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A PRICKLY PROBLEM

Terrible teasel

Once useful plant becoming an invasive eyesore across Illinois

By **RON DIETER**

For The Weekly Post

Over the past 10 years or so, I've watched local roadsides slowly become infested with teasel, a tall, ugly plant covered with sharp spines from head to root. Teasel flowers ripen this time of year, each yielding 80 seeds or more.

This summer I've seen stretches of roadsides so dense with teasel that wildflowers and grasses were choked out. A real eyesore.

I'll admit I didn't much care about the teasel invasion until it showed up along the

roads near my place. This summer, as the prickly monsters approached my driveway, I decided to take action and got out my trusty brushcutter. My goal was to cut down those flowerbuds before they had a chance to produce seed.

That was in late July. Fast forward to this past week and the teasels have sent up a second string of seed heads, not quite as tall but just as floriferous. Obviously this weed is tough. It was time I did some research to find out how to beat this thing.

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Once a useful plant whose seedhead was employed to tease wool, teasel has become a problematic invasive plant in Illinois that is readily spread by shedding seeds onto mowing decks.

Stark Co. schools eye new gym, track

Board hears several proposals

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board heard presentations about a possible new gym and new all-weather track at its Aug. 21 meeting.

The first presentation was by Farnsworth Group Architectural Manager Scott Burge who proposed three options for a new gym at Toulon's high school. The second presentation was by Austin Burklund of Bryne & Jones, who spoke of new tracks at the Toulon and Wyoming school locations.

The cost for a new gym would be from \$4.9 million to \$6.3 million, depending upon which of the three options was

chosen.

A new gym would be located between the new high school building and the new library addition – essentially where the former 1923 high school building was located. The gym would run east to west. The difference between the options is seating capacity on plastic bleachers. The court would regulation size for high school basketball.

Superintendent Brett Elliott emailed a response to questions about why a new gym is being pursued. He wrote that the Toulon Junior High School gym “is very small.” That gym is the former Toulon Elementary School gym and was

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Sunflower maze raises fun and funds

By **TAMMIE SLOUP**

FarmWeek

At Clearview Farm's sunflower maze, visitors can partake in a sunflower photo contest, scavenger hunt or relax with some yoga. They can also help fight food insecurity.

The Champaign farm is partnering with the Eastern Illinois Foodbank by collecting monetary and nonperishable food donations at the entrance to its popular 14-acre maze.

“This is our third year with a sunflower maze and we tried to think about what's another way we could

support the community, and that was to partner with our local food bank,” said Farm Manager Sophia Hortin, adding they also incorporated the food bank's logo into the maze's design.

The sunflowers were expected to be at 100 percent bloom the first weekend in August. Visitors have about a week after full bloom to see the sunflowers before they begin to wilt.

While 2021 brought perfect weather for the sunflowers, which grew to about 7 feet, the drought this growing season appears to have af-

ected their height, shortening the flowers by a foot or more.

And not far from the golden field is another project – a 5,500-square-foot pollinator garden to be shaped like the state of Illinois, complete with the major rivers and featuring nearly 1,000 plants. The garden is expected to be planted in September by volunteers for both the public and pollinators to enjoy for years to come.

Jim Goss, vice president of farms for The Atkins Group, which owns Clearview Farm, said the idea for the pollinator garden came to him from

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The Clearview Farm sunflower maze used the Eastern Illinois Foodbank's logo of a shopping cart with a heart in the center in its maze design. Visitors can donate money or nonperishable food items to the food bank when they visit the maze in northwest Champaign. Photo by Scott Anderson.



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SUNFLOWERS: Open to visitors

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the Champaign County Farm Bureau, and is modeled off the pollinator garden in Kane County.

"And we're just crazy enough to try to pull it off," Goss said, laughing. "We're so excited. We think the community, from our early impressions, is really going to be behind this."

Clearview Farm also partnered with the Mahomet-Seymour FFA Chapter, which potted the plants and have been growing them all summer in its

greenhouse.

The sunflower field and pollinator garden are just two pieces of the 140-acre educational and regenerative ag farm, which opened to the public in 2021. A winding road through the farm allows visitors and group tours to take in fields of different crops with educational signage. This year's crops include sunflowers, sweet corn, wheat, field corn and soybeans, and a variety of cover crops.

The original Clearview Farm farmstead included a farmhouse, farmland, a large corn crib and a large white barn that boasted the

Clearview name.

The farm as it's utilized today was an idea spurred by the pandemic in 2020, and started with a field of sunflowers, Goss said. A field was planted as a transition crop on StoneCreek Golf Course the prior summer and the sunflowers were such a hit, owners derived the plan for a regenerative agriculture and community engagement farm.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

Clarification

The name of the Dale Collis Relays at Galva high School will not be changed, as was reported in the last issue of The Prairie News.

What will be changed to "HS track invitational" is the name of the account for the annual event.

While the school board's Aug. 14 consent agenda said, "approve to rename the HS Dale Collis Relays account to HS track Invitational," an agenda distributed to the press and public read, "approve to rename the HS Dale Collis Relays to 'HS Track Invitational'."

This lady is 80!

Drop in to celebrate **Sandy Langdon**



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SCHOOL: Cost of gym, tracks could be \$8.3 million

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called the all-purpose room. It does not conform to regulation standards for a basketball court.

Elliott wrote, "The Junior High could use a larger space for PE and practices for athletics, cheer and art. A new gym would move the Junior High to the current gym (built in 1960) and the High School PE classes would be in the new gym. A new gym would be able to host (basketball) tournaments utilizing two high-school sized gyms."

Funding would come from the issuance of working-cash bonds, plus use of existing district funds. "The \$6 million in working cash bonds would be repaid over 20 years at a flat increase of 2 to 2½ percent average on local taxes," Elliott wrote.

Currently, Stark County schools have a cinder track in Toulon that was constructed in the 1950s for practice only. A crow's nest was built over Wyoming's track for football games.

Elliott wrote, "We asked Bryne &

Jones to present a Wyoming option that would include having to recrown the surface and drainage of the football field, move lights, scoreboard and visitors' bleachers. The all-weather track options range from \$1.53 million (Toulon) to up to \$2 million, in Wyoming."

Again, this project would be funded by issuing bonds. Total estimated cost for both the gym and all-weather tracks could be \$8.3 million.





In other agenda items, Principal Megan McGann said Stark County is hosting four foreign exchange students this semester: two from Spain and one each from France and Italy.

Elliott reported that all-staff training is scheduled for Aug. 31 and Sept. 1 and that there is no school those days, giving a five-day Labor Day weekend.

A fiscal year 2024 tentative budget was presented and approved by the board. It will be on display for 30 days and the school district will hold a public hearing on Sept. 25.


The board approved Elliott to let

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

8-4 - Andrea E. Poole - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

8-5 - Mercedes M. Williams - Operating uninsured vehicle.

8-6 - Shatiqua S. Stone - Registration suspended & operating uninsured vehicle.

8-11 - Hannah E. Soberinsky - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

8-13 - Mason P. Geeseman - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.

8-15 - Kiera K. Stuckey - Registration expired.

8-20 - Montana L. Walters - Unlawful possession of cannabis, unlicensed & head lamp use.

8-20 - Nikole L. Walters - Unlawful possession of cannabis.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

8-15 - Criminal misdemeanor - Angela G. Ralston - bad checks/obtain control of property.

8-18 - Criminal felony - Joshua R. Kelch - Driving revoked/suspended DUI.

Incidents & Accidents

8-19 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on N. Modena Rd. north of the 1400N intersection. The driver was Tanner R. Price, 18, of Toulon. No injuries reported, but the vehicle had over \$1,500 in damage.

8-5 - A 17-year-old Kewanee teen was cited for driving with no insurance.

8-10 - Conner W. Briggs, 23, Tremont, was ticketed for driving with no insurance. He was issued a date to appear in court.

8-10 - Samantha J. Kirtley, 18, Kewanee, was cited for illegal transportation of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle. She was released with a notice to appear. Also cited in the same traffic stop was Hannah E. Soberinsky, 18, of Peoria, ticketed for speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone.

8-12 - Christopher D. Turner, 28, Toulon, was ticketed for disobeying a stop sign and for driving on expired registration.

8-13 - A possible domestic complaint was investigated in the 600 block of N. Main St. in Wyoming.

8-14 - A complaint involving a possible violation involving an order of protection was received from a rural Bradford resident.

8-15 - Dustin W. Bowman, 42, Galva, was ticketed for driving while license was suspended, driving without vehicle insurance and for driving a vehicle on expired registration.

8-15 - Joshua A. Gumm, 37, Peoria, was arrested for illegal transportation of adult-use cannabis and cited for failure to wear a seat belt. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

8-15 - Jorge L. Quintero, 19, Peoria, was arrested for driving without a valid driver's license. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

8-16 - Tate D. Nimrick, 26, Galva, was cited for driving with no insurance. He was issued a court date.

8-16 - A window-peeking complaint was reported to authorities from a resident in the 200 block of N. Peoria St. in Bradford.

8-19 - Taylor K. Edgework, 22, Moline, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle and for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone. She was issued a notice to appear.

8-20 - Alecia D. Dozard, 38, Bradford, was ticketed for driving without



vehicle insurance. She was released with a notice to appear

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

8-14 - to the old Galva viaduct west of town to check on a suspicious vehicle parked there. Several teenagers were located and told to move along.

8-14 - to the 100 block of Main St. for an aggressive-dog complaint. Owners were located, arrived and put their pit bull away.

8-14 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd St. for a 9-1-1 call. It was determined the caller did not have an emergency.

8-14 - assist Henry County serve an order of protection and complete a civil standby on SE 7th Ave.

8-15 - to the 800 block of NE 1st Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. Officer left a voicemail for owner due to dog not liking officer.

8-15 - to the 500 block of NW 4th St. for a property-line dispute.

8-15 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to deliver a message to a resident.

8-15 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SE 4th Ave., Luis Olivas, 21, Mercedes, Texas, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a court date.

8-16 - Officer met with personnel from the Galva Armory to update their key-holder information in the case of an emergency.

8-16 - Officer mailed eight ordinance letters in reference to residents needing to clean up their properties.

8-17 - to a residence on West Division Street for a welfare check after a subject sent several disturbing text messages to family members.

8-17 - to the 200 block of NE 7th St. for a scam report.

8-17 - to assist Henry County with a single-vehicle accident involving a loaded semi-truck blowing a tire and going off the roadway west of town along Route 34.

8-17 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic, to a car-vs.-motorcycle accident with injury at the intersection of S. Center Ave. and SE 2nd St. As the result, Mohamed Chelhi, 42, Rock Island, was issued citations for failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop intersection and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The motorcyclist was transported to a Peoria area hospital with facial injuries.

8-18 - to the south edge of Galva to check on two transients walking to California.

8-18 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to remove an unwanted subject from the property. The subject was issued a written banning notice.

8-18 - to a residence on W. Division Street for welfare check.

8-18 - along with the fire department, to a possible building on fire just east of town along Route 34. It was determined to be an illegal burn involving tires. Charges are pending through Henry County.

8-18 - Officer met with subjects at the Galva Police Department to dis-

cuss options for a mentally ill family member.

8-19 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. to investigate a suspicious noise. Nothing was found.

8-19 - Officer spoke to a subject in the 100 block of NE 1st St. about blowing grass clippings into the roadway. The subject agreed to clean it up.

8-19 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of S. Center Ave, Allen Shoen, 32, Galva, was arrested for unlawful display of registration not authorized for use on such vehicle, operating an uninsured vehicle, and operating a vehicle with expired registration. He was released with a required court date.

8-19 - Officer spoke to a subject by telephone about a child custody exchange that needed to take place.

8-19 - Officer was flagged down by several juveniles in reference to receiving inappropriate messages through social media.

8-19 - to the Lincoln House for a welfare check. While there, officer was notified that a subject had a warrant. As the result, Bryan Folker, 63, was arrested on a Warren County warrant for driving while license revoked. He was released with a required court date.

8-19 - While patrolling just before midnight, officer had two young juveniles run away from him. Officer caught up to the subjects near Wiley Park and spoke to a parent.

8-20 - to assist Henry County with a disabled vehicle that was blocking the roadway just west of town on Route 34.

8-20 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a disturbance complaint. As the result, Joseph Swanson, 44, Altona, was arrested on a Galesburg Police Department warrant for two counts of aggravated battery. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

8-14 - James Hoyle, 79, Altona, was issued a citation for having expired registration in the 1000 block of SW 2nd St.

8-19 - Johnny Grigsby, 75, Ethel, Mo., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.

8-19 - Tiffany Carpenter, 34, Kewanee, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

8-19 - Ryan Ward, 26, Chandler, Ariz., was issued a citation for speeding 26 to 35 mph over the posted speed limit in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.

Property Transfers

8-14 - Dale Jackson to Dwaine A. & Rosina M. Jackson - Pts 36-14-6 NW - Consideration = \$5,760.

8-16 - Harold L. and Ida Corn to Hazel Dana Howes, Trustee - Pt 24-14-7 SW - 434 E. Main St., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

8-17 - Christopher C. and Kevin W. Baumann to Robert Delbridge - Pt 32-12-7 SW - 13135 Township Road 00 N. Princeville - Consideration = \$36,000.

8-18 - Janel L. & Keith A. Ehnle to Janel L. and Keith A. Ehnle, Trustees - Pt 7-12-7 SE - Consideration = \$0.

Marriage

8-14 - Michael David Dallinger, Princeville and Anna Lea Frances Aberle, Minier.

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Nobility is defined by the demands it makes on us - by obligations, not by rights.
- Jose Ortega y Gasset

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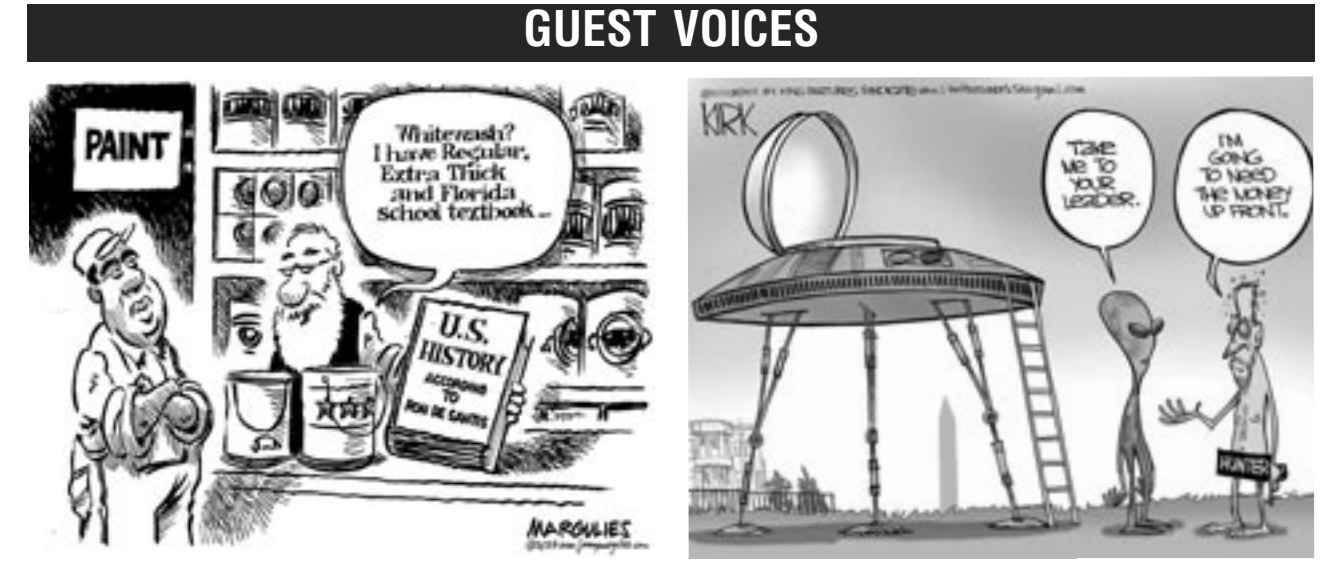
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We went from May 9 until the damaging storm at the end of June with no more than a few drops of rain, never even enough to wet the sidewalk beneath the trees. AJ has lived all his 80 years here and, in true old-timer fashion, said repeatedly as the drought progressed, "I've never seen it this dry, ever. And it's only June."



Jeanne
HARLAND

When the storm came through just before the Independence Day weekend, it also brought damaging winds that took down many power lines and poles. We were only out for a few hours here at home, but our Other Place, just a mile and a half away, had no power for several days.

For those who live in towns with water towers, it bears mentioning that out here on the farm, water comes from wells by means of electric pumps. No power = no water. When I came here in 1971, the old windmill still served to pump water for the hogs, but it is long gone now, another victim of strong winds that sometimes sweep across this former prairie.

Ordinarily, the cattle at the Other Place could easily find water in the slough. But with no rain for many weeks, only the spring in the hillside fed the small stream at the base of the hills. Adding to our concern was the extremely hot, humid weather. These cows were thirsty.

Ameren kept us updated on expected restoration times, but they were given in days, not hours. We had to do something. We weighed our options. We could bring them home, but our wells cannot support that many cows. Plus, that would be a lot of trips for Matt to make with the trailer.

We could try to find someone to

haul water to them, but from where? None of my rain dances had brought results. As a last resort we considered letting them drink from Walnut Creek, but we would have to build a lot of fence just to get them there, not to mention somehow limiting the space they could occupy in the creek. There had to be another way to get them water.

Cows are quite resourceful, in their own way. Ours gathered along the slough in three places where the water gathered in hoof prints or low spots. They are not good at taking turns, however, so none of them ever really quenched their thirst. They had to stand and wait for the depressions to fill ever so slowly with water. The spring in the hillside is really just a seep, so oozing out enough water for 42 cows and their calves, plus the bull, was a slow process.

On the second day of the outage, with projections still three days out, we did what we always do in a crisis: We called a neighbor. We had decided if we could somehow dig out a small pond for water to gather, the cows could survive for a few days. Rick Rumbold is as good with a backhoe (or any piece of equipment, for that matter) as anyone around. He would come see what he could do.

What he did was to meticulously scoop out a spot maybe 20-feet by 20-feet in the slough just north of the culvert. He carefully placed each mucky bucketful downstream to create a partial dam. We didn't want to completely block the flow, since one cohort of cows had claimed water rights farther downstream in the frog pond, a safe place to drink without getting mired in mud.

Then he moved across to the bank near the springy hillside where he dug just a couple scoops out to provide a spot for calves to drink.

Our cows watched curiously as they gathered at the non-functioning waterers, mooing frantically for water. It took a while for the little pond to begin to fill, and the water was thick with mud, but by the time Rick was headed up the hill with his backhoe, one of the cows ventured cautiously down the steep bank to the drinking area.

When the power was finally restored, we thought our troubles were over. And for a few hours the pump

worked and the cows had access to fresh water once again. But then the pump quit.

Jim McNaught came at once, familiar with our farm and knowing our cows needed water. He determined the problem was not the pump itself, but the power supply. The next call was to our electrician, who is also familiar with our cow situation. He, in turn, called someone to trace a break in the underground power line.

This would have all been extremely stressful, but our cows were now able to get a drink, albeit a rather muddy one, whenever they needed. They would not die of thirst. Soon enough, the power line was repaired, the pump took right off and fresh, cool water flowed into the waterers for our grateful cows.

The 1½ inches of rain had miraculously greened the pastures enough that our cows could graze a bit instead of eating the rye bales intended for winter feed. For the first time in well over a month they were able to lie down in soft grass with full bellies, content once again. Sometimes it really does take a village ... or at least a neighborhood.

Berbere spiced grilled flat iron with garlic-herb eggplant

• 1 beef Flat Iron Steak (about 1 pound) or sirloin

Rub

- ½ teaspoon ground cardamom
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 teaspoon ground coriander
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- ½ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 teaspoon chile powder
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon granulated garlic

Grilled Eggplant

- 1 eggplant, (cut into half-inch slices)
- 2 teaspoon garlic, minced
- 1½ teaspoon Mexican oregano
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- ½ teaspoon kosher salt

Garnish

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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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August report shows more export losses

There was a time when the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) August Crop Production report was more feared by American farmers than any paste-colored Soviet leader with a shaky finger near the nuclear launch button.

Now, however, the August crop report generates more yawns than yips.

So it was again Friday, Aug. 11, when USDA's first detailed look of the 2023 corn/soybean production year confirmed what most farmers already suspected: Almost everyone in American agriculture will be dealing with lower prices, shrinking profits and tighter belts for much of the upcoming marketing year.

Still even tougher – if not as well-reported – soybean market news arrived the same day in USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service's (FAS) Oilseeds: World Markets and Trade report.

The bad-news portion of that report showed just how little total U.S. soybean exports have moved compared to how far Brazilian soybean exports have soared since the 2020-21 crop year.

According to the FAS, this coming year's U.S. soybean exports will extend their four-year slide from 61.6 million metric tons (mmt) in 2020/21 to

49.7 mmt for 2023/24. That 11.9 mmt drop translates into 440 million bushels less U.S. soybeans going overseas this coming year than just four short years ago.

And it's not because the world (principally, China) is importing fewer soybeans; total year-to-year world soybean imports are pretty stable at 165-166 mmt.

Brazil's simple trick is no trick at all; it just takes market share, almost at will, through price. In 2020-21, for example, Brazil exported 81.6 mmt of soybeans. This coming year, FAS estimates Brazil will export a whopping 96.5 mmt, an increase of 545 million bushels – or 105 million bushels lost by the U.S. – in the last four years.

Despite that loss, U.S. soybean exports are still in better shape in today's global market than other big American ag exports like corn, wheat, cotton and milled rice.

In a striking and informative Aug. 11 video presentation by farmdocDAILY, Joana Colussi compared 2022 U.S. exports for the four crops to their 2017-22 average exports.

The results were stark. U.S. corn exports last year were 25 percent lower than their five-year average, wheat's 2022 exports were off 16 percent, cot-

ton down 16 percent and milled rice down 31 percent. Soybean exports over the same period were as flat as an anvil.

As revealing as those figures are, they are even worse when 2022 U.S. ag exports for all five crops are compared to what American export competitors sold.

While our corn, wheat, cotton, and rice exports were headed south, the rest of the world increased its 2017-22 exports – mostly at our expense – of corn by 10 percent, wheat by 16 percent and rice by 17 percent.

And our soy competitors? The rest of the world increased its collective soybean exports by 11 percent over the five marketing years while ours just held steady. (The competitors' cotton exports fell 11 percent while ours was off 16 percent. Worldwide, cotton continues to fall out of favor.)

All these numbers point to two growing worries for the Biden White House, Congress and U.S. farm and commodity groups.

First, given our coming, more-than-enough corn and soybean crops, sagging exports and bound-to-slip prices, the Biden Administration will be under increasing pressure to come up with creative ways to boost farm program payments when farm income inevitably slides and election-year politics just as inevitably pick up steam.

Second, how much more hard evidence do farm groups and Farm Bill writers need before they acknowledge that yesterday's export-directed, revenue-insurance-heavy Farm Bills need revision for U.S. farmers to compete in today's changing global markets?

And, no, America's days as a major ag exporter aren't over, but its days as the dominant player in the global corn, cotton, wheat and rice markets likely are even as it clings to its part of the global soy market.

A forward-thinking farm bill would recognize that plain fact even if we choose not to.

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TEASEL: Herbicide best way to slow invader

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Teasel is a biennial, like Canadian thistle. The first year, a seed germinates to produce a rosette of glossy wavy-edged leaves. To my eye the rosette resembles spinach. The rosette develops a

taproot two feet long. Because numerous teasel seeds fall to the ground around a parent plant, you'll often find colonies of rosettes.

Year two is when teasel makes its presence known. Each rosette develops a sturdy upright stalk 6 to 8 feet tall. The prickly tower bears several large bristly flowerheads, each the size of a chicken egg. All parts of the plant are covered with prickly spines. Even the rosette leaves have spiny undersides.

Although mowing improves the appearance of a roadside, it does nothing to control teasel. Like dandelions, teasel sends up new stems that are quickly capped with flower buds, as I learned firsthand. In fact mowing actually helps spread the seeds, which hitchhike to other areas on mowing equipment.

Even ardent environ-

mentalists have to admit the only practical control of teasel infestations is herbicides applied in a timely manner. This can be done relatively safely because teasel doesn't really go dormant. That means herbicides applied to a teasel patch in late fall or early spring will kill teasel without harming nearby desirable dormant plants such as goldenrod and asters.

If you live in the country, I strongly urge you to keep an eye out for this roadside thug. Fire up that computer to see images of teasel rosettes. If you see a young teasel plant reaching for the sky, take action. Cut off the flowerheads, bag them and put them in the garbage. Don't leave them lay as I did. They can still yield seed, which can remain viable in the soil for several years.

Spray the plant with a recommended herbicide so it has no chance of a second act. And look around. There may be basal rosettes nearby. Get 'em.

Believe it or not, teasel was once a commercial crop on the other side of the pond. In Great Britain, teasel flowerheads were indispensable tools in the making of fine wool cloth.

The hooked spines of

the flowerheads were perfect hand tools for raising the nap of wool cloth after it was woven, washed and pressed. "Teasing" the fabric gave it a soft smooth finish. Metal and wooden imitations of the hooked spines were poor substitutes and often damaged the cloth.

When "teasing" wool became mechanized, teasel flowerheads were mounted in rows on rotary drums that were passed over the cloth in the manufacturing process. The flowerheads wore out quickly and needed to be changed often. Naturally, the woolen mills throughout the kingdom created a great demand for teasel flowerheads.

Settlers coming to America brought teasel seeds with them and grew the crop for the wool trade. Teasel escaped into the wild and slowly spread westward from the northeast. It picked up speed with the creation of the interstate system and made its way to our neck of the woods, where it serves no useful purpose.

Some birding publications recommend planting teasel because finches will eat the seeds. Not a good idea. Plant coneflowers and sunflowers instead.

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New league offers new excitement

Opening week has big implications for Stark County vs. Rushville

The start of every football season brings with it excitement, but something about this one seems unusually enticing.

For one thing, Stark County and other neighboring teams will face changed schedules as part of the new LincolnLand Conference – the football-only merger of the Lincoln Trail and Prairieland conferences.

The switch to a small-school, large-school format means teams will be playing foes closer to their own enrollment for most of the season, except for non-league or cross-over games. That can have big impacts.

For some, the move would appear to be very beneficial. Consider ROWVA-Williamsfield, which fields a strong team already but figures to finish even better thanks to its new schedule. Gone from last year's schedule are Macomb, Mercer County and Knoxville. In their place, R-W will face South Fulton, Lewistown and Rushville-Industry. That's a swap any team would gladly make and could boost the Cougars from being a playoff qualifier to being a lofty seed in the playoffs with a good chance for a home game and another postseason victory.

Things aren't so rosy for Elmwood-Brimfield, which adds Mercer County, Knoxville, El Paso-Gridley and Abingdon-Avon in place of Havana, South Fulton, Stark County and Rushville-Industry. At least in three of those cases, wins will suddenly come much tougher for the Trojans.

That also adds more excitement to opening week, because the first games look critical for several teams, Stark County included.



Rushville-Industry vs. the Rebels has major implications and will be a good indicator of how the old Prairieland and LTC teams stack up against one another. The Rebels have had trouble stopping power-based teams in recent years, and you don't get much more straightforward than Rushville.

A win would say plenty about this year's Rebels, who need to stop the ground game to advance past the first round of the playoffs.

Galva also has plenty to prove in its opener against a West Prairie team that went 6-3 last year. A victory would set the Wildcats up nicely in their six-team Central 2 Conference.

New grass – Princeville's Tom Bruna Field got a makeover this off-season. While the Princes did not install turf, they did plant a new grass field that has come in very well.

"There are still a few thin spots here and there, but considering the drought we went through in June, it looks pretty darned good," Coach Jon Carruthers said.

Crystal ball – Mercer County and Annawan-Wethersfield are popular picks to win the LincolnLand's two divisions.

At Mercer County, Tanner Matlick takes over as head coach just 10

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Mercer County	8-1
Knoxville	7-2
Farmington	6-3
Macomb	6-3
Elmwood-Brimfield	4-5
Illini West	3-6
West Hancock	1-8
Lewistown	1-8
LincolnLand Small	
Annawan-Wethersfield	8-1
ROWVA-Williamsfield	8-1
Rushville-Industry	6-3
Stark County	6-3
Havana	4-5
Princeville	4-5
South Fulton	3-6
Abingdon-Avon	1-8
Monmouth United	1-8

years removed from leading the Golden Eagles to a state title. Matlick will have plenty to work with, including a gifted quarterback in Colby Cox – a big reason Mercer is favored by many to win the large division.

A-W surpassed expectations last year, finishing 7-3 and downing Knoxville en route to a three-way tie atop the LTC. The Titans also have an explosive returning quarterback in Dillon Horrie.

Just FYI, my predictions last year stacked up fairly well, with the exception of underestimating Macomb (which may have happened again), A-W and Havana and overestimating Monmouth United and A-Town.

And Stark County could have easily been a 7-2 pick if there was more certainty about the Rebels' run defense. We'll know more tonight.

Et cetera – Bureau Valley will replace Mercer County next year in the LincolnLand and is expected to take the Golden Eagles' spot in the large division. ... The league's other new coach is Coy Dorothy, who takes over a West Hancock team that went 1-8 last year and has not made the playoffs since 2018.

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STARK COUNTY REBELS

Rebels face early test vs. Rushville-Industry

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The answer will come quickly.

Is this Stark County football team a possible playoff contender? Or, better yet, an improved edition that can beat other playoff contenders?

One year ago, the Rebels were elated to break a non-playoff drought that had stretched too long for a program that once boasted a 22-year postseason streak from 1996-2017. But even in compiling its 5-4 regular-season record, the Rebels had to face a reality: While they beat non-playoff teams, they could not stop better squads. This year the hope is to take that step forward.

“You’ve got to beat somebody else who makes the playoffs, and probably a couple of them,” Rebels Coach Jade Noard said. “You can’t just beat the teams that are staying home.”

The first test comes tonight against a Rushville-Industry team that was also a playoff team last year and that relies on a straightforward, power run game.

That’s the very attack that has given the Rebels problems in recent seasons. And stopping the power game has been a point of emphasis all summer.

“We’ve got to be more violent, more physical and stronger up front,” said 6-foot, 300-pound senior Tanner Price, who returns for a third year as a starter. “Last year I think we had zero sacks in the whole season. So we definitely need to put more pressure on the quarterback.”

Price figures to anchor both lines and provides most of the bulk on what is a smaller offensive front for Stark County. The Rebels’ size took a hit when junior Owen Hess (6-2, 300) suffered a knee injury in practice that will sideline him for at least a few weeks.

Like Price, Hess was penciled in as a starter on both sides of the ball. On offense, though, Noard says returnees at the skill positions will help.

“Luckily with our skill guys, we feel (opponents) are going to have to defend sideline-to-sideline. And that can hopefully lift some of the pressure off our line,” Noard said.

Back at quarterback is 6-3 senior Luke Rewerts, one of seven returning starters on offense. His main targets will be 6-2 senior returnee Matthew Bowser, 6-3 senior returnee Connor Wagenbach, 6-1 senior Lane Joos and sophomore slot receiver Connor Daum.

After beating people with his feet some last year, Rewerts said he comes



Stark County linemen Donavin Hoffman (67), Cole Kinsella (75) and Nolan Snider (59) work on getting their hands up prior to last Friday’s team scrimmage. The Rebels will be a bit smaller on the line this season. Photo by Collin Fairfield.



Bowser



Gerber



Price



Rewerts

into this campaign much more comfortable passing the ball.

“This year I’m a lot better at checking down my routes and reading the defense,” Rewerts said. “I definitely feel more comfortable in there.”

Noard is glad for the experience. “When you get a guy back (at QB) there’s so much that doesn’t have to be said, which is awesome,” Noard said. “I’ll be disappointed if we can’t move the ball.”

Nolan Orwig is the top tailback returning, but his use will be limited early in the season as he recovers from an elbow injury. Junior Chris Barnwell will be featured early and showed flashes last year.

Up front, Price is the anchor at left tackle, junior Cole Kinsella (6-0, 170) is left guard, senior Ben Siebenthal (6-0, 190) is center, junior Chet Gillespie (6-2, 180) is right guard and senior Cole Merriman (6-1, 180) will hold down right tackle until Hess returns.

Price and Siebenthal are two of six returning starters on defense and will be joined up front by 5-6, 190-pound Nolan Snider, the fill-in for Hess at nose guard.

“Losing Hess on the defensive line, we lost mass and size and that’s tough

right away,” Noard said. “But we feel like we’ve got a lot of guys who have played linebacker and defensive back and we hope that will help.”

Linebackers include senior returnee Avery Gerber, Orwig, senior Kaiden Libby, senior Charley Holmstrom and Kinsella. Barnwell and Bowser saw starting time at defensive back last year and will be joined by senior Braden Lindley and junior Dillon Steelman.

Added support for the Rebels comes from better depth in the junior and sophomore ranks from last year’s dominant JV crew. Those youngsters will be tested early, as the Rebels travel to face LincolnLand Small Division favorite Annawan-Wethersfield in Week Two.

“We’ve definitely had trouble with power teams and it’s something we’ve really talked about trying to shore up,” Noard said. “I think between week one and two we’re going to know where we’re at.”

Rewerts feels like the answer will be a positive one for the Rebels.

“I think this year we’ve got a lot of guys returning and a lot of tough guys on defense,” Rewerts said. “So we’re pretty solid on that end. We just have to execute and be consistent.”



STARK COUNTY REBELS

Coach: Jade Noard
Enrollment: 220 (Class 1A)
Last year: 5-5

SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	vs. Rushville-Industry	7:00
Sept. 1	at Annawan-Wethersfield	7:00
Sept. 8	vs. Abingdon-Avon	7:00
Sept. 15	at Havana	7:00
Sept. 22	vs. West Hancock	7:00
Sept. 29	at ROWVA-Williamsfield (Oneida)	7:00
Oct. 6	vs. Princeville	7:00
Oct. 13	at South Fulton (Table Grove)	7:00
Oct. 20	vs. Monmouth United	7:00

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
0	Connor Wagenbach	6-3	185	Sr.	WR/LB
1	Chris Barnwell	5-9	160	Jr.	RB/DB
2	Blair Daum	5-7	140	Jr.	WR/DB
3	Brett Hopp	5-9	150	Jr.	WR/LB
4	Chase Holmstrom	5-6	130	So.	WR/LB
5	Ben Browning	5-7	135	So.	QB/DB
6	Matthew Bowser	6-2	165	Sr.	WR/DB
7	Connor Daum	5-8	140	So.	RB/DB
8	Justin Warner	5-9	135	So.	WR/DB
9	Lane Joos	6-1	150	Sr.	WR/DB
10	Braden Lindley	5-9	150	Sr.	WR/DB
11	Charley Holmstrom	6-1	175	Sr.	WR/LB
12	Brady Leezer	5-3	120	Fr.	WR/DB
14	Aiden Smith	5-6	115	Fr.	WR/DB
15	Luke Rewerts	6-3	175	Sr.	QB/DB
16	Caleb Gentle	5-4	100	Fr.	QB/DB
17	Wyatt Snider	5-8	140	Fr.	WR/LB
20	Keagen Sparks	5-3	130	Fr.	WR/LB
21	Dillon Steelman	5-9	170	Jr.	WR/LB
22	Nolan Orwig	5-11	160	Jr.	RB/LB
23	Connor Down	5-6	150	Fr.	QB/LB
24	Cary Morgan	6-0	160	Jr.	WR/DB
25	Kaiden Libby	5-11	160	Sr.	WR/LB
27	Owne Gibler	6-2	195	Sr.	WR/LB
28	Guillermo Leon Ruiz	5-7	135	So.	WR/LB
30	Rocco Swearingen	5-8	135	Fr.	RB/LB
33	Mason Thieben	6-1	180	Fr.	WR/LB
35	Nico Calderon	5-6	120	Fr.	WR/DB
42	Avery Gerber	6-3	188	Sr.	WR/LB
45	Baptiste Robineau	5-7	145	Sr.	WR/DB
50	Jaxon Carder	6-0	160	So.	OL/DL
51	Ben Siebenthal	6-0	190	Sr.	OL/DL
52	Colton Wagenbach	6-0	155	Sr.	OL/DL
54	Hunter Hart	5-6	145	Sr.	OL/LB
55	Christian Calderon	5-10	180	So.	OL/DL
56	Chet Gillespie	6-2	180	Jr.	OL/LB
57	Charles Boarman	5-11	170	Fr.	OL/LB
59	Nolan Snider	5-6	190	Jr.	OL/DL
60	Jacob McCauley	6-3	195	Jr.	OL/DL
62	Cole Merriman	6-1	180	Sr.	OL/DL
64	Aiden Painter	5-11	225	Fr.	OL/DL
65	Owen Mercer	6-2	185	So.	OL/DL
67	Donavin Hoffman	5-6	210	Sr.	OL/DL
68	Tanner Price	6-0	300	Sr.	OL/DL
70	Owen Hess	6-2	300	Jr.	OL/DL
71	Will Richards	5-7	140	Fr.	OL/DL
72	Jayden Meacham	6-2	152	Fr.	OL/DL
74	Ronan Breese	6-1	180	Fr.	OL/DL
75	Cole Kinsella	6-0	170	Jr.	OL/LB
76	Jackson Saner	6-4	260	Fr.	OL/DL
78	Corbin Williams	6-3	230	Jr.	OL/DL
80	Johnathan Becker	6-3	185	Sr.	WR/DB
86	Ross Saner	6-3	187	Jr.	WR/LB
87	Adrian Manzano-Garcia	6-2	180	Sr.	WR/DB

Assistant Coaches: Trey Swanson, Dustin Brown-ing, Dylan Miller, Clint Terwilliger and Joe Charvat.

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GALVA WILDCATS



GALVA WILDCATS 2023

Front Row (all rows left to right): Alex Davis, Cole Baulch, Ian Pacheco, Cyrus Hurd, Randy Collister, Katie Clemons and Caden Gustafson.

Second Row: Coach Tim Foley, Lycan Stack, Loagan Herr, Braxton Hulstrom, Ethan Craig, Alec Gustafson, Cam O'Brien, Coach Tim Meier and Coach Hank Halsall.

Back Row: Head Coach Mark Jeffrey, Coach Charlie Gibbons, Bryant Jeffrey, Colt Strand, AJ Traff, Caden Rachel, Josh Gravitt, Jared O'Brien and Coach BJ Hulstrom.

Diverse Galva team welcomes hard workers

By **NICK VLAHOS**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – A year after its first on-field victory in 16 years, Galva is set to begin its second season in 8-man football.

But it might be more accurate to say Galva will play 8-person football this season.

Among the 20 players Coach Mark Jeffrey has welcomed to practice is senior Katie Clemons. Football-playing girls aren't exactly a novelty, but usually they've been kickers. Clemons is listed on the Galva roster as a guard/defensive tackle.

Jeffrey said he asked Clemons after last season to become a team manager in 2023.

"I think your organizational skills would be great," Jeffrey said in recounting the conversation. "She said, 'Cool.' Then she said, 'I can't be the manager, because I want to be a player.'"

Clemons has shown dedication to her new on-field job, according to Jeffrey. As for the perceived novelty of having a female position player on his team, Jeffrey suggested such a move shouldn't be considered unusual in Galva.

"We're very diverse," the second-season head coach said. "Last year we had a football team in Galva with a

Black coach and a female (assistant) coach. I don't know if anybody even mentioned it. That's kind of what we do. We're just a town full of hard workers.

"We're just looking for persons who work the hardest. Could be male, could be female, could be Black, could be white. She's just one of the crew," Jeffrey said about Clemons.

Including Clemons, the Galva roster is more numerous than last season, when only about a dozen or so players were regulars. But those regulars went 2-7, including a 48-28 early-September beating of Peoria Heights.

That was the first time since 2006 Galva won under its own name and colors. The other victory last season was a forfeit, after scheduled opponent Yorkville Parkview Christian couldn't play the Wildcats because it wasn't an Illinois High School Association member. Jeffrey is optimistic regarding additional on-field victories this season.

"One word we're really focusing on this year is 'potential,'" he said. "It was great to win two games last season. But we don't want to be the team with potential. We want to be the team that acts upon that potential and ignites that potential.

"I feel really, really confident with these guys. These are 20 guys I really

trust, 20 guys who've got my back."

Back this season for the Wildcats are three two-way starters – junior center/defensive end Cole Baulch, senior left end/linebacker Jared O'Brien and senior right end/defensive end Caden Rachel. Junior Alec Gustafson is expected to be the Galva quarterback.

Athletes from other Galva sports are trying football this season, according to Jeffrey. That group includes freshman baseball player Braxton Hulstrom and a couple of cross country runners – sophomore Ian Pacheco and coach's-son Bryant Jeffrey, a 6-foot-3 freshman.

"He showed up at one of the football meetings last year, so he's going to give it a go," the elder Jeffrey said. "He knows at practices and at games, I'm not 'Dad.' I'm 'Coach,' and he's got to earn his spot like everybody else. It's just all about the program."

That program is expanding to a junior-varsity level this season. Galva is scheduled to play seven JV games. All of it is part of building a program that was in danger of not having a 2022 season until Jeffrey assumed a head-coaching job that was difficult to fill.

"Success for us will only be truly told next season, when you see 30 kids on the field," Jeffrey said.



GALVA WILDCATS

Coach: Mark Jeffrey
Enrollment: 129.5 (Central 2)
Last year: 2-7

SCHEDULE

Aug. 25	vs. West Prairie	6:00
Sept. 1	vs. Rockford Christian Life	7:00
Sept. 8	at Bushnell-Prairie City	7:00
Sept. 15	vs. Alden-Hebron	7:00
Sept. 22	vs. West Central	7:00
Sept. 29	at Orangeville	7:00
Oct. 6	at Peoria Heights	7:00
Oct. 14	at Martinsville	3:00
Oct. 20	vs. Ridgewood	6:00

NOTE: Home Games in Bold

VARSITY ROSTER

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Pos.
2	Lycan Stack	5-6	144	So.	TE/CB
4	Ethan Craig	5-5	156	Fr.	FB/NG
5	Caden Gustafson	5-6	130	Fr.	WB/CB
6	Loagan Herr	5-6	160	Jr.	CB/NG
7	Ian Pacheco	5-9	159	So.	WB/S
11	Caden Rachel	6-2	183	Sr.	TE/DE
12	Cyrus Hurd	5-9	213	So.	FB/LB
13	Cam O'Brien	6-1	165	Jr.	G/LB
18	Colt Strand	6-1	162	Fr.	C/CB
21	Bryant Jeffrey	6-3	169	Fr.	TE/CB
23	Alec Gustafson	5-9	151	Jr.	QB/S
25	Josh Gravitt	6-2	159	Jr.	TE/DE
26	AJ Traff	6-0	182	Fr.	C/DE
28	Jared O'Brien	6-3	191	Sr.	TE/LB
34	Braxton Hulstrom	5-9	167	Fr.	FB/LB
41	Andrew Mille	5-11	192	Sr.	QB/DE
42	Cole Baulch	5-11	210	Jr.	C/NG
45	Randy Collister	5-10	200	Fr.	G/DT
51	Katie Clemons	5-7	201	Sr.	G/DT
54	Alex Davis	5-10	172	So.	G/NG
58	Kaden Snider	5-10	242	Fr.	G/DT

Assistant Coaches: Tim Meier, Tim Foley, Charlie Gibbons, BJ Hulstrom, Hank Halsall.

PLAYOFF HISTORY

Galva has four playoff appearances in school history, most recently in 1994-95 when Coach Andy Bullock's team went 10-2. Bullock also coached the 1993-94 team to the Class 1A playoffs. Galva also advanced to the postseason in 1983-84 and 1974-75 in Class 1A. The Mid-County co-op had two playoffs teams while Galva was part of that pairing.

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BRIEFS

Bradford school district enrollment increases

BRADFORD – For the fourth straight year, enrollment in Bradford CUSD 1 has increased.

Superintendent Chad Gripp told the Bradford School Board at Tuesday's meeting that total enrollment for 2023-24 was 177, an increase of four over last year. That total reflects 130 grade school students and 47 in the junior high.

At the meeting, the board approved a tentative Fiscal Year 2024 budget. A budget hearing will be held at 7 p.m. prior to the Sept. 26 meeting, after which the board will vote on the budget.

Gripp said all funds are healthy so far this year and said additional revenue will be contributed to the current reserves.

The board also voted to spend \$1,500 to join the Stark Council for Continuous Improvement. Bradford, Wyoming and Toulon have already approved membership, as has the Stark County school district.

A portion of the funds will be paid to Discover Peoria, which says it will advertise important events via social media and other avenues.

The board approved a risk management plan and approved James Dougherty and Brian Bare as legal counsel for the district. They work for the Petrarca, Gleason, Boyle & Izzo law firm.

After closed session, the board approved hiring Sayde Tapia as a



Pictured from left to right are winners of the Galva Fire Department hog-roast raffle: Mike Keup, who won a Milwaukee heater was donated by Nutrien; Tonya McClintic, who won the headboard, footboard and nightstand donated by Green Gables; and Shane Schmidt, who won the Blackstone grill. Other raffle winners were Nancy Blair, Anne Kaiser, Patty Collinson, Brandon Owens and Doris Walton. Pate Raley won the 50/50 raffle drawing of \$291, and she donated it back to the Galva Fire Department. Photo by Carol Townsend.

paraprofessional and Trisha Brown as chess coach.

Resignations were accepted from Sheila Goforth, a special education paraprofessional, and Trisha Brown, junior high science and social studies teacher at the end of the 2026-27 school year.

During its July meeting, the board had accepted the retirement of Rebecca Hoffert as junior high English teacher and National Honor Society sponsor at the end of the 2025-26 school year.

Stark County to offer one property for tax sale

TOULON – Stark County, as Trustee, has completed tax deed

proceedings on real estate properties that were delinquent for 2019 and prior real estate taxes. The county will offer for sale one item through a sealed bid auction sale.

All sealed written bids must be in the Stark County Treasurer's Office located in the Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main Street, Toulon, IL 61483 no later than the close of business today, Aug. 25. All online bids must be submitted via www.iltaxsalebids.com no later than the close of business on Aug. 25.

The required minimum bid is \$836 per item. Bidder's packets and sale catalogs are at the Stark County Treasurer's Office or online at www.iltaxsale.com.

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HEY THAT'S NO ACT.

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by Jeff Pickering

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

- by Fifi Rodriguez
- MOVIES: In which U.S. state does the movie "Field of Dreams" take place?
 - FOOD & DRINK: What is sauerkraut?
 - ACRONYMS: What phrase does the acronym GPS stand for?
 - GEOGRAPHY: The country of Guyana lies on which continent?
 - TELEVISION: What is the pub where characters in "The Office" gather after work?
 - SCIENCE: How many karats are in pure gold?
 - PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented by autophobia?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: How big is a newborn kangaroo?
 - AD SLOGANS: What product is advertised as "the snack that smiles back"?
 - LITERATURE: Who wrote "The Canterbury Tales"?
- Answers**
- Iowa.
 - Pickled cabbage.
 - Global positioning system.
 - South America.
 - Poor Richard's.
 - 24.
 - Fear of being alone.
 - About 1 inch or less.
 - Goldfish.
 - Geoffrey Chaucer.
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ANSWERS ON PAGE 3

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three C's, B for the two G'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

- Barbie (PG-13)
 - Oppenheimer (R)
 - Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem (PG)
 - Mag 2: The Trench (PG-13)
 - The Last Voyage of the Demeter (R)
 - Haunted Mansion (PG13)
 - Talk to Me (R)
 - Sound of Freedom (PG13)
 - Mission: Impossible -- Dead Reckoning Part One (PG-13)
 - Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny (PG-13)
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LEGAL ADS

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

ESTATE OF DIANA L. MURPHY, Deceased No. 2023PR59 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Diana L. Murphy. Letters of Office were issued on August 2, 2023, to Lacey Nordeen as Independent Administrator 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 February 12, 2024.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON ILLINOIS

Bank of America, N.A. Plaintiff, vs. Jimmie D. Boatright; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause on August 4, 2023.

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

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication) Notice is given of the death of Bobby D. Gerard. Letters of Office were issued on August 11, 2023 to Donald W. Gerard as executor of the will, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on/or before February 13, 2024.

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GALVA PARK DISTRICT BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2023-1

An ordinance adopting an annual budget and appropriating such sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Galva Park District, Galva, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023, and ending April 30, 2024, and specifying the objects and purposes for which such appropriations are made.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE GALVA PARK DISTRICT:

Section 1: That the following budget, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Park District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and is the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Park District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

- 1. That the cash on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year is \$392,693.59
2. That the estimated cash expected to be received during the fiscal year from all sources is a. 4000 Taxes \$164,500.00 b. 4010 Replacement taxes \$33,000.00 c. 4200 Direct Public Support \$1,000.00 d. 4300 Income-Grounds Use Fees \$2,300.00 e. 4500 Interest Income \$2,600.00

f. 4600 Farm Income \$30,000.00 g. 4700 Pool income \$15,000.00 Total Estimated Receipts \$641,093.59

3. That the estimated expenditures contemplated for the fiscal year are \$316,950.00

That the estimated cash expected to be on hand for the end of the fiscal year is \$324,114.59

Section 2: That the following provides an itemization of the budget of \$316,950.00 and the following sums of money in the total amount of \$476,650.00 or so much thereof as may be authorized by law be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of The Galva Park District as hereinafter specified for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2023 and ending April 30, 2024.

Section 3: 1. GENERAL FUND: a. SALARIES: Budget Appropriation 6080 Park Superintendent 9,000.00 13,000.00 6090 Clerical 4,000.00 5,000.00 6180 Grounds 15,000.00 20,000.00 6360 Pool Help 22,000.00 30,000.00 Total Salaries 50,000.00 68,000.00

b. OPERATIONS EXPENSE: OPERATIONS - GENERAL: 6000 6010 Advertising and Publication expense 1,100.00 1,200.00 6012 Fees for Park District-Attorney 2,000.00 4,000.00 6020 Supplies, office 2,000.00 2,200.00 6024 Supplies, postage 300.00 350.00 6026 Supplies, printing and Copying 300.00 500.00 6030 Insurance-Work Comp. 3,500.00 4,000.00 6050 Telephone - Supt. 350.00 400.00 6060 Miscellaneous expense 1,000.00 2,000.00 OPERATIONS - GROUNDS: 6100 Purchase of trees, shrubs and Memorial benches 750.00 2,000.00 6120 Purchase - grounds equipment 95,000.00 110,000.00 6130 Supplies, grounds 9,000.00 10,000.00 6140 Repairs - equipment, grounds 7,000.00 10,000.00 6150 Repairs and maintenance - grounds andbuildings 5,000.00 30,000.00 6170 Utilities - grounds 1,500.00 3,000.00 OPERATIONS - POOL: 6300 6310 Purchases - pool equipment 5,000.00 7,000.00 6320 Pool Supplies 7,000.00 10,000.00 6330 Supplies - Concessions 3,000.00 5,000.00 6340 Repairs and maintenance for pool and buildings 15,000.00 50,000.00 6350 Utilities - pool 12,000.00 15,000.00 6355 Telephone - pool 500.00 1,000.00 CAPITAL EXPENSE - 6400 6410 Capital Imp.-Pool-loan payment-CSB 58,500.00 78,000.00 Total Operations Expense \$229,450.00 \$345,650.00 Total General Fund \$279,450.00 \$413,650.00

2. RECREATIONAL PROGRAM FUND: 6180 Salary and wages for recreational help \$15,000.00 17,000.00 6120 Equipment purchase-grounds 7,000.00 15,000.00 6170 Utilities, grounds 2,500.00 11,000.00 Total Recreational Program Fund \$24,500.00 \$43,000.00

3. LIABILITY INSURANCE: 6035 Insurance-Property/Liability \$7,000.00 13,000.00 4. PAVING & LIGHTING STREETS & ROADWAYS: 6160 Repairs & Maint-Street \$6,000.00 7,000.00 Total Estimated Expenditures \$316,950.00 \$476,650.00

Section 4: The receipts and revenue for the Galva Park District derived from sources other than taxation and not specifically appropriated and all unexpended balances from the preceding fiscal year not required for the purpose for which they were appropriated and levied shall constitute the General Fund and shall first be placed to the credit of such fund.

Section 5: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and publication as required by law. Dated: August 9, 2023 AYES: 5 NAYS: 0 PASSED: August 9, 2023. /S/ Peter VanDeVelde, President

/S/ Laura Nordstrom, Secretary Published 8/25/23

GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT ORDINANCE NO. 02-23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATING ORDINANCE OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY AND KNOX COUNTIES, ILLINOIS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Whereas, the Board of Library Trustees of the Galva Public Library District has prepared or caused to be prepared in tentative form the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for said Library District, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and the Secretary of the said Library District has made the tentative budget and appropriations ordinance conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty days prior to the final action thereon; and Whereas, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on August 8, 2023, notice of which was given at least 30 days prior thereto by publication in a newspaper of general circulation within said Library District, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, HENRY COUNTY AND KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated are as follows; to-wit:

FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES [75 ILCS 16/35-5]

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes LIBRARY FUND (a) SALARIES: Library Director 81,500.00, Assistant Librarians 100,000.00, Custodial 13,000.00, Subtotal 194,500.00; (b) OPERATING EXPENSES: Programs 4,925.00, Health Insurance 40,000.00, Bookkeeping 2,000.00, Legal 2,500.00, Dues and Travel 2,000.00, Postage 1,500.00, Purchase of Books 31,500.00, Audio Visual Materials 7,000.00, Periodicals 4,000.00, Utilities 9,075.00, Insurance other than liability 4,800.00, Printing 900.00, Supplies 6,700.00, Building maintenance, equipment 20,000.00, Repairs 7,500.00, Furniture and fixtures 6,000.00, Automation 29,000.00, Miscellaneous 12,000.00, Contingencies 15,000.00, Marketing and Public Relations 1,500.00, Subtotal 207,900.00, Total 402,400.00

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]: I. Social Security & Medicare \$15,600.00 TOTAL \$15,600.00 FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT PURPOSES [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-171]:

PUBLIC NOTICE Invitation To Bid For The Cash Rent Lease of Farm Ground

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Galva will receive sealed bids for the cash rent lease of the following real property: Parcel Identification Number: 24-34-175-001 A tract of land located in a part of vacated Wiley, Fleming & Davis Addition to the City of Galva, a part of Outlot 3, and a part of Outlots 1 and 2 in the Subdivision of a part of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Thirty-four (34), Township Fourteen (14) North, Range Four (4) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian; Henry County, Illinois. More particularly bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34; thence in an Easterly direction, along the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34, a distance of 1103.4 feet to an iron rod at the Southeast corner of the Galva Park District; thence in a Northerly direction, along the East line of said tract, 1247.7 feet to an iron rod on the South line of SE 6th Street in said City; thence in an Easterly direction, along said South line, 989 feet, more or less, to the East line of SE 6th Avenue; thence in a Northerly direction, along said East line, 30 feet, more or less to the South line of said SE 6th Street; thence in an Easterly direction, along said South line, 535 feet, more or less to the West line of SE 8th Avenue; thence in a Southerly direction, along said West line, 1290 feet, more or less, to the South line of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of said Section 34; thence in a West-erly direction, along said South line, 1500 feet, more or less, to the Place of Beginning.

Said parcel includes 44.43 acres, more or less. Bids for the cash rent lease of the parcel identified above are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM until 25 September, 2023. Said proposals shall be contained within an opaque envelope addressed to: Mayor and City Council City of Galva c/o City Clerk 311 N. W. 4th Avenue Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend: Cash Lease Rent. The parcel identified above will be cash leased for three (3) years and the City reserves the right to enter into a contract with the successful bidder that includes an option for two (2) one year extensions. Bids should take the form of "I am bidding for the cash lease of farm ground in the amount of \$XXXX PER ACRE for a total of \$XXXX over three years.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva to be held at 6:00 p.m. on 25 September, 2023. A THREE YEAR CONTRACT may be awarded to the highest, most responsible bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City of Galva, said contract taking the form of a cash lease agreement for three years, beginning the 1st day of March, 2024 and ending the last day of February, 2027. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make a contract award within 45 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read should they so choose.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Municipal retirement fund \$26,000.00, Insurance Fund 46,000.00, Building and Maintenance 20,100.00, Special Reserve Fund 10,500.00, Total Appropriations 525,000.00. Section 4: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes. Section 5: The Secretary of the Galva Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district. Section 6: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Galva Public Library District and approved by the President thereof this 8th day of August, 2023. AYES 7 NAYS 0 ABSENT 0 BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE GALVA PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT By: /S/ Linda Vandavelde, Its President

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]: I. Building Maintenance Costs: a. general maintenance \$ 7,000.00 b. custodian \$ 5,600.00 c. building repairs \$ 6,000.00 2. Contingency \$ 1,500.00 TOTAL \$ 20,100.00 FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND [75 ILCS 16/40-50]: I. Building Fund \$10,000.00 2. Contingency \$500.00 TOTAL \$10,500.00 Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year: Projected cash on hand July 1, 2023 \$750.00 Special Reserve Fund \$10,500.00 Miscellaneous gifts and donations \$10,000.00 Income of interest \$1,750.00 Special purpose grants \$7,500.00 Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous \$8,500.00 Tax for General Corporate Library purposes \$376,000.00 Tax for Ill. Municipal Retirement purposes \$26,000.00 Tax for Audit purposes \$4,400.00 Tax for Liability and Insurance \$46,000.00 Tax for Social Security purposes \$15,600.00 Tax for Maintenance purposes \$18,000.00 Expected cash on hand June 30, 2024 \$0 Section 3: SUMMARY Library Fund 402,400.00 Social Security Fund 15,600.00 Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund 26,000.00

ORDINANCE 23-4 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE FIRST DAY OF JULY, 2023 AND ENDING

THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 2024 WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District, of the Counties of Stark and Knox, State of Illinois, has prepared or caused to be prepared a tentative form of the Annual Budget and Appropriation for said Public Library District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 and the same has been conveniently available for public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereon; and WHEREAS, a public hearing was held as to such Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance on August 14, 2023, notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto

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State seeks to halt auto thefts with grants

By **JERRY NOWICKI**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Six interagency law enforcement task forces received grant funding this spring to combat car thefts through an initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias' office.

Giannoulias was in Belleville Tuesday to promote the initiative and highlight a \$2.5 million grant to the Metro East Auto Theft Task Force.

"In 2022, a motor vehicle was stolen every single minute in the United States," Giannoulias said Tuesday. "Unfortunately, in Illinois, we have not been immune to the effects of auto theft. In fact, right here in (the) Metro East, over 1,300 automobiles were stolen last year alone."

The Greater Peoria Auto Crimes Task Force received \$2.1 million, a new allocation for the fiscal year according to Giannoulias' office. It is run through the Peoria Police Department in partnership

with the SOS Police, which gives the unit statewide jurisdiction.

An SOS spokesperson said Peoria previously had a unit called the State and Local Auto Theft Enforcement Task Force, but it lost funding.

Grants were allocated by the Illinois Vehicle Hijacking and Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention and Insurance Verification Council. Lawmakers in Springfield created the group in 1991. According to the council's website, between 1991 and 2014, the annual number of motor vehicle thefts in Illinois dropped 70 percent from 75,214 to 22,854.

In March 2015, ex-Gov. Bruce Rauner issued an executive order freezing state grants for that fiscal year, which meant the council had no money to distribute.

Capt. Matt Jany of the Metro East task force said Tuesday when funding was cut, "everybody realized that there was actually a

void and a need for this task force."

In 2018, lawmakers gave the secretary of state authority over the council, and the General Assembly began allocating funding again in 2019.

In May 2022, lawmakers expanded the council's scope to emphasize vehicular hijacking prevention, and the General Assembly allocated another \$30 million. Otherwise, the funding for the council's grants primarily comes from an annual \$1 assessment on car insurance policies.

The Metro East task force, Giannoulias said, recovered 547 stolen vehicles valued at over \$8 million between July 2022 and June 30.

He said the Metro East task force has two vehicles equipped with license plate reader cameras to help locate stolen vehicles, and it uses drones to locate suspects who have fled on foot or vehicles that have been dumped in remote locations.

Other departments have received funding as well, including the Expressway Safety Enforcement Group, which received \$10.2 million.

The Illinois Statewide Auto Theft Task Force received \$3.4 million. That unit was established in 2019 and is based out of the south Chicago suburb of Thornton. That unit recovered 1,400 stolen vehicles valued at \$33 million over the 12-month period ending in July, which marked an 84 percent increase from the previous year, according to Haupt.

Another \$1.8 million was allocated to the Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force, based in Joliet and focused mainly in Will, Kankakee and Grundy counties.

The Chicago Major Auto Theft Investigations, run through the Chicago Police Department, received \$1.5 million. Statistics show motor vehicle thefts in that city from January through mid-August are up 104 percent from one year ago. CPD has logged 19,062 motor vehicle thefts through Aug. 14.

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by publishing notice thereof in THE PRAIRIE NEWS, a newspaper of general circulation in the Toulon Public Library District; and WHEREAS, all other legal requirements have been duly complied with by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, IN THE COUNTIES OF STARK AND KNOX, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: That the following sums, or so much thereof as by law may be authorized, be and the same are hereby budgeted, set aside and appropriated for the specified Library Purposes for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; and the objects and purposes for which said appropriations are made, and the amounts thereby appropriated for such purposes are as follows; to wit:

FOR CORPORATE PURPOSES: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:
1. For salaries \$173,500.00
2. For library materials \$22,000.00
3. For computers / equipment furniture \$12,000.00
4. For office/library expenses \$7,500.00
5. For postage \$1,000.00
6. For utilities/maintenance \$12,500.00
7. For programming/training \$15,000.00
8. For legal fees \$1,500.00
9. Contingency \$5,000.00
10. Miscellaneous Expenses \$5,000.00
TOTAL \$255,000.00

FOR SOCIAL SECURITY FUND PURPOSES: [40 ILCS 5/21-110; 21-110.1]:
1. Social Security Taxes \$14,000.00
TOTAL \$14,000.00

FOR ILL. MUNICIPAL RETIREMENT FUND: [40 ILCS 5/7-105; 7-771]:
1. Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund \$14,000.00
TOTAL \$14,000.00

FOR AUDIT PURPOSES: [75 ILCS 16/30-45 AND 50 ILCS 310/9]:
1. Contractual Services-Audit \$3,000.00
TOTAL \$3,000.00
FROM LIABILITY, WORKERS' COMPENSATION AND

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE: [745 ILCS 10/9-107]:

1. Insurance \$12,000.00
2. Treasurer's Bond \$1,000.00
3. Contractual Fees and Legal Fees \$2,000.00
4. Workers' Compensation Insurance \$3,000.00
5. Risk Management/Loss Control \$46,000.00
6. Unemployment Insurance \$1,000.00
TOTAL \$65,000.00

FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-5]:
1. Building/Equipment Repair and Maintenance Costs \$14,000.00
2. Contingency \$2,000.00
TOTAL \$16,000.00

FOR SPECIAL RESERVE FUND: 75 ILCS 16/40-50:
1. Building Fund \$24,500.00
2. Contingency \$500.00
TOTAL \$25,000.00

FOR THE PURPOSE OF A WORKING CASH FUND: [75 ILCS 16/35-35]:
1. For Working Cash Fund \$9,889.84
TOTAL \$9,889.84

Section 2: Appropriated for the foregoing expenses from the following estimate of revenues, by source, anticipated to be received by the Library District in the fiscal year: Projected cash on hand July 1, 2023 \$10,000.00
From the Special Reserve Fund \$25,000.00
From the Working Cash Fund \$9,889.84
Miscellaneous gifts and donations \$40,425.00
Income of interest \$5,000.00
Special purpose grants - Per Capita \$10,000.00

Photocopy, cards, fax, and miscellaneous \$15,000.00
Corporate Personal Property Replacement Tax \$1,500.00
Tax for General Corporate Library purposes \$196,000.00
Tax for Social Security purposes \$10,000.00
Tax for Ill. Municipal Retirement Fund \$10,000.00
Tax for Audit purposes \$2,500.00
Tax for Liability and Insurance \$52,275.00
Tax for Maintenance purposes \$14,300.00
Expected cash on hand June 30, 2024 \$0

Section 3: Any unexpended balances in the General Library Fund, and Maintenance Fund appropriations will be deposited into the Special Reserve Fund

pursuant to a plan in accordance with Article 40 of Chapter 75, Illinois Compiled Statutes.

Section 4: The Secretary of the Toulon Public Library District is hereby authorized and directed to have this Ordinance published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within this library district.

Section 5: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law. Passed by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Public Library District and approved by the President this 14th day of August, 2023.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF TOULON PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
By: /s/ Jennifer Nutzhorn
Its President

ATTEST:
/s/Roberta Cinnamon
Secretary
Published 8/25/23

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection by calling KEVIN SCHOLL, Treasurer of the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, at 309-360-5332 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, on and after the 25th day of August, 2023.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., the 25th day of September, 2023 in the WYOMING FIRE STATION, 213 East Williams Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 19th day of August, 2023.
KEITH KNOBLOCH, Secretary
WYOMING COMMUNITY Fire Protection District
Published 8/25/23

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ACROSS
1 Quick heart/beast sound
8 Jordanian's language
14 Do over again
20 Exercise caution
21 Baseballer Minnie
22 Come about over time
23 Oscar-nominated actress for "Georgia"
25 The X's of XOXO
26 Even, in golf
27 Was in a pear
28 Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous' host
30 Morning Has Broken' singer
36 Eggy holiday drink
37 Building floor
38 Noted Dodge City sheriff
46 Watch via Hulu, e.g.
49 "A Christmas Carol" miser
50 Too trusting
55 Opening in a schedule
56 Cove, e.g.
57 2013-14 co-host of "The View"
61 Foldable beds
62 100-eyed mythical giant
63 Boat's load
64 NFL Hall of Famer Carter
66 Well-honed
67 "The Situation Room" host
70 Middle East's — Strip
74 Diving venue
75 Made a typo, e.g.
76 Got along
77 "GLOW" star
81 Longtime panelist on "To Tell the Truth"
84 Funny stuff
85 Hooplas
87 Yey, I was thinking...
88 Crude liquid
89 Partner of alas
90 Nine-sided figure
93 Sharp pang
95 Defensive tackle whose #86 was retired by the Chiefs
97 Best athletes
99 Gray color
100 1958-82 Crimson Tide football coach
104 Champion of 15 golf majors
111 Corp. kahuna
112 Parseghian of Notre Dame
114 Like a day in June, in a Lowell poem
115 People ... or an alternate title for this puzzle
121 Flavorings for absinthes
122 Tell, as a tale
123 Outstanding
124 Liquefy anew
125 Old truisms
126 No-goodnik
12 Tine-filing tool
21. Robot
39 Reggae singer Peter Dinklage
40 Holy —!
41 In the past
42 Throw a fit
43 Fodder tower
44 Cooking appliance
45 Clears, as profit
46 Flat of "Wheel of Fortune"
47 At that place
48 Cooking appliance
49 Neck warmer
53 Singer Marilyn
54 Bluff-busting poker words
58 Prioreess, e.g.
59 Abbr. for three primary colors
60 Words on a flat rental sign
61 Yule tree
64 Prague native
65 — a beet
67 Prevailed
68 NYC subway inits.
69 Test in a fitting room
70 Moo goo — pan
71 Fire felony
72 1983 Woody Allen movie
73 "Hello" singer
74 Political patronage, informally
76 Migrating birds' regular route
77 "Moby-Dick" helmsman
78 Real dooze since 1998
79 Apple option
80 Ankle coverer
81 Coffee from Hawaii
82 This — emergency!
83 Star-giving critic, e.g.
85 — chili (pepper type)
86 Cry of Homer Simpson
91 Chin-wag
92 Nearly zero
94 "— Little Teapot"
96 A "Baby Belf" phone co.
97 Environs
98 Choice loin steaks
101 Tiptops
102 Dubbed
103 The "T" of LGBT, in brief
104 Old overlord
105 "XOXO" pan
106 Ghouly
107 Loosen up
108 Other, in Osasaca
109 Batted without playing the field, for short
110 "CSI: NY" actress Ward
113 Choral voice
116 Ugly witch
117 Pickup's kin
118 "I love," to Lusia
119 "I Hate Valentine's Day" actress
120 Quint hotel

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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OBITUARIES

Donan E. Clarke

GALVA – Donan E. “Don” Clarke, 75, of Galva, died at 10:30 a.m., Sunday, Aug. 20, 2023, at the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.



Clarke

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 2, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Bob Curry officiating.

Visitation will be held one hour prior to the services. Inurnment will follow at Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Galva American Legion as a way to honor Don’s many Sunday-morning breakfasts with friends.

He was born June 17, 1948, in Kewanee, the son Lawrence and Lucille (O’Connor) Clarke. He married Margaret Sue Garrison on Dec. 15, 1984, in Galva and she preceded him in death on Sept. 2, 2012.

Survivors include his daughter, Mandy (Benson) (Phil) Cooley of Sheridan, Ind.; a brother, Larry (Kathy) Clarke of Aurora, Ill.; two grandchildren, Kade and Kooper Cooley; and several nieces and nephews, Lisa (Larry) Rivard, Bobby Clarke, Nora (Clarke) Hooper, Suzanne (Carroll) (Matt) Wilson, John (Natalie) Carroll, Bridget (Carroll) Rickard, Marty (Sheri) Clarke, Phil (Jen) Clarke and Carla Nelson.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Bill and Bobby; and a sister, Barb Carroll.

Don graduated from Kewanee High School in 1966 and had attended Black Hawk East. He served his country in U.S. Army during the Vietnam conflict, having been deployed to Germany. He was honorably discharged in 1971.

He had worked for Prudential In-

surance and had driven a truck for River Valley Cooperative. In his early years, he was a machine operator for the Hyster Company, Pearson’s in Galva and Universal Boiler.

In his early years he was of the Catholic faith and most recently was an active member of the First Baptist Church in Kewanee.

Don was a people person who thoroughly enjoyed visiting with people from Galva and Kewanee. He also enjoyed gardening, coin collecting and bird watching. He especially loved his family and the time spent with his grandsons.

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

Lois T. Smith

PEORIA – Lois T. Smith, 90, of Peoria, peacefully passed away at 6:10 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21, 2023, in her home.

Born on April 17, 1933, in Wyoming, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Ralph and Bernadette (Sager) Cox. She married Jerry C. “Jug” Smith on June 8, 1957.



Smith

After celebrating 62 years of marriage, he preceded her in death on July 14, 2019.

Surviving are five children, Kelly (Romain) Rodriguez of Summit, N.J., Tim Smith of Santa Barbara, Calif., Todd (Brenda) Smith of East Peoria, Ill., Kitty (Stephen) Yanko of East Peoria, Ill., and Terry (Julie) Smith of Morgan Hill, Calif.; 15 grandchildren, Tom, Isabel, Eduardo, Antonio, Kerynn, Ashleigh (Nate), Jonathon, Alexis, Madeleine, Leah, Lindsey, Reece, Tommy, Gabriell, and Grace; and four great-grandchildren, Ava, Noah, Hunter and Ember. She is further survived by a brother, Wil-

liam (Jeanie) Cox, and a sister-in-law, Mary Jane Shane.

She was also preceded in death by one grandson, Alejandro; three brothers, Clement Cox, Kenneth Cox and Robert “Bob” Cox; and three sisters, Jean Saline, Betty Banz and Mildred Stear.

Lois attended Western Illinois University and received her teaching degree. Following graduation, she worked as a physical education teacher at Limestone High School for a few years before her career as a 5th grade teacher at Oak Grove East School in Bartonville for over 25 years.

She was an avid golfer, master gardener and was skilled in quilting, crocheting, and knitting. During her children’s school years, she coached basketball at St. Bernard’s School.

Following retirement, she traveled to Europe, Australia, and Hawaii, and enjoyed helping to care for her grandchildren. She was an active member at the former St. Bernard’s Catholic Church and more recently attended St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church.

Her funeral will take place on Friday, Aug. 25, 2023, at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Peoria Heights at 11 a.m. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements. Burial will be at a later date in St. Dominic Cemetery in Wyoming.

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SPORTS: Lady Rebels VB returns six players

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Sophomore Ethan Grinnell is the lone boys runner out this season.

Stark County will open its cross-country season Monday at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe for the IVC XC Invite. Last Monday's meet at Farmington was canceled due to the heat.

• Stark County golf – The Rebels have 10 members on the girls golf team and, in just the second season of fielding a full team, have started out 4-0 with wins over Annawan-Wethersfield, Galva, Bureau Valley and Peru St. Bede.

Returnees CJ Richards and Olivia Orwig have been leading Coach Dave Wallace's team so far. Other returnees from last season are Emily Hurst and Lauren West, who are joined by six newcomers, including three promising freshmen.

The boys team is off to a 2-4 start with wins over Kewanee and Midland. Leaders have been senior Will Rumbold, a transfer from Kewanee, and juniors Jimmy Langdon and Adam West.

Jason Knowles has been injured, but if he can return Coach Jim Langdon

said he should help the lineup. Also returning from last year's team are juniors Evan Brady and Garrett Bruecks.

The Rebels also have five newcomers, including senior Timmy Giesenhagen.

• Stark County volleyball – Stark County returns six varsity players. Among the returnees are senior setter Payten Hillier and junior setter Kenna Newton.

"We have a good number of explosive hitters this season, something we have lacked in past years. Be on the lookout for Claire Bowser and Hannah Allen," Stark County Coach Mary Jo Groter said. "We are all very excited in continuing to rebuild our volleyball program," Groter said. "This group works very well together, and we are looking forward to a great season."

SCHS opened its season Thursday vs. non-conference foe Peoria Christian.

• Galva volleyball – Galva volleyball will have a different look in 2023 due to several graduations last spring. Setter Lexi Stone, libero Kali Yelm, setter Libby Anderson, middle hitter Sarah Kaiser

and right side hitter Alexis Spivey are among those who have moved on.

Key returning players for this season are middle hitter and setter Ava Strom along with outside hitter Kendall Rogers.

"We will be doing a lot of rebuilding this season. We will be looking for senior leadership, as we have several younger players who could make an impact," Galva Coach Krystal West said.

Galva is next at home on Monday to take on Putnam County in non-conference action.

• Galva cross country – The Wildcats have two runners out for the boys team and two for the girls team.

"We have a small team this year," Coach Tayler McMeekan said. "I am hoping to see all my athletes improve throughout the season and drop time."

McMeekan is particularly excited to have sophomore Ian Pacheco back out this year.

"Ian was pretty close to advancing out of regionals last season, so (we are) possibly hoping to see him advance to sectionals this year."

Top newcomers are freshmen Charlotte Farmer and Bryant Jeffrey, both of whom ran for two years in junior high. Also out this year is junior Charlotte Farmer, who McKeekan said "has several 5Ks under her belt."

Galva will open its season Monday, Aug. 28, at the Titan XC Invite in Kewanee.

• Galva golf – Galva has nine players out for the boys golf team and four for the girls squad.

Coach Michael Boston said top newcomers on the boys team include MJ Louck and John Ingels.

"Being a fairly young team, with seven of our boys and two of our girls being sophomores or freshmen, I am looking forward to working on our game and steadily improving meet to meet," Boston said.

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The Prairie News Sports

Stark XC returns 5 of top 7 girls

By JEFF LAMPE and PHIL JOHNSON
For The Prairie News

The Stark County girls cross country team plans to add to its sectional qualifying streak this season – and possibly more.

Four of the top five runners from last year's team return and five of the top seven are back from a Lady Rebels squad that placed fourth at regionals to reach the sectionals for the seventh straight fall.

Back from that regional are sophomore Cheyenh Smith (17th, 23:19), junior Keagon Hamilton (26th, 24:33), sophomore Paytin Terwilliger (34th, 25:15), junior Sarah Kraklow (35th, 25:27) and junior Alexis Martinez (40th, 26:08. Only Paige Rewerts and Emily Martinez graduated.

"Considering our youth, we had a strong season to build on," Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "The 2023 track season saw our 4x800 relay team (Rewerts, Hamilton, Kraklow and Smith) qualify for the state finals and medal with a ninth-place finish in Class 1A."

Rennick said the focus for his 12-runner team this fall will be to compete for a title at the Lincoln Trail Conference championships, earn another team berth in the sectionals and hopefully gain a state berth as a team or for an individual or two.

Rennick looks for improvement from last year's top runner, Smith, who will not be splitting time with volleyball as she did last year.



"That should show itself in her performances this season," Rennick said. "She had never run/trained for distance events until last season but has shown tremendous promise."

The same is true for her younger sister, Dusti Smith, an incoming freshman who will run this fall. Dusti Smith was IESA Class 2A cross country state champion for 2022 and in junior high track was the 400-meter state champion (59.53), took second in the 800 (2:21.68) and second in the 1600 meters (5:19.65).

"It needs to be noted that 2022-2023 was the first time Dusti had ever run and trained for any distance event of any sort, either cross country or track," Rennick said. "Dusti is an incredibly gifted runner and should do very well this season not just for our team, but as a runner

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