

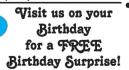


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Stark schools welcome 8 new teachers

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE For The Prairie News

TOULON - Stark County schools will this year welcome six new teachers when school starts Aug. 18. Here are brief profiles of the six new teachers and of two teachers who were added to the staff in January.

Ann Chapman – New Spanish teacher Ann has a B.A. in psychology and Spanish from the University of Wisconsin at Madison and a M.A. in teaching from the University of Vermont. She taught previously in Quincy and at Hinckley-Big Rock and lives in Cambridge, England. She will teach remotely.

Alli Chasteen – Hired in January to teach kindergarten, Alli has an early childhood education degree



Shown are first- and second-vear staff members for Stark County CUSD #100 who took part in a retreat on Aug. 10. Front row (left to right): Melinda Edwards, Gayle Grunstrom, Taylor Wilkinson, Amy Sierra, Ann Chapman (on video screen), Alli Chasteen, Emilie Hahn and Brittany Venzon. Back row (I to r): Skylar Anderson, Alex Southe, Jacob Siekmann, Marianna DeBolt, Caitlin Meaker and new high school principal Megan McGann. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

from Illinois State University and lives in Oneida.

Marianna DeBolt – Grades 6-12 art teacher, Marianna taught for 22 years in Princeville and also instructs students at Illinois Virtual School and at Yer Kiln Me in Wyoming, where she lives.

Melinda Edwards – A new thirdgrade teacher, Melinda has an elementary education degree from Illinois State University and has

her own photography business, My Little Light Photography. She lives in Wyoming.

Emilie Hahn – A January hire who is teaching high school English language arts, Emilie has a B.A. in English from Western Illinois University and lives in Milan.

Caitlin Meaker – A new elemntary school music teacher, Caitlin has a bachelor's degree from Faith Bap-

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Olympic experience

Galva grad Withrow home from Japan

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva grad Nicole Withrow returned home from Japan with stories to tell about her time in Tokyo with the U.S. Women's National Soccer team during the Olympics.

A 2013 graduate of Galva High School and a graduate of Black Hawk and Western Illinois University, Withrow works for the U.S. Soccer Federation as an equipment manager. She was an assistant equipment manager for the U.S. women's team during the Olympics and handled logistical movements for the team and field and locker room set-

"I am very proud to get to represent Galva," said Withrow, the daughter of Talona

Withrow of Galva and the late Eric Withrow deceased.

She stayed with the team in the Hilton in Tokyo and said

wear masks both indoors and outdoors. Mem-

she had to

orable Olympic experiences include rid-



Withrow

ing on an elevator with NBA All-Star Kevin Durant and Sue Bird, the flag bearer.

Withrow said it is quite a sight to see all of the flags representing the various countries participating in the Olympics.

As for partaking in Japanese food, Withrow said she really Continued on Page 4

OLD SETTLERS ROYALTY



Pictured are the four Old Settlers' Association's queens after being crowned at the Pageant last Friday evening. From left to right are:Jr. Miss OSA Kailey Smith, Miss Teen OSA Dayton Maubach, Little Miss OSA Nevaeh Howell and Mini Miss OSA Cobii Dearing.

Toulon streets tagged for refurbishing

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON - The Toulon city council learned Monday that there was only one bid for street refurbishing in town and that the bid was higher than expected.

Ed Andrews of the Farnsworth Group told the council the lone bid of \$148,000 for sealcoating and patching of city streets was from Rock Falls contractor Porter Brothers. That was far above the \$105,000 estimate for the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) project and also included sidewalk work.

Andrews said the city could lower the cost to \$132,000 by eliminating the sidewalk work. Andrews suggested a reason for the bid was an increase in costs of materials. Andrews said rebidding would delay the project, possibly until next year.

The council approved hiring Porter Brothers without the sidewalk work. Council members Art Nutzhorn, Connie Jacobson and Jason Musselman voted yes, Rob Finney abstained and Donna Lefler voted no. Ryan Kelly was absent, so his vote was counted as a no. Mayor Larry Hollis broke the tie by voting yes.

Andrews also updated the council on the sanitary lift station. Tree removal has been discussed, plus there is a potential conflict with a storm sewer that runs under Henderson Street.

Also approved was a bid from Bob's Concrete for \$10,600 to remove and replace sidewalk and curbing at the Historical Society

property on West Jefferson Street. Water mains located at the Stark

County High School are to be relocated in conjunction with the new high school building project. The city plans to pay for the cost, but a definite figure was not available.

Approved was a revised city ordinance that would allow Utility Terrain Vehicles to be driven on city streets, as well as, golf carts. A \$40 annual permit fee will be charged and the speed limit for such vehicles is 35 mph.

The council approved a TIF application from Nelson's Auto Sales for \$12,750 for asphalt installation.

Also approved was buying a new laptop computer for the mayor's use at an expense of up to \$1,000. The current computer is nonfunctional at times and beyond repair.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

8-2 - Eric D. Knott - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-3 - Travis C. Bantz - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-3 - Abbigale E. Worsfold - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-9 - Sonia Juarez - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit and operating an uninsured vehicle.

8-7 - Alexis C. Batchelder - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-7 - Christopher T. Cunningham -Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-6 - Alicia E. Womack - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-6 - Isabelle N. Hicks - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-8 - Sophia R. Abbott - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

8-2 - Robert A. Robinson, 42, Galesburg, was cited for a loud muffler and/or exhaust, failure to signal when required, speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone, driving without insurance, and driving while his license was revoked. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

8-4 - Justin L. Holmberg, 23, Bradford, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, and obstructing identification. He was also found wanted on a Henry County warrant. He was released with a notice to appear with court dates in both Henry and Stark Counties.

8-4 - Jacqueline M. Frisby, 43, Toulon, was cited for not wearing a seatbelt, failure to signal and driving without insurance. She was released with a notice to appear.

8-6 - Jessica D. Smith, 20, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding 93 mph in a 55 zone, illegal transportation of alcohol, illegal transportation of adult use cannabis, failure to secure a child under the age of 8 in a restraint system, possession and/or consumption

of alcohol by a minor, and endangering the life and/or health of a child. She was released with a notice to appear.

8-6 - Colin I. Archer. 30, Charleston, was ticketed for driving without a front vehicle registration, loud muf-

fler, and for driving on a suspended license. He was issued a court date to

8-7 - Rick C. Davidson, 49, Marshall, was ticketed for disobeving a stop sign.

8-7 - Blake T. Vinson, 39, Annawan, was arrested for resisting and/or obstructing, possession of a controlled substance, illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle, speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone and no vehicle insurance. He was released with a notice to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

8-2 - to the 600 block of N. Center Ave. for a complaint involving juveniles shining flashlights at cars.

8-3 - to the 1200 block of SE. 2nd St. for a theft over \$500 complaint involving a catalytic converter being cut from under a vehicle.

8-3 - to the 600 block of NW. 5th St. for a complaint involving a stolen BMX style bicycle.

8-3 - Cherikee Shaw, 24, Galva, was arrested in the 600 block of NW. 1st St. on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. She posted bond and was released with a new court date.

8-3 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1100 block of SE. 2nd St., David Ronk, 66, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license revoked and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

8-3 - to the 400 block of NW. 1st Ave. for a complaint involving juvenile mischief.



8-4 - As the result of a traffic stop on Industrial Ave., Rickie Howard, 46, Knoxville, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court

8-5 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to a singlevehicle accident with injury near the Galva Cemetery. Knox County handled the crash report.

8-5 - to the 500 block of SW. 3rd St. for an attempted burglary with forced entry. Officer checked the area but was unable to locate anyone.

8-5 - to an attempted suicide by hanging, at a residence on NE. 4th St. The subject was transported by ambulance.

8-6 - to the 1000 block of SE. 2nd St. for a wallet located and turned into the police. The owner, a female from Monmouth, retrieved the wallet.

8-6 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. for a loud music complaint. The offender was advised to turn it down.

8-7 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to the 11300 block of SE. 2nd St. for a multi-vehicle accident. Nothing was located.

8-8 - to the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. for a reckless driving complaint during the Levitt-Amp concert.

8-3 - Travis Finin, 50, Galva, was issued a citation in the 00 block of Morgan Road for violation of classification - no motorcycle endorsement.

8-3 - Jason Eustice, 45, Canton, was issued a warning ticket for operating an overweight vehicle on a 5-ton road in the 100 block of NE 3rd St.

8-6 - Michelle Holslinger, 24, Olathe, Kan., was issued a citation for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

8-7 - John Holtrup, 59, Elmhurst, was issued a citation for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.



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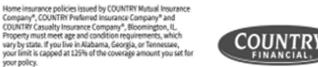
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Groundbreaking for new school

Administrators and school board members gathered Tuesday to break ground for the new \$16.5 million Stark County High School and Junior High School renovation project.

Pictured at left, from left to right, are Brett Elliott, Ann Orwig, Anne Snyder, Erin Porter, Bruce West, Brian Rewerts, Matt Nagode, Megan McGann, Emily Holman and Dave Stewart.



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TEACHERS: New staffers

Continued from Page 1 tist Bible College and previously taught at Mossville Junior High and Chillicothe South Elementary. She lives in Wyoming.

Amy Sierra – A new fourth-grade teacher, Amy graduated from Illinois College in May with a major in Elementary Education and a minor in psychology. She was married July 17 and lives in Germantown Hills.

Jacob Siekmann – A new elementary school physical education teacher, Jacob was a K-12 PE major at Illinois State University with a health endorsement and lives in Dunlap.

OLYMPICS: lew to soccer

Continued from Page 1 didn't experience the foreign cuisine since an American chef accompanied the team so athletes could eat what they wanted.

Withrow never played soccer. She got her current job after landing an internship with professional teams in Orlando, Fla., while she was at Western Illinois, Quad Cities.

"Junior year of college, I

realized I really loved sports and I wanted to see if I could do something in sports," Withrow told WQAD-8 television.

Eventually she got a job with U.S. Soccer in Carson, Calif., which led to her trip to the Olympics.

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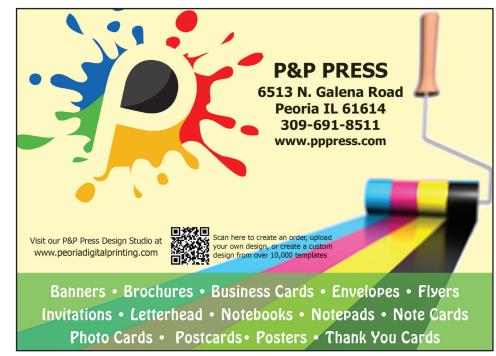
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OBITUARIES

Madelyne D. Dietz

CABOT - Madelyne Dale Dietz, 75, of Cabot, Ark., passed away Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021. She was born Nov. 20, 1945, in Bloomington, Ill., to John "Dale" and Ruth B. Followell Starr. Madelyne was a

member of St. Jude's the Apostle Catholic Church in Jacksonville. Ark.

She was first and foremost a homemaker, mother and grandmother. She Dietz



spent her career as a computer programmer working for Caterpillar, Rupmans and Mitsubishi. Madelyne was preceded in death by her father, John "Dale" Starr.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, Ronald Edward Dietz; daughter, Annette (Patrick) Despain of Bradford, Ill.; sons, Patrick (Shelley) Dietz of Searcy, Ark., Wesley (Elizabeth) Dietz of Ocean City, Md., Christopher Dietz of Denver, Colo. and Charles (Laura) Dietz of Bloomington; 13 grandchildren; 5 greatgrandchildren; mother, Ruth Starr and brother, Robert (Norma) Starr, both of LeRoy, Ill., and many family members, friends and loved ones.

Madelyne, "Maddie" to most, "Punkin" to some, was a fun-loving wife, mom, sister, daughter and friend. She had a zest for life and she loved to share it. She farmed with her husband in Bradford for 30 years while raising five children. She was kind, giving, thoughtful and strong. She touched many lives with her spirit and her beautiful smile. She loved playing board games and cards, and passed this love on to her children and grandchildren. She fought many battles and never complained.

Memorial mass was at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2021, at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church. There was a visitation on Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. with a rosary service that began at 7 p.m. at Moore's Cabot Funeral Home (501) 843-5816. Please sign the online guestbook at www.moorescabotfuneralhome.com.

the Apostle Catholic Church or the American Cancer Society.

Memorial services in Bradford and LeRoy will be at a later date.

Mary Ann Jensen

GALVA – Mary Ann Jensen, 91, of Galva, died at 12:55 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2021, at Courtyard Estates in Galva.

Cremation will be accorded and a

memorial service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Aug. 21, at the First Methodist Church in Galva. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services at the church.



Inurnment will be in Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

She was born April 22, 1930, in Henry County, Ill., the daughter of Charles Sherman and Lilly Mae (Cathcart) Melton. She married Floyd Jensen and he preceded her in death. Survivors include her son, Charles Jay Patterson of Visalia, Calif., 9 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two daughters, Cheryl Lee and Karen Sue, and two brothers, Robert Charles Melton and Dale Eugene Melton.

Mary Ann had worked in accounting at AT&T. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Galva.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Susan C. Wilkinson

WYOMING - Susan Christina (Hill) Wilkinson, 75, of Wyoming, Ill., passed away Aug. 6, 2021, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Center in Peoria, Ill., after experiencing several strokes.

She was born Feb. 28, 1946, in Peoria, Ill., to Melvin and Christina "Adron" Hill. She grew up in the Averyville neighborhood, attended Kingman Grade School, Woodruff High School, and the Madison Avenue Methodist Church. On June 26,

Wilkinson and moved to Wyoming. He survives.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother Melvin "Lyle" Hill, II. Melvin's wife Christine, of Surprise, Ariz., and their daughters Nancy of Lombard, Ill., and Dana of

Chicago survive. Also surviving is her lifelong friend and "sister of heart" Martha (Don) Rennau of





Wilkinson

Lauwerens of Rochester, Ill., Anita Wilkinson of Pekin, Ill. (formerly Henry, Ill.), Raymond Wilkinson of El Paso, Ill.; and five grandchildren, Jordan, Caitlin, and Jared Lauwerens, and Haden and Hunter Wilkinson. She is also survived by Bill's siblings Jim (Barb) Wilkinson of Huntsville, Ala.; Jeanette Wilkinson of Macomb, Ill.; Pat (Ed) Borop of Peoria (formerly Chillicothe); Rhonda Wilkinson of Canton; David Wilkinson of Sparland; and by many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews who live throughout Illinois, California and Alaska.

She was also preceded in death by her sister-in-law Becky (Steve) Bogner of Sparland, Ill., and niece Jennifer Wilkinson of Pekin.

Susan taught high school home economics in Atlanta, Ill., (1968-71) and Bradford (1985-92) and home economics and literature at Stark County Jr. High (1992-2006).

Throughout her life she volunteered in many different roles for Illinois 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Wyoming United Methodist Church, where she was a faithful member for 50 years.

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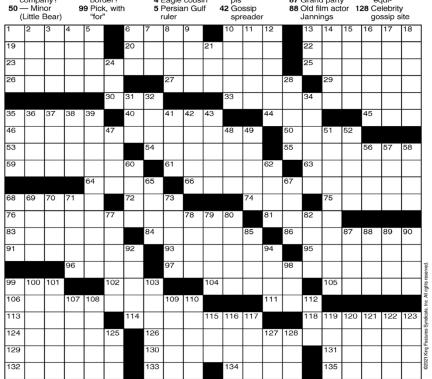
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