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Heck, Volkert and McClintic seek Galva mayoral seat

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – David Heck, Traci McClintic and Rich Volkert are all seeking the office of Mayor of Galva in the April 4 election. Volkert is the incumbent.

Each candidate was given several questions to answer.

Question: What do you feel are the top issues facing Galva that if you were elected would be a priority for you to resolve?

Heck: 1. Transparency and communication. Sometimes citizens can hear rumors or grow to distrust local government based solely on a lack of transparency. I feel a major contributor to this issue could be a lack of communication between local government and the citizens they serve.

I would like to focus on being the most transparent administration yet to ensure that local government is a good steward of taxpayers' dollars.

2. Evaluating and improving city services. Services provided by the city are essential. I would like to take a deeper dive into these services.

3. Bringing business to Galva. The city has gained a positive reputation as a community that welcomes new businesses and fosters growth. I would offer more support to our existing businesses and support to new and



Heck



McClintic



Volkert

potential businesses.

McClintic: To continue to ensure our streets and neighborhoods stay safe.

To enhance city revenue. To open the dialogue with the citizens and businesses of Galva.

Volkert: 1. Communication in Galva between the city and its citizens and between the citizen and the business community.

2. Community growth, development and pride.

3. Getting everyone in town moving in the same direction

Q: If you were elected, how would you address these issues?

Heck: I would solve the transparency and communication issues by focusing on internal communication in order for local government to more effectively communicate with citizens.

I would request a review of department spending, municipal spending and evaluate technology needs so government of Galva can operate as efficiently as possible.

I would undertake evaluating and improving city services by conducting a comprehensive review of all departments of city government in to order to focus on improving efficiency. I would

request that the administration review the standards and codes in these departments to make sure that they are still aligned with the needs of citizens.

I would bring business to Galva by utilizing social media and more forms of advertising. The city does not have adequate representation on social media and I would use this free tool to our advantage to better reach our citizens, business owners and potential business owners.

I would work with the Chamber of Commerce for business growth and, most of all, ask citizens what kind of businesses they want to see in their town.

McClintic: I will have a fully-staffed, well-trained police force

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Black Hawk College

Four seek 2 trustee spots

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

Four candidates are running for two open six-year positions as trustees of Black Hawk Community College in the April 4 election.

The field includes incumbent trustees Jon A. Looney and Steven Spivey and challengers David Dyer and Samantha Gange.

Here are questions posed to the candidates and their replies, edited for clarity and space.

Question: Can you provide some background on yourself?

Dyer: I was born in El Paso, Texas, and graduated magna cum laude from the University of Texas at Dallas with a degree in government and politics. I reside in Galva, where I have served

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AUTONOMOUS TRACTORS



Future of farms taking shape

By DAN GRANT

FarmWeek

The use of driverless ag equipment might seem like something from a science fiction movie, but it's already gaining ground on farms today.

And some of that technology was

on display to farmers from around the world at Commodity Classic in Orlando, Florida, as equipment manufacturers set their sights on improved ag efficiencies.

"We are committed to moving forward as an industry," said Matt

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Bradford board

Four vie for 3 spots as village trustees

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Four candidates are running for three available spots as trustees on the Bradford Village Board in the April 4 election.

Incumbents on the board are Pat Berlin and Tony Carlton. Also running are Bradford residents Angie Stange and Kodi Cade.

Here are questions posed to the candidates and their replies, edited for clarity and space. Carlton did not provide answers.

Question: Can you provide some background on yourself?

Berlin: I am a retired school teacher and have lived in Bradford for 37

years. My wife, Pam, and I have four children. I still officiate basketball and football games.

Cade: My wife is Taylour Cade and we have two sons, Karcyn and Khyler.

I have lived in Bradford all 29 years of my life. I work at Hartwig Inc as a service engineer. also own K&R Stump Grinding business. My hobby is demolition derby.

Stange: I was married to Dennis Stange for 34 years prior to his death in March of 2007. We are the parents of five adult children. The older four attended 12 years in the Bradford schools. The youngest attended Bradford schools

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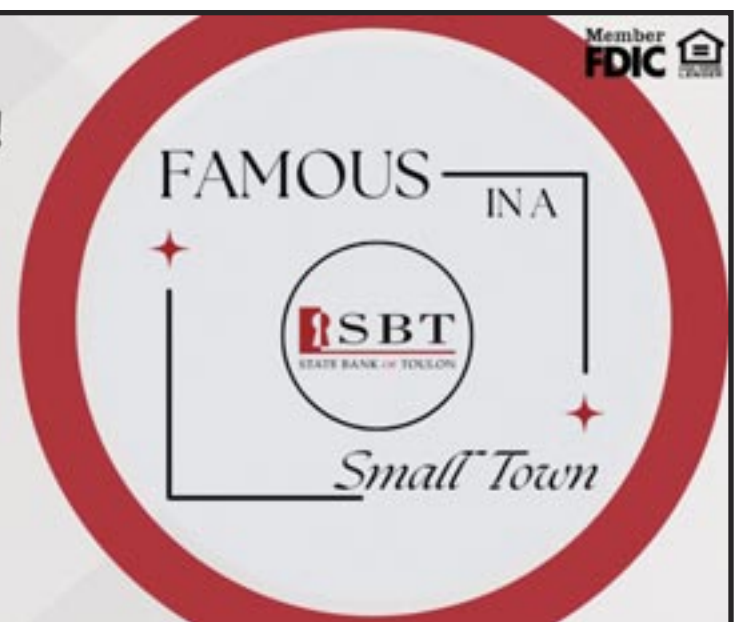
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GALVA: Better spread of information sought

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 and provide it the needed resources to keep our community safe. This includes working closely with the sheriff, state's attorney and government agencies and non-profit organizations. By working with these agencies, we can tackle issues such as mental health, child abuse, domestic violence and drug abuse.

To address my second issue, I want to promote and increase economic development by bringing new businesses to town while supporting and or expanding our existing businesses. Creating new jobs will increase the need for new housing.

The energetic volunteers of the Levitt AMP Music Series, Back Roads Music Festival, Freedom Fest, and Galva Arts Council provide a foundation for an outstanding quality of life

value for Galva, Bishop Hill and surrounding communities. I will fully support and work with these organizations in hopes of expanding our economic development and tourism opportunities.

To address the third issue, I would like residents to be informed about what is occurring within our city. I will create a monthly forum entitled "Coffee with the Mayor" to be held at various locations in town. At these forums, I can hear ideas or concerns of our citizens and can inform them of the direction of the city.

I will also start a newsletter which will contain a calendar of events.

Volkert: Because we no longer have a full-time newspaper in town, what is actually going on in the community ends up being passed on by word of mouth or on Facebook.

The city is working with The Prairie News to publish more Galva news and events and to possibly have a greater presence in town.

The city administration, mayor and council are continually looking for ways to help local businesses expand and to attract new entities to our community.

The current downtown \$175,000 Façade Program

has helped Crescent City put up a new sign and Iron-Vac LMT to paint its building. More projects are in the works.

We are also in the process of signing an agreement with Hometown Consulting for community and economic development downtown and in surrounding areas.

We have also maintained a dedicated police department, including a community-supported program to have a trained police K-9 unit.

Getting everyone in town moving in the same direction is a two-fold issue.

First, everyone needs to have the same information available to them. Informed citizens are an important part of moving forward.

The second part is taking the information, making plans and moving forward in the same direction.

Q: What qualifications do you have to be mayor?

Heck: Although I am not a politician and have yet to serve on local government, I have years of experience managing people and projects. I am a hard worker.

McClintic: I am an 11-year veteran of Caterpillar as an administrative assistant. I am organized, dependable and experienced. My approach to spending is

conservative: no tax increases and fiscal discipline and robust economic development to enhance the city revenue.

I am not a politician but I have learned the meaning of public and community service from my father, Dave McClintic, a former Galva mayor and Galva Township Supervisor.

Volkert: I have spent three years as city treasurer, two years as alderman, 31 years on the fire department and four years as mayor.

My main qualification is that I care deeply for this community and have the time and desire to keep working for it.

In my first four years, we have finished the process of putting up a new addition to the fire station, as well as using the gambling revenues to start a new fire-truck fund which now stands at \$135,000. The stage at Wiley Park with the gracious support of Jane Doss, has been constructed and maintained to support Levitt Amp and community events.

We have also tried to run the city as professionally as possible by setting up a business structure to collect monies owed as fairly as possible. This has eliminated large amounts owed to the city in the past.

AG TECH: Fully automated by 2030?

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 Olson, precision ag manager for John Deere.

"When you look at the future, we continue to evolve at an increasingly fast pace because of technology."

John Deere released its first autonomous tractor for tillage operations last year - 8R tractors with a TruSet-enabled chisel plow, GPS guidance and advanced technologies.

The unit features six pairs of stereo cameras, which enable 360-degree obstacle detection and calculation of distance.

And it's just the first in what Deere envisions as an entire lineup of autonomous equipment.

"We are committed by

2030 to have a fully autonomous production system for row crops, from planting and spraying to harvest and tillage," Olson said.

That could radically change how farmers manage their operations. Deere's new See and Spray Ultimate is one example. The new technology can reduce non-residual herbicide use by more than two-thirds by target spraying weeds.

See and Spray Ultimate uses 36 cameras on a 120-foot sprayer boom to scan more than 2,100 feet at once to apply herbicide only to weeds it detects.

Deere also unveiled new ExactRate technology this year to precisely monitor

and control applications of liquid fertilizer during planting.

Meanwhile, Case IH advanced its development of autonomous technology by unveiling its TriDent 5550 sprayer with Raven Autonomy at last year's Farm Progress Show. Farmers can run the applicator from any mobile device.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

3-26 - Amber E. Anderson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
3-26 - Dylan M. Buckley - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

3-24 - DUI - Damon L. Rohrig of Neponset, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, BAC over .08, and driving 15-20 mph above the limit (75 in a 55 mph zone). He posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a court date.

3-11 - Criminal felony - Mina E. Granado - Aggravated fleeing/2+ control devices and cause a child to be endangered.

3-21 - Criminal felony - Jeffery A. R. McBride - Unlawful possession of a controlled substance (fentanyl), driving on revoked or suspended DUI, unlawful possession of cannabis, driving on a revoked license, no valid registration, operating an uninsured vehicle, unsafe equipment and head/tail/sidelight violation. Unable to immediately post bond he was taken to Stark County Jail. On March 24 he posted \$500 cash bond and was released with a court date.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

3-21 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 northwest of Wyoming. Drivers involved were two Wyoming teenagers, ages 15 and 17. The 17-year-old crashed a van into the back of a pickup truck she was following being driven by the 15-year-old teen. Reportedly the truck driver slowed due to several deer standing in the roadway when the accident occurred. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

3-20 - Kelly J. Moreland, 61, Peoria, was cited for driving with no vehicle insurance and for driving on an expired registration. She was issued a notice to appear in court.

3-23 - Zachary D. Poole, 28, Windsor, was cited for driving on a suspended vehicle registration and for driving with no insurance.

3-24 - December R. Tracy, 18, Toulon, cited for improper lane usage.

3-26 - Tavarion Troupe, 26, Chi-



cago, was cited for improper use of registration and for driving without a valid registration.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

3-20 - to speak with a subject by telephone in reference to an impounded vehicle.

3-21 - to an activated burglar alarm in the 600 block of SE 2nd St. It was determined to be a false alarm.

3-21 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a complaint involving harassment from a subject who bought a vehicle and refuses to return the license plates.

3-21 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a residential burglary complaint.

3-21 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to assist a motorist who had locked their keys in the vehicle. Tarletons also responded.

3-21 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. for a domestic disturbance involving a juvenile. While handling the complaint, the officer was also advised the subjects were missing a license plate. It was entered into the LEADS system as "stolen."

3-22 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a civil dispute involving a cat left at the property after an eviction.

3-23 - to the 500 block of NW 8th St. for two dogs running loose. The officer caught both dogs and contacted the owner, based on info from their collars. The dogs were returned.

3-23 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a complaint involving suspicious activity.

3-24 - to assist a motorist who broke an axle on a grain wagon in the 600 block of S. Center Ave.

3-24 - to the 100 block of NE 1st St. for a property dispute involving a couch placed on neighbor's property.

3-24 - to a residence on W. Division St. in reference to a welfare

check. The subject said he was fine.

3-25 - to the 300 block of SE 4th Ave. for a suspicious activity complaint. The owner found a door locked that isn't normally and thought someone may be inside the residence. Officer checked the residence, but nobody was inside.

3-25 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a criminal trespass to vehicle complaint.

3-26 - along with Stark County Medic to a medical emergency on NE 6th Ave. The subject was determined to be deceased after life-saving efforts were unsuccessful. The coroner was contacted.

3-26 - to 200 block of SW 6th St. for a criminal damage to property /trespassing complaint.

3-20 - Kathleen Wight, 54, Williamsfield, issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

3-20 - Eileen L. Klumpp to Andrew D., David K. and Kevin R. Klumpp - Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SE, Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 15-13-7 SW, and Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$252,500.

3-20 - Ronald L. Baer to Andrew D., David K. and Kevin R. Klumpp - Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SE, Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SW, and Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 15-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$303,000.

3-20 - Gladys J. Martin to Andrew D., David K. and Kevin R. Klumpp - Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SE, Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 16-13-7 SW, and Und 1/4 Int Pt Sect 15-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$ 303,000.

3-20 - Eileen L. Klumpp to Andrew D. Klumpp - Und 1/2 Int Sect 5-13-7 SW - Consideration = \$430,000.

3-23 - Patricia A. and Samuel J. Plattner to John A. and Sara A. Ehnle - Pt Sect 2-14-7 SW and SE - Consideration = \$0.

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GUEST VOICES

What changed from two years ago in Bradford?

To the Editor:

Recently, a chair of the Bradford Village Board's Community Improvement and Events spoke with members of the Bradford Betterment Committee about their questions and concerns. Their response was "What changed from two years ago?"

What changed was the board was no longer hosting events for the Labor Day celebration and the Christmas Walk due to burnout. The former 150th Committee informed the board on March 9, 2020, that they have changed to the Bradford Betterment Committee and they later wanted to take over the Labor Day celebration and Christmas walk. Once the village closed the festival account, a portion of the funds were given to Main Street Tap and to the BBC.

Due to the village no longer hosting these events, the village dropped event insurance. The event insurance would be needed to be taken on by the business or organization hosting the events, as stated in the board meeting of June 2022. A BBC member contacted Leezer Insurance on July 21, 2022, inquiring about insurance. They were told they must have insurance and the reasons were stated.

When the BBC did not hand in a certificate of insurance before the Labor Day event, the Village attorney suggested to have the BBC sign a waiver. They refused to sign it and the event was held without liability insurance. The board could have shut this event down but did not, and hoped and prayed no would get hurt and sue the village.

Main Street Tap stepped up to take



over the car show and presented an event insurance certificate in a timely manner before Labor Day of 2022. The BBC gave an insurance certificate to the village on Sept. 9, 2022, after the event naming the village as additional insured.

Since there were questions regarding this insurance, the village invited John Leezer, the village's insurance agent, to a board meeting on Sept. 12, 2022, to explain and answer any questions anyone would have regarding insurance. Leezer explained that any organization hosting an event would need insurance and, since the BBC was accepting donations, they were no longer volunteers.

The board has never said they are against the BBC, we have recognized these hard-working individuals and have told them what a good job they have and are doing. Do any of us hear enough praise? No, but the board appreciates all the time and effort it takes to put on these events as they have done it in the past years.

The board has only tried to protect the village and the taxpayers' money from financial and legal actions. It is the job of the village maintenance department to upkeep all village property and they are insured by the village.

Once we learned the BBC needed to register with the state as an organ-

ization, this changed the way in which the board looks at events and things the BBC wants to do around town. Our village attorney reached out to a member of the BBC by phone and reiterated with a letter letting them know what they needed to do to become a legal organization. They were no longer volunteers, but an organization putting on fundraisers, soliciting through membership letters and donation jars around town.

This has been a learning experience for all of us. There has been mistakes along the way on both parts. But that is our learning experience and will improve the way we go forward.

In going forward, the hostility, finger pointing, anger and published and social media articles against the board have to stop in order to work together. Our village has been divided, which is sad when we all have the same goal. We should all be able to get along and work together as adults for one goal, and that is to make this a good place to live for our residents, future residents and, most importantly, our children and grandchildren. Respectfully.

- John Cler,

Village of Bradford Mayor

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BLACK HAWK: Enrollment decline a concern

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as Galva's city administrator for the past 18 years. My wife, Mechelle, is an elementary school teacher, and my son, Zachary, attends Black Hawk College (BHC).

My board positions include BHC East Foundation, Henry County Economic Development Partnership, the University of Illinois Extension Service, OSF Saint Luke Hospital, the Housing Authority of Henry County and Elevate Illinois, a civic group I helped found.

Before arriving in Galva, I was director of product development for a global telephony company headquartered in Texas.

Gange: I am city clerk for Rock Island, where I reside. I am a mother of two-year old twins, Addison and Jackson, and have two wonderful bonus girls, Charli and Miki. I am a former Black Hawk College staff member and served the college in a variety of roles from 2012-20.

I am a product of a community college having earned by associate's degree from Bismarck State College in North Dakota, where I was raised.

Looney: I am a lifelong resident of Kewanee with my wife, Amanda, and daughter, Addison. Black Hawk College has always been a part of my life, from growing up and watching my mother, Cindy, get her ASL certificate and then later her associates degree from BHE. I attended BHE, received my associates degree and a bachelor's degree from WIU.

I first returned to East Campus as an Adjunct CS100 instructor and later became Chief Information Officer. I currently work at Union Federal Savings and Loan as the security and IT officer.

Spivey: I am 68 and manager of Spivey Angus Farm, a family-owned cattle and grain farm. My wife Sandy is a retired elementary school teacher. My two adult children are Amy and Matt. I live on the family farm, where I grew up, outside of New Windsor. I am a graduate of the East Campus ag program and served as an adjunct ag faculty member at the East Campus, director and president of the BHE Agri-Business Club Alumni, and I have served as a director and president of the East Campus Foundation.

Q: Why are you running to be a Trustee for Black Hawk College and what are your priorities?

Dyer: A dear friend of mine, whose health was failing, asked me to take his place on the East Campus Foundation. Before he

passed, I promised him I would take care of BHC. I intend to keep my promise.

My priorities include reinstating a president on the East Campus. It would be silly for the East Campus to tell the West Campus, "never mind, we will take care of you from over here." It is equally frivolous for the West Campus to attempt to micromanage the East campus from over there. Due to the appalling decrease in enrollment, I would focus on recruiting and marketing the unprecedented opportunities available in today's economy to youth and adults alike.

Gange: First and foremost, my heart is with BHC! I am committed to the future of Black Hawk College and want to continue to see it grow and serve our communities for years to come. Also, I am passionate about higher education. My priorities include: keeping tuition affordable; recruiting and retaining good quality full-time faculty and staff; exploring and expanding community opportunities and partnerships; building deeper community relationships; exploring new strategies that meet the needs of our students and provide quality support; and supporting the mission and vision of the college.

Looney: Dreams. Students come to East and QC campuses with hopes and dreams. At Black Hawk College we help them achieve their dreams.

My priorities are to: complete the presidential search and onboard the new president; reverse our enrollment trend; continue the work on campus culture; and look towards four-year degrees for community colleges which do not compete with four-year universities, particularly in the ag programs.

Spivey: Selecting a new president in the coming weeks is the single most important decision a trustee will make.

The board of trustees and president must evaluate what we do well and where we need to improve at each campus and develop programs and curriculums that better serve our students and the communities we serve. I want to help BHC grow, serving traditional students and becoming a bigger partner with business and industry to assist with their training needs.

Q: What makes you a good candidate to be a trustee?

Dyer: The fiscal, material, environmental, and even psychosocial well-being of an institution is the responsibility of its trustees. Having broad experience in the private and public sectors

makes me well-suited.

Gange: I have 15 years of experience working in higher education, both at the university and community college levels in a variety of roles. I possess the administrative background, knowledge and skills needed to serve as a trustee.

Additionally, I understand the perspectives of students, faculty and staff. As a non-traditional student working two jobs during undergraduate and graduate school, I understand the struggles students face.

And I am a great listener. **Looney:** I understand the college's processes, budgeting, scheduling at both campuses and the challenges we face locally, statewide and from the federal government. In addition to my role as a trustee, I spent two years as president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association working on state and federal issues for Black Hawk College and the Community College System.

Spivey: I have 24 years of experience as a trustee (1985-2003, 2017-present) and have been active with the college and East Campus in numerous capacities, beginning when I was an ag transfer student in 1973.

I understand each campus is unique and the communities they serve have different educational needs that require the college to be flexible in how it addresses those needs.

Q: What are the biggest issues facing Black Hawk College?

Dyer: Both teachers and staff have expressed their frustration with the direction of the college. Many are broken down and tired, yet soldier on, indicating their love for the institution and what they do. Regrettably, others carry their resignation letters in their purses and pockets.

The carrying of letters, whispering in the hallways, and statements like "I can't talk to you for fear of retribution" all point to an atmosphere of fear.

So what is the biggest issue facing the college?

Lack of leadership.

Gange: Declining enrollment coupled with higher retention rates are some of the biggest issues. Higher education as we all knew it pre-pandemic has changed. We need to rethink how education is perceived and valued.

Additionally, online learning has deepened inequities for students, adding additional barriers that can compromise the quality of services and this needs to be addressed.

Looney: The enrollment decline is the largest issue facing the college. While we are not the only downstate community college facing it, we need to figure out what works for both BHC campuses. I am convinced there is not just one silver bullet to solve the issue.

As a board, we have started the process by seeking an outside perspective from a consulting company, EAB. We are still in the middle of the process with EAB and it's too early to gauge results.

Spivey: We need to take significant steps to increase our enrollment. We need to make sure our curriculum and programs at each campus reflect students' wants and needs. We need to evaluate what we do in career and technical training, so we are offering training in areas that have high demand that students want to pursue and meet the needs of businesses in our area.

Q: Anything else you would like to add?

Dyer: You cannot help someone else get up a hill without getting closer to the top yourself - Schwarzkopf

Gange: Municipal elections are so very important! Don't forget to vote on April 4, 2023!

Looney: The college is in the midst of hiring a new president. The committee I co-chaired is proud to share our results. BHC has three outstanding candidates who are finalists for the position. Interviews and community forums started March 29. Please see www.BHC.edu for more information.

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Everything to be picked up must be out by Monday, May 8th. The garbage truck will start in the North end of Wyoming and move South. They will not revisit an area they have already picked up.
It will be free to all residential households in the corporate limits of the City of Wyoming. Per state laws they cannot pick up any electrical items. Large nonelectrical appliances and large pieces of furniture as in couches, large chairs, mattress, and box springs will require a tag at a cost of \$10.00 each. Tags can be purchased at City Hall. City Hall's hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 to noon and 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Anything placed out should be easily picked up by one man and placed into the back of the garbage truck. Bundle items when necessary so they may be picked up quickly.
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April 4 election offers many seats in Galva

GALVA – There are several choices on the Galva ballot on April 4.

There are four seats available on the Galva School Board. They include the seats of Eric Bates, Brittany Boston, Mike Clucas and John VanDeVelde.

Those running are Bates, Boston, and VanDeVelde. Clucas has chosen not to run. Jill Pankau will be a write-in candidate for a seat on the Galva School Board.

Three seats are up for election on the Galva Library board, those of Randy Anderson, Barbara Carvello, and M. Gloria Wilson. Carvello, and Wilson will be seeking their seats back, along with newcomer Allan Gardner-Atkinson. Anderson is not seeking another term.

There is only one seat up for election on the Galva Park board which

is the seat of Peter VanDeVelde. VanDeVelde is seeking the 6 year seat unopposed.

There are no races for other city offices.

Melissa Halsall is unopposed for the office of treasurer. Debra VanWassenhove is seeking another term as city clerk.

Jeff Olson is running on the Independent ticket for first ward alderman, Rick Otterstrom is running on the Peoples Party for second ward alderman and Jacqueline Clucas is running for the third ward alderman on the Peoples Party.

– Carol Townsend

First United Methodist to host Palm Sunday dinner

GALVA – The Galva First United Methodist Church will host a dine-in, carry-out, or delivery ham dinner for this Sunday, April 2.

The dinner is open to anyone in the community and the cost is a free-will donation. The dinner includes baked ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, apple sauce, rolls with butter, dessert and drink (dine-in only).

The church is located at 214 NW 2nd Ave. in Galva.

Delivery is available by calling (309) 932-2460 by March 31, at noon. Leave a message with the number of required dinners, name, address (include apartment number) and phone number.

To order on Palm Sunday, call (309) 932-3255 or (309) 507-2284 from 2-3:30 p.m.

Wyoming city council rescheduled to May 2

WYOMING – The City of Wyoming has rescheduled the May monthly council meeting again to Tuesday, May 2, 2023, at 6 p.m. to be held at the Paramount Theater.

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Galva council approves bid for sewer reconstruction

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Council on Monday approved a sewer construction bid in the amount of \$385,081 from Five Cities Construction Company of Coal Valley.

Five Cities is being paid to replace 100-year-old sewer pipes in two locations in the city for about seven blocks. The locations are NE 3rd and NW 4th streets and part of NE 1st Avenue and one block of NW 6th Street.

The bid came in higher than expected and will include a change from 6-inch sewer pipes to new 8-inch sewer pipes.

The council also appropriated \$198,000 for the 2023 street program, with most of the resurfacing work to be done in the northeast section of Galva, along with a few streets in the south-east.

All of SE 4th Street and SE 6th Avenue will be scarified, adding 4 inches of rock and two layers of sealcoat.

\$60,000 for the first year. Resident Melissa Halsall presented a proposal for a bi-monthly newsletter to be sent out to all Galva and Bishop Hill residents. Halsall said the newsletter will cost about \$6,000 per year to send out the news.

She said the newsletter will contain a calendar of events so residents will know what is going on in the community.

Halsall said she plans to ask the City of Galva, Galva School Board, Galva Park Board and Galva Chamber of Commerce for \$1,500 apiece to pay for publication of the newsletter.

Third ward alderman Doug Anderson said he would like to talk to someone, as this could be a liability for the city, as it would be sponsored by the city.

Crystal Lucas and her

family were present and told the council that the police had come to their house to discuss basketball hoops sitting next to the road and children playing in the road.

Mayor Rich Volkert showed pictures of the basketball hoops. After a discussion, the council asked the Lucas family to move the hoops 30 feet from the middle of the roadway onto their property. They also suggested that the children go to the nearby park district to play, as there are regula-

tion-sized hoops in the park.

Lucas said her grandchildren also live on SE 7th Avenue and have a hoop on the edge of the road there, also.

The council proclaimed April 6 as junior proclamation day and April 28 as Arbor Day.

The council passed a resolution to be able to sell a lot at 706 SW 4th St. for 80 percent of the appraised value of \$2,240. The city previously purchased the lot and a home, which was in need of re-

pair, and demolished the structure. The city would like to sell the property.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend introduced Sean Bonner to the council. Bonner is a new part-time officer who will be in training to become a full-time officer.

The Galva Cemetery Board would like to remind everyone that all grave blankets, flowers and plants need to be removed from the Galva Cemetery by April 2. Grave decorations can be returned on April 7.



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BRADFORD: Some see division in the village

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through eighth grade and then attended Stark County High School.

I have lived in Bradford for approximately 35 years. I was raised on a farm in Milo Township. I recently celebrated my 72nd birthday and retired from the Bradford CUSD #1 in 2013 after 31 years of teaching in Bradford.

Q: Why are you running for a seat on the Bradford Village Board and what are your top priorities?

Berlin: I just basically wanted to make sure the community kept going forward. To keep Bradford going, I guess.

Cade: I am running to be more involved with the town. I want to listen to the town's issues and see how we can take care of them.

Stange: I am running for a position on the village board to represent my fellow citizens who love Bradford as I do. I want our village to grow and flourish through the efforts of a supportive community, a responsible governing body and cooperative staff. There is no need for controversy among family members, friends and constituents for our common goal is for Bradford's success as a community.

Q: What makes you a good candidate for the village board?

Berlin: I am honest to a fault. There are people that, trust me, do not like what I have to say.

Cade: I am young and motivated.

Stange: I respect the goals and concerns of the community members. I have been involved in important community issues such as the high school deactivation process and a number of teacher/board negotiations when I was president of the Bradford Education Organization

(BEO).

I have held office positions in many of the community's organizations and am still an active member in most of those. As such, I have had the opportunity to see organizations come together in meetings and do wonderful things for our community. It has also given me the chance to speak with citizens and hear opinions and concerns.

I am willing to ask community members what they feel makes Bradford great and what would make Bradford even better. I would present this information to the board with the community's best interests in mind.

Q: What are the biggest issues facing Bradford and what are the village's biggest strengths?

Berlin: Our biggest issue is keeping the young people here and attracting more residents.

Our biggest strength is we've got several employers that employ large numbers of people. And I think we have a really great school system.

Cade: The town seems divided. I'm not really sure on the biggest strengths.

Stange: Until the board and community work together, we do not have a healthy community. It is

the responsibility of the village board to provide for the needs of the community, many of which are not financial. There are emotional needs to enjoy living in a small town – feeling safe and secure.

It is knowing that if one goes to the village board with an issue, the board will seek resolutions to that issue. It is honesty between the village board and the residents concerning all issues. It is a need for openness and communication without hidden agendas or personal gains. It is leadership.

Q: Anything else you would like to add?

Stange: Bradford has many strengths and positive community involvement. The various organizations willingly support each other and work together throughout the year to achieve community goals and events such as Memorial Day services, Labor Day activities, Market Days, Music in the Park, the Old Fashioned Christmas, Youth T-Ball, the annual Beta Easter Egg Hunt and more.

We have a growing business community and prospects of even more businesses in the future. We have a financially sound school system for our youth. We have four

churches within our village for spiritual needs. The Bradford Library offers many services to the community and is in the process of more improvements in the near future.

In short, we have many community members who give of themselves as they continue to work for the good of our village and citizens.

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Answers on Page 3 — **Super Crossword** — THEATER FOOD

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- 20 Buccaneer's topper
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- 23 1940 drama based on a Steinbeck novel
- 25 Tri- tripled
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- 46 Live wire
- 48 Airborne toy
- 50 Andrew Carnegie's corp.
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- 62 Cellular stuff
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- 64 Fly apart
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- 67 Health resort
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- 75 Start-up loan org.
- 78 Cheyenne's state: Abbr.
- 79 French painter Dufly
- 80 Grace under pressure
- 83 Attempts something
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- 89 Barbed
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- 94 Fruity wine drink
- 96 Alan who played Pierce
- 97 Muscles worked by doing squats
- 99 Give a massage to
- 100 Kinda
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- 110 1947 romantic comedy co-starring Claudette Colbert
- 113 1099 fig.
- 114 "Va-va-va-!"
- 115 Dual radio designation
- 116 Siouxan tribe member
- 117 Gymnastics floor covering
- 120 "I wonder ..."
- 123 Manhattan sch.
- 124 New Haven school
- 125 2008 Seth Rogen comedy
- 129 "Son of —"
- 130 Expert at increasing profits
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- 132 Schoolbook
- 133 Not fooled by
- 134 Descartes of philosophy
- 135 New York college near Hyde Park
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- 1 Upstate New York prison
- 2 Be injurious
- 3 Early baby
- 4 "Life of Pi" director Lee
- 5 Attire
- 6 List abbr.
- 7 Divisor, e.g.
- 8 Trash-talk brand
- 9 Fall
- 10 Not injurious
- 11 Eternally, in verse
- 12 Roofing straw
- 13 Fed's interest increase, e.g.
- 14 Botany or history lead-in
- 15 Self-assured
- 16 Cute, in slang
- 17 Stannite, say
- 18 Glossy finish
- 21 Bed size
- 24 Cougar
- 32 Part of BBC programs
- 34 Invasive PC
- 36 Squirrel nosh
- 37 Divulge
- 39 — Kit (face reconstructor)
- 40 Former miler Sebastian
- 41 How soda is often sold
- 42 Devour
- 47 Dr.'s field
- 49 — artery (aorta offshoot)
- 50 Kind of port for a PC
- 51 Poker great
- 52 Mocking name ending
- 53 "Lucky" pilot
- 55 Eclectic fusion
- 56 "Grand" liqueur brand
- 57 Alias lead-in
- 58 Novel
- 61 Gloom-filled
- 66 Opposite of vertical: Abbr.
- 68 Animal skins
- 71 2004-09 Showtime drama, with "The"
- 72 "— Towers" (jelly sitcom)
- 73 Like sandals
- 74 Reveal one's inner self
- 75 Mnemonic for rainbow colors
- 76 "Be quiet"
- 77 Lamb's cry
- 81 — Lanka
- 82 That, to Alejandra
- 84 Reduction
- 85 Soviet prison camp
- 87 Impelled
- 88 Puck-pushers' org
- 92 Addressee of a New Testament Epistle
- 93 Element
- 95 Ellipse part
- 98 Declaration upon delivery of an item
- 100 Occupy, as a hotel
- 101 Electric resistance
- 102 Acid — (cause of heartburn)
- 104 Part of the plan
- 106 "By the power vested — ..."
- 107 Ones
- 108 Common lawn grass
- 109 One making others laugh
- 111 Decide to play for pay
- 112 Mosque chief
- 118 On — with
- 119 Toll highway
- 121 Roman 1,095
- 122 Org. rating firms
- 126 Brian of rock
- 127 Actor Carlucci
- 128 Train lines: Abbr.

LEGAL ADS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Town of Elmira in the County of Stark State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2023, and ending February 29, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Town Clerk's home from and after 6:00 p.m., 10th day, March, 2022.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., 11th day, April, 2023, at the Township Building in said Town and that final action on this ordinance will be taken by the Board of Town Trustees at the meeting to be held at 7:00 p.m., on the 13th day of April, 2022.

Dated this 28th day of February, 2023.

Jana Clancy, Supervisor
Cliff Lane, Clerk
Published 3/31/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON

ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for road purposes of the Elmira Township in the County of Stark, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning March 1, 2023, and ending February 29, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Town Clerk's home from and after 6 o'clock p.m., 10th day, March 2023.

Notice is further hereby given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:00 p.m., 11th day April, 2023, at the Township Building in this Elmira Township and that final action on this ordinance will be taken at a meeting to be held at the Township Building at 7 o'clock p.m., 13th day, April 2023.

Dated this 1st day of March, 2022.
Cliff Lane, Clerk
Published 3/31/23

MEETING NOTICE

Elmira Township board meets on the second Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the township road maintenance building located

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Jana Clancy, Supervisor
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk
Published 3/31/23

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal residents of the Town of Elmira in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Annual Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 11, 2022 being the second Tuesday of said month. The Town meeting for the transaction of miscellaneous business of said Town will be held at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on said day at Elmira Township Road Maintenance Building in Osceola and a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting.

Dated this 1st day of March 2023.
Cliff Lane, Town Clerk
Published 3/31/23

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OBITUARIES

Helen L. Hagy

GALVA – Helen L. Hagy, 82, of Galva, died at 12:28 a.m., Sunday March 26, 2023, at her home.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30 p.m., Friday, March 31 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with her sister-in-law, Maylan Kenney officiating. Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, March 30, at the funeral home. Burial will be at the Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Helen Hagy Memorial Fund for a memorial to be established.

She was born Jan. 1, 1941, in Galva, the daughter of Delmar and Isabelle (McCurdy) Kenney. She married Duane W. Hagy on Nov. 1, 1980, in Galva and he preceded her in death on Sept. 13, 2022. She was also preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Delbert Kenney.

She is survived by a daughter, Laura Ensley (Donnie Trenholm) of Galva; seven grandchildren, Ashley (Dylan) Davis, Zackery (Krista) Dailey, Julie (Kris) Specht, Sheila (Patrick) Goforth, Josh (Breann) Lindsey, Kimber Dailey and Trinity O'Donnell; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Dan (Maylan) Kenney, of DeKalb.

Helen graduated from Galva High School in 1958. She had worked at Dixline Corporation in Galva as a packer. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church. She enjoyed going to yard sales, shopping and playing dominos. But she especially enjoyed her family, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Helen cared about others, and this was evident in her ability to have lifelong friendships. She had a lifelong friendship with her high school friend Linda Dillon and throughout her adult life with family friend Betty

Thomas.

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

Randy Kiesewetter

BRADFORD – Randy Kiesewetter, 72, of Bradford, Ill., passed away March 25, 2023, at St. Francis Medical Center with his children at his side. Randy was born March 8, 1951, in Peoria. He was the youngest child born to Francis "F.C." and Rosemary (McFarlin) Kiesewetter.

Randy married Hazel Horrie on Nov. 27, 1971, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. She preceded him in death on Nov. 30, 1993.

He is survived by his three children, Shane (Maureen) Kiesewetter of Peoria, Sandra (Ronald) Hill of Princeville, and Marcus (Paige) Kiesewetter of Sebastian, Fla.; stepchildren, Justin Blumenshine of Portland, Ore., Erin Gronenthal of Berthoud, Colo., Stacy Ghiglieri of and Stephanie O'Donnell, both of Washington, Ill.; grandchildren, Alexander, Owen and Bronwen Hill, and Katarina Kiesewetter. He is also survived by his brother, Terry Kiesewetter of Bloomington, Ill.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dennis Kiesewetter.

Randy graduated from Bradford High School, Black Hawk East and Illinois State University. He held many positions in life, but the jobs that were closest to his heart were farming his father's land and helping families as an employee for Illinois DCFS.

Randy was always ready for life's next adventure, but he loved his home on the farm. He took life as it came and always found the good, even when life got hard. He had the

wisdom of his years, but the joy of his youth. He was creative, with a mind for ingenuity and at heart, a family man who gave selflessly. He was a kind and gentle soul, who genuinely welcomed everyone into his home. His laugh was infectious and it invited those around him to join in. He made the world a better place and will be greatly missed by everyone who was lucky enough to have known him.

Randy passed with a special sunshine in his life, leaving him filled with love and contentment in his final years.

There will be a Catholic Mass at 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 1, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. The visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. before the funeral. Burial will follow the service at St. John the Baptist Cemetery. There will be a luncheon at the church after the burial.

Per Randy's wishes, in lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to the family, to assist with the special needs of his granddaughter, Katie.

Jack L. Booker

TOULON – Jack L. Booker, 80, of Toulon, Ill., passed away on Sunday, March 26, 2023, at Toulon Health Care. Funeral services will be at noon on Friday, March 31, at First Baptist Church, Toulon. Pastor Al Harmon will officiate. Burial will be in Toulon Cemetery. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon on Friday at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 206 or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Stackhouse-Moore Funeral & Cremation Services, Cambridge, is assisting the family.

Jackie Lee Booker was born June 8, 1942, in Kewanee, the son of Gar-



Hagy



Kiesewetter



Booker

NOTICE

Spring Cemetery Clean up week:
All grave blankets, artificial flowers, potted flowers, and all other plants are requested to be removed from the Galva Cemetery by Sunday, April 2, 2023 if relatives wish to save them. No more flowers should be placed on the graves until after Thursday, April 6, 2023.
Galva Cemetery Board

NOTICE TO STARK COUNTY VOTERS

Early voting for the April 4th Consolidated Election will begin February 23rd and end April 3rd at the office of the Stark County Clerk
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- **AA MEETINGS:** Saturday mornings at 8:30 a.m. at the St. Dominic Parish Hall located at 208 S. Galena in Wyoming.

OBITUARIES

nett and N. Lucille (House) Booker. He was educated in Henry and Stark Counties and graduated from Toulon High School in 1960. He attended the Black Hawk Law Enforcement Training Center in East Moline. His marriage to Jacki Lamb took place on May 6, 1983, in Las Vegas, Nev.

The couple had most recently lived in Sarasota, Fla., from 2007 to 2021 and currently in Dunlap, Tenn., making many special friends along the way.

He was a pilot and had spent many hours flying people out of the Kewanee Airport before becoming a part-time police officer in Atkinson. He then was employed as a full-time deputy for the Henry County Sheriff's office, where he worked from 1973, until retiring in 1996.

Jack was an avid golfer and always joined county clubs in the areas where he lived. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association.

tion.

Those surviving are his wife, Jacki, a daughter, Jaquie and son, William, from a previous marriage, two sisters, Carol Tabor, Kewanee, and Cynthia (Dale) Jackson, Toulon. Other survivors include many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. His parents preceded him in death.

Online condolences may be expressed at www.stackhousemoore.com.

SPORTS: SC baseball falls after leading 10-4 in 6th

Continued from Page 12 for the next three years," Coach Mark Jeffrey said.

Top freshmen include Ian Pacheco, who went to state in cross country and the 800 while in 8th grade, and Braden "Bubb" Murphy, who Jeffrey called "one of the top freshmen throwers." Murphy is also doubling as a sprinter to prepare for football and basketball seasons ahead.

Other runners competing for a leg in the 4x100 relay are freshmen JP Sloan and Jay Smith.

The girls team has 13 athletes out this spring.

• **Stark County baseball** – The Rebels (0-5-1) dropped a difficult 16-10 decision to non-conference foe Roanoke Benson on Monday at home. A 10-4 lead going into the sixth inning turned into a 14-10 deficit that couldn't be reversed. The visitors continued to put the ball in play, and six SCHS errors compounded the situation.

Dillon Steelman, Daniel Kieser and Ryne Hillman each had one hit and one RBI, while Tim Giesenhagen drove in one run in the effort.

The Rebels played a very clean game but came up just short, 2-0, to non-conference opponent Peru St. Bede at home last Friday.

"We threw strikes and

played solid defense. We just needed a few more hits," Stark County Coach Scott Paxson said. "It was the best we played this week. We're hoping things will grow from here."

Steelman pitched two innings, striking out three and walking none. Hillan tossed two innings, yielding one hit and no walks. Kieser worked three frames of one hit, four strikeouts and one walk.

SCHS lost to Abingdon-Avon 16-5 on March 22 at home. After taking a 3-0 lead in the first, the offense stalled and A-Town exploded for 16. Seven Stark

County errors and 13 walks hurt.

On offense, Steelman was 3-for-3 with two doubles. Kieser, Cameron Watson and Finley Russow each drove in a run.

On March 21, Stark County lost to Farmington, 10-6, on the road.

Giesenhagen battled six innings from the mound, striking out five and walking three.

Steelman hit 2-for-4. Watson had one hit and one RBI. Braden Lindley drove in one run.

• **Stark County softball** – Farmington scored early and often in a 12-0, six-in-

ning softball victory Tuesday at Stark County. Hayley Gillam, Shanna Peterson, Aubri Stahl and Lauren West had hits for the Rebels, who committed five errors.

Stark County (0-3) was to play Wednesday at home against Kewanee, then is idle until Monday at Peoria Christian.

• **Galva softball** – Copy. The Wildcats' scheduled game March 23 at Bushnell-Prairie City was not played. Galva was scheduled to play Thursday against Peoria Christian and is to play Monday against Midland.

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The Prairie News Sports

Johnston wins 200, 400 at Top Times

By PHIL JOHNSON, JEFF LAMPE and NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

After battling injuries last year, Stark County senior Lindley Johnston looks ready for another stellar outdoor track season. Competing last weekend at the Top Time indoor state meet at Illinois Wesleyan, Johnston won the 200-meter run in 25.96 and won the 400 in 59.86. Johnston was also fifth in the high jump after clearing 1.56 meters.

"I expect big things out of her this year," Lady Rebels Coach Clint Terwilliger said. "She is looking the best I have seen her right now."

Johnston's Top Times' performance tied the school record in the 200 and was .01 off her own school record in the 400.

A list of other expected top performers on a 26-athlete roster includes senior Paige Rewerts, the only upperclassmen on the 4x800 relay who will also run in the 800 and 1,600.

Terwilliger also mentioned Kylee Frisby as a top senior who hopes to qualify for state in the shot put and discus.

Sophomore Lauren Orwig placed fourth at Top Times in the shot put with a throw of 10.62 meters. Freshman Claire Bowser also competed at the Top Times meet, clearing 1.45 meters in the high jump to place 10th. "She shows a lot of potential," Terwilliger said.

Rewerts was part of the 4x800 relay that posted a time of 10:29 at the Top Times meet. Other runners in that race were Cheyeh Smith, Keagan Hamilton and Paytin Terwilliger. Their time is already under the state qualifying mark.

"We have a couple other girls also vying to earn their way on this team, so I look forward to seeing how low they can get this time," Coach Terwilliger said. "We have several options this year to fill out meets whereas in years past we wouldn't be able to run everything. We took nine down to indoor state. I would love to see that number grow for outdoor."

On the boys side, senior Colby Stotler placed 10th in shot put at Top Times.

The Stark County boys had several good showings at the Lincoln Trail Conference indoor meet on March 10, led by Stotlers win in the shot put (14.22 meters).

Senior Daniel Kieser was second in the 55 hurdles (10.08), placing just ahead of third-place teammate Avery Gerber (10.21), a junior. Gerber and Kieser also ran on Stark's second-place 4x200 relay (1:41.87) that included juniors Jonathan Becker and Luke Rewerts. The same four took sixth in the 4x400 (4:05.92).

In the high jump, Rebels junior Matthew Bowser was second, clearing 1.62 meters, and Becker was third (1.62 m). Bowser was fourth in triple jump (10.88 m), Rewerts was fifth in long jump (5.28 m), Becker was sixth in triple jump (10.36 m) and sophomore Nolan Snider was sixth in shot put (11.66 m) and freshman Ethan Grinnell was sixth in the 3,200 (13:43.87).

• **Galva track** –The Wildcats will field a boys team consisting of four freshman and senior Jonas Porsche, the lone returnee who last year competed in the 100, 200 and 4x100 relay.

"We are a very young team but we will be adding more student-athletes each year

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