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State’s first vaccine shipment to be smaller than expected

By Jerry Nowicki
Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – The first shipment of COVID-19 vaccines to the state of Illinois may be less than one-quarter of what officials had originally been told to expect.
 Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Tuesday the latest word from federal officials is that the first shipment may contain only about 80,000 doses, or one-fifth


of the 400,000 doses state officials were expecting.
 “We know that even if everything goes through smoothly in the next couple of weeks and the vaccine is shipped, there won’t be many doses,” Ezike said. “I know I had originally quoted 400,000 doses because that’s what we’ve been told. That number has already been downgraded to something like 80,000. Again, all of these numbers are constantly in flux and so we are staying very

nimble in order to adjust. As the feds give us more information, we adjust and tweak our plans.”
 Interest in how the state plans to distribute a vaccine has heightened in recent days as a number of pharmaceutical companies have announced plans to apply for emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.
 Last week, Pfizer and BioNTech announced they had submitted an application for two vaccines

the companies are developing jointly, and the FDA said it would put those applications on a fast track for approval, which means a limited number of doses could be publicly available by the end of December. Moderna Inc. has also said a vaccine it is developing a vaccine that has shown promising results in clinical trials.
 Ezike said the first people in line to receive the vaccines will be frontline hospital workers who treat COVID-19 patients and

other first responders.
 Gov. JB Pritzker said he wants to ensure access to the vaccine among low-income or marginalized communities.
 “I just want to say that one of the big concerns that I have is making sure that we do this with an equity lens, and that includes not only people of color but rural communities, places that often are left out and left behind, forgotten,” he said. “I want them to
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WYOMING WINNER



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Curry’s Pizza in Wyoming was winner of the Wyoming Chamber of Commerce Business Decorating Contest last week. Second place went to Seventh Street Boutique.

Galva police officer leaving for Geneseo

By Carol Townsend
 GALVA – The City of Galva will be looking for a new police officer.
 Mayor Rich Volkert reported during a virtual meeting of the Galva City Council that full-time police officer Alex Ingle’s last day was Monday. Volkert

said Ingle was starting a new job in Geneseo.
 Volkert also reported that Ingle, Galva’s K-9 officer, had been called to help in an incident in Stark County and did an excellent job on a drug incident.
 City administrator David Dyer reported that Galva’s state

revenue had been up \$98,000 from May to November.
 The auditor gave a presentation to the alderman who had the audit report. Galva had received a clean audit.
 There were two bids opened on the old police Ford Expedition.
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Toulon city council approves preliminary sewer plans

City seeks to borrow money to fund project

By John A. Ballentine
 TOULON – After a 107-minute presentation and discussion, the Toulon City council approved preliminary plans for a sewer lift station on Prairie Street.
 The lift station for the city’s sanitary sewer system will be installed at the south side junction of Prairie and Whitaker Streets adjacent to Jeff Webster’s property. The purpose of the lift station is to have initially six residences hooked into the city’s sanitary system that are believed to be depositing raw sewage into a “common sewer,” which discharges into Indian Creek to the west of Whitaker Street.
 The presentation was given by City engineer Justin Reiese and his co-worker Ed Andrews, of the Farnsworth Group.
 The six residences were identified as the Weir, Melton, Perez, Parker, Kenney and Blakey households. The Henry-Stark County Health Department has issued letters to those residents informing them that they must disconnect their septic tanks to be used as “holding tanks.”
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But, they can only do that for a year, then they must hook into the proposed new sewer line that will be installed on the south side of Prairie Street from the lift station to Franklin Street.
 Funding for the city’s sewer lift station project was decided to be accomplished with a local bank rather than attempt to get loans from the State and Federal sources. The council was to explore that possibility as an initial step in advancing the sewer project. In addition to the Prairie Street new sewer line, a sewer line would be installed on the east side of Whitaker Street from Prairie to Turner Avenue.
 Reiese stated “that funding will drive the timeline” as to when the project is to begin and end. The council anticipates obtaining the funding by February or March, 2021 and having the project completed by late 2021. This would satisfy the Health Department’s edict of one year timeline to complete the six homes being installed onto the city’s sewer system.
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Stark County board disputes CodeRed bill

By John A. Ballentine

TOULON – The County Board of Supervisors held a special meeting Wednesday morning to discuss a disputed bill from a CodeRed software bill from OnSolve.

On Nov. 1, 2015, the county entered a five-year contract for an emergency software package called CodeRed when Stark County had its own Emergency Management Agency. In November of 2019, Stark merged with Henry County's Emergency Agency service and therefore did not require the software any longer.

Within the contract there was a 30-day opt-out clause, which Stark exercised at that time. In the mean-

time no correspondence was received by Stark's officials acknowledging that the clause was received by OnSolve. Therefore, it was presumed that Stark was no longer committed to paying the final year's charges, until officials were contacted by a collection agency for non-payment.

The collection agency's representative, David Kent, spoke with Stark Chair of Supervisors Al Curry and State's Attorney James Owens and evidently suggested that he would forgive the final year's charge of approximately \$5,000 – but that Stark still owed \$4,427 for 2019.

Therefore, the board decided to pay the \$4,427 but tabled action until the

December meeting until Kent formally agreed to forgive the 2020 debt.

The board also approved payment of final fiscal year 2019-20 bills; approved a Motor Fuel Tax resolution establishing new administrative and engineering fees charged to Stark's townships; and adopted the annual budget and tax levy for fiscal year 2020-21.

Finally, the board approved a direct deposit resolution wherein county employees can be paid directly into their bank accounts if they choose. Otherwise employees who opt out would be required to obtain their paycheck from the county treasurer's office.

TOULON: Estimated cost \$5,000 for residents

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Reese and Andrews estimated the cost of the project for the six residences at \$250,000. In addition to those six residences, 15 others were identified as targeted to be installed onto the city's sewer system at a later date for a cost of \$325,000, which brings the total to \$575,000 for the 21 residences.

A number of affected residents were in attendance at the meeting to learn more about the project

and the plans to have it proceed. At one juncture, those residents were allowed to ask questions concerning their costs and what would be required of them for capital outlay. Reese and Andrews estimated, based upon previous experience, that it would cost the residents \$5,000 each to disconnect from their septic systems and be tied onto the city's new sewer lines.

In other action, the council approved the purchase of two furnac-

es at \$3,536 each for the city's water plant building from Ed's Heating & Cooling.

Also, two additional garage doors were approved to be purchased from Sullivan's for a total of \$9,815 to replace the worn out and malfunctioning existing doors located at the sewer plant's city building.

Finally, the council approved a \$1,000 donation to Toulon's Christmas Walk event to be held this December.

VACCINE: Doses for public not out until March

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be significantly considered for the near term possibility of getting the vaccine but this vaccine is going to roll out over quite a number of months. We're not really going to see, as I understand, the vaccine coming to the general public until perhaps March or April at the earliest."

Ezike said the hospital workers set to receive the vaccine in the first rounds include staff who are not health care professionals, such as the cleaning and food staff.

Meanwhile, both Ezike and Pritzker continued to urge Illinoisans to avoid gatherings over the upcoming holidays and possibly for the next several months.

"The vaccines that seem to be on the horizon can't help you if you get sick now," Pritzker said. "It appears it may just be a matter of months, not years, before it's safe for all of us to gather with extended family and friends again. Let's keep each other safe until then."

Essential workers outside of hospitals and at-risk individuals, including people 65 years of age and older, will be next in line to receive the vaccine in the first phase of distribution when limited doses are available.

Ezike said the initial doses of the vaccine will be distributed through hospitals in each of the 11 regions of the state.

State officials are also identifying freezer stor-

age locations, since Pfizer's vaccine must be kept at 94 degrees below zero.

"We've also ordered 20 separate contraptions that can hold vaccines at that ultra-cold level. So those 20 freezers, if you will, will be placed in all of the 11 regions to make sure that there is access for every part of the state to the vaccine," Ezike said.

Pharmaceutical company Moderna could seek emergency approval for its COVID-19 vaccine application with the FDA by the end of the month.

Unlike the vaccine under FDA review from Pfizer, Moderna's vaccine can be shipped and stored long-term at standard freezer temperatures of 4 degrees below zero, for six months.

On Saturday, the FDA also issued emergency approval for a second antibody therapy treatment for mild-to-moderate COVID-19 infections in adult and pediatric patients.

Ezike said the government has already provided the state with about 8,500 doses, and that the treatment is meant to be given early in

the infection to help prevent hospitalization for high-risk and older individuals.

"We have teams that are working right now to discuss the equitable distribution of this very important resource. We are going to make sure that, in terms of communication, the public is aware of this resource and who are the appropriate candidates," she said.

Pritzker also urged downstate cities and counties to take advantage of financial help the state has made available through the Local CURE program. That's a \$250 million program launched this year, with money from the federal CARES Act, to help local units of government defray costs incurred due to the pandemic.

Pritzker said about \$118 million has been paid out, but more than 350 local governments have not applied. Funds are available to local governments outside of Cook County and surrounding collar counties, which received CARES Act funding directly because they have populations over 500,000.

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11-18-20 – Marjorie R. Anderson - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-18-20 – Dalene M. Arrington - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-18-20 – Daniel R. Ponton - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-19-20 – Wesley J. Cozad - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

11-19-20 – Mikayla K. Cotes - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

11-19-20 – Matthew M. Sullivan - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-19-20 – Deborah J. Ingels - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.

11-19-20 – Jose A. Montalvo - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

11-16-20 – Andrew A. Hoffman - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

11-20-20 – Julie M. Brower - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

11-20-20 – Michael S. Feltz - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

11-17-20 – Felony - Brooke L. Lomelino - Criminal trespass to a residence, battery, and criminal damage to property.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-18-20 – A deer-related accident occurred on 1300E and 800N. The driver involved was identified as Courtney J. Frisby, 22, of Wyoming. There were no injuries reported but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.

11-18-20 – A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Lincoln and Arbor Streets, in Bradford. The drivers involved were identified as Jeffrey B. Giese, 44, of Kewanee and Julie K. Kircher, 57, of Chilli-cothe. Giese was traveling south when he reportedly entered into the opposite lane and struck Kircher's vehicle. No injuries were reported but Giese was ticketed for failure to



reduce speed to avoid an accident.

11-21-20 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 78 approximately a quarter of a mile south of 100 N. The driver involved was identified as Randy L. Barnes, 64, of Kewanee. Barnes was traveling north on Route 78 when his vehicle crossed over in to the opposite lane of traffic and then entered the ditch and continued to travel north onto private property where it hit a trailer. Barnes was transported by Stark County Ambulance to St. Luke Hospital. No tickets were issued.

11-17-20 – Brooke L. Lomelino, 24, Toulon, was arrested for battery and criminal damage to property. She posted \$150 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

11-17-20 – Gilbert L. Eaton, of Bradford, reported his pickup truck was stolen. On Nov. 19, the vehicle was reported as returned back to the owner.

11-19-20 – Phillip E. Ince, 41, Kewanee, was cited for driving while his license was suspended, driving without insurance, speeding 68 mph in a 55 zone, and possession of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

11-18-20 – Seth M. Hill, 32, Kewanee, was cited for disobeying a stop sign and for driving without vehicle insurance.

11-19-20 – Mandi E. Thomas, 44, Peoria, was cited for no rear registration light.

11-20-20 – Dusty A. Drawyer, 55, Kewanee, was cited for driving without insurance. He was released with a court date

Galva Report

11-16-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a criminal damage to property complaint.

11-16-20 – Officer dispatched to the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street to assist a citizen with a traffic issue.

11-17-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a small fire that was close to a residence and unattended. The fire department also responded and put it out.

11-18-20 – Officer spoke to a subject by telephone about a theft/civil property dispute. A report was forwarded to the Henry County State's Attorney's office for review.

11-18-20 – Officer noticed the railroad crossing arms were down on Exchange Street with no train present. Officer directed traffic until they were reset.

11-18-20 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of NE 3rd Street, Jason Hasselbacher, 30, Galva, was cited for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

11-18-20 – Officer was dispatched to the intersection of SE 2nd Street and SE 1st Ave. for a loose dog in the roadway. The dog was captured and impounded.

11-19-20 – Officer dispatched to the 400 block of Swank Street for a loose dog complaint. Officer checked the area and was not able to locate.

11-19-20 – Officer dispatched to several disturbances in the 00 block of SW 4th Street. One of the subjects, Sameta Priest-Neal, 58, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a disorderly conduct - false fire alarm charge. Due to COVID-19, she was released with a required court date.

11-20-20 – Officer dispatched to assist a citizen who had locked themselves out of their house in the 700 block of NW 4th

Street.
11-20-20 – Officer dispatched to remove an unwanted customer from the 300 block of NW 4th Ave.

11-20-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a subject who had been mauled by several pit bulls that lived in the same house.

11-20-20 – Officer dispatched to assist Henry County animal control in the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. with removing the pit bulls involved in the attack earlier in the day.

11-21-20 – Officer dispatched to the 700 block of NW 4th Street for a theft complaint.

11-21-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of NE 2nd Street for a loose dog complaint.

11-21-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of NE 3rd Street for a loose dog complaint. The dog was caught and impounded.

11-22-20 – Officer dispatched to the 200 block of SW 7th Street for a suspicious vehicle complaint. Officer spoke to a teenager who was just driving around.

11-18-20 – Kristina McWilliams, 34, Galva, was issued a citation for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 700 block of SW 4th Street.

Marriages

11-18-20 – Hope A. Kensinger, Peoria and Kyle W. Copeland, Peoria.

Property Transfers

11-16-20 – Jack L. and Judith L. Kelly and Debra Kay West to Jack L. Kelly, Trustee - Pts 30-14-6 SW and 31-14-6 NW - 6307 Saxon Road, Toulon, IL. Consideration = \$0.00.

11-18-20 – Rosana L. Whittaker to Ashton L. Morrissey - Arrowhead Park Extension #1 Lots 18,19, 20 - 19 Mohawk Court, Toulon, IL. - Consideration = \$150,000.00.

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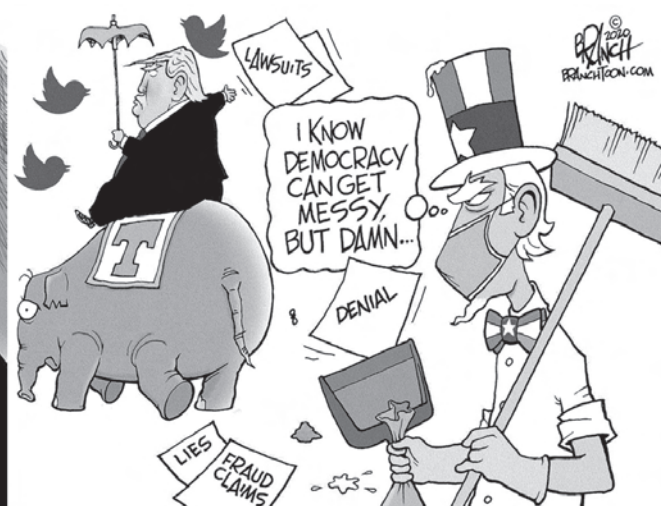
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The partisan divide here in Illinois is equally striking, intensified by regional tensions and antagonisms. The concept of "One Illinois" often seems an elusive aspiration rather than an achievable goal.

We have no formula that magically ends partisanship in Illinois, quiets the relentless rancor, and forges a coherent state identity and sense of shared destiny. However, we offer a tangible plan to affirm and honor the Prairie State's best traditions – traditions that include political leaders who are able to hold very different political views while still working together to find common ground.

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute at Southern Illinois University was founded nearly a quarter-century ago by former Sen. Paul Simon, a lifelong Democrat. It is delighted to partner with former Gov. Jim Edgar, a lifelong Republican, to establish an award that illuminates the best traditions of both major parties and underscores the

truth that elevated leadership can come from either of these parties or from independents.

The Paul Simon-Jim Edgar Prairie State Statesmanship Award will honor exceptional leadership in Illinois by state and local government officials. It will be presented to leaders – statesmen and stateswomen – who display unusual vision, courage, compassion, civility, effectiveness, and bipartisanship in their work for their communities and Illinois.

When considering a public policy issue, the first question a statesman or stateswoman asks is, "what is in the public interest?" Personal and partisan considerations can follow later – but hopefully much later.

Given our current political climate, it is easy to forget that statesmanship, while unusual, has been a critical feature of Illinois politics and history.

Abraham Lincoln represents the model statesman. Even while dealing with the existential crisis of the Civil War, Lincoln looked to the future and supported initiatives to create land grant universities, complete the transcontinental railroad, and help pioneers settle in the West.

Illinois has been blessed with other statesmen over the decades, including exemplary governors from both parties. Edward Coles prevented Illinois from becoming a slave state in the 1820s. John Altgeld bravely pardoned three men who it seems were wrongly convicted of the 1886 Haymarket bombing. Henry Horner supported tax increases and bond issues to pay for unemployment relief during the Depression. William Stratton

helped build the state's highways and universities in the 1950s and also advocated for civil rights. Richard Ogilvie pushed through Illinois' first income tax in 1969 and established the state's Environmental Protection Agency. Statesmanship in Illinois has not occurred only in the governor's mansion but also in the halls of the Capitol and in city halls up and down the Prairie State.

We believe it is important to identify and celebrate statesmanship in Illinois. As we consider recipients for the annual Simon-Edgar Award we will examine mayors who craft bold and imaginative plans for their cities and take political gambles to bring their dreams to fruition; city council members who prepare creative and constructive long-term strategies for their communities; and state legislators and constitutional officers who are willing to break from party orthodoxy and political comfort zones to advance solutions to improve the lives of fellow Illinoisans.

The Simon-Edgar Award will shine a spotlight on exceptional leadership that is taking place in our communities. It will serve as a reminder that statesmanship is not only possible in Illinois, but is actually happening and deserves recognition and encouragement. Our fondest hope is that this award will inspire current and future public servants to act in the best traditions of our state.

John Shaw also contributed to this editorial. He is director of the Paul Simon Public Policy Institute.

Jim Edgar was the 38th governor of Illinois. He founded the Edgar Fellows Program at the University of Illinois.

Of reborn schools, tax cuts (!) & obits

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering which snuffle is a symptom and which is not.



Among the enjoyable ways to pass time on the drive north to Toulon is checking out changes to the West Jersey Express building. The former West Jersey Grade School has been renovated in impressive fashion, with a bright red roof, new landscaping, improved drainage and much more.

Nice to see an old school building find new life. Kudos to all involved! ... Not all schools end their lives so well. I recall hunting ducks in North Dakota one November and staying in an old school building. We slept in classrooms that still had chalkboards and desks and chairs and drank adult

beverages in the cafeteria. That was all fine. But the roof was bad and mold was everywhere. That's the fate of too many old schools.



I almost fell out of my chair reading that the Elmwood school district responded to an increase in equalized assessed value by cutting the tax rate. While the cut is fairly small, the symbolism is not. Reducing taxes resonates with a sizable segment of the population – particularly when there's no reduction in services (although that is going to be necessary very soon for much of our state). I wonder if other districts, many also seeing an EAV increase, will follow suit? ... Got free time at work? Visit covid-dash-board.fsm.northwestern.edu to check COVID-19 trends by Illinois zip code. As you do, ask yourself, why on Nov. 6 did the state start counting "probable cases" along with "actual cases" – a decision that has no doubt increased positivity rates?



This is how weekends go. Pack as much as possible into Saturday and

Sunday. Live life. Plant trees. Hunt. Fish. Go to sports events. Go to mass. Eat meals with family. Smile. Laugh. Savor. Then, full of life, head to the office and mourn the dead. Sunday is obit night and, for me, most obituaries strike a chord. By the end of Sunday, after a few glasses of **Jim Beam**, I head into Monday grouchy and lamenting the loss of friends I barely knew, but suddenly miss. We are so mortal. ... Parting shot: As a resident of a flyover state dominated by a major metropolis, it's hard not to have a chip on your shoulder. Reasons are numerous, including the handling of COVID-19. Back in March and April, when the coasts and Chicago were grappling with the pandemic, it was frustrating to be lumped into the same group for requirements and mitigations. The COVID wave was not here then. Yet we were shut down. Well, the wave is here now. And I'm betting we'd be more willing to shut down if we hadn't been forced to do so when it was unnecessary.

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com.

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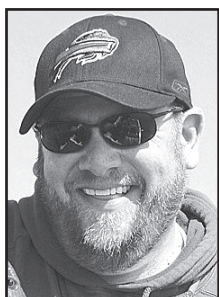
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Cost of Thanksgiving meal drops

By Illinois Farm Bureau

With concerns resurfacing over possible food shortages, a study from a national farm group found the supply chain is as resilient as ever – and it's showing up in the form of lower prices for many traditional Thanksgiving dinner ingredients.

This year, the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual Thanksgiving dinner survey calculated the average cost of a traditional Thanksgiving meal for 10 people at \$46.90. That's less than \$5 per person and down 4 percent from last year.

“The average cost of this year’s Thanksgiving dinner is the lowest since 2010,” said AFBF Chief Economist John Newton, Ph.D. “Turkeys – and other staples of the traditional Thanksgiving meal – are currently in ample supply at grocery stores in most

Stark Co. community leaders discuss goals

By John A. Ballentine

WYOMING – A group of community leaders from Bradford, Toulon, and Wyoming met earlier this month to form a Stark County Council whose goal is to showcase Stark County to people who live outside of the county.

The initial Nov. 4 meeting was to introduce leaders to one another and to informally “brainstorm” ideas on how to achieve the goal of promoting Stark County in order to attract people and businesses.

Stark County School Superintendent Brett Elliott moderated the meeting and said three keys to improvement would be intercommunity support, financial support, and a reversal in school enrollment declines. Elliott said school enrollment

areas of the country.”

The national survey's menu includes turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, rolls with butter, peas, cranberries, a veggie tray, pumpkin pie with whipped cream, and coffee and milk, in generous amounts accounting for leftovers. Volunteer shoppers across the country tracked the prices of these items in stores near them and online.

The average price for a 16-pound turkey is \$19.39, down 7 percent from last year, according to survey results. Prices also dropped for sweet potatoes and whipping cream, while the cost of other staples, like dinner rolls, cubed bread stuffing and pumpkin pie mix, rose moderately.


The falling total cost comes as a surprise for some, given the effect COVID-19 had on grocery bills earlier this year.

has declined 15.3 percent since 2015, a trend that doesn't bode well for the county.

The leaders then described the challenges each community has and offered suggestions as to how Stark County can be “marketed” to people who live outside of Stark.

Other ideas were directed at attracting people to Stark County not only for business, but having them relocate to the county and stay in the county for years or decades to come.

A tentative second meeting was suggested for Jan. 4, 2021, to continue with discussions on how to accomplish goals established in this initial meeting. It will be held in Toulon at the Newsroom, 101 West Main Street.



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6 Pigs' home
9 Dutch brew
15 — of Mexico
19 * Ship's load
20 Lead-in to historic
21 Durango dish
22 Baseball's Hersher
23 * Subject to interpretation
25 * Old Greek squares
26 "Stretch" car
27 Steak, e.g.
28 Prefix with lethal
29 * Second U.S. first lady
31 At a distance
33 Tattles
34 * Chum
38 Give slack to
42 Son of Eliel Saarinen
43 * Dr. Evil's cat in Austin Powers films
47 1801-05 veep Burr
51 Beatles song on "Let It Be"
52 Observe
55 Song for one
56 Linguist Chomsky
57 Political plot
61 Knight's glove

183 "Serpico" actor M. — Walsh
185 * Jumping up and down on a bouncy stick
189 Comb buzzer
190 Native suffix
191 See 8-Down
193 * Pairs of consecutive letters
195 Spying setup
197 Likely (to)
198 Meadow
199 Birds building homes
200 Poster pins
201 Buzzing
202 home pest
203 Large 1940s computer
205 "Huh?"
206 Female kin
207 Artist's base
209 * Suffer a lot
210 Dog variety
213 She directed "The Hurt Locker"
217 — Sea (salt lake in Asia)
219 Coy
221 Revisions
222 * Too much self-esteem
223 Beloved of Tristan
225 Bay off Nigeria and Togo's coast

123 — de plume
124 Brit's "Bye!"
128 Ye — Shoppe
129 Rendezvous
130 Really succeed (or what literally appears six times in this puzzle)
132 Old Greek concert halls
133 Shahs, e.g.
134 Shoot (for)
135 Sermon text
136 Philosopher Immanuel
137 Grand home
138 Hosp. staff
139 Sea vessels

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4 9-to-5er's cry of relief
5 Dress (up)
6 Flatware item
7 Move as if on wheels
8 With 71-Across, boot camp affirmative
9 Run up — (defer payment)
10 Wise men
11 Air pollution
12 Reid and Lipinski
13 "Seinfeld" gal
14 Nielsen of "Mr. Magoo"
15 Ghana's former name
16 Dickens' — Heep
17 "— tell ya!"
18 Dental string
24 It uses 108 cards
29 In — (single-file)
30 Gillette razor brand
31 Toon bear
32 Canon camera
34 Compound with nitrogen
35 '83 Keaton-Garr film
36 Letter-shaped girder
37 Easy putts, informally
39 Weep loudly
40 Sooner than, in poetry
41 Ultimate degree
44 Health supplement store, familiarly
45 Jump
46 Pig

48 Part to play
49 Bullring cries
50 Observe
53 R&D center
54 Song for two
58 Singer Dylan
59 Opposed to, in dialect
60 Theater box
62 Orderly
64 Floor piece
66 Tax org.
67 Election analyst Silver
68 FBI guys
72 Umps' kin
74 — Lanka
76 Oklahoma tribe
77 "Moby-Dick" captain
78 Flow out
79 Fix a flat?
81 Height: Abbr.
83 Former Swedish car
85 Toddler, e.g.
86 Buzzing
87 musical toy
87 Is in a huff
89 Source of warmth on some trains and ships
90 Belly laugh
92 Special FX technology
96 Poppa
97 Native suffix
98 Unit of resistance

100 Mean beast
102 "Doggone!"
104 Totally spoil
105 Century divs.
106 Dark modern film genre
108 Breakdown of social norms
109 Long-term inmates
112 Download on a Kindle
113 Radner of comedy
114 Nash of comedy
115 "My heart skipped —"
117 Weaving frames
118 Driver's lic. issuer
120 Sicilian volcano
121 Night, in Nice
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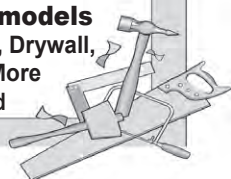
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**SECOND WARD: American Legion, 45
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Questions? Email Abbey Roodhouse at roodhousea@bhc.edu or call BHC Professional and Continuing Education at 309-796-8223.

OSF names Dr. Brooks regional medical director

KEWANEE – OSF HealthCare has named Harley Brooks, MD, chief medical officer and regional medical director of Specialty Services in Galesburg, Monmouth and Kewanee. This includes leading medical affairs for OSF HealthCare St. Mary Medical Center, OSF HealthCare Holy Family Medical Center and OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center, beginning Dec. 14.

Dr. Brooks will oversee clinical operations including ensuring care management, specialty care and support programs that are in place to meet the health care needs of the region.

"We are excited to have Dr. Brooks join us to lead the great work at OSF HealthCare St. Mary, Saint Luke and Holy Family Medical Centers," said Roxanna Crosser, OSF HealthCare western region CEO. "Dr. Brooks has deep experience in critical care, quality and safety, and care management that should help us meet the challenges of providing excellent, patient-centered care for residents in our rural communities."

Dr. Brooks brings a unique perspective as someone who himself had a complex health condition – one that required him to undergo a heart transplant which he received on Thanksgiving Day 2012.

The native of Nashville always had a great way with patients and his fellow doctors, but Dr. Brooks said his transplant forced him to think about redefining his career as a physician. Dr. Brooks earned his Doctor of Medicine from the University of Alabama



A huge congratulations goes out to these Bradford Jr. High Chorus members who auditioned for the upcoming ILMEA District 2 Virtual Festival! All students were selected to participate. Pictured from Left to Right: Keagan Hamilton, Abby Stotler, Rose Krider, and Chelsey Stotler.

in Birmingham and his MBA degree in Health Care Management from Loyola University in Chicago. His connection to OSF dates to his residency in Internal Medicine-Pediatrics which he completed at Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria in 1999 so this is, as he put it, "like a homecoming for me."

Dr. Brooks' appointment follows the retirement of Dr. Cliff Martin who served OSF HealthCare since 2016.

Henry County has 13th COVID-19 death

The Henry County Health Department has been notified of a Thirteenth Coronavirus (COVID-19)-related death in Henry County, Illinois. The individual, a woman in her 90s tested positive for COVID-19.

Through Nov. 24, The Henry and Stark County Health Department announce a cumulative total of 2453 confirmed positive and probable cases of COVID-19 in Henry County and 218 confirmed positive and probable cases in Stark County.

Illinois EQIP deadline set for Jan. 8, 2021

The USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) offers conservation assistance on agricultural and forestland. The primary financial assistance program is the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP provides financial and technical assistance to agricultural and forestland producers.

To participate, producers can apply for EQIP throughout the year; however, Illinois NRCS has established an application deadline for Jan. 8, 2021. Producers are encouraged to submit an application by the application deadline if they are interested in

the program.

With EQIP, producers have successfully addressed natural resource issues on their farm. Some EQIP activities include installing structures to address gully erosion, improving pastureland diversity by interseeding, and improving soil health by increasing organic matter with cover crops. In addition to conservation practices, EQIP funds the development of a plan, such as Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans (CNMPs), Grazing Plans, Drainage Water Management Plans, and more.

Producers interested in EQIP should submit a signed application (NRCS-CPA-1200 form) to the local NRCS field office or through the Farmers.gov website using their account. A blank NRCS-CPA-1200 application form may be obtained from the local office or on the Illinois NRCS website. Producers wishing to use Farmers.gov, can sign in or create an account by clicking on "Sign up" in the upper right of the website.

For information on EQIP, contact the local NRCS field office or visit www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/il/programs/financial/eqip/

Health department sets quarterly meetings

The Henry County Health Department will hold the quarterly meeting of the Henry County Health Board at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2, at the Health Department office, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee.

The Stark County Health Department will hold the quarterly meeting of the Stark County Health Board at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1, at the Health Department office, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee.

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Wyoming passes ordinances for new TIF district

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council met Monday evening to pass 13 ordinances related to the establishment of a long-discussed second TIF District in the city.

Council members passed unanimously all 13 ordinances, with Ryan Breese abstaining because of properties he owns in the new TIF district.

One of the ordinances was to annex the Wyoming City sewer treatment plant into the new TIF district. Other ordinances approved various redevelopment project areas, while other were for redevelopment agreements with individuals or businesses, plus the Stark County School District.

Wyoming's original TIF was created

in November of 2005 and was related mainly to parcels in the downtown area.

TIF districts can dedicate sales tax revenues and property tax revenues generated within the TIF for improvements within the district to encourage economic development.

– John A. Ballentine

GALVA: 5-ton limit for Front, Market streets

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tion. The high bid of \$888 from Jerry Tzeng of Peoria was accepted. The other bid was from Fredrick Teerlink of Galva for \$600.

The council gave final approval for 5-ton limits on Front and Market Street in the downtown area. Mayor Volkert thanked River Valley for not using these two streets after it was brought to their attention that blacktop had been damaged on Front Street from large trucks.

Residents may still put yard waste in paper bags with stickers on them and place them in front of their house. There are no more scheduled pick-ups, though, so to get bags picked up you must call City Hall at (309) 932-2555.



Prairie News photo/Carol Townsend
Pictured is Josh Larabee, who worked in Galva's Veterans Park to earn his Eagle Scout award.

The police and street department will get together to see how to handle cars left along the streets when it is snowing.

Finally, the council went into closed session to discuss real estate at the end

of the remote meeting.

• **Eagle Scout** – Volkert thanked Josh Larabee at Monday's meeting and said he was pleased Larabee chose Galva's Veterans Park for his Eagle Scout project. Larabee is in Scouts

of America Troop 4106 in Kewanee. He and 13 friends and family members, all masked and social distanced worked worked 90 man hours to plant 500 bulbs in Galva's Veterans Park. His scoutmaster is Steve Herrick of Kewanee.

Galva Ready to Grow committee donated money for the bulbs and Shane Kaiser donated the mulch.

• **Tour of lights**– The Galva Arts Council is currently looking for decorated homes to be on the 2020 Tour of Lights in Galva. This is a drive by tour of homes on Dec. 12.

If you would like your home listed on the tour, please call (563) 293-6986, email galvaarts@gmail.com or use Facebook messenger.

Back in Time – November

By John A. Ballentine
10 years ago this month

- Memorial benches are removed from the Stark County Courthouse property because advertising on the benches violates county policy of no advertising on county property.
- Volunteers fix and level numerous headstones in the Toulon Cemetery. Some headstones restored that were discovered covered in dirt and grass.
- Local Toulon veteran Donald T. Fifer dies at the age of 70. He helped refurbish the Civil War ordnance rifle located on the Stark County Courthouse lawn.

25 years ago in 1995

- Groundbreaking ceremonies held for the 1st Wyoming Bank.
- State Bank of Speer

expands by building an addition onto the existing bank.

- LaFayette Fire Department responds to a grain bin fire owned by Ronald Rumbold.
- Wyoming Lions dedicate the shelter located at Duryea Park, in Wyoming.
- The E911 proposal is rejected by voters in Stark County.

40 years ago in 1980

- Robert Rennick, Sr. is re-elected as Stark County State's Attorney in a close race with Robert Cashen.
- Wyoming High School offers girls' softball and track as the Spring sports.
- The Toulon-LaFayette Trojans won the Lincoln Trail Conference girls' volleyball championship with a 7-0 conference record.

50 years ago in 1970

- Toulon-LaFayette High School Seniors prepare the play "Up The Down Staircase" for a Nov. 20 presentation.
- The power station in Toulon is upgraded to provide more electrical power and voltage.
- An advertisement in the paper states that the Stark County Ambulance Service will continue in operation.

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Supreme Court strikes down Sparta's citation policy

By Sarah Mansur
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The state's highest court has struck down a southern Illinois city's policy that partly evaluates police officers on the number of citations officers issue, finding it violates an Illinois law prohibiting ticket quotas.

On Thursday, the Illinois Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of the labor union that represents police officers in the Randolph County city of Sparta.

The union, known as the Police-men's Benevolent Labor Committee, sued Sparta over the city's activity-points policy used for evaluating the performance of its police officers. The policy required all full-time officers to meet a monthly point minimum, based on actions that include issuing citations, making traffic stop warnings and taking on extra duty assignments.

In September 2018, the police union filed a lawsuit against the city that claimed the activity-points policy violates the section of the Illinois Municipal Code that prohibits cities and towns from implementing ticket quotas. The Illinois General Assembly amended the state municipal code in 2014.

The city of Sparta argued that the activity-points policy did not violate

the law because it does not mandate officers to write a specific number of citations during a certain period of time, and that officers could meet the monthly minimum without writing any citations.

In December 2018, a Randolph County judge found the city's policy did not violate the state municipal code, and the union appealed its case to the 5th District Appellate Court, which is one level below the Illinois Supreme Court.

Last October, the 5th District Appellate Court reversed the Randolph County judge's ruling, and it found the city's activity-points policy violates the state law.

Following the decision from the 5th District Appellate Court, the city of Sparta asked the Illinois Supreme Court to hear the case and rule in their favor. The city was joined by the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, which submitted a legal brief in support of the city's position to the Illinois Supreme Court.

In a nine-page decision, the Illinois Supreme Court agreed with the appellate court's ruling.

The high court's opinion, authored by outgoing Justice Thomas Kilbride, found the primary issue facing the court in the case "is whether (Sparta) may include the issuance of citations, along with

other activities, as a point of contact in its activity-points policy used to evaluate the job performance of police officers."

In the opinion, the justices recognized the argument by the city and the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police "that a fair points policy must account for the full range of officer activity and that the failure to include issuance of citations as part of duty performance undercuts important traffic safety enforcement programs."

But, Kilbride wrote, including citations in the points of contact systems is a matter "more properly addressed to the legislature."

"The (Illinois Municipal Code), as it is currently written, expressly prohibits that practice, and the (code) must be enforced as written," the opinion states.

Ed Wojcicki, executive director of the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, said the group is pleased that the Illinois Supreme Court at least acknowledged that they raised some valid issues.

"We're disappointed with the decision itself because the act of issuing citations is an important part of helping to keep our community safe. The fear of getting a citation is preventive medicine," Wojcicki said in a phone interview.

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William D. Arnold
KEWANEE – William D. Arnold, 93, of Kewanee, passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020, at 7:24 p.m. at OSF St. Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.
William was born in Memphis, Miss., on March 12, 1927, to parents Emmett and Mary (Estill) Arnold. He was raised by his step-mother, Goldie. He married Dorothy Pearl (Martin) Arnold on May 29, 1948, in Memphis, Miss. She preceded him in death Aug. 2, 2015.



Arnold

Surviving are four children, Robert Arnold of Kewanee, Garry (Lisa) Arnold of Loxahatchee, Fla., Brenda (Mike) Galli of Kewanee, and David Arnold of Kewanee; 11 grandchildren, Amber, Melissa and Kaitlin Arnold, Brandi Sturm, Jason, Jarrod (Lexi), Kyle, and Brendan Galli, Tyler (Carmen) and Tim Arnold, and Amanda (Bruce) O'Rear; 18 great-grandchildren, Colin, Ryan, Payton, Piper, Makenna, Trip, Avery, Yasmine, Tyler Jr., Jeremiah, Christopher, Riley, Ava, Izzabelle, Bruce III, Brandon, Jonathan, and Zach; one great-great-grandson, Braxton; and life-long friend and business partner, Harold Chamberlin.
He is also preceded in death by two sons, Glen Dale Arnold and John William Arnold; one grandson, Shannon Michael Galli; one great-grandson, William John Arnold; one daughter-in-law, Leah Arnold; three brothers, Estill, Richard and Harold Arnold; and one sister, Margie Westgate.

William was a World War II Veteran, serving in the United States Army. He was hard-working, starting tree work at age 15 and continuing into his late 80s. He also worked at a stone quarry and was later employed by the City of Wyoming in their Public Works Department until his retirement. He was a member of the Wyoming American Legion Post #91, never knew a stranger, was well known in Stark County, loved to visit with family and friends, and always had a joke to tell. William was an avid reader of the Bible, reading every night.
A private family funeral took place at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. It was viewed live on the Facebook group William Arnold Funeral Service on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020, at 2 p.m. CST. His burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery at a later date.
Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming American Legion Post #91. Online condolences may be left for William's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Donna M. Murphy
BRADFORD – Donna Marie (Ward) Murphy, 69, of Kewanee, Ill. and formerly of Bradford, Ill., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2020, at her home.
She was born on June 1, 1951, in Canton, Ill., the daughter of Dale and Lucy (Lafary) Ward.
She married Duane Loudenburg Dec. 27, 1985, and he preceded her in death in 2008. Donna married Terry Murphy on Jan. 1, 2018, in Kewanee, Ill. He survives in Kewanee.



Murphy

Donna is also survived by five siblings: Ronald (Linda) Ward of Cuba, Ill.; Larry (Deb) Ward of Lewiston, Ill.; Gary Ward of Bushnell, Ill.; Fran Weaver of Donna, Texas, and Sharon (Wally) Hammond of Canton, Ill.; 20 nieces and nephews; 37 great-nieces and nephews; and 43 great-great nieces and nephews.
She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister, Karen (Ward) Smith, one brother, Dennis Ward, and a great-nephew, Tim Davidson.
Donna loved her furbabies, Walker, Comet, Zoey, and Makea. She also enjoyed camping, fishing, spending time with family and friends, working jigsaw puzzles, and most of all spending time with her husband, Terry.
She was a dialysis patient at Fresnius Kidney Clinic in Kewanee for the last three years and the family would like to thank them for their care.
Cremation rites will be accorded and burial will take place in Osceola Grove Cemetery, rural Bradford at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family in her memory. There is also a Go Fund Me page in her memory.
Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Alice M. Steidinger
BLOOMINGTON – Alice Marie Menold Steidinger, 81, went to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020. She had been hospitalized briefly at OSF in Bloomington, Ill. Her granddaughter Shanna was by her side, enabling her extended family to share their love and memories virtually with her at her time of passing.
A private funeral was held online at Bloomington Apostolic Christian Church on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The funeral service was watched live at bnacchurch.org. Burial will be at the Apostolic Christian Cemetery at Mercy Creek, near Towanda, Ill.
Alice was born on Dec. 29, 1938, in Sabetha, Kan., to parents John and Dorothy Kaeb Menold. She married Donald E. Steidinger on Feb. 26, 1961, in Sabetha. He died on Feb. 17, 2011. They had nine children: John (Pam Kafer) of Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Luann (Larry) Hartzler of Creston, Ohio; Ted (Sara Bahler) of Cropsey, Ill.; Amy Bahler (Joe Richmond) of Towanda, Ill.; Mary Lynn (Steve) Stoller of Rittman, Ohio; Jay (Amy Kinzer) of Forrest, Ill.; Darwin of Goodfield, Ill.; Ryan (Lori Fehr) of Florissant, Colo.; and Chris (Carol Streitmatter) of Princeville, Ill.
She is survived by five sisters: Miriam, Marjorie, Helen, JoAnn, and Wilma and one brother, Donnie. She has 29 grandchildren and 37 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by two brothers: Leroy and James, and a sister, Judy.
Alice was a loving and hard-working mother who dedicated herself to her family. She was a wonderful cook, who loved catering for family and friends and worked in the deli at Dave's Supermarket for a time. She was also a brilliant seamstress, working for many years doing alterations for Von Maur and Jos. A. Bank.
She loved gardening, tending to her home, and reading her Bible. She loved to travel – visiting her kids and grandchildren as often as she could, and going to Haiti on mission



Steidinger

trips. She was an active member of the Bloomington Apostolic Christian Church. She will be greatly missed by all who loved her.
Memorials will be given in Alice's name to the Moriah Foundation and Haiti Missions.
Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home is in charge of arrangements.
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Larry L. Drawyer
BRADFORD – Larry Lee Drawyer, 80, of Galesburg, formally of Kewanee and a native of Bradford, died Nov. 22, 2020, at OSF St. Mary's Medical Center, Galesburg.
Larry was born in rural Bradford on Dec. 29, 1939, to Julia Ferris Drawyer Loper. Larry graduated from Wyoming High School with the class of 1958. He served four years in the United States Air Force.
Larry married his high school sweetheart, Maureen McMullen on Oct. 15, 1961, at the Methodist Church in Wyoming. They lived in Kewanee before moving to Galesburg. They were the proud parents of two daughters, Teresa (Jeff) Hulick, Abingdon, Ill., Kimberly (Damon) Carr, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
Larry is survived by his wife of 59 years, his daughters, and his grandchildren, Nathan and Cody Johnson, Caleb and Hannah Carr. He is also survived by his sisters, Agnes (Greg) Hatcher, Kingdom City, Mo., Lottie (Jerry) Robinson, Quincy. He was preceded in death by his parents, his step father, Marshall Loper; son-in-law, Mark Johnson, and brother Gary in infancy.
Larry retired from the office of Kewanee Boiler in 2000 after 37 years of employment.
Private graveside services will be on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2020, at the Wethersfield Cemetery. Carol Carpenter will officiate. Military Rites will be accorded by the Kewanee Veterans Council. Memorial can be made to the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, or the donor's choice.
Please share a memory or an online condolence for Larry's family at www.schuenemantumblesonfuneralhome.com.

Timothy F. Cannell
GALVA – Timothy F. Cannell, 62, a resident of Marigold Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Galesburg, formerly of Galva and Kewanee, died Nov. 4, 2020, at the center.
Cremation will be accorded and no services will be held. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.
Marla J. Woertz
ELMIRA – Marla J. Woertz, 78, of Altona, who attended Stark County schools, died Nov. 15, 2020, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.
She was born on Sept. 29, 1942, in Peoria, the daughter of Everett H. and Hazle E. (King) Rosenow. She attended and graduated from Elmira Grade School and High School in Toulon. She married Larry R. Woertz on Jan. 12, 1961, in Eureka; they were married 48 years before he preceded her in death on May 29, 2009.
She was a devoted housewife and mother of six children: Debbie (Wayne) Dowell of Abingdon, Daryl Woertz of Kewanee, Darla (Dennis) Miller of Tennessee, David Woertz of Altona, Dawn Olson of Kewanee and Daniel Woertz of Galva; 15 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; a half-sister, Pat; and one brother, Arco.
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Birth Announcement

Auburn Gayle Steffen

Auburn Gayle Steffen arrived November 8, 2020 at 10:15 a.m. and was joyfully welcomed home by her parents, Quinn and Sandi Steffen and big brother Colt. She weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces and was 20.5" long.
Grandparents of Auburn are Ralph and Jenny Joos of Wyoming and Matthew and Deanna Steffen of Sparland. Great grandparents are Hilda Rouse of Henry, Lorence Joos of Peoria, Howard and Mary Ann Herrmann of Princeville and Aaron and Loretta Steffen of Alto, Michigan.



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DEER: First buck is ‘wonderful’

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and not carrying a gun. We were to be about 50 yards in the timber. Before stepping in, I whispered to Owen, “If we see a deer do you want to shoot it?”

His answer was obviously a “Yes.”

“Now these are the rules,” I said. “If I give you the gun, the safety will already be off. Just aim and fire. But I only want you to shoot once. If a big buck comes I’ll keep the gun.”

Fifteen minutes into the drive, a nice doe trotted across the cornfield to our west. She was in the open, but there was 50 yards of timber between us. She was not a deer I was interested in and I decided that it was too hard of a shot for a 10-year-old.

As the doe ran out of sight, I’m sure my grandson was thinking “grandpa is a lying son-of-a-gun.” About five minutes later, we spotted a yearling buck working through brush towards us. At 50 yards, he went down a little dip, meaning that when we saw him again, he would be pretty close. I handed Owen the gun and everything was in his ballpark. He had never fired a 12-gauge automatic shotgun and was only a few seconds away from the experience of a lifetime.

The deer came out of the dip and stopped at 25 yards. Owen, who was shoot-

ing slightly uphill, squeezed the trigger. I saw two different things at the same time. My left eye saw a hole in the heart area of the deer, which quickly filled with gushing blood.

My right eye saw Owen flying backwards, one step, two steps, and then sliding on his back and butt. He was still holding the gun and I was between him and the deer ... which is why I am glad he remembered the rule about only shooting once.

“Nice shot,” I said while hastily retrieving my gun.

We tagged the deer, as it did not go far. Then we went back to the drive and I told Owen to “be cool” when we met back with his father and not tell him right away.

We had heard shots and when we met up with Ribeye, he had shot two big does (141 and 144 pounds).

“What did you shoot?” he asked.

“Your son shot a yearling,” I calmly replied.

“How did he like you using his permit?” Ribeye asked.

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TWO BEDROOM at 102 East Elm, living/kitchen downstairs, bedrooms and bath upstairs. \$450/month includes heat and water. No smoking, no pets. Landlord and employer references required. Call (612) 940-5208.

WYOMING

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WANTED

JUNK CARS

HIGHEST PRICE paid for junk cars. Call (309) 932-8220. Will pick up.

NOTICE

FIRST Baptist Church of Wyoming Food Distribution Center is open Sundays only 2:30 -4:30 p.m. at WyHi Community Center, 401 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming. Elderly and disabled persons call (309) 695-5116 for delivery. Bring own boxes.

The following change has been made to the Redevelopment Project Area:

Ordinance No. 20/21-14 was adopted by the Mayor and City Council of Aldermen on November 23, 2020, providing for and approving the First Amendment to the Wyoming TIF District No. 1 Redevelopment Project Area, Plan & Projects, in particular the removal of twenty-nine (29) parcels of land, as listed in Exhibit A of the First Amendment.

If you have questions regarding the First Amendment to Wyoming TIF District No. 1, please contact Mr. Pat Maher, Mayor, at (309) 695-4831.

Diane Baker
City Clerk
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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- FOOD & DRINK: What is another name for the vegetable known in some parts of the world as a courgette?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase “Ars longa, vita brevis” mean?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, “When he was nearly thirteen, my brother Jem got his arm badly broken at the elbow”?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a pudu?
- MOVIES: Which 1983 movie featured the character of Tony Montana?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the vacuum cleaner on the children’s series “Teletubbies”?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What color is carmine?
- SCIENCE: What was the first mammal to be cloned successfully from an adult cell?
- FIRSTS: Who was the first African American man elected to the U.S. Senate?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: What was the name of President Bill Clinton’s family cat?

- Answers**
- Zucchini
 - Art is long, life is short
 - “To Kill a Mockingbird”
 - Small South American deer
 - “Scarface,” Al Pacino
 - The Noo-noo
 - Dark red
 - Dolly the sheep
 - Hiram Rhodes Revels, 1870
 - Socks
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VIDEOS ON DEMAND

1. Hocus Pocus (PG)

2. Spell (R)

3. After We Collided (R)

4. An Imperfect Murder (R)

5. The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)

6. Ava (R)

7. Fatima (PG-13)

8. Wolf of Snow Hollow (R)

9. Happy Halloween, Scooby-Doo (NR)

10. Friendship (R)

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LEGAL ADS

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PUBLIC NOTICE
RESCHEDULED
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Valley in the County of Stark and State of Illinois, that the Rescheduled (due to state restrictions) Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday December 1, 2020, at the Valley Township Town Hall, Wyoming, Illinois at the hour of 7:00 o’clock P.M. for the transaction of miscellaneous business of Valley Township; and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, come before the meeting. December regular monthly township meeting will immediately follow.
CDC guidelines will be followed and facemasks are required.

Dated November 22, 2020
Randy Kieser
Valley Township Clerk
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ANNUAL REPORT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
Wyoming Public Library District
Annual Report of Receipts and Disbursements
Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30,2020
Receipts: July 1,2019 through June 30,2020
Real Estate Taxes: \$106,850
Disbursements:
Salaries under \$25,000:
Meaker, Mary Best, Christine Conover, Carolyn Jaggard, Jane McGinnis, Vicki Scholl, Jane Nicole Musselman
Expenses:
Building Mtn: \$20,320.52

Computer Communlcations & Maintenance: \$2,018.00
Contingencies: \$626.21
Miscellaneous: 605.24
Gifts: \$410.00
Legal Fees: \$1,170.00
Library Materials: \$1,5240.79
Library Supplies: \$ 1,233.97
Memberships: \$25.00
Postage: \$147.80
Programs: \$1,817.38
Public Relations: \$870.31
Telephone: \$1,230.18
Travel: \$465.25
Utilities: \$3,161.18
Disbursement to Vendors:
State Farm: \$2,433.45
RSA: \$3,329.50
Twig’s Computer: \$2,018.00
Amazon: \$13,602.37
Prepared by: /S/ Jane Scholl,
Librarian/Bookkeeper
Certified by: /S/Suz Howard,
Treasurer
Wyoming Public Library District

Notary: /S/ S. Lynne Knobloch
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PUBLIC NOTICE
TREE TRIMMING ACTIVITIES IN Unincorporated Stark County AND NEARBY AREAS
TO THE PATRONS OF AMEREN ILLINOIS:
Please be advised that Ameren Illinois will trim trees and other vegetation in and around the town(s) of Unincorporated Stark County Illinois. Our qualified utility arborists will trim trees and vegetation that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole and elsewhere. This work is necessary in order to minimize the likelihood of outages and safety hazards. There is no charge to you for this service.
If you have any questions about this work, please call 1-800-755-5000 or visit our website at MySafeTrees.com. You may address your concerns in the manner

specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795. Maps have been provided to the mayors and the county board chairpersons of the affected areas.
Sincerely,
Ameren Illinois Forestry Department
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WYOMING
FIRST AMENDMENT TO WYOMING TIF DISTRICT NO. 1
Pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code [65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-5(c)], the City of Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois, hereby gives notice of an Amendment to the City of Wyoming Tax Increment Financing District No. 1 Redevelopment Project Area, Plan and Projects by reducing the size of the Redevelopment Project Area.



Harrison Barnewolt of Brimfield shot this Peoria County buck with a crossbow that was his grandfather's.



Nicole Welty shot her first buck while bowhunting in Knox County in early November. She also bagged a doe.



Maya Sarver of Chillicothe shot this 10-point Peoria County buck during opening morning of shotgun season.

IHSA, IESA pause sports indefinitely

By Jeff Lampe

School sports are on hold indefinitely across Illinois as part of the latest round of COVID-19 mitigations.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors met Nov. 19 and issued guidance to pause all IHSA winter sports. The Board will revisit the status of winter sports on Dec. 2, and again on Dec. 14, if necessary.

"Taking into account the current state mitigations, the Board believes that early to mid-December will be the most reasonable target to review the status of winter IHSA sports and activities," said Craig Anderson, IHSA Executive Director. "The Board is sensitive to the scheduling difficulties these delays create for athletic directors and coaches. However, our experiences this summer and fall lead us to believe that setting arbitrary start dates hinders the process even more. We realize it may seem redundant, but we have to preach patience as we await more data and direction from the state."

The sports pause includes open gyms, conditioning and weight training and practices – except for outdoor practices in groups of 10 or fewer while wearing masks and social distancing. Practices can also be done online.

IESA boys basketball and girls volleyball were not scheduled to start their seasons until January, but the sports pause does put an end to practices. Coaches can conduct one-on-one workouts while wearing masks and avoiding physical contact.

A deer season to remember

Deer drive yields first buck for youngster, tears for grandfather

By Terry 'T-Bone' Farquer

This story happened a few years ago and this is how I recall it.

They were born premature, my grandchildren Mackenzie and Owen. They weighed around three pounds. After a few days, Mackenzie began to get better, but Owen's system didn't have the correct amount of white blood cells to fight off infection. He remained in critical condition for about six weeks.

Fast forward to noon on a beautiful sunshiny November day – the last of the first three days of shotgun deer season. We were hunting land belonging to my friend, Pearhead, and had split into two groups for a deer drive. My son, "Ribeye," my nephew, "Cool Hand Luke" and my grandson, Owen, were with me on the south tract. Another group was to the north.

Deer details

Shotgun deer hunting season continues Dec. 3-6 and the muzzel loader season is Dec. 11-13.

Archery deer season continues through Jan. 17, 2021.

Our tract was a deep, straight, wooded gully that ran west to east. It was surrounded on three sides by a picked cornfield and eventually ran into a large tract of timber at the east end. Ribeye would be a sitter at the east end and Luke would begin the drive at the west end, which was narrower and only needed one driver.

A couple hundred yards from the start was a finger of land that jutted south, and Owen and I waited there for Luke. Upon

his arrival we would become drivers also. We would do the south side and Luke would do the north. We would usually be able to see each other.

Both our part of the drive and the drive that was going on north of us were to start at the same time thanks to texts from the electrical geniuses (definitely not me). While starting times were similar, arrival times would vary, depending on who screwed up.

Most boys were allowed to have a gun in a stand when they were 10, but if we were driving the age was 11. Mark, Pearhead's son, was penalized one year for shooting out the window of my Oldsmobile with a BB gun.

At that time, Owen was small in stature, weighing just over 80 pounds. He was 10

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To all the emergency volunteers at the **Toulon Fire Station** and those of the **Stark County Ambulance Service** and **Stark County Police Department**, I, Gary Forlines, wish to express my sincere appreciation for the response to the farm tractor and car accident I was involved in on Route 78 on June 18, 2020. If it wasn't for your quick response and very professional training to handle serious injury, I would not be able to send this letter of thanks. It was a moment in my life that you as a team of volunteers handled my injuries and gave life-saving care. Your training and preparation served me well in that time of need.

I recognize each one of you took time to stop your lives to help me. And I realize how many other times you have done the same for others in our community. I have taken you for granted and others have also. So, to you guys and gals, I want you to know that your service is really functioning as the literal heartbeat of our communities. I applaud you for choosing to step into peoples lives at very difficult times helping them in their trials.

Thank you for being who you are,
Hometown Heroes!



Gary Forlines, Toulon



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