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Tentative Stark Co. school tax levy shows 4 percent increase

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 For The Prairie News
WYOMING – The Stark County School Board plans to post several open positions that will be created with the retirements of three individuals who are currently employed by the school district. This was approved by the board at its Nov. 15 meeting.
 The three teachers who are retiring at the end of the school year are: Scott Paxson, health and junior high physical education teacher, plus athletic director; Theresa Strode, third grade teacher; and Jody Jones, kindergarten teacher.

Superintendent Brett Elliott indicated by writing that the school district will not fill one of those teaching positions – “We plan to reduce the number of teachers at one grade level at SCES [Stark County Elementary School].” He later clarified that the position to be eliminated is undecided at this time.
 On a related note, Elliott stated in his report that the school district has to meet legislation passed that calls for a \$40,000 minimum salary for teachers in the near future and has to meet the 2025 minimum

wage requirement of \$15 per hour for other employees.
 Elliott also said that a tentative tax levy has been prepared for a December approval. He estimates that there will be a 4 percent increase, which translates to a small increase in taxes for property owners. The 2020 actual equalized assessed value [EAV] was \$123,023,423 and the 2021 estimated EAV is \$127,944,360.
 On a state report card, Elliott said that the Stark County school district’s graduation rate was up 1 percent, but well below the 95 percent goal. The

rate has remained in the low to mid-80 percentile, with an increase in 2021 from 81 percent to 93 percent graduation rate. The district is anticipating an increase of that rate over the coming several years.
 The board will hear next month a renovation update concerning the new Toulon campus high school building construction from contractor CORE and the district’s engineering firm, Farnsworth Group.
 After an executive closed session, the board reconvened in open session and approved John Groter as boys’ basketball sec-

ond assistant coach for 2021-22; approved Mary Beth Newby as Stark County Elementary School RTL aide for 2021-22; accepted the resignation of Abbey Desplinter effective Nov. 23, as a Toulon cafeteria worker; and approved the hiring of Sarah Barnes to replace Desplinter immediately.
 Snow bids were approved for this year from David Steward for the Wyoming facilities, and from Nelson, Henderson and Steward for the Toulon facilities at \$90 per hour with a two-hour minimum.

VETERANS HONORED

Veterans were the focus of numerous events in the past week in Stark and Henry counties. In Galva on Veterans Day last week, the Pekin Community High School JROTC gave a presentation depicting the empty seat at a family’s table when a loved one has become a Prisoner of War. Photo by Carol Townsend.
Below, on Monday a small group gathered along Toulon’s flag-lined Main Street to give a warm welcome home to USMC Corporal Arthur Nutzhorn. He served MSG Embassy duty in Istanbul, Turkey, and Jerusalem for the last two years. Emergency vehicles with lights and sirens escorted A.J. along Main Street and around the court house, stopping on Court St. for a meet and greet. Photo by Sandy Blakey.



Galva school board OKs lower tax rate

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
 For The Prairie News
GALVA – Galva’s school board indicated support on Monday for a plan to reduce its tax rate from \$4.84 to \$4.71 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The final figure will be voted on at the December board meeting.
 The change would mean a \$44 decrease for the owner of a house valued at \$100,000.
 In other financial news, a representative from Go-renz and Associates went over the district audit. He noted the district’s real estate tax has been on an incline for several years.
 He concluded the Galva district had a “clean audit” and a perfect audit score of 4 out of 4.
 Superintendent Joe

Becker recognized the Galva school board members, Laura Burke, Kaleena Conrad, Andrew Larson, John VanDeVelde, Mike Clucas, Erik Bates and Brittany Boston for State School Board member day in Illinois.
 Board member Brittany Boston reported that the elementary windows would begin to be installed over Thanksgiving, the Junior-Senior High School’s new windows are out for bids, and the chair lift at the Elementary School needs to be replaced.
 Greg Wertheim, the executive director of the Henry-Stark County Special Education District 801, gave the board a short
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GALVA: Absenteeism attributed to COVID

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presentation on the program which provides services for 8 school districts and 32 buildings. In 2011, 18.30 percent of Galva's student body was served for a cost to the district of \$546,266 and in 2022 the tentative projected cost is \$549,639 serving 18.90 percent of the students. Superintendent Becker went over the school report card, which he said is very limited due to last year's shut-downs. He said more figures might be available in the future. Galva has a graduation rate of 90 percent, teacher

retention of 88 percent and 18 percent chronic absenteeism. Becker said that the state's average on chronic absenteeism was 21 percent. He said this was due to groups of students being sent home if they were exposed to COVID. The board also approved:

- the resignation of Josh Morris as high school volleyball coach.
- the retirement of Kristine Sullen.
- Tressa Rogers as a volunteer assistant girls varsity basketball coach.



The above students were presented the Wildcat Pride Award by Superintendent Joe Becker at the school board meeting. Pictured in front (left to right): Klaire Gale, El-lory Glaser and Skyler Hardy. In the back (l to r): Charlotte Farmer, Taylor Haga, Avery Dooley and School Board President John VanDeVelde.

King recognized for 70 years with Toulon Legion

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News
TOULON – Orville King, of Toulon, was recently recognized for being associated with the

Toulon American Legion as a 70-year member. King joined the Legion in 1950, and now has been a member for 71 years. Orville was born on a farm southeast of Toulon on May 15, 1926, to parents Robert and Lillian (Penn) King. He attended the Stringtown Grade School where he had Mary Duncan as one of his teachers. Orville graduated from Princeville High School, in 1945.

On Oct. 18, 1948, Orville married Virginia Stapel, who passed away in February of 1998 and was a sister of Jerry Stapel, Sr. To them, twin girls were born, Carol, who has since passed away, and Karen. Carol married David Snyder and they had a son Dalton, while Karen married Michael Vershaw and they had two children Tanner and Madison. "I was in the 3rd Divi-



Orville King, right, is shown receiving his award for 70 years in the American Legion from Sam Rice. Submitted photo.

sion," Orville said of his service years in the United States Army. "I served from 1950 to 1952, in Korea." Orville earned the rank of Sergeant after training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. "When I arrived in Korea, they sent me to artillery and I knew nothing about artillery." Orville is a unique individual in that he had only

one job for his entire career. He was hired to manage the Davis Grain and Feed Company in 1947. Over the years the company was sold several times, but Orville stayed on to be manager. After 42 years, he retired from his job. "I spent all my time here [in Toulon]," Orville said when asked what would surprise people to know about him.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 11-11 - William J. Cornwall - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
- 11-13 - Daniel A. Swallow - Mufflers, speeding 35+ mph over limit, operating an uninsured vehicle, improper lane usage, driving/never issued a license and reckless driving.
- 11-14 - Rachel A. Laufenberg - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 11-12 - Terrance A. Jackson - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

- 10-13 - Ordinance violation - Kenneth J. Jezierski - Maintaining a nuisance.
- 11-13 - Criminal felony - Daniel A. Swallow - Aggravated fleeing from police/21 mph over the limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 11-9 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 involving driver Rodney L. Stahl, 52, of Brimfield. Stahl stated that he was traveling south when he struck a cow in the roadway and sustained damage to the front right side of his vehicle. Three more cows were located near the roadway outside the pasture. No injuries were reported. Estimated damages to the vehicle were reported at over \$1,500.
- 11-10 - A deer-related accident occurred along Route 93. The driver involved was identified as Samantha A. Krider, 30, of Alpha. No injuries were reported and estimated damages to the vehicle were reported at over \$1,500.
- 11-11 - A two-vehicle accident along East Main Street, in Toulon. Drivers involved were identified as Stephanie A. Faccaro, 34, of Kewanee, and Christopher R. Brown, 22, of Toulon. Faccaro was attempting to back out of a parking lot when she struck Brown's parked vehicle located on the street. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.
- 11-8 - Tanner W. Hall, 28, of Peoria, reported that his truck had been stolen from a Toulon residence in the 300 block of West Jefferson Street. Hall reported to authorities on Nov. 10 that he had located the missing vehicle.
- 11-9 - Dustin E. Brock, 32, of Kewanee, was arrested by Stark County authorities on a pending Henry County warrant.
- 11-10 - Donald W. Lund, 75, Osco,



reported that an unknown individual had stolen the battery and some tools that were discovered missing from his combine parked in a field on 100E north of Osceola. The incident remains under investigation.

11-12 - A Princeville resident reported being the victim of threatening messages. The incident remains under investigation.

11-13 - Karissa J. Neal, 30, Kewanee, was arrested and cited for driving on a suspended license. Her cash bond was set at \$250.

11-13 - Kellie M. Gerber, 47, of Toulon, reported the theft of her 2005 yellow and black Ford Mustang GT from a rural location north of Toulon. The incident remains under investigation.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 11-8 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a loose dog complaint. Dog returned home on its own.
- 11-8 - to a residence on West Division Street for a welfare check. The subject was fine.
- 11-9 - to the 500 block of SW 5th Ave. for a civil standby to retrieve property.
- 11-10 - to the 800 block of SE 1st St. for an animal complaint involving stray kittens.
- 11-10 - to a residence on South County Road to assist Henry County with a child custody dispute.
- 11-10 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a traffic complaint involving an oversized load leaving town. Officer was not able to locate.
- 11-10 - to the west edge of Galva to watch for a reckless driver who was seen traveling eastbound from Oneida on Route 34. Officer was not able to locate.
- 11-10 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. to check on a suspicious vehicle with out-of-state plates. As officer arrived, the vehicle took off southbound at a high rate of speed. Officer attempted a traffic stop, but

the vehicle continued to speed away. Officer discontinued the pursuit just west of town for safety reasons.

11-11 - to County Highway 5 just north of town to check the welfare of a subject walking in the rain along the highway. The subject was fine and was walking to Kewanee.

11-11 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for an activated panic alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.

11-11 - to a possible burglary in progress in the 00 block of NW 5th St. Officer located two juveniles climbing out of a window. They were transported to the Galva police department for processing. Both 15-year-old males from Kewanee were released to a parent with a juvenile referrals for criminal trespass to a residence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

11-11 - to the 400 block of NE 9th St. for a 911 hang up call. Officer did not locate anyone needing assistance.

11-11 - to check on a disabled vehicle that was parked in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

11-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of Exchange St., Mark Jennings, 51, Hannibal, Mo., was arrested for driving while license revoked. He was released with a required court date.

11-13 - to the 200 block of E. Division St. for a loud music complaint.

11-13 - to the 700 block of NW 1st Ave. for a theft complaint.

11-13 - to the 100 block of NE 4th St. for a theft complaint.

11-14 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd Ave. for a utilities complaint involving a downed wire. Ameren was contacted for repairs.

11-14 - Officer was flagged down in the 500 block of SE 2nd St. in reference to a littering complaint.

11-11 - Nickolas Ogorzalek, 36, Kewanee, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle and having expired registration.

11-13 - Kelli Kursock, 50, Kewanee, was issued citations for speeding and having expired registration in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

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Of dogs, spilled beans, stuffing and oaks

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering reasons to be thankful.

For most of the first two days of pheasant hunting last week, I was thinking of creative ways to tell my wife we needed a second dog.

My young **Buck**, age 11 months, was not so much bad as he was clueless about hunting. The little Labrador retriever stayed close and he generally listened to commands (even when hunting alongside a female in heat). But for two days he showed very little interest in pheasants, alive or dead.

Then suddenly, the switch flipped. Buck got to a downed bird first, wrassled with the pheasant and came out of the experience with blood on his muzzle and fire in his skinny gut.

The White Weasel, as I call him, turned into the White Streak. The dog grew up over the final two days of a cold, wet trip to northern Iowa that saw me fall face first into a ditch while attempting to jump across 3-foot deep water (“Does anyone have video?” my loving wife wondered).

There is no video of that frigid moment, thankfully. And no need for another puppy. Seems there is still reason to feed Buck.

Back in late October, I made the mistake of writing about what appeared to me to be an abundance of cover crops planted around central

Illinois. But it turns out that abundance of green in Illinois fields was not due to cover crops, but rather thanks to spilled crops. Retired agronomy professor **Roger Higgs** was one of several folks who brought this to my attention. Wrote Higgs, “I noted in your editorial column of Oct. 21 that you applauded the green in harvested corn and soybean fields I was in central Illinois a week ago and unfortunately the green was mostly the worst case of harvest loss and subsequent regrowth of ‘volunteer’ corn or soybeans that I have ever witnessed in my lifetime. The green carpet was corn seedlings or soybean seedlings.

“What I witnessed in 500 miles of travel in central, northern and eastern Illinois were fields that appeared to have harvest losses of 10 or 20 or more bushels per acre. [That is a quick estimate without doing a measured check.]

“And, those bushels on the ground represented many dollars of value for the crops at the current commodity prices. I rarely saw genuine cover crops panted such as rye, radishes, or buckwheat. The good news is that the ‘volunteer’ corn or soybean seedlings are annual species and will not survive the winter, and they will provide some cover.”

Higgs surmises that the scattered grain was mostly caused by “combine loss and pod shattering in soybeans.”

Just to double check, I examined a few fields that looked to have been planted. Sure enough, that sea of green was soybeans. Wow. You can learn something new every day, if you let yourself.

Today I am thankful for: **Eli** and **Peyton Manning**, who make long Monday nights in the office enjoyable. They have the best sports show on TV right now. ... Multiple Thanksgiving dinners. One day of turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes and gluttony is never enough. ... Truck toppers. Lost my last one in the straightline winds 12 years ago and finally got a replacement last week for my trip west. To have a topper on a pickup is to laugh at rain trying to soak your luggage or winds trying to hurt young trees as you move them from spot to spot. Having a truck topper is peace, until you have to load a deer into the bed while using the loader on your tractor. ... Pin oaks. Gimme the long-lasting brown leaves of a pin oak, or any other oak that holds its leaves well into winter, over any glorious color a maple produces. When other trees are barren and gray, the oaks still provide some color. And this year has been one of the best in a long time for trees holding their leaves.

November is the month that will drive me to retirement. There’s just so much to do and not enough time to do it all while holding down a job. ... Parting shot: Shotgun deer season arrives Friday through Sunday and with that comes an annual caveat: This weekend is not a good time to let your big, brown dog run wild through the woods.

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An online only auction will start Monday, November 8 and end with a soft close at 5pm Sunday, November 21. Pickup will be Tuesday, November 23 from 9am to 6pm. To register please go to orwigauctionandeventcenter.hibid.com. A 3% convenience fee will be charged to each credit card purchase and a 15% buyer's premium will be added to each purchase. Please bring your own packing material and help to load your purchases. Please pick up at the address in the heading of this ad.

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Terms: This property will sell in as is condition, a \$2,500 non refundable earnest money deposit will due at the conclusion of the auction. Balance will be due on or about December 27 and possession will be given at that time. Taxes will be pro rated to the date of closing and this home will sell subject to seller confirmation. For pictures and updates please go to auctionzip.com or my facebook. To view the home please contact the undersigned auction company.

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Tractors: Allis Chalmers 190 XT Console Control 1 rear remote, 3 point, 540 PTO, gas, 3478 hours, and 480/70R 34 rear tires (nice clean tractor), John Deere 4850,

Construction equipment: John Deere 310D backhoe 4x4 extend a hoe 4 in 1 loader bucket, 1997 Fiat Allis DD80 dozer w/ 6 way blade and hydrostatic transmission, Hyster H60-XL fork truck 6000# lift pneumatic tires, International 165 truck loader, steel add on tracks for skid loader came off a John Deere 260, Ditch Witch trencher w/ Wisconsin motor (as-is),

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Service Line Protection Available for Galva Homeowners

Galva, IL – The City of Galva has partnered with Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) to offer protection for homeowners for external water and sewer lines. The coverage is voluntary and available at affordable monthly or annual prices.

“In today’s economy, it’s important for the City to help homeowners find affordable protection for their own private aging infrastructure,” said Rich Volkert, Mayor. “We live in an environment where water conservation and ground pollution are extremely important. Through this program, homeowners are more likely to report problems without fear of expensive repairs. Protecting our environment and precious resources through a single-call enrollment process is very convenient for busy homeowners.”

The SLWA Service Line Warranty Program protects against leaks, breaks and clogs due to normal wear and tear, age, ground shifting and tree root intrusion. If a customer’s line is in need of repair, a simple call to the SLWA 24-hour hotline will dispatch a local, licensed contractor familiar with local code. The program provides up to \$8,500 per incident for external water and sewer line repairs. There are no annual or lifetime limits, service fees or deductibles – just protection when you need it most!

“Homeowners believe that the pipes located on their property will last forever or that the City will repair the line if it breaks,”said David Dyer, City Administrator. “That’s simply not the case. Many factors contribute to the life expectancy of a line such as tree root intrusion, ground shifting, weather and age – all factors which are covered through the Service Line Warranties of America protection program.”

This program is offered at no cost to the City and no public funds are used to promote or administer the program.

“We are pleased to offer affordable protection for water and sewer lines to the residents of Galva,” said Tom Rusin, CEO of SLWA parent HomeServe USA. “Homeowners will have peace of mind with our first-class customer service experience featuring a 24/7 claim repair line and local, licensed contractors – keeping dollars in the local economy.”

SLWA has a longstanding track record of superior service. As the 2018 Winner of the Western Pennsylvania Better Business Bureau Torch Award for Marketplace Ethics, the company is committed to customer service, ethical marketing practices and maintaining an A+ accredited rating with the Better Business Bureau. For questions about this protection offering for Galva residents, or to enroll, please contact SLWA at 844-257-8796 or visit www.slwofa.com.

Homeowners can also follow SLWA online for company news and homeowner tips at: www.slwablog.com, www.facebook.com/Service-LineWarrantiesofAmerica, and www.twitter.com/SLWANews.

About Service Line Warranties of America Service Line Warranties of America (SLWA) is part of HomeServe, a leading provider of home repair solutions serving over 2.7 million customers across the US and Canada. Founded in 2003, SLWA is the trusted source of utility line protection programs endorsed by the National League of Cities. Together with HomeServe, SLWA is dedicated to supplying best-in-class repair plans and delivering superior customer service to consumers directly and through over 750 leading municipal, utility and association partners.

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BRIEFS

Galva school hosts
veterans program

GALVA – The Galva School District held a Veterans program last Wednesday with all students K-12 present. Shauneey Nelson, Galva’s Miss Poppy passed out program, Hagberg Hamlin American Legion presented the colors, the Junior High School band played the National Anthem, Galva High School’s student council president, Taylor Burke gave the introduction; Superintendent Joe Becker gave the welcome, the Jr/Sr chorus sang an Armed Forces song, recognized different branches of the service, and Camron O’Brien concluded the program with Taps.

OSF Announces VP of Digital Experience

KEWANEE – OSF OnCall welcomes Stark County resident Melissa Shipp, vice president of Support Services at OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee, as vice president of Digital Experience for OSF OnCall.

In this role, Melissa will be accountable for leading all aspects of the digital front door patient experience, including the contact center service, across the Ministry. She will continue to develop and optimize strategy for the Ministry and improve processes to achieve the highest levels of engagement and experience.

Melissa joins OSF OnCall from OSF Saint Luke Medical Center where she has served since 2009 in a variety of leadership roles, including director of Quality and Safety and most recently as vice president of Support Services. She



Shipp

led the strategic planning efforts to launch Occupational Health/Employer Services in the Kewanee market earlier this year, led the self-scheduling pilot for radiology diagnostic procedures in the Western region and consolidated and standardized regional lab services by managing appropriateness and location of testing. Prior to joining OSF HealthCare, Melissa developed a strong background in retail services management

Melissa holds her Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice from St. Ambrose University in Iowa and received her Master of Business Administration in Health-care Management from Western Governors University in April 2017.

Melissa is married to Matt, a Marine Corps veteran, and they have two children, Matthew, 17, and daughter Katie, 12. Melissa and her family enjoy living on their family farm in rural Stark County with their rottweiler, Elsa.



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20 "Working
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21 Device
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23 Functional
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25 Gas: Prefix

26 "Do Ya" rock
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27 Sassy Greek
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29 "The
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with two
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32 Brief
hesitation
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44 Symbol used
twice after
"help:"

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57 Flat —
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82 "You are not!"
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Bradford Scouts pack gifts for less fortunate

BRADFORD – Boy Scout Troop 1851 packed shoeboxes full of school supplies, hygiene items and toys for Operation Christmas Child on Nov. 1 at Boyd’s Grove Methodist Church.

These boxes serve as a tangible expression of God’s love to children around the world through Operation Christmas Child, and may be the only gift they ever receive. Since 1993, more than 188 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received a shoebox gift. In 2020, more than 9.1 million shoebox gifts were collected worldwide.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan’s Purse, a non-denominational relief organization. For more information go to samaritanspurse.org or contact Linda Ashby at (309) 202-4066.

Cook-off and auction raise \$4K for pantry

GALVA – Mary’s Family Dining held its annual chili cook-off and auction Sunday and raised \$4,035 for the Galva Food Pantry.

Thirteen contestants participated in the chili cook-off. First place went to Craig Anderson; second place to Crystal Kitterman and third place to Lynn Hall-Hobbs.

Participants returned all of their winnings to the cause. After the chili was judged the public could sample all of the chili. Many Galva businesses and individuals donated items to the auction.



Pictured above are Connor Scott, Colby Stotler and Assistant Scoutmaster Andrea Scott of Boy Scout Troop 1851 as they fill shoe boxes with gifts for less fortunate children. Photo by Angie Stange.

Morrissey recognized as October Achiever

WYOMING – Matt Morrissey of Wyoming was recognized as Achiever of the Month for October at Abilities Plus. Matt was nominated for this honor because he has volunteered to help as a substitute on cleaning crews, as well as his willingness to assist with additional jobs in our Work Services program. Matt is quiet, but has a great sense of humor and likes joking with staff and others. In his free time Matt enjoys reading and playing with his dog, Lucy.



Morrissey

Haffner featured in Christmas at Augustana

ROCK ISLAND – The Augustana College Department of Music presents Christmas at Augustana, Dec. 4

and 5 in Centennial Hall. Elena Haffner from Wyoming will perform with the Jenny Lind Vocal Ensemble. Christmas at Augustana has been a tradition since 2008. The Quad Cities’ ABC affiliate, WQAD, will stream the Saturday performance live online at Augustana.edu. The performance will be rebroadcast in the Quad-Cities area at 11 a.m. on Christmas Day. Tickets range \$16-21 and can be purchased at www.augustana.edu/tickets or by calling (309) 794-7306. Masks will be required.

Julmarknad returns to Bishop Hill Nov. 26-27

BISHOP HILL – Prepare for the holidays by attending Julmarknad, or Christmas Market, in Bishop Hill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 26, Nov. 27, and Dec. 4. On Nov. 28 and Dec. 5, the hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The attractions include Swedish folk characters, traditional Swedish holiday decorations, holiday music, a storytelling Santa, craft activities, and Christmas gifts for sale. All the Bishop Hill shops, museums and restaurants will be open for the annual event. On Dec. 4, starting at 5 p.m., Bishop Hill will have its first Julmarknad Christmas Parade with camels, horses, and much more. This parade will go through downtown Bishop Hill and around the village park.

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9 to 4 p.m.	Festival of Wreaths & Mini Trees (Galva Arts Council)
11 to 1:30 p.m.	Chili & Soup Luncheon (Galva Arts Council)
12 to 2 p.m.	Children's Craft with the Harvest Days Royalty
1 to 4 p.m.	Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House
1 to 4 p.m.	Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (Sponsored by SBT)
5 p.m.	Lighted Christmas Parade
5:30 p.m.	Lighting of Veterans Park
7 p.m.	Christmas Carol Coffeehouse (Galva Arts Council)

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EV manufacturing incentives become law

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker signed into law a tax incentives package Tuesday that state lawmakers hope will help Illinois become a manufacturing hub for the budding electric vehicle industry.

The Reimagining Electric Vehicles in Illinois, or REV, Act, passed the General Assembly with near-unanimous bipartisan support during the recently concluded fall session. It provides tax credits for income tax withheld for EV manufacturers and costs to train new or retained employees.

It also applies to the manufacturers of EV parts, such as batteries. It’s an effort to lure new manufacturers to Illinois while incentivizing existing manufacturers to invest in their Illinois facilities and workers.

“With this bill, we intend to attract more EV manufacturers, charging

station manufacturers and automotive parts manufacturers, more than ever before, and it will help Illinois become one of the leading EV hubs in the entire nation,” Pritzker said during a signing ceremony at the Rock Valley College Advanced Technology Center in Belvidere.

The tax credits created by the new law range from 75 percent to 100 percent of income tax withheld for creating new jobs or 25 percent to 50 percent for retained employees, depending on factors such as company location and number of employees hired. A 10 percent credit for training expenses would also be available.

Tax credits for construction wages and building materials are also included in the bill.

The added incentives complement Illinois’ other advantages when it comes to manufacturing, Pritzker said, but they are needed to make Illinois competitive with other states

from a financial perspective.

The other advantages to choosing Illinois, according to Pritzker, are a centralized location in the U.S., strong infrastructure, the second-largest crop of computer science engineer graduates in the nation and a pair of major national laboratories.

Those assets helped lure the electric vehicle manufacturer Rivian Automotive to a closed Mitsubishi plant in the Bloomington-Normal area in 2017. Its vice president of public policy, Jim Chen, said the bill will be a major support for the company that already employs more than 3,000 Illinoisans in its 3.5 million square feet of manufacturing space.

“Today’s bill signing represents the next step in promoting Illinois as the Silicon Valley of EVs, as we work together to attract new investment from suppliers and other supporting players in this industry,” he said.

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BRADFORD COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #1 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF AFFAIRS SUMMARY FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2021

Copies of the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021 will be available for public inspection in the school district/joint agreement administrative office by December 1, annually. Individuals wanting to review this Annual Statement of Affairs should contact:

BRADFORD CUSD #1	115 High Street, Bradford, IL 61421	309-897-2801	7:45 a.m. - 3:45 p.m.
SCHOOL DISTRICT/JOINT AGREEMENT NAME	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	OFFICE HOURS

Also by January 15, annually the detailed Annual Statement of Affairs for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021, will be posted on the Illinois State Board of Education's website@ www.isbe.net.
SUMMARY: The following is the Annual Statement of Affairs Summary that is required to be published by the school district/joint agreement for the past fiscal year.

Statement of Operations as of June 30, 2021										
		Educational	Operations & Maintenance	Debt Services	Transportation	Municipal Retirement/Social Security	Capital Projects	Working Cash	Tort	Fire Prevention & Safety
Local Sources	1000	2,149,337	326,946	0	135,572	93,652	0	34,627	204,670	32,380
Flow-Through Receipts/Revenues from One District to Another District	2000	0	0		0	0				
State Sources	3000	417,926	0	0	97,832	0	0	0	0	0
Federal Sources	4000	249,134	8,148	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Direct Receipts/Revenues		2,816,397	335,094	0	233,404	93,652	0	34,627	204,670	32,380
Total Direct Disbursements/Expenditures		2,319,624	173,898	0	161,536	71,953	0		122,410	116,165
Other Sources/Uses of Funds		2,418,847	934,998	498	715,653	85,885	0	271,955	365,989	146,529
Beginning Fund Balances - July 1, 2020		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other Changes in Fund Balances		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ending Fund Balances June 30, 2021		2,915,620	1,096,194	498	787,521	107,584	0	306,582	448,249	62,744

GROSS PAYMENT FOR CERTIFIED PERSONNEL	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999	Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	(CONT.) Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999	Salary Range: 60,000 - \$89,999
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	SHAYNA BAUMANN KEVIN BOYLE ALISON DENNISON STACEY DOWN CATHY GIBLER	LEAH KNOBLOCH TOSCA KRIDER DIANE PEARSON BRIAN SEPICH	LISA BROWN TRISHA BROWN REBECCA HOFFERT HEIDI KAZUBOWSKI	MEGAN LAWLER KRISTIN NANNIGA PATRICIA NELSON	NONE Salary Range: \$90,000 and over CHAD GRIPP
GROSS PAYMENT FOR NON-CERTIFIED PERSONNEL	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	(CONT.) Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	Salary Range: \$25,000 - \$39,999
Salary Range: Less than \$25,000	STEPHENIA BOSCH TAYLOUR CADE TIM CARSTENS BOBBI JO CHADWICK NANCY CLER SHERRI CODE	ALYSSA ECKBERG CHERYL ENDRESS MARY KAY FEHRENBACHER ROBYN GENTLE IAN HENGL BRENDA HOLMBERG	MARIE HORRIE KRISTINA HOWELL DEB KELLY BROOKE PETERSON JIM ROBISON MORGEN ROSE	JANET ROUSE STEVEN SCOTT NANCY SMITH JILL STAHL DAVID WALKER LANA WALL SAMANTHA WALL	KRISTIN ATCHLEY KEVIN IODER RANDY LEWIS MEGAN STREITMATTER RYAN SWITZER Salary Range: \$40,000 - \$59,999 PAUL BARRY

PAYMENTS OVER \$2,500, EXCLUDING WAGES AND SALARIES

Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount	Person, Firm, or Corporation	Aggregate Amount
100 AMPS	23,091.52	GORENZ AND ASSOCIATES	10,950.00	JA FRITCH & SONS	110,013.00	PRIMERGY SOLAR	6,573.43
ACCELERATE LEARNING	6,931.36	GUARDIAN APPLETON	4,043.64	JAMES ROBISON	2,520.00	PURTSCHER OIL	10,011.63
AMERICAN CAPITAL	57,916.22	HEALTH ALLIANCE	125,000.20	JARVIS WELDING	18,000.00	READING PLUS	7,800.00
APPLE COMPUTER	5,880.00	HEARTLAND SCHOOL SOLUTIONS	4,623.00	KOHL WHOLESALE	16,422.75	REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION	22,565.00
ASI SYSTEM INTEGRATION	6,290.00	HEINEMANN	3,324.50	KS STATE BANK	15,521.00	RENAISSANCE LEARNING	5,626.87
AXA EQUITABLE LIFE INSURANCE	6,242.00	HENRY STARK SPECIAL EDUCATION	224,847.23	LAKESHORE	6,912.07	STARK COUNTY CUSD #100	304,312.08
BREEDLOVES	3,778.49	HORANCE MANN ANNUITY	3,055.00	MASTERCARD CORPORATE	17,594.19	TEACHERS RETIREMENT - NEC	4,479.44
BUREAU VALLEY SCHOOLS	204,177.54	IEA NEA	7,088.90	MCGRAW HILL	4,344.26	TEACHERS RETIREMENT - REG	69,561.20
CHEMSEARCH	3,246.60	IL DEPT OF REVENUE	49,982.49	MEDIACOM	6,270.00	TEACHERS HEALTH	16,332.84
CHG ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION	84,813.22	IL MUNICIPAL	45,581.14	MIDWEST TRANSIT EQUIPMENT	44,758.69	HOME DEPOT	15,896.68
CONSTELLATION NEWENERGY	5,056.00	IL SCHOOL DIST AGENCY	39,799.60	MURPHYS CONTAINER SERVICE	2,520.00	THOMPSON ELECTRONICS	3,007.00
FAIRCOM	5,000.00	IL VALLEY CELLULAR	4,269.93	NEARPOD	6,580.00	TIERNEY	69,909.78
FARNSWORTH GROUP	4,786.10	IRS FICA	60,582.78	NEXTERA ENERGY	5,059.25	VILLAGE OF BRADFORD	2,579.59
FLYLEAF PUBLISHING	3,327.50	IRS FIT	81,459.80	OFFICE MACHINE CONSULTANTS	15,847.67	WHITT LAW	10,323.00
FORTIER	4,439.93	ISR MEDICARE	20,423.60	PRAIRIE FARMS	6,025.53	WORKERS COMPENSATION	14,954.00

OBITUARIES

Terry Burwell

WYOMING – Terry Burwell, 70, of Wyoming, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at home, surrounded by his family. He was born in Lafayette, Ind., on Oct. 19, 1951, to Henry “Red” and Ida Mae (Tracy) Burwell. He was raised in Kewanee, Ill. and later moved to Wyoming. He married Deb Carter on May 3, 1972; she survives.



Burwell

Also surviving are his sons, Rick Burwell of Peoria and Jon Randall of Wichita, Kan.; seven grandchildren, Shawna, Devan, Alec, Eliana, Zoe, Ella and Justin; three great grandbabies, Aliyah, Serenity and Shawn; his brother, Frazier Burwell of Toulon; and his sister, Sharon Redmond of Atkinson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Terri Jo Burwell, two brothers and two sisters.

Terry worked for Burlington Northern Railroad and then in construction. He was also the owner/operator of Red’s Sewer Service, which was established in 1936. Terry loved fishing, gold prospecting, rock collecting and camping. Some of his best times were camping with his kids and grandbabies, and let’s not forget Princess, his life-long dog friend.

Per his request, there will be no services. Cremation Specialist of Central Illinois is assisting the family.

Memorials may be made to Open Arms For Alpha 1.

Online condolences may be left at csofil.com.

Dorene E. Jones

TOULON – Dorene Jones, 44, of Toulon, passed away peacefully at her residence surrounded by family on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021.



Jones

She was born on Oct. 24, 1977, in Peoria to Herman Jerome Jones and Julie Ann Andrews Jones. She was a graduate of Limestone High School.

Dorene was dedicated to her family, especially in caring for her many nieces and nephews. She enjoyed making crafts, and attending Peoria Rivermen hockey games. She is survived by the love of her

life, Jerry Corbin; mother, Julie Jones; siblings, Laura (Don) Charvat, David “Butch” (Sonya) Jones, Sharon (Neal) Shryock, and Trisha DeMoss; and 57 beloved nieces and nephews.

Dorene was preceded in death by her father, Herman Jones; brother, Michael Jones; and niece, Shelby Charvat.

Cremation has been accorded and a memorial service was held at Remmert Funeral Home on Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Al Harmon officiating. The family greeted friends an hour prior to the service. Inurnment followed at Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Lexington, Ill. Memorial contributions may be made to the Jones family.

Remmert Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Evelyn J. Peterson

LaFAYETTE – Evelyn J. Peterson, 88, of LaFayette, passed away at 11:06 a.m., Friday, Nov. 12, 2021, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23, at the Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva with Rev. Randy Swanson officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 22, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Memorials may be directed to the Messiah Lutheran Church. The funeral home will maintain compliance with COVID regulations and requires that all guests wear a mask for the safety of all those attending.



Peterson

Evelyn was born Aug. 21, 1933, in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of Carl and Ila (Swanson) Hanson. She married David R. Peterson on Aug. 13, 1954, in Callender, Iowa.

Survivors include her husband of LaFayette; their 3 children; Scott (Penny) Peterson of Marshfield, Wis., Webb Peterson of Westfield, Ind., and Jilene (John) Hergert of Altona; a sister, Carol (Jerry) Moble of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 6 grandchildren, Mallery (Dan) Brun, Abigail (Matthew) Smallwood, Logan (Jamie) McCoy, Kayla (Michael) Siudak, and Karleen and Harry Hergert; 13 great grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and two sisters, Phyllis and Eunice.

Evelyn was a homemaker and taking care of her family was the most important thing to her. She had been a Cub Scout den mother and an active member of Messiah Lutheran Church where she had taught Sunday School for many years. She worked at Tanners Orchard for 20 years. Evelyn loved the outdoors where she enjoyed camping, traveling and walking with her dog Skeeter. She thoroughly enjoyed spending time with her family; playing games, listening to John Denver, and baking with the grandchildren.

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

Jerry G. Helm Jr.

CANTON – Jerry Gale Helm Jr., 57, of Canton, formerly of Evansville, Ind. and father of a LaFayette woman, died Nov. 13, 2021 at his residence.

He was born on Aug. 1, 1964, in Pittsfield, a son of Jerry Gale and Grace (Campbell) Helm Sr. He married Connie Perry; she survives.

Also surviving is his mother Grace of Canton; three children, Heather (CJ) Hahnebohm of Pittsfield, Rebecca (James) Woith of LaFayette and Jerry (Lexi Smallwood) Helm III of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; six grandchildren, Hayley, Tesla, Brayden, Conner, Lyle, and Lucielle; three sisters, Kimberly (Eric) Hughes of Minonk, Shirley (Jeff) Sharp of Effingham and Mae (Wesley) Fitch of Canton.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Jerry graduated from Canton High School in 1982, and later graduated from the Quincy Area Vocational Center, he worked several years as a welder and in maintenance in the Indiana area. He was an avid fisherman, and hunter, but most of all he loved spending his time with his beloved dog, Jacks.

Per Jerry’s wishes, there will be no services, cremation rites will be accorded through Sedgwick Funeral Homes & Crematory in Canton.

Burial of ashes will be held at a later date in Green Pond Cemetery in Pearl, Illinois. Memorials can be made to his children to help pay for the burial expenses.

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The Gathering Church

Location: 105 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491
Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

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Water trees, shrubs now heading into winter

By GEMINI BHALSOD
University of Illinois Extension

URBANA – After this year’s summer drought in Illinois, it is more important than ever to monitor soil moisture conditions and water trees and shrubs going into winter.

Drought conditions in the late fall, along with dry air and low soil moisture, can lead to plant damage if no supplemental water is provided.

Plants under water stress are more susceptible to insects and diseases. They can also experience injuries to roots or foliage.

Before watering, check the soil moisture. Monitor the moisture levels about once a week. Dig a small hole under the tree’s drip line, 4 to 6 inches is enough. Feel for moisture. If the soil is dry, the tree should be watered.

In particular, newly fall-planted trees, shrubs, and perennials should

be monitored and watered late into the season, since they do not have as much time to develop extensive root systems as anything planted in the spring.

Pay attention to evergreens and shallow-rooted trees such as birches and maples. Some shallow-rooted trees can be identified by roots breaking the surface of the soil. Evergreens do not go dormant in the winter and are still actively respiring and lose water through their needles.

Dormant trees respire at lower rates. Since soil insulates and cools down later in the year than the air temperature, roots stay warmer longer and respire at higher rates than the above-ground parts, the trunk, and branches, of deciduous trees after their leaves drop.

Only water when the temperature is above 40°F. In some places, that could be as late as the end of De-

cember. Stop supplemental watering after the ground freezes.

To water, use a soaker hose to provide a slow stream of water. Soil should be moist, but not waterlogged. This method results in less runoff and the water is more likely to be absorbed by the root zone.

Water at the tree’s drip line and not right against the base. To conserve water, start with newly planted trees and shrubs weekly and then large and established trees once a month.

Avoid fertilizer, which stimulates late-season growth, and instead, consider applying mulch. Mulch can help conserve moisture. Apply mulch 2 to 4 inches away from the base of the tree all the way to the drip line.

As always, planting hardy species or cultivars with deep roots is best since they are more likely to be able to survive temperature fluctuations and prolonged periods of cold.

LEGAL ADS

PUBLIC NOTICE
That on 12/17/2021 a sale will be held at 9:00a.m. at: Peed's Auto Parts, 24868 State Highway 81, Kewanee, IL 61443. All bids need to be in writing, to sell the following articles to enforce a lien existing under laws of the State of Illinois against such articles for labor, services, skills of material expended upon or storage furnished for such articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.
This notice is intent to enforce a mechanic's lien pursuant to Chapter 770 ILCS 45/1 et seq.
Auction date 12/17/2021 @ 9am at Peed's Auto Parts, 24868 State Highway 81, Kewanee, IL 61443

Highway 81, Kewanee, IL 61443
Name of person(s) Montiey Flowers and Arthur Thompson Jr
39 Acorn Ln
Waverly, TN 37185
Description of Article
1998 Saturn SW2
VIN 1G8ZK8273WZ152217
Amount owed \$ 2913.77
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**ASSUMED NAME
PUBLICATION NOTICE**
Public notice is hereby given that on November 8, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as ROUGH AND TUMBLED, located at 104 N. 7th St., Wyoming, IL 61491.
Dated November 8, 2021
/S/ Heather Hollis
County Clerk
Published 11/12, 11/19, 11/26/21

articles at the request of the following designated person(s), unless such articles are redeemed within thirty (30) days of the publication of this notice.
This notice is intent to enforce a mechanic's lien pursuant to Chapter 770 ILCS 45/1 et seq.
Auction date 12/17/2021 @ 9am at Peed's Auto Parts, 24868 State Highway 81, Kewanee, IL 61443
Name of person(s) Patricia Hemphill
404 Cherry St
Port Byron, IL 61275
Description of Article
1993 Dodge D-series VIN 1B7HE16Y2PS101403 Amount owed \$1565.57

Toulon Public Library District
Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements
For the Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021

Receipts: Property taxes \$234,751, Per capita \$3,235, Other grants \$11,355, Interest \$3,032, Donations \$7,814, E-Rate \$1,961, Fines & fees \$1,968.

Disbursements: Salary range \$50,000 to \$74,000: M Baumann. \$25,000 to \$50,000: C McReil. Under \$25,000: E Endress, J Kameroner, A Meyer, M McMillen.

Expenses: Salaries \$117,665, Maintenance \$5,290, Payroll taxes \$10,326, IMRF contributions \$10,277, Insurance (includes COVID expenses) \$42,949, Legal and accounting \$2,720, Library materials \$11,595, Contractual services \$4,473, Staff development \$6,873, Utilities \$4,307, Public relations \$2,107, Office and library supplies \$3,296, Building supplies \$524, Building loan interest \$3,390, COVID grant expense \$2,030.

Disbursements to vendors over \$2,500: Amazon \$10,961, Ameren \$4,093, American Express \$20,040, Blue Cross Blue Shield & Humana \$6,462, Center Point Publishing \$2,732, IL Dept of Revenue \$6,152, IMRF \$17,622, RSA NFP \$3,075, Spark Cap One Visa \$7,581, United States Treasury \$33,445.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

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FOR ANSWERS
SEE PAGE 3

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

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NDQDCAV DQIRDOICDYO.
— QIA UAQDFYO

Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MEASUREMENTS: How many dry quarts are in a peck?
- GEOGRAPHY: What's the name of the island where the Statue of Liberty stands?
- MUSIC: Which composer is known as "The Waltz King"?
- GEOMETRY: What is a three-sided polygon called?
- ASTRONOMY: What is it called when three celestial bodies are arranged in a straight line?
- TELEVISION: How many Huxtable children were in the long-running "The Cosby Show"?
- MOVIES: What's the name of the town in the "Halloween" horror movie series?
- SCIENCE: What does the acronym FM stand for?
- LITERATURE: Which famous novel begins with the line, "Happy families are all alike; every unhappy family is unhappy in its own way"?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is alabaster?

Answers
1. Eight
2. Liberty Island
3. Johann Strauss II
4. A triangle
5. Syncret
6. Five
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Now’s the time to feed our feathered friends

By **GRETCHEN STEELE**
For The Prairie News

And here we are in November, with snow on the horizon. Before we know it, winter will be settling in around us. That’s what makes this the time to get out your birdfeeders for coming hard times that our beloved songbirds will soon be facing.

Backyard birdwatching and feeder stations were once just a passing hobby or done only by the most avid birders. That has changed significantly over the past few years.

Birding and birdwatching in the United States has become one of the fastest-growing outdoor recreational activities. Our backyard bird friends do much to enrich our lives during the dark and dreary months of winter. They inspire us, bring us bright bits of color and entertain us with their social behaviors\ and feeder squabbles.

So how do we bring the magic of birds to our yards.?

It’s straightforward. Birds find food by sight. “Build it, and they will come” absolutely applies to backyard bird feeding. Put the food out, and in almost all cases, the birds will show up.

Backyard bird feeding and the enjoyment it brings can be as elaborate or simple as you wish and can afford. Some folks choose to take things to a whole new level with specialized species and seed-specific feeders and landscaping. Yet simply hanging one or two simple, inexpensive feeders can bring your family lots of bird-watching fun.

If you have a particular type of bird you want to attract, it’s a good idea to do a little research into what attracts that specific species. Some birds like

to feed at elevated levels, like the chickadees, nuthatches and goldfinch. Juncos, doves and native sparrows feed primarily on the ground. Then we have woodpeckers and brown creepers who are happier feeding on and around a tree trunk or log.

Some birds aren’t at all picky – cardinals and blue jays are just plain opportunistic and will feed wherever seed is provided.

The two easiest to inexpensive feeders for attracting a large variety of birds are hopper feeders and seed tube bird feeders.

Other popular styles include ground and platform, bird feeders. Many consider the platform feeder the best at attracting a variety of species.

For variety and to bring in even more birds, consider adding a tube or sock feeder for thistle seed and some suet cakes.

It’s not just the type of feeder that attracts specific birds but also the kind of food you put out. Birds that prefer elevated hopper and tube bird feeders love sunflower seed, safflower seed and a few nuts mixed in. Be aware if you use a general wild bird mix in these feeders. The birds may well pick through things looking for the favorites and kicking everything else onto the ground. That’s not all bad – little ground-feeding birds will generally clean up that mess.

General wild bird mixes usually consist of millet with cracked corn, sunflower seeds and occasional bits and pieces of nuts or berries. I’ve always found these to work great on platform and ground feeders. Birds seem to find the bits and pieces they prefer without kicking out as much

of the other food.
My platform feeder has a small roof over it to shield things from the weather. I also supplement inexpensive mixes with a handful or two of more expensive treat-type seeds such as black-oil sunflowers or nuts and dried fruit.

Read the label when buying seed. Many inexpensive mixes contain fillers such as milo, wheat, red millet that birds don’t find attractive. Sometimes almost 40 percent of a bag may be these fillers.

No discussion about backyard feeders is complete without mentioning squirrels, those crafty little bottomless pits that can empty a feeder in the blink of an eye. If squirrels are driving you crazy and gobbling up all your seed, you can add a baffle or invest in a squirrel-proof feeder.

Another trick I have learned is to use safflower seed in feeders that squirrels like the most. While most backyard birds enjoy safflower seed, squirrels will not eat it.

To encourage birds to visit your backyard regularly, make sure you have a water source. Even in winter, water is essential for their survival. A well-placed source of open water will attract more birds than birdseed alone. Shop around and consider adding a heater to your birdbath for the winter.

Lastly, consider planting bird-friendly habitat in your yard. Hedges, shrubs, small brushpiles left to overwinter offer shelter and protection.

Whether you go all out with feeding stations, habitat and other bird attractants or just hang a few feeders, you won’t be disappointed. Nothing perks up a dreary winter day like a backyard bustling with birds!

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark Co. girls BKB starts 0-2

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The Stark County girls basketball team started its season 0-2 in tournament play at Princeton.

The Lady Rebels dropped a 36-21 decision to Putnam County in the season opener on Monday, Nov. 15.

Stark County fell behind 19-9 by halftime of the opener and was unable to make up the difference in the second half, as Putnam County got 15 points from Erin Brooker and 12 points from Ava Hatten.

Payten Hillier and Kylee Frisby led Stark County with 8 points apiece. The Lady Rebels also got two points from both Paige Rewerts and McKenzie Tilch and 1 point from Hayley Gillam.

The Lady Rebels made just 7 of 16 free throws and did not hit a 3-pointer.

Frisby had a better offensive outing on

Tuesday, Nov. 16, in a 40-31 loss to Bureau Valley. She tallied 16 points to lead the Lady Rebels, who once again struggled from the line with 9-for-21 shooting. After a close first half that saw SC trailing just 16-13, Bureau Valley took control with a 15-8 run in the third.

Hoops Previews

We'll preview Stark County and Galva basketball teams in the Nov. 26 issue of The Prairie News.

Payten Hillier added five points for Stark County, while Lauren West and Morgan Brooks scored three apiece and Rewerts and Gil-lam each had two points.

Galva Girls Basketball

The Lady Wildcats are scheduled to open their season on Nov. 23 with an away game at 2-0 Bureau Valley.

Boys Basketball

The Stark County boys basketball team opens on Nov. 23 with a tournament game at Wethersfield vs. Annawan at 5 p.m.

Galva's boys open with a 5 p.m. game against West Central at the ROWVA-Williamsfield tournament.

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