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Galva schools approve pay increase for non-certified staff

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The board approved a 3 percent pay increase for all non-certified staff in the Galva school district as well as the junior-senior high school Principal Kurtis Smyth for the 2023-24 school year.

In other action, the board approved installing a new ADA stair-life in the elementary school and removing the old one, at a cost not to exceed \$77,000.

The board also approved starting a junior high football program. Several boys were present and told the board they

were interested in the program. Girls are also welcome on the team. The new team will play four or five games per year.

Melissa Halsall was present and told the board she was going to be working on a monthly calendar to be inserted into The Prairie News listing upcoming community events. She said the project will cost about \$4,800 per year and asked the school board for \$1,200-\$1,600 to help pay for the newsletter.

She said it would be inserted in 1,630 mailboxes and more people could attend events if they knew about them. The

board will take action at its May meeting.

Action will be taken on a few changes in the elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks at the May meeting. One change for the high school will be that drivers education will no longer be required.

The board also approved June 13 for its annual board retreat.

The board approved the following personnel items:

- a contract extension for Principal Kurtis Smyth to June 30, 2026.
- Charlie Gibbons as Junior/Senior High School social studies teacher for the



Pictured above is the Galva School board after the election of officers at Monday's school board meeting. From left to right are: Andrew Larson, president; Laura Burke; Brittany Boston, vice-president; Eric Bates; Kaleena Conrad, secretary; John VanDeVelde; and newly elected Jill Pankau. Pankau replaces Mike Clucas, who did not seek re-election. Robert Lewin will serve as treasurer. Photo by Carol Townsend.

2023-24 school year.

- Marland Rachel as dean/athletic director for the junior/se-

nior high school.

- Kyle Schipper as JH/HS PE

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TOULON GETTING COFFEE SHOP

Toulon store fronts to be revitalized

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Three Toulon buildings are getting a new lease on life after sitting empty for years. A partnership – "Simpson – Schott Properties" – has purchased the buildings on West Main Street and plan to revitalize the buildings.

Partners Brandon Simpson and Michael Schott are striving to get storefronts on West Main Street active again and hope to start a trend to bring new business into Toulon.

The West Main Coffee Company LLC will occupy the former Lucy Dots' and Cakes Etcetera bakery building with, hopefully according to Schott, an August-



Shown are business partners Brandon Simpson and Michael Schott in front of the three buildings they are revitalizing, in Toulon. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

September time frame to open the business. Hours tentatively would be from 6:30 a.m. to late afternoon.

Simpson and Schott plan to hire someone to run the business. Days the business will be open are still

being worked out.

"The opportunity presented itself with 111 Coffee, in Wyoming, closing down. There was an opportunity to acquire some used equipment, and Brandon has al-

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Galva targeting unsightly properties

Newly elected officials sworn in

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Forty three letters have been sent to residents from the Galva Police Department for unsightly properties or unlicensed vehicles.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend said he has seen some progress in several of the yards since the letters went out.

A home owned by Justin West at 14 SE 1st Street will be taken down in the very near future. It has been a lengthy process to get the house demolished.

The city will have a meeting with Adam Jaquet from Eagle Enterprises on how to educate Galva res-



Melissa Halsall (left) was sworn in as the new City of Galva treasurer Monday night, replacing outgoing treasurer Dee Bersell (right). Photo by Carol Townsend.

idents on how to use the new garbage totes.

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GALVA: Community calendar coming soon

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 and health teacher for the 2023-24 school year.
 • re-employment of the non-certified staff as listed for the 2023-24 school year.
 • Van White as JH baseball coach for the 2023 season.
 • Jake McClintic as high school boys basketball varsity coach for the 2023-24 season.
 • Mark Jeffrey as high school

boys assistant basketball coach for the 2023-24 season.
 • Dan Russell as high school girls basketball varsity coach for the 2023-24 season.
 • Josh Harris as 8th grade boys basketball coach for 2023-24.
 • Darcy Swanson as 8th grade girls basketball coach for 2023-24.
 • Becky Wigant as 7th grade girls basketball coach for 2023-24.
 • Sarah Townsend as 8th grade

volleyball coach for 2023-24.
 • Amanda Norway as high school scholastic bowl head coach for the 2023-24 season.
 • Michelle Mersman as high school cheerleading head coach for the 2023-24 season.
 • Ali Weston as high school and junior high dance drill coach for 2023-24.
 • Tarol Suddeth as junior high cheerleading coach for 2023-24.

GALVA BOARD: May 26 named poppy day

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 week.
 There is only one day per week that large items are taken with a sticker on them. There are a few homes that are not complying. Newly elected officials were also

sworn in at the meeting. They are: Rich Volkert, mayor; Debbie Van-Vassenhove, clerk; Melissa Halsall, treasurer; Jeff Olson, first-ward alderman; Rick Otterstrom, second-ward alderman; and Jacque Clucas, third-ward alderman.

Volkert proclaimed May 26 as poppy day in Galva, with Kenadey Glisan as 2023 Miss Poppy. Supervisor Richard Plummer asked residents not to blow their grass in the streets. He said several have already done it.

TOULON: Owners seeking drive-through window

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 ways loved coffee," Schott said.
 "The drive-through I think will be feasible. Logistically we're still trying to figure that out," Schott said. "We are going to approach the city and ask them to improve the

alley."
 As for the other two buildings, the former Rashid Grocery Store will become office space for a business to move into. The former Jimal's-Shacketeria building will be occupied by a telepharmacy business – if

plans are successful in bringing that type of business to Toulon. Schott says the office spaces are presently ready for a business to move into the building. "We really need a space in Toulon that's open for fairly long hours where people can congregate, communicate, and relax. We plan to have some lounging furniture and things of that nature – we want to establish a laid-

back atmosphere that is very inviting to the community," Schott said. "There will be complimentary WIFI and a place for students to do homework or work on a project." There is no menu yet for the coffee business, but the two entrepreneurs have contacted local coffee companies to supply the new coffee business with specialized coffees. Pricing is to be determined.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 4-19 - Chandra B. Bond - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-19 - Jacqueline K. Sturgis - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-19 - Tiffany R. Altorfer-Short - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 4-21 - Kevin J. Johnson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 4-21 - Hansaben P. Patel - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 4-19 - William C. Gross - Disregard an official traffic control device.
- 4-18 - Mornessah C. Johnson-Hicks - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.

Incidents & Accidents

- 4-18 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 and 1550E. The driver was Nicholas M. McNight, 18, of Freeport. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in damages.
- 4-17 - Kylie J. Stabler, 20, Mineral, was ticketed for driving without a valid vehicle registration.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:**
- 4-18 - to the west end of town to watch for a reckless driver reportedly on Route 34. Officer did not locate the suspect vehicle.
- 4-18 - Officer found two large dogs running loose in the 00 block of NE 9th St. The owner was contacted and got the dogs back inside.
- 4-18 - Officer located a dog running loose in the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. It was returned to its owner in the 100 block of SW 10th Ave.
- 4-18 - to a hit-and-run accident involving two vehicles at the Galva Park District at the conclusion of a baseball game.
- 4-18 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for an activated carbon monoxide detector going off.
- 4-18 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a physical altercation taking

- place. Subjects agreed to stay away from each other.
- 4-19 - Officer located two dogs running loose in the 900 block of N. Center Ave. The owner was contacted in the 00 block of NE 9th St. and was able to get the dogs put back into a fence.
- 4-19 - to the 700 block of NW 1st St. to assist a citizen with questions about an overweight vehicle.
- 4-19 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a complaint involving phone harassment. Several juveniles were involved and were warned to stop.
- 4-20 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. to assist Illinois DCFS with a possible child-abuse case that reportedly took place in Kewanee. The Kewanee Police Department was contacted.
- 4-20 - to the 300 block of S. Center Ave to remove a large tree limb that fell during a windstorm.
- 4-20 - to a residence on NW 2nd Ave. for a complaint involving an out-of-control juvenile.
- 4-20 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to speak to a resident about possibly filing charges from an incident.
- 4-20 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd St. for a tree that fell and pulled utility wires away from the house.
- 4-21 - to the 800 block of E. Division St. for an attempted scam report.
- 4-21 - to the 500 block of NW 1st Ave. for a loose-dog complaint.
- 4-21 - to the 200 block of NW 4th Ave. for a 911 hang up call. It was determined to be a misdial.
- 4-22 - to the 00 block of NE 5h Ave. for a suspicious-vehicle complaint. The driver claimed he was looking for a subject he had just met on Facebook.
- 4-22 - to the 700 block of SW 4th St. for a suspicious-vehicle complaint. A subject was reportedly taking photos of a residence in that area.
- 4-23 - to the 200 block of NE 3rd St. for a 911 open-line call. It was
- 4-23 - to a verbal domestic dispute in the 700 block of NW 1st Ave.
- 4-23 - to the wooden viaduct on Hayes Road for a report of subjects climbing on the bridge. Officer spoke to several subjects and told them to move along.
- 4-23 - Officer was notified of a 911 hang up call in the 900 block of SE 2nd St. The subject called back and said it was a misdial.
- 4-23 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a barking-dog complaint. The owner had put the dog outside and forgot about him.
- 4-18 - Jacob Roth, 19, Tiskilwa, was issued citations for speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
- 4-23 - A 17-year-old subject from Kewanee was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 900 SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

- 4-18 - Casey J. & Jason R. Musselman to Elissa R. Potter and Courtney J. Wagenbach - Orig Town of Toulon - Pts block 7 lots 7 and 10 - 105 Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$42,000.
- 4-18 - Brian J. Barkley to Bradley J. Barkley - Pt 4-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$0.
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- 4-19 - Anthony Todd and Elissa R. Potter to Kathleen A. Holland and Scot J. Mincey - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - 401 S. 7th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$120,000.
- 4-20 - Christopher T. Dyken to Christopher T. and Heidi J. Dyken - Orig Town of Toulon - 206 S. Franklin St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.
- 4-20 - Robert H. Sr. and Nancy K. Rennick to Riley Heath Down and Brooke Victoria Rennick - Pt Assrs Sub Sect 19-13-6 SW - 315 W. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

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BRIEFS

Galva prom set for April 29 at Midland CC

GALVA – Galva High School will have its prom this Saturday night at Midland Country Club. The prom preview is at the high school at 5 p.m. and is open to the public.

The dinner and dance is from 7-11 p.m. at Midland Country Club. Admission is \$30 per person which includes the meal. Seniors will eat free.

An After Prom Party is at Galva Junior-Senior High School from midnight to 5 a.m. Sunday morning.

The Prom Court includes senior boys Jason Cromien, Jett Olson and Jaxson Willer vying to be king.

The court for the queen includes seniors Olivia Jones, Paige Wexell and Kali Yelm.

– Carol Townsend



Top three spellers at the April 19 Bradford Grade School spelling bee were, (from left to right): Grace Atteberry, champion; Jacke Primo, second place; and Donnavin Hoffman, third place. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

Civil War reenactment May 6-7 at Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL – To honor Bishop Hill's very own Company D, IL 57th Volunteer Infantry, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association is hosting the 2023 Civil War Days on Saturday, May 6, and Sunday, May 7.

There will be Union and Confederate encampments in the village

park all day, with programs occurring throughout the day. A civilian encampment and sutler area, which includes a tin-type photographer and an old-fashioned sarsaparilla vendor, will be located by the Steeple Building Museum.

All programs are free and open to the public.

Some programs include: an artillery demonstration at 2 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. on Sunday; a speech by General Ulysses S. Grant (portrayed by Dan Haughey) Saturday at 10 a.m.; vintage baseball games all day Saturday; Civil War song concerts; a Civil War era ball Saturday from 7-9 p.m.; and battles on Saturday at 3 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jean A. Kiesewetter

BRADFORD – Jean Ann Kiesewetter, 77 of Bradford, Ill. passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023 in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Jean was born on Nov. 8, 1945, in Kewanee, Ill. to Clyde and Helen (Meston) Hall. She married Dennis C. Kiesewetter Nov. 7, 1964, in Camp Grove, Ill., he passed away Oct. 10, 2018. Also surviving are her two children: Jeff Kiesewetter of Bradford and Tracy (Tom) Caleo of Moline; six grandchildren; three great-grandchild; and sister; Jan (Bill) Ellis. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She graduated from Bradford High School class of 1963.

A memorial mass will be held 10 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bradford with Father John Theiryounng officiating. Burial will be in St. John's Catholic Cemetery, Bradford. Visitation will be held 9-10 a.m. prior to the service Friday, April 28, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bradford. Memorials may be directed to Stark County Fire & Rescue, Clarissa Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf, IA or St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Bradford.

Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.



Kiesewetter

Robert C. Price

TOULON – Robert C. "Bob" Price, 87, of Toulon, Ill., died Sunday evening, April 23, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. Robert was born on May 12, 1935, in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Fred Price Jr. and Lucille (Grieve) Price.

He married Shirley Young on Nov 27, 1955. She preceded him in death on Dec. 8, 2009. He later married Judy Nowlan in 2016.

Judy survives, along with his sisters-in-law, Mary Price and Joan Price; one son, David (Deb) Price of Effingham, Ill.; three daughters, Diane (Tom) Pearson and Denise (Don) Turnbull both of Toulon, and Donna Lee of Peoria; step-sons, Robin (Lorrie) Nowlan and John (Angie Goodell) Nowlan, both of Toulon; step-daughter, Jill (Shane) Milroy of Kewanee; step-daughter-in-law, Millie Nowlan of LaFayette; 12 grandchildren, Amy (Matt) Focht, Krista (Dan) Stone, Ryan Pearson, Bethany (Ryan) Peterson, Sage Pearson, Mallery Pearson, Madison DeRutter, Brant (Misty) Turnbull, Charity Turnbull, Blaine Turnbull, Heidi (Justin) Hutchison and Zachariah Lee; 20 great-grandchildren, Kyla, Kaiden and Kody Focht, Emma and Ava Stone, Sydney, Rhett, Reese and Roman Pearson, Shanna, Cameron, Patrick and Henry Peterson, Khaiden and CJ



Price

Turnbull, MacKenzie Seibert, Price Turnbull, Karson, Dominick and Schuyler Hutchison; and several step-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Wendell and Willard Price; step-son, Paul Nowlan; and granddaughter, Alexis Diane Pearson.

Bob was a lifelong farmer. He joked that he farmed for 55 years and never got the hang of it, so he retired. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals baseball fan. He always enjoyed attending his kids' and grandkid's activities. He loved country music and was especially fond of the Gaithers and the Statler Brothers. He was quite a card player and seldom passed up an opportunity to play a good round of Canasta. With his dry sense of humor, you would never know if he was kidding or telling the actual truth! He was a member of First Baptist Church of Toulon, where he served in various capacities and was a faithful choir member for many years.

His funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 28, 2023, at the First Baptist Church in Toulon. Rev. Al Harmon will officiate. Visitation will be prior to the service on Friday at the church from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Burial will be in Toulon Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church in Toulon. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark County girls win two meets

By The Prairie News

The Stark County girls track team keeps racking up wins. The Lady Rebels won Tuesday at the Mercer County Invite and last Friday at the Tuffy Bowen Invite in Farmington, where the boys were second.

As she has all spring, Lindley Johnston racked up points for the Rebels. On Tuesday, she won the 100 meters (12.81 seconds), 200 (personal record, 25.84), 400 (PR, 58.47) and high jump (5 feet, 1.75 inches). At Farmington she won the 100 (12.62), 400 meters (1:02.63) and high jump (5-5).

Other girls winners posting PRs at Farmington were Sarah Kraklow in the 800 (2:38.27) and Lauren Orwig in shot put (36-3). SC also got a win from the 4x800 relay of Cheyenh Smith, Keagan Hamilton, Paytin Terwilliger and Paige Rewerts (10:29.01). Second-place finishers included Smith in the 1,600 (PR, 5:53.61) and Chelsey Stotler in shot put (PR, 34-4.5).

On Tuesday, Daniel Kieser won the 110 hurdles (PR, 16.74) and 300 hurdles (42.83) and the Rebels 4x100 relay came first in

44.7 seconds.

Winners at Farmington were the 4x100 relay of Nolan Orwig, Luke Rewerts, Matthew Bowser and Avery Gerber (45.34), Colby Stotler in shot put (44-11) and discus (123-6) and Matthew Bowser in triple jump (39-4.5).

On April 20 at Putnam County High School, Stotler had a PR throw of 47-9.25 to win the shot put.

• **Galva track** – Kyrsten Hill was second in the triple jump with a leap of 30-3.75 and Ian Pachecho was third in the 3,200 with a personal-best time of 11:44.37 on April 21 at the Rockridge Invite.

• **Stark County BB** – Stark County (8-13-1) lost at Peoria Christian 5-1 on Monday. SCHS had just four hits, one each from Daniel Kieser, Cameron Watson, Charley Holstrom and Tim Giesenhagen.

Dillon Steelman threw 4.1 innings, striking out and giving up three earned runs. Daniel Kieser allowed no earned runs in relief.

The Rebels fell 3-1 in the opener of a Lincoln Trail twinbill at Princeville last Friday, then shut out the hosts 4-0 in the nightcap.

Charlie Rouse, two strikeouts, and Ryne Hillan, three strikeouts, pitched well in the opener. Steelman hit 2-for-2.

In the second game Giesenhagen was stellar with one walk yielded, four strikeouts and four scattered hits allowed. Kieser drove in two. Braden Lindley and Watson each had one RBI.

“Our pitching continues to be very solid. We teach pitchers to concentrate on each pitch, not to just go into throwing mode,” Stark County coach Scott Paxson said. “Additionally, our defense has been improving, which helps our pitching.”

SCHS picked up a win April 19 at Midland. Owen Gibler threw the first four innings, striking out five. Kieser and Watson each had two RBI.

Stark County is at Henry today, April 28.

• **Rebels SB** – The Lady Rebels (5-13) lost to Henry 6-3 Monday. Stark County had two runs in the fifth, with RBI from Lauren West and Hayley Gillam.

Before that, Stark County swept a doubleheader April 18 against Galva and was swept April 21 by Prince-

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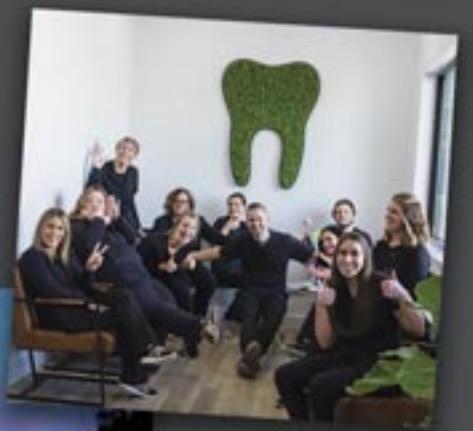
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