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Stark board updated on Zerla lawsuit, raises salaries

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County board went into a 35-minute closed session at its Monday meeting for an update on a lawsuit settlement with Toulon resident Fulvio Zerla, who is suing the county for intimidation and denial of his free speech rights while he was a board member in highly contentious meetings in the summer of 2017.

Zerla resigned his seat on the board in September of 2017. He sought “appropriate compensatory damages” in his lawsuit.

Attorney Nate Schmitz, of the Thomas Mamen law firm, made a presentation for the county’s liability insurance company cover-



Zerla

age. Details of the settlement were not disclosed during the monthly meeting, but The Prairie News plans to file a Freedom of Information Act document with the county to receive particulars.

Salaries for county representatives were discussed and acted upon for the county board members, county sheriff Steve Sloan, treasurer Paula Leezer, and county clerk/recorder Heather Hollis. Circuit clerk

Julie Kenney’s salary will be on next month’s agenda.

The board approved an annual resolution to set board member salaries at \$1,250 per year, although the members do not collect said salaries, as has been the case now for a number of years.

Leezer, Hollis and Kenney made a joint presentation to the board requesting that their compensation be increased since their salaries had been frozen in the

past when the county was in financial trouble. The board approved increases for Leezer and Hollis to \$56,000 per year each, while Kenney’s salary increase to \$56,000 will be on next month’s agenda. The county approved re-directing \$23,000 plus \$15,000 to pay these three increases, plus a 1.6 percent annual increase in salary over the next three years.

The sheriff’s salary was set at \$61,000, with the state paying

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GRADUATION SECTION INSIDE



Pictured above from left to right are the Toulon Lions Club Scholarship recipients: Tristan Gerber, Emily Orrick, Kaitlyn Orrick, Ashley Orrick and Kathryn Kidd.

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Scholarships awarded

Stark County, Galva students recognized as graduation nears

TOULON – Stark County seniors were presented scholarships Tuesday at the annual awards assembly. Here are recipients.

- Daughters of the American Revolution - Blake Orwig
- American Legion Award - Kathryn Kidd and Orwig
- Fine Arts Network Scholarship - December Tracy
- Toulon Lions Club Ted Webster Memorial - Tristan Gerber
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Toulon rates increase

Garbage, recycling rates increase, water next

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council approved increasing rates for garbage removal and recycling collections.

The rate for garbage will be \$14.65 per month from June 1 to April 30, 2023. The rate then increases again in 2023 to \$15 per month from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024.

Recycling collection will be \$4.39 per month from June 1 to April 30, 2023, and increases again to \$4.56 per month from May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2024.

Water rate increases were discussed, but the council is going to schedule a committee meeting and generate a new ordinance before formally acting upon a new rate. Mayor Larry Hollis said that the city is charging less than what it should for water – and is charging less than what the city pays for collections of garbage and recycling.

The council additionally approved a sewer connection fee

ordinance that calls for the city to charge \$350 for new sewer connections to the city’s sewer system.

Full-time city employees were awarded a 5 percent increase. Also, the city’s water meter reader’s pay increases from \$300 to \$375 monthly.

Hollis made appointments for 2022-2: Kathlene Carter as city attorney, Farnsworth Group as city engineer, Meister, Hilton and Chitwood as auditor, and no one for water superintendent until Josh Allen or Jake Streitmatter passes the water certification test. Also named were Teresa Macy as deputy city clerk, Gary Bent as police chief, Jacob and Klein as TIF administrator and Teresa Macy as the city’s TIF assistant.

The council approved a \$12,994 concrete bid from Bob’s Concrete for 177 feet of sidewalk to be replaced in front of the city water system building (old city hall). The council approved the release of a second mortgage on the former

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Everything to be picked up must be out by Monday, May 23rd. The garbage truck will start in the North end of Wyoming and move South. They will not revisit an area they have already picked up.

It will be free to all **residential households** in the corporate limits of the City of Wyoming. **Per state laws they cannot pick up any electrical items.** Large nonelectrical appliances and large pieces of furniture as in couches, large chairs, mattress, and box springs will require a tag at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tags can be purchased at City Hall. City Hall's hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Anything placed out should be easily picked up by one man and placed into the back of the garbage truck. Bundle items when necessary so they may be picked up quickly.

The following will not be picked up:
 1) Electrical items.
 2) Landscape waste.
 3) Hazardous material as in kerosene, fuel oil, paint thinners, batteries, and tires.
 4) No building materials and long poles as these items damage the garbage truck.

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

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

STARK BOARD: Funds have positive balance

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\$23,000 of said salary and the county paying \$38,000. The \$23,000 was re-directed to other salary increases.

The board heard a presentation from the University of Illinois Extension representative Jennie Garner and approved a \$26,750 contribution for programs. It is in effect from July 1

through June 30, 2023.

Ron Hilton, the county's auditor said the county received "a best opinion" based on the budget that ended Nov. 30, 2021. Hilton said the county had total revenues of \$4.6 million, expenditures of \$3.8 million for an excess of \$800,000 to the good. He added that all county funds have a

positive balance.

The board recognized Stark County's Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) manager Mat Schnepfle for receiving the 2022 Illinois Manager of the Year award.

Finally, Julie Kenney requested ARPA funds of \$2,337 to purchase an electronic seal for documents.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Stark Co., Galva seniors honored

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- Glenn Buchert Memorial - Gerber
- Wyoming P.E.O. Chapter NL Scholarship - Potter
- Toulon P.E.O. Chapter - Kathryn Kidd
- Rumbold/Kuhn Agri-Business - Orwig, Welch and Ashley Orrick
- Elsie Mueller Memorial - Emily Orrick, Kidd and Gerber
- Bradley Wood Memorial - Kidd
- George Fritch - Gerber and Potter
- Kristin Keane Educational - Ashley Orrick, Emily Orrick and Kaitlyn Orrick
- Lolabel Taylor Memorial - Colgan
- Jim Campin Memorial - Gerber
- Jason Jackson Memorial - Potter
- Blackhawk Presidential Scholars - Chloe Irving, Gerber and Welch
- Bradon Ely Christian & Agricultural Scholarship - Orwig and Carroll
- Brittany Schaffer Yer Kiln It At Life Scholarship - Jacob Best
- Berger Accounting - Orwig
- Ed Curry Memorial - Welch
- LaFayette High School Alumni Association - Welch
- Levi Berg Memorial - Kidd
- Kenneth Ebert Memorial - Welch, Ashley Orrick, Orwig and Emily Or-

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 - Orion Energy - Orwig
 - Aaron Miller Memorial - Unhold
 - Midwest Technical Institute - Potter
 - Margaret K. Poe Memorial - Toulon Recipient - Kaitlyn Orrick; Wyoming Recipient - Potter; Bradford Recipient - Lane Moodie
- Galva students honored**
- GALVA – Scholarships were presented Sunday to Galva High School seniors.
 - Bates and King Memorial - Taylor Burke and David Mock
 - Beta Sigma Phi Award - Jenna Suddeth
 - Christa Townsend Memorial Health - Suddeth
 - Community State Bank of Galva - Tyler Piester
 - Galva Arts Council Fine and Creative Arts - Savannah Platt
 - Lions Club - T.J. Conner
 - Lions Club H. Ray Young Memorial Science Scholarship - Suddeth
 - Masonic Lodge Scholarship - Wade Rachel and Suddeth
 - Rotary - Taylor Burke
 - Health Professional - Suddeth

- The Janet and Ken Russell Scholarship - Burke
- Financial Freedom Scholarship - Burke
- Kenneth C. Speed Memorial English Award - Mock
- Keppy Foundation and Galva FFA and Alumni Achievement -Burke and Mock
- Marvin Warner Memorial - Burke
- Melissa Bates Memorial - Burke
- PEO BR Chapter Award - Burke
- Sanford Bittle Memorial Athletic Scholarship - Piester
- Shanna Thomson Scholarship - Savannah Platt
- Sharon Kay (Miller) Rosenberg Memorial Scholarship - Joshua Dunn
- Sheldon and Dorothy Dornink Memorial - Mock
- Xavier Hartman Memorial - Wade Rachel
- High School Presidential Award in Education - Burke, Conner, Dunn, Mock, Piester, Platt and Suddeth
- Compeer Financial - Mock
- Mississippi Valley Blood Center Impact Award - Conner
- Jim Kiley Financial Freedom Award - Burke
- ROTC Scholarship - Conner.

TOULON: No progress, extension on lift station

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 Julie's Market Café so that the sale of the building can commence.

The lift station was again discussed with no resolution. Stark Construction, has asked for a six-month

extension, on the project, but the council is hesitant to approve it. Mayor Hollis said that the city is "being held hostage." The initial contract expired at the end of April.

There was also discussion on the ordinance pro-

hibiting livestock within city limits (including chickens) and the appropriations budget for next year that tentatively increase expenditures overall by 2.49 percent. It will be on next month's agenda for approval.

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Incidents & Accidents Stark County

5-1 - Michael J. Sadowski, 26, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for theft. He posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a new court date.

5-1 - A stolen vehicle was reported by a Toulon resident in the 300 block of S. Franklin St.

5-8 - Ryan P. Miller, 44, Galesburg, was arrested on a pending Macomb/McDonough County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge of financial review for criminal damage to property. He posted \$500 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

5-2 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave., Daniel Bermudez, 23, Kewanee, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license. He was released with a required court date.

5-2 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject. They were ultimately transported by ambulance for evaluation.

5-2 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a telephone harassment complaint.

5-2 - to a residence just north of town on North Center Ave. in reference to a broken windshield caused by a lawn mower complaint.

5-2 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave., Jacob Dailey, 18, Galva, was arrested while license revoked, failure to transfer title upon new ownership, no insurance, no valid registration, and having a defective exhaust system. He was released with a required court date.

5-3 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. for a complaint involving a pet



cat that scratched a juvenile near the eye.

5-3 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check.

5-4 - to the railroad tracks on NE 2nd St. in reference to a passing train that had grain pouring out of it. Officer notified BNSF of the incident.

5-5 - along with the Fire Department and Stark County Medic to the old Galva viaduct west of town for a subject who had jumped or fallen more than 15 feet.

5-5 - to assist the Knox County Sheriff's Dept. and Stark County Medic with a medical emergency south and west of town involving a subject not breathing. The subject was found to be breathing and was transported by ambulance for treatment.

5-6 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of Chester St., Cameron Laue, 30, Kewanee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of possession of methamphetamine. He received a new charge of possession of meth, no valid registration, and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

5-6 - twice to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose dog complaint.

5-7 - Several Galva police officers attended the funeral services for the

fallen Knox County deputy, in Galesburg.

5-7 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving a group of young juveniles yelling profanities. Officer unable to locate.

5-7 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of Market St., Bernard Mahieu, 58, Moline, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating a vehicle with suspended registration. He was released with a required court date.

5-7 - to the 400 block of SE 4th St. in reference to a pickup truck driving in the area with a subject sitting in the bed of the truck. The suspect truck was located and as a result, Jeffery Lucas, 47, Galva, was issued a citation for failure to wear a seat belt as a passenger.

5-7 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a loud music complaint.

5-8 - to investigate a complaint involving a violation of an order of protection in the 300 block of Front St.

5-2 - David Woodward, 39, Galva, was issued a citation for having expired vehicle registration in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

5-8 - Michelle Esslinger, 40, Moline, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

5-8 - Destiny Fleming, 23, Wyanet, was issued a citation for having a tinted windshield in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

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State Bank of Toulon names essay winners

TOULON – The Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI) Foundation for Community Banking has selected its 2021 Annual Scholarship Program winners. Now in its 34th year, the CBAI program offers \$21,000 to 24 high-school seniors via an essay writing contest. This year, 82 CBAI member banks representing 238 students statewide participated.

State Bank of Toulon is pleased to announce that Kendal Bennison from Kewanee High School is the first-place winner for Group 5 and Blake Orwig from Stark County High School is the second-place winner for Group 5. The bank sponsored Bennison and Orwig for the contest. Bennison received \$1,000 and Orwig received \$500 to be used for higher education beginning next fall.



Bennison



Orwig

State Bank of Toulon also sponsored a local essay contest and Bennison placed first and was awarded \$750, Orwig placed second and was awarded \$500 and Tucker Forrest from Wethersfield High School placed third and was awarded \$250. Details will be available in September for the next essay contest.

Galva Legion seeking flag volunteers

GALVA – The Galva American Legion is seeking volunteers to place over 800 flags in the holders at the graves of veterans at the Galva Cemetery on Sunday, May 22 at 7 a.m. The Legion is also seeking volunteers to place flags for the Memorial Day Avenue of Flags If you can help, come to the storage building behind Subway on May 30 at 6 a.m., or meet at the Galva Cemetery at 6:15 a.m.

– Carol Townsend.

BRIEFS



The Stark County prom was Saturday and Prom King was Colby Carroll while Prom Queen was Savannah Potter. Attendants were Chloe Irving, Ashley Orrick and Blake Orwig. Submitted photo.

Bradford CUSD music education recognized

BRADFORD – Bradford CUSD #1 has been honored with the Best Communities for Music Education designation from The NAMM Foundation for its outstanding commitment to music education.

The Best Communities for Music Education designation is awarded to districts that demonstrate outstanding achievement in providing music access and education to students.

Bradford provides an education to approximately 147 students. Of these 147 students, 128 choose to participate in the music program (87%). The music department is under the direction of Kevin Boyle.

Et cetera

• GALVA – The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be held Tuesday, May 24 from 1 to 6 p.m. at Epworth Hall at the First Methodist Church in Galva. The church is located at 214 NW 2nd Ave. For an appointment, call 1-800-733-2767 or visit www.redcross-blood.org/. Bring a friend and help save lives.

• GALVA – Pastor Bryan Griem will lead a four-week Bible discussion on the beliefs that should define any true Christian. The study will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday evenings May 18-June 8 at the First Baptist Church of Galva, 211 NW 4th Ave.



Lauren and Sharon Murray of 529 Southeast 8th Avenue was picked by the Galva Ready to Grow committee as the May Galva Property Pride winner. Lauren takes care of the mowing and Sharon takes care of the flowers on the property. He is a contractor and she is a retired teacher in the Galva district. The couple have two grown daughters and five grandchildren. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Call (309) 932-2713.

• GALVA – The Henry County Crimestoppers is holding a chili supper and bake sale at the Galva American Legion on Saturday, May 21, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. Donations will be accepted. Proceeds are for crime tips.

• TOULON – All Stark County seniors are invited to attend the Baccalaureate Ceremony on Sunday, May 22, at 4 p.m. at the 1st Baptist Church in Toulon. Seniors, please wear your graduation gowns, you do not have to wear your caps.

NOTICE TO STARK COUNTY VOTERS

Early voting for the June 28th, 2022, Primary Election will begin May 19th and end June 27th at the office of the Stark County Clerk
130 W. Main, Toulon.

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Galva pool set to open May 28

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Park District pool is scheduled to open May 28. Pool hours are 12 to 6 p.m. daily. For information about activities and fees visit facebook.com/galvaparkdistrict.

The Park Board met last Wednesday. Superintendent Nathan Glaser is getting the pool ready to open. He reported that maintenance is working well. Scheduled projects include flag pole repair and new

mulch for the playground.

The board approved 20 free miniature golf passes for the Galva Public Library summer reading program.

Park District treasurer Brittany Stewart reported 39 memberships for the 2022 season.

The board approved the Freedom Fest beer tent at the Park District on July 3 from 8-11 p.m. The tent will be fenced in and have porta potties on site.

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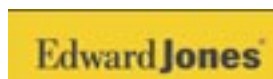
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ACROSS

1 Shrine images

6 Kept from falling, as parts

13 Abashed

20 Showed on TV again

21 Not varying at all

22 In a weepy way

23 Start of a riddle

25 Language spoken in Dhaka

26 Is in a chair

27 College, to a Brit

28 Long to undo

30 Augur's sign

31 Riddle, part 2

39 Home for mil. jets

40 Roman love god

41 Singer James or Jones

42 Bad guys

46 Explosive compounds

48 Hercules creator

53 From time immemorial

54 Riddle, part 3

56 Talk big

57 Mr. Capote, to friends

58 Partner of neither

59 Liquid asset

60 Riddle, part 4

66 Reciprocal

69 Army chaplain

70 The Great Lakes' — Canals

71 Libreville's country

72 Everglades mammal

75 Riddle, part 5

80 Big name in PCs

81 Letter two before tau

83 "— Kapital"

84 Roof part

85 Riddle, part 6

91 Become rigid

93 Key in again

94 Thin and watery

95 Back fish fins

96 "QED" center

98 Formerly, old-style

99 Mendes of "2 Fast 2 Furious"

100 End of the riddle

109 Kazan of Hollywood

110 Singer Ritzer

111 Feel flush, perhaps

112 French pails

114 Excessive bureaucracy

117 Riddle's answer

123 Offspring-producing animal

124 Part of ROTC

125 Rule from the throns

126 Cheech and Chong personas

127 Electrical current units

128 Archipelago parts

DOWN

1 Eye opener?

2 Shocking EMT treatment

3 Give a speech

4 Expires

5 Lead-in to Cone or Cat

6 Rubs elbows

7 Flying

8 Metal dot

9 Expire

10 "The Simpsons" shout

11 Old stage star Hagen

12 Martinez of baseball

13 Ideally

14 Realize

15 Sci-Fi's Solo

16 Class jargon

17 Where the Marlins play

18 Bunstyn or Barkin of film

19 Running out of steam

24 Blew with short blasts

29 Works Heritage Site gp.

32 Marcurist's target

33 Brave in the face of adversity

34 Give off

35 "The lady — protest ..."

36 Canadian tribe

37 — TASS (news agency)

38 Very wise

42 Seizes

43 Site of the Taj Mahal

44 Scorch

45 Frat shindig stunts

47 Flagah's wife

49 Mountain climbers, e.g.

50 Alexis or Peter, e.g.

51 Big name in oil and gas

52 Court great

54 Novelist Sarah — Jewett

55 Basic musical chords

57 Bullfighter

61 D.C. baseballer

62 Ice's initials

63 USSR's Cold War foe

64 Alluringly shy

65 "Moo" maker

67 76ers' org.

68 Rocket scientist

69 Werther — Braun

71 Neutral color

72 Bryn —, Pennsylvania

73 Feel flush, perhaps

74 Not cluttered

75 Bagel center

76 "— Fideles"

77 Father, to a lot

78 Knievel of motorcycle stunts

79 Cravings

82 Hurry it up

86 Tech detail

87 Wife of Zeus

88 — Scott case

89 Civil wrong

90 "Quiet!"

91 Dumpty dwellings

92 — Sea (Asian lake)

95 Thrills for

97 Rearranges

100 Basil and bay leaf

101 Heads-up

102 YouTube clip

103 All gone, as food

104 Add-on

105 Purple color

106 Decorative flower holders

107 Cybermassive

108 Scorch

110 1040 ID: Abbr.

111 Fruity quaff

116 According to

118 Fence (in)

119 Psychic "gift"

120 Added charge

121 Brain great

122 Alleged psychic

123 Geller

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OBITUARIES

David B. Jackson

KEWANEE – David Bruce Jackson, son of the late Morris Merle and Marjorie Mae (Walker) Jackson, was born May 25, 1944, in Kewanee, Ill., and departed this life May 17, 2021, at his home in Mountain Grove, Mo., at 76 years of age.

David served in the United States Navy for eight years and was honorably discharged May 18, 1970. David was a farmer in the 1970s and also spent several years as a truck driver. At the time of his passing, he had been attending Countryside Church of the Nazarene. He was a dedicated servant of the church, mowing the lawn, making sure the doors were locked or unlocked depending on the activities, and doing general maintenance. David will be greatly missed.

Irvin L. Klavohn

KEWANEE – Irvin “Louie” L. Klavohn, 94, of Kewanee, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice House, Peoria. Memorial Services will be at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Flemish American Club, Kewanee.

A Celebration of Life will be from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, May 14, 2022, at the Flemish American Club. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Kewanee Historical Society, Zion Lutheran Church or the American Red Cross.

Please leave an online condolence for Louie’s family at www.schuene-mantumblesonfuneralhome.com.

John Patrick Lee

GALVA – John Patrick (Pat) Lee died April 21, 2022, of cancer in Kewanee, Ill., at the age of 69.

Pat was a proud father and good buddy to daughters Melissa (Jason) Bates and Carissa (Matthew) Minder,

a fun Papa and M&M supplier to grandsons Carter, Cooper, and Cameron Bates, and Desmond and Grant Minder, a partner in crime to his brothers Dud and the late Joe and T.A.; a devoted but ornery son to his late parents John and Betty Lee; fun uncle to many nieces and nephews; helpful brother-in-law to lots of feisty women; bonus dad to lots of kids and a great friend to many.

Pat was married to Paula Evans in 1974, and then later to Linda (House-log) Lee in 2002. Both wives remained dear friends with Pat during his life but his true love was the Green Bay Packers. He always had room at his bar for fellow football fans on Sundays, even a Chicago Bears fan. That’s how big his heart was.

Pat grew up in rural Bishop Hill and attended Galva High School where he was inducted into the Wall of Fame for football. He received his bachelor’s degree from Western Illinois University and an MBA from St. Ambrose University.

He worked in manufacturing for many years including at Dixline Corporation as a manager for 18 years and most recently retiring from McLaughlin Body in Moline, Ill., after 20 years as an industrial engineer. He was also an adjunct business professor at several colleges and retired from teaching at Purdue University last year.

In his early years, he could be found causing trouble with his brothers and friends, especially Keith (Lou) Patty. He was a very good soft-

ball pitcher and was inducted into the Illinois ASA Hall of Fame in 2014. Pat was a great dance partner and threw the best parties. Hats were usually mandatory for all those attending, however, Tupperware bowls or coffee filters could be used in a pinch.

You knew Pat loved you if he left a toilet bowl in your front yard, ambushed you with a water gun, or came to pinch you the day after your birthday. His life was short, but he sure did have fun.

Visitation will be held on Friday, May 13, from 6-8 p.m. at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. on May 14 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Galva with Fr. John Damasi officiating. Private interment will be held at a later time at Viola Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers please send donations to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Galva, OSF Healthcare Foundation, or another charity of your choice.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Roy L. Brooks

GALVA – Roy L. Brooks, 62, passed away unexpectedly on May 2, 2022. He was born to Betty Brooks Nolan and Leonard Leon Brooks on Aug. 23, 1959, in Galva.

He is survived by his longtime friend Lynne (Bevans) Bullock and his four siblings Robert Ernest Brooks, Carrie Mae Brooks, Rebecca Helen Ganssle, and Roger Leon Brooks.

A Celebration of Life will be held from 1-4 p.m., Sunday, May 15, at the Galva American Legion followed by a graveside service at Galva Cemetery.



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Local athletes qualify for IESA state track meet

A total of 18 local athletes qualified at Class 1A and 2A sectionals last week for the IESA State Track Meet, to be held today and Saturday (May 13-14) at the EastSide Centre in East Peoria.

Stark County competed at the Class 2A IVC Sectional on Saturday and had nine qualifiers.

Sixth-grader Braxton Gibson won the 100-meter dash with a personal record time of 13.21 seconds. The 7th grade boys 4x200 relay of 6th graders Jack Knoblauch, Micah Stubbs and Gibson and 7th grader Rocco Swearingen placed third but advanced with a time of 1:58.76. Riley Masters won the 8th grade boys 200 (p.r., 26.12) and was second in the 100 but his 12.67-second time bettered the qualifying standard.

For the girls, 7th grader Kenna Sparks won the high jump (p.r., 4-1) and the second-place 4x100 relay of



Bradford's 8th grade 4x200 relay qualified for state last Friday with a time of 2:02.69. relay members are (left to right) Jacey Endress, Cheyenh Smith, Reagan Calder and Dusti Smith.

tional, but still advanced four athletes to state. Bradford's 8th grade girls 4x200 relay of Jacey Endress, Cheyenh Smith, Dusti Smith and Reagan Calder shaved six seconds off their season best to win in 2:02.69. The same group of girls later ran the 4x400 shaving off 12 seconds from their time, but falling short of qualifying. Dusti Smith also won the 7th grade 400 (1:05.24).

Galva had five athletes reach state. Ian Pacheco won the 8th grade boys 800 (2:35.47) and 1,600 (5:46.77), while 7th graders Reid Harris won in high jump (4-11) and Bryant Jeffrey won the 800 (2:36.89).

KayKay Latcham qualified in two 7th grade girls events, winning the 100 (14.05) and the 100 hurdles (17.98) and Natalie Hawes won the 8th grade 100 hurdles (17.98).

Sparks, Abby and Anna Nagode and 6th grader Taylor Price placed second in a qualifying time of 57.98.

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Dubai is the largest city of which country?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was President Richard Nixon's Secret Service code name?
- TELEVISION: In which year did the first episode of the animated comedy "South Park" air?
- HISTORY: What was the former name of the Hoover Dam on the Colorado River?
- MUSIC: Which instrument is Pablo Casals famous for playing?
- LITERATURE: What are the names of Harry Potter's deceased parents in the book series?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "bona fide" mean?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby fish called?
- ACRONYMS: What does BMW stand for?
- MOVIES: What is the song playing in the famous twist scene of "Pulp Fiction"?

Answers
 1. United Arab Emirates
 2. Searchlight
 3. 1997
 4. Boulder Dam, for a short time in the 1940s
 5. The cello
 6. James and Lily
 7. In good faith
 8. A try or fingering
 9. Bavarian Motor Works
 10. "You Never Can Tell," Chuck Berry
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TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Bad Guys (PG)
- Sonic the Hedgehog 2 (PG)
- Fantastic Beasts: Dumbledore (PG-13)
- The Northman (R)
- Everything Everywhere All at Once (R)
- The Unbearable Massive Talent (R)
- The Lost City (PG-13)
- Memory (R)
- Father Stu (R)
- Morbis (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark Co. boys post best LTC track finish

By The Prairie News Staff

The Stark County boys finished third last Friday at the Lincoln Trail Conference in Aledo, the best LTC finish in the history of the program. The Rebels racked up 97 points to place behind winner Mercer County (143) and Princeville (106).

Senior Keagan Newton won the 300-meter hurdles in a time of 43.85 seconds and the triple jump with a leap of 41 feet, 1.25 inches and was second in the 110 hurdles with a personal record of 16.59 seconds.

The Rebels also swept the top two spots in shot put, with senior Blake Orwig the winner with a throw of 51-6.5 and junior Colby Stotler second with a p.r. of 43-4.75.

Other medalists were Colby Carroll in the 400, Arvid Steudte in the 110 hurdles, and the 4x100 team of Matthew Bowser, Nolan Orwig, Avery Gerber and Carroll.

Top girls finish at the LTC was the second-place 4x800 relay of Paige Rewerts, Sarah Kraklow, Keagan Hamilton and Ashley Orrick (11:01.57).

On Monday at Galva, the 4x100 relay of Nolan Orwig, Gerber, Newton, and Carroll set a school record with their performance. Other winners were Newton in 110 hurdles and triple jump, Carroll in 300 hurdles, Orwig in shot put. Jacob Pierce of Galva was second in discus (p.r., 132-0) and Ava Strom was second in triple jump (p.r., 31-2.75).

The Stark County girls team was to compete Thursday in the Mercer County Sectional. Defending state high jump champion Lindley Johnston, also 8th in the 400 last year, has been sidelined for two weeks with a bone bruise on her foot. But Coach Clint Terwilliger said Johnston was going to "give it her best shot and see what she can handle." She was seeded first in the 200, second in the 400 and first in high jump.

• **Stark County baseball** – Stark County (4-19) took a pair from Lincoln Trail rival Galva, 19-4 and 10-0, on Monday at home. In the opener, Avery Whittle and Ryn Hillan had hot bats with six and four RBI, respectively. Dillon Steelman, Daniel Kieser and Cameron Watson each drove in two. Timothy Giesenhagen pitched to four strikeouts, two walks and seven hits for the win.

In the nightcap Whittle had very good command, by walking none, striking out eight and giving up just two hits. Kieser rapped two doubles with three RBI. Charles Rousch had two RBI for the Rebels.

SCHS battled Brimfield-Elmwood all the way in a 5-1 setback on the road May 4 in a non-conference contest. Whittle tossed six frames and struck out nine. Steelman hit safely twice for the Rebels.

Stark County opens play as a No. 10 seed in the Class 1A Wethersfield Regional at No. 9 Ridgewood on Monday at 4:30 p.m. The winner

faces No. 2 Henry-Senachwine Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

• **Galva Baseball** – Galva (1-17) dropped a Lincoln Trail pair Monday on the road to Stark County 19-4 and 10-0. Josh Dunn was 2 for 2 with an rbi in the opener. Talon Hull and Braxton Rylander each doubled.


Tyler Piester struck out five, but he and Dunn allowed a total of 12 hits. Hull and Jaxson Meier pitched the second game. Meier whiffed six, while hull fanned four, but the hosts made their contact at bats count. Hull and Meier each had one hit.

Galva opens play at Wethersfield as a No. 11 seed on Monday at 4:30 p.m. vs. No. 5 Wethersfield. The winner plays vs. No. 3 Peoria Heights Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

• **Stark County Softball** – Stark County (4-14) opens at the Class 1A Princeville Regional on Monday as a No. 9 seed vs. No. 10 Lowpoint-Washburn at 4:30 p.m. The winner faces No. 2 Sterling Newman Central Catholic on Tuesday at 4:30.


• **Galva Softball** – On May 4, Galva lost to Morrison, 21-0, in four innings. The Wildcats (3-17) then lost a doubleheader May 7 to Mercer County, 23-4 and 17-2. Each game went five innings. Sarah Kaiser had two RBI for Galva in the first game.

Seeded No. 9, Galva plays Monday at 4:30 p.m. in its opener of the Class 1A Woodhull Regional vs. No. 7 Morrison. The winner faces No. 2 Ridgewood Tuesday at 4:30 p.m.



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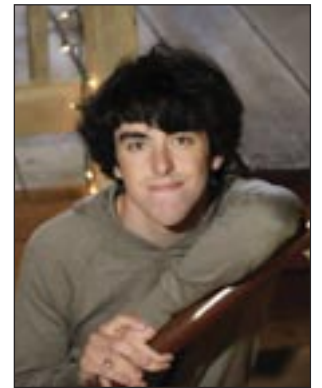
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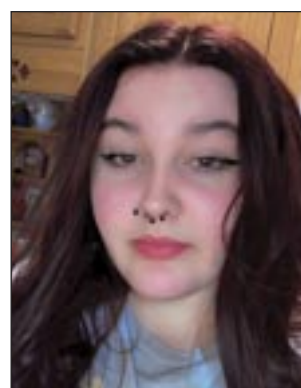
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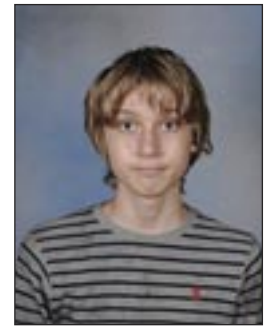
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