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#### **PAMPERED PONIES**



Kaylie Hulsey, of Pampered Ponies, is shown treating a horse with massage therapy. Submitted photos.

# The horse masseuse

#### Toulon woman runs unique animal massage business

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE For The Prairie News TOLU ON Kaylie Hulsey

TOULON – Kaylie Hulsey has a fairly unique business which she started as sort of a fluke.

Kaylie, who began her Pampered Ponies business approximately two years ago, is also a certified veterinarian technician at the Wyoming Veterinary Clinic.

"I had heard about [horse massaging] for a while and had a friend who wanted to get certified and she didn't want to go alone," Hulsey explained. "I actually went with her and I really enjoyed it while I was there and learning, so I decided that I wanted to do this more. And that's how I started my own business."



This have is used in the Manus Manus

portion where different massage strokes are taught.

Hulsey usually works with horses, although dog owners hire her, too. She has traveled the area from Yorkville north to Toledo south and the O'Dell-Pontiac area east to Altona on the west.

Clients usually learn about Hulsey's business from her role as a certified veterinarian technician at the Wyoming Vet Clinic, where she has worked since October of 2014.

"I'm certified in massage

# LaFayette man held for torture/kidnapping

**By JOHN A. BALLENTINE** For The Prairie News-LaFAYETTE – A LaFayette man was arrested over the weekend and faces multiple charges stemming from an alleged case of kidnapping and torture.

On Saturday, Jan. 23, the Knox County Sheriff's Department responded to the St. Mary's emergency room in response to a victim who said



said Mallery

she had been held against her will and was tortured for four days. According to a Knox County

Sheriff's press release, the victim

had injuries from being shot multiple times with a CO2 powered weapon, abrasions from a drillpowered wire brush, as well as bruises from being punched and hit with various weapons.

Through the course of the investigation, the Knox County Sheriff's Department and the Knox County State's Attorney's Office obtained an arrest warrant for Braden John Mallery, 25, of 2359 Illinois Route 17, LaFayette, as well as a search warrant for the residence.

Knox County detectives located multiple items used in the unlawful restraint and aggravated domestic battery that were

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## **Winter fun** Galva ice rink helping make memories

#### By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News-GALVA – After an offseason of improvements, the ice rink in Wiley Park is once again ready for skaters.

"It takes a group to keep it going," said neighbor Mike Yepson, who does a lot of work on the rink. "Many memories have been made at the rink and a lot more will be made."

Last summer, Yepson enlisted Erik Olson of rural Galva to inskates in their basement that are now being kept in the lockers near the rink. He said there are children's and adult sizes for anyone to use who wishes to skate.

Yepson said that several area men, including Scott Carvello, David Trigg, Patrick Sloan and Tyler Glaser, all help with the rink.

"It takes a group to keep it going," Yepson said.

Their efforts are appreciated.

This horse is receiving MagnaWave therapy from Kaylie Hulsey.

There are two parts to the certification process, one being knowledgeable of the skeletal system and muscles, and secondly, learning the hands-on

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therapy for all species," Hulsey said, be it canines, pigs, cows – or humans.

Hulsey is certified also in PEMF or post electro-magnetic field therapy, called Mag-*Continued on Page 2*  stall tile under the rink area. Yepson said that should help avoid standing water once winter ends.

To help finance the project, Yepson said he used some memorial money in honor of his late wife, Julie.

He said Julie had also saved ice

One afternoon last week, several children were out skating.

The Kiwanis Club of Galva will also be serving hot chocolate and snacks at the rink this Saturday, Jan. 30, from 1-3 p.m. and encourage people to come out and skate, weather permitting.

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Rev. Bryan Griem

to the pulpit at

First Baptist Church of Galva,

211 NW 4th Avenue, Galva

## NOTICE/CORRECTION

#### **CITY OF WYOMING**

The City of Wyoming has Council Meetings on the 2nd and 4th Monday (if needed) of each month, starting at 6:00 p.m. Please check the City Hall door for the Agenda which is posted on the Friday before the meeting.

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## Galva crews deal with water-main leak

#### By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News GALVA - Mayor Rich Volkert began Monday's city council meeting on a somber note, stating that three former city employees have died in the last several months: Irvin Winter, John Simmons and Sherm Raley.

Volkert also reported that there had been a large water-main leak on the east side of the High Rise. City crews worked 4-5 days on repairs, as the pipes were in bad shape. The hydrant still needs to be replaced.

Volkert noted that Illinois has passed a police reform bill that will make body cameras mandatory for police officers by 2025. Galva has purchased some used ones so will be in compliance.

Wording on the 5-ton-limit signs on Market and Front Street have been taken down and will be replaced by signs saying it is a 5-ton street, except for trucks making deliveries.

Semi trucks have not able to turn north at the corner near Grace Methodist Church (SE 1st Avenue and SE 2nd Street), so IDOT has agreed to

let the city take out the triangle in the intersection.

Volkert said that city engineer Greg Peterson will have the 2021 street program ready to review at the February council meeting.

Volkert said Galva residents seeking a COVID-19 vaccine need to check with the Henry-Stark County County clinics held at Black Hawk College, since at this time there are no clinics planned in Galva.

Finally, City Administrator David Dyer said revenue was up in Galva last month.

#### Children in house during ordeal aFAYETTE:

Continued from Page 1 consistent with the victim's injuries and statements.

Methamphetamine, a firearm and ammunition were also located at the residence.

Mallery was arrested and charged with felony aggravated unlawful restraint, felony aggravated kidnapping, felony aggravated domestic battery, interfering with the report of a domestic battery, being a felon in possession of a firearm and violating the FOID (firearm owner's identification) card act.

The Department of Family Services (DCFS) was also notified due to children being in the house during the alleged events.

The Knox County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Knox

County State's Attorney's Office, Stark County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police.

Mallery is currently being held in custody at the Knox County Jail under a \$150,000 bail bond, with 10 percent (\$15,000) to apply.

Mallery has been scheduled for a Feb. 9 preliminary hearing in Knox County Circuit Court at 2 p.m.

Mallery has faced criminal charges across central Illinois.

He faced felony charges of reckless discharge of a weapon and aggravated assault in Knox County in 2019. In that incident, Mallery allegedly was in an altercation with a male relative and fired a shotgun in the air in the vicinity of two females. He pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor assault charge to have the felony

dropped.

Also, Mallery allegedly was involved in two incidents in Peoria County at the Brimfield Casey's Store in 2020, where he purportedly crashed his vehicle into another and left the scene. He was stopped later on Route 78 by a Stark County Sheriff's deputy. Peoria County records show he was charged with aggravated assault, criminal damage to property and leaving the scene. Those charges are pending.

In addition, Mallery was found guilty of a felony charge of methamphetamine possession in Henry County in 2019. In Bureau County in 2018 he was charged with criminal trespass to land and in 2013 had an order of protection filed against him.

# **MASSEUSE:** Gets rid of muscle knots

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Holland Grills

Continued from Page 1 naWave. It is a hoop-like device that "is said" to stimulate cell metabolism, increase oxygenation, and reduce inflammation particularly of the muscular system. Hulsey has a "normal" sized loop for people and smaller animals, but also has a large loop for horses. MagnaWave therapy can also help reduce pain and stiffness.

The benefits from massaging are numerous from relaxation to increased flexibility and range of motion. "I've treated a dog with arthritis to where she was on four different medications through her vet and is now down to one medication. I started out treating her weekly, but now we are to move well with their at monthly treatments. She's able to jump up on the couch and be acting like a dog again," Hulsey said.

"The treatment from massaging gets rid of muscle knots that are tight. There is a protective layer of the muscle called fascia and that sometimes that can stick. Massaging loosens that up so muscles can move better, more freely," Hulsey added. "It's really good for a horse competition to have the horse able

range of motion."

Hulsey is married to husband Mitch and they live in Toulon. To contact her, call (309) 853-7945, or visit her Facebook page "Pampered Ponies."

"Even though it's called Pampered Ponies, it is more than just horses. I do have services for other species. I would do goats and sheep too, especially those in shows. I even have done my own personal cat. She liked it," Hulsey concluded.



Registration for Bradford CUSD #1 Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2021-2022 school year will be held Tuesday, March 2nd and Thursday, March 4th at the Bradford Grade School office from 8:30 - 10:30 and 1:00 3:00.

Children must be 5 years old by September 1st, 2021 to attend Kindergarten. Children that are 3 or 4 years old by September 1st, 2021 are eligible to register for a Pre-K screening. Student screenings will be held on Tuesday, March 16th and Thursday, March 18th to determine eligibility for the Pre-K program.

Parents will be requested to present proof of age with a certified copy of the child's birth certificate at the time of registration. A certified copy of the birth certificate may be acquired at the courthouse in the county in which the child was born.

Parents who are unable to pre-register their child during the scheduled round-up are asked to call the grade school office (897-4441) to inform the school of their intent to register a child. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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#### **REAL ESTATE AUCTIONS**

... IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT **STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS** MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

V JAMES L. NEWTON a/k/a JAMES LYNN NEWTON, UNKNOWN **OWNERS** and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH2

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: I vnne M. Binkele. Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 16395 Township Road 00 North, Speer, Illinois 61479.

3. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence and outbuildings. 4. The real estate may be

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inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.

5. The time and place of the sale are: February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stark County Courthouse

6. The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS-IS" sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.

7. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure

entered herein. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises. MORTON COMMUNITY BANK,

An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

/s/ Lynne M. Binkele Bv: LYNNE M. BINKELE One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C. 101 NE Randolph Avenue Peoria, Illinois 61606 Tel.: (309) 673-0797 Published 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/21

ject was fine.

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#### **PUBLIC RECORD**

#### Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

1-18-21 - Brittany A. Moyer -Driving 21-25 mph above limit. 1-23-21 - Peter J. McConaglue -Driving 15-20 mph above limit. 1-23-21 - Taylor N. Zwanzig -

Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

1-23-21 - David P. Rockwell -Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

1-22-21 - Raphyll L. Jordan - Unlicensed and driving 15-20 mph

above limit. 1-25-21 – Dhiresh Thakur - Driv-

ing 15-20 mph above limit. 1-22-21 - Sonya K. Wilson - Driv-

ing 15-20 mph above limit.

1-18-21 - Nancy J. Kisner - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.

#### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-13 -21-A traffic accident occurred on Veterans Parkway 150 feet west of North Franklin Street in Toulon. Driver Mark H. Grant, 63, of Galva, was operating a truck owned by Eagle Enterprises Recycling, Inc. when he struck the passenger side of a parked vehicle owned by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. No tickets were issued but estimated damages to the vehicle were reported over \$1,500.

1-16-21-A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on the Modena Blacktop and 950E. The driver involved was identified as Lucas Wisnefski, 23, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported but estimated damages

1-19-21- Ryan P. Miller, 43, Gales-

#### Jail.

1-21-21 – Chloe A. Sterling, 20, Princeton, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle.

1-21-21 – Gary and Jeanne L. Hurst, of rural Toulon, reported being victims of an identity and or unemployment fraud. The incident remains under investigation.

1-22-21 - A harassment and threat complaint involving a 16-year-old victim possibly being bullied was reported. The incident remains under investigation through the Stark County Sheriff's Department.

1-22-21 - Jason E. Rice, 46, Toulon, was arrested for driving under the influence, and was cited for disobeying a stop sign. He posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

1-23-21 – Jinx Thorne, Wyoming, reported being the victim of an identity theft and or unemployment fraud. An investigation is underway.

1-23-21 - Gregory D. Knowles, 64, Toulon, was arrested for driving under the influence, and for driving on the wrong side of the road. He later posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a notice to appear in court.

#### Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

1-18-21 - to the 200 block of SE 6th Street for a loud music complaint.

1-19 – to the 500 block of SE 2nd Street for a disabled and abandoned vehicle complaint. The owner was

1-19- and met with a complainant

1-19 – to a residence on SW 4th

tion for a bad checks case, Richard Vedell, 56, Victoria, was arrested for deceptive practices. He was released with a notice to appear in court.

1-20 – to the 300 block of Front Street to investigate an altercation that happened over the weekend. 1-20 – to a residence on SW 4th Street for a welfare check. The sub-

1-21-Officer was contacted by an official in DuPage County in reference to a juvenile warrant that had been issued on a Galva resident. Officer located the 16-year-old juvenile in the downtown area. Juvenile was transported to the Henry County Jail and turned over to an employee of the Mary Davis Juvenile Detention Facility.

1-21- to the west end of town for a reckless driving complaint on Route 34. The vehicle in question had already made it home.

1-22- to a trespassing complaint in the 00 block of Morgan Road.

1-22- to the 400 block of East Division Street to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Dyamonte Jyavante, 47, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear in court on the charge of speeding and not having a valid driver's license. He also had a Bureau County warrant for failure to appear on not having a valid driver's license. Due to Covid restrictions, he was given notice to appear in each court and released.

1-23- to the 00 block of Morgan

Wyoming and Rachel Paige Remmert, Wyoming.











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**GUEST VOICES** 

# Why are we so angry? What can be done?

Engaged on Dec. 12, 2020, under the flurry of snowflakes in Breckenridge, Colorado, Amber Dannis, daughter of Todd and Angela Dannis 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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At the post office the other day, where all of us in my rural town go to pick up our daily mail, a friend asked: "Why are we so angry, Jim?" By "we" he didn't mean him and me, and I could tell, even with his mask on, that he was concerned.

Anger is not new to America. In April of 1968, as a junior officer in the Army, I was among those ordered hurriedly to assist the Illinois National Guard in staunching the rioting on Chi-

cago's West Side, which was literally ablaze in the wake of the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Surreal.

In August of that fateful year, thousands of Vietnam War protesters stormed Chicago. They set upon provoking violence, successfully, from Chicago cops who occupied a different world from the long-haired, liberal provocateurs.

A major difference, to me anyway, between those violent episodes and the recent assault on our U.S. Capitol is that the grievances back then were clear. Today, nobody seems sure why, and thus my friend's question.

I suggest the following as among the underlying resentments of those who protest the present state of our union, whether violence prone or not so:

· The rise of minorities and women; the latter are now far exceeding men in educational achievement. Until recently, white males had both groups under their thumbs.

• Rising income inequality. Since 1966, average family income for those in the bottom two-fifths of the nation has been flat, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. In contrast, income for the top fifth has more than doubled.

• Rural America is generally struggling. Many who live in this "flyover country" like their small-town way of life, and don't want to leave. Yet they sense they are also being left behind by those in the plugged-in big cities.

· Many who are struggling economically may feel a sense of guilt that they coulda/shoulda done better in school.

But we humans can't blame ourselves, so we project our shortcomings onto others. Over the past century and beyond, blame was pinned onto international bankers. Now, it's the elites, they feel, who are trying to lord over them.

• But the biggest factor in generating anger, or so I contend, is the melee of intense, often provocative, sometimes violence-tinged information that comes via social media.

The human brain craves information. The reptilian brain stem at the base of our heads is constantly scanning the horizon for threats and information. That is what has kept us alive.

In the center of our squishy, grapefruit-size brain is our limbic system, which for jillions of years has been mediating our emotions and such as our flight-or-fight decisions.

At the front of our brain is the frontal cortex, which has been developing over more recent millions of years. The frontal cortex, the various parts of the limbic system and the reptilian brain stem are all in constant communication. The frontal cortex advises the limbic system, but the latter often ultimately controls our decisions.

Pertinent to all this is the concept of group polarization. As the Harvard

scholar Cass Sunstein puts it: "When people find themselves in groups of like-minded types, they are especially likely to move to extremes."

I contend the constant stream of reinforcing messages within these echo chambers can overload the brain, causing the equivalent of electrical storms in our limbic system. These storms can unleash unthinking passions, even violence, among some. . So, what to do? The following is

tentative and insufficient, needing much more reflection. • Freedom of speech is cherished,

central to our being as a nation. Yet it has been regulated in the past, via what was called the Fairness Doctrine. In force from 1949 to 1985, the doctrine required that broadcasters present "contrasting viewpoints."

Facebook, Twitter and other social media platforms have become like broadcasters, in the public interest.

So, maybe something along the lines of a fairness doctrine for social media programming that is focused on political discourse.

• Or, related, maybe independent panels of citizens to review the effectiveness of Facebook and other social media in washing hate and violenceinciting content – and certainly that from mischievous foreign sources from their platforms.

• Finally, and less controversial, we need to beef up civics education from grammar school through post-high school programs. The apparent ignorance of the rule of law and democratic processes reflected in much discourse I see and hear is deeply troubling.

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.

Jim **NOWLAN** 

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#### BRIEFS

# Galva's First Baptist Church to welcome new pastor

GALVA – The First Baptist Church of Galva will welcome to the pulpit its new pastor, Rev. Bryan Griem, on Sunday, Jan. 31, at 10 a.m. The vote to retain his services was held in December and was unanimous.

Griem is formerly of Barstow, Calif. He has a Bachelor's degree from Biola University in Biblical Studies, a Master's from Talbot Seminary in Philosophy of Religion and Ethics and a Masters of Divinity from Fuller Seminary in Pastoral Ministry.

His wife, Joy, was once a professional coloratura soprano. The Griems are residing in Galva.

Beginning Feb. 7, First Baptist will resume Sunday School classes at 9 a.m. and move its worship service to 10:30 a.m. Masks are required.

#### **College honors**

The following full-time local college students were honored at their school for the fall semester.

• **Treyton Scholl**, of Wyoming, was named to the President's List at Illinois Central College with a 4.0 gpa.

• **Isaac Stahl**, of Bradford, was named to the Dean's List at Illinois Central College (3.5 gpa or better).

• At Iowa State, these students made the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better): LaFayette – Olivia M. King (Marketing); Toulon – Grace E. Hicks (Chemistry), Mitchell J. Martin (Chemical Engineering); Jack R. Wilson (Agricultural Systems Technology); Wyoming – Landon C. Kieser (Agronomy).

• At Bradley, these students made the Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better): Jason Braker of Speer (Electrical Engineering); Clark Brown of Toulon (Middle School Education); Alli Dennison of Toulon (Communication); Carolina Gonzales of Wyoming (Learning Behavior Specialist I); John Groter of Wyoming (Management and Leadership); Allison Kieser of Wyoming (Advertising & Public Relations); Bailey Longman of Bradford (English); Brock Stotler of Wyoming (Communication).

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#### 2020 MISSION: OUR MISSION IS HELPING PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE

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Stark County Community Services, Inc. has been around since 1992 but we began helping people in the early 1980s. The growth of service agencies has come about because of the need of people in our county. Thanks to many volunteers and their dedication, families who felt lost are now breathing a little easier. We are a Not-For-Profit corporation registered with the Federal Revenue Service as a 501-C-3 agency. One hundred percent (100%) of dollars received go to fulfill our mission: helping people help people.

Stark County Community Services, Inc. Is the umbrella corporation under which several agencies operate. Included in these are the Resource House, Stark County Emergency Food Pantry, and Pregnancy Resource Center.

It is our goal to continue God's work as best we can and make a difference in people's lives. We thank you for your support and faith this year.

Stark County Community Services, Inc. Board of Directors

2020 ANNUAL REPORT									
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DONATIONS (Cash/Food/Grants)	\$37,931.42	INCOME: TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$30,406.50 \$14,802.85	STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC. P. O. Box 357, Toulon, IL 61483					
EXPENSES: Food Purchased & Operational Expense	\$32,953.40	87 Requests – 203	People Served.	INCOME: TOTAL EXPENSE:	\$ 3,650.00 \$ 7,759.60				
(Rent/Utilities/Office Supplies/Phone) HOUSEHOLDS SERVED: 493		WE NEED YOUR PRAYERS AND GENEROUS GIFTS MORE THAN EVER. Please send your tax deductible gifts to Stark County Community Services, Inc., P. O. Box 357, Toulon, IL 61483. Please specify if you want your gift to go to a specific ministry, otherwise we will direct it to the greatest need. Thank you!							

#### **OBITUARIES**

Lawrence L. Cantwell

BRADFORD - Lawrence Leon "Larry" Cantwell passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at his home in San Juan, Texas.

Larry was born Aug. 19, 1943, in Bradford, Ill., the son of Roy and Bernice (Cade) Cantwell. From 1965-1969

Larry served in



the United States Cantwell Navy during the Vietnam War sta-

tioned aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger (CVA-61). After being honorably discharged, Larry worked at

the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Wash., as a pipefitter, retiring in 1993.

Surviving are two daughters Leona (Clifton) Hall of Gig Harbor, Wash. and Elise (Paul)



Walters of Port Orchard, Wash.; four

grandchildren, Anna, Johnathan, Amanda, and Tyler; brothers Dennis, and Roy Jr.; and sisters Connie, Sally, Phyllis, and Karen.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers John and Jeff, and sisters Mary and Janice.

Larry enjoyed being with family and friends, and will be remembered for his thoughtfulness. He was proud to sponsor a student scholarship through Mabel's Children's Refuge.

#### Robert W. DeBolt

WYOMING - Robert W. "Bob" DeBolt, 64, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:49 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2021, at his home. Bob was born on Dec. 14, 1956, in Streator, Ill., the son of Glenn F. and Ruth E. (Ellenwood) DeBolt. He married Marianna (Southard) on June 13, 1998, in Smithfield, N.C.; she survives.

Also surviving are his mother Ruth, of Princeton; sister, Barbara Hewitt of Princeton; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Nina and John Pellegrino of Flemington, N.J.; several nieces and nephews; numerous cousins; and his fur-baby, Harley. He was preceded in death by his father, Glenn; parents-in-law, Willie and Marion Southard; and an unborn child.

Bob grew up on a farm north of Sheffield, graduated from Buda Western High School in 1975 and fulfilled his life-long dream of railroading by starting his work on the Rock Island Railroad as a fireman. He attended Illinois Valley Community College, then attended Worsham College of Mortuary Science in Chicago, where he graduated in 1980. Bob began his funeral career working at Schilling Funeral Home in Dixon, Ill. as a student during school, then he worked for Johnson-Gill-Schster Chapel in Galva as an ap-

prentice following graduation. In 1982, Bob began working for J. Merlyn Kidd at Toulon and Wyoming, managing the Wyoming Funeral Home. In 1990, Mr. Kidd passed away, and Bob continued operating both the Toulon and Wyoming Funeral Homes for Mrs. Kidd until Bob and Joe Hott purchased the business in 1992; later purchasing the Hammitt Funeral Home in Princeville in 1994. Bob retired from funeral service in 2009 to pursue his avocation as a railfan.

Bob was an active member of the Wyoming Lions Club and the Illinois Funeral Directors Association. He was a long-time I FUND Supporter and season ticket holder at the University of Illinois. He supported several historical railroad associations and enjoyed reading and special family occasions.

Bob's visitation was from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 27, 2021, at the Wyoming United Methodist Church in Wyoming. His funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church. Rev. Rebecca Klemm officiated. Burial was in Wyoming Cemetery in Wyoming. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services is in charge of arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Monticello Railway Museum in Monticello, Ill., or the Wyoming Lions Club. Condolences may be left for Bob's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

#### Joe Hand

PEORIA – Joe Hand, 81, of Peoria, passed away on Monday, Jan. 18, 2021, at his home. He was born on Oct. 7, 1939, in Kewanee to Joseph Edward, Sr. and Catherine June (Crockett) Hand. He married Janet L. Morrell on Sept. 4, 1960, in Toulon. She survives.

Joe is also survived by his three children, Pamela (Howard) Curry of Gibson City, Edward Hand of Renton, Wash., and Michael (Karina) Hand of Noblesville, Ind.; four grandchildren; two great-grandchil-

dren; two brothers, James (Margaret) Hand of Osceola and John (Crystal) Hand of Elmira; and two sisters, Janet (Richard) Ingle of Oneida and Becky (Kent) Vigor of Kewanee. He was preceded in

death by his parents; and three sisters.

Joe was a claims adjustor for Allstate Insurance for 32 years, retiring in 1996.

He volunteered Hand with Wildlife Prai-

rie Park, working with Mikitcha, an American Bald Eagle for many years. He also worked at the POTC, training dogs. He attended Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria.

Joe's graveside service will take place at a later date in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at Parkview Cemetery in Peoria. Davison-Fulton Woodland Chapel in Peoria is in charge of cremation arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of Wildlife Prairie Park. Online condolences may be left for Joe's family at www.davisonfulton.com.

#### **Donald C. Bates**

GALVA - Donald C. Bates, 95, of Galva, died Jan. 14, 2021, at Galesburg Cottage Hospital. Survivors include his wife, Marian; a daughter, Eileen Neuhalfen of Galva; four sons, Donald E. Bates, Elizabethton, Tenn., Leslie and Gary Bates, Galva, and James Bates, Phenix City, Ala; 11 grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and a great great grandchild.

#### Patsy J. Hockenbury

WYOMING - Patsy Jane Hockenbury, 78, of Wyoming, died Jan. 23, 2021, in her home. Patsy was born on July 9, 1942, in Edelstein. She married Earl T. Porter; he preceded her in death in 1971. She later married William L. "Bill" Hockenbury on Dec 21, 1974, in Wyoming; he preceded her in death in 2018. Surviving are three sons, Daniel Hockenbury of Wyoming, Steve (Christine Beeler) Porter of Wyoming, and Tim (Jane) Harlan of Racine, Wis.; two daughters, Julie (Steve) Hansard, and Crystal (Mark) Ouart of Kewanee; 8 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and siblings Willard (Judy) Harlan of Princeville, Helen Harlan of Wyoming, Donnie Harlan of Wyoming, Robert (Diane) Harlan of Chillicothe and Ralph

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#### THE FAMILY OF PATRICK WESTEFER

TO DR. Pat's patients, our community, our friends, our family: Thank you could not possibly express our gratitude for the outpouring of love, sympathy and comfort offered to us at this time. Every act of kindness and support brought us much needed comfort. Your generosity of spirit and your thoughtfulness has been so important to our family. We miss our husband, our father, and our papaw so much. We will forever appreciate your kindness shown our family.

Love, Denise, Christian, Courtney, Alex & Presley



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE **TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS** 

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff.

JAMES L. NEWTON a/k/a JAMES LYNN NEWTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS

and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants Case No. 2020CH2

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be

sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M. Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.

2. The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 16395 Township Road 00 North, Speer, Illinois 61479.

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

A tract of land located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Seven (7) East of the Fourth Principal

#### LEGAL ADS

Meridian, Stark County, Illinois, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only: Commencing at an iron rod at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Thirty-five (35); thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Thirty-five (35), a distance of 410.00 feet to the Place of Beginning for the tract to be described: thence continuina South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said South line, 370.65 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West, 350.00 feet to an iron rod: thence North 90 degrees 00

minutes 00 seconds East, 385.65 feet to an iron rod; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East. 135.26 feet to an iron rod: thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 25.00 feet to an iron rod; thence South 02 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East, 215.00 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 3.00 acres, more or less; subject to the right-of-way of a Public Road along the South side of the abovedescribed tract and also subject to all easements of record; situated in the County of Stark and Stale of Illinois;

P.I.N.: 08-35-300-010. 4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence and outbuildings

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.

6. The time and place of the sale are: February 24, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., at the Stark County Courthouse.

7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS-IS" sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein. This property is

offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises. MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff Bv: /s/ Lynne M. Binkele LYNNE M. BINKELE One of Plaintiff's Attorneys

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# **Return to sports evolving**

#### IHSA, schools planning for shortened schedules

#### By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News The long-awaited start of high school basketball season is finally coming. When and how is all that remains to be finalized.

Gov. JB Pritzker's office announced last Friday that all sports – including sports deemed high-risk such as football, basketball and wrestling – can be played in those Illinois regions that have rolled back to Phase 4 mitigations.

As of Tuesday, five of the state's 11 regions had returned to Phase 4 and five more were one step away, in Tier 1 mitigations. Only one region, the Metro East area on the Missouri border, still faces the stricter Tier 2 restrictions.

Junior high volleyball and basketball teams are already scheduling games to start in February, as per direction from the Illinois Elementary School Association. Stark County opens its volleyball season on Feb. 1 at Wethersfield at 5 and a basketball schedule is being drawn up, according to Athletic Director Scott Paxson.

The Illinois High School Association was to meet Wednesday to set up a formal schedule for the next few months, since the start of boys and girls basketball seasons were delayed by the state's COVID-19 restrictions.

Coaches and athletic directors were waiting direction from that meeting to establish schedules.

Jeff Kratzer, athletic director and boys basketball coach at Princeville, said ADs held a statewide meeting with IHSA officials last week, during which IHSA Director Craig Anderson said "baseball, softball and track are a high priority because they lost out last spring and they are considered low-risk sports."

The change back to allowing sports means ADs will have to scramble to schedule games and hire officials, which could be problematic. For one thing, not all regions are open for play, so some teams may not be able to face conference foes. Officials could also be in short supply, since some are sitting out this season due to COVID-19 concerns and there will be a likely glut of games in a compressed schedule.

To come up with a solution, ADs from the various conferences are meeting. The Lincoln Trail Conference had a meeting scheduled for Thursday, which was also the date for another statewide meeting of athletic directors.

"We've had a couple LTC AD meetings, and I think the consensus is we'll take care of our conference first and whatever is left after that, if there is time, go out and find some games," Kratzer said. "We'd obviously like to play Brimfield [in basketball], they're only 15 minutes away and a good rival. But we'll just have to see.

"Once it is all announced, all the ADs in the state will be in a mad scramble."

For junior high athletes, practice started this week and many volleyball games are scheduled to start Feb. 1. Junior high basketball schedules are still evolving, but many schools expect to start playing by Feb. 8.



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