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Wyoming council swears in new members; raises staff pay

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – In addition to swearing in new members, the Wyoming City Council on Tuesday approved a new rate of pay for city employees

The rate of compensation for city employees was discussed in closed session. In open session the council did not discuss the new rates of cost-of-living ad-

justments and no information on this agenda item was forthcoming. The Prairie News will submit a Freedom of Information Act petition for the new pay rates, which are effective retroactively to May 1, 2023.

The council also approved two other resolutions. One authorized a ninth disbursement of \$13,641 to Leander Construction for work performed at the

wastewater treatment plant. The other approved a \$17,720 change order request for increasing the conductor size to the aerator control panel along with piping and fittings for the wastewater project.

Jon Knoblauch, Spoon River Days representative, requested approval from the council for a proposed parade route. The parade would start at Thomas

Park and proceed to Routes 17/91 to the north, turn right to reach Seventh Street, turn right again to head south on a return to Thomas Park during the June 10 celebration. Knoblauch told the council it is his intention to bring a carnival to Spoon River Days next year.

Newly reelected council members Jim Mercer, Steve Hansard and Dave Lindahl were

sworn into office and seated by city attorney Justin Raver.

Kathy Hardy chose not to run for reelection to Wyoming's city council. Mayor Pat Maher has 60 days to appoint a new member to the city council replacing Hardy.

Wyoming resident and property owner John Carroll told the council that since the onset of *Continued on Page 2*

WRECK ON 78



Pictured above is the accident that occurred May 2 on Illinois Route 78. Toulon, LaFayette and Kewanee fire departments responded to the scene, as well as Stark County Ambulance and Lifeflight. Submitted photo.

Eagle Scout

Bradford's Stotler earns top honor

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Colby James Stotler was awarded his Eagle Scout merit badge April 23 at the Leet United Methodist Church, which was witnessed by approximately 75 people.

Colby is the son of James and Jodi Stotler of Bradford. He is a member of Scout Troop 1851.

Eagle Scout is the top achievement of the Boy Scouts of America program. It is estimated that approximately 4-7 percent of Scouts earn this rank.

The presentation of Stotler's badge tops his participation in the Scouts.

Stotler earned Scout rank on Jan. 15, 2017, and progressed through the program earning 28 merit badges that were from various activities and fields from First Aid to electronics to lifesaving.

Stotler chose to refurbish the American Legion Post 445 facilities located on State



Pictured above, Jodi Stotler pins her son's Eagle Scout merit badge onto Colby Stotler's uniform during his Eagle Scout Court of Honor. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Route 93. He spent 115 service hours beautifying the grounds by installing flower beds, refinishing picnic tables, relining parking column spaces and installing new signs. He also walked Route 93 picking up trash, placed wreaths on veterans' graves and volunteered at the Legion's fish fries.

Stotler joins more than 12 million Boy Scouts who have become Eagle Scouts since 1912. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville this fall and plans to play football.

Bradford school board seats new members

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board seated newly reelected board members Tanya Walker and Brian Knobloch at its April 27 meeting.

A third candidate for the school board was not seated due to a conflict involving too many represen-

tatives from one area of the district. As a result, an appointment to the school board seat will occur in the near future.

Walker and Knobloch are joined by Reyna Barto-Colvin, Sherri Code, Brad Kieser and Jessica Peterson to form the board of education from the Bradford School District. Walker and Knobloch

were elected to four-year terms on the board.

Elected and approved to two-year board terms were Walker as president, Sherri Code as vice president and Jessica Peterson as secretary.

John Murphy did not seek reelection after serving for 10 years on the board. He was thanked and pre- *Continued on Page 2*

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Stark Co. swears in school board members

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board held a special meeting April 26 to reorganize and to swear in recently elected board members.

Bruce West was reelected to the board and Joe Rediger and Dane Richards are new members who replace Dave Stewart and Matt Nagode, who did not run in the April 4 election.

Office holders nominated and elected are Ann Orwig, president; Bruce West, vice president; and Emily Leezer, secretary. Rebecca Lane was approved as treasurer and recording secretary.

Office positions are two-year



Pictured above are Stark County School board members being sworn into office. From left to right are Joe Rediger, Dane Richards and Bruce West. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

terms, while board members are elected to four-year terms.

The board established the third Monday of the month as its meeting date at 6 p.m. at the Stark County

Elementary School cafeteria. The exception is Sept. 25.

The board meets next on May 15. Committee assignments will be made in the near future.

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WYOMING: Flooding a problem for one resident

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construction of a Family Dollar store on South Seventh Street, his adjacent property is being flooded with water. Carroll said this is of major concern and a problem.

Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported his department has hired Blake Orwig as summer help starting May 22.

Police Chief Jim Tiller said he will be on duty for today's Cinco De Mayo celebration scheduled by 1-11 Tacos' owner Javier Samano.



Wyoming City Attorney Justin Raver gives the oath of office to reelected council members (left to right) Steve Hansard, Dave Lindahl and Jim Mercer. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

The council heard reports from Farnsworth Group representative Bridget Barry concerning

Motor Fuel Tax plans to resurface Wyoming's streets. Denny Rewerts also gave updates on new

businesses and Greg McCauley reported on updates at the water and sewer plants.

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BRADFORD 16 of 18 8th graders to attend Stark Co.

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sented with a plaque. The board established the meeting dates as the fourth Tuesday of each month at Bradford Grade School.

Superintendent Chad Gripp reported that the Junior High School gym floor was resurfaced April 3, three trees were planted for a tree project at the

Bradford schools in conjunction with the Village of Bradford.

Gripp said May 19 at 7 p.m. is 8th grade promotion. Sixteen of 18 eighth graders will attend Stark County High School.

Gripp said a 2023 tentative amended budget hearing is to be June 27 at 7 p.m. at the grade school. A budget update shows revenues at \$4,514,917 with expenditures at \$2,718,998.

The board approved a two-year extension of the joint cooperative athletic agreement providing students in junior high a chance to play sports not offered in Bradford.

Approved was an extension to Bradford School's bus lease. Three current buses will remain on lease



John Murphy received a plaque April 27 for 10 years of service to the Bradford School Board. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

for the next two years.

After executive session, the board approved the resignation of Krystal Padilla as cheerleading coach and Jennifer Hardee as teacher. The board hired: April Atkins as paraprofessional, Julie Pierce as 1st grade teacher and Tom Miller as

music teacher. A contract amendment was OK'd for Padilla.

Highlights from past meetings include boiler room pipes requiring repair, approval of a 2023-24 school calendar and rehiring of non-certified staff.

The board also accepted resignations from: Mr. Se-pich as math teacher, Caitlyn Meaker as music teacher, Tosca Krider as scholastic bowl coach and Mrs. Kazubowski.

Correction

Eagle Enterprises picks up large items in Galva on the first Wednesday of each month, not once a month. A \$10 large-item sticker is needed. An April 28 article included incorrect information. The newspaper erred.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

4-19 - Aracely E. Ramos - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
4-28 - Wesley J. Cozad - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

4-18 - Misdemeanor - Andrew S. McCarter - Bad checks/obtain control of property.

Incidents & Accidents

4-18 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on 350N at the intersection of 50E. The drivers involved were Carl P. Ryan, 58, of Wyoming, and Jennifer J. Bantz, 69, of Williamsfield. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued. Both vehicles sustained estimated damages, over \$1,500.

4-29 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on 1600E north of 300N. The driver involved was identified as a 16-year-old female from Peoria. The juvenile reportedly was traveling north on 1600E when she lost control traveling through the intersection on a gravel roadway and went into the ditch. No injuries were reported, and no citations were issued. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

4-22 - Stefanie C. Hartnett, 23, Chillicothe, was cited for driving with no vehicle registration and for driving with no insurance. She was released with a notice to appear.

4-24 - Holman J. Chavarria Benavidez, 26, Peoria, was arrested for driving without a driver's license and for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

4-25 - Rebecca N. Barnes, 25, Toulon, was arrested for resisting and or obstructing a peace officer. She was also found wanted on a warrant issued by the Galesburg Police Department. She posted \$250 cash bond on the Stark County charge and \$150 cash bond on the pending Knox County warrant. She was released with pending court dates.

4-25 - Nikki L. Jeanguenat, 28, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while her license was suspended and for disobeying a stop sign. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date.

4-29 - Jacob D. Tramutolo, 22, Bradford, was arrested for driving an uninsured vehicle, illegal transportation of cannabis, and possession of cannabis over 30-grams. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

4-30 - Jennifer L. Moody, of Bradford reported a possible burglary after telling authorities an unidentified individual had been in her vehicle. No items were reported missing.

4-30 - Fabian Savala-Manzo, 20, Peoria, was arrested for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle, driving without a valid driver's license, speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone and possession of a controlled substance listed as cocaine. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-24 - While patrolling, officer located a vehicle in the 900 block of W. Division St. that was parked but had headlights on and dome light on late at night. Nobody was around. Officer



secured the car.

4-24 - to the 00 block of NE 3rd St. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer recognized the dog and returned it to its owner in the 400 block of N. Center Ave.

4-24 - to assist Knox County with transporting a transient who was walking from California to Germany. Subject was transported several miles north of Galva, as he wanted to go toward Interstate 80 on his journey.

4-24 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a civil complaint involving a subject refusing to pay for services rendered.

4-25 - to Lincoln House for a parking violation in a handicapped spot. Subject had permission from a tenant to park there for a few minutes to load an item.

4-25 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a battery complaint. A group of juveniles had reportedly battered another juvenile at Wiley Park. Officer was unable to find the suspects.

4-26 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. to check the welfare of a subject laying on the porch. The subject was fine.

4-26 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd St. for a theft/civil property dispute.

4-26 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. for a verbal domestic dispute.

4-27 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a theft complaint.

4-27 - to the 00 block of NW 5th St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was returned to its owner.

4-27 - to the 300 block of SE 2nd St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was returned to its owner.

4-28 - to a residence on NW 4th St. for a disoriented subject walking around and talking incoherently. Subject was transported to the hospital by a family member.

4-28 - Officer was flagged down by a citizen who had a complaint in the 900 block of SE 2nd St. Officer was able to assist the subject.

4-28 - to the 200 block of S. Exchange St. for a domestic disturbance that occurred elsewhere. This remains under investigation.

4-28 - to the 200 block of NW 6th Ave. for a neighbor dispute.

4-29 - to a two-vehicle accident with damage only at the intersection of Main Street and NW 2nd Avenue. A crash report was completed.

4-29 - to the 100 block of NW 6th Ave. for a landlord/tenant dispute.

4-30 - to the 200 block of SW 3rd St. for a physical disturbance involving juveniles with weapons. This remains under investigation.

4-25 - Melissa McGwire, 36, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for accumulation of junk in the 400 block of S. Center Ave.

4-25 - Timothy Rumbold, 55, Galva, was issued citations for disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 400 block of SE 2nd St.

4-26 - Lerin Mallery, 33, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for failure to maintain property

in the 200 block of NE 6th St.

4-26 - Bryce Glisan, 32, Galva, was issued an administrative warning ticket for failure to maintain property in the 200 block of NE 6th St.

4-28 - Anna Bamburova, 63, Chicago, issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of W. Division St.

4-28 - Megan Sturtevant, 33, Galva, was issued a citation for operating a motor vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance. She was released with a court date.

4-29 - David Girdler, 75, Rio, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

4-29 - Patricia Diaz, 42, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

4-29 - Daren Sall, 76, Cambridge, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 500 block of SE 6th St.

4-29 - Susann Kuthan, 71, Kewanee, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

4-29 - Michelle Barringer, 49, Tiskilwa, was issued a citation for speeding in 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

4-29 - Janet Rouse, 49, Bradford, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

4-29 - Degan Dozard, 18, Peoria, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

Peoria County Report

KICKAPOO - A Toulon woman backed her vehicle into another as she was leaving a Kickapoo gasoline station, authorities stated.

Valerie L. Daum's 2011 Chevrolet Malibu struck a 2006 Chrysler 300 parked about 3 p.m. April 18 outside the Shell station at 7116 N. Kickapoo-Edwards Rd., according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. A Peoria woman was listed as owner of the Chrysler.

No injuries were reported, but the Chrysler sustained a large dent near the driver's-side rear door.

MAPLETON - Shortly after 6 a.m. April 18, Lea Marie Delabar of Toulon was driving a Ford Edge south in the 8900 block of Cameron Ln. near Mapleton when the vehicle hit a deer that entered the roadway from the east. Delabar and her passenger reported no injuries, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained disabling front-end damage and was towed. The deer was found dead in a west-side ditch.

BRADFORD - Raven Grinslade, 31, of Bradford was arrested shortly before 3:30 a.m. April 30 and was being held for another law-enforcement agency, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Property Transfers

4-24 - Robert Dean Huffman to Bethany Baptist Church of Peoria - Pt Lt 5 Assrs Sub Sect 2-12-6 NE - 406 S. Sixth St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

4-24 - Kevin W. and Taylor J. Frye to Anthony T. and Elissa R. Potter - Turner's Add'n block 2 lot 4 - 309 S. Miller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$177,500.

4-26 - Bradley J. and Valerie Barkley to James W. and Lauri M. Young - Pt 4-14-7 SE - Consideration = \$495,000.

4-27 - Jerry Wilson to Sharon Hunt and Christopher Lease - VG of La-Fayette Pt block 3 - 101 W. Washington St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$15,000.

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The following will not be picked up:

- 1) Electrical items.
- 2) Landscape waste.
- 3) Hazardous material as in kerosene, fuel oil, paint thinners, batteries, and tires.
- 4) No bricks, building materials and long poles as these items damage the garbage truck.

Murphy's has the right to refuse to pick up any piles of garbage that are larger than a 4 ft by 4 ft. pile or contain items mixed in that are not allowed.

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Don't let the fear of losing be greater than the excitement of winning.

- Robert Kiyosaki

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GUEST VOICES

Current cows raise memories of milkers of old

There haven't been milk cows on this farm since the early 1960s, but lately our cows seem to have been channeling their behavior. AJ remembers, not fondly, the docile fawn-and-white guerneys with their rich yellow milk, milked by hand twice a day.

The milk was separated and the cream sold to the creamery in Galva to be made into butter. The skimmed milk was mostly fed to the hogs, also not fondly remembered. In the later years, whole milk was sold to the Kraft cheese plant in Toulon and picked up by Paul Hamilton.

There were never more than eight or nine milk cows at any time, typical for small farms of those days. They lived in the little pasture, while the two dozen or so beef cows had the big pasture.

Now we have three times that many cows, and they are the love of AJ's life. Unlike the dairy cows, however, few of ours have names. Pet is one who does. She earned her name by expecting ... demanding ... to be petted any time there is someone near her. In fact, if AJ and Matt go to the pasture to feed hay or corn, Pet will quickly position herself in front of AJ and will ... not ... move until he pets her.

As we entered the home stretch of calving season, Pet was one of a dozen or so cows left to calve. At 8 years old, she has learned the routines of the calving lot well. Each evening, AJ and Matt bring the cows most likely to calve up onto the platform and give them a little corn in the feed bunks there. While the cows eat, the men walk through them, carefully studying the tail end and udder of each to detect any changes that would indicate they are close to giving birth.

Pet doesn't immediately eat corn, though. She has to have her pets first. She will usually just sidle up to the closest human and slowly lean into them until she gets her back scratched. It's hard to ignore a 1,400-pound cow.

Matt constructed two pens in the

lean-to of the west barn, leaving an alleyway along the south wall so we can walk cows into the three stalls in the main part of the barn. There is a door from the lean-to into the cow stanchions where the milking was done in the past, and that area has been made into a pen as well.

The rest of the lean-to is bedded and can be used to calve if the pens are full. Most evenings, AJ and Matt confer to decide who goes where. During the day, however, they swing the long gate across the doorway and pull the big sliding door shut so the cows stay on the cement or go into the lean-tos of the east barn.

Pet had been in this cohort of ladies in waiting for a week or more, so she was accustomed to being ushered in to one of the two pens in the lean-to. Then one day AJ went out to check on them just before lunch. He saw most of the cows in the east barn and a couple on the cement, but he didn't see Pet anywhere. He noticed the door to the west barn was open, but knew the gate had been closed, so where was Pet?

As it turned out, she had taken matters into her own ... hooves. When she felt the onset of labor, she instinctively sought out a safe, somewhat secluded space to give birth. She knew where she was supposed to go.

First, she had to open the sliding door and must have pushed it with her head. She opened it enough to get in, but did not shove it so far that the rollers went off the track. She must have been annoyed to then find the gate shut and chained, but again, she used her head, this time to rub the chain out of the slot on the gate. She couldn't figure out how to get into the pen where she had spent the past several nights, but the end of the lean-to was well bedded and that is where she had her baby.

As the weather got milder it was less critical to assure that any cow likely to have a calf spent the night in a barn. And some nights there wasn't anyone who looked particularly like she was about to calve. One such night five selected cows were given the run of the barns. They ate their corn and when AJ and Matt finished chores they were just tooling around on the cement, chewing cud.

When AJ went out just before midnight to check them, he was somewhat surprised to find that they had all put themselves in the barn and two had let themselves into pens, which this time had been left open. One heifer had even shut her own gate!

Even though the milk cows are long gone, cows will be cows, and ours are happy to be well organized, with or without our guidance.

Salad Shakers

- 1 pound Ground Beef (95% lean)
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 1/4 cup water
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 1 package (10 to 12 ounces) iceberg or romaine salad mix (lettuce, red cabbage, carrots)
- 1 cup diced tomato
- 1/2 cup canned black beans, rinsed, drained
- 1/2 cup frozen corn, defrosted, drained
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese, (optional)
- 1/2 cup prepared ranch dressing
- 1/4 to 1/3 cup Crunchy Tortilla Strips (recipe follows) or crushed baked tortilla chips (optional)

Directions:

1. Brown ground beef with garlic in large nonstick skillet over medium heat 8-10 minutes, breaking beef up into 1/2-inch crumbles.

Pour off drippings, if necessary. Stir in water, chili powder and cumin; cook and stir 1 minute to blend flavors. Cool slightly.

2. Place salad mix, beef, tomato, beans, corn and cheese, if desired, in large bowl with lid. Top with dressing; close lid securely or cover bowl tightly with plastic wrap. Shake gently to combine. Top with tortilla strips, if desired.

Crunchy Tortilla Strips: Cut two corn tortillas in half, then crosswise into 1/4-inch-wide strips. Place strips in single layer on baking sheet. Spray tortilla strips lightly with non-stick cooking spray. Bake 4-8 minutes at 400°F or until crisp.

Cook's Tip: You can substitute your favorite dressing for ranch dressing.

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.



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Health depts. offer free CPR classes

For The Prairie News
The Henry and Stark County Health Departments and First Choice Healthcare remind residents they are once again offering monthly CPR certification classes.

Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States.

CPR training will teach participants to recognize and care for breathing and cardiac emergencies in infants, children and adults. Instruction will also be given on how to recognize emergencies and actions to take, and understanding the role of Automated External Defibrillators in the Cardiac Chain of Sur-

vival.
CPR classes are held the fourth Tuesday monthly. The class will be held at the Health Department ofices, 110 N. Burr Blvd.,

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Classes run from 4-6 pm. Cost is \$45. Anyone interested should call the health department at (309) 852-0197.

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Applications may be obtained at the Henry County Sheriff's Office, 311 West Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238. The Henry County government application can be printed from Henrycty.com.

Basic Qualifications: 21 years of age; US Citizen; High School Graduate or the equivalent; or must have two or more years of college with a degree or certification from accredited college and/or Honorable discharge from the United States Military (copies of all diplomas/certifications and/or DD-214) required with application if you are under 21 years of age; in good physical condition; possess a valid Illinois driver's license; MUST NOT have a criminal record; No residency requirement, but this will affect your ability to have a take home squad car. Components of the testing process include an extensive background investigation, power test, written examination, oral interview, and a pre-employment drug screening/physical. Attendance and a passing score are mandatory for all phases of the testing to be eligible for subsequent testing. Applicants who are certified as Illinois Police Officers are exempt from the physical and written tests. All applicants who make it through all the required phases will be either on the certified list or non-certified list.

The deadline for the applications will be May 26th, 2023@ 4:00 p.m. Only fully completed applications will be accepted.

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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

1. GEOGRAPHY: How many U.S. states border Canada?
2. THEATER: The musical "My Fair Lady" is based on which play?
3. SCIENCE: Who was the first person to win Nobel prizes in two different sciences?
4. MOVIES: Which 1997 movie featured a character named Jack Dawson?
5. TELEVISION: What is the name of Ross's pet monkey in "Friends"?
6. LANGUAGE: How many languages exist worldwide?
7. FOOD & DRINK: Which country produces Manchego cheese?
8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many track and field events are in a decathlon?
9. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president had the most children?
10. MUSIC: What is the title of Britney Spears' first album?

Answers

1. 13.
2. "Pygmalion," by George Bernard Shaw.
3. Marie Curie, physics and chemistry.
4. "Titanic."
5. Marcel.
6. More than 7,000.
7. Spain.
8. 10.
9. John Tyler, who fathered 15 children.
10. "... Baby One More Time."

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. The Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)
2. Evil Dead Rise (R)
3. The Covenant (R)
4. John Wick: Chapter 4 (R)
5. Dungeons & Dragons: Honor Among Thieves (PG-13)
6. Air (R)
7. The Pope's Exorcist (R)
8. Renfield (R)
9. Beau Is Afraid (R)
10. Suzume (PG)

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Stark FFA advances to State Envirothon

TOULON –Students from Taylor Wilkinson’s Stark County High School FFA program advanced to the State Level Envirothon Competition after winning local Land Use Council 2 Envirothon.

The 27th Illinois Envirothon was in Monticello on May 3-4. Stark County was represented by Garrett Bruecks, Logan Goerks, Katelynn Allen, Colby Stotler and Chelsey Stotler. Stark County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), along with other local Illinois Conservation Districts, runs the annual competition.

Smith earns Fairfield Memorial Scholarship

WYOMING – Kailey Smith, of Stark County High School, is the 2023 recipient of the Stacey Fairfield Memorial Scholarship. Smith is the daughter of Nicole Bent of Wyoming and is a senior at Stark County High School where she is a member of the National Honor Society and partici-



Pictured are the five Stark County High School FFA students who advanced to the state Envirothon. From left to right are: Garrett Bruecks, Logan Goerks, Katelynn Allen, Colby Stotler and Chelsey Stotler.

pates in many FFA activities.

Smith plans to earn her associate’s of science degree at Black Hawk College. After that, she plans to transfer to either Bradley University or Purdue in pursuit of a bachelors in biology. Smith then intends to apply to the veterinary medicine program at the University of Illinois. Upon receiving her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, she plans to work for a few years, then go back to school to specialize in her favorite field.

Galva church offers free Mother’s Day breakfast

GALVA – The First Baptist Church at 211 NW 4th Ave., Galva, will host

a free breakfast on Sunday, May 14 from 9-10 a.m. There will be a gift basket for the person bringing the most family and gifts for every mother. For more information call the church at (309) 932-2713.

College graduates

• Several local students completed their respective program requirements at Black Hawk College - East Campus during the spring 2023 semester. They are: **Carli Wright** of Bradford; **Thomas Conner, Laura Endress, Holly Hoenig, Gillian Jurgensen, Cal Larson, Aidan Moore**, all of Galva; **Sierra Force** and **Aleah Wykert** of Princeville; **Nicole Dolieslager, Tristan Gerber, Ashley Giesenhagen, Kaitlynn Irving**, and **Te’a Olmsted**, all of Toulon.

Et cetera

• LaFAYETTE – Alexander Welch of LaFayette will serve as one of five marshals at the WIU-QC combined graduate and undergraduate commencement at 1 p.m., on Sunday, May 14, at the Vibrant Arena at The Mark in Moline.

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- Vintage baseball tournament all day at baseball diamond
- 10 a.m. - General Grant performance; Village Park Gazebo
- 1 p.m.- Concert by the 33rd Band; Village Park Gazebo
- 2 p.m.- Artillery Demonstration; Coopers’ Field
- 2:30 p.m.- Battle; Coopers’ Field
- 7-9 p.m.- Civil War Ball; in front of Steeple Building Museum

SUNDAY MAY 7

- Civil War Encampment all day in the village park
- 11:00 a.m. – Concert by Hammer & Pick; Village Park Gazebo
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Seniors recognized at Bradford ceremony

For The Prairie News
BRADFORD – The Bradford Community Scholarship Fund held its Senior Recognition Ceremony for Bradford graduating seniors. These students may attend two different high schools, but they are the responsibility of BCUSD #1 and remain in the minds and hearts of their community.

The seniors were reunited one last time as several awards and scholarships were presented, along with awards

that were previously presented at the Bradford High School graduation ceremonies.

- Awards are as follows:
- American Legion Post 445 Awards: **Colby Stotler** and **Lily Atteberry**.
 - Stark County Masonic Lodge Award, the Margaret K. Poe Scholarship, and the Bradford Alumni Award: **Colby Stotler**.
 - Mark Verstraete Leadership Award: **Sam Rouse** and **Colby Stotler**.
 - Duane Stewart Music Award: **Lily Atteberry**,



Pictured are the Bradford seniors honored at the senior recognition ceremony. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

- Violet Krider**, and **Colby Stotler**.
- Michael Mootz Athletics Award: **Sam Rouse** and **Colby Stotler**.
- Douglas Tucker Business Award: **Sam Rouse**.
- Sally Vanzant Mathematics Award: **Violet Krider**, **Jordan McCauley**, and **Sam Rouse**.
- Francis Clark Agriculture Award: **Charlie Rouse** and **Colby Stotler**.
- Bradford Community Scholarship Fund Awards: **Lily Atteberry**, **Violet Krider**, and **Sam Rouse**.

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 No. 2023-PR-27
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 No. 2023PR28

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 No. 2023PR30

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Judge blocks Illinois assault weapon ban

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – A federal judge in East St. Louis issued an order last week blocking enforcement of Illinois’ ban on assault weapons and high-capacity magazines until a lawsuit challenging the law is resolved.

Judge Stephen P. McGlynn, of the Southern District of Illinois, said the law known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act, or PICA, is likely to be found unconstitutional when the case goes to trial and the plaintiffs in the consolidated cases will suffer harms without a preliminary injunction to block its enforcement.

In a 29-page opinion, McGlynn acknowledged that the law was passed in the wake of a mass shooting at an Independence Day parade in Highland Park last year. But he said the “senseless crimes of a relative few” cannot be used to justify abridging the constitutional rights of law-abiding citizens.

Citing a U.S. Supreme Court case that was decided less than two weeks before the Highland Park shooting, *New York State Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*, he said the Constitution guarantees an individual right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.

“More specifically, can

PICA be harmonized with the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution and with *Bruen*?” McGlynn asked rhetorically in the opinion. “That is the issue before this Court. The simple answer at this stage in the proceedings is ‘likely no.’”

McGlynn’s decision came less than a week after another federal judge, Lindsay Jenkins, of the Northern District of Illinois, reached an opposite conclusion and denied a motion to halt enforce-

ment of the law. Plaintiffs in that case have indicated they intend to appeal to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals.

Based on other recent U.S. Supreme Court cases, McGlynn said the state needed to show that the items being banned are not in “common use” and that they are the types of firearms that have been regulated historically.

He also noted that last week’s ruling was not a final resolution of the case.

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Donald L. Harlan

TOULON – Donald L. Harlan, 77, of Toulon, passed away at 5:05 a.m. Sunday, April 30, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Donald was born on April 21, 1946, in Peoria to Wilbert W. and Lavonia Mae (Barrett) Harlan.

Surviving are three children, Daniel Harlan, Linda (James Lester) Harlan and James (Heather) Harlan all of Toulon; five grandchildren, Kyle (Lea) Harlan, Adriannah (Jalin) Harlan, Ariel (Joshua) Zuelly, Aveyon (Chris Drake) Harlan and Anastasia Harlan; seven great-grandchildren, Kadence, Avery, Kiera, Chloe, Rhys, River and Raven; four siblings, Willard (Judy) Harlan of Princeville, Helen Harlan of Wyoming, Bob (Diane) Harlan of Chillicothe and Ralph Harlan of Wyoming; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins who loved him dearly.

He was preceded in death by one son, Donald Allen Harlan; one great-granddaughter, Ryleigh; three siblings, Sally Taylor, Patsy Hockenbury and JoAnn Lempke; and three nephews, Andrew, Curt and Robbie.

Donald began his life-long career in farming at the age of 12, working for Smiths Farm in Wyoming. He was an extremely kind, hardworking, and strong man. He was a friend to everyone he met and had a great sense of humor. Donald's go-to phrases were, "yeah, right" and rolling his eyes while waving his hand over his head and saying, "woo-hoo" sarcastically.

A graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at Princeville Township Cemetery. Rev. David Hamilton will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Donald's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Karen S. Hepner

KEWANEE – "Irish Eyes Are Smiling" Karen Sue (Murphy) Hepner, 72, of Kewanee, died peacefully at 12:05 a.m., Friday, April 28, 2023, at her home surrounded by loved ones.

Visitation and Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, May 13, at Rux Funeral Home, in Kewanee. The visitation will be held from noon until the time of the services at 1:30 p.m. A celebration of Karen's life will commence immediately following the services at the Flemish American Club, 313 N. Burr Blvd. in



Harlan

Kewanee. Karen's remains will be held at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in rural Kewanee at a later time.

Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society, Henry County Senior Citizens Center, or to the family.

Karen (Murphy) Hepner was born March 20, 1951, in Kewanee, the daughter of Lawrence E. "Pat" and Leona (Johnson) Murphy. Karen graduated from Galva High School in 1969. She married Michael Stairwalt with whom she had two children Troy and Nikki Stairwalt. She and Michael divorced, and she later married Ronny Hepner on Aug. 19, 1988.

Karen lived life to the fullest and savored every day. She never met a stranger and had an amazing way of making anyone who had the privilege of knowing her feel like her best friend. She worked for several years at Excelled Sheepskin and Leather in Kewanee.

In her free time, Karen loved spending time with friends and family and could always be found singing and dancing with those around her. She cherished every holiday, especially St. Patrick's Day, Christmas and any reason to get together with those she loved. In her later years, she found tremendous joy spending time at the Henry County Senior Citizens Center on Tuesday's nights and going to the Silver Sneakers yoga classes at the YMCA in Kewanee.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Ronny Hepner, her former husband Michael Stairwalt and her brother-in-law Richard Rule. Survivors include her son Troy Stairwalt; her daughter Nikki Stairwalt; her adopted daughter Jo Hodgett and husband Don Hodgett; a stepson Chris Ripka; a brother Robert Murphy; two sisters, Mary Ann Rule and Helen Engstrom; six grandchildren, Anthony Frances, Rhonnie Stairwalt, Caden and Addyson Swift and Piper and Marley Hodgett; as well as several nieces and nephews. She was also blessed with several cousins and friends she considered family.

With smiling eyes and an incredibly warm welcome, Karen (Murphy) Hepner made many life-long friends and was cherished by her large extended family.

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

John R. Herrmann

DUNLAP – John Robert "Bob" Herrmann, 85 formerly of Bradford, died at his home in Dunlap, Ill., on April 27, 2023. He was born on Nov. 6, 1937, in Chicago, to parents, Ross Edward and Marie Estelle (O'Connor) Herrmann.

On Feb. 7, 1959, Bob married the love of his life, Mary Louise Wall at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

in Bradford. They spent 64 wonderful years together.

Bob was a 1955 graduate of Bradford High School and then attended barber school in Peoria. Bob enjoyed his barber career for many years, before joining Caterpillar and was a boiler room operator for a number of plants during his 30-year service to CAT.

Bob liked to play cards, loved having coffee up-town with his friends and his family describes him as a people-person. Bob and Mary enjoyed traveling and his favorite trip was when their kids surprised them with a trip to Hawaii for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Bob is survived by his wife, Mary; their three children, Brian (Mary) Herrmann of Eagle Grove, Iowa, Melody Maurer of Clearwater, Fla. and Darin (Shelly) Herrmann of Peoria. Bob is also survived by four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; nieces; nephews; and his great-nieces and great-nephews.

Bob is preceded in death by his parents; his brother Ross; two brother in laws, Bob Brushwyler and Ron Wall; his sister-in-law, Blanche Wall; his son-in-law Joseph Maurer; and two great-nephews, Andrew and Kaden Wall.

Cremation rites will be accorded. There was to be a memorial mass at 11 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. Burial was to be at St. John the Baptist Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Illinois Cancer Center in Peoria or to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford.

Gary W. Miller

KEWANEE – Colonel Gary W. Miller USMC (Ret.), 71, of Kewanee, died at 9:16 p.m., Friday, April 14, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

A private celebration of life with military rites will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Neponset American Legion Post #875 and can be sent c/o Lorene Decatur, 730 S. East St. Kewanee, IL 61443. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is assisting the family with arrangements.

"The Colonel" was born Oct. 6, 1951, in Kewanee, the son of Gerald Wayne Miller and Elizabeth (Lindberg) Hackwith. He is survived by his significant other, Lorene Decatur; his mother, Elizabeth Hackwith; three sons, Jason, Eric and Alex; three grandchildren; his siblings Roger (Carol), Nancy and Steve (Janice);



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and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Bobby. He had attended schools in Toulon and Neponset and then Western Illinois University. He enlisted into the U.S. Marine Corps in 1973 and rose to the rank of Colonel, retiring after 29½ years. To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Colonel Gary W. Miller USMC (Ret.), please visit our floral store.

Seana M. Silvaggio

KEWANEE – Seana M. Silvaggio, 46, of Kewanee, died at 11:31 p.m., Monday, April 24, 2023, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

Cremination will be accorded and private family services will be held. Memorials may be directed to the Children of Seana Silvaggio Memo-

rial Fund, 400 E. Court St., Cambridge, IL 61238 c/o Community State Bank in Kewanee or Venmo @Michael_Silvaggio. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Oct. 4, 1976, in Peoria, Ill., the daughter of Dean and Candi (Riggins) Corn. She married Joseph Anthony Silvaggio IV on May 9, 1998, in Las Vegas and he preceded her in death on March 11, 2021. Survivors include her parents of Kewanee; her two sons, Michael Silvaggio and his girlfriend, Sydney Baughman of Cambridge and Dominic Silvaggio of Kewanee; daughter-in-law Kaitlyn Silvaggio of Pekin; two sisters, Somar (Russell) Bryson of



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Dixon and Sierra Hansen of Colorado; her special son, Christian Carder; two grandchildren, Mason and Victoria; her mother-in-law, Phyllis Silvaggio; and nieces and nephews; Tiana Bryson, Adrian, Veronica and Gabriel Rodriguez and Sydney and Morgan Hansen.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Army Specialist Joseph Anthony "Tony" Silvaggio V on Feb. 6, 2023.

Seana had worked as a teller at Community State Bank in Kewanee. She was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and enjoyed watching football and the History Channel. Her greatest passions were raising her family and following Kewanee Boilermaker football.

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SPORTS: Galva's Hill wins triple jump at A and W Invite

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The JV girls had a double winner in Lauren Orwig after she was first in shot put (35-8.75) and discus (87-8.75), got a victory in high jump from Bowser (4-9.75) and won the 4x800 relay behind Hamilton, Kraklow, Terwilliger and Smith in 11:09.279.

Winners for Stark County on Tuesday at the Brockman Invite in Kewanee were Kieser in 300 hurdles (44.0); the 4x200 relay of Orwig, Luke Rerwerts, Avery Gerber and Matthew Bowser (1:37.68); Stotler in shot (46-4.75); and Lindley Johnston in high jump (5-3.75).

The Rebels are to compete today at the Lincoln Trail Conference meet being held at Princeville and on Monday are at the Pam Foley Memorial Invitational at Galva.

The girls team will then compete in the Class 1A Farmington Sectional on May 10.

Galva track – Junior Kyrsten Hill won the triple jump at the April 28 A and W Invite with a personal-best leap of 31-5.5. Sophomore Maddie Bates was second in long jump (14-1.25) and third in the 100 (PR, 14.1).

Freshman Ian Pacheco led the boys team by placing second in the 3,200 with a PR of 11:22.41. Pacheco was also third in the 1,600 and had a PR of 5:13.32.

Galva baseball – Galva dropped a home twinbill against Stark County last Saturday. Jaxson Meier and Jay Smith each had one hit in the opener and Jared O'Brien, Alex Gustafson, John Sloan and Josh Gravitt each hit a sin-

gle in the nightcap.

Stark County SB – Payten Hillier was 4-for-4 and drove in three runs to lead Stark County to a 12-2 victory April 26 against Midland. Olivia Orwig's first-inning two-run double gave the Rebels (6-17) a lasting lead. She and Lauren West had two RBI each.

Sandwiched around that victory, Stark County lost to Mercer County, 3-1 on April 25 and 12-2 on April 27. Mercer County scored twice in the third inning of the first game to erase a 1-0 Stark County lead, earned when Hayley Gilham homered in the second.

The Rebels also lost a doubleheader April 29 at ROWVA-Williamsfield, 6-5 and 6-0. Riley Smith's two-run single in the bottom of the seventh was the

first-game winner.

Orwig's homer in the top of the inning broke a 4-4 tie.

Galva SB – West Central swept two games from Galva (2-13), 12-2 on April 25 and 7-4 on April 27. Stone was 2-for-3 in the first game. In the second, Galva led 3-0 in the first inning after Sarah Kaiser and Ava Gunn had RBI hits.

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark Co. baseball sweeps Galva

By The Prairie News

GALVA – The Stark County baseball team swept a doubleheader at Galva last Saturday.

The Rebels turned a 2-0 lead into a 10-0 win in the opener with an eight-run fifth frame. Connor Daub hit 3-for-4 with a triple and three RBI for the Rebels (10-14-1). Daniel Kieser hit a double and drove in three. Cameron Watson, Connor Wagenbach, Ryne Hillan and Braden Lindley each drove in one run.

Dillon Steelman pitched a complete game, striking out nine, giving up two hits and allowing no walks.

The Rebels started the nightcap with 14 runs in the first inning. SCHS lashed out 20 hits overall. Charley Holstrom drove in five, including a home run. Steelman knocked a triple and drove in three. Colten Wagenbach, Watson, Daub, and Hillan all collected three RBI each.

On April 28, Stark County dropped a 7-4 decision at Henry in a non-conference meeting. The home team's 5-0 lead was cut by one in the fourth, but that would be the end of visitor scoring for the game.

Four SCHS errors helped Henry score runs. Owen Gibler pitched four frames. He gave up four earned runs and four hits but eight walks. Charlie Rouse finished in relief.

Tim Giesenhagen had a double and an rbi. Connor Wagenbach, Hillan, and Holstrom drove in one run each for the Rebels.

• **Stark County track** – The Rebels posted a pair of second-place team finishes April 28 at the A and W Titan Invite at Wethersfield High School. Stark County also had plenty of strong individual finishes.

Wethersfield was the winner in both team races, nipping the Lady Rebels 157-153 and beating the boys team 154-100. Seven teams competed overall.

Senior Lindley Johnston continued her season of excellence for Stark County with four victories. She topped freshman teammate Claire Bowser to win in high jump (5-foot-4 to 5-feet) and was first ac-

ross the line in the 100 (12.72 seconds), 200 (26.45) and 400 (1:01.03). Bowser was second in the 200 with a person-record time of 29.1 seconds.

With a throw of 35-7.5, Lauren Orwig narrowly topped sophomore teammate Chelsey Stotler in the shot put after Stotler had a PR throw of 35-7.25. The same pair flip-flopped finishes in the discus, with Stotler third after a PR of 100-2 and Orwig fourth (83-2.75).

The Lady Rebels were strong in the relays, taking second in the 4x800 behind Paige Rewerts, Keagan Hamilton, Sarah Kraklow and Smith (10:14.89), and placing third in the 4x100 (55.01), 4x200 (1:57.98) and 4x400 (4:23.21).

Other top girls finishers were Cheyenne Smith in the 800 (2nd, PR, 2:32.58), Kelsey Hawley in 300 hurdles (2nd, PR, 58.24), Paytin Terwilliger in the 800 (3rd, 2:42.66) and Paige Rewerts in the 1,600 (3rd, 5:50.95).

For the boys, Daniel Kieser was first in the 110 hurdles in 16.86 and placed second in 300 hurdles (43.28), just .01 seconds behind winner Enrique Escareno of Wethersfield, who posted a PR. Avery Gerber also had a PR of 19.64 in his third-place finish in the 110 hurdles.

The boys team got plenty of points in the field events, with Colby Stotler second in shot put (45-7.75) and discus (119-2.25), Nolan Snider third in shot (PR, 43-11.5), Matthew Bowser second in high jump (5-7) and triple jump (37-5.25) and third in long jump (17-10.5) and Jonathan Becker third in high jump (5-5) and in triple jump (36-4.5).

At the LTC JV meet Monday at Knoxville, the Stark County girls tied for first and the boys were second. Nolan Orwig won the 300 hurdles (PR, 46.83) and ran the first leg of Stark County's winning 4x400 relay which also included Riley Masters, Cole Kinsella and Justin Warner (3:58.82). The Rebels also won the 4x800 relay in 10:07.09 behind Chet Gillespie, Kinsella, Masters and Warner.

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