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CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ABOUND



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Local Princeville residents, businesses and organizations have sponsored and decorated Christmas trees that are on display in Stevens Square. An official tree-lighting ceremony is Sunday, Dec. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m. BELOW: Bishop Hill will hold its St. Lucia Celebration Dec. 11-12.

Holiday season cheer

Toulon, Princeville, Bishop Hill have holiday events ahead

Three holiday events over the next two weekends will provide a chance for patrons to share some Christmas cheer, even in these days of COVID-19.

Toulon, Princeville and Bishop Hill all have events upcoming. Here are details.

Toulon – The Toulon Civic Association will “encourage and sponsor” a Christmas Walk on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 5-7 p.m. Santa will arrive at 6 p.m. and, weather permitting, will be outside by the gazebo.

All activities will be outside due to COVID-19, and participants are asked to wear masks, observe social distancing and follow CDC guidelines.

Participating businesses are asked to set up a table outside and refreshments may be served, according to health department recommendations. Businesses are also encouraged to decorate their front windows.

The Association will also sponsor a house-

decorating contest. Prizes will be awarded for three places.

The annual charity auction will be at Orwig’s Auction Center at 7:30 p.m. Participating businesses can drop off entries by 7 p.m. to be entered in a drawing for Toulon Bucks. Items donated to the live auction can be dropped off at Connie’s or the State Bank of Toulon.

Princeville – The effort to build a bright new Christmas tradition in Princeville will continue this weekend.

The Princeville Civic Association and the Village of Princeville are combining to hold a Tree Lighting and Holiday Stroll on Sunday, Dec. 6, from 4:30-7 p.m.

The town’s first official tree lighting ceremony will be in Stevens Square, where various organizations and individuals have sponsored

and decorated trees.

After trees are lit, participants can stroll through the lights in Stevens Square and the

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No changes planned for COVID restrictions

By Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Despite improvement in key public health metrics in recent days, Gov. JB Pritzker said he has no immediate plans to roll back COVID-19 mitigation efforts as he warned of a possible post-Thanksgiving surge.

Pritzker recently quoted Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, who warned of “a surge within a surge” due to the large volume of holiday travel for Thanksgiving.

“He is not alone in that assessment,” said Pritzker, who urged Illinoisans who traveled for the holiday to get tested between five to seven days after returning home, even if they are not showing symptoms.

“The dip in Illinois’ cases over the last few days comes as we are seeing near-record high numbers of hospitalizations, meaning that our ability to handle any new surge in COVID patients is still limited,” he added.

Pritzker said, it could take several days, or even weeks, before the state sees what impact holiday travel and gathering will have on its infection rate, and he said he has no plan to scale back the Tier 3 mitigations in place for at least the next three weeks.

“I say this as we come off of a Thanksgiving holiday when many people may have dropped their guard and gathered with people from outside of their own households,” he said. “The hope now is that we can fend

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Pub-91 focuses on family

Wyoming eatery offers family style dining

By John A. Ballentine

WYOMING – The name of the newest restaurant here is a bit deceptive. While Pub-91 might lead one to think of a tavern, this is actually a family-oriented restaurant, located in southern Wyoming on Route 91, with a separate bar area for those who wish to just have a drink.

Though Pub-91 is currently limited to take-out only due to COVID-19 restrictions, patrons will eventually be able to dine in a remodeled space that has formerly housed The Pour House and Pizza Hut.

Pub-91 features a family dining area in the east half of the building and a bar and grill area to the west half. Each is separated from the other. The family dining area can also be utilized as a banquet

room, private parties, wedding receptions or other special occasions.

Pub-91 is owned by Ribco, LLC, comprised of Julie and daughter Jenna Maher with Michael Evans, a self-described “supporter.”

Complementing the staff is manager Jami Lueking, chefs Missy Saal and Jeff Perrine, plus servers Hannah Saal, Whitney Schupp and bartender Jill Schupp.

“We’ll be looking to hire more people once COVID is over with,” Lueking said.

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If you or someone you know could use some help for the Salvation Army in Stark County call 309-286-4611 and we will see what we can do.

Thanks to all those who continue to generously donate toward helping people here in Stark County.



PUB-91: COVID restrictions impact menu

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"Definitely Pub-91 is family friendly, country style cooking where you have great meals – all of our meat is sourced from Wyonet Locker," Evans said.
"And, we offer fish on Fridays," Lueking said.
Julie Maher said most of the food is home-made. Also offered are nightly home-style dinner

specials and home-style lunch specials in addition to the normal menu.
"You have to have good food at a reasonable price and a friendly staff," Lueking said when asked to describe the key to operating a successful restaurant.
After COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, Pub-91 will be open for brunches and sit-down meals. Currently only carryout

and drive-up meals are available, but the staff has a goal of providing a take-home meal that is still hot and good.
The current menu has also been modified to adapt to the COVID restrictions, but will eventually feature more steaks and fish.
"It's difficult running a bar and grill and a restaurant during COVID," Julie Maher said. "We are trying to keep our heads above water and work through this virus thing, like everybody else is. We're all kind of in the same boat with the exception that we really haven't been able

to get up and going and established like we would want to do."
Pub-91 has been open for business since the first part of August. Normal hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for lunch and 4 to 8 p.m. for dinner. The phone number is (309) 606-9900.
"We appreciate everybody's support so far – people have been very flexible," Lueking said. "We're getting a nice client base and we're looking forward to seeing family and friends after COVID. We would like to thank everyone for supporting us and we'll have a grand opening eventually."

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11-28-20 – Stephanie A. Kash - Operating an uninsured motor vehicle.

11-23-20 – Mackenzi J. Chizmar - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-27-20 – A deer-related accident occurred on Route 78 near 950N. The driver involved was Troy D. Calhoun, 56, of Toulon. There were no injuries reported but the vehicle did sustain estimated damages over \$1,500.

11-25-20 – Joseph L. Barks, 34, Bradford, was arrested for criminal trespass to real property, and was cited for allowing a dog to run at large. He posted \$150 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

11-27-20 – A possible theft incident involving the Toulon mini-storage was reported to authorities. The incident remains under investigation through the Toulon Police Department.

Galva Report

11-23-20 – Officer dispatched to Sentry Estates for a criminal damage to property complaint.

11-23-20 – Officer dispatched to the 300 block of SE 6th Ave. for a dog bite. A citizen was bitten by her own dog.

11-24-20 – Officer met with a citizen at the police department in reference to a scam report.

11-24-20 – Officer dispatched to the area of

Veterans' Park for a report of young children playing near the railroad tracks. Officer checked the area and was not able to locate any children.

11-24-20 – Officer dispatched to the Exchange Street railroad crossing after a train stopped and several semis needed help getting turned around.

11-25-20 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of South Center Ave., Donyell Chatman, 25, Plano, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

11-27-20 – Officer was notified of a vehicle repossession occurring in the 300 block of Front Street. The vehicle was collected without incident.

11-27-20 – Officer dispatched to a residence on SE 2nd Street for an intoxicated and unresponsive male subject. The officer accompanied the ambulance crew to the hospital.

11-27-20 – Officer dispatched to a residence on SE 2nd Street for an out-of-control adult subject.

11-28-20 – Officer dispatched to the 300 block of SE 7th Ave. for a dog bite incident and a neighbor dispute. A dog had gotten loose and reportedly bit a neighbor's dog.

11-28-20 – Officer dispatched to the 800 block of East Division Street for a water leak. The water department was contacted to handle.

11-28-20 – Officer dispatched to the 400 block of NW 1st Street for a loud

party complaint. Officer determined that an elderly resident had a few family members over to visit.

11-28-20 – Officer dispatched to a residence on NW 3rd Ave. for a suicidal subject. The subject was transported by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.

11-29-20 – Officer dispatched to the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. for a verbal dispute. As the result, Robert Robinson, 41, Wataga, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of violation of an order of protection. He was taken to the Galva Police Department for processing and was able to post bond. He was released with a required court date.

11-29-20 – Officer dispatched to the 400 block of North Center Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The owner was able to retrieve the dog.

11-29-20 – As the result of an investigation, Galva officers, along with assistance from the Henry County Sheriff's Office, went to a residence in the 1000 block of NW 7th Ave. to attempt to locate a wanted subject. After a foot pursuit, Rebecca Muckey,

32, Galva, was arrested for resisting or obstructing a police officer, as well as a warrant from Knox County for possession of methamphetamine with intent to deliver and possession of methamphetamine. She also had a warrant from Warren County for failure to appear on the charge of leaving the scene of an accident. She was taken to the hospital and then transferred to the Knox County Jail.

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11-23-20 – Danielle N. and Ian M. Foffel to Christopher Schwigen - Henderson & Whitaker's Add'n - Block 7, Lots 5 & 6, 210 E. Clinton Street, Toulon, IL. Consideration = \$84,500.00.

11-23-20 – Renae L. Baker to Christopher M. Baker - Pt 25-14-7 NW - 147 E. Main Street, Bradford, IL. Consideration = \$0.00.

11-24-20 – Bernene K. Dahl, Billie R. Fryer, and Bebe J. Groter to Mary B. and Robert B. Groter - Block 1 Lots 1, 2, & 3 - 404 S. Seventh Street, Wyoming, IL. Consideration = \$40,000.00.

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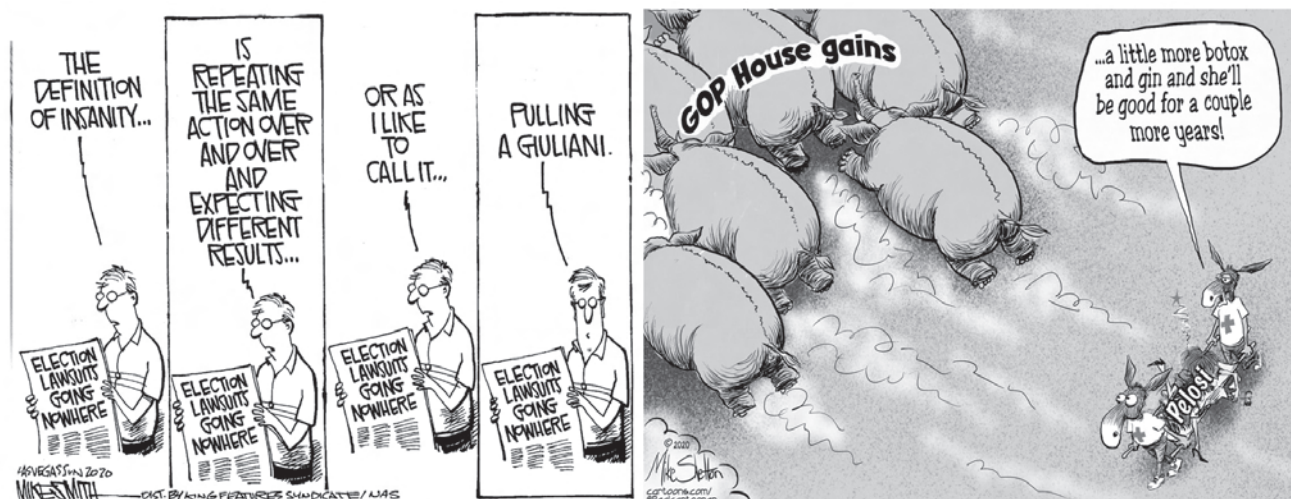
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Of COVID calls, Santa snakes & deer

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering people who hide behind excuses.



The other day, a nurse called me out of the blue. For the past week, I have been visiting a friend at Methodist Hospital in Peoria. The nurse was informing me that my friend was being tested for COVID-19.

"It may be pneumonia, but we're doing a rapid result test for COVID, so I should be able to call you back in an hour with news," she said.



Jeff LAMPE

One hour and 22 minutes later, the nurse called back. Good news. No COVID. No quarantine. No need to skip an issue of the paper. And no additional concerns for my friend, who has enough of a battle recovering from a serious stroke without facing the fickle threat of coronavirus.

Waiting those 82 minutes allowed me to ponder how many people have feared the same thing since March.

What will the test result bring? How will life change?

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female ... and had a clutch of eggs that we only discovered after several bites. While we were able to hatch the little snakes in an incubator, we soon parted ways due to persuasive arguments from the office staff. But I'm glad the kids have happy memories of our slithering pets.



Caroline Borden-Campion of Wyoming was sworn in as Stark County State's Attorney on Tuesday at the Courthouse in Toulon, replacing retiree Jim Owens of Bradford. She is the daughter of former retired Circuit Judge Stuart Borden of Wyoming, who also served as state's attorney before going into private practice. ... Shotgun deer season is not what it used to be. A few deer camps survive, but overall more hunters are turning to archery season and to super-accurate crossbows to get their deer. Illinois' first-season totals were the lowest since 1990 and there's not much reason to expect a big surge this weekend during the second shotgun season. One positive note, is that hunters report bucks refreshing scrapes, sign the second major breeding season is under way. ... We made a mistake last issue. Galva's K-9 officer is Ian Davis, not departing officer Alex Ingle. Sorry. ... Parting shot: Maybe by next spring's election we'll have a decision on our U.S. president.

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CHRISTMAS: Bishop Hill lit up

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downtown area.

Participating businesses will have outside decorations. Businesses scheduled to take part include Country Financial, Dirt Road Designs, Ellen's Dinner, Frosted Bakery, Hometown Insurance, LME Library, Momma D's storefront, Princeville Community Bank, Princeville Performance Center, Princeville State Bank and Raylene's Salon.

Some businesses will also be open during the stroll.

The Princeville Lion's Club will have a food stand in the Square featuring pork chops, pork burgers and hot dogs. Boy Scouts will also be on hand to serve hot chocolate and to collect nonperishable items for the local food

The PCA will hold an ornament hunt with prize drawings including children's bicycles, donated by Seneca Foods. The Girl Scouts will be caroling and Santa will be strolling through the Square.

Participants are asked to observe social distancing and mask requirements.

Bishop Hill – Bishop Hill will hold a St. Lucia Celebration on Friday, Dec. 11 and Saturday, Dec. 12 all day until 9 p.m.

This Swedish tradition is based on a legend of Saint Lucia, Queen of Light. During a famine in Sweden, on the longest and darkest night of the year, Lucia appeared wearing a long white robe and encircling her head was a crown of candles.

Legend has it that Lucia appeared on a ship laden with food. When the ship was unloaded, both it and Lucia vanished. Girls in Sweden today wake their families on Dec. 13 carrying a tray of Lucia buns while dressed in a white robe and wearing a crown of candles.

Businesses and restaurants will be open all day for your shopping, eating and viewing pleasure. Around the village, each building will have a single candle in every window, and sidewalks will be illuminated with candles.

The VASA Archive will have Paint Your Own Dala Horse kits for sale at \$5 each and 20 percent off all other gift shop items. Special Christmas gifts will be on sale throughout the village, and holiday decorations will be on full display.

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SEE ANSWERS, PAGE 3 Super Crossword PUZZLING-LY

<p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Like many announcers' private side comments</p> <p>8 Glistening</p> <p>14 Give a cue to</p> <p>20 Sounded like a frog</p> <p>21 Durbin of old Hollywood</p> <p>22 Warrior's cry</p> <p>23 Deeper level of longing?</p> <p>25 Walk like a little 'un</p> <p>26 Coll. website suffix</p> <p>27 Slandered really badly</p> <p>28 "Uh-uh"</p> <p>30 Legal claim</p> <p>31 White water whereabouts</p> <p>35 Give it a go</p> <p>36 Place to bathe on the grass outside a house?</p> <p>38 "Marvy!"</p> <p>40 They cause actions</p> <p>42 Really boring chairs, desks and tables?</p> <p>47 Two-grid vacuum tube</p> <p>52 Cry to a matador</p>	<p>53 Manning of the Giants</p> <p>54 Far-off</p> <p>56 Of charged particles</p> <p>57 Extreme type</p> <p>59 Lysol target</p> <p>61 What 1066 is famous as?</p> <p>64 Territory split in 1889</p> <p>66 Pertaining to</p> <p>68 Bad, to Jules</p> <p>69 Viral malady</p> <p>70 "Allow me to provide a leavening agent, if nothing else?"</p> <p>76 Blvds. and aves.</p> <p>78 China's Long March leader</p> <p>79 Aquatic bird</p> <p>80 — Leone</p> <p>83 "Pray that I find some cool gross stuff!"</p> <p>88 Isle of Man man, e.g.</p> <p>90 Scout unit</p> <p>91 — pittance (hardly any)</p> <p>92 Garage job</p> <p>94 Atop, to bards</p> <p>96 Short snooze</p>	<p>97 Bit of voice mail</p> <p>100 Hankerings to take pictures of small and distant objects?</p> <p>103 Places for milk products</p> <p>105 Bored feeling</p> <p>106 Measure of how much a ship swerves off course?</p> <p>110 2000-15 TV series</p> <p>112 Facet</p> <p>116 Horror film lab aide</p> <p>117 With 108-Down, deteriorate</p> <p>118 Pre-entree dishes</p> <p>121 Lanai wreath</p> <p>122 Join the club</p> <p>124 Chatter that's engaging?</p> <p>129 Entertainer Uggams</p> <p>130 Give kudos</p> <p>131 Arms depot</p> <p>132 Abides</p> <p>133 Breadwinner</p> <p>134 What vets provide</p>	<p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Earthy color</p> <p>2 Artist Kahlo</p> <p>3 Mist over</p> <p>4 — jongg</p> <p>5 Mamie's man</p> <p>6 Plunk lead-in</p> <p>7 Häagen-Dazs rival</p> <p>8 Storied fireman Red</p> <p>9 Microbe-ridden</p> <p>10 Byway</p> <p>11 Camelot wife</p> <p>12 Raggedy —</p> <p>13 — opus</p> <p>14 Road hazard</p> <p>15 Sorority "P"</p> <p>16 In a curious way</p> <p>17 Word before circus or blitz</p> <p>18 More ashen</p> <p>19 Latest thing</p> <p>24 Singer John</p> <p>29 Be next to</p> <p>32 Small hotel</p> <p>33 Conquers</p> <p>34 Writer Bellow</p> <p>36 Connect with</p> <p>37 Match well</p> <p>39 Duo + one</p> <p>40 Tally a total</p> <p>41 1982 Disney cyberfilm</p> <p>42 "— better believe it!"</p>	<p>43 Penne — vodka</p> <p>44 Sloppy smooches</p> <p>45 Wry twisting</p> <p>46 — Haute</p> <p>48 Acuff of song</p> <p>49 Like a swap</p> <p>50 Radio tuner</p> <p>51 Hose color</p> <p>55 Otter's kin</p> <p>58 "Bosh!"</p> <p>60 Go extinct</p> <p>62 Bub</p> <p>63 "Tis so sad" —?"</p> <p>65 "You lookin' —?"</p> <p>67 Nosh</p> <p>71 Stable stock</p> <p>72 Seamless transition</p> <p>73 Von — family ("The Sound of Music" clan)</p> <p>74 — oxide (anesthetic)</p> <p>75 The, to Hans</p> <p>76 Emulated a fish</p> <p>77 1 p.m. is one</p> <p>81 Horse color</p> <p>82 iPad downloads</p> <p>84 Oct.'s 744</p> <p>85 Union general George</p> <p>86 Darling type</p> <p>87 Bodily joint</p> <p>89 Aquatic bird</p>	<p>93 Lofty trains</p> <p>95 Tall volcano in Sicily</p> <p>98 Groups of geese</p> <p>99 Dubliner's land</p> <p>101 Model Klum</p> <p>102 Dog's bark</p> <p>104 Key in (to)</p> <p>106 Give in (to)</p> <p>107 Nixon veep</p> <p>108 See</p> <p>117-Across</p> <p>109 Dryly comical</p> <p>110 In the vicinity</p> <p>111 Not as risky</p> <p>113 Kagan of justice</p> <p>114 Romero of "Batman"</p> <p>115 Work's name</p> <p>118 Lasting mark</p> <p>119 Related (to)</p> <p>120 Take a pic of</p> <p>123 — Abner</p> <p>125 Legendary coach</p> <p>126 Three, in Bari</p> <p>127 D.C. winter hrs.</p> <p>128 Remote button abbr.</p>
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OBITUARIES

Walter Earl Bass

GALVA – Walter Earl “Walt” Bass Sr., 73, of Galva, died Tuesday evening, Nov. 24, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria from complications related to COVID-19.

Cremation has been accorded and graveside inurnment will take place at 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 4 at the LaFayette Cemetery. Pastor Michael Miller will officiate. Military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to the Walt Bass Memorial Fund for a memorial to be established. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Aug. 23, 1947, in Centralia, Ill., the son of Elvin and Louise (Simer) Bass. He married Sally E. Breid on Sept. 3, 1970, in Rock Falls, Ill. She survives as does his children, Lonnie Bell of Port Richey, Fla., Melanie (Scott) Lyons of Algonquin, Ill., Tina Petersen of Mt. Vernon, Ill., Walter E. “Wally” (Lisa) Bass Jr. of Woodhull, Ill. and Amy Bass and her significant other Barry Hargis of Kewanee, 20 grandchildren and many great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, five sisters and a granddaughter Kayla.

Walt graduated from Dixon High School in 1965, and served his country in the U.S. Army during Vietnam and was stationed in Thailand. Over the years, he had worked as a farmer, coal miner, custodian at Black Hawk East, a truck driver and had cooked at Frakers Grove and Jimals. He was a member of the LaFayette United Methodist Church where he helped with Sunday school and the youth group and had cooked sunrise service breakfast at Martins Lodge for 20 years. He had been LaFayette Village Board President and had volunteered for the Stark County Food Pantry. He recently participated in “No Shave November” and enjoyed cooking and he especially enjoyed spending time with his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In 2007, he was a recipient of a heart transplant from Derrick Jenkins and Derrick's legacy lived on through Walt. This legacy included Derrick's mom Jenny and her extended family.

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

Karmen K. Ferguson

BRADFORD – Karmen K. Ferguson, 48, of rural Nelson, Mo., formerly of Bradford, Ill., died Monday, Nov. 30, 2020, at her home.

A Celebration of Life and private family burial will be held at a later date in Osceola Grove Cemetery near Elmira, Ill. Memorials are suggested to the First United Methodist Church, 1701 W. 32nd St., Sedalia, Mo. 65301.

Friends may sign the online reg-

ister book at www.campbell-lewis.com

Born June 2, 1972, in Peoria, Ill., she was the daughter of the late Harvey Scott and Sharon Hall Andris of Geneseo, Ill. On May 21, 2017, she married Jon R. Ferguson who survives. She had lived in rural Nelson since 2015, and Karmen and Jon owned and operated Jon Ferguson Trucking Company.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Sedalia. She loved trucking as much as she enjoyed being at their home. She enjoyed reading and trying new culinary experiences.

Survivors include her husband, Jon and mother, Sharon; three children, Dakota Baker (Irlen) of East Moline, Ill., Clarice Skala of Moline and Daniel Skala of Moline; two stepdaughters, Jessica Borraccino (Nick) of Marathon, Fla. and Allison Pearl Ferguson of Sedalia; two granddaughters, Irena Baker and Isla Hazel Borraccino; one sister, Karrie Brunswig of Peoria; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her father, Karmen was preceded in death by one sister, Krissy Primo; and a niece in infancy, Jayden Primo.

Roland L. Gurnsey

WYOMING – Roland L. “Peanuts” Gurnsey, 72, of Wyoming, passed away at 4:57 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 29, 2020, at his residence. Roland was born on May 19, 1948, in Canton, the son of Eldon and Joyce (Haage) Gurnsey. He married Linda Geary on June 3, 1979; she survives. He previously married Cathy Bridgeman and Leanna Lawver.

Also surviving are two sons, Kenny Gurnsey of Toulon and Michael (Lisa) Scott of Washington; two daughters, Kristina Waid of Creve Coeur and Shannon Murrie of Brimfield; 11 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and one on the way; one brother, Eldon (Kim) Gurnsey of East Peoria; one sister-in-law, Marcy Gurnsey of Chillicothe; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son-in-law, Lester Waid; and one brother, James Gurnsey.

Roland served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1968. He served two tours in Vietnam, earning a Combat Infantryman's Badge, National Defense Service Medal, a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He worked at Caterpillar for over 30 years before he retired. Roland was an avid hunter and fisherman, and he loved spending time with his family.

His private funeral with military honors was on Wednesday, Dec. 2,

2020, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Edward Haage, Roland's uncle, officiated.

Memorial contributions may go to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Quilts of Valor Foundation. Condolences may be left for Roland's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Richard Lee Jenkins

KEWANEE – Richard Lee “Rick” Jenkins, 65, of Kewanee, died at 7:14 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, at Galesburg Cottage Hospital.

Cremation will be accorded and due to the restrictions of COVID-19 a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in Toulon Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Richard Jenkins Memorial Fund. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Oct. 1, 1955, in Kewanee, the son of Jack and JoAnn (Weeks) Jenkins. Survivors include his siblings, Randy Jenkins and his significant other, Sandy Moraski of Kewanee and Marlene (Ivan) Nelson of Toulon and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Rick attended Kewanee High School. He worked as a welder and a machine operator at Pines Trailer and Compaction America in Kewanee. He was of the Catholic faith and was an avid fan of the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and the Notre Dame Fighting Irish.

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

Richard Plummer

GALVA – Richard Plummer, 81, of Galva, died at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 28, 2020, at Aperia Care Princeton.

Private graveside services and burial will be held at Galva Cemetery. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Sept. 30, 1939, in Grayson County, Va., the son of Joseph “Bayne” and Wilma (Young) Plummer. He married Eunice L. Haga on Jan. 27, 1961, in Marion, Va.

Survivors include his wife of Galva, a son, Richard (Paula) Plummer of Galva, a daughter, Brenda Hulstrom of Galva, a sister, Barbara of Maryland, four grandchildren; Natalie, Ernie, Brandon and Amber and two great grandchildren, Braxton and Sawyer.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Kenneth, two sisters, Linda and Brenda and his son-in-law, Ernie Hulstrom.

Richard had worked at the Galva Foundry and as a custodian for Galva Schools. He enjoyed horses and he especially enjoyed being with his family. This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.



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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦
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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- TELEVISION: What kind of pet did Robert Blake have on the 1970s series "Baretta"?
- MOVIES: Which 2002 movie tagline was, "With great power comes great responsibility"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which Balkan nation's capital is Sophia?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What day of the week did the ancient Romans refer to as "dies Saturni"?
- LANGUAGE: What is the word that stands for "N" in the NATO phonetic alphabet?
- U.S. STATES: Which state features a body of water named Lake Lanier?
- HISTORY: When did World War II begin?
- MEDICINE: What is trepanning?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many days did William Henry Harrison serve as president of the United States?
- ANATOMY: What is the largest part of the human brain?

Answers

- A cockatoo named Fred
- "Spider-Man"
- Bulgaria
- Saturday (Saturn's Day)
- November
- Georgia
- Sept. 1, 1939
- Making holes in the skull to relieve pressure
- 32
- Cerebrum

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For Answers See Page 3

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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GVBDRUX, OMC Z RVMOC ZW
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LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH THE BUDGET AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS OF SUMS OF MONEY FOR ALL OF THE NECESSARY EXPENDITURES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS FOR CORPORATE FUND, AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND, INSURANCE FUND AND AUDIT FUND PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 2020, AND ENDING AUGUST 31, 2021.

Whereas, there has been prepared in tentative form a budget and appropriation ordinance for the Lafayette Community Fire Protections District in Stark County, Illinois and the Secretary of said Fire Protection District has made the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance conveniently available to public inspection for at least thirty (30) days prior to final action thereupon;

And whereas, a public hearing was held as to such budget and appropriation ordinance on the 24th day of November, A.D., 2020, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., notice of which was given at least thirty (30) days prior thereto by publication in "The Prairie News", a newspaper with general circulation within said Fire Protection District territory, and all other legal requirements have been complied with;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS:

Section 1. That the fiscal year of this Fire Protection District be and the same hereby is fixed and declared to be from September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2021.

Section 2. That the following, containing an estimate of the receipts expected to be received by said Fire Protection District during such fiscal year from all sources, an estimate of the expenditures contemplated for such fiscal year, and a statement of the estimated cash expected to be on hand at the end of such year, be and the same is hereby adopted as the budget of the Fire Protection District for the said fiscal year and shall be in full force and effect from and after this date:

Estimated Receipts and Expenditures	
1. Balance on hand at beginning of year	\$98,435.87
2. Portion of taxes of levy voted in 2019 estimated to be received this fiscal year:	
Corporate	\$41,450.00
Ambulance	\$27,000.00
Insurance	\$9,000.00
Audit	\$1,000.00
Estimated Illinois replacement tax	\$-0-
Estimated interest income and other revenues	\$100.00

Foreign Tax - IL Municipal League	
Total estimated receipts	\$177,685.87
Total estimated expenditures:	
Corporate	\$54,275.00
Ambulance	\$32,000.00
Insurance	\$12,000.00
Audit	\$300.00
Total	\$98,575.00
Estimated Balance on hand at end of fiscal year:	\$79,110.87

Section 3. That the following sums of money to be and the same are hereby appropriated for the corporate purposes of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020:

	Budget	Appropriation
1. ADMINISTRATION EXPENSE FUND		
(a) Attorney's fee	\$1,750.00	\$2,600.00
(b) Publication expense	\$200.00	\$600.00
(c) Supplies and expenses	\$100.00	\$300.00
2. FIRE EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES		
(a) Repairs and maintenance of fire trucks	\$4,000.00	\$10,000.00
(b) Repair of firefighter equipment	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00
(c) Fuel and Supplies	\$750.00	\$1,250.00
(d) Contingency/Incidental Expenses	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
3. SALARY FUND		
(a) Trustees and Secretary fees	\$975.00	\$1,500.00
(b) Firefighter training and education	\$500.00	\$2,000.00
(c) Firefighter expenses	\$3,000.00	\$5,000.00
4. BUILDING FUND		
(a) Repairs and maintenance	\$2,500.00	\$10,000.00
(b) Utilities and heat	\$6,300.00	\$7,000.00
(c) Telephone Services	\$2,700.00	\$3,000.00
5. EQUIPMENT		
(a) Acquisition of new equipment	\$30,000.00	\$50,000.00
Total Estimated Corporate Expenditures	\$53,275.00	\$96,250.00

Section 4. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of an ambulance service of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020:

FUNDS FOR PROVISION OF Budget Appropriation	
AMBULANCE SERVICE	
Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures	\$32,000.00 \$35,000.00

Section 5. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of a liability insurance fund of

said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020:

1. LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND

Total Estimated Ambulance Expenditures \$12,000.00 \$15,000.00

Section 6. That the following sums of money to be and the same or hereby appropriated for the purposes of provision of the audit fund of said Lafayette Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, herein specified, for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2020:

AUDIT FUND

Total Estimated Insurance Expenditures \$300.00 \$1,000.00

Section 7. That the unexpended balance of any item or items of any appropriation made by this ordinance may be expended in making up any deficiency in any item or items in the same general appropriation made by this ordinance.

Section 8. That should any clause, sentence, paragraph or a part of this ordinance be declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be invalid. **Section 9.** This ordinance shall be known as Ordinance 2020-1.

Section 10. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication, in accordance with the law.

Ayes 3 Nays 0
Passed: November 24, 2020
Published: December 4, 2020

Attest: Ross Walker, President
William H. Winans, Secretary-Treasurer
STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENRY)
I, William H. Winans, Secretary of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed November 24, 2020,

William Winans, Secretary
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 2020.
Keith A Luynes, Notary Public

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENRY)
I, William H. Winans, Treasurer of the Lafayette Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the annual budget and appropriation ordinance of said district, passed November 24, 2020, includes an estimate of revenues by source anticipated to be received by the taxing district in the following fiscal year.

William Winans, Treasurer
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 2020.
Keith A Luynes, Notary Public

Firearm deer harvest declines

By Jeff Lampe

Any thoughts that the COVID-19 slow-down was going to spur a big increase in the number of deer shot in Illinois ended during the first shotgun season.

Illinois hunters shot just 47,147 white-tails during the first weekend of shotgun season, Nov. 20-22. Local harvest totals showed Knox County with 682 deer, Henry at 290 and Stark at 125.

That's well below last year's total of 50,173 deer and is one of the lowest for opening weekend in decades. To find a lower first-season you must go back to 1990, one year before the state increased shotgun season from six to seven days.

Shotgun hunting continues through

Sunday (Dec. 3-6).

Archery season continues through Jan. 17. And while bowhunters have stayed ahead of last year's record harvest pace, that was not true of gun hunters.

What gives? 1. More hunters are shifting to archery; and, 2. There are fewer deer in the wilds of Illinois. Legalizing crossbows has created more bowhunters and has increased the efficiency of those who switched over from other bows. Expectations this year are that more than 50 percent of the archery harvest will be by hunters using crossbows. And while shotgun hunters once accounted for 75 percent of all whitetails shot in Illinois, that total is now 50-52 percent.

COVID: State expects 109,000 doses

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off the surge in the next few weeks to get to a healthier holiday time in the latter half of December.

"This is the time to be extra careful with a surge of the virus expected," he said, adding, "these next few weeks are a time to stay home as much as possible, assume you were exposed and assume more of your coworkers or friends were exposed than ever before, and act like it with social distancing, wearing your mask."

That's in an effort to keep the transmission curve as flat as possible as the state, nation and world await a vaccine. Pritzker said the state has now been told to expect 109,000 initial doses of a vaccine. That would be able to treat 54,500 people, as each person needs two doses.

"Those vaccines, because of the limited numbers of them, will go almost all to health care workers and if there are enough then next to

those in long term care facilities, the staff and the residents," Pritzker said, noting they could arrive this month if they gain Emergency Use Authori-

zation from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Pritzker said the vaccine will not be mandatory and high-risk individuals will be prioritized.

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