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Occupied storefronts are a welcome sight in downtown Wyoming. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

A different downtown

Cooperation, hard work & TIF aid Wyoming businesses

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Every now and then while driving, you pass through a small town that makes you wonder, "This place is nice. I wonder what the secret is?"

Not every town. There are plenty of places that bear familiar scars of lost businesses and tough economic times so prevalent in much of rural Illinois.

But Wyoming is one of those places where there's no missing the difference. The down-



town looks inviting, with shiny new facades and colorful storefronts – most of which are oc-

cupied. When you dig deep enough, you realize there's no one secret for success in Wyoming, where business owners agree the difference is an investment of time, energy and money and a willingness to work together.

"I don't know if there is a secret. I just think the businesses seem to get along and, attitude wise, they are always looking for new things to try," said Denny Rewerts, Wyoming's economic development advisor. "When a business comes
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Vaccine resistance

Rural residents more leery of COVID vaccine

By BILL KNIGHT

For The Prairie News

Trips to the store show that many area residents seem to be taking pandemic precautions seriously, from wearing masks to keeping safe distances. But a new study says many rural residents nationally aren't concerned about COVID-19, think the threat is exaggerated, or consider their responses a personal choice instead of a civic responsibility.

About one-third of rural residents are reluctant to get vaccinated, more so than city or suburban dwellers, according to Kaiser Family Foundation. Re-

Restrictions eased

Residents of Peoria, Knox, Stark and Henry counties can once again legally eat inside a restaurant or bar.

There's no more sneaking through the back door into restaurants whose owners hope they do not get in trouble for feeding customers.

With COVID-19 positivity
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spondents said they probably wouldn't or definitely wouldn't get the vaccine, even if it's free, safe and effective.
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GALVA PROPERTY PRIDE



Bill and Connie Clark of 117 Southwest Fourth St. in Galva were awarded the December Property Pride Award by the Galva Ready to Grow committee. The Clarks have lived in the home for 45 years and have remodeled the home both inside and outside and have used Lauren Murray a Galva contractor for the work.



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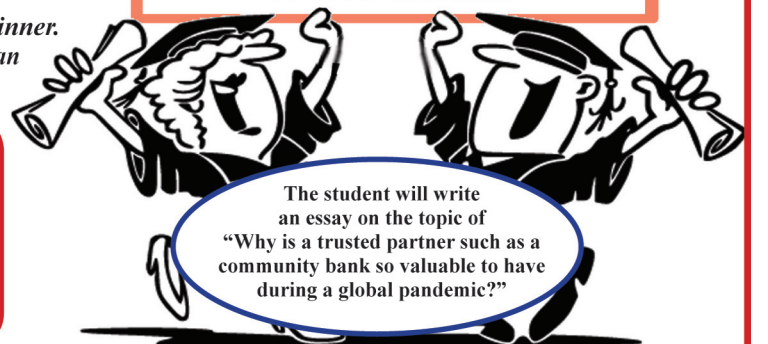
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COVID: Indoor dining service now allowed

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rates dropping dramatically to 5.7 percent on Tuesday – the lowest rate since Oct. 23 – and other statistical indicators also improving, 9 of 11 regions in the state's COVID mitigation plan have seen restrictions lifted in the past week.

Region 2, which covers north-central counties including Peoria, Knox, Henry and Stark, is now in Tier 1. These regions can open indoor dining with limited capacity. Indoor dining is allowed at a limited 25 percent capacity, indoor tables cannot exceed four people, reservations are required and establishments must close from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m.

Although indoor bar service is allowed under Tier 1, it remains suspended unless food is also being served in the establishment.

Along with eating out, people can now start resuming many aspects of life that have been on hold since Nov. 20, when Gov. JB Pritzker imposed stricter limits in the face of a COVID positivity rate that peaked at 13.2 percent on Nov. 13.

Another step in that direction comes Jan. 25, when the entire state will move into Phase 1B of vaccine distribution. Most of the state is only distributing the vaccine under Phase 1A, which includes health care workers and long-term care facility residents. Counties that have

substantially completed the first phase have started Phase 1B, which includes non-health care essential workers, residents 65 years or older and inmates.

The Illinois Department of Public Health will also partner with large pharmacies to launch new sites in communities across Illinois, according to the governors office

As of Tuesday night, Illinois had received over 1 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines, with 508,732 having been administered.

COVID-19 hospitalizations continue on a gradual downward arc as well, decreasing for the eighth week in a row as of Sunday night after peaking the week ending Nov. 22.

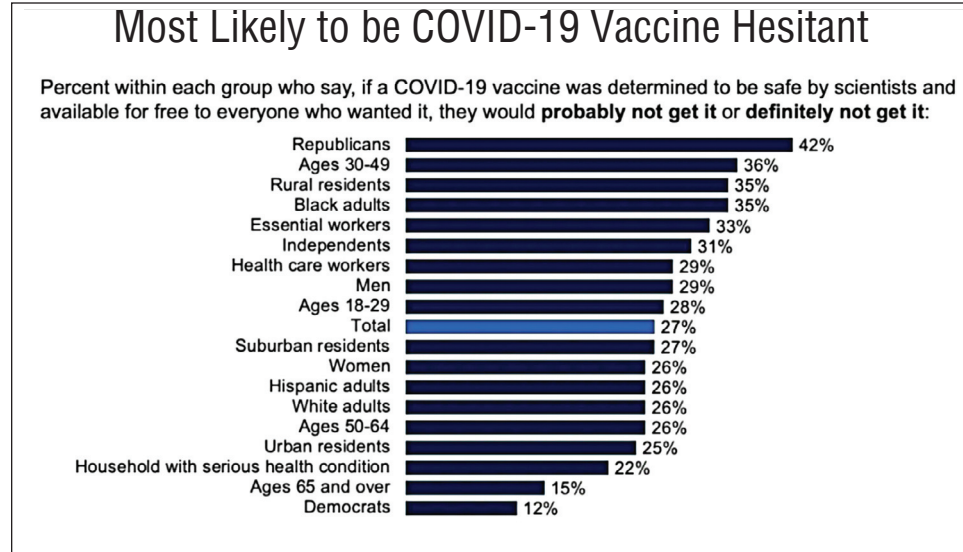
VACCINE: Rural COVID death rate higher

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More than 508,000 Illinoisans already have received vaccine doses, and Gov. JB Pritzker said the state will move to phase 1B of the vaccination schedule on Monday, Jan. 25.

In the mean time, some Illinois health-care systems are stepping up to vaccinate people 65 and older (though that is not yet happening in Stark and Henry counties). Also, health departments are offering vaccinations to Phase 1B frontline workers: first responders; school, child-care and shelter personnel; food and agriculture workers; manufacturing employees; corrections staff and inmates; U.S. Postal Service workers; and workers in public transit and grocery stores.

Further, there's good news for two areas in Illinois, such as the region including Peoria, Knox, Stark and Henry Counties, which are improving enough that some restrictions are being relaxed, such as permitting limited inside dining for the first time since November, expanding capacities for museums, casinos and large



retailers, and bringing back indoor fitness classes and recreation programs.

Nevertheless, suspicions persist about whether vaccines will make a difference. But the vaccines are vital to beating back the pandemic, scientists say.

"The Moderna and Pfizer vaccines – the only two approved in the U.S. – are among the best vaccines ever created, with effectiveness rates of about 95 percent after two doses," reported David Leonhardt in the New York Times. "That's on par with the vaccines for chickenpox and measles. And a vaccine doesn't even need to be so effective to reduce cases sharply and crush a pan-

demic."

Last week, rural America overall experienced a record number of COVID-19 infections. Rural counties reported 232,239 new infections, according to the Center for Rural Strategies (CRS) – up 35 percent from the previous week, when rural COVID-19 deaths also peaked, at 4,084.

In fact, last month, rural residents were twice as likely to die from COVID-19 than residents of the nation's largest cities, reported Tim Marema of CRS.

"The rural death rate has been higher than the metropolitan rate since mid-August," he said.

Experts say several fac-

tors could affect the outcome, such as rural hospitals having a greater percentage of COVID-19 patients and comparably limited bed availability, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Meanwhile, another wrinkle in a vaccine rollout is fewer pharmacies with vaccination services available in rural areas.

The Rural Policy Research Institute in Iowa City said, "A significant number of the entities represented in the National Council for Prescription Drug Programs data will be unlikely to provide vaccination resources because of the nature of their business."

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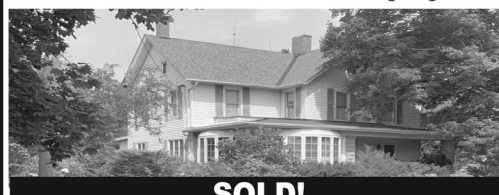
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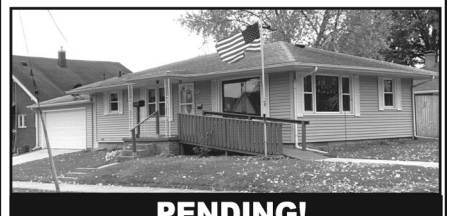
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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

1-11-21 – Sheryl L. Hovey - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.

1-11-21 – Adam D. Johnson - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

1-13-21 – Felony: Edgar J. Tello - Possession of a controlled substance and aggravated fleeing of police.

1-15-21 – Felony: Joshua A. Williams - Receive/possession/sell a stolen vehicle, possession of meth, and driving on a revoked license.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-16 -21– A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 at the intersection of 700N. The driver involved was Austyn R. Wiesman, 23, Colona. Wiesman was traveling south on Route 17 when he failed to negotiate a curve and the vehicle left the roadway where it struck a sign. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

1-13-21– Edgar J. Tello, 29, Peo-

ria, was arrested for aggravated fleeing or attempting to elude an officer, driving while his license was suspended, armed violence, possession of a controlled substance, and two citations for driving 26 to 34 mph over the posted speed limit. He posted \$3,500 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

1-15-21– Joshua A. Williams, 35, of Clinton, Ky., was arrested for unlawful possession of a vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, and for driving on a revoked license. Unable to post \$10,000 cash bond he remains in custody at the Stark County Jail.

Galva Report Officer dispatched

1-12-21 – to the 800 block of NW 4th Ave. for a report of a cat bite.

1-12 – to the 400 block of South Center Ave. for a report involving two dogs running loose. Officer was unable to catch them.

1-12 – to a loose-dog complaint in the 400 block of NW 4th Street. The owner located the dog.

1-12 – to assist a motorist who was out of fuel just east of town on

Route 34.

1-12 – to force entry into a residence on NW 7th Ave. for a subject who had fallen and needed medical attention.

1-13 – to a verbal domestic dispute in the 100 block of SE 3rd Street.

1-14 – to a fight complaint in the 300 block of Front Street. This case remains under investigation.

1-15 – to a loud noise complaint in the 00 block of SW 4th Street.

1-15 – to the 700 block of NW 4th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog was impounded.

1-16– Officer, along with the fire dept. and Stark County Medic, was dispatched to a structure fire in the 00 block of SW 4th Street. It was determined to be food burning on the stove.

Property Transfers

1-11-21 – Norman D. Black to Meredith J. Duncan - Pt 24-13-5 SE. Consideration = \$0.00.

1-14-21 – Kathleen L. and Michael P. Harmon to Ronnoco Land farms, LLC - Pt 30-13-5 NW - Cedar Bluff Road, LaFayette, Consideration = \$0.00.

Colson Mertz is Galva's first baby of 2021

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva's first baby for 2021 was Colson Robert Mertz and his proud parents are Anthony and Katy Mertz of Galva.

Colson was born Jan. 3 at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria. He weighed 8 pounds, 7.6 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are Greg and Kathy Fargher of rural Galva. Paternal grandparents are: Tom and Coleen Mertz and paternal great grandparents are Robert and Deloris Bruns

The first baby was presented a gift basket from Galva Ready to Grow and a onsie with Galva's first baby of 2021 made by Uncommon Groove.

• **Pre-K signup** – A sign-up for the 2021-22 Galva Pre-K program will be held Feb. 1-5 at Galva Elementary School between 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Children must be at least 3 years old by Sept. 1, 2021.

Because of limited enrollment, each child will be screened in March to determine who will be eligible to attend.

Current Pre-K students returning to Pre-K for next year will be automatically registered for the 2021-22 school year.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions,



Colson Robert Mertz, above with parents Anthony and Katy Mertz, is Galva's first baby for 2001 after being born Jan. 3.



Parker Devanny (top) and Jaymi Gibbs (above) received Illinois Principals Association Student Leadership Awards for Galv High School.

the Elementary School office is not open to the public at this time. Parents can pick up necessary paperwork in the Elementary foyer and return it there after completing it.

For more information, please call (309) 932-2420.

• **Award winners** – Parker DeVenny and Jaymi Gibbs of Galva have received the Illinois Principals Association Student Leadership Award for Galva's Class of 2020.

Each year, schools nominate one boy and one girl to receive the award.

The awards are normally presented in April, but were delayed because of COVID. These awards were presented in early December by Galva Principal Jerry Becker.



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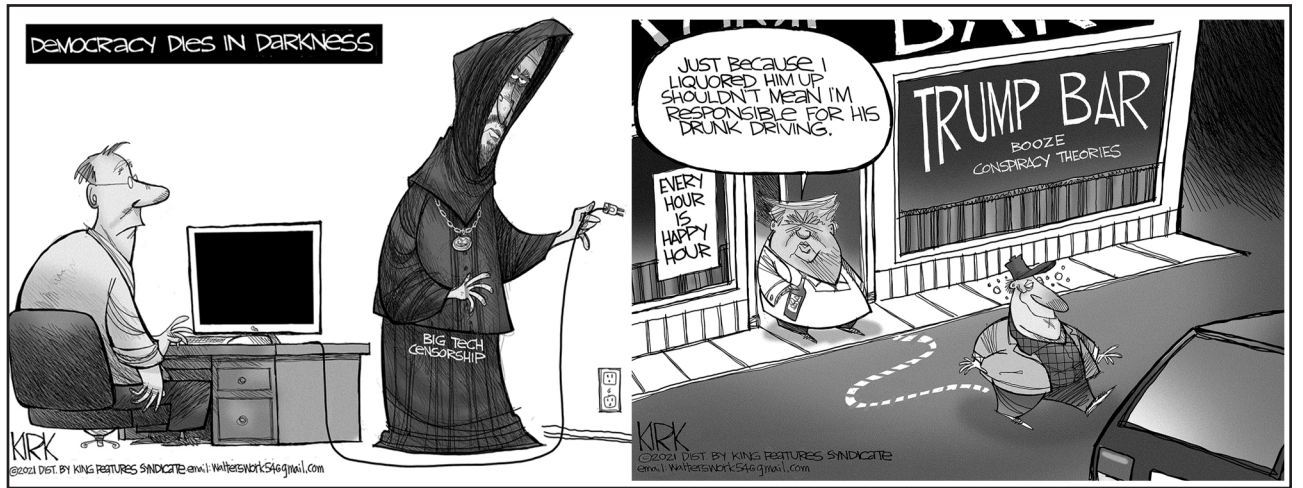
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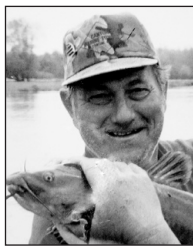
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GUEST VOICES



Dumb smart phones

A few years ago, I decided I wanted a smart phone. My wife said, "Are you sure you are smart enough for a smart phone?" Since I know nothing about smart phones, it was decided she would go with me. I thought that was a good idea, at first. Upon arrival at the "smart phone store," immediately a well-dressed young gentleman asked my wife if he could help her. My wife explained that her husband wanted a smart phone.



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Without speaking he looked up and down at me for a few seconds, as if I was a piece of fruit in a grocery store. This would be the last time that he would acknowledge my existence. It would also be the last time that someone in a "smart phone store" waited on me without me taking a nap or two. After the two of them solved all the questions that I didn't get a chance to ask, we were on the way home with my first smart phone. The smart phone came in a well-taped box. My wife was driving, and I guess that they did not want me to break it until I got home. We were sitting in our respective recliners with her catching up on "Facebook" and me opening the box. When I opened the box, I was expecting a phone and a charger. I was not expecting ear attachments and a half mile of wires and stuff that was completely unidentifiable. Since there were no directions, I

Farquer dies at 71

Shortly after completing this article and enlisting his wife Sharon to handle the typing duties, Terry "Tbone" Farquer became sick with the COVID-19 virus. Sadly, he died on Jan. 18, 2021. His complete obituary can be seen on Page 10.

decided to start with something easy and charge my new smart phone. No matter how I tried, I could not get the charger wire to fit into that smart phone. I did not want to ask my wife for help, but after seven or eight minutes I was getting flustered. I did notice that she had a smirk on her face that I had figured out was not coming from Facebook. Finally, I said "I can't believe this stupid phone comes without directions." "You are trying to hook it to the TV remote," she said. She is right I am too stupid for a smart phone. The next day, bless her soul, my wife printed instructions for my smart phone. One hundred and eighty-five pages! I could read "Grapes of Wrath" quicker. It would be obsolete before I read that much. I skipped the page on how to charge your phone and concentrated on turning it on and off and even making and receiving a phone call. My grandson, Ben, set up "apps" for me. He had to explain "app" to me. The first feature that I learned to hate was the "leave your message at the tone." I don't leave messages, but apparently the tape goes on for about two weeks or until your battery wears down. From the bar I called my wife and

got her answering machine. When I got home my wife said, "There is something I want you to listen to." Somebody, obviously trying to imitate my voice said, "I didn't want to talk to her anyway." I learned to hate Google next. I am a sports nerd and used to be able to pick up a little change on sports trivia. If somebody at the bar said, "When Wilt Chamberlain scored 100 points, how many free throws did he make?" Before I can get a bet down the bar maid said, "Twenty-eight." After pausing she added, "Was he a basketball player or a football player?" Maybe I can get a bet on how many he missed. Four. Google can tell me what Reggie Jackson ate for breakfast the morning before he hit three home runs in the World Series against the Dodgers, but it plays dumb when I ask it, "what is my password." If I don't need to make a phone call the phone app is on the first page, but if I need to make a call it disappears like "Harry the Rabbit." The sound on my smart phone turns itself up and down depending on which way would irritate me the most. I have learned a few things about my smart phone. I have learned that a waterproof case works well as long as you do not get it wet. I learned also that if you do get it wet, all the rice in China will not fix it. My wife is right: I am too dumb to use a smart phone. I was just getting used to two longs and a short.

A Dangerous Day

I begin each day with "Doo wah ditty doo wah day" and a smile. On this particular day I am writing about, my daughter Dianne is taking me out in the cold, ice-covered frozen tundra to get groceries at a local large shopping store. I'm excited as I haven't seen anything but my three rooms lately. She goes into the store and retrieves a go-cart with a basket for all my necessities. She also verbally warns all that are in reach that I am driving a cart! My driving abilities are known to a few, but not all, so



Marilyn McCULLOUGH

the warning is probably a good idea. I cannot understand why these monsters go like overstuffed snails on the straightaway aisles and then drive like they are Evel Knievel when going around corners! Dianne goes ahead of me to warn other shoppers and me that I am in the area. I forward and back around corners, blowing the dust and labels off a few cans as I manically head for the next aisle. Well, she neglects to inform me that there are large signs and arrows pointing "one-way only" Yes, she is my loving child, but I do wonder if she has ulterior motives. I smile (under my mask) so no one can tell. If you want to smell clean and fresh and be disinfected – head to

the end of the cleaning products aisle. There WAS a display of about 14,000 bottles of Pine Sol there. There are about 7,000 now, but the floor smells great! As the crowds gather to see what the large crash was and to watch as a 6-foot pond of neutral-colored liquid expands under and around the surrounding area, I point at Dianne and say "she did it". I look shocked and wide eyed as Dianne picked up the surviving bottles and employee called for "Clean up on aisle ?" I was not surprised to see or hear a round of applause as we checked out.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT: WYOMING

Maker's Mall offers variety of products

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Maker's Mall is a "mall" store with numerous regionally made products available for purchase. It is located at 101 North Seventh St. in Wyoming and is owned by Dave McGarvey.

"Maker's Mall is an opportunity for local artists and talent to showcase their craft and creativity," says McGarvey. "I rent the space, the artists decide all the prices and I handle the sales for them."

Asked why it is named "Maker's Mall", McGarvey replied, "Because we are all makers and it is all multiple makers under one roof, like a shopping mall."

And, the products vary from rag-rugs to homemade soy candles. There are racks of clothing available, as well, that are designed for the Stark County High School Rebels fans.

"It's a lot of out-of-town customers who shop here. It's surprising how much out-of-town traffic I get who shop here," McGarvey said. "Many of the customers are ladies from their 20s to 70s."



Maker's Mall in Wyoming offers a wide variety of regionally made products. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

There are gift buyers who frequent the Mall and people looking for items to decorate their homes. Holiday seasons bring in customers, too. Also, local business Yer Kiln Me has a display of items that are created by area craftspeople.

Those areas in central Illinois where makers are from include Wyoming, Toulon, Princeville, Kewanee, Buda (candles), Oneida, Edwards, Brimfield, Edelstein (a potter).

"People should come in and take a couple of looks around because you can't see it all at one time," McGarvey suggested. There are a lot of products at the store, which has been open since Sept. 1, 2020.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Saturday 9 to 5 and Sunday 11 to 3. Maker's Mall is closed on Mondays. The phone number is (309) 238-5291, or email makersmall101@gmail.com.

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St. Dominic church sanctuary a gem

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – One of several sites worth seeing in Wyoming is the unique sanctuary of St. Dominic Catholic Church.

First constructed in October of 1880, the current church's construction began in 1928 when the cornerstone was laid on Aug. 5, 1928, at the 303 N. Galena Ave location.

St. Dominic's architecture is Norman-Gothic with five crosses visible on the roof. The stained glass windows are imported from Munich, Germany, the capital of Bavaria. The windows depict episodes in the life of Christ, plus the mysteries of the Rosary, as originated by St. Dominic.

The wooden beams of the church are stained and Italian artists painted polychrome designs upon them with no two beams being alike.

The church's bell is constructed of 250 silver dollars that were melted down with the permission of the U.S. Government. Patrick Cain, of Essex Township, donated the dollars. It is named the St. Ann Bell, in memory of Cain's wife, Ann. The bell was first hung in the first church of 1881. The silver produces the clear tone of the bell.



Decorations of all sorts abound in the cozy sanctuary of St. Dominic Church in Wyoming, which was built in 1928. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

Father James M. Fitzgerald was the priest during the new church's construction and he served from 1923 to 1941.

Father Fitzgerald contributed to the beauty of the church with many special features being given by him, in memory of his parents.

The church was consecrated by Bishop Edmund M. Dunne of the Diocese, of Peoria. Father John Cyr currently is St. Dominic's priest.

Services are held Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. mid-June through January and Sundays at 8 a.m.

To learn more, call (309) 695-4031 or visit Facebook at Wyoming-BradfordCatholic.



Founding of Wyoming dates back to 1836

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The City of Wyoming was founded on May 3, 1836 by General Samuel Thomas, a veteran of the War of 1812.

A plaque below his gravestone in the Wyoming Cemetery denotes that Thomas was the founder and benefactor of Wyoming. He has been honored by the city, which named the main city park and a street after him.

Thomas originally came to Illinois from Pennsylvania and he named the city after the Wyoming Valley located in that state, where



Headquarters of the Rock Island State Trail is the former CB&Q railroad depot in Wyoming. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

he lived as a young man.

Wyoming was incorporated as a city in 1898 and is the largest community in Stark County, with 1,429 people according to the 2010 census – an increase from the 2000 census count of 1,424 but down from the 1980 population

of 1,614.

Wyoming is also headquarters for the Rock Island Trail State Park that is located in the former CB&Q railroad depot.

Wyoming is located on Illinois Routes 17 and 91 approximately 30 miles northwest of Peoria. The

city has a reverse osmosis water system with a new water tower being constructed in 2009-10.

The Stark County School District offices are located in Wyoming as part of the elementary school building. High school football games, girls' basketball and volleyball are played in Wyoming.

The Stark County Junior Fairgrounds are located in the north part of Wyoming where the Junior 4-H event and tractor pulls are held.

There are various manufacturing and agricultural industries present in and around Wyoming.

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WYOMING: New businesses surviving COVID

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in, everybody supports them. I think that's the difference between [Wyoming] and a lot of other towns."

That was evident this year, as Wyoming welcomed four new businesses during a COVID-19 pandemic that had many other shops shuttering their doors. Opened this year in Wyoming were Perfect Polished Salon, Maker's Mall, Curry's Carryout Pizza and Pub 91.

"They all seem to be hanging in there, and two are restaurants, which is the most risky thing there is," Rewerts said.

Momentum for much of the positive change in the past few years came after the Paramount Theatre's lights were fixed and the town fixture got a facelift.

"First we started with the clock down there. Then we got the Paramount going and then all the pieces kind of fell together," said Wyoming Mayor Pat Maher. "It kind of brought people together and has held them together. It got people interested in investing in the town. And it's working so far.

Among those who invested in the downtown is Sheila Rumbold, who owns the Seventh Street Boutique and who, along with her husband

Mike, owns several other downtown buildings. She also cited the Paramount remodel as a landmark moment.

"It just made everything else look better. It looks so cool at night when it's lit up," Rumbold said.

In fact, Rumbold said the night the Paramount lights came back on, she started talking with Stacy Unhold and Melissa Nagode about a project that within a year culminated in the opening of One Eleven Coffee, the successful café Unhold now runs.

"I love that building. It's such a cool addition to downtown Wyoming," Rumbold said. "Once that started getting fixed up, it got everyone else excited."

More stores followed. Many took advantage of Wyoming's downtown TIF district, which was founded in November of 2005 and encompasses 137 properties in the downtown area. In addition to a \$3,000 façade improvement matching grant, Rewerts said the TIF also offers loans and grants for repairs and other business needs.

"We had a downturn there in the 1990s, downtown got kind of slow," Maher said. "What really helped us quite a bit was TIF 1. And then things started to fall into place."

"To me the TIF is huge. I actually

have benefitted a lot," agreed Rumbold, who remodeled the front of her boutique with the help of façade improvement money. "Every little bit helps."

Last year, Wyoming created a second TIF district (see accompanying story below) that officials hope can continue the momentum.

"You always have to think about what you can do next in a small town," Maher said. "Sometimes you feel you take two steps forward and then one back."

But the point is to keep trying. That was why Maher enlisted the services of Rewerts, who had previously worked with Stark County Economic Development after retiring from Caterpillar in 2001.

Rewerts is cautiously optimistic about the future, but unwilling to rest on any successes. He tells a story of his early days as a Wyoming alderman about 25 years ago.

"We brought in seven new businesses that year and filled the stores," he said. "I thought we were set. Well, none of them exist today. You've got to keep going to them and helping them."

With that in mind, the city is in the process of picking a committee to develop a 10-year plan for Wyoming – a blueprint for what changes can keep this community different.

Wyoming has high hopes for new TIF 2

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Ask business owners and city officials the key to Wyoming's success with businesses and nearly everyone points to establishment of a TIF district in 2005.

Now those same officials are hoping future generations can look back to last year's establishment of a second TIF district as an impetus for more positive change in this town of 1,400.

Immediate hopes for TIF 2 are to assist in the construction of a senior living facility. Economic Development advisor Denny Rewerts said the city is in the process of hiring an architect to draw plans for a small, 10- to 12-unit senior living development with one- and two-bedroom homes built on a single level with garages.

Mayor Pat Maher hopes the new TIF can help lure a doctor or doctor's office to town. "We're talking to St. Francis and I'm thinking about talking to individual doctors," Maher said. "The council and the city did that years ago for Doctor [Josef] Unhold to get him to come to town. I'm wondering if that's what we're

going to have to do again."

TIF 2 also includes several undeveloped areas that could be suitable for residential development.

"My hope is with the new high school building going to be built, what we're preparing to do is to bring more people to Stark County for education and the school," Rewerts said.

"What we need to help do that is we need new houses. If we can bring in 20 new families in the next five years, we've done a good job."

Engaged on Dec. 12, 2020, under the flurry of snowflakes in Breckenridge, Colorado, Amber Dennis, daughter of Todd and Angela Dennis of Arlington to Tauge Rux, son of Dan and Rhonda Rux of Kewanee, formerly of Galva. Amber is the assistant director of student affairs at Denver University Law School. Tauge is the assistant superintendent at the Colorado Golf Club. They reside together in Englewood, Colorado. The couple looks forward to planning their nuptials post-pandemic.




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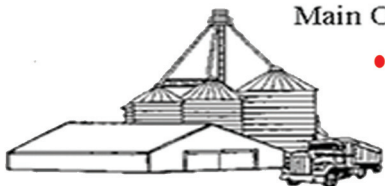


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Bradford council kept busy in 2020

As last semester wound down, the Bradford Student Council and NJHS have been busy working to support their classmates and community within COVID restrictions. They collected personal items and cleaning supplies and donated to the Bradford Food Pantry, decorated the town and the Jr. High for Christmas, purchased gifts for 2 children on the Beta Giving Tree, made ornaments and treat bags for the residents of Courtyard Estates in Bradford, made treat bags for all the Jr. High students, and planned a COVID friendly Ugly Sweater contest with Snack Shack gift certificates as prizes for the winners.



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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the longest river in Asia?
2. TELEVISION: What is the name of the trashcan dweller in PBS' "Sesame Street"?
3. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nuts are used to make marzipan?
4. MOVIES: What incantation did the fairy godmother use to transform the character in Disney's animated "Cinderella"?
5. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for onychocryptosis?
6. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a male goose called?
7. LITERATURE: In which famous work did the phrase "eat, drink and be merry" appear?
8. MUSIC: What is the most watched video on YouTube?
9. CHEMISTRY: What is the chemical symbol of potassium?
10. AD SLOGANS: Which company sells its popular clothing with the slogan, "Quality never goes out of style"?

Answers

1. Yangtze River
2. Oscar the Grouch
3. Almonds
4. "Bibbidi bobbidi boo"
5. Ingrown toenail
6. A gander
7. The Bible
8. "Baby Shark Dance"
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9. Come Play (PG-13)
10. Alien (R)

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Back in Time

Compiled by John A. Ballentine

10 Years Ago ... in December

- The former Engstrom Garage building, which also housed other various businesses over the decades, at the corner of Main and Franklin Streets, in Toulon, was demolished due to structural concerns.
 - Dad's Pizza, in Princeville, burns in a fire due to a faulty compressor. Rick Calhoun owned the Princeville, Toulon and Galva pizza businesses.
 - Brooke Rennick starts "Coats for Kids", in Toulon. New and used coats are accepted in the annual campaign.
 - Happy Tails/ Toulon Aquarium moves to a new location just north of the building they were using. Lucy Dots Bakery now occupies that building that Happy Tails moved out of on Washington Street.
 - Cherry-Tree Kitchens, of Bradford, moves into the former Bradford Industries building.
- ## 25 Years Ago
- The Toulon First Congregational Church celebrated 150 years of existence.
 - Vaughn and Lucille (Reich) Page, formerly of Stark County, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 10.
 - Thomas O. Patterson passed away Dec. 10. He was married to Katherine L. Goodman. He operated a dairy farm in Toulon, delivered milk, and was custodian for 20 years for the Toulon Grade School. Katherine was the Toulon Grade School office manager.
- ## 40 Years Ago
- St. John's Catholic Church, in Toulon, builds an addition to the church

- for classes, meetings and a kitchen.
 - The Wyoming Super Valu grocery store sold turkeys for 69 cents/pound, hams at \$1.49/pound, and ribeye roast at \$3.79/pound.
 - Ed Rice, of Toulon, local barber for 20-plus years, passes away at age 68.
- ## 50 Years Ago
- Allendale Mine changes owners. Peabody Coal Company sold the mine to the American Smelting and Refining Company.
 - New science facilities are completed at the Toulon-LaFayette High School.
 - The LaFayette Greenhouse advertised Christmas plants for sale.
- ## 60 Years Ago
- The Toulon Township High School Trojans basketball team opened the new gymnasium against Dunlap on Dec. 9. A dedication ceremony was planned for the same evening. Toulon won by a score of 55-42.
 - Pete Kalvin, 41, Toulon barber passes away after the past few months of illness.
 - Freight trains running through Wyoming, Toulon and LaFayette make a schedule change to now run through the communities on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
 - The 80-year-old Teets Monument Works, in Wyoming, is sold to the Westefers.
 - Bradford's Briggs Standard Station suffers a break-in. About \$125 in cash was taken by forcing the back doors to gain entry. Village Marshall Laverne Shaw and Stark County Sheriff Jack Benedict investigated.

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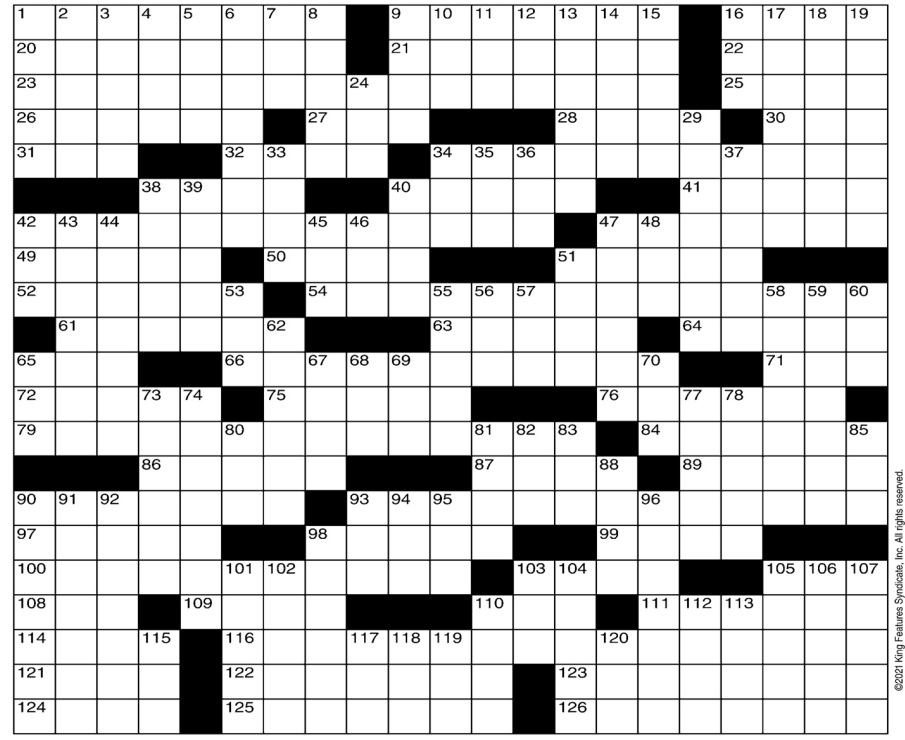
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I WANT to thank my family, friends and community for praying for me while I was in the hospital for 41 days with COVID. I had excellent care. It definitely was an experience that I would like to forget. My strength from mowing the lawn and raking leaves and trusting Jesus "pulled this 84-year-old through." Thanks also for the candy, flowers, many cards and stamps. God bless all of you.

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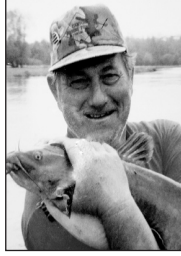
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OBITUARIES

Terry 'Tbone' Farquer

WILLIAMSFIELD – Terry "Tbone" Farquer, 71, died of COVID-19 on Jan. 18, 2021. He was a storyteller, a writer and a good friend to all (well, maybe most).

He was born Terry Fred Farquer to Evelyn and Lovette Farquer, Dahinda, Ill., on Oct. 29, 1949. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Sharon, and his brother-in-law Sam Fox. He married high school sweetheart Sharon Cooley at the Dahinda United Methodist Church on Aug. 3, 1968. Together, they survived 52 years of blissful marriage, for which Sharon deserves a medal of honor.



Farquer

Sharon survives. Together they had two boys, Gene (Stephanie) of Metamora and Tim (Nadine) of Williamsfield. Tbone was a proud grandfather to Benjamin, Owen, Mackenzie, Olivia and Cade.

He was a fourth generation Dahindian, growing up on the family homestead in the land of the smiling bullfrog. He loved to tell of his lineage to the great Fukawee Indian tribe. He was a 1967 graduate of Williamsfield High School, excelling in baseball and basketball.

He attended Western Illinois University, earning his Bachelor's in Education in May of 1971. While at WIU he participated in baseball his freshman year and played two years of basketball for the Leathernecks, alongside fellow Williamsfield grad Bob Anderson and Princeville great John Tanney.

He liked to tell of his 1-on-1 basketball workout against Doug Collins, when Collins was being recruited by WIU. He claimed to have beaten Collins rather easily, with Collins famously choosing Illinois State shortly thereafter. He begrudgingly shared that Collins was only 5-foot-11 at the time.

Upon graduating from college, he began a more-than-30-year career as a heavy equipment operator for Local 649, working the last several with Tazewell County Blacktopping.

Along the way, he coached high school boys basketball at Williamsfield and Brimfield High Schools, coaching JV and assisting varsity coach Anderson at Williamsfield, and serving as varsity head coach at Brimfield in the mid 1980s. He served terms as varsity head baseball coach for both schools and ended his coaching career with two years as head men's baseball coach at Carl Sandburg College.

Tbone was one of the founding members of the Laurel Greens Saturday Morning League, playing at the course from the year it opened until the day it closed. He was a long time member of the Williamsfield Kickapoo Valley League baseball team. He loved to hit balls to the church in Kickapoo and toward the Illinois River in Kingston Mines. He was a long time independent league basketball player in leagues at Trewyn, Churchill Junior High, Elmwood and Williamsfield.

He was an avid outdoorsman from an early age, learning to identify birds by sight and sound, and animals by track and trail. He focused mainly on deer hunting, catfishing and mushrooming as life went on.

Tbone was a competitor by all accounts. He less liked to gamble, he more liked to win. He loved playing poker with friends. He loved taking their money even more. He was also a non-hipster aficionado of Pabst Blue Ribbon beer.

He left his mark forever on the community of Williamsfield by leading the ball diamond construction effort during the building of the new school. He spent countless hours grading the areas where the baseball and softball fields still stand, ensuring the kids of the community a place to play ball for years to come.

He was a storyteller. He was a writer. He was always armed with a story or a smile for anyone in need. He loved his family. He loved his friends. But most of all, he loved life. And live life he did.

Memorials can be sent to the Williamsfield Schools Light the Field Fund. Services will be held at a date to be determined. Everyone who has a Tbone story or picture to share is encouraged to do so on The Life & Times of Terry "Tbone" Farquer Facebook page. Not into Facebook? Neither was Tbone. In that case, in the spirit of the Bone, look up Sharon Farquer's address in a printed phone book and send her a handwritten note.

Jean R. Rose

GALVA – Jean Rose Rose, 92, of Galva, died at 6:05 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Cremation has been accorded and a private Memorial Mass will be celebrated today, Jan. 22, at St. John Catholic Church in Galva. Celebrant will be Fr. John Burns. Inurnment will follow at Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to St. John Catholic Church in Galva or to Visitation Catholic School. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.



Rose

She was born March 9, 1928, in Kewanee, the daughter of Ralph and Clara (Engels) Swett. She married Eugene C. "Gene" Rose on Jan. 28, 1951, in Kewanee and he preceded her in death on March 7, 2016.

Survivors include three daughters, Cheri (Kevin) Karau of Kewanee, Deb (Jim) VanDeVelde of Dahinda and Kelly Coutou of Kewanee; five grandchildren; Shelli (Brian) Daum, Kimberly (Brian) Wilcoxon, Heather (Robert) Ketcham, Chad (Chrissy) VanDeVelde and Mathias Coutou; eight great grandchildren, Jenson, Nolan, Camille, Dane, Mae, Eli, Stevie and Ruby; and a brother, Ralph Swett Jr.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Lucille, Leo, Tom and Marion and a sister-in-law, Eileen.

Jean attended Visitation Catholic School and then Kewanee High School where she graduated in 1946. She had been a homemaker and was a member of St. John Catholic Church in Galva and its Altar and Rosary Society. She had raised her family near several waterfront locations including Lake Calhoun and cabins on the Rock and Mississippi rivers.

She dearly loved her family and grandchildren and was always a proud and loyal supporter of all their

activities and she will be deeply missed by them all.

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

Sherm Raley

GALVA – Sherm Raley, 82, of Galva, died at 2:15 p.m., Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at OSF Saint Luke Medical Center in Kewanee.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 23 at St. John Catholic Church in Galva. Celebrant will be Fr. John Burns.



Raley

Visitation will be held from 4-7 p.m., Friday, Jan. 22, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with recitation of the rosary at 3:30 p.m. Burial will be in Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the Galva Fire Department, Galva American Legion or to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The funeral home will monitor capacity limits to maintain compliance with COVID regulations. The funeral home requires that all guests wear a mask for the safety of all those attending.

He was born Aug. 30, 1938, in Calvary, Ky., the son of James Sherman and Anna Rebecca "Becky" (Spalding) Raley. He married Patricia M. "Pat" Graba on Aug. 11, 1962, at St. John Catholic Church in Galva.

Survivors include his wife of Galva, his son, Scott Raley (Mackenzie Lewis) of Geneseo, and their children, Matingly Lewis-Raley and Bristol Lewis; a brother, Tom (Sandy) Raley of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; two sisters, Stella (Wendell) Gilbreth and Sharon (Donnie "Big D") Milliken, both of Galva; and several nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Roberta Lynn in infancy, a brother, Joe and four sisters; Shirley Norberg, Becky Holmes, Kathy Thompson and Cora Burwell.

Sherm graduated from Galva High School in 1957 and served his country in the Illinois National Guard. He worked for the City of Galva for 41 years and was superintendent of operations, retiring in 2001. Following his retirement, he still enjoyed continuing his "touring of the city."

He was a member of the Galva Fire Department for 55 years, St. John Catholic Church and the Galva Freedom Fest. He was an avid dirt track racing fan and in his early years enjoyed bowling, was a Cub Scout leader and coached Little League baseball. In 1999, Sherm was the Galva Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year and was Grand Marshall of the 4th of July parade.

The family would like to thank the Stark County Ambulance Service and the staff of OSF Saint Luke Medical Center for their outstanding care and compassion.

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Sports practices start, games still on hold

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Prairie News

Practices will resume at many schools for junior high students in basketball and volleyball, but playing games is still an issue to be decided at a later date.

According to the IESA, under Tier 1 restriction such as those currently in place for our area, volleyball can conduct practices, hold intra-team scrimmages and place contests after seven days of practice within the EMS region. Spectators are not advised at this time.

Sports that are considered high risk such as basketball are currently limited to practices. All participants and coaches must wear face masks.

IHSA teams in the area participating in low-risk sports such as competitive cheer, and competitive dance that are under Tier 1 restrictions can also take part in practices and contests.

Basketball, which is still considered a high-risk sport, is limited to practices and intra-team scrimmages.

The IHSA Board of Directors

meets Jan. 27. "It is my expectation that we will come out of that meeting with a more formalized schedule for the remainder of the year," said Matt Troha, assistant executive director of the IHSA.

The IESA Board of Directors meets Jan. 29. According to Executive Director Steve Endsley, the purpose of the meeting is to "discuss how the regionally based mitigation progression impacts season length and the ability to conduct a state series in the remaining activities."

BRIEFS

History group holds annual meet Jan. 25

TOULON – The Stark County Historical Society will hold its annual meeting by Zoom at 6:30 Monday evening, Jan. 25 from the Newsroom (formerly the Bistro) in Toulon.

Plans for the coming year and reports on progress with both the new building and renovation of the 19th Century home of the Society will be among several topics on the agenda. There will also be the election of officers and board members.

Society president Carol Rice welcomes participation from all in the county: "If you wish to learn what we hope to achieve in the coming year, and even offer your thoughts, simply call me at (309)525-0605 or email me at cjlclay@gmail.com, and I will provide you the info you need to join the meeting."

In 2020, the county-wide society held meetings in Bradford, Wyoming and Toulon, and president Rice emphasized that she and the board are committed to making the organization a truly "Stark County" group.

College Honors

The following area students earned High Honors (3.75 gpa or better) for the fall semester at Black Hawk College's East Campus.

- Bradford–Margaret Rouse, McKenzie Stahl, Colby Wall.
- Galva–Ruth Buren, James Byrd, Cal Clucas, Madison Coverdill, Clayton Ebbinghouse, Jessica Edgell, Laura Endress, Macy Gillette, Conner Goodman, Samantha Haney, Ashley Heimann, Kaitlyn Hicks, Jennifer Hoelscher, Holly Hoenig, Jamie Huffman, Luke Jaquet, Brooke Kiefer, Hannah Lemay, Emily Luthringer, Megan O'Connor, Brynn Patty, Adria Ray, Trey Rogers, Rachel Russell, Margaret Sawusch, Benjamin Smith, Julia Stahl, Sumner

Strom, Maggie Suddeth, Parker Taylor, Kaili Weiner.

- La Fayette–David Mock, Alexandria Winter.
- Toulon–Olivia Frail, Te'a Olmsted, Daphne Plotner, Carissa Wetherington.
- Wyoming–Taylor Bartlett, Callie Jo Coats, McKenzie Evans, Barbara Jackson, Levi Nusz, Kailey Senner, Lily Snider.

The following area students earned Honors (3.5-3.75 gpa) for the fall semester at Black Hawk College's East Campus.

- Bradford–Hannah Dries, Whitney Schupp.
- Galva–Jaania Ball, Sydnie Bowers, Dane Creps, Trenton Hammerand, Michael Hawes, Abigail Jones, Lauren Madden, Rachel McCann, Rachel Murphy, Sarah Norman, Annie O'Neill, Sadie Roberts, Tressa Rogers, Emma Weimer, Josie Williams.
- La Fayette–Payton Nowlan, Joseph Stahl.
- Laura–Chase Howell.
- Toulon–Hailey Gurnsey, Becca Hadley, Olivia Hopp, Kaitlynn Irving, Kylie Salisbury.
- Wyoming–Kelsey Berchtold.

Group backs trustees for Black Hawk board

Friends of Black Hawk College have endorsed Fritz Larsen of Moline, Dr. Kimberly Stevens, DVM, of Galva, and Jeff Swan of Colona for the three open positions on the Black Hawk College Board of Trustees, to be filled at the April 6 election.

Larsen is the present chairman of the Black Hawk College Board and past president of the Illinois Community College Trustees Association. He continues to represent the Black Hawk College District on both state and national trustee committees.

Larsen is program manager for Command Strategic Initiatives at the Joint Munitions Command, US Department of the Army, Rock Island Arsenal.

Dr. Stevens owns Stevens Veterinary Clinic in Galva, where she attended high school prior to graduating from the University of Illinois and its College of Veterinary Medicine in 2010. Stevens has recently served as chair of both the Mississippi Valley Veterinary Medical Association and of the Black Hawk College East Campus Agricultural Alumni Association.

Chief Jeffrey M. Swan currently serves as the Public Safety Manager for the Metropolitan Airport Authority of Rock Island County. In this role, he works with a team of 12 officers and 9 dispatchers to implement programs, procedures and practices to maintain the safety and security of passengers, employees, airport tenants and the general public. Swan holds a bachelor's degree in fire science from Columbia Southern University and attended the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois.

An active group of more than 50 Black Hawk College boosters from across the seven-county community college district, Friends of Black Hawk College seeks out and supports the best possible candidates for election to the seven-member college board of trustees.

Princeville grad named to ag advisory group

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Will Feucht of Princeville, a junior at Iowa State University studying agricultural business and agriculture and society, has been selected as an Agriculture Future of America Student Advisory Team member.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Bo/Gar Enterprises, 610 S. Seventh Street, Wyoming, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a change in zoning from (C-1) Commercial to (I-1) Light Industrial for property described as City of Wyoming, Assr's Sub-Div, Part NE1/4 Section 2. The request for the rezoning from (C-1) Commercial to (I-1) Industrial is for the manufacturing

of steel goods.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., February 8, 2021, at which time and place all interested persons may be present and will be heard.
Renee L. Johnson
STARK COUNTY
ZONING OFFICER
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JULIE'S CAFE MARKET

An open letter to our fine community,
The coming few months will be critical for Julie's Café Market in Toulon—and for thousands of independent community restaurants across America—crippled by the year-long pandemic.

Scores of thousands of fine mom-and-pop stores have closed permanently in the past year, but Julie's Café Market isn't throwing in the towel. I am expanding our hours in the near-term, as the pandemic slowly lifts, and we look forward to serving you throughout the week as soon as possible.

Effective Wed, Jan. 27, our expanded hours for the coming weeks,
including indoor dining:
Wed.-Thurs., 7-2
Friday, 7-7
and—new—Sat.-Sun., 7-2
(enjoy Sunday chicken dinner after church with Julie!)

Please stop by, enjoy a cup of coffee, lunch, maybe a glass of wine. Pick up some groceries, fresh meats and produce.

And tell us what you would like to see in our store, and on our menu. After all, the whole idea of Julie's Café Market is to serve you and our community.

In the future, as we expand our offerings of Illinois-created goods, we also hope to draw customers from some distance, to our nice little town.

We hope to see you soon. Please fill up the comfy tables shown here.



Thanks for all your support thus far,

Julie

In behalf of Julie and these shareholders in our Toulon venture:

Kyle and Angie Howard
Gary and Karen Steward
Joe Vosicky
Eldon Ham
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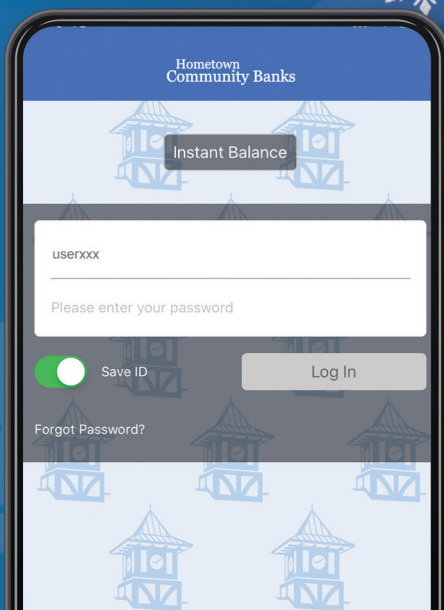
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