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Beth Bombara and her band of St. Louis entertained a crowd at Galva's Wiley Park on Saturday night. This was the first band to play on the new stage among the building supplies. Brickwork, wiring and roofing still needs to be completed. Photo by Carol Townsend

Galva music lineup announced

GALVA – A summer full of live music is returning to Wiley Park.

After a one-year absence, the Galva Arts Council was happy to announce a lineup for the third annual Levitt AMP Galva Music Series presented by Regional Media. Free concerts will be held on Sundays on the new stage at Wiley Park and offer an opportunity for community members of all ages to enjoy free live music in a picnic-

style setting. Food and beverages will be available for purchase during concerts.

The 2021 lineup includes the following acts (first act plays at 6 p.m., second at 7):

- May 30 – Surf Zombies (surf rock), Good Morning Bedlam (folk rock).
- June 6 – Stone & Snow (Americana, folk and more), Avey Grouws Band (blues).
- June 13 – The Deep Hollow (Ameri-

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Stark 'cut ties' with principal New school board members seated

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School District has "cut ties" with Junior/Senior High School Principal Jeff Utsinger, according to Superintendent Brett Elliott.

Utsinger has been out of the schools since March and last December was hired as Assistant Superintendent in Canton, where he was scheduled to have a start date of July 1.

Utsinger had been a principal at Stark County since the 2019-20 school year.

Megan McGann was hired in March to replace Utsinger.

"Mr. Utsinger had accumulated enough vacation/leave days to close out the school year," Elliott said. "We agreed along with the board to cut ties with Mr. Utsinger and allow him to exhaust all leave time for the remainder of the year."

In other school-related business, at a special meeting on April 28, newly elected members of the Stark County School Board were sworn in to their seats. Elliott, who was president pro tempore, gave the oath to the newly elected board members.

Those members are Ann Orwig, Emily Holman, Brian Rewerts and newly elected board member Erin Price, who re-

places Beth Rumbold. Price is from Toulon and is married to husband Bob Price, owner of Bob's Concrete.

Those four members join Bruce West, Dave Stewart and Matt Nagode on the board of education. After the swearing in ceremony, officers were elected. Orwig will return as board president for another two-year term, West as vice-president and Nagode as secretary. Barb Loane was approved as board treasurer and recording secretary.

The new board will meet the third Monday of every month, with the exception of January and February of 2022, when meetings will be Jan. 18 and Feb. 22. All meetings will commence at 6 p.m. beginning in July. Currently the start time is 6:15 p.m. All meetings will be at the Stark County Elementary School cafeteria, unless designated otherwise.

Committee assignments were tabled to a later meeting in order to allow Orwig to confer with new member Price. Those committees are: Building and Finance; the Henry-Stark Cooperative board; the Stark County Foundation board; education and policy; plus athletics and extra-curricular

Prior to seating the new board, the old board dealt with unfinished business. The Junior High English Language Arts curriculum and resources was approved for \$28,369 to be paid through SAVVA (a school resource/textbook company).



Utsinger

State moving in right direction to lift restrictions

By TIM KIRSININKAS

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker said the Chicago Auto Show will return in July, signaling the return of large-scale events amid declining COVID-19 positivity rates.

Pritzker also announced the state could be moving forward

to the "bridge" phase of reopening next week, which allows for large venues such as convention halls and outdoor events to resume operations with capacity guidelines and safety measures in place.

The Auto Show plans to incorporate safety measures, such as timed entrance win-

dows and staggered admission, contactless tickets, temperature checks, medical questionnaires and a requirement to wear face coverings.

The safety measures offer a preview of what some larger-scale events in the state's bridge phase could look like.

While Chicago Mayor Lori

Lightfoot said she aims to have Chicago "fully open" by July 4, Pritzker would not give dates for lifting public health restrictions may be lifted.

But Pritzker said he is "optimistic" about lifting restrictions in the weeks ahead and moving into the bridge phase and then to Phase 5.



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"City Clean Up" Dumpsters

On Saturday, May 8th, the City of Wyoming will have two Roll Off Dumpsters available for City residents only. They will be located south of the Water Tower on Main Street from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. I.D.'s will be checked to verify residency. One dumpster will be for Appliances and metal items. The other dumpster will be for all other items (couches, chairs, mattresses, etc.). Residents will be responsible to unload items.

The following will not be accepted:

- 1) Electrical items.
- 2) Landscape waste
- 3) Hazardous material as in kerosene, fuel oil, paint thinners, batteries, and tires.
- 4) No bricks or building materials.

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.

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LEVITT: Wide variety of musical acts to be featured

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can), Shamarr Allen (jazz, funk).

- June 20 – Ley Line (blues, folk, soul, Rags and Riches (indie rock).
- June 27 – The Arcadian Wild (contemporary acoustic), Radio Free Honduras (Latin country, rock).
- July 11 – Bonne Finken (pop, rock), Front Country (folk pop, progressive bluegrass).
- July 18 – Mississippi Heat (blues), Lewis Knudsen (indie rock, pop, soul).
- July 25 – Heather Newman (blues), Elizabeth Moen (folk rock).
- Aug. 1 – Trevor Sensor (indie rock), India Ramey (southern gothic).
- Aug. 8 – Craig Gerdes, (outlaw

country), Wayne Hancock (honky tonk).

The Levitt AMP Galva Music Series presented by Regional Media is made possible by generous community support, including the following major sponsors: Mediacom, Illinois Arts Council Quad City Arts, Bishop Hill Bakery & Eatery, and many others.

Quilts of Valor a topic in Bradford

By ANGIE STANGE
For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Bradford Auxiliary Unit #445 learned about Quilts of Valor from guest speaker Susan Minikus at its April 27 meeting.

A member of the Bradford Legion Post #445, Minikus is a recent recipient of a Quilt of Valor. She served during the Vietnam War, was nominated for this honor by her niece and received the quilt from the Illinois Valley Quilts of Valor. She encourages others to nominate veterans whom they wish to honor.



Susan Minikus of Bradford poses with a Quilt of Valor she recently received. Photo by Angie Stange.

The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a national organization founded in 2003 by “Blue Star” mom Catherine Roberts. Since then, more than 140,000 quilts have been awarded. Thousands of quilters all over the U.S. work daily to create quilts to cover veterans from all conflicts, including WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. Con-

tact Terry Johnson at (815) 866-3534 or quiltcrazie@msn.com.

Each quilt represents a three-part message from the givers to recipients. The first, is honor for their service. Second is to acknowledge that freedom is not free. Finally, the quilts are meant to offer comfort and to remind recipients that, although their family and friends cannot be with them at all times, they are in our thoughts.

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4-21 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on 950N, east of the intersection of 1200E. The driver involved was Kenneth D. Curry, 20, of Toulon. No injuries were reported but estimated damages to the vehicle were reported at over \$1,500.

5-2 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 north of Toulon at 2:56 p.m. The driver involved was Michael C. Dougherty Jr., 27, of Toulon. He was transported by Stark County Ambulance to St. Luke Hospital, in Kewanee. Dougherty was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving a vehicle without insurance, and driving on a suspended license. He was issued a notice to appear in court.

5-2 - An overturned vehicle was reported to authorities at 11:27 p.m. on Route 17 near the Catalpa Grove tavern. The driver was Tyler A. Dorsey, 24, of Toulon. Dorsey and a passenger in the vehicle at the time of the accident refused medical treatment. Dorsey was arrested for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving under the influence and illegal transportation of alcohol. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

4-22 - A possible scam was reported to authorities from a rural Toulon resident on Grain Bin Road. The incident is under investigation.

4-28 - Shawn A. Slightom, 31, Toulon, was issued a Peoria County warrant while incarcerated on pending charges in Stark County. The Peoria County warrant was for failure to appear on the original charge of driving while his license was suspended.

4-29 - Raven J. Buckley, 28, Kewanee, was ticketed for not having a valid driver's license.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-26 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. in reference to an attempted scam.

4-26 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Street to deliver a message for the Boone County Sheriff's Office.

4-26 - to meet with an adult at police department in reference to a niece who brought a scooter home

that did not belong to them.

4-26 - to the 200 block of NE 3rd Street for a loose dog complaint. The dog returned home.

4-27 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd Street for a felony theft, burglary complaint. Case is pending.

4-27 - to assist a landlord check an abandoned rental property for contraband.

4-27 - to a verbal domestic dispute in the 100 block of NW 4th Ave. involving a parent and child.

4-27 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The owner took control of the dog.

4-27 - to the 500 block of Swank Street for a theft complaint.

4-27 - along with Stark County Medic and the fire department to the 200 block of SW 7th Street for a structure fire. The resident was cooking food and fell asleep.

4-28 - to the 2900 block of Knox Road 2200 East to assist subjects with loose dogs killing livestock.

4-28 - to assist with a semi-truck rollover accident with lane blockage on Route 34 near Black Hawk College. Officer stood by until Henry County took over.

4-29 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a barking dog complaint.

4-29 - to the 300 block of Main Street for a parking complaint. The owner moved the vehicle.

4-29 - to the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a complaint of possible elder abuse. A family member was contacted.

4-29 - to a residence on NW 6th Ave. to check on the welfare of a subject. They were fine.

4-30 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street for an unruly customer refusing to leave.

4-30 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street two more times for an unruly customer. As the result, Michael Thuline, 53, Galva, was arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer, intimidation, assault, criminal trespass to property and two counts of resisting or obstructing a police officer. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

4-30 - to the 100 block of SW 4th



Street for a loose dog complaint. The owner arrived to take the dog.

4-30 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to the 900 block of SE 2nd Street for "the smell of fire." Nothing was found.

5-1 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving juveniles riding skateboards. The officer was not able to locate anyone.

5-1 - to a disabled farm implement in the 600 block of W. Division St. Officer directed traffic while the fire department assisted with clean-up.

5-1 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd Street for an out-of-control juvenile fight complaint.

Property Transfers

4-26 - Calvin Roger Fritz to Jeffrey R. Fritz - Sect 35-13-6 NE - 101 W. Maple Street, Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.00.

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4-28 - Community Loan Servicing, LLC to Benjamin E. Taber - Pt 19-13-6 SW - 319 West Jefferson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$14,500.00.

4-30 - Lynnette D. Duffield to Catherine and Randy O. Frazelle - Pt 14-12-7 NW - Jay-Rae Subdivision - 16346 N. Valley Road, Wyoming - Consideration = \$162,500.00.

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McCauley receives Fairfield Scholarship

The 2021 recipient of the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship is Matthew McCauley. Matthew is the son of Grant and Tiffany McCauley of Wyoming and currently attends Stark County High School, where he has been active in FFA, football, baseball, weightlifting, basketball, yearbook and student council and served as a class officer.

Matthew’s future plans include attending Black Hawk East College to earn an Associate in Science Degree and then transferring to the University of Illinois to earn a Bachelor of Science Degree in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology while double majoring in Agriculture.

When Stacey Fairfield lost his battle with leukemia in November of 2006, the family wished to honor his memory and his passion for agriculture. Through the generosity of individuals and area businesses, the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship was established in the spring of 2007, to assist with the educational expenses of scholarship recipients at a postsecondary educational institution majoring in any area of the agriculture industry. The scholarship is for graduating seniors from Stark County H.S.

College graduates

The following are spring 2021 local graduates of Black Hawk College, East Campus.

- Bradford – Margaret Rouse and Judson Wright.
- Galva – Carter Bates, Nelson Carlson, Ana Gerard, Conner Goodman, Rosemary Howell, Matthew Nordstrom, Brynn Patty, Keegan Roberts, Rachel Russell, Benjamin Smith, Sumner Strom, Parker Taylor, Josie Williams, Ashley Withrow and Charles Yocum III.
- Princeville – Levi Endress and Holly Goodman.
- Toulon – Brooke Lomelino, Tori Lomelino and Daphne Plotner.
- Wyoming – Payton Browning, McKenzie Evans and Shaunta Teague Jr.

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Matthew McCauley (left) is presented the 2021 Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship by Scott Fairfield.



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- May 10, noon – Learn more about the arrival of invasive jumping worms, which have been confirmed in Peoria County.
- May 11, 1:30 p.m. – Explore design elements for green screens, natural fences and borders to enhance your outdoor living space.
- May 12, 6 p.m. – Learn to make the most of composting.
- May 13, 6 p.m. – Manage weeds in the garden.
- May 18, noon – Attract pollinators to gardens.



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Of mothers, career choices & the smell of dirt

Mothers and career choices float through my head as we race through this month of bittersweet celebrations and graduations.

My late mother, bless her heart, never told me what I had to do for a career. What mom did was support me ... in her own way. That meant she analyzed all the possible pitfalls of a decision and worried endlessly about possible problems – then gave her blessing. She made her life harder than it had to be – something I increasingly empathize with after inheriting the same traits.



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But she also prepared me for this life of worrying too much by introducing me to the healing powers of dirt. It's a topic I write about often and one that is so near to my heart that – if ever some hard-up institution of learning needs a graduation speaker – that's what I will talk about. Graduate today, but keep dirt in your life always!

The onset of the pandemic brought that message home to many last spring. Sales of plants, vegetables and flowers skyrocketed. People who had nothing

else to do because of COVID restrictions suddenly turned to gardening. They stuck their hands in dirt and some worries went away.

So it goes for me almost every day. Visitors “marvel” at the hundreds of trees that dominate the front of our office. The cleaning lady mutters about tripping over them. Staffers must deal with friendly insects that live in all the peat moss and pots. I suspect many leave our office pondering my sanity – which would be a very valid concern if not for the trees.

See, when things get bad, there's always a tree that needs tending or watering. When my undiagnosed A.D.D. kicks in after wearying of yet another story about yet another dry meeting, there are acorns to transplant or leaves to identify. Mom taught me that. When she was stressed or life sent her reeling, she went into her yard and dug her worries away.

Yes, dirt gets in the way of work sometimes. Cuffs on most of my dress shirts are stained. The bugs flying around are annoying. And growing trees takes lots of time. All of that is a small price for sanity and a fine way to remember mom, who had some quirky approaches to gardening.

The other day, my brother uncovered sheets of plastic bubble wrap mom had

put in her flower beds to keep weeds at bay. Previous archeological digs in the garden have uncovered layers of shingles she obviously thought might also help. They failed. Weeds always won and mom was too “natural” to use herbicides that might have got the job done. As if burying an old asphalt shingle or bubble wrap is somehow natural.

And she never wanted me to prune forsythias, fretting that would kill them. So I would hack them when she wasn't around – then deal with the repercussions ... until the following spring when she would note the yellow blooms looked even better. I miss those exchanges. The closest I come now is when my hands are in the dirt, my mind wanders and I hear her words.

Which brings me back to that graduation speech I will never deliver. Living with a career choice is tougher than ever in this fast-changing world. The job you like after high school or college might not be the job you like in your 40s or 50s – or it might not even exist. There's no easy answer. But among your coping mechanisms, keep your hands in the dirt after work or, better yet, at work in between tasks.

And remember the words of writer Margaret Atwood: “In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt.”



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Warm spells & cold snaps create headaches

By RON DIETER
For The Weekly Post

There once was a margarine commercial on TV warning us that “It’s not nice to fool Mother Nature.” Well, it’s not very nice of her to fool us either. Those warm sunny days around Easter this year had us thinking spring had arrived. Some landscape plants got fooled too.

Magnolias are a good example. The warm spell put them in a blooming mood. Many were in full flower when recent nighttime temperatures dropped into the upper twenties.

I have three such magnolias. They are cultivars of *Magnolia liliiflora*, the lily-flowered magnolias. Two are out in the lawn and the third is sheltered by nearby oaks and hickories. Of course the two on the open lawn really took a hit. Their lovely open flowers weren’t so lovely when they thawed out, turning to brown mush. Even the unopened buds were damaged. Although their inner petals were unscathed, the outer ones were frostbitten. Not pretty, even from a distance.

The sheltered magnolia had only minimum damage, even though it was really cold. I was surprised that the bare-branched trees provided it with any protection at all. Perhaps the trees limited air movement just enough to prevent the warm air near the ground from radiating skyward.

I have a fourth magnolia at my place that I am particularly enamored with. It’s a yellow-flowered variety, *Magnolia ‘Louis’*, which blooms later than those I’ve already discussed. When the buds are about to open they look like a flock of yellow finches perched on the branches. They open to primrose yellow cup-shaped flowers. Rather spectacular.

This year I went into panic mode when the weatherman issued freeze warnings. I wasn’t about to let Mother Nature massacre the yellow flowers, which were in the tight bud stage. Mine is a young tree, only ten feet tall or so. I bungee-corded the flexible branches up tight to the trunk and covered the whole thing



Taking extra precautions to protect this Magnolia ‘Louis’ earlier this spring prior to the onset of yet another cold snap paid off for author Ron Dieter, who was able to enjoy and photograph an abundance of yellow flowers.

with four layers of floating row cover, that lightweight spun poly material used to protect garden crops. I tied the corners together at the base of the tree and hung a 100 watt light bulb inside the “tent” to provide a little heat.

I removed the covers when the prognosticators gave the “All Clear!” The buds looked just fine and last week they opened up into beautiful yellow flowers. My efforts paid off. Take that, Mother Nature! While it’s possible the tree would have been okay without my intervention, since it blooms later and the buds were still tight, I wasn’t taking any chances.

At my former homestead, I had a star magnolia, *M. stellata*, which has pure white flowers consisting of 12-18 narrow strap-like petals. It typically blooms in early spring and that’s a problem. Every year mine was covered with promising buds. But I can count on two fingers the number of years its flowers had not turned to mush in freezing temperatures. After a frigid night, the whole shrub would look as though someone had decorated it with wet Kleenexes.

Windy days wreaked havoc on those delicate narrow petals too. So even though a specimen of *M. stel-*

lata in full bloom is a genuine Kodak moment, I don’t recommend planting it around here. While you may have a place protected from the wind, those sudden cold spells are murder on such an early bloomer.

Meanwhile in the flower garden, the daffodils, snowflakes and bluebells bowed their heads down close to the ground in the frosty weather but quickly recovered in the warm sunshine. I’m always amazed at how durable they are in the cold. Warm breezy weather, on the other hand, shortens their flowers’ lifespan considerably. It’s always something.

Old-fashioned bleeding hearts, *Dicentra spectabilis*, another delicate early bloomer, easily sustains a light frost, but its fleshy stalks will succumb to a hard freeze. I learned that the hard way last year.

This time I covered them with a couple layers of row cover. That protected them from the cold, even down to 28 degrees. Additional layers would provide even more safety.

So, Mother Nature, be nice. Please give us springs with nice gradual warm-ups. Quit foolin’ around.

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Heirloom flowers offer fragrance, pollen

By **NICOLE FLOWERS-KIMMERLE**
Illinois Extension

URBANA – Spring brings thoughts of beautiful, colorful, fragrant blooms that brighten landscapes after a long winter.

But while many anticipate the arrival of the first flowers, pollinators, too, are on the lookout. Heirloom flowers provide them with more of the resources they require.

“Hybrids are a cross between two flower types that create specific traits such as flower shape, color, plant height, or disease resistance,” says Nicole Flowers-Kimmerle, a University of Illinois Extension horticulture educator. “These varieties are very uniform in the first season of growth. Seeds saved from those first plants develop into plants with much more variation.”

Heirloom varieties are open-pollinated. These flowers stay true to type if another variety does not cross-pollinate them.

“If you plan to save seed from your heirloom flowers, plant other varieties of the same plant at least 3 feet away from each other,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “Plant them closer together to experiment with creating your own varieties.”

As good sources of pollen and nectar, these blooms attract bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Gardeners can plant heirloom flowers in groups to maximize benefits. Learn more about pollinator pockets at go.illinois.edu/Pollinator-Info.



Cosmos (Cosmos bipinnatus) are delicate-looking flowers that are drought tolerant and actually prefer poor soils. Colors vary and blooms are lovely in bouquets. Photo by Pixabay.

“Heirloom varieties are also known to have more fragrance than modern hybrids,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “You may notice that old-fashioned roses and sweet peas have more scent than newer varieties. Finding a unique bloom color that varies from the current trend is also possible with heirloom varieties.”

Because heirloom varieties are usually taller, they are excellent for cutting gardens and should be supported with stakes. These heirloom annuals, which can be planted directly into the garden, will produce an abundance of blooms.

• **Sweet peas**, *Lathyrus odoratus*, have beautiful, colorful, fragrant blooms. This vining plant does best in cool weather and is one of the first

blooming annuals in the garden. Harvesting flowers encourages more bloom growth, and they will produce blooms until the heat of summer. Look for old-fashioned heirloom varieties for the best sweet pea fragrance.

• **Bachelor’s buttons**, or cornflowers, *Centaurea cyanus*, are hardy annuals that self-sow and are great for a flower bed or as an addition to cut flower bouquets. “These pretty little blooms range in color from white to blue to burgundy,” says Flowers-Kimmerle. “They are a lovely flower to add to a cottage-type garden.”

• **Cosmos**, *Cosmos bipinnatus*, are delicate-looking flowers that are drought tolerant and prefer poor soils. Varying in color from white to pink, burgundy, yellow, and orange, these blooms are lovely bouquets. This plant will produce flowers from summer to fall.

• **Four o’clocks**, *Mirabilis jalapa*, are easy to grow from seed. Flowers open in the cooler evening temperatures, and their trumpet-shaped blooms have a lemony-sweet scent that attracts hummingbirds and moths. Flowers can be white, yellow, or magenta with stripes or splashes of colors on the petals.

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We are asking that all Bradford residents and business owners line Silver and Main Street in their vehicles, safe-distanced on the sidewalks, or even just standing in your home/business with the door open, with signs, noise makers, etc. to cheer on the graduates as they pass by.

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Growing ‘cole crops’ like broccoli is easy

By **RON DIETER**
For The Weekly Post

Now is the time to set out young plants of cabbage, broccoli and the like in the garden. All of the cole crops – cabbage, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, kale, kohlrabi and collards- are members of the Mustard family. “Cole” comes from the Latin for “stem,” referring to the edible stems of most members of the family.

Cole crop plants prefer cool spring weather and can easily tolerate frosts and light freezes.

New gardeners often won’t try any cole crops because they think they’re difficult to grow. But that’s not true, especially for cabbage, broccoli and kohlrabi. They’re really no more trouble than tomatoes and peppers.

Homegrown cabbage is much sweeter than store-bought, in my opinion. Al-

though cabbage can be stored for a long time in a refrigerator, it loses that crispy crunch and sweet flavor over time. Lord only knows how long those store-bought cabbages have lingered in coolers from field to store. It always tastes best fresh from the garden.

If you started plants from seed indoors, they’ll need some preconditioning (hardening off) to tolerate the outdoor environment with its cold nights, strong sunlight and wind. Toughen them up by setting them outside in a shady spot for a few days, bringing them in when nights are colder than 40 degrees or so.

During the hardening off process, plants strengthen



their cuticle layer. The plants become stiffer and stronger, more resilient.

You can also harden off tender young plants by planting them in the garden and protecting them with a floating row cover. Row cover material breathes and allows rain and sunlight to pass through. You may be tempted to use plastic sheets but don’t. A sunny day will cook your cabbage and a hard freeze will burn any plants in contact with the plastic.

Cole crops planted early in the season get established and growing before the hot dry summer days arrive. And they will be

growing during the longest days of the year, perfect for forming large firm heads.

Just like tomato plants, cole crops do best when the soil is kept evenly moist. This is especially true for cabbage. If subjected to a dry spell followed by rain, a cabbage’s inner leaves will begin to grow too quickly, causing the head to split open. If that happens, it’s best to harvest it right away.

And here’s a neat trick. If your cabbage is ready to harvest, but you’re not ready to use it, grab hold of the whole plant and give it a quarter twist. That will sever some of the roots and slow down growth.

The best way to keep soil moisture levels even is to use a layer of mulch. Cole crops are heavy feeders so use a garden fertilizer according to directions.

Flea beetles, cabbage worms and cabbage loopers attack most cole crops, but covering the plants with a floating row cover right away after planting will keep them at bay. You can leave the cover over the plants all the way to harvest. A natural pesticide, commonly called Bt, or Dipel, or Thuricide, will control cabbage worms and loopers without harming beneficial insects.

Growing broccoli is a cinch, but it’s important to harvest the main head before it breaks into bloom. Don’t let those little buds open into yellow-petaled flowers, or the plant will cease production.



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OBITUARIES

Jennifer L. Clark

WYOMING – Jennifer L. Clark, 68, of Wyoming, passed away at 2:23 p.m., Wednesday, April 28, 2021, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. She was comfortable, peaceful and able to see her entire family before she died.

Funeral services were May 4 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Cpt. Sarah Eddy of The Salvation Army providing the ceremonial tribute and remembrance. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Burial was in Galva Cemetery. She will be laid to eternal rest close to several family members.

She was born March 20, 1953, in Carthage, Ill., the youngest child of Grover G. and Betty Lorraine (Sall) Jackson. Almost 45 years ago, she married Richard “Dick” Clark on a beautiful spring day on May 15, 1976, at Martin’s Lodge in LaFayette, Ill. They resided and raised their family in Galva, Toulon and Wyoming, Ill.

Survivors include her husband of Wyoming, her children; Laura Clark of Peoria, Marcia Clark of Wyoming, Stephanie (Derek) Waldschmidt of Chillicothe and Lucas (Amanda Dunn) Clark of Peoria, 2 bonus-children, Michelle Kelly and Jamie Morss, both of Peoria, a brother, Daren Sall of Cambridge, a sister-in-law, Barb Jackson of Bushnell, a sister-in-law, Kathy Clark of Moline, 10 grandchildren; Zachary, Jenna, Colton, Emma, Jackson, Cooper, Caleb, Carly, Briggs and Amelia; and 2 great grandchildren, Spencer and Scarlett. She also had several half-sisters and a half-brother on her father’s side.

She had several fond memories of her aunts, uncles and cousins growing up and always wished she could spend more time with her nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister and brother-in-law, Karen “Sue” and Les “Butch” Morss, one brother, Dennis Jackson, and her mother-in-law, Annabelle Clark.

Jennifer attended Galva schools and in her early years attended Four Square Church in Galva. Over the years she held a variety of exciting jobs, most recently, she had worked at L.R. Nelson before her health forced her to retire. However, her favorite “job” was wife, mother, and grandmother. She was dedicated to her family. She was a champion Uno player and an avid animal lover. Her dream was to move to the country and open an animal rescue sanctuary. She loved sitting in her kitchen with Dick looking out the window watching the birds, especially cardinals. Cardinals were her favorite – bird and baseball team. She loved her Cardinals. She also enjoyed crafting, scrapbooking, genealogy and looking for hawks and eagles and taking photos of landscapes and scenery, before camera phones – they confused her. Hallmark movies brought her much



Clark

joy. Most of all, she enjoyed being with her family and grandchildren, cookouts, birthday parties, holiday celebrations, concerts, baseball games, dance recitals – she always tried her best to be there.

Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. St. Jude will always hold a special place in the family’s collective heart for taking care of Marcia when she was sick and offering hope to the family through the tough times.

A Celebration of Life was held at The Catalpa Grove in Toulon, Ill. – a place that holds many happy memories from long ago for Jennie and Dick.

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Lorna D. Dalrymple

KEWANEE – Lorna Dale Dalrymple, 66, of Kewanee, formerly of Bradford passed away at 2:08 p.m. on May 1, 2021, at 1850 Lake St. Apt. 113, after fighting a long, hard battle with multiple myeloma.

Lorna was born on Feb. 7, 1955, in Kewanee, Ill., to parents Gale and Lola (Manning) Kopp. On July 25, 1975, she married Ronald Milo Dalrymple in Peoria, Ill.

Lorna was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brother, Gary Wright, and granddaughter, Danielle Jordan Walker.

Lorna is survived by daughters, Donna Dalrymple of Peoria, Sherry (Mike) Emmons of Bradford, Pamela Allsup of Peoria, Connie Dalrymple of Peoria Heights, Tanya (David “Tony”) Walker of Bradford, and Paulette Dalrymple of Kewanee; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; 1 brother, Larry Wright of Toulon; and 1 aunt, Doris Bruner of Princeton.

Lorna attended Bradford High School. She worked at Breeze, Inc in Wyoming, Ill., Elysis, Inc in Peoria, and Great Dane in Kewanee, where she was a trailer cleaner, last working in 2017.

She and her husband lead trail rides at the Bradford Saddle Tramps for years. She enjoyed horseback riding, crocheting, knitting, fishing, reading books, word search puzzles, putting puzzles together and spending time with her family.

Cremation rites will be accorded. A memorial visitation will be held from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday, May 16, 2021, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, Bradford. A private service will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Illinois Cancer Care. Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

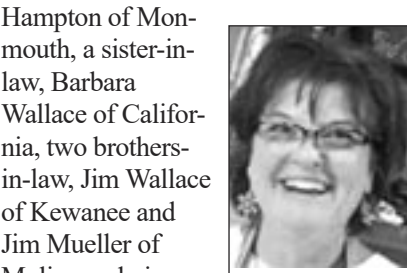
Glenda A. Wallace

GALVA – Glenda Amelia Wallace, 57, of Galva, passed away at 1:02 p.m., Thursday, April 29, 2021, at her home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., Friday, May 7 at Saint John Paul II Parish in Kewanee. Celebrant will be Fr. Johndamaseni Zilimu. Visitation was 4-8

p.m., Thursday, May 6, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee. Burial will be in St. Anthony Cemetery in Atkinson. Memorials may be directed to the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Henry County Humane Society or to Visitation Catholic School.

She was born Dec. 18, 1963, in Kewanee, the daughter of Donald and Alma (Dhondth) Hampton. She married John “Mike” Wallace on Sept. 12, 1992, and he survives of Galva. Also, surviving is her father of Galva, her son, Nicholas P. Wallace of Kewanee, five siblings; Donya (Dennis) Price of Kewanee, Shirlee (Greg) Fritch of Silvis, Sheila (DeWayne) Willey of Kewanee, Sharon (Dan) Jaques of Colorado and Chris (Lisa) Hampton of Monmouth, a sister-in-law, Barbara Wallace of California, two brothers-in-law, Jim Wallace of Kewanee and Jim Mueller of Moline and nieces and nephews: Stephanie (Brad) Fritch of Farmington, Chet Fritch of Peoria, Dean (Rachelle) Price of Kewanee, Duane (Torri) Price of Sheffield, Brett (Jessica) Johnson of Kewanee, Donald (Stephanie) Johnson of Monmouth, Jerry Johnson, Chris (Britney) Johnson and Joyce Willey, all of Kewanee, Stephan Johnson DeRosalyn of Minnesota, Juliana (Luke) Quendenfield of Pennsylvania, Jared (Trish) Jaques of Colo., Alyssa (Dom) Greer of Monmouth and Matthew Mueller of Moline. She was preceded in death by her mother, a sister-in-law, Deb Mueller and her nephew, Justin Hampton.



Wallace

Glenda graduated from Visitation Catholic School in 1978 and from Kewanee High School in 1982. She attended Black Hawk East and the American Institute of Commerce in Davenport, Iowa. She worked as retail manager for various businesses including; Chess King, Target and the Colony Store and also operated the Grape Vine Art Studio in Bishop Hill. She attended Saint John Paul II Parish and was a member of the Target Volunteers for 18 ½ years and was a volunteer for the Bishop Hill Heritage Association.


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Debra A. Beckelman

BRADFORD – Debra A. Beckelman, 48, of Bradford died Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at her home. Burial will take place at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery at a later date.

She was born April 2, 1973 in Chicago and married David A. Beckelman on Feb. 14, 1997. He preceded her in death April 11, 2020.

Survivors include four children: Lea (Kyle) Harlan of Wyoming, IL, Savannah Beckelman of Bradford, IL, Sebastian Beckelman of Bradford, and Shayden Beckelman of Bradford; 3 grandchildren: Kadence, Avery, and Kiera Harlan; her father, Don Frey of Bradford; mother-in law, Dorothy Beckelman of Chicago; one sister, Denise Hill of Bradford and her twin brother, Donnie Frey of Wyoming.



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Stark County Baseball

After opening the season with a win, Stark County (1-2) had a tough Saturday at home in a Lincoln Trail doubleheader, falling to Monmouth United 15-0 in both games.

In the opener the Rebels gave up 14 in the first inning. Six errors added to the struggles. In the night-cap Stark County yielded two in the first, followed by six in the second and seven in the third.

The Rebels opened their season with a 12-11 win in non-conference play over Midland on Friday on the road. A 10-0 lead after three in favor of the visitors would go to the wire. Midland roared back with seven in the bottom of the fifth, then one in the sixth.

The Rebels got back on the board with two in their half of the seventh, and they would be needed, as the host team scored three in their last at bat before Stark County would hang on for the victory. Jack Colgan and Tim Giesenhagen each drove in two runs for the Rebels.

Next up for Stark County is a home twin bill on Saturday, taking on Lincoln Trail rival Ridgewood.

Stark County Softball

Stark County (0-2) dropped a doubleheader to United on Saturday, 10-3 and 17-1.

Lauren West had the lone hit in the first game for the Lady Rebels and Lexi Davis scored the lone run.

In the second game, Olivia Hopp and Olivia Orwig had two hits apiece and West, Bailey Brooks and Kiley Salisbury each drove in a run.

Galva Baseball

Galva has yet to play their first game this season due to COVID protocols. The team hopes to take the field Saturday at home vs. Midland for two non-conference games.

The Wildcats were senior strong last year in a season that, unfortunately, didn't happen. They will be young in 2021 with 2 seniors, 2 juniors and 11 sophomores and freshman.

"Our pitching has looked good in practice, but it hasn't been game tested yet," Coach Van White said. "This should be the same for us defensively."

"Senior Cal Clucas will be key for us on defense as our catcher. He should also be one of our top hitters. Junior Tyler Pfister looks to be the anchor to our pitching staff."

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The Prairie News Sports

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Spring sports in full swing

Stark County track starts out strong; baseball opens with win

By PHIL JOHNSON
and JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

The Stark County boys and girls track teams are out of the starting blocks fast this spring.

The Rebels started strong on April 30, with both teams placing second in a six-team meet at Wethersfield High School. Tuesday at Galva was even better, as the boys team won with a record 117 points and took first in nine events while the girls had five first-place finishes.

At Galva, Keagan Newton won four events and improved his triple jump ranking to 12th in the state. Blake Orwig also won two events and set a school record in the discus.

At Wethersfield, Orwig won both discus and shotput for SC, which also got a first-place finish from Newton in the 300 hurdles (46.85). Newton was also second in the triple jump (12.46 meters) while Colby Carroll was third (11.19 meters).

Other top boys finishes at Wethersfield were posted by Carroll (second in the 400 in 54.82 and third in the 100 in 12.11); Payton Stahl (second in the 800 in 2:16.16); and Alex Welch (second in the 3,200 in 14:26.21). The Rebels 4x400 relay was also second at Wethersfield.

The girls team is also poised for a strong season and had seven first-place finishes at Galva. Lindley



Karsyn Rewerts pitches for Stark County in the second game of Saturday's double-header. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Johnston won the high jump, 200 and 400; Lena Becker won the 100 and 300 hurdles; and Ashley Orrick was first in the 800 and 1,600.

Johnston also won three events at Wethersfield, clearing 1.67 meters in the high jump, taking first in the 400 in 1:02.25 and winning the 200 in 27.15. Returning state qualifier Becker won the 100 hurdles in 16.8 and the 300 hurdles in 53.01.

Johnston and Becker also ran on the Lady Rebels' winning 4x100 relay at Wethersfield (a fast 52.87 finisher), which also featured Lily



Jacob Best pitches for Stark County in Saturday's home game against United. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Robinson and Emily Norsworthy.

"We are a small team but I have told the girls that the events we do compete in we should be able to score well," Coach Clint Terwilliger said.

At Wethersfield, SC also got a second by Orrick in the 1,600 (5:55.26), a fourth in the long jump by Norsworthy (13-7) and a fifth by returning state qualifier Riley Menssen in the high jump (1.47 meters).

Both Stark County teams run at Princeville today, as do both Galva

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