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BENEFICIAL DRAGONS

Dragonfly migration reaching peak

By **GRETCHEN STEELE**
 For The Prairie News

Just last week, a friend who lives along the Kaskaskia River messaged me with a video exclaiming, “Look at all these dragonflies!” Throughout the next few days, I received similar messages there were large swarms of dragonflies being sighted.



Dragonflies are in their peak period of migration through Illinois until mid-September. A dragonfly can eat as many as 100 mosquitoes per day, and they tend to be more numerous in years with lots of biting insects. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

I had marked on my calendar for Aug. 20, “start watching for dragonfly migration,” so I wasn’t off by much.

Out of the nearly 100 species of dragonflies and damselflies (called odonates) found in Illinois, we have a few migrating species. Species we are most likely to see in “migration swarms” are green darners, black saddlebags and meadowhawk.

dragonflies and damselflies migrate from mid-August through mid-September, there’s still lots of research to be done.

We know that some years, especially those years that tend to produce many mosquitoes, we see more significant swarms and more prominent migration movements. Mosquitoes are one of a dragonflies’ main foods. So not

only are they pretty flying jewels, their feeding habits are a bonus.

A single dragonfly can consume 100 mosquitoes in one day!

Dragonflies have evolved to be almost perfect insects. Their quad wings and expert flying combined with their nearly 360-degree vision make them not only very adept predators but also efficient

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Galva hires new cop, discusses properties

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News

GALVA – Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported at Monday’s City Council meeting that the police department had a new hire.

Townsend said that Calib Ingle was hired as a new full-time police officer. Ingle is from rural Stark County.

Townsend also reported to the council that all of the 118 residents cited for unlicensed vehicles or other items on their properties have been “resolved.” Townsend did mention that he gave notice on a property this week, while another property that’s in need of “an immediate cleanup” was mentioned at the meeting.

Third ward alderman Doug Anderson asked if the city had the deeds on a property at 315 SE 4th St.

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and at 14 SE First St. The city attorney said he is working on getting them. As soon as the city gets the deeds they will take bids to demolish those properties.

It was reported that the street program for 2021 has been completed and several extra roads were oiled and chipped.

It was also noted that there is only 1-2 more years of grinding and then all of the roads will just be on a maintenance program each year.

Superintendent Greg Thompson reported that he has replaced 10 of 17 fire

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Toulon council discusses MFT, properties

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council discussed a Motor Fuel Tax resolution and the possible purchase of two properties in town at an Aug. 18 special meeting.

The properties have been deemed in violation of city ordinances, which call for the upkeep of properties and residences.

Last January the council approved an original res-



This property at 512 E. Main St. in Toulon was discussed by the City Council at an Aug. 18 meeting. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

olution for \$120,000 as an estimate of what the MFT expenditure would be to pay for street sealcoating, patching, etc. This amount fell short of the

\$148,924 bid for the MFT project submitted by sole bidder Porter Brothers, of Rock Falls.

City Engineer Ed Andrews, of the Farnsworth

Group, said, “The resolution tonight is a supplemental resolution that would cover the cost of the open bid. Behind that, we are going to process a change order.”

The city council approved the supplemental resolution for \$42,088, which was added to the original resolution of \$120,000 to equal \$162,088.

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW



Ethan Unhold (2) and his Stark County teammates open the football season tonight at Ridgewood at 7 p.m. Read more in our Football Preview, Pages 7-10. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

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DRAGONFLIES: Migration happens during day

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at avoiding becoming prey themselves.

Fossilized evidence of giant dragonflies has been found dating back 300 million years, and some of those early versions had wingspans upwards of 2 feet.

During migration periods, the flying jewels follow the water, lakes, ponds, rivers, etc. It's worth noting that scientists have learned that the migrators don't like traveling miles upon miles across large bodies of open water and tend to stick to shorelines where there is ample food and cover.

Dragonflies migrate during the day, most commonly following shorelines and other long landscapes. They use the sun to navigate. The why behind dragonfly migration is something that remains a bit of a mystery. However, their basic body design, with long wings relative to their body size, like birds, offers one clue that they have evolved to migrate.

Dragonflies spend the bulk of their lives buried in the muddy bottom of our water bodies. Dragonflies and other odonates can spend years on the bottom-living as nymphs. When conditions are just right, they make their way up vegetation located at the water's edge. Once there, they will rest on the top of the vegetation as they grow and ultimately emerge from their nymph skin, becoming adults. Adult dragonflies can live up to five months.

Since so so many of our favorite recreational trails are along shore-



management on animals.

"The Chicago Academy of Sciences' Notabaert Nature Museum has collaborated with this successful effort to explore the effect that habitat management has on butterfly populations. Based on this

lines, it makes for some good opportunities to "dragon watch."

Many of us enjoy watching and photographing the brightly colored flying jewels. There are two ways that average Jane and Joe can contribute their observations to science as "citizen scientists."

One way is to utilize the app iNaturalist (www.inaturalist.org), which works across all devices and allows users to import photos, species locations. It offers assistance with identification and a host of other fun things. This app can be used with all manner of things in the natural world, from animals to plants, fungi, and yes – insects and odonates.

The other way to contribute your time as a citizen scientist is to work with the Illinois Odonate Survey. According to the Illinois Odonate website (www.illinoisodons.org): "Within Illinois, there are many natural areas that have to be managed to maintain their biological diversity. Historically, management activities involved plant communities. In 1987, the Nature Conservancy created the Butterfly Monitoring Network to assess the effects of

effective model, the Dragonfly Monitoring Network was created.

Through this project, we hope to be able to gain a greater knowledge of the distribution and abundance of dragonfly and damselfly species in the Chicago region and eventually expand the network across Illinois and beyond.

"In 2011 the Dragonfly Monitoring Network had been renamed to become the Illinois Odonate Survey and has been expanded to receive information from throughout Illinois, and to include one-off species accounts."

The Illinois Odonate Survey requires a bit of a time commitment as a volunteer and some specific training. Still, it can genuinely be a delightful way to give back to science as you enjoy your weekly dragonfly-filled walk.

Any way you cut it, dragonflies are both beautiful and beneficial. So keep your eyes peeled in coming weeks when you head outdoors. You may be lucky enough to see a dragonfly swarm as these tiny flying jewels head south!

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

8-17 - Aimee E. Koch - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-16 - Ryan James Murphy - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-17 - Tina L. Durkee - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

8-11 - Diane L. Gensler - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-18 - Jeffrey R. Olson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-19 - Eian R. Sharkey - Unlawful use of cannabis, registration expiration, driving during a restricted time on a graduated driver's license and improper turn signal.

8-22 - Hunter N. Stahl - Electronic communication device.

8-22 - Andrew C. Schieferdecker - Driving 21-25 mph above limit and operating an uninsured vehicle.

8-23 - Renee C. Ross - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

7-25 - Criminal misdemeanor - Preston L. Nanninga - Possession of drug paraphernalia.

7-25 - Criminal misdemeanor - Destiny H. Norberg - Possession of drug paraphernalia.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

8-14 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on 950N and Route 78. Driver Michael S. Houlihan, 24, of Brimfield, was traveling east when he failed to negotiate a curve and slid off the roadway. No injuries reported, no tickets issued but the vehicle sustained an estimated \$1,500 in damages.

8-16 - A 16-year-old Toulon teen was cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55 zone, for violation of the graduated driver's license limitation and for operating a vehicle outside of the allotted permitted time.

8-17 - Paul R. Carlson, 51, Neponset, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for possession and/or sale of a stolen vehicle. Unable to post bond, he was taken into custody by Stark County authorities and later extradited to the Knox County Jail.

8-17 - Ryan D. Burt, 41, Bradford, was arrested on a Henry County warrant. He posted \$1,000 bond and was released with a court date to appear.

8-17 - Zuriyel D. Brown, 41, Freeport, was cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone and for driving while his license was revoked.

8-18 - Luis Ramos, 20, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone, driving without insurance, and driving on a suspended license. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a notice to appear in court.

8-18 - Stacie L. Williams, 36, Kewanee, was arrested for driving on a suspended license, driving without vehicle insurance and improper lane usage. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date.

8-18 - Travis C. Bantz-Kelly, 25, Williamsfield, was cited for disobeying a stop sign.

8-19 - A 16-year-old Bradford teenager was cited for driving on an expired registration, failure to signal when required, violation driver's license limitation for operating a vehicle outside the permitted driving restriction, and illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle by the driver. The juvenile was released with a notice to appear.

8-22 - Christian E. Crockett, 27, Ke-



wanee, was ticketed for driving with no insurance.

8-22 - Tanner W. Hall, 28, Peoria, was cited for

speeding 95 mph in a 55 zone and for illegal transport of adult use cannabis in a vehicle by the driver. He was issued a court date to appear.

8-22 - Elizabeth C. Wright, 25, Dixon, was ticketed for driving on a suspended registration, driving without vehicle insurance and for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

8-16 - Officer recovered a bicycle stolen a week prior and returned it to the rightful owner.

8-16 - to the 100 block of S.Center Ave. to have a vehicle towed as part of a city ordinance violation.

8-16 - to assist Stark County Medic with a medical emergency involving a motorist just north of town.

8-16 - to a residence on NE 3rd St. for a suicidal subject, who was transported by ambulance for evaluation.

8-17 - to the 400 block of SE 1st St. for a vehicle repossession.

8-18 - to speak with a subject walking on Trolley Road near Sportman's Lake who had been previously banned from the railroad property.

8-18 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. for a loose dog complaint. As the result, Stephanie Snider, 32, Galva, was issued a citation for allowing a dog to run at large.

8-18 - to assist Henry County in Bishop Hill for a complaint involving a man firing a gun.

8-18 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave., Kristina Mitchell, 35, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. She was given another court date and released.

8-19 - to the 00 block of SW 6th St. for a 911 call. The subject said he was mowing and his phone was in the cup holder and went into emergency mode.

8-19 - to the 300 block of SW 6th Ave. to speak with a resident in reference to an overweight vehicle. The vehicle was moved.

8-19 - to assist Stark County Medic with a call concerning a cardiac arrest complaint a few miles south of Galva.

8-19 - to the 400 block of SW 1st Ave. to locate a resident who didn't pay for their fuel in Kewanee earlier.

8-20 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 1st St., Gary Williams, 53, Altona, was arrested for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm with a FOID card, possession of ammunition without a FOID card, not having a valid driver's license, and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was transported to the Henry County jail.

8-20 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SE 1st St., Duwayne Senior, 22, Orlando, Fla., was arrested for driving while license suspended. He posted bond and was released.

8-21 - to Washington Park for a complaint involving a UTV driving recklessly through the park. There was damage to a tree in the park and damage to fresh gravel in the area, but the UTV was not located.

8-21 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. involving a vehicle taken without permission by a family member. The vehicle was later returned.

8-21 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an illegal burning complaint. The resident put the fire out.

8-21 - to the 500 block of NW 4th St. for a loose dog complaint. The dog was taken to the impound and later released to its owner who lives in rural Bishop Hill.

8-21 - to assist Henry County serve an order of protection to a subject who lives in the rural Bishop Hill/Galva area.

8-22 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd St. for an unoccupied vehicle parked near a railroad crossing. Officer was unable to locate.

8-22 - to the 500 block of SW 5th St. for a 911 call. Subject rolled over on their phone while sleeping.

8-22 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. for a loose dog complaint. The dog had broken a leash and escaped for a few minutes.

8-22 - to Sentry Estates for a loud music complaint. The resident agreed to turn it down.

8-16 - Dallas Theobald, 21, Annawan, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

8-18 - Lorena Ochoa-Echevarria, 40, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-19 - Caitlyn Morris, 20, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St.

8-19 - Timothy Dunbar, 55, Springfield, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

8-10 - Brooke and David A. Parker to Morgan Pape - John H. Drawyer's Add'n - Lot 3 - 233 Silver St., Bradford. - Consideration = \$64,900.

8-11 - Anthony Wade, Curtis William, Deborah D. Franklin and Emma Sue Mullin to James Jr. and Lashung D. Webb - Pt 19-13-6 SW - 224 S. Henderson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$53,000.

8-13 - Patrick V. Wilson to Steven M. Cushing - Sect 11-13-7 NW and Sect 10-13-7 SE NE - Consideration = \$62,990.

8-13 - Patrick V. Wilson to Mary C. Merfeld, Trustee - Sect 11-13-7 NW and Sect 10-13-7 SE NE - Consideration = \$26,990.

8-13 - Gabriela L. Wilson to Steven M. Cushing - Sect 11-13-7 NW and Sect 10-13-7 SE NE - Consideration = \$0.

8-13 - Gabriela L. Wilson to Mary C. Merfeld, Trustee - Sect 11-13-7 NW and Sect 10-13-7 SE NE - Consideration = \$0.

8-16 - Alex J. and Lisa N. Stisser to Alex J and Lisa N. Stisser, Co-Trustees - Pts 23-12-7 NW and NW NE. Consideration = \$0.

8-18 - Regena M. Meaker, Trustee to Sally J. Guth, Trustee - Pt Lt 70 Assrs Sub sect. 36-13-6 SW - 302 N. Madison, Wyoming. - Consideration = \$0.

8-19 - Terry Warren to Linda K. and Lowell C. Dean - Toulon Ridge Subdivision - Lot 2 - Consideration = \$500.

Marriages

8-17 - Jarmarco Oran Moore, Peoria and Keena Shawnee Fauntleroy, Peoria.

8-20 - Jozie Lyn Allen, Wyoming and Nathaniel Patrick King, Wyoming.

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GUEST VOICES



Some optimism for the future of Illinois

I had lunch the other day with two friends from way back. As we sat down at a public golf course in Prophetstown in northwest Illinois, I realized each of us has been president of a respected statewide organization over the many decades.

There might be a column here, I thought.

Bud Thompson (his longtime neighbors would be surprised to learn his given name is Howard) was called back early from art school in Taos, New Mexico, as a teen in 1948 to take over the family business.

Bud built the business into five hog-buying stations, and sold millions of pigs to packers across the Midwest over a successful career. Bud was elected to his local school board in 1958, and a few years later as president of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

In 1978, Gov. Jim Thompson appointed Bud to the Illinois State Board of Education, where he became vice chair. Now 90 and sharp as a tack, Bud was reelected in 2020 to the Whiteside County Board, making him maybe the oldest elected official in the state.

A craggy, tall drink of water, Jon Whitney went to college on a basketball scholarship, and dreamed of the NBA until he realized his Converse sneakers were basically glued to the gym floor. Educated to teach English literature, Jon instead bought the Carroll County Review in 1967, which he and his wife have put out every week since.

In 1985, Jon became president of the board of the Illinois Press Association board, which then had 750 member newspapers.

Jon and Bud have also headed just

about every civic, service and local government group you can shake a stick at.

So, with two-and-a-half centuries of active life experience among us, I'd say we have the credentials to do some summing up.

I asked my buddies: What guidance do you have for your grandchildren, going forward?

"Education, and more education," declared Bud immediately, which wasn't surprising, "and do something you're passionate about. Develop the capacity to learn new skills in a society that is changing at breakneck speed."

In other words, the best protections against the vagaries of life are marketable education and skills.

What are the biggest changes you have seen in society since World War II?

"The American family has changed dramatically," Jon said.

Indeed, I chimed in, drawing on earlier reading about how single-parent households had increased from 7 percent of all in 1968 to 25 percent one recent year (66 percent among African American households).

"Ozzie and Harriet are gone, the churches are almost empty and the jails are full," Bud continued. "Interest in public service is down as well, and ditto for membership in service clubs," added Jon.

My contribution to the conversation: The pace of life since my childhood eight decades ago seems to have gone from slow and calm, to frenetic and stressful. If so, I collar television, smartphones and social media for bringing the world and all its crises, catastrophes and conflicts into our noggins, relentlessly. It's enough to keep us on edge, possibly create snappish behavior. After all, the mind can handle only so much at one time.

The big, indeed pleasant, surprise to me at lunch was the bullish atti-

tude these two lifelong Prairie Staters have about the future of Illinois. I expected the same gloom and doom I hear elsewhere. What do these guys know that others don't?

The two seemed to brush off our fiscal, corruption, high property tax and other problems as addressable, at least for leaders who want to solve problems.

As for positives: "Land," declared Jon, "and water," blurted Bud. The latter was understandable, us being at a public golf course within not much more than a stone's throw from both the Mississippi and Rock rivers.

"And it's not only the good earth we have," said Jon, "but the availability of good land, right in the middle of the nation, for housing and production."

In support, I recalled the cogent observation of entrepreneur Jim Schultz of Effingham, which I have used before: In each of the five Rs critical for economic development — rivers, runways, rails, roads, and routers — Illinois is among the top three states in the nation.

So, instead of an echo chamber of negatives, Bud and Jon lamented, we must do a better job of trumpeting our many pluses to the world. We couldn't over one lunch resolve all the issues we raised. Yet, I am encouraged these two friends of mine, obviously not yet over the hill, still have the fire in the belly to contribute, and keep looking ahead.

Talk about role models for the generations coming along!

Jim Nowlan is a former state legislator and aide to three unindicted Illinois governors. A retired professor of American politics, he writes a newspaper column on Understanding Illinois.

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hydrants in town. He hopes to have them completed by this winter.

Thompson said he is busy doing locates, as the new fiber company, Mid Century, is putting in underground cables all over Galva.

Mayor Rich Volkert thanked the Back Road Music Festival organiz-

ers, Levitt Grant volunteers, Galva Freedom Fest volunteers and firemen who put on a hog roast, noting that Galva has had a busy summer with many activities.

City administrator David Dyer said Galva is up \$14,000 from last year in revenue.

The following checks were received: June telecommunications

tax, \$2,165; July video gaming tax, \$2,887; July income tax, \$19,254; June state use tax, \$7,198; June sales tax, \$24,502; July personal property replacement tax, \$1,559; July MFT \$8,615; July cannabis use tax, \$270;

The council went into closed session for real estate but no action was taken when they came back.

TOULON: City to buy E. Jefferson St. property

Continued from Page 1

The council then approved a change order that removed the sidewalk work originally included in the \$148,924 bid. It was for \$14,689 and deducting that amount from the \$148,924 puts the project cost at \$134,235.

Whatever amount remains of the \$162,088 at the conclusion of this MFT project will be "de-obligated" with another resolution to return that amount to the city's MFT fund.

The council then discussed Toulon properties located at 413 E. Jefferson St. and 512 E. Main St. The owner of the E. Jefferson St. property was willing to sell for \$4,000

according to Mayor Larry Hollis. City attorney Kate Carter informed the mayor that putting a lien on the property, demolition of it and going through the court system would cost the city more money than the \$4,000 and take a long time to resolve.

"There are two other properties we should look at, but this one would be number one on the list because it's the cheapest and is ready to go," Toulon Police Chief Gary Bent said.

The council approved an ordinance authorizing the mayor to purchase the property.

The property at 512 E. Main St. was then dis-

cussed. It had liens against it until last Friday, when they were removed by a judge at the request of the property owners' attorney Justin Raver of the Barash and Everett law firm. According to Bent, owners value the property at \$10,000.

"It looks to me like that this one is going to take a little more digging into before we know what's going on here," Hollis said.

The property is part of an estate, which complicates the situation. But People's National Bank reportedly wants to sell. No decision, other than researching the situation and seeing what Raver is going to do, was made regarding this property.

Hollis said he didn't want the city to get into the business of buying properties and that this property would be "put on the back burner."

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Open house at Galva's Wiley House Museum

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Refreshments will be served. The Wiley House Museum is open Wednesday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m.

Et cetera

The Galva Fire Department received a donation of a grain-bin rescue auger from River Valley Co-Op. River Valley donated grain rescue tubes in 2011. The Galva department now has grain bin tubes, auger, harnesses and jump kit should any other department need to use them in an emergency. ... A total of 130 vehicles showed up for last weekend's Freedom Fest Car Show. Debbie Johnson of Pekin won the Mayor's Trophy for her 1965 GTO and Best of Show went to Don and Ola Adcock of Abingdon for their 1985 El Camino Conquista. ... A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held in August at Galva's newest business, Andrew Gray Photography at 312 Main St. A grand opening is planned for November.



Four firemen have served on the Galva Fire Department for a combined 143 years of service. Pictured from left is Flip Wilson, 40 years, Denny Tarleton, 33 years, Rich Volkert, 30 years and Greg Thompson, 40 years. The Galva Fire Department currently has 20 firemen. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Galva's Class of 1970 held a 50th Class reunion recently at the Lake Calhoun clubhouse. The reunion was rescheduled from last year. • Front Row (left to right): Paula (Hopping) Boldman, Janet (Troline) Kenyon, Bonnie (Stock) Rogers, Diana (DeWolfe) Weir, Linda (De-Smith) Dyer, Judy (Craig) Anderson, Vicki (Anderson) Mattingly, Melody (Dornink) Huette, Debbie (Quanstrom) Wright and Myrna (Lindberg) DeAngelis. • Second row (l to r): Karen (Van DeVelde) Schairer, Regena (Dennison) Lumberry, Connie (Stock) Anderson, Becky (Gale) Phillips, Debbie (Horman) Jeffries, Bill Ausich, Richard Coon, Art Goodrich and Jim VanDeVelde. • Back row (l to r): Pete VanDeVelde, Rod Thomson, Bob Lewin, Kerry Anderson, Brian Holding, Don Rogers, Charlie DeCrane, John Smith and Gene Norbom.



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COVID taking a toll on prep football

Pandemic yet another factor in declining participation rates

The timing for a pandemic was bad for so many segments of our society: politics, national unity, business and, yes, high school football.

The decline in prep football participation is not a sudden development. Concerns over injuries – in particular concussions – have been mounting for years. In 2019, a report showed national participation in 11-player football had dropped 9.6 percent from its peak in 2009.

Just the other day, NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Brett Favre urged parents to not allow their kids to play tackle football until the children are 14.

But the COVID-19 break, which has hurt participation in all sports, may well take an even more severe toll on football.

“I think the year off was bad. I really do,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “I think kids found other things to do. They found other outlets.”

Noard says that even though he has about 45 kids out for football in a school of 211, that’s a very good turnout.

But five starters from last year opted not to play. They found other things to do.

Similar stories abound in the football ranks. Numbers are down – some dramatically.

“The shutdown really damaged small-school football and small-school athletics, in general,” Farmington Coach Toby Vallas said.

Agreed Princeville Coach Jon Caruthers, “I think numbers across all sports have been going down. I don’t think it’s just a football thing. I think it’s a high school athletics thing.”

But football feels the loss more, Vallas said. “Football is such a numbers game, more so than the

others,” he said. “One good football player does not have the same impact as one good basketball player.”

One answer many have promoted in response to declining numbers is 8-man football, which has grown rapidly in popularity in Illinois.

But as the situation at North Fulton has shown, 8-man is not a sure panacea. North Fulton, a co-op of Cuba and Spoon River Valley that struggled to compete in 11-player football, switched to 8-man in the fall of 2019.

This fall, only 12 players showed up for the first practice, including two seniors and three juniors. That led North Fulton to call off its season. The same is reportedly true for Lowpoint-Washburn and Danville Schlarman, where low turnout caused cancellation of the season.

Galva’s first season in 8-man has seen a better result. New Coach Tyler Nichols has 18 players out, 10 more Galva players than competed for the Mid-County co-op last year. Yet that total includes only four seniors and four juniors, which means underclassmen will likely need to step up earlier than is often desired. Too much varsity action too early can have a negative impact on whether kids want to keep playing.

“I get the point of 8-man,” Noard said. “But in some ways, it seems like taking the easy way out instead of fighting through some tough years. It doesn’t always help get more kids out.”

LTC picks – Most Lincoln Trail Conference observers list Mercer County and Knoxville as favorites for the league title, with Princeville and Annawan-Wethersfield a notch below, newcomer Abingdon-Avon a wildcard and, after them, five teams hoping to get hot early and then win enough games to reach the postseason.

Seniors back after making first-team all-conference in the spring are wideout Lucas Kessinger of Ridgewood, lineman Blake Orwig of

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Farmington	8-1
Elmwood-Brimfield	6-3
Illini West	6-3
Rushville-Industry	5-4
Macomb	5-4
West Hancock	3-6
South Fulton	3-6
Havana	2-7
Lewistown	0-9
Lincoln Trail	
Mercer County	7-2
Knoxville	7-2
Princeville	7-2
Annawan-Wethersfield	5-4
Stark County	4-5
Abingdon-Avon	3-6
ROWVA-Williamsfield	3-6
Monmouth United	3-6
Ridgewood	1-8

Stark County and defensive back Jack Meinders of the Rebels.

Second-teamers back include running backs Darius Dickerson of A-W and Cormaic Flynn of United, wideout Nolan Leffler of United, offensive lineman Grant Wight of Mid-County, defensive linemen Christian Brady of Stark County and Matthew Senteney of A-W, linebackers David Meece of Mercer County and Aiden Parkins of United and defensive backs Matthew Lucas and Owen Relander of Mercer County.

Dickerson was also a second-team LTC kick returner.

R-W change – Due to a referee shortage, ROWVA-Williamsfield has two schedule changes. The season opener at Abingdon-Avon is moved to Saturday, Aug. 28, at 10 a.m. and Week 5 at Mercer County will be played on Thursday, Sept. 23, instead of Friday.

Coaching carousel – Tony Gripp takes over as head coach at Annawan-Wethersfield for Logan Willits, who is now offensive coordinator at Dunlap. A-W defensive coordinator Joe Schmitt also left for Oswego East.

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Front Row (all rows left to right) Blair Daum, Braden Lindley, Jack Meinders, Nolan Snider, Chris Barnwell, Dillon Steelman, Matthew Shipp, Jordan McCauley.

Second Row: Kaiden Libby, Colton Wagenbach, Ben Siebenthal, Nolan Orwig, Owen Purcell, Freddie Painter, Lane Joos, Cole Kinsella, Matthew Bowser.

Third Row: Avery Gerber, Landin Carmack, Devon Decker, Camren Watson, Charlie Rouse, Tanner Price, Ethan Baxter, Matthew Henry, Owen Hess, Joey Hegwood, Cole Merriman, Daniel Kieser.

Fourth Row: Johnathan Becker, Ryne Hillan, Luke Rewerts, Jacob McCauley, Conner Wagenbach, Christian Brady, Ross Saner, Evan Brady, Ethan Unhold, Xander Swank, Colby Stotler, and Blake Orwig.

Fifth Row: Coaches: Clint Terwilliger, Scott Paxson, Jade Noard, Dylan Miller, Dustin Browning, and Lonnie Dennison.

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STARK COUNTY REBELS

Rebels' goal is to be playing in Week 10

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Stark County football players are aiming to end a two-year drought and get back into the playoffs this fall.

The goal seems fitting, since the playoffs were once almost second nature for the Rebels, who put together an enviable 22-year postseason streak from 1996 to 2017.

But are the playoffs realistic after five starters from the spring season opted not to play this fall? And after Knoxville joined an already solid Lincoln Trail Conference to make the road even tougher?

“It does temper our expectations some. What we thought we had coming back is not exactly what we’ve got back. We’ve got some starters walking the halls,” Rebels Coach Jade Noard said. “But I feel pretty good about the first group we’ll put onto the field.”

That first group includes five starters back on both sides of the ball from a team that went 1-5, with its lone win a tight one at home over Mid-County.

Offensively, Stark County returns its starting backfield of 6-foot-2, 175-pound senior quarterback Ethan Unhold and 5-6, 165-pound senior running back Jack Meinders. Meinders is in his third year as a starter and runs hard between the tackles.

Up front to pave the way for Meinders are three returning starters. Senior left tackle Blake Orwig (6-4, 290) was one of three juniors picked for the LTC first-team offensive squad and senior Christian Brady (6-2, 235) is the starting right guard after having what Noard called “a really good season as a junior.”

“Those two, along with Ethan Baxter, will anchor our line,” Noard said. “We’re not deep, but we feel pretty solid. And we do have some size.”

A junior, Baxter (6-0, 225) was an honorable mention all-LTC pick and will play center. The other likely starters on the line are sophomore left guard Tanner Price (5-10, 260) and at right tackle junior Colby Stotler (6-3, 290).

Junior Camren Watson (6-0, 190) looks to start at tight end while the wide receiver position has been rebuilt a bit around possible starters sophomore Ryne Hillan (6-0, 155) and 6-3, 175-pound freshman Jacob McCauley and possibly junior Daniel Kieser (6-0, 165).

Many of the same names will lead the



Senior lineman Blake Orwig, pictured above grimacing while he bashes his 6-foot-4, 290-pound frame into No. 55, is “the anchor” of both Stark County lines this year according to Coach Jade Noard. Photo by Collin Fairfield.



Orwig



Brady



Unhold



Meinders

defense, whose task this year is to get better against stopping the run – which was a problem in the spring season. Stark County forced just three punts in going 1-5, and all three times came in the same game.

“Our biggest thing right now on defense is trying to create a little bit of an identity of being tougher against the run,” Noard said. “That’s obviously step 1. We have to be tougher to play against. And in order to be tougher, you need to stop the run.”

The defensive line should help in that regard, with Orwig back at defensive tackle along with Price and the ends being Watson and Brady, who was second-team all-LTC at that position.

Meinders was a second-team all-LTC pick at defensive back but will move to linebacker with Baxter and Hillan.

Defensive backs look to be Unhold, Kieser, McCauley and either senior Matthew Shipp (5-7, 160) or sophomore Matthew Bowser (5-8, 135).

The repetition of so many names on offense and defense is one reason for Noard’s guarded optimism.

“Most of them are going to have to play both ways until we feel our young

kids can get us some reps here and there,” Noard said. “We’re just very heavy in the freshman-sophomore level, which makes us pretty thin at the junior-senior level.

“And with the young kids, you want to let them get some time before you play them on Friday night.”

The schedule could work in Stark County’s favor, as games against three perennial league favorites – Annawan-Wethersfield, Mercer County and Princeville – come in the final three weeks of the season.

And Friday’s road opener at Cambridge is a Ridgewood team that returns stud wideout Lucas Kessinger, but lost several key linemen, second-team all-LTC quarterback Colton Stahl and first-team LTC fullback DJ VanHouten. Stahl and VanHouten had a hand in four touchdowns in a 48-22 Ridgewood win over Stark last spring.

Noard tabs Mercer County and Knoxville as LTC favorites this fall.

“Behind them I think there is a pack of teams trying to get some momentum toward a playoff berth,” Noard said.

“We hope to be in that pack and find our way back to playing in Week 10.”



STARK COUNTY REBELS

Coach: Jade Noard
Enrollment: 211.5 (Class 1A)
Last year: 1-5

SCHEDULE

Aug. 27	at Cambridge (Ridgewood)	7:00
Sept. 3	vs. Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 10	at Knoxville	7:00
Sept. 17	at Elmwood-Brimfield	7:00
Sept. 24	vs. Monmouth United	7:00
Oct. 1	at ROWVA-Williamsfield (Oneida)	7:00
Oct. 9	vs. Kewanee-Wethersfield	1:00
Oct. 15	vs. Mercer County	7:00
Oct. 22	at Princeville	7:00

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
1	Chris Barnwell	5-8	130	Fr.	RB/DB
2	Ethan Unhold	6-2	175	Sr.	QB/DB
3	Brett Hopp	5-8	130	Fr.	E/DB
4	Jordan McCauley	5-9	150	Jr.	RB/DB
5	Toby Madsen	5-7	130	Sr.	K/DB
6	Matthew Bowser	5-8	135	So.	QB/DB
7	Jack Meinders	5-6	165	Sr.	RB/LB
8	Blair Daum	5-6	110	Fr.	RB/DB
9	Lane Joos	6-0	130	So.	E/DB
10	Braden Lindley	5-7	125	So.	RB/DB
11	Xander Swank	6-4	170	Jr.	QB/DB
12	Owen Purcell	5-9	130	Fr.	E/DB
15	Luke Rewerts	6-0	145	So.	QB/DB
16	Matthew Henry	5-10	160	Jr.	RB/DB
20	Matthew Shipp	5-7	160	Sr.	RB/DB
21	Dillon Steelman	5-9	140	Fr.	QB/LB
22	Nolan Orwig	5-9	145	Fr.	RB/LB
23	Daniel Kieser	6-0	165	Jr.	RB/DB
24	Joey Hegwood	6-0	140	Fr.	E/LB
25	Kaiden Libby	5-9	135	So.	RB/LB
27	Camren Watson	6-0	190	Jr.	E/DE
33	Cole Kinsella	5-10	145	Fr.	RB/LB
34	Ryan Hillan	6-0	155	So.	E/LB
35	Devon Decker	5-9	150	Jr.	RB/LB
42	Avery Gerber	6-0	160	So.	RB/LB
45	Ross Saner	6-3	185	Fr.	E/DE
50	Landin Carmack	5-10	200	Jr.	OL/LB
51	Ben Siebenthal	5-9	170	So.	OL/DT
52	Colton Wagenbach	5-9	160	So.	OL/DE
53	Charlie Rouse	5-10	175	Jr.	OL/LB
54	Freddie Painter	5-10	195	Sr.	OL/LB
55	Ethan Baxter	6-0	225	Jr.	OL/LB
59	Nolan Snider	5-9	185	Fr.	OL/DE
60	Jacob McCauley	6-3	175	Fr.	OL/DT
62	Cole Merriman	6-1	170	So.	OL/DE
64	Colby Stotler	6-3	290	Jr.	OL/DT
68	Tanner Price	5-10	260	So.	OL/DT
70	Owen Hess	6-0	235	Fr.	OL/DT
71	Evan Brady	6-2	180	Fr.	OL/DE
72	Blake Orwig	6-4	290	Sr.	OL/DT
75	Christian Brady	6-2	235	Sr.	OL/DE
80	Jonathan Becker	6-2	175	So.	E/DB
87	Connor Wagenbach	6-3	200	So.	E/DE

Assistant Coaches: Scott Paxson, Dustin Browning, Lonny Dennison, Clint Terwilliger and Dylan Miller.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

Stark County made the playoffs 22 straight years from 1996 to 2017 and 23 times overall. The Rebels were second in 1997 under Coach Gary Johnson and placed second again in 2008 and 2015 under Coach Jade Noard.

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GALVA WILDCATS

Loose ends, but also excitement in Galva

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Yes, the situation is still a bit fluid for the new Galva 8-man football program.

After leaving the 11-year-old Mid-County co-op following last spring's season, and then hoding a series of school board meetings, Galva's board and administration decided to strike out on their own.

Getting such a late start means many of the things coaches and players take for granted in the preseason were not in place. Things like uniforms. Rosters. Team pictures. All of those remain works in progress for new Galva Coach Tyler Nichols and his 18-man Wildcats squad.

"We didn't get to order jerseys until April or May, so they're on back order," Nichols said of the new Under Armour uniforms.

For that matter, the whole idea of 8-man is a new concept to the Galva community and players.

Nichols, though, knows a little about 8-man. In addition to serving as head coach for 11-player teams at Kewanee High School and as an assistant at Princeton, Nichols has experience coaching the 8-man game. That came while he was in college at Western Illinois University when he was in charge of a semi-pro 8-man team called the Macomb Mayhem.

There are differences between that squad and his present team, of course, most notably that, "Those were guys who had played either high school or college ball and wanted to continue playing."

But the bottom line is, Nichols is familiar with some of the major nuances that differentiate 8-man from the traditional 11-player game.

"The biggest difference in 8-man is that you lose your two offensive tackles and one running back, which is usually the fullback," he said. "So instead of having four guys off the ball, you only have three. The field also narrows from 53 1/3 yards to 40 yards, but the length stays the same."

Reducing the number of players means smaller districts should be more easily able to find enough players for a program. Last spring, eight Galva students played for Mid-County. This summer, 18 players showed up for the first Galva Wildcats practices.



Galva fans welcomed their own Wildcats team for the first time in years last Friday during a scrimmage at Galva. Below, Galva's new head coach Tyler Nichols offers instructions during a recent practice.



"We had some big buy-in and I'll credit some of our kids who played at Mid-County for getting out and recruiting," Nichols said.

He singled out junior Jett Olson and senior Josh Dunn as two of the more vocal recruiters.

"I want to give a lot of pride back to Galva, having our own thing is really, really exciting, playing football ... can't get much better than that," Olson told KWQC TV.

Olson will start at running back after playing a big role on Mid-County's 5-1 JV team last spring. Joining him in the backfield will be junior quarterback Jaxson Meier, who has not played high school football before but shows promise, according to Nichols.

"He's doing a good job," Nichols said. "He can run it and he can throw it."

When he throws, Meier will likely be looking for tight end Dunn, sophomore wideout Carter Devenney or freshman wide receiver Talan Hull.

The line should consist of senior guards Jacob Pierce and TJ Conner while freshman Cole Baulch plays center. "Jacob and TJ are both over 6-foot and hovering around 200 pounds or more," Nichols said.

Defensively, things are less clear for Galva, aside from the basic alignment. "We're looking to go with two down linemen and three linebackers and

three defensive backs, or two down linemen and two linbackers and four DBs," Nichols said. "We're still figuring things out on defense as far as starters."

With a lot of players out who have not played high school football, or even organized football, practices so far have been fairly basic.

"We've been taking it slow with our playbook and are really hitting the fundamentals hard," Nichols said. "I think we have some talented players, they just don't have a lot of experience. Right now, our motto and goal is just to get better every day."

Nichols was to get two game films Sunday from opening day foe Edwardsville Metro East Lutheran. Game time is Saturday at 2 p.m., in large part because the IHSA faces an official shortage right now and most crews were already booked for Fridays.

Nichols said the experience of building a program from scratch is enjoyable and is one of the reasons he came to Galva from Princeton, where he was quarterbacks and receivers coach for teams that went 17-2 and reached the Class 3A semifinals.

Nichols was 23-34 in five seasons as head coach at Kewanee and took the Boilermakers to three playoff berths. It was at Kewanee that he got to know Kurtis Smyth, who is now the principal at Galva.

"I have a great relationship with him," Nichols said. "And to start something new is very intriguing to me. Plus, the renovation of the football field they did here a couple years ago is unbelievable."

As for the future of 8-man football, Nichols said he has no magic 8 ball to make a prediction.

"But it makes perfect sense to me to slide 8-man into the 1A slot for the IHSA," he said. "I've heard rumblings of that."



GALVA WILDCATS

Coach: Tyler Nichols
Enrollment: 144 (I8FA North)
Last year: 0-4, Mid-County co-op

SCHEDULE

Aug. 28	vs. Metro East Lutheran	2:00
Sept. 4	at Pawnee	2:00
Sept. 11	vs. South Fork	2:00
Sept. 18	at St. Thomas More (Champaign)	2:00
Sept. 24	at Bushnell-Prairie City	7:00
Oct. 2	vs. West Central	12:00
Oct. 9	vs. Decatur Lutheran	12:00
Oct. 15	at West Prairie (Sciota)	7:00
Oct. 23	vs. Martinsville	7:00

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
-	Cole Baulch			Fr.	OL/DL
-	Trevor Baulch			Jr.	OL/DL
-	TJ Conner			Sr.	OL/DL
-	Carter Devenney			So.	WR/DB
-	Josh Dunn			Sr.	LB/TE
-	Josh Gravitt			Fr.	WR/DB
-	Alec Gustafson			Fr.	WR/DB
-	Logan Herr			Fr.	OL/DL
-	Talan Hull			Fr.	WR/DB
-	Jaxson Meier			Jr.	QB/DB
-	Cameron O'Brien			Fr.	OL/DL
-	Jared O'Brien			So.	TE/LB
-	Jett Olson			Jr.	RB/LB
-	Jacob Pierce			Sr.	OL/DL
-	Caden Rachel			So.	RB/LB
-	Josh Thompson			So.	RB/DB
-	Gavin Weed			Sr.	OL/DL
-	Chance Yocum			Jr.	OL/DL

Assistant Coaches: Casey Miller, Jeff Little, Cecil Duffy, Bryan Kubiak.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

Galva has four playoff appearances in school history, most recently in 1994-95 when Coach Andy Bullock's team went 10-2. Bullock also coached the 1993-94 team to the Class 1A playoffs. Galva also advanced to the postseason in 1983-84 and 1974-75 in Class 1A. The Mid-County co-op had two playoffs teams while Galva was part of that co-op.

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BRIEFS

Al Curry inducted into 4-H Hall of Fame

TOULON – Alan Curry of Toulon was among 71 individuals to receive the 4-H Foundation Hall of Fame Award on Aug. 17 during a virtual ceremony.

Illinois 4-H volunteers empower and prepare youth for success, and the program relies on more than 15,000 volunteers to fill key leadership and mentoring roles.



Curry

Longtime volunteers and former staff members were honored by the Illinois 4-H Foundation for selfless dedication to the University of Illinois Extension 4-H youth development program.

The 4-H group said of Curry, “Curry represents the best of 4-H in all aspects of his life. He brings together a personal history with 4-H; both from his time as a member, and as a long-time leader. He never fails to champion the 4-H program and the youth of Stark County and is always willing to support to the program in big and small ways.”

Visit 4hfoundation.illinois.edu to learn more.

Olof Krans Festival coming to Galva

GALVA – Crafters and vendors will be filling Veterans’ Park on Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Olof Krans Art Festival. All crafters of homemade goods are welcome. Food vendors will be set up on Front Street to provide food for visitors. Local musicians will also be performing in the gazebo.

The Olof Krans Art Festival pays homage to Galva native Krans, whose studio was located on Front Street. Krans painted buildings, numerous commercial



Bradford Community School District #1 has three new staff members this school year. From left to right are: Shaunna Bowen, classroom aide, treasurer, and Jr. High office support staff; Stephenia Bosch, classroom aide; and Mackinley Newman, Kindergarten teacher. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

signs, stage scenery and various decorative treatments in buildings. He is best known for paintings of childhood memories in Bishop Hill.

An art show for local students will be in the Galva Arts Council building from 11-4. The public is welcome to come view these student works.

To learn more, contact the Galva Arts Council at (563) 293-6986, galvaarts@gmail.com, online at GalvaArtsCouncil.com, or via Facebook.

New law helps make utilities more affordable

Senate Bill 265 has been signed into law in Illinois and expands the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and increases access to the Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP).

The PIPP is a companion program to LIHEAP which addresses utility affordability by allowing qualified participants to pay no more than 6 percent of their monthly income for electric and gas utility services as well as receive forgiveness of 1/12 of their total utility debt for each on-time monthly payment.

Jill Calkins, President/CEO at Tri-County Opportunities Council, said her agency served 1,048 households with PIPP and 13,373 households with LIHEAP in Fiscal Year 2021.

“We are planning to serve more households as a result of this very critical piece of legislation,” she said.

Applications for LIHEAP and PIPP are available starting Sept. 1. To learn more, search online for Help Illinois Families or call 1-877-411-9276 to find the Community Action Agency serving your county.

College honors

• Western Illinois University College junior **Paige M. Rock** of Princeville was named to the Summer 2021 Dean’s List.

College graduates

• **Kyle Donald Streeter** of Galva graduated from Western Illinois University this summer, with a Master of Science, Quantitative Economics.

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LEGAL ADS

F19090040 RSGNT IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS
NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing Plaintiff,
vs.
Robin Linn Sulaski; Debra A. Hackwith; Paul D. Hackwith; Evan C. Sulaski; Defendants.
CASE NO. 21CH1
315 West Turner Avenue, Toulon, Illinois 61483

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE
Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a judgment of said Court entered in the above entitled cause on July 16, 2021, I, Sheriff, Steven Sloan of Stark County, Illinois, will hold a sale on September 28, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM, at the Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483, to sell to the highest bidder or bidders the following described real estate, or so much thereof as may be sufficient to satisfy said decree, to-wit:

A PART OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 13 NORTH, RANGE 6 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT 6 RODS EAST OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 19 AND RUNNING THENCE EAST SIX (6) RODS; THENCE NORTH 12 RODS AND TEN (10) FEET; THENCE WEST SIX (6) RODS; THENCE SOUTH TWELVE (12) RODS AND TEN (10) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STARK, STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Terms of Sale: CASH – 10% down at the time of sale and the balance due within 24 hours of the sale. All payments for the amount bid shall be in certified funds payable to the Sheriff of Stark County.

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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:
Ameren Illinois (or the Company) hereby gives notice to the public that on April 15, 2021, it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC or Commission) proposed changes in its rates and charges for electric delivery services throughout its territory in Illinois pursuant to its Rider MAP-P, performance-based formula rate tariff, and updated its calculation of rates and charges per the formula rate tariff. The changes are applicable to Ameren Illinois Rate Zones I, II and III, as more fully described below. The changes in rate schedule are proposed to take effect with the January 2022 billing period - after the Commission

issues its final Order. The Commission has up to 240 days to complete this proceeding and issue its final Order.

This filing conforms to Illinois Public Acts 097-0616, 097-0646 and 098-0015 (the "Law"). These Public Acts also require the Company to spend \$625 million in electric system modernization investments over a 10-year period. This modernization will benefit customers and create 450 new jobs during the peak program year. In addition, the Law requires the Company to meet various performance metrics intended to increase reliability, reduce outage durations and provide improved service to customers, or be subject to financial penalties.

The proposed updated formula rate revenue requirement results in an overall annual increase of \$64.09 million from the electric revenue requirement last ordered by the ICC in Docket No. 20-0381. Proposed rates in this proceeding will reflect rate design changes, including rate uniformity among the same Rate Classes in different Rate Zones, with two exceptions as approved in Docket No. 19-0877. The Pole Charge for DS-5 lighting customers in Rate Zone III and Meter Reassignment Charge for certain DS-3 and DS-4 customers in Rate Zone I will remain independent by Rate Zone.

For the DS-1 Residential Delivery Service classification, the proposed increase in electric delivery service and electric distribution tax (EDT) cost recovery revenue is 6.2 percent.

The rates for delivery service and EDT cost recovery constitute only a portion of the total bill of a customer currently taking bundled electric service from Ameren Illinois or taking supply service from a third-party supplier. The following compares the Company's proposal to the bundled bill (delivery service charges that are in effect today and purchased power charges effective through May 2021) for residential customers:

- 1) For a residential customer using 5,000 kWh annually (or average of 417 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by the Company produces an average monthly increase of \$1.86.
- 2) For a residential customer using 10,000 kWh annually (or average of 833 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by the Company produce an average monthly increase of \$2.77.
- 3) For a residential customer using 18,000 kWh per year (or average of 1,500 kWh monthly), the effect of the delivery service bill changes being proposed by the Company produce an average monthly increase of \$3.69.

For non-residential customers, the proposed changes in electric delivery service and EDT cost recovery revenue are as follows:

- For DS-2, Small General Delivery Service, 10.2 percent increase;
- For DS-2, (Optional Charges), Small General Delivery Service, 11.6 percent increase;
- For DS-3, General Delivery Service, 12.1 percent increase;
- For DS-4, Large General Delivery Service, 11.2 percent increase;
- For DS-5, Lighting Service, 11.9 percent increase; and
- For DS-6, Temperature Sensitive Delivery Service, 12.1 percent increase.

The Commission has docketed the matter as 21-0365. A copy of the proposed change in schedule may be inspected at the Ameren Illinois offices at 300 Liberty Street, Peoria, Illinois or online at www.icc.illinois.gov/e-docket/.

Customers should be advised that the Commission may alter or otherwise amend the rates or conditions of service after hearings are held pursuant to 83 Ill. Adm. Code Part 200, and may increase or decrease individual rates in amounts other than those requested by Ameren Illinois.
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
By: Richard J. Mark, President & CEO
Published 8/20, 8/27/21

LEGAL NOTICE
Per Illinois State Board of Education, each school district that receives ARP ESSER funds must develop a plan for its use of ARP ESSER II and III funds and submit it to ISBE within 90 days of funds being received. School districts must provide the public opportunity to provide input on the plan, take such input into account, and post the ARP ESSER II and III plans on its website.

The Public Hearing on this ESSER II and III Funding Plan will be held Monday, September 20, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stark County Elementary Cafeteria, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

Matthew Nagode, Secretary Board of Education Stark County CUSD #100
Published 8/27/21

LEGAL NOTICE
The Stark County C.U.S.D. #100 Board of Education directed its superintendent to prepare a budget for the 2021-2022 school year. This action was taken at a regular meeting on April 19, 2021. This budget will be on display beginning Tuesday, August 17, 2021 in the Office of the Superintendent, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

The Public Hearing on this Budget will be held Monday, September 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. in the Stark County Elementary Cafeteria, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ESTATE OF:
KENNETH L. GURNSEY, Deceased
No. 2021P12

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)
Notice is given of the death of Kenneth L. Gurnsey. Letters of Office were issued on August 6, 2021, to Hailey R. Gurnsey, as

Independent Administrator, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative - or both - on or before March 1, 2022. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. 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://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555
Published 8/27, 9/3, 9/10/21

LAFAYETTE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT		
FY 19-20		
BALANCE 9/1/2019		\$65,856.81
REVENUE		
Real Estate Taxes	\$111,150.91	
Trans from firemen	20,193.79	
Fire Tax	744.87	
Interest Income	109.20	
Total Revenue	132,198.77	
Total Funds Available	\$198,055.58	
EXPENDITURES		
Firefighters Exp	\$4,500.00	
Trustees and Sec	975.00	
Truck Repairs	5,855.85	
Buildings & Grounds	675.00	
Telephone Services	2,847.38	
Utility Fee	5,343.85	
Equipment Acquisition	31,862.76	
Gas & Oil	807.75	
Misc	3,330.13	
Ambulance Fee	28,560.00	
Insurance Expense	12,411.00	
Advertising	118.80	
Office Exp	409.32	
Dispatch	750.00	
Total Expenditures	(98,446.84)	
Balance 8/31/2020	\$99,608.74	
Expenditures in Excess of \$2,500:		
Ameren	\$5,343.85	
MidCentury	\$2,847.38	
Alexis Fire	3,242.76	
Dingas Fire	28,975.00	
Leezer Insurance	10,892.00	
Stark Co Ambulance	28,560.00	
All Other Disbursements Less than \$2,500.00	18,585.85	
Total Expenditures	\$98,446.84	
CERTIFICATION: I, D. Mark Compton, Accountant for the LaFayette Fire Protection District, Stark, Knox, & Henry Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the LaFayette Community Fire Protection District Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year September 1, 2019 through August 30, 2020.		
D. Mark Compton, Accountant		

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Answers on Page 20 — **Super Crossword** — GAME TIME

ACROSS	DOWN
1 Ford dud	1 High trains
6 Like a poetic lament	2 Medio
13 Reggae land	3 Office gizmo
20 Much	4 — Unidos de America
21 Sailing event	5 Espresso quaffs
22 Warded off	6 Blunder
23 Game in which groups of items are named	7 Lower limb
25 Game utilizing live dice	8 Vain person
26 Liver spread	9 Country star Brooks
27 Part of TGIF	10 Inflammation suffix
28 "That's show —!"	11 Polished off
30 Singer Elliot	12 North African city citadel
31 Game of bluffing and trivia	13 Rap star married to Beyoncé
35 Enraged	14 Film director DuVernay
36 Tax doc. pro	15 "Doesn't excite me!"
38 Filled cookies	16 Elaborately decorated
39 Autumn mo.	17 Chichén — (Mayan ruins)
40 Game involving picking fruit from trees	18 OK grades
45 Boomers' children	19 Citrus drinks
46 Seal herd	24 Suffix with profit
47 Part of TGIF	29 Sacred cow
48 Glimpse	31 Be a pupilist
49 Atop, in poetry	32 "— you in?"
50 Game having a cross-shaped playing area	33 Portal
53 Suggest	34 "T.N.T." band
55 Catch sight of	35 Center
59 Big arteries	36 Chuckle
61 Sports squad	
62 Writer Calvino	
63 Mensa figs	
65 Brunch, e.g.	
67 TV host Kelly	
70 Game containing 100 tiles	
72 Apt word for this puzzle's theme, found by using the three letters that appear nowhere else in this entire puzzle's grid	
73 Game based on jumping and capturing	
75 Burn a little	
76 Eclectic mix	
78 Greek vowel	
79 Certain eye surgery	
80 Notified	
82 Dogs' jinglers	
86 Glues	
87 Indianan	
88 Informally	
90 Game featuring war negotiation	
93 Pt. of PLO	
94 Male buds	
96 Zodiac cat	
97 "Six-pack"	
102 Game whose players try to get rid of all their cards	
105 Taoism's Lao —	
106 "The land of cotton"	
107 Acorn tree	
108 Lean — (simple huts)	
109 Game entailing sinking vessels	
111 Actor Scott	
114 Lead-in to propyl	
115 — Lanka	
116 — Spumante	
117 Game with an unmatched penalty card	
120 Game using rebounding automations, as originally named	
126 Painter's mixing board	
127 Geronimo's people	
128 Star over	
129 Veers	
130 Toy terriers, for short	
131 Lauder of cosmetics	
37 Black tea	
40 User of a certain weeding tool	
41 Perp nabber	
42 Most spacious	
43 With 52-Down, refer to "No you're not!"	
44 Mined ruff	
46 Stipend, say	
47 Prefix with thermal	
50 "No —!" ("Sure!")	
51 Ovens	
52 See 43-Down	
54 Arctic coats	
55 Frisbee, e.g.	
56 Mark permanently	
57 Bay Area city	
58 Light cigars	
60 Faith faction	
63 Sick	
64 Brit. monarch beginning in '52	
66 "Caught ya!"	
68 — -deu permanently (kneeler)	
69 Inquires	
71 "Bolero" star	
74 Pottery need	
77 Strange	
78 "— Beso"	
81 Tripoli is its capital	
83 Is inclined	
84 Imitates	
85 Day- — colors	
86 Mac rivals	
87 Ad —	
88 NFL's Bobby	
89 French "king"	
91 Sail holder	
92 Help do bad	
95 Mil. figures	
98 Small guns	
99 Demonstrate	
100 Nintendo system	
101 Autumn mo.	
103 Fast car, e.g.	
104 "Yippee!"	
105 Meditative martial art	
106 One-named singer of the 1994 hit "You Gotta Be"	
109 Baseball great Lou	
110 Nero's lang.	
111 Conks	
112 — unto itself	
113 Sit in neutral in '52	
114 — of March	
115 Mark	
118 Safari truck, in brief	
119 Suffix with Wisconsin	
121 NYSE event	
122 Bray starter	
123 Lifer #19	
124 Lyrical poem	
125 Letter #20	

OBITUARIES

Robert L. Coven

KEWANEE – Robert Lee Coven, 90, of Kewanee, died peacefully in his home in rural Kewanee at 2:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 20, 2021.

Funeral services were to be held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 26, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Rev. Andrew Christman officiating.

Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 25, at the funeral home. Burial was in Pleasant View Cemetery in Kewanee. Memorials may be directed to State Road Community Church.

Bob was born Aug. 5, 1931, in Kewanee, Ill., the son of John and Gertrude (Gerhold) Coven. He attended Irving Grade School and Kewanee High School, graduating in 1949.

Bob's father passed away when he was only 6 months old, so he became the handy man for his mother at an early age. He worked as a pinsetter at the bowling alley as a boy. He was always interested in cars, had many old ones and always worked on them in his backyard, trying to make them run.

After high school, he was employed at Rowlett Motor Sales in their service department. It was there he met Elva, the love of his life.

He was drafted into the Army in Jan. 1952, in the Ordnance Division. He spent one year in Korea, working on large vehicles that were brought back for repair from the front line, which was only about a mile away. He came home in January of 1954, and returned to the garage to work until he took up farming later that year.

On April 18, 1954, he married Elva Werkheiser at State Road Community Church. This year, they celebrated their 67th wedding anniversary. They have three children, Steven (Darlene Leonardis) Coven of Princeton, Sandra Fleming of Kewanee and Barbara (Scott) Bishop of East Peoria; four gran-

daughters, Alison Fleming of Davenport, Iowa, Amber VanDeSampel of Kewanee, Emily (Johnny) Tran of Highlands, Texas, and Rachel Pleasant of Morton; and two great-grandchildren, Abigail and Scott VanDeSampel (children of Amber and Eric VanDeSampel) of Kewanee.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents, one sister, Marjorie Williams York, and four brothers, Bruce, Charles, Warren and Donald.

He and his wife worked side by side while farming, and she could have been considered one of the original "farm-hers" that are on television today. She and the kids helped in the fields and also with the hog operation.

In addition to farming, he worked nights as a welder at Strands Welding Service, Kewanee Machinery and Conveyer and Hyster's, and was a driver for Livek's Redi Mix and Trucking. He was an amateur pilot and held his license for many years. He and his wife enjoyed dancing, listening to Lawrence Welk every Saturday night and belonged to a card club for over 60 years.

Bob had a reputation for being able to fix and repair almost anything. He wouldn't throw it away until he found out it was unreparable. He enjoyed working out of his farm shop and going to auctions, sometimes buying a tractor that wouldn't run, bringing it home, overhauling and painting it to look like new.

He was a member of State Road Community Church and a former Farm Bureau member.

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

Helen I. Schuster

GALVA – Helen I. Schuster, 98, of Sun City Center, Fla., formerly of Galva, died Aug. 12, 2021, at Life-Path Hospice Sun City Center Hospice House, Ruskin, Fla.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 28, at the Galva Chapel of Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services. Rev. Rebecca Gearhart will officiate. Bu-

rial will be in the Galva Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

Helen Irene Day was born Jan. 3, 1923 in South Whitley, Ind., the daughter of Roy and Elizabeth (Bernhard) Day. Her marriage to Donald Schuster took place on September 30, 1952, in Aurora, Ill. He passed away on Dec. 23, 2016.

Helen was a musician. She became a professional musician when she was 19 and played the alto sax and the clarinet professionally in many bands.

Those surviving are her two daughters, Laura Gilbert, Roseville, Minn., and Carol (John) Rada, Schaumburg; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. Her parents, her husband, a brother, Richard Day, and a sister, Sally Bauer, preceded her in death.

Condolences can be left online at www.stackhousemoore.com.

Jackie L. Tracy

GALVA – Jackie Lee Tracy, 88, of Galva, died Aug. 16, 2021, at the Hillcrest Home in rural Geneseo.

Cremation will be accorded and no services are planned at this time. Private inurnment will be held at Galva Cemetery at a later date where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

Jackie was born April 6, 1933, in Kewanee, the son of Jack and Susie (Price) Tracy. He married Iva Marie Turner and she preceded him in death on March 14, 2021.

Survivors include a son, Earl Tracy of LaFayette; two daughters, Vicky (Ron) Werkheiser of Kewanee and Sue (Ed) Secrist of Bishop Hill; seven grandchildren, Tracy (Romie) Johnson, Lacy (Jessie) Stone, Carl (Nikki) Werkheiser, Ryan and Eric Werkheiser, Kiersten (Johnny) Howard and Karlie (Brandon) Greene and nine great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents.

Jackie served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a self-employed painter owning and operating Tracy's Painting.



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Bradford school enrollment up

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Weekly Post
BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board learned at its Aug. 16 meeting from Superintendent Chad Gripp that a enrollment has increased to 164 students.

After six years of decline, the enrollment almost matches the 2013-14

school year when 165 students registered.

The board approved the universal mask policy for students and staff as a change to the Return to Learn Plan. Bradford's school district policy is following the state mandate, which means that all students and staff must wear a mask while in the

school buildings.

Also approved was an increase in substitute teachers' pay to \$100 per day. This was an increase from \$80 or \$90 per day, dependent upon teaching experience. The raise was to be regionally competitive with other school districts and to meet minimum wage requirement.

A tentative fiscal year 2022 budget was approved with Gripp reporting that all funds should be "in the black" again for the year. There will be a budget hearing prior to the September board meeting.

Touchless sinks, toilets and drinking fountains triggered by motion are being installed in school buildings. These upgrades will be paid for with Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief funds.

Finally, after closed session, the board accepted (with regret) the resignation of school district treasurer Linda Bailey. Hired was Shauna Bowen to work as a para-professional and to replace Bailey as the district's treasurer.



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XC: Welch, Prindiville earn medals

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are looking for individual successes, with a focus on conference championship and regionals.”

Rennick said Colby Carroll, Jack Winans and Jared Prindiville also had strong summers and are “definitely ready to compete.”

“Prindiville is running XC for the first time and shows a great deal of promise. He is a very good, hard-working runner,” Rennick said.

Prindiville earned a medal by placing 11th in 21:16.3 at Farmington

Other Rebels runners were, Girls – Hamilton (21st, 28:15.0), Kraklow (35th, 34:47.4) and Grinnell (41st, 39:37.0). Boys – Winans (18th, 22:39.6) and Carroll

(19th, 23:40.2).

Other positive developments are creation of a junior high cross country program, which will be coached by Gary Frail. “This is the first year for organized junior high cross country and the success of this program could be a huge boost to the high school teams,” Rennick said.

Finally, Rennick thanked the Wyoming Lions Club for the donation of 800 bottles of water, Gibler’s Ice for the donation of ice throughout the running season and the Stark County Boosters for funds to purchase new recovery equipment.

Galva

Galva opens its cross country season on Aug. 30 at Midland Golf Course in Kewanee at the Titan Invite.

Bowermaster a Princeville ace

SHEFFIELD – Competing in her second high school golf match, Princeville junior Audrey Bowermaster aced the 115-yard, par-3 17th hole Monday at Hidden Lakes Golf Club with a pitching wedge.

“She’s never played golf before,” Princeville Coach Jeff Kratzer said. “I think this summer was the first time that she picked up some clubs.”



Audrey Bowermaster of Princeville, second from left, holds her ball after carding a hole-in-one Monday on the 17th hole at Hidden Lakes Golf Club. Joining her on the green are (left to right) Kiara Cihla, Bridget Gilroy and Paisley Schock.

SPORTS: VB teams starting

Continued from Page 16 and Aug. 18 at Gibson Woods with a 36.

The Galva boys (203 strokes) won at Midland and put up 173 strokes to place second to United (166) at Gibson Woods.

Volleyball – Stark County was to play Thursday at home vs. Peoria Christian and Saturday at the Hall Tournament in Spring Valley.

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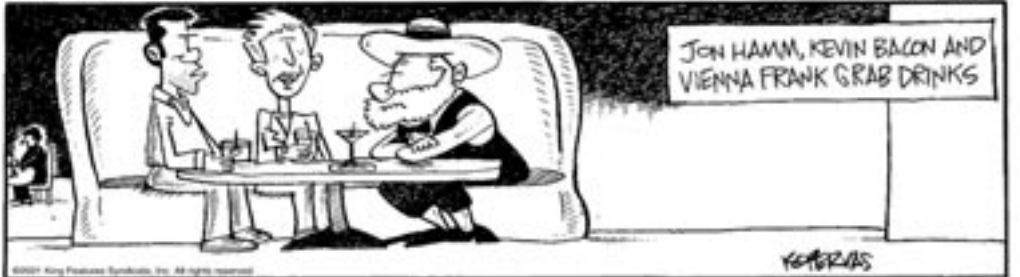
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
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Trivia test by Eli Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What word represents the letter "Q" in the NATO phonetic alphabet code?
- MOVIES: Which actress, as a child, won a Best Supporting Actress award for her role in "The Piano"?
- ADVERTISING SLOGANS: What product is advertised with the slogan "Vermont's Finest"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the English name for the country called Suomi by its people?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All this happened, more or less"?
- ANATOMY: What part of the brain deals with hearing and language?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is the most expensive spice on Earth?
- TELEVISION: The TV series "Melrose Place" was a spinoff of which earlier drama?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is known as the Beaver State?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the descriptive name for animals that are active at dusk and dawn?

Answers
1. Quebec
2. Anna Paquin
3. Ben & Jerry's ice cream
4. Finland
5. "Slaughterhouse-Five," Kurt Vonnegut
6. The left hemisphere
7. Saffron
8. "Beverly Hills, 90210"
9. Oregon
10. Crepuscular

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- Don't Breathe 2 (R)
- Jungle Cruise (PG-13)
- Respect (PG-13)
- The Suicide Squad (R)
- Old (PG-13)
- Black Widow (PG-13)
- Stillwater (R)
- The Green Knight (R)
- Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)

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CROSS COUNTRY PREVIEW

Strong start for SC

Orrick, Rewerts lead Lady Rebels to 2nd

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

Cross country kids were the lucky ones last year. While other sports suffered through COVID schedule issues, the runners finally caught a break.

They got to run races without too much weirdness. They got to run regionals and sectionals. They got to run a pseudo state meet.

No, it was not perfect. But it was better than what most sports encountered. This year looks even more normal, with larger meets scheduled and a full IHSA postseason on the docket – at least for now.

Here's a look at areas teams.

Stark County

If Monday's steamy season opener is any indication, this should be another strong season for the Stark County girls cross country program.

Stark County (57 points) placed second behind Princeville (45 points) at a five-team meet in Farmington.

As is expected to be the case for most of this year, senior Ashley Orrick and junior Paige Rewerts led the Lady Rebels. Orrick placed third in a time of 22:35.4 (winning time was 21:29.1 by Meg Simmons of Astoria) and Rewerts was fourth at 23:02.5.

"Ashley and Paige have worked extremely hard this summer and should have very successful seasons," Coach Bob Rennick, Jr., said. "We graduated a very successful senior class, with big shoes to fill, but have a great group of incoming freshman. The success of the team will reflect the work we put in between now and the postseason."

Freshmen Katie Grinnell, Keagan Hamilton, Sarah Kraklow and Nina



Medalists for the Stark County cross country team on Monday in a five-team meet at Farmington were (left to right): Alex Welch, Kokone Kasaya, Ashley Orrick, Paige Rewerts and Jared Prindiville. Photo by Bob Rennick Jr.

Longabaugh are running cross country for the first time and look to be strong contributors, according to Rennick. Senior Emily Orrick is also out and has worked hard to recover from hip surgery. The final Stark County runner is Kokone Kasaya, a foreign exchange student from Osaka, Japan, who earned a medal Monday by placing 12th in a time of 24:47.2.

"She has not competed in track or cross country

before, but shows a great deal of promise," Rennick said.

Alex Welch returns from an injury that slowed him last year to lead a four-runner boys team and earned a medal at Farmington, placing sixth in a time of 19:44.9 (Isaac Jones of Astoria won in 17:15.8).

"We will be unable to compete as a team for the first time in several years," Rennick said. "We

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FOOTBALL PREVIEW SECTION PAGES 7 - 10

Opening Weekend

Friday, Aug. 27

Stark County @ Ridgewood, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 28

Metro East Lutheran @ Galva 2 p.m.



IHSA says no playoffs if school on probation

By The Prairie News

The Illinois High School Association board voted Monday to approve barring schools from postseason play if they are on probation with the Illinois State Board of Education for non-compliance with the state's mask mandate.

The board also extended state final contracts for Class 1A and 2A baseball at Dozer Park in Peoria through 2025.

Finally, the IHSA will hold its first esports state tournament in April of 2022, featuring NBA2K, Rocket League and Super Smash Brothers.

SC golf – The Rebels tied for second Aug. 18 at

Baker Park with 195 strokes to place behind Ke-wanee's 187. Scoring for SC were James Groter (44), Jimmy Langdon (49), Colin Streitmatter (50) and Keagan Newton (52).

"This year we have 6 or 7 student-athlete golfers that found time to play and work on their game between 3-5 times a week and a couple almost every day," Coach Jim Langdon said. "That should really pay off as the season continues."

The Rebels play Monday at Lacon Country Club.

Galva golf – Jaxson Willer was medalist two more times last week, Aug. 19 at Midland with a 38
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BRADFORD LABOR DAY CELEBRATION!

FRIDAY, SEPT 3

JR HIGH CHORUS - 7 PM before movie at Bradford Ball Park.
FREE OUTDOOR FAMILY MOVIE on 50 foot screen at Bradford Ball Park on Park Street.
Free Popcorn thanks to My Place & Free Water (BBC)! Movie starts at Dusk!
FOOD: Snack Shack 11 AM - 8 PM, Steak Fry & Live Music at Highlands Whiskey House (Res. Req'd) 4 - 9 PM
ENTERTAINMENT: Highlands Whiskey House, My Place, Main St. Tap

SATURDAY, SEPT 4

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY AT ELSIE HODGES PARK
1 PM - 5 PM: MK Parties Giant Slide, Obstacle Course & Kiddie Train, Bags & Bocce Ball, Sidewalk Chalk & Bubbles,
1 PM - 3 PM Petting Zoo thanks to Stark Co. FFA, Ships of Prairie & Boek-el Zoo
FREE Water & Popicles thanks to Boyds Grove Sunday School, Bradford Food Panty Info Table
1:30 - 3:30: Unique Twist Balloon Artist & Face Painting - 2 PM - 4 PM: Magic by Cory
4 PM - 5 PM: BBC Relay Races with Prizes!
* Watch for Winnie the Pooh & Sponge Bob strolling through the park.
FOOD: Snack Shack 11 AM - 6 PM & Highlands Whiskey House 4 - 9 PM
ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - Wild Card 8 PM, My Place

SUNDAY, SEPT 5

BFD Pancake Breakfast: 8 AM - 11 AM at Fire Station
VOB 14th Annual Car Show: 8 AM - 3 PM
FOOD: Highlands Patty Wagon 10-3, Bradford Snack Shack - 11 AM - 6 PM,
American Legion Fish Fry & Auxiliary Bake Sale: 3 - 7 PM
ENTERTAINMENT: Live Music at Main St. Tap - Whiskey Bent 8 PM, My Place
FIREWORKS: Bradford Ball Park at Dusk

MONDAY, SEPT 6

BFD Pork Chops: 9 AM - 2 PM at Fire Station
Lions Labor Day Parade: 11 AM
Unique Twist Balloon Artist & Face Painting: 12 PM - 2 PM on Main St.
Kiddie Tractor Pulls: after parade, sponsored by Knobloch Farms & Bradford Betas
Kiddie Water Fights: after parade, sponsored by BFD

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