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# Farmington OK'd for \$100,000 IDCEO reimbursement

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

FARMINGTON – A few days before Christmas, Farmington received a gift of sorts: Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity awarded the City \$100,987 as part of the federally funded Local CURE Program.

“We applied a while back and got word on Dec. 21 that we’d been approved,” said City Administrator Rollen Wright after the Council’s meeting that night.

“The grant is set up to help local government with expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic. In our case, it’s based on all our personnel costs for public safety.”

In other action, the Council unanimously approved a tax-levy ordinance for the fiscal year from May 1, 2020 through April 30, 2021, providing for \$333,550 levied for budgeted appropriations of \$3,163,944.

“There’s no change in the levy from the previous year,” Wright

said.

The two biggest budgeted expenses are personnel and insurance. The City plans to pay \$628,000 to all salaried and hourly workers, not including overtime, and \$218,900 for all insurance costs (health, unemployment, workers compensation, property/casualty and life).

Aldermen also unanimously OK’d an ordinance amending the city code restricting police personnel from employment with

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## Other area governments to get cash

The Villages of Brimfield and Yates City are among dozens of municipalities statewide that have completed the process to be considered for federal money available through the Illinois Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity (DCEO), the agency reported.

Brimfield’s allotment amount is \$35,808, but DCEO says the village still needs to register in the agency’s portal.

Yates City’s allotment if \$28,588, but DCEO says it still needs to submit certifications.

In The Weekly Post areas, Elmwood may be eligible for \$86,508, Princeville for

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## GETTING A BUZZ FROM NATURE

# Busy with bees

## Princeville man aiding insects

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

PRINCEVILLE – Michael Smice isn’t sure when he got buzzed about bees, but he and fiancé Kristin Snyder remember their first hive.

“We found a swarm in the yard here when we were mowing,” she says. “It was in the grass by some milkweed.”

Smice agrees, adding, “It was about six years ago, and I corralled them and went to Farm King and got boxes. Then somebody on Facebook needed help with a swarm on an apple tree, and we helped with that.”

Smice, a 43-year-old contractor who grew up in Monmouth and now raises German shepherds at his rural home north of Princeville, had thought about bees for a while before the opportunity literally showed up outside his door.

“We’d talked about it for some time, and

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Michael Smice of Princeville collects bees from a rotten tree to move to one of his hives.

# New laws for 2021

## Minimum wage up to \$11 per hour

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
*Weekly Post Staff Writer*

Despite COVID-19 restrictions that limited the Illinois General Assembly to four days of meetings last spring, there are new laws of note that take effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

- The minimum wage in Illinois increases from \$10 to \$11 per hour, the third increase in a plan that will boost the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2025.
- Thanks to House Bills 246/2265, public school students will learn about the roles and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community while middle schoolers will receive a semester of civics education.
- HB 2386 stipulates that drivers involved in an accident that causes injury to someone will face a minimum fine of \$1,000 and could have their license re-

voked.

- Another bill impacting drivers is SB 1786, which stipulates that failure to pay a fine for a non-moving violation will no longer result in loss of a driver’s license. The idea is you can’t pay a parking ticket or toll if you can’t drive to work.
- With the passage of SB 667, Illinois is now the second state to control payments for prescription insulin, capping out-of-pocket costs for patients at \$100 for a 30-day supply.
- Under HB 2818, survivors of sexual assault or stalking can apply to keep their addresses confidential.
- HB 2708 sets up a process under which law enforcement officers can use DNA to try to locate and identify missing persons.

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# Brimfield school board seats new member

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE**  
*For The Weekly Post*

BRIMFIELD – The Brimfield school board appointed Mark Bell as its newest member during a Dec. 16 meeting. Bell resides in Brimfield and he and his wife Annie have three children. He replaces Monte Kenney, who resigned as a member.

Board member Steve Updyke was elected as vice president of the board, replacing Kenney.

A bid of \$78,038 from Irwin Seating Company was accepted and approved for the Brimfield Grade School bleacher replacement project. Irwin is from Altamont and is tentatively scheduled to start work on June 1. Work should be done by Aug. 6.

The board approved a \$4,857,984



Bell

tax levy for fiscal year 2021.

“Because of the hard work this board did last year when we refinanced bonds, we actually drove the tax rate down from 4.9 to 4.2 percent,” Superintendent Tony Shinall said.

The board waived approval of first reading for an update to a policy concerning non-public school students (including parochial and home-schooled students). The policy will be revisited and would allow for the above students to attend Brimfield educational programs and participate in sports and extracurricular activities.

In his report, Shinall said Brimfield schools will return to session Jan. 4. The administration will track COVID-19 during the break and monitor its status.

Student fees will be reviewed, in particular those for technology. Shinall said Brimfield is not charging as much as other districts, many of which charge \$100 for technology.

High School Principal Billy Robison said SAT/PSAT test scores averaged 1,014 for seniors compared to the 1,006 average score for all Illinois students. Juniors averaged 1,073 vs. 1,054 for the state and 1,041 nationally. Sophomores scored 1,052 vs. the state’s 982 average and 956 nationwide. Finally, Robison said 84 percent of Brimfield students met English and math benchmarks vs. 48 percent in the state.

Brimfield Grade School Principal Julie Albritton reported: the grade school exceeded a goal of 2,000 items during a Community Food Drive with 2,078 items; the school received 31 pairs of snow boots from Mrs. Kirkland and several pairs have been distributed; basketball and volleyball are on hold; speech is via Zoom or Google Meets; Scholastic Bowl is scheduled for late winter/early spring; and chess is currently ongoing.



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## CASH: Federal grants

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\$71,698 and Williamsfield \$23,844.

Also, Fulton County government may receive \$402,753, Knox County \$376,764 and Peoria County \$1,526,775, according to DCEO.

Jan. 31 is the final day for local governments to submit reimbursement requests for this round of allocations, which include costs incurred through Dec. 30, DCEO says.

The grants – for units of local government outside of Chicagoland – are underwritten by the original Coronavirus Relief Fund from the CARES Act, signed into law on March 27.

– Bill Knight



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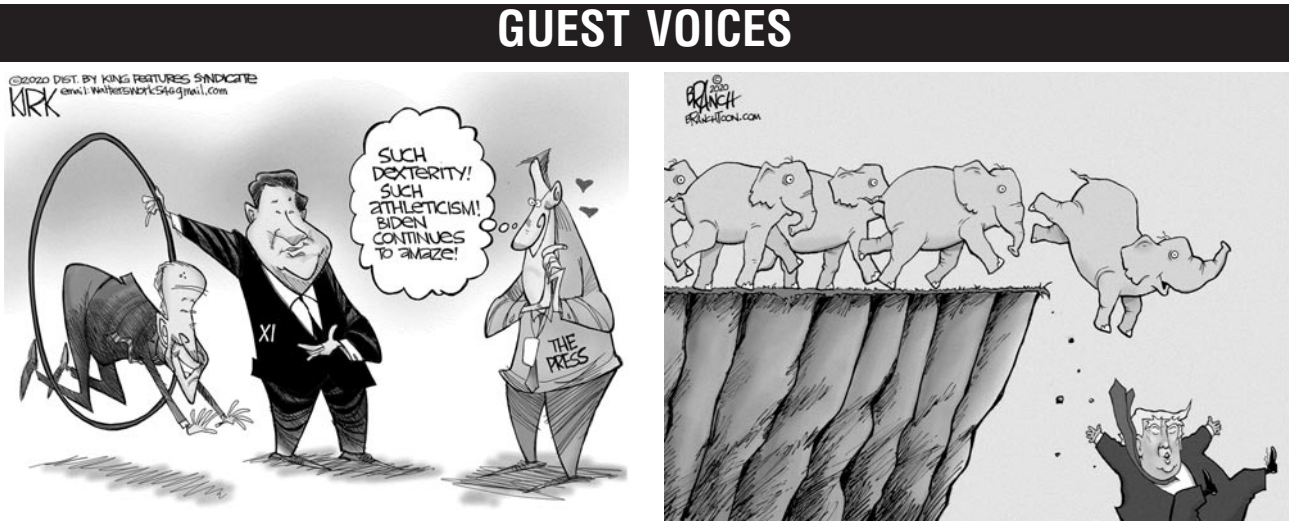
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— John Thornton, from “The Call of the Wild”

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## Of chainsaws, wet birds and salty nuts

Maybe the euphoria of a season sweep of the Patriots is clouding my mind, but suddenly I find plenty of blessings to count as we head into the New Year.

• **Chainsaws.** I might not have survived 2020 without Stihl chainsaws and a timber filled with trees that need tending. The most notable discovery this year came from a blown-down box elder that yielded a copious amount of candy cane logs – with bright red streaks running through the split wood. We may use some of the box elder logs for bowls or other decorative items.

• **Vaccines.** Residents of Farmington Country Manor were vaccinated for COVID-19 Monday. Keep the cure coming! We need to force Gov. Pritzker to let us get back to normal.

• **Birds.** Once upon a time, I thought only loony old people cared about watching birds from inside their homes. No longer. Now I realize that being able to appreciate something as trivial as a bird bath full of feathers is actually a blessing. Or, perhaps, I am just becoming a loony old person. Either way, one of the best gifts under the tree this year

was the bird bath heater my wife received. Now, on even the coldest mornings, our birds always have at least a small spot of open water.

• **The big red iron bar.** My greatest gift is still the 5-foot, solid iron bar I bought a few decades ago. That bad boy is always clutch for busting concrete, tearing up stumps or for any other job where brute force is required. But the bar may need a new blaze orange paint job because, as the original paint has worn way, old reliable red has developed a remarkable skill at going missing.

• **The NFL.** Even COVID-19 couldn’t derail the NFL, which is above the law in so many ways. Thank goodness. While it’s sad to see empty stadiums, televised NFL games have filled a huge entertainment void.

• **Nuts.** My favorite words of advice from a doctor are “eat more almonds.” Fortunately, my selective hearing does not pick up on secondary instructions about “unsalted almonds.” Smokehouse almonds are just so much better than their bland counterparts – much the same way that dry roasted peanuts are so much better than plain or even salted peanuts.

• **Trailers.** My philosophy used to be that towing anything behind a truck was a headache waiting to happen. But since convincing my sons they needed a trailer for their mow-

ing business (which they have not used, but did pay for), my life has been so much richer. I now find myself inventing reasons to haul things.

• **Catan.** Yes, I’ve written about this board game before, but any game that can generate this much joy deserves another mention. We have added several expansions to the original game (which I would be content to play for a few more years) and are currently enjoying “Legend of the Sea Robbers.” We have also enjoyed “Seafarers,” but I find “Cities and Knights” too complicated.

• **Puppies.** A hunting season without a dog is like almonds without salt, enjoyable, but slightly lacking. Thank goodness Russ and Janice Nash of Elmwood and Bill and Becky Hennenfent of rural Gilson matched up their dogs for a timely litter of pups. And thanks to all who helped convince my wife that we need another dog. Our pup arrives Jan. 9, after which joyful chaos will descend on our home. Family members are still discussing names, which is funny. They can call the pup whatever they want. His name, like all other male dogs I’ve named is **Buck**. “Call of the Wild” sealed that.

• **2021.** Despite all of these wonderful blessings, next year has to be better than 2020.

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# BEES: Smice ‘wrangles’ disrupted bee clusters

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then it just started,” he said, chuckling.

The area has other beekeepers, professional and hobbyists. The Heart of Illinois Beekeepers Association says it has about 70 members; Hart’s Honey in rural Kickapoo has been keeping bees and producing honey for years. So Smice is a relative novice, but the self-taught enthusiast is dedicated – though he’s had setbacks, he says.

“I learn as I go,” he says. “The first year, we lost all the hives. I learned how to winterize after that.”

Besides honey, bees are an invaluable pollinator. Bees – along with butterflies, birds, bats, bugs and other small animals – move from plant to plant carrying pollen on their bodies. It’s a vital interaction that transfers material key to the reproductive system of most flowering plants. Those plants range from fruits, vegetables and nuts to raw materials and fibers, and contribute to erosion prevention and other conservation positives.

Bee populations have been declining in recent years, but Smice is doing his part to protect what he can.

“I’ve planted thousands of dollars of wildflowers around here,” he says, smiling. “Bees have a range of about five miles. I’m down to three hives right now.”

On the west side of their property by a shallow creek are the hives, wrapped in tar paper until spring.

Besides his own bees, Smice occasionally becomes a bee “wrangler,” gathering up a cluster disrupted by the death of a queen or damage to a home. He appreciates differences in bees and between bees and other insects.

Not unlike some breeds of dogs who are unfairly labeled aggressive, handling bees is a matter of how they’re treated, he says.

“They don’t really sting unless they think they’re threatened,” he says. “They’re not aggressive like wasps: They sting just because.”

Most feral bees are easier to deal with, he says.

“I like the wild ‘mutts,’” he adds. “They’re pretty docile.”

Sometimes Smice wears a bee suit and veil; other times he doesn’t need them, he says.

“I like the Italian Saskatraz bee,” he says. “I got a queen from Iowa; that variety is pretty gentle.”

Smice said the Saskatraz is a good honey producer, fights off mites and other vermin and also resists viral and fungal problems.

But like other animals, even mild bees can sense fear.

“Bees do,” Smice says.

Snyder adds, “Yeah, I can’t do it. He goes in with no bee suit unless the swarm or whatever is upset; he got a lot smarter.”

Thanks to Smice’s efforts, some bees have a little less to fear.

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## PUBLIC RECORD

*NOTE: Charges are merely an accusation. All suspects are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*

### Police reports

- **PRINCEVILLE** – A bad electrical outlet was believed to be the cause of a house fire in the 16000 block of W. Illinois Route 90 in Princeville on Dec. 17, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report. The owners of the house had just returned home and noticed there was fire near the main entrance and the home was filled with smoke. Akron Princeville Fire Department put out the fire. No one was injured.
- **PRINCEVILLE** – A theft from a motor vehicle in the 13400 block of Princeville-Jubilee Road was reported on Dec. 27, according to a Peoria County Sheriff’s report. The suspect vehicle was a “sedan with a loud exhaust.”
- **YATES CITY** – A Farmington resident who owns a hay field in the Yates City area reported a damaged fence from an apparent hit and run during the night of Nov. 7, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s report. The driver apparently hit a deer and then drove through the fence before taking off. The deer was still in the roadway when police responded.
- **FARMINGTON** – No one was injured in a machine shed fire along Knox Highway 22 on Dec. 6, according to a Knox County Sheriff’s report. The owner stated he had a burn barrel going and thought a spark may have jumped from the barrel to the shed.
- **WILLIAMSFIELD** – When a Williamsfield woman went to retrieve her truck that had broken down on Highway 150E, she discovered her license plates had been stolen, according to a Dec. 6 Knox County Sheriff’s report. The woman named a suspect from Dahinda.
- **YATES CITY** – According to a Yates City Police Department report, Ken Vallas, 44, of Yates City was arrested on Nov. 27 for battery stemming from an incident on Nov. 25. He was released with a notice to appear.
- **GALESBURG** – Knox County Sheriff reports regarding unemployment scams have come out of Dahinda, Farmington, and Elmwood over the last three weeks.

## BRIEFS

### College graduates

Austin Brodine of Lebanon, Tenn., recently graduated from Methodist College, Summa Cum Laude with his Bachelor in Social Work. He is the son of Doug and Lisa Brodine of Laura.

### Dean’s List

These local college students made the Dean’s List for the fall semester:

- Jaynee Bowker of Dahinda, majoring in Secondary Education and English literature, had a gpa of 3.6 or better at Knox College.
- Eleanore Burwell of Elmwood made the Dean’s List in the College of Arts and Sciences at Maryville College.
- Emilia Crisco of Elmwood made the Dean’s List in the College of Arts and Sciences at Maryville College.
- John Ziemba of Brimfield, whose major is undecided, had a gpa of 3.6 or better at Knox College.

### COVID rate up to 7.4%

Illinois reported its third consecutive day with more than 100 COVID-19 deaths Tuesday. The Illinois Department of Public Health reported 5,644 new confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19, alongside 106 additional deaths.

Statewide, the rolling seven-day average case positivity rate from Dec. 23-29 was 7.4 percent. That is two-tenths of a percentage point higher than the seven-day average positivity rate reported Monday. The rolling seven-day case positivity rate has remained below 8 percent for 10 consecutive days.

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ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF  
vs.  
LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS  
NO. 19-CH-00477  
Judge Mark A. Brown  
Address: 1208 West Willow Lane Peoria, IL 61614  
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
COMMON ADDRESS: 1208 West Willow Lane, Peoria, IL 61614  
P.I.N.: 14-29-203-008  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
THE JUDGMENT AMOUNT WAS: \$97,577.05  
Sale terms: 25% down by certified funds; the balance, by certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "as is" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representations as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.  
Pursuant to 735 ILCS 5/15-1512, the amounts of any surplus bid will be held by the sheriff until a party obtains a Court Order for its distribution, or for 60 days following the date of the entry of the order confirming sale, at which time, in the absence of an order directing payment of the surplus, it may be automatically forfeited to the State without further notice.  
If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).  
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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Johnson, Blumberg & Associates, LLC, 230 W. Monroe St., Chicago, IL 60606, telephone 312-541-9710. Please refer to file number IL 19 7555.  
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## WARREN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

# LAND AUCTION

**Friday, January 8, 2021 –10 A.M.**  
**AUCTION VENUE:** Roseville Community Center Gymnasium, 265 West Penn Ave., Roseville, IL 61473  
**318 ACRES (M/L) - 3 TRACTS**  
**PRODUCTIVE CROPLAND – GRASSLAND**  
**STREAMS – ATTRACTIVE HOME SITES**  
**FARM LOCATION:** The farm is adjacent to the north side of the Village of Roseville, in Section 30, Roseville Township (T.9N.-R.2W.), Warren County, IL. Tracts 1, 2 and 3 have frontage on Business Route 67. Tracts 2 and 3 have frontage on 80<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
**DESCRIPTION:** The entire farm has been well maintained and includes 294.80 FSA cropland acres (93.3% tillable) with a PI rating of 123.2. Tract 1 is improved with 2 open front pole buildings, 2 airplane hangars and 4 grain bins. The property is exceptionally well located and offers great opportunities to a wide variety of buyers. We invite your inspection of these diverse tracts.  
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*Merry Christmas!*



# Local woman heads pheasant group

**By JEFF LAMPE**  
*Weekly Post Staff Writer*

Farmington native Katie Kauzlarich-Stockman has been named the Illinois State Coordinator for Pheasants Forever (PF) and Quail Forever (QF).

In her new role, Kauzlarich-Stockman is responsible for oversight of PF/QF programs and staff throughout the state.

A native of Farmington, Illinois, Kauzlarich-Stockman graduated from Augustana College with a

degree in biology and worked as a naturalist at Forest Park Nature Center in Peoria Heights in 2013 before joining PF in 2015 as outreach coordinator for Illinois. In that role, she helped grow youth/adult outdoor education and recruitment programs for Illinois' 41 PF chapters and 23 QF chapters representing nearly 9,000 members.

"I look forward to expanding Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever's mis-

sion in Illinois so current and future generations can enjoy the diverse habitat and hunting that our state has to offer," she said.

• **Deer hunts** – Knox and Fulton are among the 20 Illinois counties open for the late-winter, antlerless-only hunt, which runs today through Jan. 3 and Jan. 15-17. You can buy tags or use unused permits from the firearm, muzzle-loader and youth seasons, provided they are for the county you are hunting.

Muzzleloader hunters shot a preliminary total of 3,447 deer, compared to 3,076 in 2019. Harvest was 43 percent bucks.



**Kauzlarich-Stockman**

# Princeville board sets 2020 slate

**By BILL KNIGHT**  
*For The Weekly Post*

PRINCEVILLE – The Village Board on Dec. 22 did some tidying up in its last meeting of 2020, approving a change to the wording of its meeting schedule, voting in favor of a committee recommendation for employee Christmas bonuses, and discussing other committee deliberations.

The board in 2021 will meet on the first Monday and the third Tuesday, after the first Monday, of each month, with the only exception a July 6 session due to Independence Day being celebrated by Village staff on Monday, July 5, said Village President Jeff Troutman.

Meetings are 7 p.m. in the Village Hall Board Room.

An ordinance was required to update the Village Code, Troutman said.

In other news:  
• Trustees approved \$100 Christmas bonuses to full-time workers, and \$50 to part-timers, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

• The Pool Committee reported that the Princeville Aquatic Center will be seeking a new manager. Nate Rice, manager for more than 10 years, will remain to help in a transition, Troutman said.



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## OBITUARIES

### Raymond L. Benson

YATES CITY – Raymond LeRoy Benson, Sr., 78, of Yates City, passed away on Friday, Dec. 18, 2020. LeRoy was being visited and comforted by his loved ones at Graham Hospital in Canton.

He was born Feb. 6, 1942, in Canton, Ill., to Raymond and Marjorie (Gunther) Benson. LeRoy grew up on the family farm raising Chester White Duroc cross breed hogs and participating in 4-H and FFA. He graduated from Yates City High School in 1960. A year later he joined the U.S. Air Force, where he honorably served for 20 years.

LeRoy married Charlotte Conley on Jan. 11, 1969, in New York. After his retirement from the Air Force, they moved to Yates City where LeRoy worked for the U.S. Postal Service. They worshipped and served as members of Faith United Presbyterian Church and were active in several Masonic organizations. LeRoy was Past Master of Yates City Lodge #338 and a member of Royal Arch Masons. He and Charlotte enjoyed serving as members of the Yates City Order of the Eastern Star and were current members of the Galesburg Chapter. He was a Past Patron of the Yates City OES, and it was his great honor to serve as Worthy Grand Patron of the Order of Eastern Star of Illinois in 2011-2012. He was also a member of the Farmington American Legion.

As a husband and father, LeRoy was beloved by his wife and three children. He was a kind and loving man who gave his life in service to others.

He is survived by his wife, Charlotte and three children: Tammy (Terry) Bjerke of Manvel, N.D.; Raymond (Michelle) Benson, Jr. of Galesburg, and Margie (Derek) Hagerdorn of Yates City; one sister, Louise (Larry) Boyer; 10 grandchildren: Ian (Kathryn), Tanner (Carly), Dakota, Mercedys, Trevor, Connor, Braden, and Jacob; and 5 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents and one brother, George “Bill” (Carol) Benson.

A private funeral service will be held with immediate family only at Oaks-Hines Funeral Home in Elmwood.



*Benson*

### Ronald F. Dwyer

EDWARDS – Ronald Francis Dwyer, 77, of Edwards, died Thursday, Dec. 24, 2020, surrounded by his family at home after an eight-year battle with cancer.

Ron was a member of St. Mary’s Catholic Church, Kickapoo where he belonged to Bishop Rossati Council of the Knights of Columbus. As a result of his deep faith and dedication to Catholic Education, he received the PRO Ecclesia ET Pontific Medallion from the Diocese of Peoria in 2000, the Peoria Notre Dame Foundation award in 2004 and the Alumni of the Year Award in 2017.

Ron spent 21 years as a sports official in basketball, baseball and football. He is a member of the Peoria Sports Officials Hall of Fame. In his summers away from working in schools, he served the Peoria Park District as little league director at Keller, director of Proctor Center and Pool and director of softball leagues in Peoria at the Peoria Stadium. Ron was a member of the Old Timers Sports Club and the Independent Sports Club of Peoria.

He was a member of the Bradley “B” Lettermen’s Club in football and baseball, and inducted into the Greater Peoria Sports Hall of Fame for his accomplishments as a high school athlete at Spalding Institute, and College Athlete at Bradley, a coach (Spalding Football 1967), (Spalding Basketball 1969 and 1970) (East Peoria Baseball 1973 & 1974) and an administrator. Ron worked in education for 46 years as a teacher/counselor, coach and principal for: Spalding High School, Limestone High School, East Peoria High School, Notre Dame High School, Armstrong Oakview Grade School in East Peoria, Paul Bolin Grade School in East Peoria and Central Junior High School in East Peoria. His last job in education was principal of St. Mary’s Grade School in Kickapoo, Ill. After his retirement from (23 years in public schools and 23 years in private schools), he served for 3 years as a bailiff for the Peoria County Court House.

From three-sport athlete to Peoria Park District Official, teacher, coach, administrator and sports official, Ron did everything he could to serve others with honesty, faithfulness and passion always investing himself with 100 percent effort. But there was one thing he relished above all, and that was being known as a good and faithful husband, father and grandfather.

Ron married Margaret MacDonald on July 24, 1965, in Peoria. She survives along with three children: Ronald (Stefanie) Dwyer, Ginny L. (Doug) Hanley and Rick D. Dwyer; seven grandchildren: Daniel, Matthew, Cooper, Benjamin, Madalyn, Tucker and Jack; one brother: Bernie (Pat) Dwyer and three sisters: Patricia Dwyer, Linda (Roger) Kilpatrick and Mary Hermann. Ron was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Jack (Patricia) Dwyer.

A private Funeral Mass was held at St. Mary’s in Kickapoo on Dec. 29, 2020, with a public burial at St. Patrick Cemetery at noon. Father Joseph Dondanville officiated.

Memorials in Ronald’s memory may be made to St. Mary’s Church and School in Kickapoo or Peoria Notre Dame.

Friends and family may sign the online guestbook or send private condolences by logging onto [www.wrightandsalmon.com](http://www.wrightandsalmon.com).



*Dwyer*

### Thomas T. Malmberg

BRIMFIELD – Thomas (Tom) T. Malmberg, 82, of Brimfield passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, at OSF Hospital in Peoria.

Born Aug. 27, 1938, to Arnold T. and Emily (Moult) Malmberg in Kentucky, he grew up in New Jersey and Connecticut.

He is survived by his wife Sally, his daughter Lauren of Elmwood, son Scott (Janice) of Elmwood, grandson Dane (Kendall), and great granddaughter Karsyn of Mapleton. He is further survived by his sisters Elizabeth (John) Van



*Malmberg*

## PUZZLE ANSWERS

### Super Crossword

Answers

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### CryptoQuote

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Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist. — Michael Levine

### Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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OBITUARIES

Seters of Ontario and Eunice Murphy of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers David and John.

Tom attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Ill., where he studied botany and zoology, played football and met Sara (Sally) L. George. They married in 1958 in Hanna City.

The Peoria area became his adopted home town as he lived and worked here for 62 years. Tom worked as a head of the Traffic Division of Caterpillar Inc. for more than 35 years where he helped create innovative transportation systems. He retired in 2000.

He loved animals and nature; he used his property to preserve and conserve its natural environment and wildlife. He raised cattle and also produced and raised Appaloosas and Quarter Horses for 20 years. He thoroughly enjoyed sports – particularly football and basketball, and played in racquetball, handball, basketball and softball leagues for many years. He enjoyed his garden and classic cars. In his retirement, he was able to devote all his time to his family, hobbies and property.

Tom was known for his honesty, strength, forthrightness and generosity. He was protective of and devoted to his family, and that support extended to his extended “family” of friends. He touched many lives and quietly helped those in need. He dearly loved children. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, and his help, support and wise counsel will be missed.

Cremation will be accorded and services will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Heart of Illinois Down Syndrome Association hoidsa.org/. To leave online condolences please visit www.sedgwickfuneralhomes.com.

Bonnie A. McFall

ELMWOOD – Bonnie Anne McFall, 75, of Elmwood, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020, sur-

rounded by her family.

Bonnie was born to Anthony Joseph Ulrich and Margaret Emma Swanson, on July 26, 1945, in Cleveland, Ohio. She married Harry Glen McFall, III, on June 18, 1976. She often said, “It was a package agreement.” She was blessed with a loving husband and three children on the same day. Harry and Bonnie were also blessed to add their daughter, Beth Margaret, in 1979.

Bonnie is survived by her husband Harry; her children, Coleen McFall Elmwood, Ill., Harry McFall (Christen) Elmwood, Matthew McFall (Trisha), and Beth Morrell (Nathan) Pana, Ill.; 10 grandchildren, Kirsten, Hailey, Bridget, Regan, Riley, Braden, Kyran, Ada McFall and Paige and John Morrell; and 2 great-grandchildren, Gabriella Downing and Kaleb McFall. She is also survived by her brother, Joseph Ulrich (Lisa) Peoria, Ariz.. Her father, mother, and brother, Anthony Joseph Ulrich Jr., preceded Bonnie in death.

In May 1966, Bonnie received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of Saint Francis in Joliet, Ill. She went on to obtain her Masters of Arts in Speech and Language Pathology from the University of Iowa. Bonnie also earned a teaching certificate in special education. She started her teaching career for the Bridgeview-Justice School District. She was a teacher for the majority of her career for the Farmington School District. After retirement, she continued teaching and volunteering at Pleasant Hill School District. Bonnie spent over 40 years in education.

Bonnie was baptized into the Christian faith as an infant. She maintained that faith and rejoiced in the worship of God with all who believe that the Bible is the Holy



McFall

Word of God. She believed that Jesus is the only way to God. For the past five years, Bonnie has worshipped and studied with the Christian Church family at Crossroads Assembly of God Church in Elmwood. Bonnie was also an active member of Elmwood’s PEO Chapter.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Crossroads Assembly of God Food Bank.

A private service for the family and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences, please visit www.oakshinesfuneral-home.com.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Susan M. McKeever

FARMINGTON – Susan Marie McKeever, 60, of Farmington, passed away Friday, Dece. 18, 2020, at her home in Farmington.

She was born on Oct. 2, 1960, to Paul McKeever and Mary (Stobaugh). They both preceded her in death.

She is survived by two children, Jason (Cassie) Kling of Yates City, and Jeremy (Kim) Kling of Creve Coeur; three brothers, John McKeever, Mitch Stobaugh, and Jim McKeever; two sisters, Cathy Passmore, and Debbie VanHouten; seven grandchildren, Ricki, Avery, Jasmine, Lily, Christopher, Caleb and Emma; and one great grandchild on the way.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is assisting the family with arrangements.

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The family of Tom McCoy would like to express our deepest gratitude for the outpouring of love and support we’ve received from our friends, neighbors, extended family, and beyond following his passing. Your kindness and generosity has kept us well-fed and cared for during this difficult time. Tom was known for his kind and generous spirit and we’re so grateful to see his legacy live on in the community around us.

Bill & Jeanne McCoy  
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OBITUARIES

Mary Jo Montgomery

EAST PEORIA – Mary Jo Montgomery, 60, of East Peoria, Ill., died at 1:50 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, at her home.

She was born on Dec. 11, 1960, in Peoria, Ill., to Robert and Mary Emerick Short.

Surviving is her mother, Mary Short of Peoria, IL, two children, Penny (Brad) Womacks of Champaign, Ill., and Clayton Montgomery (Meghan Frost) of Pesotum, Ill.; one granddaughter, Elsa Jolee Womacks of Champaign; one brother, Steve (Bonnie) Short of Brimfield, Ill.; two sisters, Theresa (Dean) Anderson of Eureka, Ill., and Janet (George) Stenger of Brimfield.

She was preceded in death by her father and grandparents.

Jo obtained her bachelor’s degree and her master’s degree from Eastern Illinois University and was a great basketball player at Brimfield High School, #21. She enjoyed writing, gardening and doing pottery. She was also a self- taught piano player and enjoyed fishing and vacationing in Minnesota. She also was a Tennessee Squire.

She worked at Eastern Illinois University for over 25 years where she was an Administrative Aide with the School of Technology. She later worked at University of Illinois College of Medicine – Peoria, as a Business Administration Associate for the OB/GYN Department. She retired in 2019.

Cremation rites will be accorded. Deiters Funeral Home and Crematory in Washington is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Jo’s memorial website is available at [www.deitersfuneralhome.com](http://www.deitersfuneralhome.com) where condolences may also be sent to her family.

Amanda K. Sluga Shay

CHAMPAIGN – Amanda Kay Sluga Shay, 36, of Champaign, passed peacefully amongst family at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020, at 2:15 pm after a courageous 7-month battle with Leukemia.

Amanda was born May 14, 1984, in Peoria, Ill., the daughter of James and Melody (Spurlock) Sluga of Elmwood, Ill. They survive, along with her brother, Douglas Sluga of Elmwood.

Amanda married Bryan Shay of Delavan, Ill., on Oct. 1, 2005. Bryan and Amanda shared three beautiful daughters, Ella (13), Ava (11) and Sophia (8). They later divorced but remained a family.

Joel Schneider flew into Amanda’s life in 2016 with his two beautiful daughters, Tegan (10) and Rylee (8). Joel helped Amanda overcome her fear of flying and together they set out to see the world. Never a dull or quiet moment with him at her side to the very, very end.

Amanda was fierce. Her spirit and tenacity guided every part of her life: her girls, her work, her love of her



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family, her protection of them, her desires for them, her goals and dreams for them. Amanda loved and lived as passionately as her spirit allowed. There is a huge gap and empty space where Amanda’s laughter, comments, smile and spirit once danced.

Amanda is survived by her parents, her brother and her beautiful, blended family: Bryan and their three girls, Ella, Ava, and Sophia, Joel and his two girls, Tegan and Rylee, and all of the rest of us who love and will miss her dearly.

Our family wishes to thank all the untold heroes. Those who donated bone marrow, platelets, plasma and blood-the precious cells that gave Amanda the life necessary to carry on and fight this battle until the end, the entire medical team at Barnes Jewish Hospital who provided their expertise and compassion, and our extended families who gave us the strength and courage to endure.

Memorials for Amanda are encouraged by the way of becoming a donor. You may become a bone marrow donor with Be The Match organization. You may donate platelets, plasma and blood through your local American Red Cross. We encourage consideration of donating your newborn’s umbilical cord which can save the life of another. A GoFundMe has been set up for Bryan Shay and their girls.

Cremation has been accorded. A memorial service will be scheduled for a later date.

Robert E. Wolschlag

ELMWOOD – Robert (Bob) E. Wolschlag, 87 of Arizona, formerly of Elmwood, passed away at 2 a.m., Friday, Dec. 25, 2020, at The Palms in Sun City, Ariz.

He was born on March 30, 1933, in Peoria, Ill., to Chester and Mary (Parr) Wolschlag. Robert grew up in Knox County and graduated from Yates City High School. He married Charlene Atwater on June 22, 1957, at the Presbyterian Church in Yates City. They were married for 63 years and she survives him.

He is also survived by his children, Donald (Gayle) Wolschlag of Sun City West, Ariz., and Ronald (Jane) Wolschlag of Normal, Ill.; six grandchildren, Denise Wolschlag of Normal, Scott Wolschlag of Bloomington, Ill., Kimberly (Matt) Simonsen of Surprise, Ariz., Mark Wolschlag of Chandler, Ariz., Brett Wolschlag of Champaign, Ill., and Stephen Wolschlag (Yasari Molina) of Glendale, Ariz.; sister, Florence McAlister of Elmwood and sister-in-law, Betty (Burdess) Wolschlag of Bartonville along with several nephews and nieces. He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Howard and Earl Wolschlag, and two sisters, Shirley Reaktenwalt and Marilyn Bomhold.

Robert served in the Air Force and Korean War retiring as a Master Sergeant in 1963 and was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #638. He retired from Caterpillar after 32 years, had a self-employed trenching business until 1995 and was a member of the Illinois



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Land Improvement Contractors Associations (ILICA). Robert was also a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. As an avid traveler, Robert enjoyed taking pictures while traveling with his wife to many places. A few places they traveled to were China, Switzerland, Alaska, Scotland, Germany, Austria, Greece, Greenland, Thailand, Kenya, Morocco and Canada. He was also a member of camera clubs in both Peoria and Sun City, where he had a great number of special friends.

He was a fan of the St Louis Cardinals (as an avid Cub fan, his wife wanted to leave this out, but his sons wouldn’t allow it) and the Green Bay Packers. Bob was very proud of his children and grandchildren and enjoyed their activities.

A private service will be held with immediate family only. Burial will follow at Elmwood Township Cemetery. Due to COVID concerns, a celebration of life will be held on a later date at the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First Presbyterian Church in Elmwood or memorial of the donor’s choice. To leave online condolences or view Robert’s service, please visit [www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com](http://www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com)

Oaks-Hines Funeral Home and Crematory in Elmwood is in charge of arrangements.

Christopher M. Vicary

ELMWOOD – Christopher Maddox Vicary, 3, of Elmwood passed away at 6:28 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, in the loving arms of his mother at OSF HealthCare Saint Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Christopher was born April 25, 2017, in Peoria. He was the beloved son of Megan Marie Miller and Mark Wayne Vicary.

He is survived by his parents; four siblings, Chance Vicary, Michael Vicary, Mitchel Vicary and MacKenzie Vicary; his grandparents, Johnna Ingersoll of Peoria and Stuart Ingersoll of Elmwood; along with a great-grandfather, John Wilson of Elmwood. He also leaves many aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by grandparents, Frank and Sharon “Jean” Vicary and his great-grandmother, Mary Wilson.

Christopher will be remembered for his sweet spirit, amazing personality and his attention to detail. Christopher showed love to everyone and had an amazing drive and determination. His love for tractors, farming, cars, building blocks and his family was undeniable.

Funeral services were Dec. 23, 2020, at Preston-Hanley Funeral Homes & Crematory in Pekin. The Rev. Stephen W. Barch officiated. Burial followed in Elmwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions given to the family will be distributed to another family dealing with childhood cancer.

The family would like to extend their gratitude for the continuing love and support of friends and family, Preston-Hanley Funeral Home, and their friends and co-workers at UnityPoint Health-Methodist.

To express condolences online, visit [www.preston-hanley.com](http://www.preston-hanley.com).



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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of the Canadian province British Columbia?

2. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which university or college has sports teams with the nickname "Golden Gophers"?

3. MEASUREMENTS: How many cups equal 1 quart?

4. TELEVISION: What was the name of the mansion in the TV series "Dark Shadows"?

5. ANATOMY: What are the tissues that hold bones together?

6. SCIENCE: What is the study of plants called?

7. MOVIES: What are the main food groups, according to Buddy in the movie "Elf"?

8. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the scientific adjective used to describe fish?

9. CURRENCY: What is the basic currency of Haiti?

10. INVENTIONS: Who is credited with the invention of vaccines?

Answers

1. Victoria

2. University of Minnesota

3. Four

4. Collinwood

5. Ligaments

6. Botany

7. Candy, candy canes, candy corns and syrup

8. Piscine

9. Gourde

10. Edward Jenner

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ONEMAIN FINANCIAL GROUP, LLC, PLAINTIFF

VS.

LESLIE B. HARLAND; THE GREATER PEORIA SANITARY DISTRICT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

NO. 19-CH-00477

Judge Mark A. Brown

Address: 1208 West Willow Lane Peoria, IL 61614

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on October 26, 2020, I, Sheriff of Peoria County, Illinois, will on February 10, 2021 at the hour of 1:00 PM at the Peoria County Courthouse, 324 Main Street, Rm B-20, Peoria, IL 61602, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Peoria, State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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NOTICE OF CLAIM DATE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS, PEORIA COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of )

JOAN K. McNEELEY, Deceased ) No. 20 P 00423

Notice is given to creditors of the death of **JOAN K. McNEELEY** on December 21, 2020. Letters of Office were issued by the Court to **JACQUELINE L. GILLES, 18623 W. Troxell Road, Princeville, Illinois, and FREDERICK ELLIS McNEELEY, 620 E. Main Street, Princeville, Illinois, as Co-Executors**, whose attorney of record is **KERRY R. CORDIS, Attorney at Law, 129 N. Walnut Avenue, P. O. Box 445, Princeville, Illinois 61559.**

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Peoria County Courthouse, Peoria, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before the **1st day of July, 2021** or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 31, 2020.

JACQUELINE L. GILLES and FREDERICK ELLIS McNEELEY, Co-Executors of the Estate of JOAN K. MCNEELEY, Deceased

Kerry R. Cordis The Cordis Law Office, LLC Attorney for Co-Executors 129 N. Walnut Avenue P. O. Box 445 Princeville, IL 61559 309/385-4616 Published 12/31/20, 1/7/21, 1/14/21

BY: /s/ Kerry R. Cordis Attorney for Estate


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