in Chicago but came back to Galva and is a sixth generation on the family farm. She is also the finance officer at Compeer Financial in Geneseo.

Stark Co. board appoints six

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County board of supervisors made six appointments to fire protection districts, health board and its own board during an April 14 meeting.

Passing resolutions, the board appointed Timothy Ringer to the Bradford Community Fire Protection District, Pam Wulf to the LaFayette Fire Protection district, Stan Foglesong to Toulon's fire district, and Kevin Scholl to Wyoming's. These are three-year terms ending on April 30, 2024.



Stone

The board also appointed Natalie Carroll to a three-year term ending on May 31, 2024 to the Stark County Board of Health. In addition, Jamie Stone was approved to be appointed to the Stark County Board of Supervisors.

Stone's term is from April 15 to Nov. 30, 2022. She joins board supervisors Tom Howes, Bill Loane, Robin Nowlan, Kari Bush, Tim McMillen and Al Curry on the board. Stone lives in Wyoming, will be married next year, is from Brimfield originally and owns the Perfectly Polished Nails business, in Wyoming.

Sheriff Steven Sloan stated in his report, “Today I met with Cindy Barbera-Brelle, she is the State E911 administrator, and Peoria County ESTB board is to meet and talk about it [helping Stark County gain enhanced 911 service].” Sloan said that if Stark is accepted on Peoria County's

board that Stark will have two seats on Peoria's board.

He also said Peoria County will handle the grants required to cover the cost of installing an E911 system for Stark County. It's estimated that the cost will be \$450,000 to \$475,000 for the equipment required. Sloan believes that Stark County is the last county in the state to not have E911. He said the E911 system would use satellite communications and would require two dispatcher/jailers at all times, which is not the case presently.

The board approved the lone bid to mow the courthouse and adjacent yards from Colgan's Home Creations for \$3,100.

Also, security cameras have been installed in the courthouse and annex, which feed monitors in the Sheriff's Office. Panic buttons have been installed, as well.

County engineer Judd Giffin said Highway Department Office Manager Christine Moore resigned in March. Giffin thanked Moore for her years of service to the county and wished her well.

Flashing lights will be installed at three locations in Stark County that have a history of accidents. The locations are the “S” curve on Modena Road, the West Jersey “S” curve just west of Walnut Creek and the T-intersection of Illinois Route 91 and Sharkey Highway. In addition, the west approach on Sharkey Highway will have rumble strips cut into the roadway on the approach to the Route 78 intersection.

Finally, Giffin said the Duncan Road project should be completed this year, after years of delays.

Review of state monuments underway

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A House committee tasked with reviewing statues and monuments on state property held its first meeting Wednesday, hearing from professors and state government associations on what frameworks can be established to guide the review process.

Rep. Tim Butler, a Springfield Republican, said figures such as John W.E. Thomas, who was born a slave in Ala-

bama and in 1876 became the first African American elected to the Illinois General Assembly, should have a place of honor in the Illinois Capitol. Butler also advocated for preserving the image of Abraham Lincoln and Ulysses S. Grant, two former U.S. presidents with Illinois ties.

Rep. Mary Flowers is the chair of the task force. The Chicago Democrat said certain statues are indicative of “white supremacy,” and the committee's role will be “education, education, education.”

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Bank robber caught

Man who robbed Elmwood bank arrested in Springfield

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

ELMWOOD – John W. Beck didn't get much time to enjoy his stolen money. Authorities in Springfield on Wednesday apprehended Beck, who has been charged with robbing the Elmwood Community Bank Tuesday at approximately 10:41 a.m.

U.S. Marshals located Beck, 54, in a Springfield hotel where they found a red pipe he brandished while robbing the Elmwood bank, marked cash and a prostitute. Beck fled officers on foot, but was caught after a brief chase.



Beck

According to Peoria County Sheriff Brian Asbell, Beck was taken to Sangamon County Jail and will be extradited to Livingston County, which has a warrant for his arrest stemming from an April 8 armed robbery of the



Odell Bank.

Beck is also believed to be the man who entered a stolen white Toyota Prius in the 100 block of East Cypress Street in Elmwood after robbing the Elmwood bank, located on the corner of North Magnolia and Evergreen streets. Footage from a homeowner's doorbell camera on East Cypress Street helped identify the vehicle and the thief, who was photographed in the bank wearing a camouflage hat and mask and carrying a pipe. The same white Toyota was parked at the Springfield hotel.

At the time of the robbery, three employees were in the Elmwood bank, which was later closed for the day. There were no injuries reported.

Within a few hours after Tuesday's robbery, Asbell called Beck "a person of interest." Beck was released on parole last August after serving part of a 25-year sentence for a 2008 bank robbery in Champaign County.

Beck is also a suspect in an April 19 hold-up at a Paxton convenience store and has previously been arrested in Piatt, Macon, Sangamon and Adams counties. In Livingston County, Beck was convicted of five counts of forgery in 1993. At that time, he was also charged with three counts of forgery and one count of aggravated robbery in Sangamon County, two counts of aggravated robbery in Macon County and in Piatt County, one count of theft of \$300-\$10,000, aggravated battery and theft of \$10,000-\$100,000.

In addition to Elmwood police, officers responded from Farmington, Yates City, Knox County and from the Peoria County Sheriff's Department. Morton Community Bank security staff were also on the scene.

BRIEFS

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GALVA – The first Baptist Church of Galva is currently taking orders for delicious homemade pies. Rhubarb, strawberry-rhubarb, blackberry, blueberry, apple and cherry pies are \$10.00 each.

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Farm Bureau sponsors Press grant program

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois Farm Bureau will be this year's sponsor of Illinois Press Foundation mini-grants program.

Selected schools receive grants of up to \$1,500 from the Illinois Press Foundation to pay for equipment

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CLEAN UP DAYS
 City of Wyoming's "Clean Up Days" everything to be picked up must be out by Monday, May 10th. The garbage truck will start in the North end of Wyoming and move south. They will not revisit an area they have already picked up.

It will be free to all residential households in the corporate limits of the City of Wyoming. Per state laws they cannot pick up any electrical items. Large non electrical appliances and large pieces of furniture as in couches, large chairs, mattress and box springs will require a tag at a cost of \$10 each. Tags can be purchased at City Hall. City Hall's hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Anything placed out should be easily picked up by one man and placed into the back of the garbage truck. Bundle items when necessary so they may be picked up quickly. The following will not be picked up:

- 1) Electrical items.
- 2) Landscape waste.
- 3) Hazardous material as in kerosene, fuel oil, paint thinners, batteries and tires.
- 4) No bricks, building materials and long poles as these items damage the garbage truck.

Murphy's has the right to refuse to pick up any piles of garbage that is larger than a 4 ft. by 4 ft. pile or contained items mixed in that are not allowed.

Any large items set out without the required bulk tags will be in violation of City's Ordinance and subject to possible fines.

Amber Waves
 by Dave T. Phipps

OK, LAST FALL I BURIED ALL MY CHANGE IN A JAR. I MADE THIS MAP MARKING WHERE IT IS.
 I REMEMBER I SPENT A LONG TIME DRAWING THIS OUT WITH SEVERAL COLORS AND CODES!
 I SPENT A BUNCH OF MONEY ON ART SUPPLIES JUST TO MAKE IT.
 ANH GEEZ, I THINK I HAD TO DO IT UP JUST TO PAY FOR ALL THE MARKERS AND PAPER.

Out on a Limb
 by Gary Kopervas

DON'T TURN AROUND, DARYL, BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THAT'S TOM SELLECK'S MUSTACHE SITTING RIGHT BEHIND YOU.
 REALLY??!!
 GIGGLE, GIGGLE.

R.F.D.
 by Mike Marland

I GUESS THE PANDEMIC'S BEEN KINDA ROUGH ON TH' OL' WOODFIELD DINER, EH, MILLIE?
 I'LL SAY!
 MASKS ARE MANDATORY AND SO IS BUYING A PIC ON YOUR WAY OUT THE DOOR.
 BUT I'M MANAGIN' TO FIND WAYS TO STAY AFLOAT.

The Spats
 by Jeff Pickering

WHAT WOULD YOU EVER DO WITHOUT ME?
 I DON'T KNOW...
 ...I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOU!

Weekly SUDOKU
 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!

ANSWERS ON PAGE 11

CryptoQuote
 AXVDLBAAXR 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.

LCBFG KTRF SFFG MTPPFY
 EXFFGN QCW T PCGD UOBF.
 SXU UKF ZOGDYCB DORFG
 UKFB ONG'U LCWUK WXPOGD.
 - PCXONT BTI TPMCUU

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. CITIES: What is the name of the mountain and city where the famous Hollywood sign is located?
2. MOVIES: 'Ferris Bueller's Day Off' was filmed in and around which American city?
3. LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel featured a character named Daisy Buchanan?
4. TELEVISION: Which 1960s sitcom's theme song is 'The Fishin' Hole'?
5. ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which island nation is home to lemurs?
6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the birth flower for people born in November?
7. GEOGRAPHY: Where are the Harz Mountains located?
8. HISTORY: What kind of mammal was the first to be cloned successfully?
9. MUSIC: Which rock group performed the 1970s song 'Doraville'?
10. MEASUREMENTS: What does a kilopond measure?

Answers
 1. Mount Lee, Los Angeles
 2. Chicago
 3. 'The Great Gatsby'
 4. 'The Andy Griffith Show'
 5. Madagascar
 6. Chrysanthemum
 7. Germany
 8. A sheep
 9. Atlanta Rhythm Section
 10. Force

TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

1. Godzilla vs. Kong (PG-13)
2. Nobody (R)
3. The Unholy (PG-13)
4. Raya and the Last Dragon (PG)
5. Voyagers (PG-13)
6. Tom & Jerry (PG)
7. The Courier (PG-13)
8. The Girl Who Believes in Miracles (PG)
9. Chaos Walking (PG-13)
10. The Croods: A New Age (PG)

OBITUARIES

Roger J. Hawk

TOULON – Roger J. Hawk, 76, of Toulon, passed away at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, April 20, 2021, at his home.

Hawk is formerly of the Minonk area, born April 5, 1945, to Philip and Mildred Sullivan Hawk. He wed Mary D. Matson on June 23, 1973, and has resided in rural Toulon since 1978.

He is survived by his wife, Mary of Toulon; a son-in-law, Patrick Keane; and two grandchildren, Kalleigh and Kellan all of Ke-wanee. He has two sisters, Ann



Hawk

Knighton of Bloomington and Jane Hawk (Steven Maness) of Bozeman, Mont.; two nephews, Jason and Jon Payne; and held a lasting friendship with a Vietnam cohort, Martin Greenberg of Goodyear, Ariz.

His daughter, Mary Kristin; parents; and two brothers, David and Duane preceded him in death.

He was a graduate of Minonk-Dana-Rutland (Fieldcrest) High School and Midstate College, Peoria. He served four years with the United States Air Force during the TET offensive of the Vietnam Conflict in 1969, prior to returning to Illinois State University to obtain bachelor and master's degrees with advanced study in special education and administration. His career included education and administration in Adams, Peoria, Henry and Stark Counties. Retiring in 2001, he continued as an adjunct instructor for Black Hawk College and St. Xavier University, and supervised student teachers for Monmouth College and Western Governors State.

Roger was active in the First Congregational Church, Lions Club, Illinois Retired Teachers, and served on the boards of Freedom House, Stark County District #100 Education Foundation and Central Illinois Agency on Aging. He looked for-

ward to the New Year's Eve progressive dinner of their bridge club beginning in 1983. He was proud of his Irish heritage and celebrated with his "Cousins by the Dozens" around St. Patrick's Day. His most memorable times were spent at their home at Lake of the Ozarks and traveling with his family.

In lieu of flowers, it is his request that memorials be made to the Mission Fund of the First Congregational Church of Toulon or the Toulon Lions Club. A private celebration of Roger's life will be held at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 24, 2021, and may be viewed live in the Facebook group "Roger Hawk's Celebration of Life". Pastor Wayne McLeod will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Roger's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

James A. Bray, Sr.

MORTON – James Alan Bray, Sr., "Jim", 59, of Morton, passed away Monday, April 19, 2021, at 10:40 a.m. at UnityPoint Health-Methodist, in Peoria.

Jim was born May 10, 1961, in Peoria to parents James G. and Helen Lucille (Marty) Bray. He married Lynn Stauffer on Nov. 5, 2016, in Clinton, Iowa.

Surviving are his wife, Lynn Bray of Morton; one daughter, Victoria "Vicki" Moore of Peoria; one son, James Bray, Jr. of Washington; one sister, Debbie (Steve) Snyder of Princeville; one brother, Tom Bray of Speer; one sister-in-law, Mary Bray of Clinton, Iowa; two step-sons, Randy Cook and Sean Varner both of Clinton, Iowa; one step-daughter, Eileen (Brannon) Mayer of Clinton, Iowa; three granddaughters; and nine step-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; one brother,



Bray

Terry, Sr.; and one sister, Leslee.

Jim was a 1979 graduate of Wyoming High School. He was past President of Lawn Ridge Cemetery; a member of the Eastern Star and Stark County Lodge #479; a Mason for the former Toulon Chapter.

A visitation will be Friday, April 23, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. His graveside funeral will be Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. at Lawn Ridge Cemetery in Speer, with Masonic rites performed. Please respect mask and social distancing mandates.

Online condolences may be left for Jim's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Melvin Q. Greene, Sr.

PRINCEVILLE – Melvin Quentin Greene, Sr., 88, of Princeville, died April 14, 2021, surrounded by his family at his residence. Melvin was born on March 13, 1933, in Peoria to Melvin C. and Agnes M. "Laura" (Hill) Greene. He married Carol Ann Beebe on Nov. 10, 1962, in Peoria; she survives.

Also surviving are three children, Christie (Scott) Robinson of Dunlap, Melvin Jr. "Mel" (Dorothy) Greene of Princeville, and Rustin "Rusty" (Karen) Greene of Edwards; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Melvin graduated from Woodruff High School in 1952. He then worked as a farmer in the Princeville area for 20 years and worked for L.E. German Implement as the fabrication shop manager from 1977-1989.

His funeral service was at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 21, 2021, at Mount Olive Missionary Church in Peoria.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Melvin's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.



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NOTICE

City of Wyoming is accepting applications for **Summertime Helpers** in the **Public Works Department**.

Must be 18 years of age with a valid Driver's License.

Responsibilities will include performing manual labor activities and a variety of construction and maintenance as needed and/or required by the Superintendent.

Please pick up an application at **Wyoming City Hall located at 108 E. Williams Street.**

Hours are Monday - Friday 7:30 to noon and 12:30 until 4:00 p.m.

BID NOTICE

The Village of LaFayette is currently seeking contractor bids for work on the village's maintenance shed. Work needing done includes, applying spray foam insulation to sheds interior walls and ceiling, installing light fixtures inside, security lights outside, outlets both inside and out. Electrical bid will also need to include trench work and running an electrical line from the water tower pump house to the maintenance shed for power supply. Contractors must provide a copy of proof of insurance when submitting written bids. The maintenance shed measures 35x24x10. For further information please contact, Christopher Smith at (309) 509-2522, or Dean Rosebeck at (309) 238-3600. Bids must be submitted by May 2nd, 2021.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

The City of Toulon is accepting sealed bids at city hall for the sale of a 2006 Dodge 4x4 Ram 1500 Quad cab truck formally used by the Toulon police department. This truck will be sold **AS IS**. The truck has just over 87,000 miles. The truck has some rust and dings. It is not in perfect condition. The truck may be viewed by appointment. Starting bid will be at \$5000.00 US dollars. For more information please call Toulon city hall **309-286-5042**. All sealed bids will be opened at the May city council meeting, May 12, 2021.

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GALVA: Eight-man football an option

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gauge community reaction.

"I truly believe that our board has not tried to cause problems," O'Riley said.

Several parents attended Monday's meeting and voiced concern about ending the football co-op. Galva also loses its spot in the Lincoln Trail Conference, which goes to Mid-County. Galva had been an LTC member since the conference began.

Parents were told Galva had four new board members and that work will start

immediately to find a solution.

"Our athletic director is looking at multiple possibilities for football in the fall, including eight-man football or joining another school district in a co-op" O'Riley said. "But currently we have no leads that we can put forward."

Galva can field its own golf team and last year had seven boys and five girls play for Mid-County. Last year, there were no Galva runners on the Mid-County cross country team. Galva will remain in the Lincoln Trail in all other sports.

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Answers on Page 11

Super Crossword WELL-PRESERVED

ACROSS

1 Tribal emblems	62 Pieces of jig gear	106 Heimsley with hotels	10 Bait	53 Shoot down	89 Some watch displays, for short
7 Sobbing	65 Bride part	106 Beau —	11 More tender	54 Rack up	91 Leg up
14 Hunt for food vessel	66 Of a central point	107 Rebuke to Brutus	12 Mr. — (old detective game)	55 Old-style office scribe	92 Pop's Carly — Japan
20 Of a big blood vessel	67 Perform wonderfully	108 "Hel-IP"	13 Foxy	56 Clings (to) Me!" actor	94 Like a prof. emeritus
21 Church part near the altar	68 Buck mate	109 Divided into segments	14 FDF's dog	57 "Just Shoot Me!" actor	95 Flashy Chevy, for short
22 Mating type	69 Apple's apple, e.g.	111 Cry of cheer	15 Wind section player	58 Mourner of myth	97 Texas city
23 Start of a riddle	70 Mas-to-Minn. dir.	112 Part of OTB	16 Little kid	59 Personal identifiers	98 Got close to
25 Starts a PC session	71 Foyer floor protectors	113 Part of OTB	17 "That being the case ..."	60 Pin it on	99 Doughnut-shaped figure
26 Copies a cat	72 Linking word in Leipzig	123 Fishing nets	18 Hostess in a limo	61 Wise trism	100 Harmonious
27 Pop singer Grande, to fans	74 Befogged	124 Vacillated	19 Borgnine of "Marty"	62 Roadhouse	101 Hosts
28 Doctrine in copyright law	75 1960s radical	125 Comic	24 Grouchy Muppet	63 Overdue	102 Took pains
29 Buy that can be deleted	76 Hoffman	126 Most eccentric	25 Familial fight	70 Boy, in Bolivia	103 Physician, often
31 With 110-Down, decisive trial	77 Huge hauler	127 Cabby's query	26 Deeds	71 Sci-fi power	104 Lay in concealment
34 Hawk's nest	78 February 14 dolly	128 More packed	27 Priest's assistant	72 Family on "Mama's Little Home"	110 See
37 Goldman's partner	79 Riddle, part 4	84 Weds on the fly	28 Threw the dice	73 Jacket part	112 Roll call reply
38 Riddle, part 2	85 University of — Dame	86 Buddy from way back	29 Cry of delight	74 Finish	114 President
43 Fig and fr	86 Buddy from way back	90 Group in a roundup	30 Stomped on	81 Court king	115 — (Ocean Spray flavor)
44 Foster	90 Group in a roundup	93 Griffin who created "Jocelyn"	40 In re	82 Cookbook writer	117 NFL part
45 Mine's strike	93 Griffin who created "Jocelyn"	96 Deborah	41 "Dam it!"	83 Snow queen in "Frozen"	118 "Take that!"
46 Unruffled	96 Deborah	97 End of the riddle	42 Reinguish	84 Opener of many locks	119 Sweetsy, sly
48 Plotting group	97 End of the riddle	98 State family	43 The younger Sartin	85 Grammy winner Tony	120 Old Tokyo
51 Pastry variety	98 State family	99 "I did it!"	44 State family	86 Chevy debut of 2004	121 Prop- or hee-ender
57 Riddle, part 3	99 "I did it!"		45 Grows older		122 The, in Vienna

DOWN

1 Shooting marble	35 Threw the dice	36 After avowal	82 Cookbook writer	117 NFL part
2 Cry of delight	36 After avowal	39 Conducts	83 Snow queen in "Frozen"	118 "Take that!"
3 Stomped on	39 Conducts	40 In re	84 Opener of many locks	119 Sweetsy, sly
4 Kin of less	40 In re	41 "Dam it!"	85 Grammy winner Tony	120 Old Tokyo
5 Japanese soup variety	41 "Dam it!"	42 Reinguish	86 Chevy debut of 2004	121 Prop- or hee-ender
6 Investment bigwig Charles	42 Reinguish	43 The younger Sartin		122 The, in Vienna
7 Hosp. section	43 The younger Sartin	44 State family		
8 Brunst' org.	44 State family	45 Grows older		
9 "I did it!"	45 Grows older			

LEGAL ADS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Charles & Marilyn Wilson, 528 S. Peoria St., Bradford, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a variance in setback requirements for property described as Village of Bradford, Assr's NE1/4 Section 26, Part Lot 45.

The request for the variance is for the construction of a 16 x 24' addition to an existing garage that will be 5 feet from the West property line or back yard, rather than the 20 foot setback and 3 feet from the North property line or side yard, rather than the 5 foot setback.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, May 10, 2021, at which time and place all persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson

ZONING OFFICER
Published 4/23/21

CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS
STARK COUNTY

In Re ESTATE OF)
MARIE E. KNOBLOCH) No. 2021P6
Deceased.)

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of MARIE E. KNOBLOCH, on October 6, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to PEOPLES BANK OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, of 1701 South Main Avenue, P. O. Box 135, Sioux Center, Iowa 51250, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 29th day of October, 2021, or by mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. 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 claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2021.

PEOPLES BANK OF SIOUX CENTER, IOWA, Executor of the Estate of MARIE E. KNOBLOCH, Deceased.

WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD. Attorneys for the Executor
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Elmwood, Illinois 61529-0368
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LEGAL ADS

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. RUSSELL, Deceased, No. 2020P22

WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of JAMES P. RUSSELL, who died October 21, 2020. Letters of office were issued on March 26, 2021, to MARILYN S. MASTERSON of 216 Grove Street, P.O. Box 3, Camp Grove, Illinois 61424, as independent representative, whose attorneys are Michael Evans Law Offices, 101 West Williams Street, P.O. Box 186, Wyoming, Illinois 61491.

Notice is given to all interested parties who are heirs or legatees in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose name or address is not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on March 26, 2021, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court, Probate Division, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, or both, on or before (a) October 1, 2021, or 6 months from the first date of publication, whichever date is later, or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, as amended, then the date stated in that notice, whichever date is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date or dates is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative AND to the Attorneys within 10 days after it has been filed.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under § 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk of the court. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the clerk of the court at the above address or from the attorneys at the address below. 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://www.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>.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2021.

MICHAEL EVANS LAW OFFICES
Attorneys for the Independent Executor
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Wyoming, Illinois 61491
Tel: (309) 695-2525
Email: mevans@melawgroup.com
Published 4/9, 4/16, 4/23/21

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TERESA GAIL LEE, Deceased, No. 2021P5

WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE-INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of TERESA GAIL LEE, who died March 3, 2021. Letters of office were issued on March 26, 2021, to ROGER SCOTT LEE of 13821 Wild Spruce Lane, Chillicothe, Illinois 61523, as independent representative, whose attorneys are Michael Evans Law Offices, 101 West Williams Street, P.O. Box 186, Wyoming, Illinois 61491.

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Dated this 31st day of March, 2021.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Electric Service Schedule III. C.C. No. 1

To the Electric Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on March 30, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its electric customers under the Company's Electric Environmental Adjustment (Rider EEA), with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with its manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Rider EEA is applicable to Rate Zones I and III only (formerly the AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP services territories, respectively). This reconciliation may result in changes to the Company's rates and charges with respect to electric delivery services throughout the Company's territories in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order.

The Commission docketed these filings as Docket Nos. 21-0048 (RZ I) and 21-0050 (RZ III). A copy of the evidence may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices located at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from Ameren Illinois or by addressing the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

AMEREN ILLINOIS COMPANY
d/b/a Ameren Illinois
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of ARTHUR E. SANDBERG, deceased
No. 2021-P-55

Notice is given of the death of ARTHUR E. SANDBERG. Letters of Office - Independent Executors were issued on April 12, 2021 to Arthur E. Sandberg, Jr. and Robert S. Sandberg, of 136 Sperry Blvd., New Hyde Park, NY 11040 and 53 Sagamore Road, Island Park, NY 11558, respectively, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Proposed Tariff Changes Gas Service Schedule III. C. C. No. 2
To the Gas Patrons of Ameren Illinois Company d/b/a Ameren Illinois:

Ameren Illinois (or Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on March 30, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission evidence (direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its gas customers under the Company's Rider TAR and Gas Environmental Adjustment (Rider GEA), with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with its manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Rider TAR is applicable to Rate Zone II (formerly the AmerenCILCO service territory) and Rider GEA is applicable to Rate Zones I and III (formerly the AmerenCIPS and AmerenIP services territories, respectively). This reconciliation may result in changes to the Company's rates and charges with respect to gas delivery service charges throughout the Company's territories in Illinois. The changes in rates and charges will take effect after hearings and after the Commission issues its final Order.

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Balance boosts Princes

Princeville passes, runs past Stark County

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – Balance was back for the potent Princeville offense last Friday in a football game vs. Stark County that was relatively close through the first 14 minutes.

One week after not completing a pass, the Princes (5-0, 4-0 Lincoln Trail Conference) scored first on a 1-yard pass from Sam Streitmatter to Denver Hoerr. Those same two hooked up later in the first quarter on a fourth-and-goal pass play from the Stark County 35-yard line.

If that wasn't a back-breaker for the visiting Rebels, the next big sequence in the second quarter was. With Stark County (1-4, 1-4) driving, Hoerr scooped up a fumble and ran 80 yards for a touchdown that made the score 21-0.

"Early on, it was a battle," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. "On fourth-and-35 Sam threw it up there to (Hoerr) and he ran a wheel route and got behind a kid. That was big momentum there.

"And so was the scoop-and-score

play off of the fumble recovery."

Those two big plays had Stark County Coach Jade Noard at a momentary loss for words even several days after the game.

"A fourth and 35," Noard said, pausing. "And then it was a bad snap and we tried to pick it up and as we did, it flipped right into their kid's hands. There were two plays that gave them 14 points and the momentum."

That was too much generosity against an unbeaten Princeville team that is currently ranked No. 7 in the Class 1A state polls.

Coming into the game, Carruthers had worried about Stark County's big linemen creating problems for

Princeville's smaller, quicker defensive linemen. And the Rebels enjoyed success running the ball, with back Jack Meinders racking up 121 yards and touchdowns of 1 and 3 yards on 20 carries.

But the Princes made some adjustments to limit Stark County to scoring both its touchdowns in the second half.

"We basically took our small guys



Princeville's Denver Hoerr caught two touchdown passes and returned a fumble 80 yards for another score last Friday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

off the line and put them back in space to make them come get us," Carruthers said. "They definitely have a big, physical line and once they get their hands on you, it can be a problem."

Princeville's offensive line also created problems for Stark County, as the Princes ran for 209 yards and also got 220 through the air. Senior running back Hunter Boland led all rushers with 186 yards on 19 carries, including touchdown runs of 14, 41 and 54 yards in the final two quarters.

Streitmatter completed 11 of 14 passes for 220 yards and two scores.

Balance like that is one reason United Coach David Milroy said

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Football future cloudy for Galva

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Today's homecoming game against Ottawa Marquette will be the last varsity football game that Galva will play as part of the Mid-County Cougars co-op.

The Mid-County junior varsity play Monday night, and that will be the last chance for those Galva athletes to compete as part of the co-op team.

Superintendent Doug O'Riley reported to the Galva School Board that a contract was not signed for Galva School district to be included in the Mid-County co-op, which also includes Williamsfield and ROWVA.

O'Riley said the co-op started in 2009 and had been "very successful" and included football, cross country and golf. This year, eight Galva students were playing on the varsity and five were on the junior varsity, according to Athletic Director Kurtis

Smyth.

"We had very little friction," O'Riley said.

Under the original terms of the co-op, half of the Mid-County football games and practices were held in Oneida and half were in Galva according to O'Riley.

The new contract this year stipulated that all but one game would be played in Oneida, and that all practices would be in Oneida.

"The most troubling point for us was that all practices were going to be in Oneida," O'Riley said. "We as a district didn't think it was fair to our student athletes that they had to go to Oneida every day when we have equal or better facilities in Galva."

Earlier this year, Galva was asked to join a co-op that would have involved all sports, including basketball. O'Riley said there was not enough time to study that idea and to

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