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Stark County set to leave high school building

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 WYOMING – The end of the current school year will mark the end of the road for the current high school building that was built in 1922 and first occupied in January, 1923.
 School staff members are packing their belongings and according to Superintendent Brett Elliott, "are preparing for staging all items for the summer."

A public auction will be held May 28 to sell various items from the school building. Bricks from the building should also be available later after the demolition procedure, which is scheduled in July. Elliott wrote, "Abatement of the current high school will begin June 6 and move through most of June."
 On a related note, insurance agent John Leezer presented an insurance renewal for the school district and

said the cost of the new school building is \$16.5 million, which includes the demolition of the old high school and remodeling the Junior High building. The current high school is insured for \$16.6 million. The total premium for the district is \$135,320.
 The school board approved authorization to let bids for the upcoming 2022-23 school year for bread, milk, the Rebel Reporter and trash collection.
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An artist's rendering of the new Stark County H.S. weight room.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR

Working from home

Gaming app leads to software career for Michael Schott

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – Michael Schott returned home to work and now seldom has to leave his home to do his work.
 Schott returned to Toulon last year after a brief hiatus to attend college and gain employment. He currently works online at home as a software engineer for Bayer USA - Pharmaceuticals.
 Born in 1997, Michael graduated in 2015 from Stark County High School and completed several dual credit courses while attending there. He has earned a Bachelor's degree in Computer Science after graduating from Bradley University, in 2018.
 "When I first went to Bradley,



Pictured above is Michael Schott at his home office in Toulon. Schott began his software programming career creating mobile apps for gaming while still in college at Bradley University. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

I had never done any computer [software] programming, and I didn't know if I was going to like it not," Schott said. "And, I didn't know if I was going to like it until I was in my senior year at Bradley."
 Michael makes his own apps (applications) for mobile software, which began in college. He says now that he "really enjoys doing software." He added that the thing that helped land his

first job was an app he developed for a video game during his senior year at Bradley.
 "This app really took off and had over 100,000 installs, which secured my first job. It trended number seven for entertainment on the Apps stores," Michael recalled. "It was a companion app for a video game that helped guide people with the game."
 Currently, Michael's work as-

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Galva adds new staff for next school year

By CAROL TOWNSEND
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA –The Galva School Board handled personnel matters, set school fees and approved a helpful Eagle Scout project during its Monday meeting.
 Hires for the 2022-23 school year including the following:
 • Josh Harris as head 8th grade boys basketball;
 • Rebecca Wigant as head 7th grade girls basketball coach;
 • Charlie Brooks as cafeteria manager and head cook.
 The board also approved school fees. Most will remain the same, but lunch fees will increase, as will the cost of junior high and high school yearbooks.
 The board heard that an amended budget hearing will be held June 20 at 6:55 p.m. before the next regular meeting.

The board toured both the elementary and junior senior high school Monday night.
 Both the Elementary and Junior-Senior High School will offer extra schooling help this summer from June 6-30 for students that are behind in a subject or need extra help. Classes will meet from 8 a.m. to noon and the district will not provide transportation.
 "There will be a lot of construction at the schools this summer" noted Superintendent Jerry Becker.
 Windows will be installed in both the Elementary and Junior Senior High School. Work on restrooms being added onto the weight room will also begin.
 The board also approved handbooks for both the Elementary and the Junior Senior High School. Handbook changes at the high school included a rule precluding holes
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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.

Voting hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. We will also be open Saturday, June 25th from 9-12 p.m. for early voting.

Heather L. Hollis
Stark County Election Authority

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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: Athletic admissions fees set to increase

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tion. In addition, the board approved Gorenz and Associates, Ltd. As the district's auditor. An audit is scheduled for July.

A increase in athletic admission costs was approved, boosting the cost for high school events to \$5 for adults and \$3 for students; for junior high events to \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Athletic passes will increase to \$25 for students (up \$5), \$50 for an individual (up \$10) and \$100 for a family (up \$20).

Online subscribers will pay \$10 per month. The last increase was in 2015.

School district office manager Barbara Loane is set to retire June 30 and her replacement is Danielle Hall, who was approved as TRS data entry



An artist's rendering of the new Stark County High School library renovation.

manager, unit payroll clerk (IMRF authorized agent) and for district treasurer.

The board's summer retreat this year was set for July 18 from 8 a.m. to noon, followed by the regular board meeting at 1:30 p.m. Eighth grade promotion was scheduled to take place May 18 with the last school day on May 24. High school principal Megan McGann reported that 44 seniors graduated May 15 ,

meaning 100 percent of seniors graduated.

After executive closed session, resignations included Sarah Stieghorst as Stark Smart sponsor, Bonnie Delabar as kitchen staff, Molly Carlton as high school cheer, Ron Peterson as industrial arts teacher and summer maintenance, Ann Chapman as Spanish teacher, and Elizabeth Groter as JV volleyball coach.

Approved for positions were: Amanda Davis as kitchen staff, Jade Noard as 7th grade boys basketball coach, Tyler Jones as JV girls basketball coach, Mary Jo Groter as freshman girls basketball coach, Caitlin Meaker as musical pianist, Marianna DeBolt as musical art director and Katrina Hegwood as high school and JV volleyball coach.

SCHOTT: Software gathers plot data for Agri-Life

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signment for Bayer is being "tasked" with Agri-Live that gathers [farming] plot data for scientists and is displayed in a format on a website related to the planting or harvesting cycle.

When not working with software, Michael concentrates on real estate. "I have ventures in about eight properties now with five in Toulon and one each in Galva, Kewanee and Monica," Schott said.

The Newsroom Bistro building at 101 W. Main St., in Toulon, where

Michael lives in the upstairs loft apartment, is his only commercial property.

Schott said he purchases properties for refurbishing and renting of those houses.

"I had no intention of getting into real estate," he said.

Michael's father, Joe Orwig, had an auction on Culbertson Street for a house that was being sold, but no one showed up for the auction. The sellers sold it to Joe who in turn sold it to Michael. That's what "sparked" Michael's real estate ventures.

Michael gets away from the computer screen by playing volleyball at the Wyoming WyHi Center and softball in Peoria or just walking. Community involvement also has Michael serving on Stark County's zoning commission, as an alderman for Toulon's city council and as a new Lions' Club member. This is a shift for a self-described introvert who prefers playing video games.

Michael's parents are Joe and Karin Orwig and he had eight brothers and sisters. Brother Dustin is deceased.

GALVA: Joins intergovernmental agreement

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in jeans below short length.

The school terms will also change from semesters to quarters.

The board approved Jonas Porsche to do an Eagle Scout project at the school district beginning July 1. His projects include sealing the new handicapped bleachers, painting handrails around bleachers, planting perennials around the flag pole, spreading new mulch and putting two new musical instruments in the pre-K outdoor classroom. Porsche will also paint games on the black-top once it has been refinished.

The school will provide supplies and Porsche and other Boy Scouts will provide the labor.



Superintendent Joe Becker, left presented the Wildcat Pride Award to, from left to right, Oliver Karnes, Arabella Porsche, Alyssa Hudson and Willow Kelly. Photo by Carol Townsend.

The board approved an intergovernmental agreement with schools in Illinois to be able to purchase items cheaper.

The board approved Gorenz and Associates as auditor.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

5-6 - Cole H. Roach - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-1 - Arthur J. Pratt - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
5-13 - Jessica I. Joos - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
5-15 - Lisa J. Ellerbrock - Driving 15-20 mpg above limit.
5-15 - Karla J. Lozano - driving 21-25 mph above limit.
5-14 - William P. Cordge - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-14 - Cogh n G. Newman - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
5-6 - Yesenia Gallardo - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
5-10 - Lavonne M. J. Finney - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
5-13 - Charles Norm n Rouse - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-13 - Skyla Bree Lynn Gordillo - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-14 - Kelley M. Lockett - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-12 - Kristine Y. Blankenship - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

5-7 - Samantha E. Giese, 36, of Bradford, was ticketed for illegal transportation of alcohol, driving with no insurance, and disobeying a stop sign. She was issued a court date.
5-9 - Lexia M. Gumm, 19, Peoria, was cited for driving with no lights when required, speeding 63 mph in a 55 zone, driving with no insurance, and for driving on a suspended license. She was also found wanted on a pending state warrant.
5-9 - A possible stolen truck was reported from a Toulon resident in the 500 block of N. Elm St. The incident remains under investigation.
5-10 - Robert Blaine Turnbull, 35, Toulon, was arrested for driving while his license was suspended. Also arrested in the same traffic stop was John P. Porter, Jr., 35, LeRoy, who was found wanted on a McLean County warrant. Turnbull posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear. Porter posted \$150 cash bond and was released with a new court date.
5-10 - Jacob B. Schupp, 19, East Peoria, was arrested and charged for speeding 120 mph in a 55 zone, driving with no insurance, illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle and driving with no lights on when required.
5-11 - Brad J. Nelson, LaFayette, reported the theft of field tile risers. The incident is under investigation.
5-15 - Kelvin Y. Bueso-Montoya, 23, Peoria, was arrested for driving without a valid driver’s license, and driving on an expired registration. He posted \$150 cash bond.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
5-9 - to the NE 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF contacted for repairs.
5-9 - to the 300 block of Main St. for a parking complaint. Officer spoke to the owner who had lost the keys to the vehicle.
5-9 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a disturbance involving one subject threatening with a baseball bat and the other subject waving a handgun. Officer learned that a wanted subject had run into a nearby residence. Officer got permission to search for the wanted subject. Entry was forced into a locked bedroom



where the subject was found hiding in the attic. As a result, Luke Washburn, 23, Kewanee, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of aggravated fleeing or eluding police. He also received new charges of obstructing justice and resisting or obstructing a police officer. The gun was not located. Washburn was taken to the Henry County Jail.
5-9 - Officer spoke with a detective from Oakland County, Mich., about a Galva man who had been arrested in their jurisdiction for carrying a concealed weapon, kidnapping and child pornography charges.
5-10 - to the intersection of W. Division St. and NW 7th Ave. for a reckless driving and hit-and-run complaint involving a truck running over a stop sign. IDOT was notified to repair the sign. Officer was not able to locate the vehicle.
5-10 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a two-vehicle accident involving damage only. A crash report was completed.
5-10 - to a residence on N. Center Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
5-10 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for verbal disturbance involving a neighbor dispute.
5-11 - Officer met with a citizen in regards to them finding a small pouch containing meth remnants that was found in the 00 block of NE 2nd St.
5-11 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd St. to check on children who were truant from the Geneseo School District.
5-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of W. Division St., Remington Bell, 20, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was released with a required court date.
5-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SW 3rd Ave., Rodney Cade, 28, Bradford, was arrested for driving while license revoked, unlawful display of registration not authorized for such vehicle and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
5-11 - to red tag an abandoned trailer in the roadway in the 500 block of NW 8th St.
5-11 - to check the welfare of several dogs that seemed to be unattended in the 100 block of NW 7th Ave. due to excessive heat. The dogs had food, water and fans to cool them.
5-11 - to a residence on NW 1st St. to remove an unwanted subject.
5-12 - to the 100 block of S. Center Ave. to assist Henry County with an eviction. The residents were escorted off of the property.
5-12 - to a residential burglary complaint in the 500 block of NW 8th St. After an investigation, Rebecca Muckey, 34, Galva, was arrested for residential burglary, criminal damage to property over \$500, theft over \$500, and criminal trespass to residence. She was given a notice to appear in court and released.

5-14 - to assist a citizen whose dog ran away from the 1000 block of W. Division St. The dog was located and returned.
5-14 - to meet with a subject in the 300 block of Main St. in reference to a stolen trailer report.
5-14 - to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a harassment/threats complaint. As a result, Samara Hines, 18, Kewanee, was arrested for harassment through electronic communications. She was given a notice to appear in court and released.
5-14 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave., Clarissa Chamberlain, 51, Kewanee, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.
5-14 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of SE 2nd St., Ethan Wright, 20, and Jacob Starr, 20, both of Princeton were arrested for illegal possession/consumption of alcohol by a minor. They were released with a required court date.
5-15 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a report of a possible gunshot. Officer unable to locate.
5-15 - to the 500 block of SW 6th Ave. for a complaint involving an ordinance violation for a fire on a non-burn day. The fire was out upon officer’s arrival.
5-15 - to the 200 block of SE 2nd St. to remove a large box that was lying in the roadway. It was removed.
5-15 - to check the north side of town for an illegal fireworks complaint. Officer unable to locate.
5-15 - to a fireworks complaint in the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. Subjects were warned to stop or be cited.
5-15 - to a loose dog complaint in the 600 to 800 block of NW 5th Ave. several times. As a result, Robert Kremer, 61, Galva, was cited two times for allowing a dog to run at large. He was also issued a notice to appear in court for animal cruelty. He was released with a court date.
5-11 - Kenneth Sedam, 29, Peru, was issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.
5-13 - Deysi Guevara, 30, Bloomington, was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 00 block of SE 6th St.
5-13 - Tito Martinez-Nevarez, 34, Kewanee, was issued a citation for illegal operation of a lighting system in the 110 block of SE 2nd St.
5-15 - Ethan French, 30, Galva, was issued a citation for failure to secure registration after purchasing a vehicle in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.
5-15 - Ashli Close, 30, Minier, was issued a citation in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for expired registration.
5-15 - Todd Bulvanski, 52, Greenville, N.C., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
5-15 - A 17-year-old from Kewanee was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign in the 200 block of S. Center Ave.

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Proposals should identify the proposed price for demolition services (including the removal and disposal of debris), anticipated timeline, and information regarding the contractor's qualifications. The contractor will be responsible for obtaining all required permits and complying with IEPA requirements, including asbestos notification, as may be required, prior to demolition activities.

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GUEST VOICES

‘Harvested cattle, slaughtered markets’

You don’t need to be a vegan to know that livestock and poultry aren’t “harvested,” the squeaky clean verb that’s become fashionable among farm and ranch groups to minimize the end – as in The End – of most animals their members grow.

Soybeans are harvested; pigs are slaughtered. Wheat is harvested; cattle are slaughtered.

It’s not a minor point, insists C. Robert Taylor, Eminent Scholar of Agricultural Economics and Public Policy at Auburn University, in his recently released treatise on today’s badly broken cattle markets. Taylor telegraphs the paper’s theme through its title, “Harvested Cattle, Slaughtered Markets?”

The semantic sarcasm isn’t accidental: While U.S. farm and commodity groups spent decades polishing meat’s image (“harvesting”), global agbiz spent their time and resources buying up, then dominating – ahem, slaughtering – farm and food sectors like seed, cattle, poultry and grocery retailing.

Now, one market, cattle, is so near death that both the Senate and House Ag committees recently held widely publicized hearings to push ideas on how to resuscitate it. Two plans were showcased. The first “would create a new U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) office to monitor for anti-competitive practices in the meat and poultry industries,” reported the Washington Post on April 27.

The second, labeled “The Cattle Price Discovery and Transparency Act,” hopes to establish “minimums

for negotiated sales and require clear reporting of marketing contracts to ensure ranchers are getting a fair shake in a highly consolidated cattle market,” it continued.

Either or both ideas may have had merit 20 years ago when it was already evident that major meatpackers were tightening their grip on cattle markets. Today, however, both plans are window dressing from late-to-the-party politicians. Neither will have a nickel’s worth of impact on prices paid by packers for cattle or for altering any “anti-competitive practices in the meat and poultry industries,” says Taylor.

Why? Because, as his readable, 49-page report makes clear, major packers long ago learned how to minimize competition in the live cattle market while maximizing confusion over today’s USDA maze of reporting requirements. The data bears witness to their ever-growing prowess at the expense of both cattle growers and consumers.

Over the last two decades, Taylor writes, “Retail beef prices in constant [deflated] dollars have trended strongly upward... from about \$500/cwt [per one hundred pounds] to over \$700/cwt... Grocery store profitability has also trended upward, about doubling in the last three decades...”

“Profitability of independent cattle feeding has trended downward... from an average profit of \$50/head to an average loss of \$50/head.”

Moreover, these “Sustained financial losses for independent feeders likely explain, in part or in whole, the loss of 83,000 feedlots with a thousand or fewer head capacity in 25 years and 48,000 in the last decade” alone.

These feedlots’ get-out-while-you-can math was pretty simple, offers Taylor. The \$50-per-head loss

they faced in just the past decade alone would have totaled a devastating \$1.5 million-per-feeder had they stayed.

Somehow, though, the uber-big feeders escaped similar losses and a similar fate: The number of feedlots with over 50,000 head capacity actually increased from 45 in the late 1990s to 77 today. How?

“Sweetheart deals with large captive feeders” – independent feedlots contractually-tied to one of the big four packers – “may explain, in part or in whole, how they have survived and even (grew) in the last decade... Publicly available data on costs or returns for giant feedlots are not available to address this question.”

If neither Congressional effort holds little to no hope to even partially repair today’s broken cattle market, what might?

Taylor offers four “options for further discussion.” All hold some merit, he explains in a May 9 telephone interview, but also, all require a level of government intervention that hasn’t been seen in most ag markets for decades.

“The bottom line,” Taylor admits, “is that after decades of watching cattle markets become more integrated with meatpackers and meat retailers, I don’t have a good solution that’s politically workable.”

Bottom line? If the experts say it’s slaughter, it’s slaughter.

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Bradford needs to reopen the yard-waste dump

To the Editor:

The winter is over and it’s time for yard work. Bradford has traditionally taken good care of its lawns and surrounding property.

But where are we to dump our yard wastes, or bush and tree trimmings, our leaves which persist due to constant winds and our grass clippings?

The village has closed our yard waste dump. We cannot burn, only on special days and in special places – and that’s when the wind



isn’t blowing. Good luck with that!

My neighborhood is starting to show the effects of our loss of a dumping spot. I suggest you open our previous place for waste twice a

week, for two or three hours, and have it monitored by one of the village employees. This would give those of us with no options a chance to maintain an attractive property..

– **Letitia Leeper**, Bradford

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GRADUATION BRIEFS

Jack Winans awarded Fairfield Scholarship

TOULON – The 2022 recipient of the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship is Jack Winans of Stark County High School. Jack is the son of Joe and Lisa Winans of LaFayette.

Jack recently graduated from Stark County High School where he has been active in FFA, 4-H, Boy Scouts, National Honor Society, Cross Country, and Science Olympiad. Jack’s future plans include being accepted into the Diesel Power Equipment Technology program (DPET) at Illinois Central College. At the same time, Jack will be working at an internship at Martin Tractor outside of Kewanee.

The Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship is available to any graduating senior from Stark County High School planning to further their education toward a career in the agriculture industry. Since 2007, the scholarship has awarded \$15,000 to high school seniors.

Bradford 8th grade graduation honors

BRADFORD – Several awards



Stark County seniors toss their hats during Sunday afternoon's graduation ceremony.

were given to Bradford 8th grade graduates last weekend.

- The American Legion Citizenship Award was received by **Riggins Shafer** and **Haylie Moodie**.

- The Gary Hughes Memorial Music Award went to **Moodie** and **Reagan Calder**.

- The J. William Ellis Math Award was received by **Jack Morman**.

- The G.Russell Huey Award was received by **Shafer**.

- The Alice Waldinger Language Arts Award was received by **Mikayla Radowich** and **Shafer**.

- The NJHS Academic Achievement Award went to **Shafer**.



Three generations of Galva High School graduates pose after Sunday's graduation ceremony. Pictured from left are Chad Morse, father, Cayden Morse, graduate, and his grandfather Larry Morse. Photo by Carol Townsend.

- Presidential Achievement Awards were received by **Shafer**, **Sean Kendall**, **Calder** and **Rose Kride**.

Appell speaks at 147th Galva graduation

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Dr. Katrina Appell was guest speaker Sunday at the 147th annual Galva High School graduation, during which 27 seniors received diplo-

mas.

A 1999 graduate of Galva High School who attended Galva schools from kindergarten through graduation, Dr. Appell runs her own consulting firm and helps organizations achieve results using lean practices to

enable people to perform their best. She has over 15 years experience coaching, facilitating and training of individuals and teams. Her doctoral research focused on effective methods for using lean product and process development and practices to achieve organizations objectives. She has coached many companies on lean principles and practices in various indus-



Appell



The Galva Class of 2022 toss their hats at the back of the gym after Sunday afternoon's ceremony. The ceremony was moved inside due to the chance of rain. Photo by Carol Townsend.

tries, including Caterpillar, Pella Windows, Tech-nip FMC, US Synthetic and Whirlpool.

Appell is a good example of success for this year's graduating class, which was led by valedictorians Taylor Burke and David Mock.

The class motto was “We did it our way,” the class flower was the sunflower and the class song was “My Way” by Frank Sinatra.

Senior class officers

were Joshua Dunn and Grace Duncan, co-presidents; Burke, vice-president; Savannah Platt, secretary; and T.J. Conner treasurer.

The honor marshal was Alexia Stone, color bearers were Liberty Anderson and Sarah Kocan and ushers were Michaela Hudson, Olivia Jones, Courtney Loncka, Alexis Spivey and Kali Yelm.

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BRIEFS

Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker contest

GALVA – The Galva: Ready to Grow Group will once again sponsor the annual Little Mr. and Miss Firecracker contest. All boys and girls, ages 4-8 years old, within the Galva School District are invited to participate.

Entries must be turned in no later than May 29. Entries may be turned into either Community State Bank or State Bank of Toulon in Galva.

Voting will run June 1-15. As in years past, you may place your votes at either State Bank of Toulon or Community State Bank in Galva. Winners will be announced during the Levitt-Amp Series event on June 19. All participants will have a place in the 4th of July Parade.

Forms are available at the Galva Post Office and other Galva locations.

– Carol Townsend

Betas Announce Girl and Women of the Year

BRADFORD – The Bradford Beta Sigma Phi honored Kristin Atchley and Megan Streitmatter as their 2022 Women of the Year.

Atchley is the Bradford School District Bookkeeper and secretary. Streitmatter is the Bradford School District nurse and secretary. They were chosen for this award because of their dedication and service to the Bradford community and school district, especially during the past few years of the pandemic during which they kept the children’s best interests in mind.

Both women were kept very busy with the added duties brought about by the Covid mandates and restrictions.

Betty Hoy was chosen as the Beta Girl of the Year as she exemplifies the many qualities of the Beta sisterhood and actually lives their motto of “Life, Learning, and Friendship.” Although she keeps busy with other community organizations, the group can count on Hoy to help out at and support at various events throughout the year. Hoy said she truly enjoys being a member of Betas and looks forward to each meeting and event.

– Angie Stange

College graduate

• **Jeffrey Beaver**, of Speer, graduated in May with a Juris Doctor from the School of Law at the University of Mississippi.



The Galva Junior High Scholastic Bowl won an IESA Regional championship in late April. Pictured are: Front row (left to right) - Drake Hartman, Eli West, Jacob Gravitt, Lilly Hollenbeck,(holding trophy), Kailynn Townsend (team captain), Isabelle Wigant, Ian Pacheco, and Cayden Gustafson. Back row (l to r) - Bryant Jeffrey, Nathan Robinson, Jayden Kamphaus, Karstyn Jones, Angie McArthur, Head Coach Adam Norway, Allison Nordstrom, Max Taylor and Ethan Simoneaux. Photo by Carol Townsend.



The Galva Elementary School, above, held its first spring concert at Wiley Park in Galva. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Pictured above (left to right) are Megan Streitmatter, Betty Hoy and Kristin Atchley. They were recently honored by the Bradford Betas.

Guitar, ukelele artist performing in Galva

GALVA – Emily Antonacci of Peoria will show off her guitar and ukulele originals and cover songs at the Galva Arts Council on May 21. She will take the stage at 7 p.m.. Doors open at 6:30. An open mic will follow at 8:30 p.m. All area musicians, storytellers and other artists are invited to participate. A snack bar featuring Anderson Family coffee will also be included. Donations welcome.

Galva 5th grade attends Conservation Fair

WYOMING – Fifth-grade students from Bradford Grade School attended the Stark County Soil & Water Conservation District’s Conservation Day held at the Stark County Fairgrounds in Wyoming. The annual Conservation Day included several sessions with different speakers sharing information



Mayor Rich Volkert purchases the first poppy in Galva from Miss Poppy Kinsley Glisan last Thursday night in Wiley Park. Kinsley is the daughter of Lerin Mallory and Bryce Glisan of Galva. Poppy Day in Galva will be Saturday, May 21.

about soil and water conservation, wildflowers and pollinators, mammals, and a variety of live animals.

Rob Hilsabeck, from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, was the last speaker of the day. He brought a variety of fish and turtles to show the students. Daisy, an alligator snapping turtle, was a scary and intimidating creature that captured the students’ attention.

Et cetera

- Stark County student Logan Goerks was selected to attend the Illinois FFA State Convention Band in June.
- The Black Hawk College Foundation Scholarship Application deadline is extended to May 30.Visit www.bhc.edu/scholarships for more information or to apply.
- Kewanee Native Erik Dolieslager, vice chair of the Western Illinois University Board of Trustees, delivered remarks for Western’s four commencement ceremonies.

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The Village of Bradford has available upon request this year’s Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The CCR includes basic information on the source of your drinking water, the levels of any contaminants that were detected in the water during 2021, and compliance with other drinking water rules, as well as some educational materials. Please note, copies will not be mailed out as in the past. You may obtain a free copy at the Bradford Village Hall, 160 W. Main Street, Bradford or the Bradford Water Treatment Plant, 130 Park Street, Bradford.

VILLAGE OF BRADFORD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR 2021

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report
Bradford
IL1750050
Annual Water Quality Report for the period of
January 1 to December 31, 2021.

This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the BRADFORD water system to provide safe drinking water. The source of drinking water used by BRADFORD is Ground Water.

For more information regarding this report, contact Jim Chadwick at (309) 238-2073.

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre el agua que usted bebe. Tradúzcalo ó hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Source of Drinking Water

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include: Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be ex-

pected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

Source Water Assessment

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tend any of our regularly scheduled meetings, the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are subject to change due to the virus issue. The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by City Hall or call our water operator, Jim Chadwick at 309-238-2073. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to Contamination determination and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>.

Based on information obtained in a Well Site Survey published in 1991 by the Illinois EPA, several potential sources are located within 1,000 feet of the wells.

The Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply's source water is not susceptible to contamination. This determination is based on a number of criteria including: monitoring conducted at the wells; monitoring conducted at the entry point to the distribution system; and available hydrogeologic data on the wells.

Furthermore, in anticipation of the U.S. EPA's proposed Ground Water Rule, the Illinois EPA has determined that the Bradford Community Water Supply is not vulnerable to viral contamination. This determination is based upon the evaluation of the following criteria during the Vulnerability Waiver Process: the community's wells are properly constructed with sound integrity and proper siting conditions; a hydraulic barrier exists which should prevent pathogen movement; all potential routes and sanitary defects have been mitigated such that the source water is adequately protected; monitoring data did not indicate a history of disease outbreak; and the sanitary survey of the water supply did not indicate a viral contamination threat. Because the community's wells are constructed in a confined aquifer, which should prevent the movement of pathogens into the wells, well hydraulics were not considered to be a significant factor in the susceptibility determination. Hence, well hydraulics were not evaluated for this system's ground water supply.

Source Water Information

Source Water Name	Type of Meter	Report Status	Location
Well 2 (31351)	GW	_____	West of Well 1 and WTP
Well 3 (01657)	GW	_____	200' N of WTP at N End of Park St.

2021 Regulated Contaminants Detected

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (AGL): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALG's allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead & Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over (AL)	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contaminants
Copper	09/13/2019	1.3	1.3	0.11	0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.
Lead	09/13/2019	0	0	4.5	0	ppb	N	Corrosion of household plumbing sytems; Erosion of Natural Deposits.

Water Quality Test Results

Definitions: The following tables contain scientific terms and measures, some of which may require explanation. **Avg.:** Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples. **Level 1 Assessment::** A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system. **Level 2 Assessment:** A level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.**Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that additions of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants. **na:** not applicable. **mrem:** millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body). **ppb:** micrograms per liter or parts per billion - or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water. **ppm:** miligrams per liter or parts per million - or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water. **Treatment Technique or TT:** A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	12/31/2021	1	0.9 - 1.1	MRDLG=4	MRDL=4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids	2017	1	1.07-1.07	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2021	3	3.33 - 3.33	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Arsenic	2017	1.7	1.7-1.7	0	10	ppb	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass & electronics production wastes.
Barium	01/08/2020	0.0086	0.0086-00.0086	2	2	ppm	N	Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits.
Fluoride	01/08/2020	0.746	0.746-0.746	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Iron	2017	0.26	0.26-0.26		1.0	ppm	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Manganese	01/08/2020	1.2	1.2-1.2	150	150	ppb	N	This contaminant is not currently regulated by the USEPA. However, the state regulates. Erosion of natural deposits.
Nitrate (measured as Nitrogen)	2021	0.08	0.08-0.08	10	10	ppm	N	Runoff from fertillizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural depositis.
Selenium	01/08/2020	1.2	1.2-1.2	50	50	ppb	N	Discharge from petroleum and metal refineries; Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge from mines.
Sodium	01/08/2020	190	190-190			ppm	N	Erosion from naturally occurring deposits; Used in water softener regeneration.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination.
Combined Radium 226/228	04/21/2020	4.83	4.83-4.83	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	04/21/2020	10.4	10.4-10.4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Will interest rate hike slow land market?

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

The Federal Reserve approved a rare half-percent-age-point interest rate hike this month as it attempts to reel in inflation.

The move marked the first time the Fed increased interest rates by .5 percent or 50 basis points, since 2000.

It raises the central bank's benchmark federal-funds rate to a target range between .75 percent and 1 percent. The Fed also announced plans to shrink its \$9 trillion asset portfolio starting next month to ease inflation, which jumped 8.5 percent in March – the highest since 1981.

Overall, the Fed's goal with the interest rate hikes is to tamp down demand for goods and services to

help ease inflation. It previously boosted rates by 25 basis points in March. But will higher rates also slow the farmland market?

Ray Brownfield, designated managing broker and owner of Land Pro LLC based in Oswego, isn't sold. He looks for commodity prices to remain strong, due partly to supply shocks around the world, and continue to support farmland values.

Investors also see farmland as a hedge against inflation.

"For those who for various reasons are contemplating the sale of their farmland, the price of their land will most likely remain strong even with higher interest rates," Brownfield said. "On the other side, investors con-

tinue to see the stability of a farmland investment and the continued global need for production from this land."

Land Pro reported recent farmland sales in northern Illinois fetched \$18,200 per acre in Kendall County and \$20,100 per acre in LaSalle County in April.

Linda Brier, area real estate manager for Farmers National Co., also doesn't foresee a major downturn.

"As long as commodity prices stay up and there's still uncertainty with inflation, investors are competing against farmers," she told FarmWeek just before the latest rate hike.

Farmers National Co. recently reported the number of farmland auctions increased 65 percent, the amount of acres sold

jumped 106 percent and the value of those auction sales climbed 130 percent in the past six months.

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Arrest made in Edelstein incident

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Weekly Post

EDELSTEIN—A man was arrested earlier this month in connection with a domestic-violence incident at an Edelstein residence.

Richard Crique, 23, was accused of domestic battery as a result of the incident about 1 p.m. May 6, the Peoria County Sheriff's Office reported.

Upon arrival, a sheriff's deputy was flagged down in the roadway by a man who said he intervened in an altercation between Crique and a 24-year-old woman, the police report stated.

The witness said he saw Crique hit the woman, who then ran from the residence. Crique chased her, and the witness chased Crique. The victim was hiding because she had an outstanding warrant, the witness said. The deputy confirmed the warrant, issued in connection with a criminal-trespass case.

Eventually, deputies lo-

cated Crique about a half-block from the residence. He was shirtless and had blood on his wrists and forearms, the result of punching the residence front-door window, Crique said.


When asked about the incident inside the residence, Crique said the victim was in a bad mood. Crique confronted her about it but didn't touch her, according to the police account. He said he didn't know her

whereabouts.

Crique refused medical treatment. He also was wanted on a Peoria County warrant for criminal trespass. Crique was transported to the Peoria County Jail, where he was released May 9 on bond with a notice to appear in court.

The same day, Crique was sentenced to probation regarding the criminal-trespass case, per court records.

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1 Charibusters
8 Farthest point in an orbit
14 Uncommon
20 Salary reductions
21 Child raiser
22 Add insult to injury, maybe
23 Question in 1 Corinthians 15:55
26 Europe-Asia border river
27 Wood splitter
28 Ski lift part
29 Prefix with look
30 Supplicate on behalf of
35 — golli (commoners)
37 Sermon topic
38 Suffix with Sudan
39 Message
40 Old booming jet, for short
41 — changed man?
43 Designer Geoffrey
45 Balon colonists
47 Is this actually happening?
50 Ovedo locale
53 Situated over
56 Brine source
57 New Hampshire academy
58 I'm going through the same thing!
61 Shipping charge, e.g.
62 Steering part on a ship
63 Long (for)
64 Vikings' org.
66 Refusing to be cheerful
71 Regarding
72 Agree
76 Pop's mom
77 Actress Amy
79 SSNs, e.g.
80 Pressing foot
81 Pig treat from Nabisco
83 Seeming eternity
85 DNA-studying partner of James Watson
87 "My turn is coming right up!"
91 He KO'd many rivals
93 Ball — hammer
94 Forrest Gump player
95 "Quantum Leap" actor
98 Bend down
100 Abrupt
101 Body pouch
102 Secretive U.S. go.
105 She beats UCLA
106 Part of NYC go-
109 33rd president
110 Restaurant bill addition
112 Crucial component
116 Long (for)
118 Boyfriends, in Paris
120 Dr. opposite 7-Down
121 Viking org.
122 Tune whose opening lyric, and lyricist, begin eight answers in this puzzle
128 Motion detector part
129 Ages of the old Mets
130 Small eating aloove
131 Walters take them
132 Like training at the location itself
133 Occupy fully
DOWN
1 Wedded partner
2 Chennai, before 1996
3 "Sure thing, cap'n!"
4 La — (Milan opera house)
5 Crude abode
6 Biblical verb suffix
7 NYC go-
8 High points
9 Peeling tools
10 Raw metal
11 Allstate rival
12 Put into a hall of fame
13 Kett of old comic strips
14 — Gyna (jazz fusion band)
15 Prefix with gender
16 Utah ski spot
17 Slide in again
18 Go on with
19 Train operator
24 Barn feed
25 Cymbal pair in a drum kit
31 Nathaniel Hawthorne's heater
32 Feel remorse over
33 James — Garfield
34 Consumer protection agency
36 Wild Alpine goats
42 Soccer great Hamm
44 Summer, in Seasons
45 Royal crown
46 Worried
48 E-cig's lack
49 Bury insect
50 Its capital is Damascus
51 16 ounces
52 Lindley of "The Flappers"
54 NYC stage awards
55 Small bunch of flowers
59 Spook and Seuss: Abbr.
60 Alternative to "his" or "her"
61 Go by plane
64 Navy's a soul
65 Backyard borders
67 Open, as a present
68 Language of "mea culpa"
69 Be a rapper?
70 BoSox rivals
73 Freud's "one"
74 Ensnare
75 "Cannon" has three
78 The Brady kids, e.g.
82 Restated
84 Gambling parlor, briefly
85 Chick — A
86 Prefix with lock
87 "No kidding?"
88 Artist known for illusions
89 Boston area with the Paul Revere statue
90 UFO crew
91 Alias abbr.
92 Find by chance
96 In line with
97 One or more
99 Be indebted
103 "Belt out that tune!"
104 She founded the U.S. Shakers
106 Crude abode
107 First phases
108 Long looks
111 Letter-shaped genders
113 PSATs, e.g.
114 "No kidding!"
115 Deep-seated
117 To be, to Claudius
119 Regarding
123 Blue Jays, on scoreboards
124 Abbr. for someone with only one given name
125 34th president
126 Firewood box
127 Repub. west of Zambia


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OBITUARIES

Kevin Costin

GALVA – The family of Kevin Costin would like to invite you to his Celebration of Life to be held on May 29, 2022, at the Galva American Legion, 45 Wallace St. from 12-4 p.m. Food will be provided 12-2.

There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. with Andrew Christman, Minister of the Kewanee Church of Peace officiating.

We would love to share Kevin’s life with you as well as listen to stories from his friends and ac-



Costin

quaintances.

Robert L. Brimhall

GALVA – Robert “Bob” L. Brimhall, 55, of Galva, formerly of Kewanee, died Sunday, May 15, 2022, at Richard L. Owens Hospice House, Peoria. Bob was born June 21, 1966, in Aurora, the son of Chester and Charlotte A. (Taylor) Brimhall.

Bob is survived by his stepfather, Louis “Lou” Stackley III, Warren, Tennessee, fiancé, Lisa Murphy, Galva; daughter, Sara Brimhall, Kewanee; several grandchildren; brothers, Louis (Adrian) Stackley IV, Warren, Tennessee; Willilam “Billy” Brimhall; a sister, Lisa Brimhall; step-children, Justin (Jennifer) Janey, Joey (Autumn) Janey, and Lisa’s children. He was pre-

ceded by his parents; and a brother, Jim Brimhall.

Bob worked at local nursing homes and was a gas station attendant. He also helped Lou in construction in Tennessee. Bob enjoyed fishing and collecting cards. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan. Bob also enjoyed going to garage sales.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2022, at Schuene-man-Tumbleson Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m., Friday, May 20, 2022, at the funeral home. Pastor Andrew Christman will officiate. Memorials may be made to American Heart Association.

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

‘Undecided’ leading GOP governor race

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

We’re about a month and a half from the June 28 primary, and “undecided” was lead vote-getter in a new poll of 1,000 likely GOP primary voters, with 36.9 percent of respondents in that camp.

For those polled who have picked a candidate, Aurora Mayor Richard Irvin had the lead at 24.1 percent, followed by state Sen. Darren Bailey (R-Xenia) at 19.8 percent, Gary Rabine at 7.8 percent, Jesse Sullivan at 7.3 percent, Max Solomon at 2.3 percent and Paul Schimpf at 1.9 percent.

The poll, by WGN-TV, The Hill and Emerson College, was conducted May 6-8 and had a 3 percent margin of error.

Bailey’s camp was quick to say it shows the primary “is a two-person race for the heart and soul of our Republican Party.”

Bailey, a former state representative and now state senator, gained notoriety by challenging Gov. JB Pritzker’s executive order authority in court throughout the pandemic with GOP attorney general candidate Thomas DeVore.

Bailey has a staunch conservative voting record in the General Assembly and he’s also been jockeying for the endorsement of former President Donald Trump. Per the poll, 57.4 percent of respondents said they would be more likely to vote for a candidate endorsed by Trump, while 18.8 percent said less likely and the

rest said it would make no difference.

The Irvin campaign, meanwhile, said it’s Democrats who are propagating Bailey’s campaign.

The Democratic Governors Association has paid for ads attacking Irvin’s record as a defense attorney.

The Irvin campaign pegged the total combined spend of his opponents and outside groups in the GOP primary at \$22 million, including \$8 million directly attacking Irvin.

Irvin’s campaign has spent at least \$12 million, backed by \$45 million from Ken Griffin, founder of the investment firm Citadel.

Bailey’s biggest backer is Uline founder Richard Uihlein, who has given Bailey \$3.5 million.

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SPORTS: Stark Co. baseball wins regional game

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Rebels.

Defense, pitching command and timely hitting combined for a winning formula for SCHS. Stark County was near perfect in the field with only one error. Avery Whittle gave up nine hits, struck out two but gave up only one free pass.

Cameron Watson hit a double and drove in one run. Also driving in a run were Dillon Steelman, Ryne Hillan and Luke Rewerts. Jacob Best had a 2-for-4 hitting day.

The 10th-seeded Rebels were to play No. 2 seed Henry-Senachwine on Wednesday at 4:30 p.m.

• **Galva Baseball** – Galva lost to Annawan-Wethersfield 11-1 in the opening round of the Class 1A Wethersfield Regional on Monday on the road.

GHS wasn’t able to climb out of an 8-0 hole after three.

Jaxson Meier started on the mound for Galva and pitched 1.2 innings. He gave up six runs on six hits. Talon Hull relieved and was impressive, with just two hits, one free pass and 10 strikeouts.

Braxton Rylander and Cayden Morse each hit safely for GHS.



Stark County seniors Ashley Orrick (left) and Blake Orwig recently signed college letters of intent for athletics. Orrick will attend Illinois College in Jacksonville, where she will run cross country and major in environmental studies. Orwig will attend Monmouth College, where he will compete in track and field and major in accounting.

Rain spoiled a complete game for the Wildcats senior night on Friday in a non-conference matchup versus Peoria Heights. Tyler Piester pitched the first inning, walking two and striking out two. The visitors plated five.

In the second Aiden Moore struck out one, and in the third, T.J. Conner pitched, giving up no

earned runs.

“We wanted to pitch the seniors in their last home game,” Galva coach Van White said.

• **Stark County Softball** – After winning its Class 1A regional opener over Lowpoint-Washburn 12-0 on Monday, Stark County saw its season end on Tuesday in a 4-1 loss to Sterling Newman Central Catholic at Princeville.

The Lady Rebels’ win over Lowpoint-Washburn was powered by an eight-run third inning. Lauren West had two RBI in the inning. Katie Grinnell, Payten Hillier, Hailey Peterson and Shanna Peterson each had RBI.

West and Olivia Orwig each went 3-for-3 overall.

Annawan-Wethersfield swept Stark County in a doubleheader May 13, 10-3 and 9-1.

• **Galva Softball** – Galva’s season came to an end Monday in a 13-2 loss to Morrison at the Class 1A Woodhull Regional.

The Wildcats lost 21-12 on May 10 at Knoxville, 14-3 and 8-3 in a doubleheader May 14 at Princeville and 13-2 at Morrison.

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Bradford, Galva athletes win JH state titles

EAST PEORIA – Local junior high track and field athletes brought home two state titles from last weekend’s IESA Class 1A State Track Meet at the Eastside Centre.

Bradford 8th grader Dusti Smith won the 8th grade 400-meter race in a time of 1:03.36 to earn first. Smith also ran the anchor leg on Bradford’s 4x200 relay, which placed sixth with a personal best



Dusti Smith of Bradford leads the pack in the 8th grade 200 race en route to a state title.

time of 2:02.47. Other runners were Cheyenh Smith, Jacey Endress and



Reid Harris of Galva won the 7th grade high jump state title.

Reagan Calder. Haylie Moodie was an alternate.

The other local state champion was Galva’s

Reid Harris, who won the 7th grade high jump by clearing 5 feet, 1 inch.

Also from Galva, Ka’Leanna Latcham earned two 7th grade medals. She was sixth in the 100 hurdles in a time of 18.77 seconds and placed seventh in the 100 in 14.68.

And in 8th grade competition, Galva’s Natalie Hawes was second in the 100 hurdles in 17.55 seconds.

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Trivia test by Fili Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY: Which country in Africa is the largest in land area?
- MUSIC: What was the original name of the punk rock band Green Day?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president formally declared the executive mansion to be the White House?
- ART: In which major city would you find the Tate Modern museum?
- MYTHOLOGY: What is the name of the Greek goddess of revenge?
- U.S. STATES: Which state is the only one that doesn't have a mandatory seat belt law?
- MOVIES: What is the Dude's favorite drink in "The Big Lebowski"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is albumen?
- MEDICAL: What is a more common name for a transient ischemic attack?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is an ibex?

Answers
1. Algeria
2. Sweet Children
3. Theodore Roosevelt
4. London, England
5. Nemesis
6. New Hampshire
7. White Russian
8. Egg white
9. Mini-stroke
10. A wild goat
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Answers on Page 3

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

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The Prairie News Sports

Boys track in sectionals, girls at state

By The Prairie News Staff

While one Stark County girls track athlete is competing at state this week, the promising boys team is hoping to send several qualifiers to Charleston at Friday's sectional.

First to the state qualifiers. Despite being hampered by a bone bruise in her foot, junior Lindley Johnston won the 400 last week at the Mercer County Sectional. Johnston's time of 1:01.43 was a season best and had her ranked 17th heading into the Class 1A state meet at Eastern Illinois University, which starts Thursday and concludes Saturday.

But due to her injury, Johnston will not be able to run at state, according to Coach Clint Terwilliger. Johnston also did not run the 200 at sectional and scratched out of the high jump, in which she was the defending Class 1A state champion.

The other Stark County state qualifier was Ashley Orrick, who ran a personal record 2:28.58 in the 800 and also set a school record by three seconds.

"That was the strongest and most determined I have ever seen her look," Terwilliger said.

Orrick was seeded 24th headed into the state meet.

The Stark County and Galva boys team will compete at the Wethersfield Sectional today. Field events start at 3 p.m., running at 5.

Stark County has several potential



The Stark County softball team defeated Lowpoint Washburn Monday 12-0, before losing on Tuesday to Sterling Newman Catholic, 4-1. Team members are: Front row (left to right) - Sara Miller, Lauren West, Olivia Orwig, Hailey Peterson and Anissia Rucker; Middle row (l to r) - Haven Self, Kenna Newton, Katie Grinnell, Emily Demetreon, Lauren Best and Taylor Masters; Back row (l to r) Head Coach Trey Swanson, Aubri Stahl, Payten Hillier, Shanna Peterson, Hayley Gillam and Assistant Coach Sarah Stieghorst.

state qualifiers. Top seeds heading into the sectional (according to athletic.net) include Colby Carroll in the 300 hurdles, Blake Orwig in shot put and Keagan Newton in triple jump. Seeded second are Newton in the 110 hurdles and Orwig in discus. Newton is seeded third in the 300 hurdles, Carroll is fourth in the 400 and Arvid Steudte is fourth in the 110 hurdles.

For Galva, Jacob Pierce stands third in sht put and fourth in discus. The Stark County boys traveled to

El Paso-Gridley last Saturday for the 17-team Boys Last Chance Open meet, and the 4x200 relay team of Nolan Orwig, Avery Gerber, Newton and Carroll set a school record of 1:37.46.

• **Stark County baseball** – Stark County (5-19) moved on in regional play with a 7-3 victory over Ridge-wood on the road Monday in the first round of the Class 1A Wethersfield Regional. Four runs in the sixth inning broke it open for the

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