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# GALVA SCHOOLS: Personnel items approved

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basketball varsity coach

- Becky Wigant as high school girls basketball JV coach
- Dustin and Megan Weber as high school girls basketball volunteers
- David Platt as 8th grade boys basketball coach
- Zach Hardy as 7th grade boys basketball coach
- Becky Wigant as 8th grade girls basketball coach
- Josh Harris as 7th grade girls basketball coach
- Brynn Patty as 8th grade volleyball coach
- Heather Anderson as 7th grade volleyball coach
- Amanda Norway as high school scholastic bowl head coach
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- Ali Weston as junior high and

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- Tarol Suddeth as junior high cheerleading coach
- Mike Funke as varsity football assistant coach
- Lucas Wigant, Wes Ekstedt, Chris Anderson and Nathan Glaser as volunteer high school football coaches
- Lucas Wigant as junior high head football coach
- Dustin Weber as junior high football volunteer coach
- the resignation of Mike Boston as varsity boys/girls golf coach
- Nathan Robinson, Jacson Cromien and Jonas Porsche as summer maintenance help.

The board approved a resolution authorizing partial abatement of the leasing education facilities fund and authorize the transfer of funds to the capital projects fund in the amount of



Pictured above (left to right) are Jacob Boston, teacher Kate Bosnich and seniors Emma Farmer and Tori Jo Conner, recipients of Wildcat awards at Monday night's school board meeting. Photo by Carol Townsend.

\$250,000. Superintendent Joe Becker said that this will save taxpayers money.

Each board member received a copy of the junior-senior and elementary handbooks with the proposed changes for next year. The board will study the changes.

# PLANTING: May weather outlook: warmer & wetter

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Jason McVicker, Pioneer field agronomist who covers the Interstate 80 corridor in northern Illinois, said planting has been all over the board.

"We have guys that are probably about half done and really poured the coals to it and you've got others that said they wouldn't do anything until after Easter," he told RFD Radio Network's Jim Taylor.

McVicker said those who planted put a good dent in soybean acres.

"A lot of my reps' sheds were stocked full (of seed) and now they're not quite down to bare bones, but they have made a lot of progress with deliveries and getting some of those

beans in the ground," he said, adding that many farmers were holding out for warmer temperatures to plant corn as of last week.

"But if we do get dried out, I think we're going to see a pretty heavy switch to guys getting corn in the ground and maximizing that opportunity," McVicker said.

Wind has been the biggest challenge in northern Illinois this season, according to McVicker, as it prevented timely herbicide applications.

"It is getting frustrating for some of these guys because we need to make sure we've got that chemistry out there to keep us weed-free and give that crop a chance to get ahead of any of those challenges that could present themselves," he said.

Weather outlooks for May point toward warmer and wetter-than-average conditions across Illinois.

Trent Ford, state climatologist, told RFD chances for a late spring cool down are slim and above average temperatures should continue an upward trajectory for soil temperatures.

"Wetter-than-normal conditions do mean that

spring fieldwork windows aren't going to be wide open, but they'll be open in between things," Ford said.

Far southern Illinois is where this forecast is of concern, Ford said.

"Any additional rainfall that they're likely to receive in May is probably going to continue to delay or maybe obstruct good fieldwork," Ford said.

# COURT: Jury trial set for Dec. 1

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possession, a Class 2 felony. He waived his right to a preliminary hearing and requested a jury trial. Circuit Court Judge James A. Mack set Dec. 1 for the jury trial and a May 30 scheduling conference.

McBride said another jurisdiction has ongoing investigations of

Shallenberger. Those investigations are likely being done by the Galesburg Police Department.

Shallenberger's release on GPS ankle monitoring was not addressed by Mack, as Circuit Court Judge Paul E. Bauer had suggested during the previous arraignment hearing.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

4-24 - Jaclyn M. Connolly - Expired registration.  
4-24 - Colin E. Kear - Transport / carry alcoholic liquor (passenger).  
4-28 - Hector S. Lazano - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

3-25 - Class 4 felony - Sandra J. Garant - Two counts of possession of controlled substance (Xanax).  
4-14 - Class 4 felony - Jeffrey R. Fritz - Harassment/threaten person/kill.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

4-21 - Joseph M. Harmon, 20, of Toulon was involved in a single-vehicle accident at the intersection of Illinois Route 17 and 100E. Harmon was traveling north on 100E when he reportedly failed to yield at a stop sign at the intersection and struck a ditch. No injuries were reported. Damage to the vehicle was over \$1,500.  
4-22 - Donald L. Barks IV, 19, Wyoming, cited for improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol. He was issued a notice to appear.  
4-23 - Kayla L. Sykes, 19, Chicago, ticketed for speeding 64 mph in a 55 zone.  
4-23 - Destanie C. Shebley, 27, Walnut, ticketed for not wearing a seat belt.  
4-23 - Keagan J. Hamilton, 18, Kewanee, cited for driving on an expired vehicle registration and driving without vehicle insurance. He was issued a court date.  
4-24 - Richard F. Sullivan Jr., 68, Tuscola, cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone, driving without vehicle insurance, driving on a suspended driver's license and driving without a valid vehicle registration. He was issued a court date.  
4-25 - Kevin L. Code, 32, Peoria, arrested on an outstanding Logan County warrant for failure to appear for driving on a suspended driver's license. He was transported to Bureau County Jail awaiting extradition.  
4-25 - Marvin D. Smith Jr., Castleton, reported his barn in Castleton was broken into. Missing items included weed eaters, chain saws, generators and other items.  
4-25 - Edward A. Vanmeir, 35, Kewanee, ticketed for driving on a suspended license. He was issued a court date.  
4-25 - Jeffrey R. Fritz, 28, Wyoming, charged with harassment via an electronic device. He was issued a court date.  
4-26 - Christian A. Wewers, 26, Kewanee, cited for driving without vehicle insurance. He was issued a court date.  
4-27 - Terry A. Grawey, 69, Peoria, ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55

zone.  
4-27 - Harassment and threatening messages were the source of a complaint received from a Wyoming business owner.  
4-27 - Luis R. Rivera Pantoja, 48, Kewanee, cited for illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver. He was released with a court date.  
4-27 - Christian E. Sander, 31, LaFayette, ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle and driving while his license was suspended or revoked. He was issued a court date.  
4-27 - Brittney L. Hibberd, 35, Peoria, ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone and for driving with no vehicle insurance.  
4-27 - Christopher T. Beamsley, 57, Hanna City, cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

4-21 - to assist the Kewanee Police Department with a call of shots being fired in the 500 block of S. Main St.  
4-21 - to meet a citizen who picked up stolen vehicle parts Galva recovered for the Knoxville Police Department.  
4-22 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 900 block of SE 2nd St., Nusturia Vaughn, 70, Kewanee, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She received a court date.  
4-22 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 100 block of Exchange St., Christi Knapp, 45, Galesburg, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for mandatory insurance. She received a court date.  
4-22 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of NW 11th St., Jiliane Johnson, 45, Altona, cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. She received a court date.  
4-22 - to the 300 block of SE 4th Ave. for a door being open on a vacant house. Nobody was present. Officer contacted the owner, who said it was accidentally left open.  
4-22 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd St. to locate a wanted subject. Corina Jaco, 50, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on the charge of battery. She was taken to Henry County Jail.  
4-23 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a telephone harassment complaint.  
4-23 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. for a parking complaint. The vehicle was moved.  
4-24 - to speak with a resident in the 400 block of NW 2nd Ave. about a city-ordinance violation.  
4-24 - to speak with a resident in the 600 block of NW 4th St. about a city-ordinance violation.  
4-24 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.  
4-24 - to assist the Kewanee Police Department locate a suicidal subject.

The suspect was located by the Henry County Sheriff's Office and transported to an area hospital.  
4-25 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Jamie Howard, 36, Galva, was arrested on a Knox County warrant for failing to appear for driving while license suspended, operating a vehicle when registration suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a court date.  
4-25 - to the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. for a civil-property dispute.  
4-25 - to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a domestic disturbance.  
4-25 - to railroad tracks near the NE 2nd St. crossing for a report of young children playing near the tracks.  
4-25 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a civil standby.  
4-25 - Amanda Vest, 46, Galesburg, cited for speeding and expired registration in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.  
4-26 - Patrick Hammons, 69, Galva, cited for disobeying a stop sign, speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 500 block of SW 7th St.  
4-26 - Bonnie Schilling, 74, LaFayette, cited for speeding in the 1000 block of N. Center Ave.  
4-26 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a domestic disturbance.  
4-26 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a domestic disturbance.  
4-26 - twice in one day to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a verbal disturbance. A subject appeared to be suffering from a mental health crisis.  
4-26 - to the 400 block of NW 1st St. for a neighbor dispute.  
4-27 - to the 400 block of E. Division St. for an open door on a vacant house. The door was pulled shut.  
4-27 - to the intersection of SW 6th St. and SW 1st Ave. for a two-vehicle accident with damage. Patrick Hammons, 69, Galva, cited for failure to yield the right of way at a stop intersection and operating an uninsured vehicle.  
4-27 - Donald Anders, 48, Siler City, N.C., cited for speeding in the 600 block of N. Center Ave.

Property Transfers

4-23 - Gary R. Steward, Gary R. Steward Trustee and Karen L. Steward to Steward Family Farms LLC - Pts Sect. 13-13-5 NE - Consideration = \$0.  
4-23 - Fannie Mae AKA Federal National Mortgage Association to Bertha Ridgeway - Culbertson's Western Add'n - Pt. Block 3 Lot 7 - 526 N. Oak St., Toulon - Consideration = \$22,515.  
4-25 - Crystal L. and Dean W. Rosebecke to Heather L. Hollis, Brandi S. Jones and Erin J. Price - Vg. of LaFayette Pt. Block 4 Lots 1-8 - 105 Jackson St., LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.  
4-25 - Charlotte Christine and John Sullivan to Randy Irwin - Pt. Sect. 14-13-7 -Consideration = \$0.

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## BRIEFS

## Bradford School Board elects new officers

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board elected a new slate of officers at its April 28 meeting.

Tanya Walker was elected president, Sherri Code will be vice president and Jessica Peterson was elected secretary. Board meetings will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in Room 6 of Bradford Grade School.

Work on the budget is underway and Superintendent Chad Gripp said it looks great. An amended budget hearing is set for June 24 at 7 p.m.

The board also approved Gripp to develop a Fiscal Year 2026 budget and to spend district funds in July, August and September prior to adoption of the budget.

The board also approved 2025-26 IESA membership and accepted the resignation of 4th grade teacher



*Nightshade, a new store located at 120 Front St., Galva, held its ribbon cutting recently. Pictured above (left to right) are Addison, Joe, Holly (owner) and Jude Hoenig, Alderman Jackie Clucas and City Administrator David Dyer. Photo by Carol Townsend.*

Maddie Wilson and junior high basketball coach Mr. Sash.

## Nightshade business now open in Galva

GALVA – A ribbon cutting was held recently for Nightshade, a new business located at 120 Front St.

The shop will be open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon



*Pictured above (left to right) City Administrator David Dyer, Gary Coon, Mayor Rich Volkert, John McArthur and Richard Plummer plant an Arbor Day tree in Washington Park. The tree is a memorial for Diane Chamberlain, past director of the Galva-Bishop Hill Service. Photo by Carol Townsend.*

and 1-6 p.m.

Owned by Holly Hoenig of Galva, the shop sells embroidery, puzzles, crochet, knitting, macrame, paints, cross stitch, how-to books, kids crafts, bath bombs, pet toys and more

– Carol Townsend



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OBITUARIES

**Roy E. Ehnle**  
BRADFORD – Roy E. Ehnle, 97, of Bradford, passed away on Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at the Apostolic Christian Home, Eureka, Illinois where he had received excellent care.

Roy was born April 2, 1928, in Princeville, Ill., the son of Louie and Julia (Merkle) Ehnle. He married Donna Price on Feb. 12, 1950, in Kewanee. She preceded him in death.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter, Gary (Carole) Ehnle of Buda, Karen (Bill) Ringger, Donn (Tracy) Ehnle and John (Sara) Ehnle, all of Bradford; 23 grandchildren; 69 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Mary Kaisner of Livonia, Mich.; and one sister-in-law, Verla Ehnle of Princeville.

He was preceded in death by one son Mark and one infant daughter, Linda; infant great-grandson Jacob; two brothers, Robert Ehnle and Edward (Verla) Ehnle; one sister-in-law, Jean Ehnle; one brother-in-law, Hartzel (Mary) Kaisner; two step-brothers, Louie and Carl Ehnle; and one stepsister, Laura Stahl.

Roy farmed in the Bradford area and enjoyed working with his bulldozer.

Roy was a member of the Apostolic Christian Faith of Camp Grove, Ill., where his funeral was to be held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 10 a.m. Church ministers officiated. Burial was in the Camp Grove Apostolic Christian Faith Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Home, PO Box 128, Eureka, IL 61530. Grant-Johnson Funeral Homes are handling arrangements.

**Jerry L. Kenney**  
KEWANEE – Jerry Leland Kenney, 84, of Kewanee died peacefully at 1:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 23, 2025, at Liberty Village in Princeton, Ill.

A funeral service will be held at 12 p.m., Saturday, May 3, 2025, at Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee with Pastor Haley Hausman officiating. A visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home. Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Senior Citizens Center of Kewanee or to Liberty Village of Princeton. Please feel free to wear Cubs attire to the service if you are so inclined.

Jerry was born on Sept. 2, 1940, in Galva, the son of Norman and Arline (Strand) Kenney. He and his sisters were then adopted by Haslam Brew, who married Arline after Norman was killed in World War II.

Jerry married Elaine Sweat in Galva on April 2, 1961. He is survived by his daughters, Mychele Kenney and Mindi Goard; granddaughters Meaghan (Derek) Keel and Jenifer (Chris) Waca; and great-grandchildren Bexley Elaine and Maddux Scott Keel and Lincoln Charles and Leland Arden Waca; his sister, Carol (Ray) Ziebell; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his sister Judy and his beloved wife, Elaine.

Jerry graduated from LaFayette High School in 1958, and attended Bradley University briefly.

He worked for various foundries in Illinois, including Galva Foundry, Walworth Company in Kewanee and

John Deere in East Moline. He spent several years as a mower for Baker Park and Midland Country Club.

Jerry was a member of the First United Methodist Church and served on several committees. Jerry was an athlete for most of his life, golfing, bowling and playing softball into his 40s. Jerry was a loyal Illinois football and basketball fan, and he was an avid fan of the Chicago Blackhawks and, especially the Chicago Cubs. Seeing the Blackhawks win three Stanley Cups was wonderful, but watching his Cubbies finally win the World Series was a lifelong dream.

He became a woodworker during his retirement and enjoyed making furniture for his family. He loved traveling with his bride and family, including several lengthy U.S. vacations with his young granddaughters, and a “whole family” trip to Colorado in 2023.

Jerry’s pride and joy were his two granddaughters and seeing them grow into strong women with their own families was his greatest blessing.

**Georgia M. Peters**  
PRINCEVILLE – Georgia May Peters, 95, of Princeville, passed away on April 22, 2025, at the Arc of Chillicothe. Georgia was born on Feb. 14, 1930, in West Jersey, to the late Leonard and Beaula (Libby) Barrett. She married Raymond E. Delbridge and later married Robert J. Peters.

She is survived by her son, Ray G. (Peggy) Delbridge of Princeville; two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and one brother, William (Sally) Barrett. She was preceded in death by her parents; both of her husbands; and two sisters, Gladys (Max) Young and Linda (Dennis) Anderson.

Her funeral was April 26, 2025. Burial was in West Jersey Cemetery.



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# Stark Co. and Galva split softball doubleheader

By **NICK VLAHOS**  
and **PHIL JOHNSON**  
For The Prairie News

The Stark County softball team split two games last week against Galva.

On April 24, Stark County (8-11) won 6-2 in the completion of a game suspended two days earlier by rain. After that, Galva (3-11) won 7-3.

Jacey Endress was 2-for-3 with an RBI in the first game for Stark County. Also driving in runs were Coley Johnston, Kenna Newton and Brooklynn Ostrowski.

Galva put away the second game with a four-run sixth inning that broke a 3-3 tie. Avery Dooley and Kaylyn Gale drove in runs. In the fourth inning, Amber Plummer homered.

Stark County split four games after its two against Galva. The Rebels beat Bureau Valley 2-1 on Tuesday, lost 7-8 Monday to Henry and split a doubleheader April 25 against Princeville. Stark County lost the first game 4-3 and won the second 19-7.

Endress' single in the bottom of the eighth brought home Sophie Finnegan with the winning run against Bureau Valley. Pitcher Ostrowski scattered eight hits.

Things went the opposite way for the Rebels against Henry, which scored in the eighth to break a 7-7 tie. Stark County overcame a five-run deficit in the fourth as Endress

had a two-run single and Kenna Sparks had a two-run homer. She finished 3-for-5, including a triple. Endress had three RBI.

In the Princeville victory, Stark County scored nine on only two hits in the fifth. Finnegan was 3-for-4 with two RBI, and Katie Grinnell drove in three. Hallie Newton was 3-for-3 for Stark County. She doubled twice, as did Cambri Holmstrom.

• **Galva baseball** – The Wildcats (2-11-1) dropped a doubleheader on Saturday at home to Princeville, 3-1 and 11-1. Singles from MJ Louck and Blake Stahl were the only hits for the Wildcats in the opener. Jay Smith drove in the lone run.

In the second game, Ty Dowell-Keup had a hit and recorded the team's only RBI. Louck, JP Sloan, Braxton Hulstrom and Cyrus Hurd each recorded one hit.

“Our defense has really picked up. We are making plays as we should. We are playing the better teams closer but we run out of pitching as the games get longer due to the pitch count,” Galva Coach Van White said.

“We have freshmen making good plays in the field but get over-matched at the plate. Our top five hitters in the order are giving us good production. With only 13 players on the team our pitching can be thin.”

• **SC baseball** – The Rebels (5-14) lost to Peoria Christian 8-2 on Mon-

day. Stark County had six hits. Blair Daum hit 2-for-2, freshman Kaedon Stillman drove in one run and Ben Browning, Khaiden Turnbull and Chase Holstrom each had one hit.

Browning pitched 4.1 innings. He struck out two and walked two.

Stark County struggled in a Saturday Lincoln Trail doubleheader at home against Ridgewood, losing 13-0 and 10-0. The Rebels had no hits in the opener and made seven errors. In the nightcap Kaedon Steelman had the only hit for SCHS, a single.

The Rebels suffered a tough 2-1 loss to at Midland on April 23. After the first inning, the teams were tied at one. The hosts scored one in the bottom of the second followed by pitching and defense taking over.

Browning pitched five frames, yielding three hits, four walks and one earned run while striking out two. The Rebels had singles by Jason Knowles and Connor Daum.

• **Galva softball** – The Lady Wildcats lost four in a row following a win over Stark County – 22-0 Tuesday to Biggsville West Central, 7-1 Monday to Ridgewood, and a 16-2, 13-3 doubleheader sweep April 25 against Abingdon-Avon.

The Wildcats had one hit against West Central. Gale was 2-for-3 and Dooley had an RBI against Ridgewood. Gale was 2-for-2 with an RBI in the first A-Town game, and she and Plummer had RBI in the second.

## TRACK: Boys 3rd, Knobloch breaks own record

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400 (PR, 1:03.91) and Paytin Terwilliger in the 1,600 (PR, 6:08.49)

Placing third were Barnwell in the 100 (13.63) Darilis Knobloch in the 800 (PR, 2:43.82) and Kraklow in the 3,200 (PR, 13:28.47).

For the boys, Evan Knobloch broke his own school record in winning the 1,600 in 4:34.05 and Nolan Orwig won the 300 hurdles (42.58).

Placing second for the Rebels were Nolan Snider in shot put (13.50m), Nolan Orwig in the 200 (22.88), Evan Knobloch in the 800 (2:05.41) and Hunter Ely in the 3,200



Kelsey Hawley competes in the 300-meter hurdles for Stark County on Tuesday in the first meet on the school's new all-weather track. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

(12:04.48).

Third-place Rebels finishers were Audon Frihetsli in discus (34.09m), Ethan Grinnell in the 3,200 (12:40.70) and the

4x100 relay of Nolan Orwig, Justin Warner, Louis Obyrant and Braxx-ten Gibson (47.11).

Stark County is to compete today, May 2, at the

Annawan-Wethersfield Titan Invite in Kewanee and then Tuesday, May 6 in the 79th Brockman Invitational at Kewanee Stadium.

• **Galva track** – The Wildcats traveled to the Rockridge Rocket Co-Ed Invite on April 25. Among Galva's top performers on the day were Reid Harris, who was fifth in high jump (5-6), sixth in 300 hurdles (48.97) and ninth in long jump (16-9.5); Ben Burris who was eighth with a PR of 38-11 in shot put; and Braden Murphy who was eighth in discus (111-5.25).

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# Prairie News Sports



## Rebels inaugurate new track

Lady Rebels 1st at Farmington April 24, boys 3rd

By JEFF LAMPE  
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County track program enjoyed another successful week, capped by a historic first meet on the new all-weather track.

The Rebels competed Tuesday night against Galva and Princeville and saw familiar faces fare well in the roughly \$1.6 million facility. Results were not complete at press time.

Among the individual winners on the new track were Evan Knobloch (800- and 1,600-meter races), Dusti Smith in the 800 and 1,600 and Braxsten Gibson in the 400.

Prior to the home meet, Stark County enjoyed an April 24 trip to Farmington, where the girls placed first and the boys took third at the Tuffy Bowen Invite.

The girls outpaced Lewistown 169-164 points thanks to a bevy of top-three finishes.

Individual winners for the Lady Rebels included Chelsey Stotler in shot put (11.76m), Lauren Orwig in discus (34.96m), Cheyenh Smith in the 800-meter race (2:24.67), Dusti Smith in the 1,600 (5:17.14) and 3,200 (11:40.37)

Stark County also won the 4x400 relay with the quartet of Sarah Kraklow, Paytin Terwilliger, Cheyenh Smith and Dusti Smith in 4:20.55 and took first in the 4x800 relay in 10:51.5 thanks to Darilis Knobloch, Payton Terwilliger, Alexis Martinez and Cheyenh Smith.

The scoring continued with several



Evan Knobloch competes Tuesday on Stark County's new all-weather track. Knobloch broke his own school record in the 1,600-meter race on April 24 at Farmington with a time of 4:34.05. Photo by Collin Fairfield.


second-place finishers, including Lauren Orwig in shot put (10.94m), Stotler in discus (26.60m), Claire Bowser in high jump (1.52m), Kelsey Hawley in 100 hurdles (18.70), Paul'yna Barnwell in the 200 (28.38), Cheyenh Smith in the

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