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Toulon High School to be demolished in May of 2022

By John A. Ballentine

WYOMING – The nearly 100-year-old Toulon High School building is scheduled for demolition in May of 2022.

That was the news from Farnsworth Group Architectural Manager Scott Burge, who made a Dec. 21 presentation to Stark County School Board members and spelled out a construction timeline for the new high school structure.

Burge said the new high school is to be located adjacent to and south of the existing gymnasium at the Toulon campus, with the administration portion of the school on the west side of the new building. In addition, a long north-south corridor will be constructed from the existing Junior High (former Toulon Grade

School) to the new structure.

Burge's timeline shows that design work will occur from now until June of 2021, after which the bidding process will commence. Construction would begin in August, and the old high school building would be demolished once the new school is built. The new school would open in 2022. Burge said the schedule is still evolving because school board members will be involved with inputs.

As part of the project, a small portion of the old school building will be renovated, as will the Junior High School. Burge said he believes the proposed \$15 million price tag for this project is still feasible, although Representative Caleb Wyss, of CORE Construction, presented a preliminary

project budget of \$15,120,677 and later a \$15,327,675 project cost analysis.

Bernardi Securities, Inc. Vice President John Vezzetti explained that the project's \$15 million price tag was still lacking \$6.5 million because only \$3.5 million was approved by the Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) for Stark's school district to issue in Health/Life Safety bonds.

Another \$5 million will come from working bonds, meaning \$8.5 million has been set for bond issuance. Superintendent Brett Elliott wrote that Vezzetti said "the possibility of issuing debt certificate in the amount needed, along with health safety funding to meet our renovation budget needs" could occur.

In other agenda items, board



Prairie News photos/John A. Ballentine

Shown is the Toulon High School building, which is set to be demolished in 2022 after a new high school is constructed.

member Brian Rewerts informed the board that Robert H. Rennick, Jr. and Robin Nowlan have resigned from the Stark County Education Foundation and were

replaced by Sarah Steighorst and Ryan Boarman. Additionally, the Foundation awarded five teachers grants totaling \$2,969.

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GETTING A BUZZ FROM NATURE

Busy with bees

Stark Co. man aids insects

By Bill Knight

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 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 then it just started," he said, chuckling.

The area has other beekeepers, professional and hobbyists. The Heart of Illinois Beekeep

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Michael Smice of rural Princeville collects bees from a rotten tree.

New laws for 2021

Minimum wage up to \$11 per hour

By Jeff Lampe

Despite COVID-19 restrictions that limited the Illinois General Assembly to four days of meetings last spring, there are still a few 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 eventually 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 who are using a cellular phone that causes injury to someone will face a minimum fine of \$1,000

and could have their license revoked.

- 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 attempt to use DNA to try to locate and identify missing persons.



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BEES: Smice 'wrangles' disrupted clusters

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 ers Association says it has about 70 members. 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."

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 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. 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 also resists viral and fungal problems.

But like other animals, even mild bees can sense fear. Thanks to Smice's efforts, some bees have a little less to fear.

STARK COUNTY: Principal Utsinger resigning

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 Elliott said that students' Christmas break began on Dec. 22 and a scheduled return to classes is set for Jan. 5.

The board approved:
 • The 2020 tax levy for the school district.
 • The solar power pur-

chase agreement with Future Green on a solar power project.

• The resignation of High School and Junior High School Principal Jeff Utsinger, effective June 30, 2021.

The search to find a replacement for Utsinger is

being planned.

• The resignation of Mari-

lyn Ely as school nurse, effective immediately.

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12-13 – Jennifer C. Fink - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

12-13 – Casey C. Smith - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

12-13 – Sylvia M. Lemons - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

12-22 – Brandon D. Plattner - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

12-23 – Dylan M. Allen - Speeding 35+ mph over limit.

12-22 – Hector H. Lozano - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

12-17 – Felony: Steven R. Duffin - Criminal damage to government property <\$500, fleeing/attempt to elude an officer, and reckless driving.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-18 – A two-vehicle accident occurred on North Valley Blacktop at the intersection of Route 91. Drivers involved were Vanessa Castaneda, 23, of Weslaco, Texas, and Davod O. Campbell, 58, of Wyoming. Castaneda was traveling west on the North Valley Blacktop when she failed to stop at the intersection and struck Campbell's vehicle. No injuries were reported but Castaneda was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving without a valid driver's license, driving without insurance and failure to stop at a stop sign.

11-12 – Robert S. Patteson, 34, Orland Park, was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to report an accident and for involvement in an accident involving damage. He was released with a court date.

11-22 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on the Osceola Road at the intersection of the West Osceola Road 1750N and the Elmira Road 800E. The driver was identified as a 15-year-old Kewanee teen who was driving with a parent traveling east on the Osceola Road. The driver attempted to turn south onto Elmira Road and overcorrected the vehicle before striking a northbound stop sign. No injuries were reported and no citations

were issued.

11-23 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on 1700E and 450N. The driver was Kane H. Newton, 18, of Speer, who was traveling south on 1700E where reportedly he saw a coyote in the road and lost control of the vehicle avoiding the animal. The vehicle rolled onto its top. No injuries were reported, but a possible ticket is pending.

12-14 – A Wyoming resident in the 400 block of South Sixth Street reported being a victim of a fraudulent unemployment claim. An investigation continues.

12-15 – Jerry L. Cade, 52, Bradford, was issued a notice to appear for violation of the Firearm Owner's Identification Card Act. He was issued a date to appear.

12-17 – Steven R. Duffin, 58, Putnam, was arrested for aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude police, aggravated battery to a peace officer, criminal damage to government supported property, armed violence, failure to report an accident, and being involved in a vehicle accident involving damage to a vehicle. He posted \$750 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

12-7 – Thomas M. Levrette, 32, Bradford, was ticketed for driving on a suspended license and released with a notice to appear.

12-22 – Robert J. Kremer, 60, Galva, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle and released with a notice to appear.

12-24 – A domestic problem was handled at a rural LaFayette residence located on 100E.

12-25 – A domestic problem was handled at a rural Toulon address at 400N.

12-28 – A high-speed chase that began in Wyoming after an attempted traffic stop ended after a "pit maneuver" was performed on the alleged stolen vehicle. Stark County Deputy Dawson Nuding pursued a Chevrolet SUV at speeds up to 115 mph through Stark County and into Marshall County.

The chase went from southern Wyoming to North Valley blacktop to Tanner's Orchard on Route 40 north to Bradford and through Bradford south

to Castleton. From there the chase went east onto Western Avenue and south to southwestern Henry.

Arrested was Rochelle Lynn Sampson, 38, of Silvis, who was arraigned in Marshall County Wednesday and charged in Stark County with two counts of felony aggravated fleeing and felony driving on a revoked license. Stark's State's Attorney Caroline Borden-Campion said that there were to be multiple traffic charges filed as well.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

12-14 – to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a forgery and theft complaint. Case is under investigation.

12-14 – along with the Fire Department to the 00 block of NE 1st Ave. for a power wire that had fallen and was arcing on the ground. Ameren responded and made repairs.

12-14 – to the 200 block of South Exchange St. to meet the victim of a single-vehicle rollover accident between Galva and Altona on Route 34. A passerby gave the victim a ride to Galva.

12-15 – to a domestic disturbance in the 600 block of NW 1st Ave. As the result, Brandon Swank, 25, Cambridge, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on charges of criminal trespass to a residence, aggravated assault, criminal damage to property, driving while license suspended, criminal trespass to property, disorderly conduct and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was taken to Henry County Jail.

12-19 – to Route 34 east of town for a reckless driving complaint. Driver was stopped for speeding and issued a warning.

12-19 – to a residence on NE 4th St. for a medical emergency. The subject was found deceased. The coroner was contacted.

12-20 – to the 800 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a loose dog. The owner was able to retrieve their dog.

12-20 – to a reported gas leak in the 700 block of NW 7th Ave. Ameren was notified for repairs.

12-22 – to the 100 block of South Center Ave. to attempt to locate a wanted subject.

As a result, Howard Field, 75. Galva, was arrested on a

Henry County warrant for failure to appear on several traffic charges. He was released with a court date.

12-22 – to a residence in the 300 block of NE 4th Street to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Shawn Tarleton, 50, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

12-22 – to Bureau County Jail to interview a suspect in a Galva forgery case.

12-23 – to the intersection of SW 9th Ave. and West Division St. for a power wire that had broken off from the pole due to wind. Ameren was contacted for repairs.

12-23 – to the 00 block of NW 5th Street to remove an unwanted subject.

12-24 – to assist Stark County Medic with a medical call involving a 2-week-old baby choking.

12-26 – to Route 34 to assist Henry County with a single-vehicle rollover accident with injuries.

12-26 – to a domestic battery complaint in the 1000 block of West Division Street. As a result, Jarrett Elgin, 32, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery. He was taken to the Henry County jail. Also, Erica Gebhards, 32, Galva, was issued a notice to appear for domestic battery.

12-26 – to the 200 block of Exchange St. for a loose dog. The dog was impounded.

12-27 – to the 100 block of North Exchange St. for a utility wire down. Ameren was contacted for repairs.

12-27 – to a residence on East Division Street for a medical emergency. The subject was deceased. The coroner was contacted.

12-16 – After a traffic stop in the 600 block of SE 2nd St., Herman Brown, 52, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a court date.

12-18 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of South Center Ave., Alexander Wager, 26, Galva, was arrested for speeding more than 35 mph over the limit. He was released with a required court date.

12-18-20 – Nickolas Smith, 19, Kewanee, was issued a citation for no insurance in 900 block of SE 2nd St..

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Galva council passes levy, hires new officer

By Carol Townsend

GALVA – The Galva City Council unanimously passed a tax levy ordinance in the amount of \$2.68 per \$100 of assessed valuation. The total levy is \$584,785.

In other business, James Robertson of the Galesburg area has been hired as a new Galva police officer. He replaces Alex Ingel who resigned recently to take a position in Geneseo.

Robertson has 15 years of experience in Knox County and is currently the part-time police chief in Williamsfield. Robertson will continue with the position in Williamsfield. Mayor Rich Volkert said we are really lucky as he has a “good background.”

Volkert also reported that the police department received \$100 from the Irvin Winter memorial money and \$1,600 from a recent benefit. With

that money, Chief Kraig Townsend is going to purchase “stop strips.” It was reported that there have been several chases heading to Galva with speeds in excess of 80 miles per hour in the past several months. If one of these calls come in, an officer can put these strips out to stop a vehicle before it reaches town.

The Kewanee Police Department sold Galva used body cameras that are only 3 years old for \$150 apiece. New cameras cost \$1,600 apiece.

Volkert said with the new police dog and body cameras, “We have a great investment.”

Volkert thanked a resident of the Lincoln House high rise, who does not want to be identified, after the resident saw an incident in which Chief Townsend was knocked down. The person called 911 and got mutual aid

from multiple law enforcement agencies until the suspect was in custody. Also thanked was a water works employee who came to the scene to help.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reminded residents not to park on the streets when snow is predicted.

It was reported that a power surge damaged the Southwest sewer plant. A new generator will be purchased and an insurance claim will be turned in.

The following checks were received: October/November Property replacement, \$1,626; November MFT, \$8,271; and October sales tax, \$21,421.

Blood drive – The American Red Cross has a blood drive in Epworth Hall at Galva’s First United Methodist Church Tuesday, Jan. 5, from 1-6 p.m.

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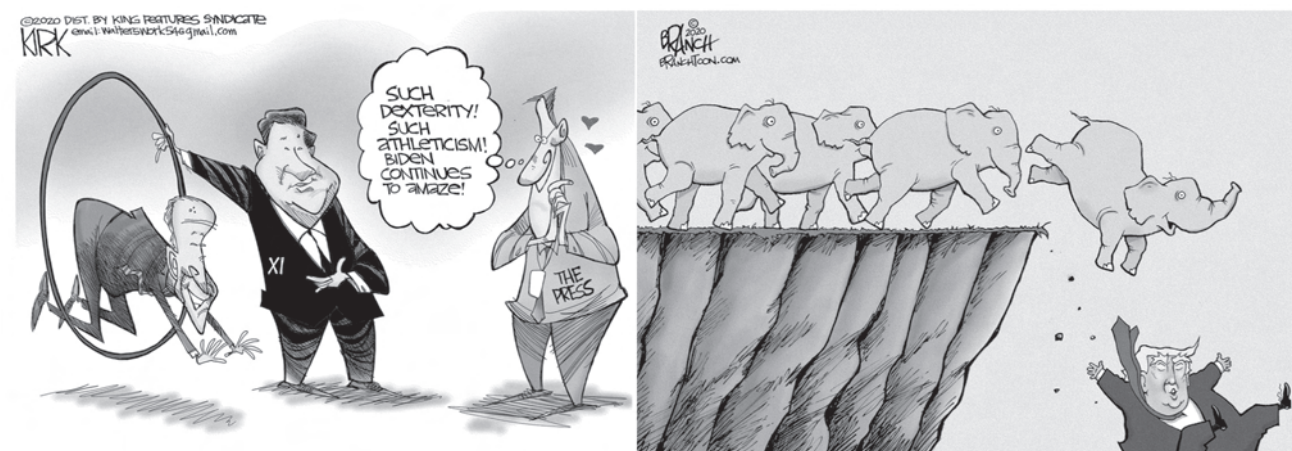
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ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. ABRAMS, No. 2020-P-26

Deceased
NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY
Notice is given to creditors of the death of WILLIAM E. ABRAMS on December 14, 2020.

On December 18, 2020, Letters of Administration were issued to Ruth Ann Durbin, 716 E. Prospect Street, Kewanee, IL 61443, whose attorney of record is Anne C. Rennick, P.O. Box 90, Wyoming, IL 61491.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the Representatives, or both, on or before (a) July 2, 2021 or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the aforementioned date(s) is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the Attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated: December 28, 2020 /S/Anne C. Rennick
Anne C. Rennick
Attorney for: Estate of William E. Abrams
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Wyoming, IL 61491
Ph: (309)-695-4701
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF: BARBARA J. CARROLL, No. 2020p25

Deceased
CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Barbara J. Carroll. Letters of Office were issued on December 18, 2020, to Bridget Rickard as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before July 1, 2021. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of

a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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Attorney for Executor
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF: WILLIAM J. SELF, Deceased No. 2020P24 CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of William J. Self. Letters of Office were issued on December 11, 2020, to Jonathan Hallman, as Independent Representative, whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative - or both - on or before June 30, 2021. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed

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Published 1/1/21



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- ACROSS**
1 Halo sporter
6 Nest nuggets
10 Had no being
15 "Vamoosel!"
19 "I wanna try!"
20 Cameo, e.g.
21 Lend — (pay attention)
22 Poi source
23 Participants in a guided discussion
25 Longtime kids' nature magazine
27 Spanish for "bear"
28 McDonnell Douglas jet
30 Refuge
31 Thelma's cohort, in film
34 Use an entryway
35 Velvet or Hallow ender
36 — hop (jitterbug)
37 14- to 18-year-old in a British youth association.
40 Source copy: Abbr.
42 "BTW" part
43 You, in Berlin
44 Road given a no.
46 Pop-rock singer
50 Kind of sheet metal
54 Border illumination on some smartphones
57 Mini-whirlpools
58 What bran provides, to Brits
60 Grads.-to-be
61 Basso Pinza
62 Outfits anew
64 "No" voter
65 "— culpa!"
66 Slender nails
67 Large cosmological aggregate
71 Imams' God
75 U.S. tax org.
76 Berlin article
77 Ejected lava
82 Waste time
83 Party game
84 "— not lost!"
86 1980s TV's Remington
87 1966 Wilson Pickett hit
90 The "I" of 75-Across
92 Show up for
93 Farm female
94 Abbr. for those with only one given name
95 Mil. unit
96 Tooth anchor
98 First extended stay on the International Space Station
104 Spiny plants
107 With 103-Down, didn't know at all
109 Radio knob
110 Loin steaks
111 Put in order
113 Writer Franz
114 "Y" athlete
115 Annual Arizona football game
117 New York City fashion-industry agency
whose name is apt for this puzzle
122 Shoe fillers
123 Conical tent
124 Comics' Kett
125 "Peachy!"
126 Sommer of Hollywood
127 Lauder of fragrances
128 Asian nation
129 Garish
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1 TV title alien
2 Natal lead-in
3 Yukon maker
4 Avian-based skin care product
5 To a smaller degree
6 Botch it up
7 "Sheesh!"
8 Biochemical sugar
9 Erma Bombeck's "The Grass Is Always Greener Over the — Tank!"
10 Alert
11 Actress Ortiz
12 Pick up on
13 1998 Winter Olympics city
14 Nonkosher
15 More direct
16 — terrier
17 Curved
18 Sweet white wine
24 Word after film or play
26 Frank topper
29 Musician Brian
31 Vowel, e.g.
32 Bull leather
33 Capsizes
35 Ending for major
38 Conn. hours
39 Compulsion
41 Inferior mags
45 Someone — problem
47 Tony winner
48 Writer Blyton
49 Huge heads
51 More, in music
52 "Psycho" co-star Janet
53 Dog in "The Thin Man"
54 Bidding site
55 Common battery type
56 Infuriated
59 "What You Need" rock band
63 Injured-arm supporter
65 Actor Paul
66 Yahoo
68 Left the bed
69 Kin of a tulip
70 Once, once
71 Mater lead-in
72 Yahoo
73 Rearmost
74 It lingers in the mouth
78 — annum
79 Bodily band
80 Benes on "Seinfeld"
81 Investigates
83 Annul
84 Author Haley
85 A lot like
88 Rub oil on
89 Wowed
91 Future louse
94 Bismarck is its cap.
97 Realm of Oedipus
99 PalmPilot, e.g., in brief
100 — Tower (Paris sight)
101 Agenda part
102 Like an oval or rectangle
103 See
107-Across
104 — latte
105 Disney's "Little Mermaid"
106 Streamlet
108 Become a parent to
112 Fence "door"
113 Swiss painter Paul
116 Really small
118 Berlin article
119 Water, to Somme folks
120 "Inc." cousin
121 — latte

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OBITUARIES

Millie Cade

BRADFORD – Millie Cade, 81, of Bradford passed away on Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria surrounded by her loving family.

There will be no public services but memorials may be made to Bradford Betas or Bradford American Legion in her name. If you wish to pay your respects in person, or by mail you may stop by My Place, Bradford or mail to P.O. Box 107, Bradford, IL 61421.



Cade

Millie was born Sept. 23, 1939, the daughter of Raymond and Grace (Medearis) Durant. She married Donald Cade on June 8, 1954. He preceded her in death along with an infant son, "Little Donnie" and three brothers and three sisters.

She worked at Harper Wyman and Combined Cleaning for several years. She enjoyed her word searches, watching 48 Hours, and Forensic Files. Her favorite drinks were diet coke and coffee. She was a very independent, stubborn, strong, hard-working, family-oriented wonderful woman who fought with everything she had until the very end.

Surviving are her 8 children and their families: Shirley (Tom) - 3 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren, Robert (Debbie) 5 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; Donna - 4 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-grandchildren; Darlene (John) - 3 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; Chris (Kim) two grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild; Lonnie (Mary) - 4 grandchildren, Linda (Mike) - 2 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren; Rodney (Amy) - 2 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild and 1 great-grandchild on the way.

Also surviving is her special friend, Jim, who took her fishing and on trips.

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Jeanette A. Cox

CHILLICOTHE – Jeanette Arlene (Gould) Cox passed away on Dec. 11, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, Ill. She was born on Oct. 10, 1935, in Moline, Ill. to Carroll Ellsworth and Helen Irene (Kain) Gould.

After moving from the Rock Island area to Chillicothe, she graduated from Chillicothe High School (1953). She married John Wesley "Jack" Cox on Oct. 31, 1953, and made a home near Bradford, Ill. They had two sons, Michael Patrick and Raymond John.

Jeanette was the oldest of eight children. She was preceded in death



Cox

by her parents, her sister, Sandra, and her husband. She is survived by five brothers: Ronald (Iris), Dennis (Nancy), Gary (Carol Ann), Norman (Carol) and Bruce (Diane), and one sister, Carol Ann Pence, as well as her sons, Michael and John, her granddaughter, Hannah Lee (David) Dutton, and two great-granddaughters, Ellie June and Haddie Mae.

Jeanette was a good and faithful wife and mother who lived her life devoted to her family and serving others. She demonstrated this through her work at their family business, her time as a waitress at Bradford Cafe, and volunteering at American Legion events. Jeanette always put others before herself and was quick to help anyone in need. Her kind smile and big heart made everyone feel welcome and like family. She enjoyed gardening, and was especially proud to gift her irises and strawberry jam to others. Jeanette was an avid reader and die-hard Bears fan, but what gave her the greatest joy was spending time with her family, near and far. Her time on Earth was a gift to all who knew her, she will be greatly missed.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Disabled American Veterans. Graveside services and celebration of life to be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences for the family visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Marlene E. Fordham Berg

GALVA – Marlene E. Fordham Berg, 82, of Galva, died at 7:09 p.m. Monday, Dec. 14, 2020, at her home, surrounded by her family.

A private funeral service with her family will be held on Friday. Burial will be at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Children's Hospital of Illinois in honor of her grandchildren, Jacob, Jackie, Karlee, Kash, Kynlee, Keigan, Courtney and Zach. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

She was born April 11, 1938, in Manlius, Ill., the daughter of Gordon and Alice (Beaber) Fordham. She married Arland J. "A.J." Berg on Jan. 13, 1957, in Manlius and he preceded her in death on Jan. 23, 2010.

In her words, she was the "Last of the Mohicans" as her four sisters, Alberta Morgan, Darlene Farrell, Marge Farrell and Evie Gibson and four brothers, Glenn, Marvin, Gordon Jr. and Richard also preceded her in death.

She is survived by her four daughters, Pam (Greg) Rylander of Rockwall, Texas, Connie (Tom) Rollins of Victoria, Annette (Randy) Smith of Galva and Arlene (Tim) Morris of Normal, Ill.; 23 grandchildren; 23



Berg

great-grandchildren; and her sister-in-law, Ketra Fordham.

Marlene graduated from Manlius High School in 1956. She came to Galva to run the Tastee Freeze with her sister, Evie, where she met the love of her life, Arland. Arland and Marlene along with Evie and Paul Gibson, owned and operated the A&W Restaurant that later became the Corral Drive-In. She also worked at Super-Value and Wal-Mart. In 1986, Marlene and Arland owned and operated A.J.'s Restaurant until her retirement and they also owned Berg Apartments in Galva.

She was a very active member of Grace United Methodist Church, serving on various boards and committees. Her greatest joy was her family. She was very proud of her four girls and what they have become in life and for the children who they raised. She will be missed by all who knew her.

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

Janice R. Evans

GALVA – Janice R. Evans, 82, of Galva, died at 10:46 a.m., Sunday, Dec. 27, 2020, at her home.

A public visitation was held from 10-11 a.m. on Dec. 31 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Private family services followed. Burial took place in Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established.

She was born Sept. 18, 1938, in Galesburg, the daughter of James F. and Ruth G. (Strom) Likes. She married Richard E. Evans on Oct. 13, 1961, in Altona.

Survivors include her husband of Galva, her daughter, Gretchen (Shane) Hickman of Galva, her son, Eric Evans of Altona, two grandchildren, Brooke Hickman of Galva and Taylor (Eli) Beinke of Washington DC and her sister, Jean (Gary) Burnett of Galesburg.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, James Dale Likes and her daughter-in-law, Tammy Lynn Evans.

Janice graduated from Galva High School in 1956. She was a homemaker and a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Galva where she had been Sunday School superintendent, financial secretary, a church trustee and a member of the United Methodist Women. She was a member, past president, treasurer and membership chairman of the American Legion Auxiliary and had been a member of the Rebekah Lodge in Galva and a past president. She was also an election judge and enjoyed bowling on a league.

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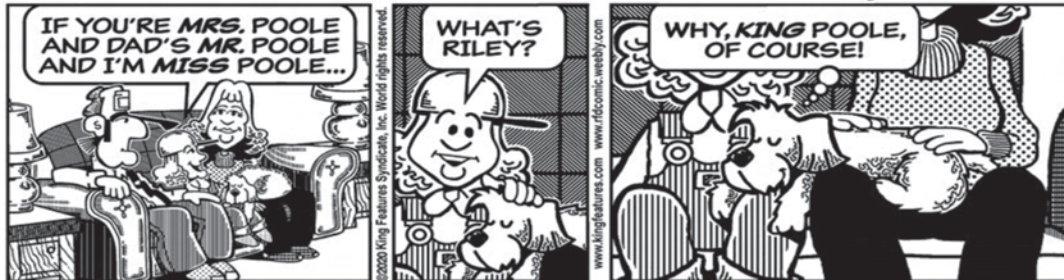
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Out on a Limb



R.F.D.



The Spats



by Dave T. Phipps

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Weekly SUDOKU
by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

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- MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in 1 fluid ounce?
- LITERATURE: Which famous gothic novel features the beginning sentence, "Last night I dreamt I went to Manderley again"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- BUSINESS: When was the first iPhone released?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of Norm Peterson's unseen wife in the sitcom "Cheers"?
- PERSONALITIES: Which former pro football player earned the nickname "Broadway Joe"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a female donkey called?
- MEDICAL: A deficiency of vitamin A causes what condition?
- MUSIC: Which 1980s pop hit starts with the line, "Dearly beloved, we have gathered here today to get through this thing called life"?
- MOVIES: What was the name of Charles Foster Kane's estate in "Citizen Kane"?

Answers

- 2 tablespoons
- "Rebecca"
- Wellington
- 2007
- Vera
- Joe Namath
- A jenny
- Night blindness
- "Let's Go Crazy" by Prince
- Xanadu

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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.

PLHXNX HJXVCPB BANJZI HNW
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TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- Unhinged (R)
- Buddy Games (R)
- Fatman (R)
- The New Mutants (PG-13)
- Home Alone (PG)
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation (PG-13)
- Girl (NR)
- Antebellum (R)
- Home Alone 2: Lost in NY (PG)
- Always and Forever (PG-13)

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OBITUARIES

Shirley M. Fulks
BRADFORD – Shirley M. Fulks, 97, of Bradford, Ill., passed away at the Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Center on Friday, Dec. 11, 2020, around 10 a.m.

She was born May 19, 1923, in Princeton, Ill., to Frank and Elsie Barker-Horack. She married James O. Fulks on Oct. 31, 1946, at Leet Memorial Methodist Church in Bradford. He died on Oct. 6, 2007.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Russell and Wayne Horack, and one sister-Wilma Child.

Surviving is one daughter Christine (and Ron) McGee of Pekin; one son Thomas Fulks of Bradford; two granddaughters Staci (and Andrew) Smith of Princeville, and Sarah (and Mike) Urbanc of Peoria. Also surviving is one great grandson-Dylan Lightbody and four great granddaughters-Alexis and Olivia Smith, and Isabel and Sophie Urbanc. Shirley also had many nieces and nephews.

She graduated from Bradford High School with the class of 1940. She attended Ohio Northern University and MacMurray College. She helped her husband at the Bradford Republican newspaper for 15 years and later worked at the Wyoming Post Herald.

She was a member of the Leet United Methodist Church for many years and served as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service,

taught Sunday School, and sang in the church choir. She was also a past president of the lady golfers of Coal Creek Country Club, a member of Bradford American Legion Auxiliary and Stark County Farm Bureau.

Cremation services have been accorded and the family will be holding memorial services at a later date.

Memorials can be made to her church or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

JoAnn Lempke
KEWANEE – JoAnn Lempke, 76, of Kewanee, died at 11:30 a.m., Friday, Dec. 25, 2020, at her home with her loving daughter at her side.

Cremation will be accorded and a graveside service at Pleasant View Cemetery will be held in the spring. Memorials may be directed to the JoAnn Lempke Memorial Fund. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.



Lempke

She was born Nov. 25, 1944, in Dunlap, Ill., the daughter of Wilbert and Lavonia (Barrett) Harlan. She married Donald E. Lempke on May 1, 1965, in Kewanee and he preceded her in death on July 21, 2009. She was

also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Sally Taylor; two nephews and a great nephew.

She is survived by a daughter, Lorraine Lempke of Kewanee; two sisters, Pat Hockenbury and Helen Harlan, both of Wyoming; four brothers, Willard of Princeville, Donald of Wyoming, Robert of Chillicothe and Ralph of Wyoming; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

JoAnn had been a homemaker and also did house cleaning for various individuals. She enjoyed talking on the phone and keeping in touch with family and friends. She also enjoyed watching TV, doing puzzle books and playing cards.

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

Betty N. Whitman
GALVA – Betty N. Whitman, 98, of Galva, died Dec. 27, 2020, at the home of her daughter in Hudson.

Private graveside services will be held at Galva Cemetery at 11 a.m., Monday, Jan. 4. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

She was born Sept. 15, 1922 She married Dale B. Whitman Sept. 6, 1944. He preceded her in death.

Survivors include her daughter, 6 sons, 18 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.

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Bradford school deals with COVID-19 restrictions

By John A. Ballentine
BRADFORD – Several agenda items of the Bradford School Board were influenced by Tier-3 COVID restrictions. For example, the Bradford Lions' Club would have normally utilized Bradford

Grade School gymnasium for their annual pancake and sausage breakfast. "Unfortunately, the Lions' Club breakfast can't take place at the school at this time" Superintendent Chad Gripp said, noting the decision was due to

the COVID restrictions. Gripp went on to say that once restrictions are lifted, he hopes to meet with the Lions' Club members to establish a date for the breakfast. Restrictions have also affected Bradford Junior High sports, which are postponed until restrictions are eased. The school had created an open gym/camp schedule for student athletes just days prior to the Tier-3 restrictions being instituted, but those restrictions shut down that possibility. A Jan. 4 remote learning planning day for teachers has been restricted, as well. It was scheduled, but now there has to be an alternative way to meet rather than in person. Also, parent-teacher

meetings have been postponed. In other action, the board approved an annual school tax levy that is down \$0.0162 as reported by Gripp. That relates to \$5.41 less in taxes for homeowners with a \$100,000 home. Eighth grade Bradford students are scheduled to visit Stark County High School on Jan. 13 and Bureau Valley High School on Jan. 20 to decide which school to attend next year. Students are scheduled to return to school on Jan. 5. Finally, the board approved extending the 2 p.m. dismissal schedule to March 5, which is the end of the third quarter.


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