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Judge rules former Bradford man guilty of arson

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON - A former Bradford man, now of Pekin, was found guilty of a Class X felony charge of aggravated arson and knowing people present at a Stark County Court trial on Nov.

John Henry Cramer, 59, was found guilty by Circuit Court Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher of the Class X felony after oral arguments were presented by the defense Public Defender Robert M. McBride and Stark County State's Attorney Caroline Borden-Campion.

Cramer previously pleaded guilty on Oct. 11 to charges of Class 1 felony residential

arson and four Cramer Class 4 felony

counts of aggravated cruelty to animals, wherein four dogs died of smoke inhalation.

Previously, Borden-Campion stated in Court that the Class X felony is punishable by 4-16 years prison, although 6-30

years is possible under the statute. Sentencing for Cramer will occur Dec. 13 at 9 a.m. in Stark's Circuit Court.

During Cramer's bench trial, the defense called OSF custodian for regional records Sarah Kahon to read medical records. According to those records, a victim of the house fire had normal breathing. Borden-Campion countered that the victim did suffer from smoke inhalation.

The defense called Cramer to testify and he was asked by his counsel if he, "started some fires in the house [located at 405 W.

Main Street, Bradford]."

Cramer responded "Yes."

During his testimony, Cramer claimed that he has a condition where he "blacks out" during fits of anger and that he has trouble recalling events at those times.

Cramer said under oath that he has sought treatment for the condition since January. On Dec. 21, 2021, he said he was "mad about his wife who didn't want to come home" after they had been at a local bar. Cramer admitted to State Fire Marshall Eric Duckworth that he had caused the fire at the residence and gave

a timeline of events.

Cramer started the fires knowing that the victim of the fire was present in the house, Borden-Campion said in court. She said multiple witnesses stated that the victim "was covered in soot and was black." The victim had gone back into the burning house to try to save the dogs that were present.

During her presentation, Borden-Campion said Cramer previously gave a timeline of events and knew that the victim was in the house.

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Constitutional amendment approved

By PETER HANCOCK

For The Prairie News

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois voters have approved a state constitutional amendment guaranteeing workers the right to organize and engage in collective bargaining.

Estimates compiled by multiple media outlets projected Tuesday that the ballot measure had support on an estimated 53 percent of the total ballots cast in the election, with more than 95 percent of the ballots counted. That's enough for approval under one of two paths to passage for a constitutional amendment in Il-

The amendment, which will be added to the Bill of Rights of the Illinois Constitution, states that employees have a fundamental right to organize and bargain collectively "for the purpose of negotiating

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MOUNTAIN LION MYTHS

Pair of big cats turns rumor mill

By GRETCHEN STEELE

For The Prairie News

There's much ado about mountain lions in Illinois these days, as the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has recently documented two cougars traveling though the Land of Lincoln.

Since those back-to-back reports in September and October, it seems as if everyone had a mountain lion story. Almost as if scripted, once initial reports are made public, the mountain lion and black panther sightings seemed to jump a thousandfold. Along with sightings, many old myths and misconceptions also



The capture of a collared mountain lion near Springfield last month, the second confirmed big cat in Illinois this fall, has stories about cougars running rampant in the Prairie State. Most of those stories are simply not true, according to the Department of Natural Resources, which has officially documented eight mountain lions in the state since 2002.

began resurfacing.

If one were to believe all the internet, coffee shop, gas station, quilt club and duck-blind chatter, Illinois should be overrun with big cats.

But the facts seem to offer a

different perspective, albeit not quite as exciting a perspective.

Here's a quick recap of documented cougar encounters in Illinois. According to IDNR:

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Wyoming hires new police chief

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News WYOMING – Wyoming has hired Jim Tiller to take over as police chief according to Mayor Pat Maher.

Speaking after the regular Nov. 15 city council meeting, Maher said Tiller has been hired to fill the police chief's position after Chief Mark James resigned due to health reasons.

Maher said Tiller is currently being certified and going through the procedures to be qualified in Illinois as a police authority. He is originally from Wyoming and has recently moved back from Florida where he spent more than 30 years in law enforcement before retiring. Tiller is a military veteran who performed his serv-

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Ward Caucuses of the People's Party of The City of Galva -WARD CAUCUS-To be held MONDAY, December 5th, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at the following sites:

FIRST WARD: City Administrator Room of the City Administration office, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

SECOND WARD: American Legion, 45 Wallace St. to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

THIRD WARD: Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term as City Alderman.

A second caucus will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers of the City Administration Building, 311 NW 4th Ave, to nominate a candidate for one four-year term for Mayor, one four-year term for Treasurer and one four-year term for City Clerk.

Notice is hereby given that the office of the Wyoming City Clerk located at 108 E. Williams, Wyoming, IL has Candidate Petitions ready for circulation for the Consolidated Election to be held on April 4, 2023.

The office will be open 7:30am to noon and 12:30 to 4pm on weekdays for the period of December 14th-19th, 2022 for the purpose of accepting candidate petitions for the following offices:

Alderperson Ward 1 (4 year term) Alderperson Ward 2 (4 year term) Alderperson Ward 2 (unexpired 2 year term) Alderperson Ward 3 (4 year term)

AMENDMENT: Approved on 53 percent of ballots cast

Continued from Page 1 wages, hours and working conditions, and to protect their economic welfare and safety at work."

It also prohibits state and local governments from enacting laws that interfere with that right, including passage of so-called "right-to-work" laws, which prohibit requiring membership in a union as a condition of employment.

On election night, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign declared victory, but media outlets were slow to confirm that due to the complicated rules in Illinois for passing a

constitutional amendment.

The state constitution provides two pathways for passing an amendment. It must either be approved by 60 percent of all those voting on the measure or by more than 50 percent of all ballots cast in the election.

According to projections, the amendment received about 2.1 million "yes" votes and 1.5 million votes against. That's 58.4 percent of the votes cast on that issue but about 53 percent of all the ballots cast in the

"From day one, the Vote Yes for Workers' Rights campaign has been

based on the simple idea that every Illinois worker deserves better. Better pay, stronger benefits, and safer workplaces don't just help workers thrive; they strengthen our state and keep us all safe," Illinois AFL-CIO President Tim Drea said in a statement on election night.

The amendment will become effective once the Illinois State Board of Elections certifies results of the election. The board is to meet on Dec. 5.

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CRAMER: Incarcerated, sentencing on Dec. 13

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She said Cramer now at his trial doesn't recall events, which is "too convenient." Borden-Campion asked for a guilty finding. McBride requested that Cramer be found not

Fehrenbacher said during his rul-

ing, "No doubt he [Cramer] wanted to damage the home. He sent text messages to his wife to get her sister [the victim] out of the house. He knew she [the victim] was in the house and started the fire while she was in the house. I find the defendant guilty of aggravated arson."

Borden-Campion asked that Cramer's bond be revoked, which Fehrenbacher granted.

Cramer was taken in to custody after the trial to be incarcerated at the Stark County Jail to await his

WYOMING: Tax levy to increase by 2 percent

Continued from Page 1 ice as a military policeman.

The council approved a third payment of \$66,925.73 to Leander Construction for stored materials, administrative costs, process piping and electrical work in conjunction with Wyoming's Wastewater Treatment Plant improvement project.

A resolution was approved to give 2022 Christmas bonuses to Wyoming's full-time employees in the

amount of \$600 each and \$300 each to part-time employees.

Resolutions were approved to donate \$400 each to two Wyoming events. The "Moonlight Madness" and the "Small Business Saturday" events will each receive \$400, payable to Wyoming's Chamber of Commerce.

Also approved was an ordinance for Wyoming's tax levy that according to Alderman Dan Hardman was

raised by four percent or under, in many cases for "adjustments with an overall increase of approximately 2 percent from last year."

Finally, during the public comment period, Al Curry requested that the city accept some free oak trees to be planted at the city's parks and baseball fields. The mayor and alderpersons agreed to accept 10 trees for said purpose.

Tuesday fire at Dixline contained to one room

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News GALVA – A Tuesday morning fire at Dixline Corporation was contained to one room at the busi-

Galva and Bishop Hill Fire Department were called to Dixline Tuesday morning at 12:41 a.m. Galva Fire Chief Nathan Byers said Tuesday afternoon that when they saw all of the smoke, he called for Toulon and Cambridge Fire Departments for mutual aid.

Byers said the fire was contained to a parts-washing machine and the room that machine was in was

damaged.

Byers said sprinklers went off and there is a lot of water clean-up in the factory.

There were 10 employees in the plant when the fire broke out. They were second-shift employees who were getting off at 1

Byers said that Cambridge and Toulon fire departments stayed until about 3:30 a.m. and Galva and Bishop Hill stayed

until 5:30 a.m. Tuesday morning.

The state fire marshal came to the plant Tuesday and said there was nothing found suspicious.

The plant was closed Tuesday and Byers said could be closed for several more days until all of the clean-up is completed. He said that gas and electric was shut off to the building Tuesday morning.





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10-29 - Bruce R. Libolt - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-29 - Felipe Moran Aguilar -Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

10-29 - Wesley S. Cully - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

10-29 - Clarissa Fuentes - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.

10-29 - Jose A. Flores - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-29 - Aaron D. Ressen - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-29 - Laura L. Stoner - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-29 - Savannah K. Beckelman -Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-29 - Seth M. Spratt - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-2 - Esmeralda Ibbara - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Felonies &

Misdemeanors

10-4 - Felony - Deanna M. Andris -Possession of meth.

11-12 - Felony - Joshua A. Williams - Burglary and possession of a controlled substance.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-8 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 about a quarter of a mile west of 500E. The drivers involved were Amos E. Anderson, 51, Toulon, and Brian L. Mallery, 58, La-Fayette. Both drivers were heading east when Anderson reportedly drove into the back of a grain wagon being pulled by Mallery. Anderson was ejected from his vehicle and was lifeflighted to OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria. Mallery was not injured. Anderson was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

11-12 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on 1100N and Vineyard Rd. north of Toulon. The driver involved was identified as a 16-year-old Kewanee girl who told authorities that a deer had jumped out in front of her vehicle, causing her to swerve and lose control of her 2008 Honda utility vehicle. No tickets were issued and no injuries were reported to either the driver and or a passenger riding in the vehicle. The vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

11-7 - Debra A. Miller, 60, Toulon, was cited for failure to disobey a yield sign.

11-7 - Toby Thompson, 27, LaSalle, was cited for speeding /8 mph in a 55 zone, operating a vehicle without insurance, and failure to properly secure a child under the age of 8 years old. He was released with a notice to appear.

11-8 - Cheryl K. Vincent, 55, Cambridge, was arrested for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone, improper use of a vehicle registration, and operation of a salvage junk vehicle. She was later released with a notice to appear.

11-8 - James L. Newton, 42, Tou-

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lon, was ticketed for speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone and for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date to appear.

11-9 - Mark D. Thornton, 44, Toulon, was arrested on a Henry County warrant. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a court date to

11-9 - Shane M. Decker, 36, Toulon, was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license. He was later released with a notice to appear.

11-9 - Robert S. Maher, Princeville, reported that his red Honda fourwheeler had been stolen from his shed. The incident remains under investigation.

11-12 - Joshua A. Williams, 37, Clinton, Ky., was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver, possession of a controlled substance in a penal institution, trespassing, and attempted home invasion. He was also found wanted on a Bureau County warrant. Williams was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

11-7 - Officer was dispatched to Wiley Park after vandalism was found in the restrooms. Officers watched camera footage, conducted interviews and found the juveniles responsible. They were each given public service hours to repay for their actions.

11-7 - Officer responded to Woodhull for a complaint involving a roadrage incident where one of the subjects produced a handgun near the post office. Henry County handled the incident.

11-7 - Officer was dispatched to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a complaint involving illegal burning on a non-burn day.

11-7 - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of SW 10th Ave. for a complaint involving juvenile mischief.

11-7 - Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of NW 5th Ave. for a complaint involving juveniles ringing the doorbell and then running. Officer was not able to locate anyone.

11-7 - Officer was dispatched to a residence on SW 3rd St. for a welfare check on a family member. The subject in question was fine.

11-9 - Officer was dispatched to the 300 block of Front St. for a report of loud music playing during the overnight hours.

11-9 - Officer spoke to a resident in the 200 block of NE 6th St. in reference to a city ordinance violation involving accumulating junk and a non-running vehicle.

11-9 - Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of SW 4th St. for a dogbite report. The victim had sought medical attention, however, did not want to file a police report about the incident.

11-10 - Officer was dispatched to the 200 block of NE 7th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was

impounded and later released to its owner, who was from rural Bishop

11-10 - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of SE 6th Ave. for a harassment/threats complaint.

11-12 - Officer was dispatched to the 500 block of NE 3rd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

11-12 - Officer was dispatched to the 800 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a possible theft. It was determined to be a package delivery.

11-12 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St., James Allicks, 46, Wyanet, was arrested for improper use of registration, operating vehicle with expired registration, not having valid registration, and not having a rear registration light. He was released with a required

11-13 - Officer was flagged down about a dog that had been struck and killed by a car just north of town. The owner was contacted and came to retrieve the dog.

11-13 - Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of W. Division St. for a semi parked in the roadway. The driver was advised to move along.

11-13 - Officer was dispatched to the 00 block of NE 4th St. for a complaint involving a smoke smell in the

11-13 - Officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Market St. for a complaint involving a juvenile that believed she was being followed by a male subject on foot. Officer spoke to the subject, who advised he was walking to convenience store as well.

11-13 - Officer was dispatched to the 00 block of NW 5th St. for a possible fire near an outlet in the house.

11-7 - Jayesh Patel, 52, Hanover Park, Ill., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.

11-11 - Adrian Chavez, 20, Dekalb, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.

11-11 - Chase Sumner, 21, Cambridge, was issued a citation for unlawful possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle.

11-12 - Mary Barber, 48, Chillicothe, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd

11-12 - Charles Lovell, 23, Galesburg, was issued a citation for speeding in the 800 block of SE 2nd St.

11-12 - A 17-year-old male from Kewanee was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd

11-13 - Jodie Clague, 54, Galva, was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.

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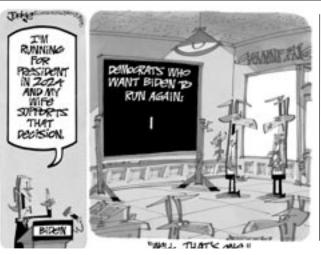
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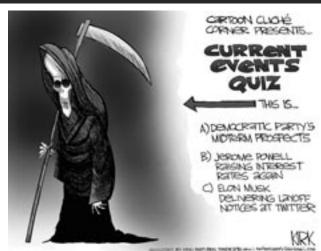
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GUEST VOICES





Mother Nature has a population plan, too

A scientist friend recently noted that at today's rate of consumption, the world is environmentally and economically sustainable for roughly 1 billion people. "That means with the world's population of 8 billion," he half-joked, "you're a goner."

Right, just not right now; let nature take its course, eh?

Recent population trends, however, show that nature might already be winnowing us a bit faster - still too slow for my friend, but winnowing non-

etheless.

For example, at a recent conference on the U.S. economy, the discussion quickly diverted from the more normal shortterm economic outlook to the



Alan **GUEBERT**

rarely discussed longer-term view with demography, the science of populations, as the key yardstick.

In fact, wrote Bloomberg columnist Niall Ferguson, the "main event" at the Aspen Economic Strategy Group conference, "turned out to be a series of disquieting papers on the U.S. demographic trends and their implications. These turn out to be," judged Ferguson, a senior fellow at Stanford University, "a big deal – and at first sight a rather bad one."

Bad for the nation's quickly-aging population because America's steadily falling birth rates will, he notes citing research, "lead to slower population growth, which in turn [will] cause slower economic growth and present fiscal challenges" like Social Security "which

is banking" on a growing population "to keep its actuarial deficit manageable..."

Still, adds Ferguson, the United Nations (U.N.) estimates that if the U.S. birth rate returns to pre-1980s levels (slim chance) and the country reopens its immigration doors (even slimmer chance), its population could rise to 394 million by 2100, or 17 percent more than today.

If, however, the American birth rate remains historically low and the country continues to limit immigration, the U.S. population will drop to 280 million in 80 years, or 16 percent less than today.

The numbers are far more certain if the focus is China, America's biggest ag importer.

"By contrast," Ferguson explains, "the U.N. offers no scenario in which China's population does not decline. Best case, it falls by a fifth. Base case" - essentially the median - "it declines by 46 percent, to 771 million," from today's 1.4 billion. "Worst case, it falls by nearly two thirds, to 494 million."

Think what 1 billion less people in China means to both the world and world markets, and think fast because, according to the Bloomberg writer, "The Chinese government has stopped denying it has a demographic problem." Last month China "admitted that its population" would start to shrink before 2025.

But that's only if China's current population numbers are true. Recent reports strongly suggest that China's infamous one-child policy - that limited families to one child from 1979 until 2016 - actually trimmed today's overall population to 1.2 billion, substantially less than its official count of 1.41 billion.

Despite these projected declines,

the U.N. still sees global population at 10 billion by 2059, then entering a generation-long leveling off period.

Overall population decline is estimated to begin around 2086.

Ninety-five percent of all the population growth until then, says the U.N., will occur in the relatively young, relatively poor sub-Saharan nations of Africa.

Strikingly, that means that in less than 40 years – or about the average length of an American farmer's career – sub-Saharan Africa will have two billion more people to feed, cloth and shelter; China might have one billion less; and rural America will be emptier than it is today.

Another massive shift already in the cards is, again, in China where its recently reappointed leader, Xi Jinping, continues to push farmers to "divert resources from profitable agribusinesses to basic staples" so the nation will be less dependent on the "hostile" west "led by the U.S.," according to the Financial Times.

If that shift proves successful, China's impact on U.S. ag markets - now a \$36 billion-a-year customer – will change long before its shrinking population shrinks its collective stomach.

That is if Mother Nature and her increasingly intense floods, droughts, hurricanes, rising seas, melting glaciers, and other climateforged scythes don't winnow most of us first.

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COUGARS: Illinois not releasing mountain lions

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- There have been eight confirmed cougars in Illinois from 2002-22.
- A cougar was killed by a train in Randolph County in 2002. A bow hunter killed another cougar in Mercer County in 2004.
- In April 2008, a cougar was shot and killed in the Roscoe Village neighborhood in Chicago.
- All cougars were sub-adult (2 to 3-year-old) males. DNA analysis indicated that these animals were genetically similar to cougars from South Dakota and strongly suggests that these were all wild males dispersing from that western popula-
- Images taken by trail cameras in Jo Daviess County in September 2012 and in Morgan, Pike and Calhoun counties in October and November 2012 were confirmed by IDNR to show a live cougar. Given the long distances typically traveled by cougars and the proximity of the counties (especially Calhoun, Morgan, and Pike), it is possible that the camera images may have shown the same cougar.
- Illinois Conservation Police killed a cougar at a farmstead in Whiteside County in 2013.
- In November 2014, trail camera images in Sangamon and Effingham counties were confirmed by the IDNR to show a cougar. The distances and chronology of the photos suggest that they may have shown the same animal.
- There was a confirmed sighting of a cougar captured on a trail camera on private property this year in Whiteside County on Sept. 28, with field confirmation on Sept. 29. IDNR experts believe it may be the same cougar struck and killed in DeKalb County on Interstate 88 on Oct. 16. That cougar was transferred to the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana for a complete autopsy and DNA analysis.
- A collared mountain lion from Nebraska was captured near Springfield on Oct. 22.

Obviously, it is indeed possible to encounter a cougar in Illinois. But is it probable? Not so much.

"The animals periodically wander into our state, which is exciting, but most of Illinois does not have the habitat to support populations, so they will continue to move on," said Peggy Doty of the University of Illinois Extension.

Additionally, Illinois does not have sufficient habitat to support stable populations of these large predators. Southern Illinois has the most contiguous forest in the state but still could not support many mountain lions, says Joy O'Keefe, a University of Illinois natural resources and environmental sciences assistant professor and Extension wildlife specialist.

Here are answers from IDNR regarding some of the most common myths and misconceptions about mountain lions.

Question: Is there a breeding population of mountain lions in Illinois?

Answer: There is no evidence of a breeding population of mountain lions in Illinois. With a lack of documented females in Illinois, it is highly unlikely and not expected in the near future.

Q: Are there any documented cases of females with cubs in Illinois?

A: There have been none documented.

Q: Did IDNR release any bobcats or mountain lions?

A: Regarding mountain lions, state fish and wildlife agencies in states where mountain lions were once extirpated regularly hear stories that "the government" has released mountain lions or other animals in secret. That is a myth, and the reality is that the reintroduction of large carnivores is a very complex and public process involving years of research, planning and community engagement prior to any large animals being released (e.g., wolf reintroduction at Yellowstone National Park).

The IDNR has not released mountain lions in Illinois and has no plans to do so.

Of the eight documented mountain lions in the last 20 years in Illinois that were able to be examined by IDNR, they were young males from western states, typically South Dakota and Nebraska. As populations in western states have recovered in recent decades due to modern wildlife and ecological management practices, young males occasionally disperse east in search of new territories.

Young mountain lions have the ability to cover vast distances in a relatively short time, with one of the furthest documented being a young male that traveled from South Dakota to Connecticut in 2011, an estimated distance of over 1,600 miles which was likely achieved in about two years' time. Females are not known to disperse as far or as often

Bobcats have also not been released by IDNR.

Q: Is there such an animal as a black panther in Illinois or else-

A: No, the black panther is not actually a species, but a genetic color variant in individuals known as melanistic, in which the skin has increased amounts of dark pigment. This can happen in many animals and is essentially the opposite of albinism (lack of color pigment). Melanistic black panthers have been known to occur infrequently in leopards and jaguars. The mountain lion is the only big cat known to inhabit the U.S. A melanistic individual has never been scientifically documented in the wild or captivity.

Q: Is the IDNR running a collared mountain lion study to track the movements of the large cats?

A: No, the mountain lion captured in Springfield last month was the first collared mountain lion known to have entered Illinois. That cat was collared in Nebraska as part of a multi-year study.





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Bradford CUSD#1 celebrates veterans

For The Prairie News BRADFORD - For the first time since the pandemic, BCUSD #1 held an in-person Veterans Day celebration. Local veterans were treated to a breakfast served by the cooks and the NJHS members, the presentation of colors by members of the American Legion Post 445, and a program performed by the students.

The Junior High chorus ended the festivities by singing the National Anthem. Some of the veterans visited their students in the classroom and Donnie Peterson went to the Junior High to do a short presentation about his life in the military for the students.









Please join us for this program on Nov. 19 at 1:30PM at the Toulon Public Library Community Room.





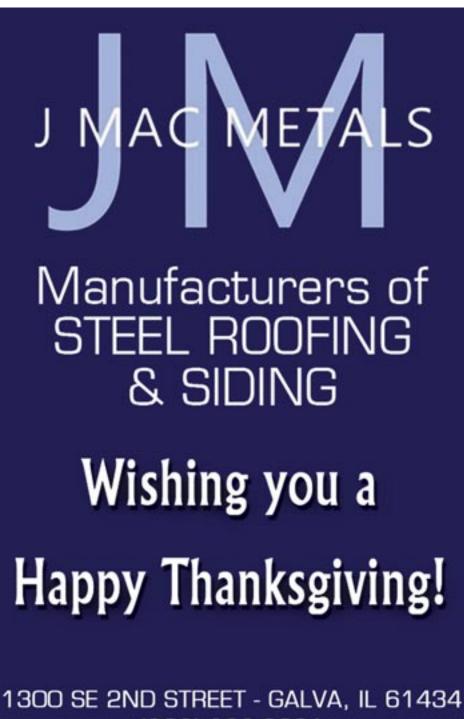




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GALVA – A Holiday Bazaar will be held at First Baptist Church of Galva, 211 NW 4th Ave., on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The menu includes chicken salad on croissant, chips, and a drink for \$6; a cup of chili for \$3; and pie for \$4. Homemade fruit and pumpkin pies and homemade fudge will be for sale through the church's Outreach Committee. A raffle will be held and live Christmas music will be provided in the gym. Admission is free. Various craft items will be on sale.

Thanksgiving hunger dinner Nov. 20

GALVA – The First United Methodist Church has its annual Thanksgiving Hunger Dinner Sunday, Nov. 20, from 4-6:30 p.m. Dine in, carry out or get the traditional Thanksgiving meal delivered. Free will donation to fight world hunger. For delivery, call (309) 932-2460 by Nov. 18 at noon. On Nov. 20, call (309) 932-3255 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Julmarknad returns to Bishop Hill Nov. 25-26

BISHOP HILL – Get ready for the Holidays at Bishop Hill's Julmarknad, or Christmas Market. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 25-26 and Dec. 3. On Nov. 27 and Dec. 4, the hours are from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Nov. 25

- The Colony School hosts a cookie walk from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- The Methodist Church will offer make and take Advent wreaths.



Greg and Julie Strandberg of 110 SW 7th Street were awarded the November Property Pride Award by the Galva: Ready to Grow Committee. The Strandberg's have occupied the home for 33 years. The couple are both retired and have three grown children and four grandchildren. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Pictured above is the Love Tree located in the Galva Pharmacy. The tree ornaments enable locals to provide gifts for eligible children. Photo by Carol Townsend.

• Bjorklund Hotel kitchen will bake cookies from 1-3 p.m.

Nov. 26

- The Colony School hosts a cookie walk from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m
- Lilly Setterdahl book signing at the Colony Store, 10:30 am. to noon, then at Vasa National Archive from 1-3 p.m. to discuss her husband's work to preserve the Swedish-American experience

Nov. 27

• Cookie baking continues at the Bjorklund Hotel kitchen, 1-3 p.m.

December 3

- Mary Davidsaver book signing at Prairie Arts Center, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Dec. 3-4
- Chocolate Walk held at the Bishop Hill Creative Commons.
- Children can make edible tree ornaments at Bjorklund Hotel from 1 to 3 p.m. Peanuts will be used.
- Rye bread baked at the Hotel for visitors to sample. And the Bishop Hill Arts Council will hold a Gingerbread competition and raffle

Love Tree ornaments return to Galva

GALVA – Love Tree ornaments are located at the Galva Pharmacy. There are 61 names of area children for the project this year, ages newborn up to 15. Sizes and ideas are on ornaments.

Gifts are to be unwrapped and brought to City Hall Dec. 8-9 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or Dec. 10 from 8-11 a.m. The Love Tree is sponsored by the Xi Kappa Gamma Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi.

Galva Girls Scouts will also collect toys/gifts for the Love Tree during the Ole Fashioned Christmas, Nov. 26, next to Veterans Park.

- Carol Townsend

Et cetera

• The Stark County FFA team placed fourth out of 11 teams in a recent Agronomy CDE held at Black Hawk College. Logan Goerks and Austin Smith were top scorers for Stark County. Goerks was 16th out of 120 students.





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Circuit chip delays completion of Toulon lift station

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council heard at its Nov. 14 meeting that an oft-delayed lift station sewer project could be done in December.

City engineer Zack Knight said the manufacturer of the lift station will not release the unit until it receives and installs an electronic integrated circuit "chip" into the unit. Knight said that is estimated to occur in December, though no commitment has been stated for that timeline.

Knight also said that Toulon must apply for and be approved for an operating permit to utilize the sewer lift station. The council approved a \$425,447 payment to Stark Excavating for work performed, albeit late.

The culvert on Jefferson Street, just

west of Union Street intersection must be replaced according to Mayor Larry Hollis. Soil tests and borings to test the ground's stability at that location must be performed prior to installing a new culvert. The council approved approximately \$3,200 for the testing.

Farm ground owned by the city was discussed in conjunction with the subdivision south of the high school. The city will lease the farm for another three years because the subdivision is not being developed.

A grant that would help fund the construction of Toulon's new, larger-capacity water tower has been delayed for a year. A past study recommended Toulon have a larger capacity water tower to serve the city adequately.

Finance Committee Chair Rob Finney said the new tax levy will increase by 4 percent. He said that it is to be passed next month.

The city plans to sell a parcel of property on Jefferson Street that was used in the past for community garden plots. In addition, the city will vacate South Street between Olive and Union Streets.

The council approved an ordinance that extends the limit of days in which a raffle must be conducted to 365. The limit had been 120 days.

Finally, the council approved buying a new trailer for \$6,000. The trailer will be used to haul mowers from downtown locations to city property to the south where the sewer plant is located. The trailer would also be used for general hauling.

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Galva school board OKs slight tax levy increase

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News
GALVA – The Galva
School Board approved a
tax levy Monday that will
increase property taxes
from \$4.70 to \$4.72 per
\$100 of assessed valuation.

The board set a Truth and Taxation hearing for Dec. 19 at 6:55 p.m.

Gorenz and Associates went over the district's audit for Fiscal Year 2022 with the board. Galva had a 4.0, which was a perfect score on their audit.

The board heard a bond presentation from Kings



Galva Junior Senior High School held a Veterans Day program on Nov. 11 for all district students, area veterans and the community. Pictured are (left to right) Joe Becker, Galva Superintendent of Schools; Paige Wexell, Galva Student Council President; and Leah Morgan, keynote speaker. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Financial Consulting. The district presently has bonds taken out in 2017.

A new roof is going to

be needed on the high school gym which is estimated at \$350,000 to \$400,000. Other items discussed were upgrading the outside bleachers. The consultant will come back to the December meeting with more figures.

Superintendent Joe Becker went over the district's report card. Data will be available online on the district's website.

The board approved a leave for Rachel Price to start approximately Nov. 14 with a return date of approximately Feb. 1. The board also approved Elly Olson as 7th grade girls volleyball coach for the length of Rachel Price's leave.

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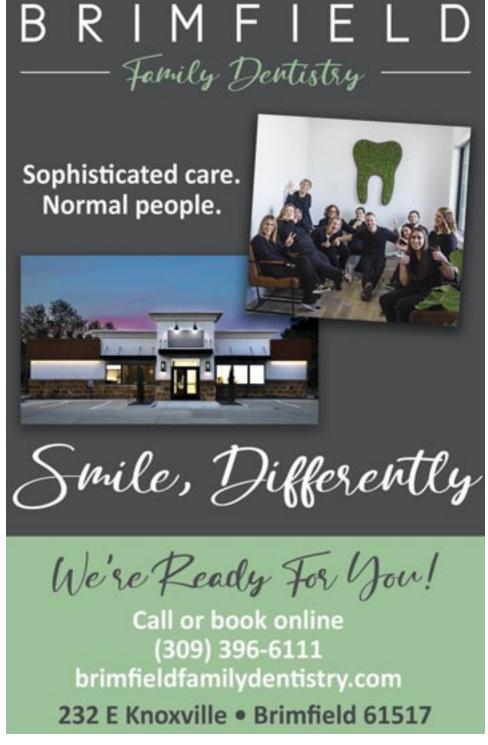


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11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Chili and soup luncheon - Galva Arts Council

11:30 a.m. until sold out – Chocolate Walk sponsored by Galva HS Girls Basketball – Galva Arts Council

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Galva Girl Scout Troop Love Tree Toy Drive collecting unwrapped gifts for newborns to age 15 – Veterans Park

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House -Veterans Park

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Horse Drawn Carriage Rides sponsored by State Bank of Toulon - Veterans Park

1:00 to 4:00 p.m. - Children's Games sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Galva – Veterans Park

4:15 - Parade Line-up - Stackhouse-Moore Parking Lot

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Bradford board discusses speeding

By ANGIE STANGE and JACQUI GRANT

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD - Speeding on Bonita Ave. was a discssion item at the Bradford Village Board's Nov. 14 meeting.

Mike Emmons addressed the board concerning speeding on Bonita Ave. Chief of Police Landon Horrie said he spoke to representatives of the two business located on Bonita Ave. about this issue.

Horrie suggested a sign that registers speed be placed on that street. The village may have a speed sign that needs to be repaired or the board will look into purchasing a new sign using grant money. Other suggestions were speed bumps and increased police presence once an additional officer is hired.

A part-time police officer is being certified and may be ready to work by early December. It has been five years since he worked in law enforcement but, he is familiar with Stark County and law enforcement procedures.

The village has pursued insurance for Horrie, but was unable to secure a plan that would allow him a full-time position in Bradford. The board will pursue additional part-time officers as well as placing an ad for a full-time position.

Jim Chadwick, village maintenance supervisor, reported on the possibility of a grant through North Central Illinois Council of Governments that the village could apply for to assess lines to homes concerning lead pipes. The grant, however, would not cover any repairs. The board decided this was not feasible, but will pursue grants that would fund lead line replacement for home owners.

The village has \$46,000 in COVID Relief Funds that will be used to purchase membranes that will increase the water flow at a reduced cost of \$18,300 from the City of Wyoming. A new pump for the water plant is estimated at \$12,500 but will take a couple of months to arrive and then be installed.

The board also: approved Ordinance 218 concerning Social Security and pension funds; approved liens on mowing abandoned properties to recoup expenses; and went into executive session to discuss Rocket Communications.



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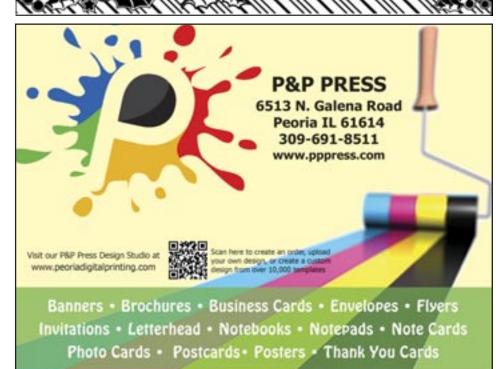




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Former Galva couple sentenced in Stark theft case

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A former Galva couple, now of Florida, were sentenced separately on Nov. 9 in cases involving theft of approximately \$90,000 from Tucker Equipment Sales on Illinois Route 78, in rural LaFayette.

Thomas E. Hartman, 71, and his wife Judy A. Hartman, 65, were arrested and charged in 2020 with theft from Tucker Equipment, which was owned at the time by Jack and Nancy Knobloch.

State's witness Arianna Franzen, of Douglas Irwin Accounting, testified two years ago to losses she found during a fraud audit when Thomas Hartman was manager and Judy Hartman was bookkeeper of Tucker Equipment.

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bookkeeping from paper to digital when Franzen noticed irregularities in bookkeeping during the Hartman's employment. Franzen said a Visa credit card was opened in Thomas Hartman's name and that personal items were charged to the card including Ameren payments, doctor's bills and Verizon payments (not used by the company).

A checking account also had questionable payments. Franzen said around \$6,000 was misappropriated in Visa charges and \$12,000 in checks not associated with Tucker Equipment expenses.

Approximately \$70,000 associated with trailers and other equipment was questionable, Franzen said. Franzen said trailers were gone, but no payments were made. She concluded fraudulent sales were conducted with the trailers.

Stark County State's Attorney Caroline Borden-Campion asked Franzen at the time of Franzen's testimony what happened to the profits after the Hartmans were no longer employed by the Knoblochs. Franzen said, "Profits skyrocketed after the Hartmans left."

During their separate bench trials on Nov. 9, Judy Hartman entered a negotiated plea of guilty and was sentenced to two years of probation. That probation was requested to be transferred from Stark County to Florida to be served there.

Judy Hartman was ordered to pay \$25,000 to the Knoblochs. She did so with a personal check.

Thomas Hartman's case was "dismissed due to [the] guilty finding in 20CF21 [Judy Hartman's case]."

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Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Jerry J. Becker, Superintendent, 224 Morgan Road, Galva, Illinois at 932-2108.

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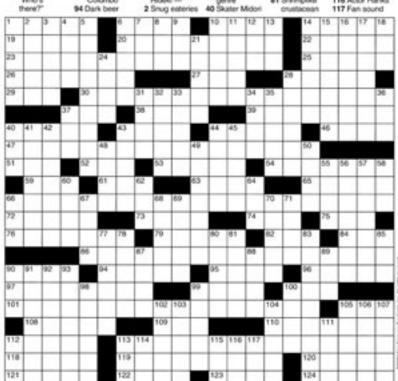
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Bruce V. Barton

KEWANEE - Bruce V. Barton, 62, of Kewanee, died Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at his home.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Thursday, Nov. 17 at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Pastor Mara Ahles-Iverson officiating. Visitation was held from 5-7 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16 at the funeral home.

Burial was in Toulon Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to a college fund for his grandson, to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research or to the



Barton

Elmira United Presbyterian Church. He was born Dec. 15, 1959, in Kewanee, the son of Charles Eugene and Helen Agnes (Hodges) Barton. Survivors include his daughter, Sarah Barton of Kewanee; his grandson, Carsyn; a sister, Ruth (Bruce) Lang of Galva; and his companion, Jeanie Lindahl.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

Bruce graduated from Toulon High School and received his welding certificate. He was employed as a welder at Martin Engineering in Neponset for 22 years. He was a car enthusiast who enjoyed hotrods and going to car shows in Indiana. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandson.

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

Karen A. Hagerty

GALVA - Karen A. Hagerty, 66, of Galva, passed away peacefully at home with the comfort of her family surrounding her on Thursday, Nov. 10, 2022.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Rux Fu-

neral Home in Galva with Pastor Bryan Griem officiating. Visitation was held one hour prior to the services at the funeral home. Cremation will be accorded following the



Hagerty

services. Memorials may be directed to Susan G. Komen.

She was born Aug. 4, 1956, in Princeton, Ill., the daughter of Lec and Wauneta (Ratliff) Lang. She married Richard D. Hagerty on Dec. 28, 1974, in Galva.

Survivors include her mother and her husband; her two daughters,

Tammy Hagerty and special friend, Jason Otis and Teri (Ryan) Stone, both of Galva; a sister, Kathy Lang of Galva; six grandchildren, Brittany (Larry) Cox, Gage (Kelsey) Stone, Tyler Smith, A.J. Stone (Kaci Gibbs), Paige Smith (Dylan Peterson) and Lexi Stone; and five great grandchildren, Warren and Oakley Cox, Jaycen and Josephine Stone and Paisley Smith.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Peggy.

Karen had worked as a cook at Mary's Family Dining in Galva for 13 years. She was of the Baptist faith and enjoyed camping, crafting, bowling and baking. Most of all, she enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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

George E. Wilson

GALVA – George E. Wilson, 95, of Galva, died at 7:05 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Funeral services were held at 11 a.m., Monday Nov. 14 at Rux Fu-

neral Home in Galva, where military rites were accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Rev. Rebecca Gearhart officiated. Visitation was held from 3-5 p.m., Sunday,



Wilson

Nov. 13, at the funeral home. Cremation will be accorded following the services and private inurnment will be in Galva Cemetery at a later

Memorials may be directed to the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities or to Galva Freedom Fest.

George was born March 25, 1927, to Delbert and Ruby Wilson, on a farm in Decatur County, Iowa. He married Lilly M. Schmitt on July 4, 1948, in Berlin, Germany. She preceded him in death in November of 2001. He later married Marilyn Goodrich Whaley on Jan. 11, 2003, in Galva.

Survivors include his wife of Galva: a son, Robert (Desireé Cornwall) Wilson of Florida; his daughter, Kristine (Eric) Anderson of Galva; step-children, Steve Whaley of Bloomington, Ill., Wende (Kevin) Devlin of Rio and Becky Riley of Atkinson; his step-son-in-law, Tim Foley of Galva; a sister, Helen Glasgo of Aurora; grandchildren, Anthony (Elizabeth) Miller, Samantha Miller, Madison Wilso, and Jaxson Meier; eight step-grandchildren; two great grandsons, Huxley and Mason Haptonstall; and six stepgreat grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; his step-father Jacob Garness; a brother, Donald; a sister, Bonnie Lynd; and his step-daughter, Pam Foley.

George graduated from Galva High School in 1944 and attended technical schooling. He served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II from 1945-48, spending time in France, Belgium and Berlin, Germany.

George and Lilly returned to the United States and resided in California. While in California, George, worked at Folgers Coffee and Ghirardelli Chocolate. They then moved to Galva where he worked as a supervisor at Hyster Company and had owned and operated Wilson's Shell Service for 17 years.

He served on the City of Galva Planning Commission from 2006 to the present. He was of the Methodist faith and was a member of the Galva American Legion Hagberg-Hamlin Post 45. He had attended the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities. He was a founding member of Hook and Bullet Conservation Club and enjoyed gardening, woodworking and mowing the lawn.

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

Jane E. Petty

GALVA – Jane Elizabeth Petty, 90, of Galva, formerly of Kewanee, died Friday, Nov. 11, 2022, at her

Private services will be held at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee. Burial will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

She was born Nov. 17, 1931, in Kewanee, the daughter of Daniel and Emily (VanHecker) Jones. She married Kenneth E. Petty on Oct. 27, 1960, in Princeton, and he preceded her in death on July 5, 2005.

Survivors include her children, Shelby Davis, Keith Davis, Nancy Kuykendall, Mary Davis, Suzanne Phelps, Sara Miller, Shawn Petty, Michele Petty, Kenneth Petty Jr. and Forrest Petty; two sisters, Nancy Padilla and Mary Lou Matchett; several grandchildren and great grandchildren; and four great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; her first husband, Daniel Davis; two brothers and two sisters; her grandson, Daniel Miller; and a great granddaughter, Jennifer Phelps.

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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life/
web: https://www.thegathering.life/ https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life

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218 N. Henderson St., Toulon Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. Email fcctoulon@gmail.com website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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St. Timothy Lutheran Church
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Casual, family friendly Interim Pastor Randy Swanson Saturday: 5:30 p.m. Worship (in Luther Hall) Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Worship (in the sanctuary) 10:15 a.m. Sunday School classes (none Memorial Day thru Labor Day) Contact: messiahlutherangalva@gmail.com 1-309-932-3346 Facebook: Messiah Lutheran-Galva, IL

Galva First United Methodist Church

Rev. Rebecca Gearhart 214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2460 preachinghope@gmail.com galvafirst@gmail.com Sunday Worship: 9:00

Wyoming United Methodist Church

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Email: WyomingUMCPastor@gmail.com
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Princeville tree lighting scheduled for Nov. 27

The Princeville Civic Association and the Village of Princeville are hosting the third Annual Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll on Sunday, Nov. 27, from 4:30-7 p.m.

The event will take place in Stevens Square and in the downtown area. Local churches will be leading a carol sing starting at 4:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at 5 p.m., just in time for the tree lighting.

Once the trees are lit, participants will be encouraged to stroll through the lights in the Square and in the

downtown area.

Participating businesses include: Country Financial, Dirt Road Designs, Frosted Bakery, Princeville Community Bank, Princeville Performance Center, Princeville Pharmacy, Princeville Prints, Princeville State Bank, Raylene's Salon, Stacy's Grooming and Smith & Potter Equipment.

Some businesses are open for shopping and the Village Hall will have the Princeville High School gingerbread houses on display. The LME Library will be open as a warming

center and for restroom facilities.

The Princeville Lion's Club willhost a food stand featuring pork chops, pork burgers and hot dogs. The Masons will sell donut holes, hot cider and coffee.

Boy Scouts will collect non-perishable items for the food pantry and will also serving hot chocolate.

The PCA will hold an ornament hunt with prize drawings, including children's bicycles donated by Seneca Foods. The Girl Scouts will carol and Santa will be strolling through the square.



\$ 750.00 \$ 2,000.00

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\$10,000.00

\$ 7,500.00

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\$ 20,000.00 \$ 50,000.00

Budget Appropriation

\$ 32,000.00 \$ 35,000.00

\$13,000.00 \$15,000.00

\$300.00 \$1,000.00

By: Ross Walker, President

Joseph Winans, Secretary - Treasurer

\$ 525.00

\$ 500.00

\$ 2,000.00

\$6,000.00

\$6,800.00

\$ 2,700.00

Total Estimated Corporate Expenditures \$55,675.00 \$107,400.00

hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of an ambulance

service of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark

County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31,

Section 5. That the following sums of money to be and the same or

hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of a liability insurance

fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021 :

Section 6. That the following sums of money to be and the same or

said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois,

Section 7. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any

deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made

ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid,

such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a who I or

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and

after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

I, Joseph Winans, Secretary of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection

I, Joseph Winans, Treasurer of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection

District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a

true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance

revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the

Subscribed and sworn to before me this gth day of November 2022.

of said district, passed November 9, 2022, includes an estimate of

District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a

true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November 2022.

Section 9. This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2022-1

Section 8. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this

hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of the audit fund of

herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2021

any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid.

Section 4. That the following sums of money to be and the same or

3. SALARY FUND

(a) Trustees fees

5. EQÙIPMENT

(c) Firefighter expenses 4. BUILDING FUND

(b) Firefighter training and education

5035 (a) Repairs and maintenance 5045 (b) Utilities and heat

5075 FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF

5070 LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND

Total Estimated Audit Expenditures

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COUNTY OF STARK)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF STARK)

following fiscal year.

Passed: November 9, 2022

Published: November 18, 2022

ATTEST: Joseph Winans, Secretary - Treasurer

of said district passed November 9, 2022

Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

Total Estimated Insurance Expenditures

Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures

AMBULANCE SERVICE

5050 (a) Acquisition of new equipment

5040 (c) Telephone services

LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of M. CAROLYN OSSIAN, deceased

No. 2022PR118

Notice is given of the death of M. CAROLYN ÖSSIAN. Letters of Office-Independent Executor were issued on November 2, 2022 to Barbara Elliott, of 389 S. Division Street, Woodhull IL 61490, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representatives, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of M. CAROLYN OSSIAN No. 2022-PR-118 NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS -WILL ADMITTED

An Order Admitting the Will of M. Carolyn Ossian to probate was entered on November 2, 2022. Named in the Petition are heirs of the decedent whose whereabouts are known, but there may be heirs unknown to Petitioner.

Within 42 days after the effective date of the original Order of Admission any heir may file a petition with the court to require proof of the Will by testimony of the witnesses to the Will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21).

Any heir also has the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the admission of the Will to probate. Filings are to be made with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center, Cambridge IL 61238.

Michael E. Massie Attorney for Estate 115 N.W. Third Avenue Galva, Illinois 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

ESTATE OF: MARY E. NELSON, No. 2022PR74 Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Mary E. Nelson. Letters of Office were issued on June 13, 2022, to Mary Lynne James and Christopher M. Nelson as Co-Executors of the Will of Mary E. Nelson, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, IL, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before December 13,

Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within IO days after it has been filed

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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 11/11, 11/18, 11/25/22

NOTICE OF

PUBLIC HEARING Members of the Bishop Hill Village Board of Trustees will hold a public hearing at 6:00 P.M., on Wednesday, December 7th, 2022, during the regular Village Board meeting. Said hearing will be to consider the PETITION TO VACATE ROAD as offered by H. Wyatt Property Management, LLC, and Eldon B. Menken & Denise W. Menken. The request is to vacate an alley lying between Johnson Street and Bishop Hill Road in the Village of Bishop Hill, Illinois. Any and all interested parties are welcome to attend this hearing and offer any pertinent information they might have on the above matter.

Bishop Hill Village Board of Trustees Published 11/18/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ELMER L. EILTS, Deceased

No. 2022 PR 122 CLAIM NOTICE

FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT (Publication) HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS Notice is given of the death of CALL PAM AT 309 - 286 - 2185

LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2022-1

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND AND AUDIT FUND PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER I, 2022, AND ENDING AUGUST 31,2023.

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protections District in Stark County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 9TH day of November, A.D., 2022, at 7:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from September 1, 2022 to

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the

budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures

1. Balance on hand at beginning of year \$101,784.89

2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2021 estimated to be

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	Corporate	\$41,540.00
	Ambulance	\$30,000.00
	Insurance	\$ 9,000.00
	Audit	\$ 1,000.00
	Estimated Illinois replacement tax	\$ 2,200.00
	Estimated interest income and other revenues	\$ 100.00
	Foreign Tax - IL Municipal League	\$ 750.00
	Total estimated receipts	\$ 84,590.00
	Total estimated expenditures:	
	Corporate	\$ 55,675.00
	Ambulance	\$ 32,000.00
	Insurance	\$ 13,000.00
	Audit	\$ 300.00
	TOTAL:	\$100,975.00
l	Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year:	\$ 85 399 89

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein

specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2022: 1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND 5015 (a) Attorney's fee 5060 (b) Publication expense \$ 600.00 \$ 800.00 5060 (c) Supplies and expenses \$ 300.00 \$ 500.00 5015 (d) Hired accountant \$ 1,750.00 \$ 2,000.00 2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES 5025 (a) Repairs and maintenance of Fire trucks \$5,000.00 \$10,000.00 5030 (b) Repair and maintenance of \$4,000.00 \$6,000.00 firefighter equipment 5050 (c) Replacement of turnout gear and other equipment \$ 2,500.00 \$5,000.00 5055 (d) Fuel and Supplies \$ 750.00 \$1,250.00 5065 (e) Contingency/Incidental Expenses \$ 500.00 \$1,000.00

ELMER L. EILTS. Letters of Office were issued on November 10, 2022, to Debra Frail as Independent Administrator whose circuit clerk's office. attorneys are Barash & Everett,

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 19, 2023. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 11/18, 11/25, 12/2/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

RICHARD P. TEABURG,

Deceased

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of

ESTATE OF No. 2022PR120

(Publication)

Richard P. Teaburg. Letters of Office were issued on November 10. 2022, to Charles D. Eastman as Executor whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before May 13, 2022.

Keith A. Luymes, Notary Public

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Barash & Everett, LLC

Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 Email: everettr@barashlaw.com

Published 11/18, 11/25, 12/2/22

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Joseph Winans, Treasurer

Published 11/18/22

Public Notice is hereby given that on November 10, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as BELLA LUNA JEWELRY, located at 525 N. Culbertson St., Toulon, Illinois 61483.

Dated November 10, 2022 /S/ Heather L. Hollis County Clerk

Published 11/18, 11/25, 12/2/22

The Voice of Stark and eastern Henry Counties

AG-LAND FS

Full Time Operations Lead at Ag Land FS Grain Elevator Adding 3-4 Fall Harvest Helpers

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Please apply in person at the Elmwood Office. For questions call 1-309-742-2711 office or Clay's Cell 1-217-652-2021.

Card of Thanks

FAMILY OF ALLAN R KRAKLOW

The family of Allan R Kraklow would like to thank all those who sent condolences, prayers, monetary donations and meals since his passing. It is wonderful to hear how he touched so many lives during his lifetime. Thank you to the Stark County Sheriff's Department and the Toulon Fire Department's EMT for their prompt response. It is wonderful to live in a small community and have such compassionate teams on call. Thank you to Haskell Funeral Home for the kindness expressed during the funeral arrangements and services.

God's Blessing to All,
Barbra Kraklow
Linda & Brian Moran & family
Karen Kraklow & family
Steven & Sheri Kraklow & family
Paula & Michael Leezer & family

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New Galva TIF awaits state approval to be finalized

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council passed all necessary ordinances to establish its new TIF 1 during its most recent meeting. The only thing left to officially create the TIF is approval from the State of Illinois.

The council also approved buying a 2023 Ford Explorer new police car. The car will replace a 2014 Ford Taurus which will be sold. Cost of the new police car will be about \$52,000 and will come through Morrow Brothers of Greenfield.

The council will open bids at the Dec. 19 city council meeting on three buildings in the downtown

area. Two buildings are former Galva Creamery buildings which are vacant on Front Street. The other is a building owned by Road Trip Bar and Grill on Market Street, on the far east side of the property.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that restrooms were egged and trash was put in them in Wiley Park. Townsend said that the new cameras showed three juvenile girls were responsible for the incident. One girl helped city workers clean the restrooms, which are now winterized and locked for the season. The other two girls will receive community service.

The council annexed 13 acres north of the old Galva landfill into

the city Monday night.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reported that the city has received a new 2022 dump truck in place of the 2019 truck that they had ordered nearly three years ago that was delayed during the pandemic. The city got the same price on the truck and was also given a free salt spreader due to the long wait.

Superintendent Greg Thompson reported there are problems with the motor in Well No. 5 and the motor will have to be pulled.

The next meeting will be moved to Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. due to the holidays. First Ward alderman Jamie Hopping served as Mayor Pro Tem in the absence of Rich Volkert.

Illinois GOP picks new leaders in General Assembly

By JERRY NOWICKI

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Republicans chose new leadership for their caucuses in the Illinois General Assembly on Tuesday, while the two Democratic leaders have each announced they have the votes to maintain their positions.

House Republicans elected Tony McCombie of Savanna and Senate Republicans chose John Curran of Downers Grove.

The change in leadership comes after Democrats maintained control of every statewide office and had strong gains in last week's elections across the rest of state government, aside from in the state Senate.

In that chamber, Curran will preside over a Republican caucus out-

numbered by Democrats at least 38-20, with one race from the Nov. 8 election still too close to call. That means the GOP will have picked up two or three seats.

First appointed in 2017 to the suburban district where former GOP Senate leader Christine Radogno was previously seated, Curran won reelection in 2018 and ran unopposed in 2022. He previously served as an assistant Cook County prosecutor and DuPage County Board vice chairman, and he is now a private practice attorney.

He replaces Dan McConchie, of Hawthorn Woods, who was chosen as Senate minority leader in 2020.

as Senate minority leader in 2020.

McCombie previously served as mayor of Savanna and was first

elected state representative in 2016,

defeating incumbent Democrat Mike Smiddy for the seat in the Quad Cities area. She easily won reelection in 2018 and 2020 and ran unopposed this year.

McCombie's name briefly surfaced in 2020 as a potential challenger for former House Republican Leader Jim Durkin, of Western Springs. But Durkin secured the votes for reelection at the time.

After House Republicans lost at least four, or potentially five, net seats in this year's general election, giving Democrats up to a 78-40 supermajority, Durkin announced he would not seek another term.

Back to lead the Senate is President Don Harmon, while Emanuel "Chris" Welch will remain House Speaker.

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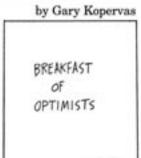














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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦ ♦ ♦

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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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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MOVIES: Who voices the character of Timon in "The Lion King"? 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of parrots called? 3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What are the main colors of Italy's flag? 4. SCIENCE: What instrument is used to measure wind speed and direction? 5. LITERATURE: Who wrote the young readers' novel "Looking for Alaska"? 6. U.S. STATES: In which state can you find Glacier National Park? MEASUREMENTS: What is the study of measurements called? 8. TELEVISION: The characters in "Laverne & Shirley" live and work in which city?

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TOP 10 MOVIES

Black Adam (PG-13) 2. One Piece Film: Red (PG-13) Ticket to Paradise (PG-13) 4. Smile 5. Prey for the Devil (PG-13) 6. Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile (PG) 7. The Banshees of Inisherin (R) (PG-13) 8. Till 9. Halloween Ends (R) 10. Terrifier 2 (NR)

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GIRLS BKB: Princeville must replace 2 top scorers

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"We did not lose anyone, so we've gone from a young team getting varsity experience to a team that is now battle-tested," Bohm said. "We need to improve upon limiting mistakes. Overall, I'm not sure what to expect as I'm a new head coach hoping that we are prepared."

Stark County (1-1) started the season splitting two games at the Princeton Tournament. Last Monday, the Lady Rebels fell behind 12-5 after one quarter and lost to Bureau Valley, 41-31, despite 11 points apiece from Frisby and Johnston. Johnston scored 12 on Tuesday as Stark County beat Henry, 29-27. Frisby added six points and Hillier had five in the win.

Bohm said he expects top teams in the LTC will include Knoxville and Annawan.

• **Princeville** – Senior Destinee Harwood is back to lead the Lady Princes after putting up more than 14 points per game last season. But the 5-6 Harwood will likely face more attention from defenses after the graduation of Caitlyn Thole and Jesenia Horton-Meza from a 19-10 team.

"She didn't have a lot of defense played on her last year because of those two seniors," Coach John Gross said. "But she's a lot stronger than last year and she will be a threat taking the ball to the basket."

Harwood scored 11 in Princeville's 44-24 season-opening home loss to Brimfield on Monday.

Another returning starter is junior guard Kinley McGinn, who scored six against Brimfield and will split point-guard duties with Harwood.

Other starters are junior Sydney Kratzer, senior Leah Wieland and junior Brianna Brodie, who at 5-9 is Princeville's tallest player and "is going to have to do a little bit of everything," according to Gross.

Two others who are part of the rotation are skilled defender Paisley Schock and guard Sierra Stahl.

Gross calls Elmwood a top area team and listed Annawan, Abingdon-Avon, West Central and Knoxville as LTC favorites.

Princeville can contend too, Gross said, "if we play well. The best thing we have going for us is we have a lot of our rougher games at home."

One issue for Princeville is low turnout. With just 12 girls, Gross said the team will not play JV games until more players join the squad.

• ROWVA-Williamsfield — Senior guard Carolyn German returns for her fourth season as a starter after averaging 11 ppg and earning all-conference in the ICAC and LTC. German also collected 5.8 rpg and 3

apg for the Lady Cougars, who finished 13-18 and 8th in the LTC.

Also back is part-time starter Emma Seibold, who will be joined in the starting lineup by junior guard Lizzie Johnston and junior center Maggie Blust, backups last winter.

"We should be solid offensively. We have a nice mix of shooters from perimeter, with a solid center who can play both inside and outside," Coach Michael Weitekamp said. "We have more speed than we've had in the past, which will allow our game to be faster and more aggressive than the past two seasons."

Weitekamp expects his team to push for the top half of the LTC and hopes for the program's first winning record in years. He lists Annawan and Knoxville as LTC favorites.

German scored 14, Johnston 13 and Blust 5 in a 40-34 loss to West Central in Monday's opener.

• Et cetera – Former LTC member West Central is enjoying 8-man football. West Central (12-0) will play in the I8FA State Championship game vs. Amboy on Friday, Nov. 18, at 7 p.m. at Monmouth College. Admission is \$7. West Central advanced thanks to a 26-yard scoring run by Kaiden Droste on the final play of its 50-48 semifinal win over Polo.

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POSTSEASON STARTING

Stark County's 7th grade girls basketball team irecently won the conference championship after going unbeaten in league play. The team is also seeded No. 1 in the Brimfield Class 7-2A Regional. Postseason play starts this Saturday, Nov. 19. Stark County will play at 4 p.m. in Brimfield against the winner of a game earlier that day between No. 4 seed Brimfield vs. No. 5 London Mills Valley. Williamsfield is the No. 2 seed in the regional.

The Galva girls team is seeded No. 5 in the Class-7-1A regional being held at Monmouth Immaculate Conception School. Galva plays Saturday at 9 a.m. against Kewanee Wethersfield



IHSA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

CLASS 1A Ouarterfinals

- (1) Lena-Winslow 52, (4) Fulton 14
- (10) Forreston 20, (11) Dakota 8 (1) Ridgeview-Lexington 41, (4) Tuscola 6
- (2) Camp Point Central 24, (3) Greenfield-Northwestern 12

Saturday's Semifinals

(10) Forreston (8-4) at (1) Lena-Winslow (12-0), 2 p.m.

(2) Camp Point Central (12-0) at (1) Colfax Ridgeview-Lexington (12-0), 2 p.m.

CLASS 2A Ouarterfinals

- (1) Maroa-Forsyth 21, (4) Rockridge 7
- (6) Tri-Valley 46, (7) Knoxville 22
- (1) St. Teresa 37, (4) Pana 12(2) Johnston City 42, (14) Belleville Althoff 32

Saturday's Semifinals

(6) Downs Tri-Valley (10-2) at (1) Maroa-Forsyth (12-0), 1 p.m.

(2) Johnston City (12-0) at (1) Decatur St. Teresa (12-0), 3 p.m.

CLASS 3A Quarterfinals

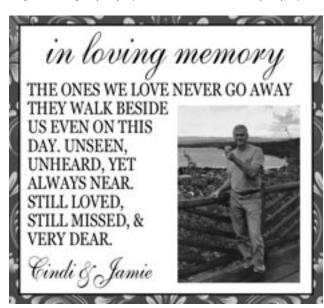
- (4) Elmhurst IC 27, (1) Princeton 20, OT
- (6) Byron 32, (2) Braidwood Reed-Custer 27
 (4) Tolono Unity 14, (1) Fairbury Prairie Central 0
 (3) Williamsville 41, (15) Stanford Olympia 21

Saturday's Semifinals

(6) Byron (11-1) at (4) Elmhurst IC Catholic (11-1), 3 p.m.

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The Prairie News Sports

Seeking improvement

Stark County, Galva girls BKB return experience

Boys Preview

We'll preview local boys basketball teams in

the Nov. 25 issue of The

Prairie News.

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie Ne

With plenty of experience back this season, the Galva girls basketball team looks to take a step forward in the Lincoln Trail Conference standings.

A 12-20 finisher last season that went 4-7 in the LTC, Galva returns a core group of five seniors who have all been playing for Coach Dan Russell for at least three seasons.

"So I've got some experience this year,"

said Russell, who has been coaching Galva since 2017. "We think we have some potential to have a good season."

Leading the group of returnees are senior point guard Lexi Stone and senior shoot-

ing guard Kali Yelm, who have been in the lineup since their freshman seasons. Three other seniors have been contrib-

utors since they were sophomores: 5-foot-10 Alexis Spivey, Olivia Jones and Sarah Kaiser. Beyond those seniors, Russell has two

junior post players who will also be in the starting lineup: Ava Strom and Kendall Rogers.

Sophomore Moddio Potes also figures to

Sophomore Maddie Bates also figures to be part of the varsity rotation, according to Russell.

"We don't have a lot of height, so we rely more on our quickness," Russell said. "We have a lot of quickness, so I think we can cause some teams some trouble if we

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buy into having a solid defense."

Galva opened its season against Mercer County on Tuesday at Woodhull and dropped the opener, 48-33. Stone led the Wildcats with 13 points while Strom added 8 in a setback that did not surprise Russell.

"I'm putting a lot of new things in the system this year and the girls are at a growing point so far," Russell said. "I've added a lot for them, so I expect a little bit of a slow start. A little started to click with

them last night."

Russell listed Annawan and Princeville as LTC favorites this season and said Mercer County also looks solid.

• Stark County – Bob Bohm takes over for longtime head coach Scott Paxson and has

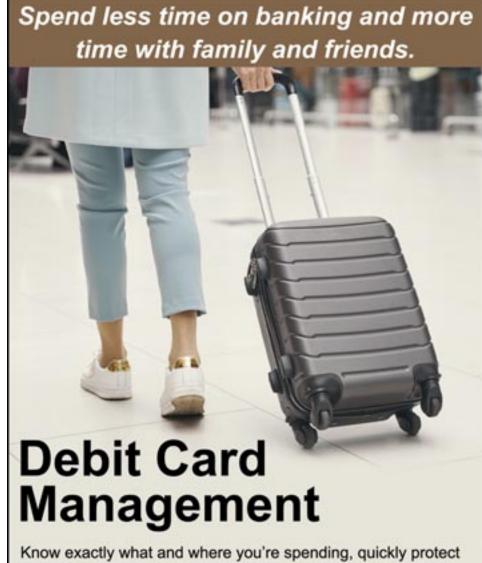
four starters back from a 1-28 squad that went 0-11 in the LTC.

Senior center Kylee Frisby is back after leading the team in scoring and rebounding one year ago.

The 5-11 Frisby will get support from three other returning starters: 5-5 senior guard Lauren West, 5-7 junior guard/forward Payten Hillier and 5-8 senior guard Paige Rewerts, who was limited to a few games last season due to injury.

The Lady Rebels will also benefit from the return of 5-6 senior guard Lindley Johnston, who did not play last season but is back out again and should provide speed and athleticism to the lineup.

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