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## Stark School board assigns committees, approves insurance

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

**WYOMING** – The Stark County School Board made committee assignments and voted on an annual insurance premium at its meeting on May 15.

Committee assignments are: Building and Finance – Bruce West, Chair, Ann Orwig, Joseph Rediger and Dane Richards; Ne-

gotiation and Policy – Emily Leezer, Chair, Ann Orwig, Erin Price and Joseph Rediger; Education and Extracurricular – Ann Orwig, Chair, Erin Price, Brian Rewerts, and Bruce West; Henry/Stark Special Education District Governing Board – Emily Leezer; Stark County Education Foundation – Brian Rewerts and Dane Richards. Annual insurance premiums

for the school district were presented by John Leezer of the Leezer Insurance Agency. The estimated premium approved by the board is \$145,165. That is an increase of \$8,550 over last year's premium of \$136,615. The board approved the premium unanimously.

An intergovernmental agreement with the Bradford School District was approved that al-

lows Bradford Junior High School students the opportunity to compete in Stark County Schools' athletics for next year. The Bradford School District approved this measure last month in April.

Also, an intergovernmental agreement with United Township was approved, which is for Career and Technical Education. Approved was auditing firm Go-

renz & Associates, LTD for audit services for the 2023 fiscal year.

Purchase of a John Deere tractor mower for the Toulon campuses was approved at a cost of \$12,400. The board approved an \$8,150 expenditure for athletic chairs for the team Junior and Senior High athletics.

Authorization was approved to *Continued on Page 2*

### AID FOR REFUGEES

## Families find refuge in Kewanee

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

**KEWANEE** – Refugees from Afghanistan and Ukraine have been benefitting from the vision of a Kewanee woman.

Bobi Thonebury started Kewanee Welcomes in 2022, a local organization designed to aid refugees from other countries that are in turmoil.

"Kewanee Welcomes is a group of volunteers who help refugees resettle into the United States. It's basically where the next crisis is," representative Brandon Simpson said in describing the group.

He said there are similar organizations elsewhere, but most are in larger cities such as the Quad Cities and Peoria.

"Refugee families from other countries are matched with rescue organizations through efforts



*Pictured above is the Borutski family who recently came from the Ukraine to settle in the Kewanee area. They were aided by the organization "Kewanee Welcomes.. Submitted photo.*

by the United States government, which acts as sort of a middleman for people looking for help and people looking to help,"

Simpson said. Kewanee Welcomes is funded solely through donations, volun-

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## Galva to refurbish high school lockers

Lunch fees to increase for 2023-24

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

**GALVA** – The Galva school board on Monday approved ElectroCoat to repair and refurbish all the lockers in the Galva Junior/Senior High School.

Cost for the high school lockers to be refurbished is \$20,686, while the junior high lockers will cost \$13,440. The estimated cost to replace lockers was about \$150,000, not including installation. The lockers are believed to be original from when the school was built in 1966-67.

Several board members said this issue has been discussed for a long time and they are happy to update the lockers.

A bid for \$67,987 was accepted from Garaventa Lift Illinois for a new chair lift in the elementary school.

The board approved Go-rentz and Associates to continue doing their annual budget.

In other business, the board discussed summer school that will be available in June for students to make up classes.

The board set June 12 for its regular June board meeting at 7 p.m. and a special meeting on June 27 at 6 p.m. for an amended budget hearing.

The 2023-24 school fees will be passed at the June board meeting. The high school yearbook will have an anticipated increase from the \$50 now charged.

Lunch fees will increase due to state requirements: elementary \$2.50 daily and \$50 monthly; Jr.-Sr. high \$3.10 per lunch and \$62 monthly; breakfast is \$1.50 or \$30 a month. Adult lunch *Continued on Page 2*

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# STARK BOARD: Bids sought for junior high roof

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 let bids for the upcoming school year for bread, milk, Rebel Reporter and trash pickup. These bids will be opened and contracts awarded at the June 20 board meeting.

Monday, July 17, was set for the board's Annual Summer Board Retreat. The morning meeting is from 8

a.m. until noon followed by a 1:30 p.m. board meeting.

Bids will be let for the Junior High School roof replacement. The winning bid will be announced at the June board meeting.

After executive session, the board approved Colby Wall as bass fishing coach, Amy Wise as Junior High

head softball coach and Kelsey Berchtold as elementary summer tutor. A two-year contract extension was approved through 2025-26 for Technology Services Director Mike Bunch. Lori Grinnell's resignation as Title 1 aide/Rtl interventionist was accepted. Finally, pay increases were approved for non-certified personnel.

# GALVA BOARD: New facilities garner praise

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 will be \$3.50 and extra milk is \$0.25.

The board approved both the elementary and junior-senior high school handbooks for 2023-24.

Board President Andrew Larson said that during a large track meet held in Galva recently, there were a lot of compliments on new restrooms and some calling the conces-

sion stand the best around.

"I am very proud, we have top-notch facilities," Larson said.

In personnel matters, the board approved: Ashton Cramer and Jett Olson as summer maintenance employees; Brynn Patty as 7th grade volleyball coach for the 2023-24 season; Darcy Swanson as JV girls basketball coach for the 2023-24 season.



Pictured above are recent winners of the Wildcat Pride Award. From left to right are; Braelyn Macklin, Macie Engstrom, Eli Woods, and Emma Woods. Photo by Carol Townsend.

# REFUGEES: Murray Brothers secure housing

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 teers and fundraisers. The group has a Facebook page and can be reached via email at kewaneewelcomes@gmail.com.

Approximately 30 Kewanee volunteers serve on the transportation team, documentation team, a resettlement team and an employment team.

"We have a small army of volunteers to assist with setting up a refuge family," Simpson said. "We have a housing team, which se-

cures places for them to stay mostly in Kewanee. The people are free, so once they feel comfortable, they can move on without being subsidized by Kewanee Welcomes."

Local landlords, the Murray Brothers, have been instrumental in securing local housing for the refugee families. "They're pretty easy to work with," Simpson said.

Sometimes there is a language barrier, but Simpson says that usually there is a person in the families who speaks English. For example, the Borutski family have both a father and mother who speak English. Kewanee Welcomes utilizes this fact to have the

Borutskis act as interpreters for new families from Ukraine.

So far, Kewanee Welcomes has helped three Afghan and three Ukrainian families set up new roots in Kewanee. Simpson speculates future families may be coming to the area from Cuba and Haiti.

Families are screened and informed that Kewanee Welcomes is based in a rural area, since many foreign families believe the U.S. is made up of large cities, such as Chicago and San Francisco. Their con-

cept of the U.S. is skewed toward larger cities, Simpson said.

"The goal is for these families to become independent. The family members are not looking for free things. They want to get back up on their own feet," Simpson. "They are very proud and the fact they're in this vulnerable situation doesn't set right with them."

He said Kewanee Welcomes exists to help these families transition from dependent to independent citizens of the United States.

# Clarifying 'flooding' in Wyoming

WYOMING – In the May 5, 2023, edition of The Prairie News, it was reported that Wyoming

resident John Carroll said his property "is being flooded with water" due to the construction of the new Family Dollar store.

Carroll addressed the city council and said, "A drain tube that is approximately three feet from my property line so the water that will run off there goes right on me..." and "...there seems to be a better solution out there than just pouring water across the top of everybody's property."

Carroll's property has not been flooded, though he anticipates such with the way drainage at the site is currently set up.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 5-2 - Mark R. Hammerich - Failure to reduce speed.
5-11 - James F. Burt - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-9 - Ashley N. Bankes - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-14 - Candy A. Taylor - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
5-14 - Serena M. Black - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
5-15 - Alexander W. Clawson - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
5-14 - Kayla M. Damer - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
5-15 - Cristal Morales-Garcia - Operating an uninsured vehicle.
5-6 - Christie L. Smick - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.
5-13 - Chrysten D. Richardson - Unlawful use of cannabis and transport/carry alcoholic liquor.
5-12 - Carl B. Brush - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.
5-14 - Freddie P. Walker - Unlawful use of cannabis and transport/carry alcoholic liquor.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 5-10 - Criminal misdemeanor - Michael J. Cooper - Unlawful possession of cannabis.
5-10 - Criminal felony - Harlan L. Grant, Jr. - Two counts of aggravated battery and resisting arrest.
5-12 - Criminal felony - Jonathan P. Knoblauch - Aggravated DUI/3.
5-12 - Criminal felony - Andrew J. Egelston - Two counts aid/abet/possession/sell a stolen vehicle.
5-15 - Criminal felony - James D. Swanson - Aggravated battery/use deadly weapon.

Incidents & Accidents

- 5-4 - A deer-related accident occurred on Route 91 north of intersection 500N. The driver involved was identified as Allen J. Chrostowski, 46, of Peoria. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.
5-9 - Barbara S. Kolditz, Toulon, reported the burglary of a lawn mower, leaf blower and a weed trimmer from a rental storage unit located on the east side of Toulon. The incident remains under investigation by the Stark County Sheriff's Office.
5-10 - Harlan L. Grant Jr., 48, Wyoming, was arrested for battery, resisting or obstructing a peace officer, obstructing a peace officer and disorderly conduct. His cash bond was set at \$500. Unable to post bond, he remains in custody at the Stark County Jail.
5-10 - Mason D. Johnson, 18, Wyoming, reported that his 1997 Chevy 1500 truck was stolen from a residence located in the 200 block of W. Williams St. in Wyoming. The vehicle was later located at the Wyoming Monument business. The incident remains under investigation by the Stark County Sheriff's Office.
5-10 - Two vehicles were reported stolen from the 100 block of Fourth St. in Wyoming. Taken was a 2015 Buick Sedan owned by Shannon Krause and a 2002 GMC pickup truck owned by Gary Krause, of Princeville.
The truck was later located in the area of West Agard and Seventh Street in Wyoming. The Buick Sedan was found parked at the Wyoming Monument business.
A 15-year-old Toulon juvenile was



charged with theft of a vehicle, leaving the accident of an accident, failure to report an accident and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was released to a parent with a notice to appear.

Also arrested in conjunction with the vehicle thefts was Andrew J. Eageleston, 18, Wyoming, charged with two counts of theft of a vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident and criminal damage to property. His cash bond was set at \$2,000. Unable to post bond he remains in custody at the Stark County Jail.

5-11 - Tyler Q. Eberle, 31, Sparland, was issued a notice to appear for aggravated speeding and for speeding more than 35 mph over the speed limit. Eberle was ticketed for speeding 93 mph in a 55 zone.

5-13 - James D. Swanson, 20, Wyanet, was arrested for aggravated battery with a vehicle. He was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail. No bond has been set.

5-14 - Jashae J. Zollicoffer, 23, Peoria, was cited for speeding 88 mph in a 55 zone. He was also found wanted on a pending Peoria County warrant. Zollicoffer was taken into custody and then later posted \$150 cash bond in Stark County and \$300 cash bond on the pending Peoria County warrant. He was released with court dates to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

- 5-8 - to the 300 block of SW 4th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint.
5-8 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to remove an unwanted subject.
5-8 - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a theft complaint.
5-9 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a theft and criminal trespassing complaint.
5-9 - Officer was notified there was a crossing arm malfunction at the NE 2nd St. railroad crossing. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
5-10 - to assist Stark County Medic with a medical emergency involving a subject collapsed on the ground on NE 4th Ave.
5-10 - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a complaint involving an unknown subject knocking on doors. Officer was unable to locate anyone.
5-11 - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a complaint involving a group of juveniles trespassing on property.
5-11 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., Maelee Walton, 40, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended. She was released with a required court date.
5-11 - to the 300 block of NE 8th Ave. for an unoccupied vehicle parked at a stop sign. Officer contacted the owner and learned the car was out of gas. It was removed a short time later.
5-11 - Officer was notified about a telephone harassment complaint that was occurring south of Galva. They

- were referred to Knox County.
5-11 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist who lost keys.
5-12 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a disturbance involving several subjects screaming and yelling. As the result, Jason Pugliano, 46, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for charges of domestic battery and unlawful restraint. He was taken to Henry County Jail.
5-12 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to remove an unwanted subject.
5-13 - to the Galva Park District for a complaint involving damage to playground equipment. Park District maintenance was notified for repairs.
5-13 - Officer noticed a train had stopped and was blocking all Galva railroad crossings. BNSF was contacted and the train moved along.
5-13 - to 400 block of SE 7th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.
5-14 - to the 500 block of E. Division St. for a theft complaint. This complaint was unfounded.
5-14 - to assist Stark County Medic with a medical emergency on SE 1st St.
5-14 - to the 500 block of W. Division St. for a reckless-driving complaint. Officer was not able to locate the suspect vehicle.
5-14 - to the 100 block of NW 2nd Ave. for an abandoned bicycle.
5-14 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a welfare check.
5-9 - Michael McCormick, 33, Peoria, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.
5-13 - Jerry Lally, 59, Aurora, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
5-13 - William Vaughn, 37, Princeville, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
Property Transfers
5-8 - John L. Nowlan to Kyle D. and Renee L. Wallace - Culbertson's Western Add'n - Pt 24-13-5 NE and Pt block 6 lot 3 - Consideration = \$0.
5-10 - R. Lynn and Sharon K. Keller to R. Lynn and Sharon K. Keller, Trustees - John Culbertson's Eastern Add'n Pt Lot 10 and Wm. F. Thomas Add'n - 611 and 611.5 and 613 and 613.5 E. Jefferson St., Toulon and 110 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
5-11 - Linda M. Asbury to James and Rebecca Woith - Vg of LaFayette block 18 lots 1, 2, 3 - 302 Madison St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$20,000.
5-12 - Margaret J. Stanton, Dec'd by Exec to Daniel J. Stanton, Sr., Succ Trustee - Sect 29-13-7 SE - Consideration = \$0.
5-12 - Ivan L. Nelson, by Co-Executor to Jeff and Zachary Nelson - Bryton Subdivision - Pt 19-13-6 SE - 700 Downend St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.
5-12 - Ivan L. Nelson by Co-executors to Jennifer Eberle, Lee Ann Hufnagel, Jeff, Marlene, and Zachary Nelson - Pt 11-13-5 NW - Consideration = \$0.
5-12 - Ivan L. Nelson by Co-executors to Marlene Nelson - Kings Subdivision of Blk 3 of Culb. Western Add'n - Sect 3-13-5 SE NW Lot 9 - Consideration = \$0.
Marriages
5-12 - Jordan Leighanne Sparks, Wyoming and Daniel Lewis Kallbrier, Macomb.
5-12 - Lindsay Nicole Martinez and Zackery Loren Brumley, both of Toulon.

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## Pride before the fall – with walking after

Long before the arrival of ATVs, UTVs and even color TVs, the most used implement on the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth was our own two feet.

Everyone from my parents to Uncle Honey to the hired men walked everywhere every day without complaint or, as often was the case for my brothers and me, shoes.



Alan GUEBERT

My mother walked more than any of us. For decades, she was on her feet from before dawn until well after dark cleaning, cooking, canning, baking and doing laundry. You name it, Mom did it on her feet and in a hurried, keep-up! pace.

Dad probably walked as much but his stride was less urgent. His day began with a starlit, 300-yard walk to the milking parlor and, after two hours of back-and-forth shuffling between cows (alongside the farm's born shuffler, herdsman Howard) Dad walked home for breakfast.

After that it was work, work, work and walk, walk, walk. Noon dinner and a brief nap broke Dad and Mom's on-their-feet routine.

Then, right at 1 p.m., an afternoon of more working and more walking ensued until 4, when Dad would walk back to the house for a "lunch." Ten minutes later he was walking to the dairy barn for two more hours of the milking parlor shuffle with ever-shuffling Howard.

Finally, around 7 p.m., Dad would make another quiet, alone walk

home to another quiet, alone supper.

Those walks ended in the late 1960s when, after nearly 20 years of farming, Dad bought a used Ford pick-up truck. It had two purposes: to carry an equally-used pick-up camper a couple of times a year and to carry Dad to and from the dairy barn daily.

It was a mid-1960s plowhorse, not a 2020s bejeweled showhorse. It had a bent tailgate, a clattering, six-cylinder engine and a three-speed-on-the-tree transmission. Its air conditioning was two hand-cranked windows, its power steering was your two arms, and its spring-filled bench seat sported the finest, cracked blue vinyl Detroit ever sold.

My brothers and I followed Dad's cue. As we approached our mid-teen years, each of us traded our growing feet for rubber tires, gasoline engines, and the rush of wind through our crew-cut hair.

Oldest brother Rich acquired a high-mileage Cushman motor scooter. It was fat-tired, primer gray, and almost impossible to start. Still, when running, it was a dream machine to any farm boy.

Shortly thereafter, second oldest David purchased a solidly built, homemade go-kart. It sat about four inches off the ground, a real hazard on our crowned rock road, but its baby Briggs & Stratton engine pushed it past 20 miles per hour.

That inspired me to weld together a short-lived duplicate; short-lived because Dad preferred his garden tiller engine on his garden tiller.

I soon out-machined everyone, though. Through an advertisement in Boys' Life magazine, I bought –

for only \$69! – a sparkling blue, factory-made minibike. The purchase included a frame, wheels, handlebars, hand throttle, chain, centrifugal clutch and the promise of unparalleled freedom.

Mom was furious that I had purchased a "death-trap" without her permission. For days, she predicted I would break my arm or neck – "Or both!" – the first time I rode it.

I assured her that nothing of the sort would ever happen.

Then, on my maiden voyage across a frozen soybean stubble field, I crashed. Hard.

My arms and neck were fine; my pride and the minibike's right handlebar were in pieces. Somehow I got the broken machine back to the farm shop without Mom's notice. There, David, a better welder than me, tacked the death-trap back together.

That minibike, again as good as new, ended my farm walking days forever. Better yet, I explored every back road, field road and road shoulder – all without a license for the minibike or myself – within 15 miles of the farm.

Two years ago, my speedy, two-wheeled days ended for good with a crash on my bicycle to make me, again, a full-time walker.

Pride, it's said, comes before a fall. True enough, and it's usually feet that come after it.

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# Princeville's Troutman starting another trek

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – Dean Troutman is on the verge of another trek. And why not?

“It’s better than sitting in a damn house staring at a wall, or in a nursing home waiting for someone to change your diaper,” the 92-year-old Princeville resident said last week. “Get out and do something.”

“There’s a million things I can’t do, but by golly, I can walk.”

Can he ever.

Sunday morning at the Princeville Heritage Museum, Troutman is to begin an on-foot trip of more than

350 miles. It would be the fifth long-distance walk Troutman has attempted with not-for-profit fundraising in mind.

This Troutman’s Trek is to head north — across the state line to as far as Monroe, Wis. That’s about 125 miles one way in a straight line from Princeville, but Troutman’s route is to take some twists and turns. Troutman expects to return home July 3. He plans to walk rain or shine.

As has been true for several of Troutman’s trips, this one benefits St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. In 2016, Troutman walked 600 miles to the St. Jude base in Memphis, Tenn.

The following year, he started but didn’t complete a walk from Texas to Princeville for St. Jude.

Troutman’s first long-distance voyage, in 2015, was a 700-mile loop around Illinois to raise money for his eponymous park in Princeville. It’s a memorial he built to his late wife, Peggy.

Troutman called this walk kind of short, relatively speaking.

According to granddaughter Carrie Christ, Troutman is to walk 6 to 10 miles most days. Christ is to update the Troutman’s Trek Facebook page with his progress. Fundraising links are to be embedded on the page.



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"I propose some amendments."

**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: What is a common name for lateral epicondylitis?
- GEOGRAPHY: What was the country of Portugal known as in Roman times?
- MOVIES: What are the final words spoken in the movie "The Shawshank Redemption"?
- LITERATURE: Which novel series includes a fictional place called Godric's Hollow, England?
- SCIENCE: What is cytology?
- TELEVISION: What is the name of the ranch in the 1960s western show "Bonanza"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state has the longest cave system?
- FOOD & DRINK: In which country were bagels invented?
- HISTORY: What kind of beetle was revered by the ancient Egyptians?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest lizard on Earth?

**Answers**

- Tennis elbow.
- Lusitania.
- "I hope."
- The "Harry Potter" series by J.K. Rowling.
- The study of cells.
- Ponderosa.
- Kentucky.
- Poland.
- Scarab.
- Komodo Dragon.

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## Answers on Page 3

**CryptoQuote**  
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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**TOP 10 MOVIES**

- Guardians of the Galaxy Volume 3 (PG-13)
- The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
- Evil Dead Rise (R)
- Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret. (PG-13)
- Love Again (PG-13)
- John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)
- Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)
- Air (R)
- The Covenant (R)
- Sisu (R)

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**Black Hawk honors Founders' Scholars**

GALVA – Black Hawk College recently honored 15 East Campus students for their academic excellence with the 39th Annual Founders' Scholars Awards. Local students included **Carl Wright** of Bradford and **Laura Endress** of Galva. They achieved a 3.80 cumulative gpa at the end of the fall semester; completed 30 credit hours at Black Hawk College with at least 12 credit hours at the East Campus; completed an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science (transfer) degree as the declared program per the grad app and applied for graduation by March 17, 2023.



The Galva Junior High Scholastic Bowl team finished with a 10-3 record and won the Lincoln Trail Conference. The team was awarded the Wildcat Pride Award at Monday's night school board meeting by Junior Senior High School Principal Kurtis Smyth. Pictured from left to right, in the front row are: Mya Collins, Randal Engels, Danielle Wigant, Cayden Gustafson, Ethan Simoneaux, Angie McArthur and Kinsley Gale. In back, from left to right are: Megan Thuline, Abi Sellers, Brielle Jeffrey, Mason Williams, Eli West, Max Winter, Drake Hartman, Jace Sterling, Jayden Kamphaus and Coach Toni Pickard. Photo by Carol Townsend.

**Galva library summer reading begins May 22**

GALVA – Registration starts on May 22 for the Galva Library's summer reading program. This year's theme is "Find Your Voice-Read!"

Each child will receive a calendar listing all special events when they register. Points and book bucks will not begin to be awarded until June 2.

All participants will need to return all overdue books before participating. The program is free of charge.

– Carol Townsend

**Bradford students help library lift fundraiser**

BRADFORD – Bradford grade schoolers and junior high students have helped raise money for a new lift that is being installed in Bradford

Public Library. Each classroom had a donation jar to bring in loose change and dollars to put towards the project. The students raised a total of \$670.82. The two classes that raised the most money – the second and sixth graders – enjoyed ice cream from the Bradford Snack Shack.



Submitted photo.

**Bradford Auxiliary readying for poppy sale**

BRADFORD – Bradford Auxiliary Unit #445 will sell poppies on May 27, from 8-11 a.m. The red poppies are to honor and memorialize fallen

soldiers, as well as serving as a fundraiser to support veterans.

The Auxiliary will also participate in Memorial Day services on Monday, May 29. Mary McCullough, a Gold Star Mother and member of the local auxiliary, will lay the wreath at the Bradford Cemetery.

Following services at the cemetery, the auxiliary will assist in a lunch at the Legion. Bring a covered dish to share. Barbecues will be provided. To prepare for the luncheon, members are asked to help clean on May 23 at 9 a.m.

– Angie Stange

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# Lawmakers pass job-posting bill requirement

By **ANDREW ADAMS & HANNAH MEISEL**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — As the General Assembly prepares to wrap up its spring legislative session this week, Democratic lawmakers are advancing a bill that would mandate job postings to include a salary range in a move they say would promote equity within the workplace.

Democrats in the Illinois Senate last week approved a measure that would require employers to list a pay scale and expected benefits for any position listed on a job posting. It would also create a regulatory structure for the Department of Labor to investigate violations of the proposed law.

House Bill 3129 passed with a 35-19 vote. Because it was amended in

the Senate, it now goes back to the House for consideration.

The bill would require expected pay disclosures from employers with 15 or more employees in the state and would apply to things such as job board listings, newspaper ads and postings made by a third-party on behalf of an employer.

If the bill becomes law, Illinois would join a growing number of states considering ways to make compensation more transparent in the job application process. New York passed a law last year that requires all job postings include a minimum and maximum salary or wage.

Colorado passed a similar law that requires disclosing pay range and a general description of benefits in 2019.

The salary transparency bill follows similar efforts in recent years aimed at making hiring practices more equitable, including a 2019 law that made it illegal for employers to ask about an applicant's salary history as part of the interview process.

Under another bill soon to be sent to Pritzker's desk, community college students in Illinois would be assured that class credits related to their chosen major in certain fields of study will be transferable to all public colleges and universities in the state.

Senate Bill 2288 passed the House on a unanimous vote last week.

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Mike loved Hook & Bullet, and was a great support and volunteer of it. But I'm hoping he got a little fishing in, too. Mike was a quiet, laid back man, and never wanted any attention.

Unfortunately, Mike didn't get a change to enjoy his retirement of only 2 years as health issues took over. But he had great caregivers in Deb, Meg and Shawn. God took him way too soon. We love you, Mike.

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 No. 2023PR28  
**AMENDED CLAIM NOTICE**  
 (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Elaine D. Tunney. Letters of Office were issued on April 14, 2023, to Kathleen Tunney as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before October 24, 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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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**  
 BANK OF AMERICA, N.A., Plaintiff,  
 v. JIMMIE D. BOATRIGHT;  
 UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants,  
 Case No. 2023FC2

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Jimmie D. Boatright, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in

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03-24-400-007

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

Estate of  
**OLIVER D JOHNSON**, deceased  
 No. 2023PR35

Notice is given of the death of OLIVER D JOHNSON. Letters of Office were issued on May 8, 2023 to MICHAEL J QUAGLIANO as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

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Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Clover Township Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, will be on file with the Secretary of the District and conveniently available to public inspection at Woodhull Village Hall, 150 N. Division Street, Woodhull, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 25th day of

May, 2023.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 6:45 o'clock P.M., on the 27th day of June, 2023, at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Clover Township Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Woodhull, Illinois on said 27th day of June, 2023, at 7:00 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 15th day of May, A.D. 2023.

Clover Township Fire Protection District  
 /s/ Larry Goff  
 Larry Goff, Secretary  
 Published 5/19/23

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By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2023.

Galva Community Fire Protection District of Henry County and Knox County, Illinois.  
 /s/ Josh Hopping  
 Josh Hopping, Secretary  
 Published 5/19/23

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Notice is hereby given that a tentative budget and appropriation ordinance for the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District of Henry County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at the Fire Station of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Bishop Hill, Henry County, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 25th day of May, 2023.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and

appropriation ordinance will be held at 7:30 o'clock P.M., on the 27th day of June, 2023, at the Fire Station in said Fire Protection District, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District in Henry County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station in the Village of Bishop Hill, in the Township of Weller, Henry County, Illinois on said 27th day of June, 2023, at 7:45 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District.

Dated this 9th day of May, 2023.

Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District  
 By: /s/ Kent Youngstrom  
 Kent Youngstrom, Secretary  
 Published 5/19/23

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/s/ Heather L. Hollis  
 County Clerk  
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## OBITUARIES

**Ernestine Yerly**  
WYOMING – Former Wyoming, Ill., resident and business owner, Ernestine “Ernie” Yerly passed away willingly and peacefully in her sleep on May 13, 2023, at the age of 95.

Ernie was born on Jan. 17, 1928, in Spring Valley. She attended Logan Grade School and Hall High School, where she was an honor-roll student and graduate. She married Sebastian Yerly and proudly raised two sons, John Sebastian and Alan Kent, while working in the accounting department for the Moews Seed Company. In the early 1970s, the couple purchased the Riggs Greenhouse in Wyoming, which they then operated as the Yerly Greenhouse, until Sub’s



Yerly

death in 2002. She enjoyed gardening, playing cards and traveling with her girlfriends, taking bus trips to various destinations. Not a fan of the cold, Ernie would fly to Florida every winter to visit her youngest son and his family. She enjoyed her solitude, but often opened her home to visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, until she moved to Crystal Lake, Ill. to be closer to family. After a few years living with her granddaughter, Ernie’s needs required that she move a few blocks away to Bickford Assisted Living. She lived the last of her years, enjoying on-call staff, weekly in-house hairdresser visits and mani-pedi lunch outings with her granddaughter. Ernestine was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and eight siblings. Surviving are her

two sons, John (Dolores [Dolly] VanVlerah) and Alan (Bud) (Anita Kay Arndt), five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Ever the pragmatist, Ernie was often heard to say, “I lived a full life, it’s time to go.” Her visitation will be at the Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming on Sunday, May 21, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. Her funeral mass will be at St. Dominic’s Catholic Church at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 22, 2023. Burial will follow in St. Dominic’s Cemetery. Memorials contributions may be to St. Dominic’s Catholic Church in Wyoming. Condolences may be left for Ernie’s family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

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# TRACK: Johnston rated first in 2 events; boys have top seeds for sectional

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 “I was a little upset. But I couldn’t be that upset. I ran a 57.81 and that’s a huge PR and you learn from your mistakes,” Johnston said. “You learn from what you did wrong in the race. And state is the race that really matters anyway.” Prelims for state were Thursday and the Class 1A finals are Saturday at Eastern Illinois University in Charleston. Johnston figures to add medals to her collection, which already

includes a high jump championship as a sophomore (when she cleared 5-4.25) and an eighth-place medal in the 400 (1:00.47) that same year. “I want to say I’ve got what it takes in all of them. But my ultimate goal is just to place in them and I’ll be happy with that,” Johnstons said. At the sectional she was happiest with her finish in the 200, the second-to-last event of the evening. “I was tired after that

(400) and my legs were feeling like dough. I was nervous for the 200,” she said. “I really proved I’ve got what it takes. Even with jello legs, I got through it.” Said Terwilliger, “I’m excited to get down there to see what she can do.” Johnston, who has signed to run and jump for Murray State next year, will be joined at state by five other Rebels teammates. Stark County sophomore Lauren Orwig broke her own school record in the shot put by another centimeter with a throw of 36 feet, 3.5 inches. That put her second at sectional behind Laney Lester of Henry-Senachwine, who is seeded first heading into state. Orwig is well within reach of a medal with her No. 9 seeding. Also qualifying was the

4x800 relay of senior Paige Rewerts, sophomores Keagan Hamilton and Sarah Kraklow and freshman Cheyeh Smith. Their time of 10:16.94 was good for fifth in a very deep field that ended up sending seven teams to state. The Lady Rebels are seeded 13th after sectionals. “Our 4x800 is young other than our senior. They ran not their best time, but they’re down there,” Terwilliger said. “And once you get down there, as everybody knows, it’s anybody’s race.”

• **Boys sectional** – The Stark County boys track and field team heads into today’s Class 1A sectional at Kewanee Wethersfield with plenty of athletes holding lofty seedings. Senior Daniel Kieser is seeded first in 300 hurdles with a time of 42.83 seconds and is second in the 110 hurdles at 16.48 seconds. Kieser also runs a leg on the Rebels’ second-seeded 4x100 relay, which includes Nolan Orwig, Avery Gerber and Luke Rewerts and has a season-best clocking of 44.14. Colby Stotler is the next-best state qualifying candidate in throwing events. The senior ranks second in shot put (47-9.25) and discus (135-10.75) behind only ROWVA-Williamsfield senior Brody Bledsoe. Junior Matthew Bowser is seeded fourth in triple jump with a season-best of

39-9.5 and is sixth in long jump and ninth in high jump. Field events start at 3 p.m. at Wethersfield. The Rebels tuned up for the sectionals with the El Paso-Gridley Last Chance Meet last Saturday. Kieser was fourth in 300 hurdles (43.82) and seventh in 110 hurdles (18.52). The 4x200 relay of Orwig, Luke Rewerts, Riley Masters and Avery Gerber was second in 1:38.58. Stotler was second in shot put with a throw of 47-5 and Bowser was fourth in triple jump (37-8.75).

## IESA: Newton 2nd in discus

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 (58.45) and fifth in the 100 (12.92) and long jump (15 feet, 1 inch). Hallie Newton also grabbed a second-place medal for Stark County in the 7-2A discus competition, throwing 74-9.

Her 7th-grade teammate Darilis Knobloch placed seventh in the 1,600 with a time of 5:47.01. In the 8-2A boys meet, Reid Harris of Galva brought home a fourth-place medal after clearing 5-3 in the high jump.

## Galva softball, baseball lose regional games

By The Prairie News  
 The Galva softball and baseball teams lost their opening games in regional action this week.

The Galva baseball program is looking to the future with the development of younger players by way of a junior-high program beginning this August.

North Fulton defeated Galva 11-2 in a Class 1A Williamsfield Regional opener Monday. Lily Wiggant had an RBI for the Wildcats, who finished 2-22. To finish the regular season, the Lady Wildcats lost May 9 and May 11 to Knoxville (10-0 and 12-2) and they lost a doubleheader May 13 to Princetonville, 9-1 and 10-2.

• **Stark County BB** – Stark County and Coach Scott Paxson, currently with a 9-16-1 record, were to open regional play Thursday at home versus Henry-Senachwine. “To be successful we will have to throw strikes, which has been a plus for us. We will have to play solid defense, which has been steady to solid this season,” Paxson said. “Our biggest concern will be taking advantage of opportunities. We will need to get runners home when they’re in scoring position.”

In baseball, Galva was defeated 15-0 in its regional opener by Midland Monday on the road. Jaxson Meier pitched well, giving the Wildcats a chance, keeping the team within 2-0 and striking out six through the third inning.

Connor Wagenbach drove in two runs. Watson and Tim Giesenhagen each contributed one RBI. Giesenhagen, Owen Gibler, Hillan, Steelman, and Daub all pitched.

Unfortunately, errors piled up, and hits didn’t happen, as the game ended in four.

• **Stark County SB** – In a regular-season game May 12, Stark County defeated Monmouth-Roseville 2-1.

doubleheader at Annawan-Wethersfield. Cameron Watson had two of the hits.

In the nightcap, SCHS was held to three hits in a 5-0 setback. Connor Daub knocked a double. Charlie Holmstrom and Ryne Hillan each collected a single. Dillon Steelman gave the Rebels a chance from the mound, giving up two earned runs, six hits and three walks while striking out four.

Pitcher Shanna Peterson allowed only one hit. Stark County’s Class 1A Kewanee Regional opener was set for Wednesday against host Annawan-Wethersfield.

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1 Salary limit	53 In the vicinity	97 Riddle's answer	10 Intro studio course	48 Catering coffeepots	76 2010-19 Royals skipper Ned
4 Reputation, on the street	54 Riddle, part 3	107 Back-baring blouse	11 Secular	49 Vigoda of "Fish"	77 Waist wear
8 Two-team wrestling competitions	59 She was Mrs. Gorbachev	108 "— think so!"	12 Range of the Appalachians	50 Tries to hit, as an insect	78 Pokes a hole in
13 Gave high praise to	60 German word before "geist"	109 Certain airport worker	13 Actress Hedy	51 Cat variety	81 Chew the —
19 Pesticide compound	61 Donkey Kong and others	111 "History repeats —"	14 Composer Khachaturian	52 Sluggers' stats	83 Helicopter rescue, say
21 The "A" of James A. Garfield	62 Riddle, part 4	112 Make a phony copy of	15 — Reader (magazine)	54 DJ Casey	84 Three 19th-century literary sisters
22 Aorta, for one	65 Lacerate	113 Moniker for Wit Chamberlain	16 Tum a — ear	55 Fall chill	85 Arctic chunk
23 Study hard	69 Dove shelter	114 Shoulder garments	17 Hence	56 Bear, in Baja	86 Subgenre of rap music
24 Proportional relation	70 Use all of	115 Deuce-beating cards	18 Hair colorer	57 Gas in an atmospheric layer	89 Friends of Snow White
25 Supervise on traditional rules	71 Afro-Brazilian dance	116 Admin. aide	20 "I love you," to Juanita	59 Hayworth and Moreno	90 Mart start
26 Start of a riddle	72 Riddle, part 5	117 Low grade	27 — Christian Andersen	62 Certain garden worker	91 Like flashy jewelry, informally
29 Thing a doc prescribes	78 Scrupulous insistence	<b>DOWN</b>	33 How cards are sometimes dealt	63 "The Simpsons" storekeeper	92 Least frequent
30 Yin and —	79 Disturb	1 Baby bear	34 Gasoline rating	64 Slueth, in old slang	93 Not fulfilled
31 Suffix with hotel or cash	80 Source of some bran	2 In — (lined up)	35 Exalting verse	65 Lipinski on ice	97 — and that
32 Riddle, part 2	81 Havana natives, to Havana natives	3 Phnom —, Cambodia	36 Lower leg part	66 Rapper aka "Slim Shady"	98 Possesses, in Shakespeare
43 Apple on a desk	82 Novelist George	4 Skydived, for short	37 Feudal toiler	67 Sop up	99 Bride of Lotte
44 Latin "that is"	83 Braying beast	5 Second-most populous place in South Dakota	38 Some of	68 19th-dynasty pharaoh	100 Crockpot dish
45 "— So Fine"	84 Shooter of small balls	6 Slaughter of the Cardinals	39 Goose sound	69 Greek island	101 Beehive unit
46 French for "man"	87 Bard's "before"	7 Chewing gum brand	40 1980s Dodge (car)	71 Doll hero	102 Scent
47 Set into motion	88 End of the riddle	8 Lack the courage to	41 Supermodel from Somalia	72 "Oh, ri-ght!"	103 Sweet outlet
50 Charles Chaplin's 1936	94 Huge battle	9 700-mile-long African river	42 Hong Kong's Hang — Index	73 — contendere (court)	104 Singer Phil
51 Eileen of "Clue"	95 Berett, poetically			74 "Take — from me ..."	105 Blyton of kids' books
	96 Khaki color			75 Take an ax to	106 Prefix with marketing
					110 Blvd., e.g.



# The Prairie News Sports



## Back to state in style

Stark County's Johnston qualifies in four events after missing last year

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

FARMINGTON – In the immediate aftermath of her 400-meter sectional race on May 10, Lindley Johnston was unhappy. Frustrated. But not heartbroken.



Johnston

No, that was last year when a foot injury kept the Stark County track and field phenom from even trying to qualify for the state meet. "It absolutely broke her heart that the foot wouldn't hold up for her last year," Stark County Coach Clint Terwilliger said. "So this has been on her mind since last May. I can guarantee you that."

Evidently when Johnston puts her mind to something, it happens. Because by the end of the Farmington Class 1A sectional, she was smiling



Stark County senior Lindley Johnston won the high jump on May 10 at the Farmington Class 1A track and field sectional by clearing 5 feet, 3.75 inches. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

broadly and posing for social media pictures after a stunning evening of redemption.

In addition to winning the 100, 200 and high jump, the senior also qualified for the IHSA state track and field meet in the 400 with that second-place finish.

And Johnston didn't just win, she won impressively, posting personal-best times in all three races at arguably the deepest girls sectional in Class 1A. Evidence of her dominance shows in the statewide seedings after sectionals. Johnston ranks first in the 200 (25.47 seconds), sec-

ond in the 100 (12.45) and 400 (57.81) and third in the high jump (5 feet, 3.75 inches).

"Realistically, this is what we were waiting for. We knew this was going to happen because we saw the competition coming," Terwilliger said. "I think she did phenomenal. She did exactly what she needed to do."

With one exception. Johnston said she learned that she needs to attack the first 200 meters more after that frustrating 400 race, in which she finished second to Daniella Bumber of Henry-Senachwine by 0.31 seconds.

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## Bradford's Smith wins IESA state 400 title

By The Prairie News  
EAST PEORIA – Bradford 8th grader Dusti Smith won an IESA state championship in the 400-meter race last Saturday at the EastSide Centre.

State champion as a 7th grader, Smith won the 8-1A 400 race easily with a time of 59.53 seconds in the finals – four seconds faster than the runnerup.

Smith also placed second in the 800, coming a step short of Effingham St. Anthony's Isabella Keller. Keller finished the race in 2:21.60 and Smith was second in 2:21.68.

Smith also ran second to Keller in the 1,600 with a time of 5:19.65.

Teammate Michelle Atchley finished fifth in the shot put with a throw of 28 feet, 2 inches.

Those two athletes boosted Bradford to fourth overall with 30 points in 8-1A. Palatine St. Theresa topped 51 scoring teams at the meet with 43 points.



Bradford 8th grader Dusti Smith made the most of her time on the EastSide Centre track last weekend, winning three individual medals. Photo courtesy of IESA.

In the 7-1A boys meet, Bradford's Evan Knobloch was fifth in the 800 (2:18.72) and 1,600 (5:07.56).

Stark County also had a strong showing in the 7-2A IESA meet, placing sixth overall thanks to 7th grader Braxtten Gibson. He was second in the 200 (25.56), third in the 400

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