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Protesters outside the Bank of Springfield Center in the capital's downtown call for Illinois to reopen sooner than the timeline provided in Gov. JB Pritzker's Restore Illinois plan. Members of the state House met inside the arena for the first of a four-day special session May 20.

2020: The Year in Review Tumultuous, yes? But 2020 also a memorable year in Illinois

By Capital News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – It was a year like no other, and one most Americans would just as soon forget, but 2020 is sure to last in the history books as one of the most tumultuous in modern history.

For Illinois, the year seemed to begin on a hopeful note. The state was running a budget surplus for the first time in many years. By February, unemployment had fallen to an all-time low. But things changed abruptly amid a backdrop of pandemic and government corruption scandals that rocked the foundation of power of the nation's longest-serving state legislative leader.



nated, tested positive for the disease. A few days later, her husband tested positive as well, marking the first known instance of person-to-person spread in the U.S. On March 9, Gov. JB Pritzker declared a statewide disaster and began invoking emergency powers with executive orders, including closure of K-12 schools to in-person learning and a statewide stay-at-home order that brought much of the state's economy to a halt.

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By year's end, COVID-19 had claimed the lives of more than 16,000 Illinoisans as the rapid distribution of a pair of vaccines marked new hope that the "beginning of the end" of the pandemic was near.

Madigan scandal After more than three decades as one of the most powerful men in the state, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan faced an uncertain political future as 2020 ended.

His future as speaker and Democratic Party of Illinois chairman was first put in doubt on July 17 when officials at utility giant Commonwealth Edison admitted in court to a yearslong bribery scheme in which they sought to buy favor with Madigan. The case sparked an internal House investigation in which **Continued on Page 2**

Vaccine protocols set for Stark, Henry Cos.

By Jeff Lampe

The topic of Covid-19 vaccines is a hot one so far this cold winter. Scammers are seeking to take advantage of people in light of conflicting stories and disinformation is running rampant.

With that in mind, officials in Henry and Stark Counties are hoping to clarify local vaccine distribution protocols.

The Health Department and the Henry County Office of Emergency Management received initial shipments of the vaccine in late December and are following Federal and State guidelines by offering it to Tier 1a distribution groups. Tier 1a recipients include health care workers and long-term care residents.

The first to receive Covid-19 vaccinations were hospital and

inpatient hospital workers at the county's two Hospitals: Hammond-Henry Hospital, Geneseo and St. Luke Medical Center, Kewanee.

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Long-term care and nursing facilities have been advised to join the Federal Vaccine Program, which contracted with CVS and Walgreens. The pharmacies started treating residents and staff after Christmas and should continue into January.

Next on the list are Tier 1b recipients: essential frontline workers such as courthouse and highway employees, education sector employees, utilities and transportation professionals."

"The first public Covid-19 vaccine recipients would begin in the next phase to Tier 1c," said Sandy **Continued on Page 2**

Gov. Pritzker: No change yet for Covid-10 restrictions

SPRINGFIELD – As of Tuesday, only four of 11 mitigation regions in Illinois had not met the criteria Gov. JB Pritzker's administration provided to return to Tier 2 mitigations, from Tier 3.

Even so, Jordan Abudayyeh, the governor's spokesperson, told the Capitol News on Monday that the administration is "in a pause in mitigation moves to see what impact holiday gatherings have on the data." intensive care unit and medical or surgical bed availability for three consecutive days, among other items.

Thos requirements have already been met in much of the state. That has prompted some officials across Illinois - including Sangamon County and the City of Chillicothe, among others - to announce they are already moving back to Tier 2. Abudayyeh criticized the Sangamon County Health Department for issuing new orders allowing for bars and restaurants to provide indoor service. "Once the experts agree that we have averted another surge, then regions will be able to move back to lower tiers in the mitigation plan," Abudayyeh said.

COVID-19 pandemic

On Jan. 24, a Chicago woman who had just returned home from Wuhan, China, where the COVID-19 pandemic origiDuring a Wednesday press conference, Pritzker indicated he is considering a possible Jan. 15 move to Tier 2, depending on Covid numbers at that point.

The criteria for Tier 2 requires a test positivity rate less than 12 percent for three consecutive days, greater than 20 percent

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2020: Madigan's future as speaker in doubt

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Republicans sought to oust him from office, but that effort was thwarted by Democrats on the investigating committee - all Madigan loyalists - who voted against recommending a disciplinary charge.

Madigan himself has not been charged criminally and has denied any wrongdoing. But at least 19 House Democrats have said they will not vote to re-elect him as speaker. No one else has yet emerged as a viable contender, however.

Looking ahead

Despite the pandemic, Illinois voters went to the polls in record numbers in 2020, opting for Democrat Joseph Biden over incumbent Donald Trump by a 58-41 percent margin.

Nearly 6.1 million ballots were cast in November - the largest number recorded in Illinois.

Democrats lost one seat in the state

House to hold a 73-45 supermajority but gained a seat in the state Senate to hold a 41-18 supermajority.

Republicans scored wins by defeating Gov. JB Pritzker's constitutional amendment to allow a graduated income tax and by ousting Supreme Court Justice Thomas Kilbride.

Legislatively in 2021, Pritzker and the General Assembly are facing a \$3.9 billion revenue shortfall, due largely to the financial impact of COVID-19 and the failure of the graduated income tax, and they are bracing for difficult choices to cut spending, raise revenue or some combination of both.

Black Caucus agenda Initiatives of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus will also be at the top of the state government agenda in 2021. The agenda, aimed at ending systemic racism in Illinois, comes amid the

backdrop of massive protests against

police brutality and racial inequality, as well as the COVID-19 pandemic that disproportionately infected and killed Black and Latino Americans.

Marijuana licensing

In 2019, the Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act legalized the sale and use of recreational marijuana in Illinois, and in legalization's first year, sales were expected to reach \$1 billion, yielding more than \$100 million in state and local tax revenue.

There's plenty of room for those numbers to grow, as at the start of 2020 the state had issued only 30 licenses for recreational dispensaries.

Despite the promise that 75 new licenses would be awarded to social equity applicants in an effort to diversify the industry, the pandemic and a number of lawsuits delayed the process. The state won a lawsuit in November that could allow the program to move forward in 2021.

VACCINE: Be alert for scammers selling vaccines

Continued from Page 1 Sommer of the health department. "These recipients would include adults with high risk medical conditions and adults over the age of 65. The public will be alerted immediately as soon as any community clinics are scheduled and planned for Tier 1c participants."

Sommer said there is

no pre-registration list for the vaccine and urges the public to hold off on calling the health department.

In other vaccine news, Attorney General Kwame Raoul is urging Illinoisans to be alert for scams related to the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine.

"People should be wary of anyone who offers the vaccine or promises

priority access to the vaccine or a COVID-19 cure in exchange for money," Raoul said.

Residents will be able to receive the vaccine only through a designated health clinic. No one can pay to put their names on a distribution list or purchase early access to the vaccine. Consumers should also

be aware that Medicare

or Medicaid will not call seniors or residents to proactively offer the vaccine.

Residents should not buy any kind of Covid-19 vaccine or treatment on the internet or from an online pharmacy and should ignore similar texts, calls or emails. Everyone eventually will be able to receive the vaccine, even if they do not have health insurance.





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Felonies & Misdemeanors

12-28 - Felony - Rochelle Lynn Sampson two counts of aggravated fleeing and one count of driving on a revoked/suspended license.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

12-29 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 91 approximately 100 feet south of the North Valley Blacktop. Driver Nicholas T. Riddle, 22, of Wyoming, was traveling north on Route 91 at the approach of a curve when he lost control of his vehicle due to icy and snow covered road conditions. The vehicle slid off the road and crashed into a utility pole. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

12-29 – A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 17 approximately a mile from the intersection of 750E. The driver involved was Thomas R. Jones, 81, of Wyoming. According to the accident report, Jones was "traveling too fast for conditions" in the snow when he lost control of his truck and left the roadway where he struck a Rock Island Trail sign and a stop sign. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued. Estimated damages to the vehicle were reported over \$1.500.

12-31 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 93 east of 900E. Driver Terry D. Kaufman, 43, of Argenta, was traveling east when a deer crossed into the path of the oncoming vehicle and was struck. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

12-24 - Kane H. Newton, 18, Speer, was ticketed for driving while his license was suspended. The ticket was issued as a result of a singlevehicle accident Newton had been involved with on Dec. 23, on 1700E and 450N.

12-31 – Apryl R. Ptashnik, 30, Kewanee, was arrested for driving on a suspended license. She was released with a notice to appear.

12-31 - Shawn A. Slightom, 30, Toulon, was arrested and charged with burglary, criminal trespass to real property, driving on a suspended license, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger, and adult use of cannabis in a vehicle. He was later released with a notice to appear.

12-31 – A rural Toulon resident on 400N reported a theft and domestic problem.

12-31 - Carlos F. Moran, 28, Kewanee, was arrested for driving on a revoked license and for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone. He was also found

wanted on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for mob action. Moran was unable to post bond and was later extradited to the Henry County Jail.

12-31 – A 2000 Red Load trailer was reported stolen from a rural Wyoming address located on the South Valley Blacktop. The incident remains under investigation.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched: 12-27- to the 600 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a verbal disturbance involving several juveniles driving past and yelling at a resident.

12-27 - to assist the Kewanee Police Deparment with locating a runaway juvenile. The juvenile was transported halfway to Kewanee, where they were turned over to a Kewanee officer.

12-26 - Colin Brown, 26, Solon, Iowa, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of North Center Ave.

12-29 - to the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a complaint involving counterfeit money.

12-29 - to the 00 block of SW 4th Street to assist a citizen who had locked themselves out of the house.

12-29 – to assist several motorists who became stuck in the roadway due to a snowstorm.

12-30 - to a motorist for a vehicle in the roadway several miles east of town. The vehicle was towed. 12-31- to the 00 block

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of NE 4th Ave. for a report involving criminal damage to property.

12-31–Officer along with the fire dept. and Stark County Medic were dispatched to a furnace fire in the 400 block of SE 1st Street.

12-31- to assist Kewanee PD with a large fight in the 200 block of North Chestnut Street.

1-1-21 – to assist Knox County with a possible sighting of a stolen vehicle on Route 34. The vehicle was located and an arrest made before it made it to Galva.

1-1 - assist Knox County with checking on a disabled vehicle along the roadway several miles south of town. It was found to be unoccupied.

1-2 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd Street, Reid Pfeiferling, 20, Maconb, was arrested for driving while license suspended. He was released with a required court date.

1-3 - to the 800 block of North Center Ave., for a motorist assist involving a vehicle off the roadway. Officer was able to get subjects back on their way.

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ND THAT THE PERIOD OF REDEMPTION FROM SUCH SALE EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2021. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A PETITION FOR ORDER DIRECT-ING ISSUANCE OF TAX DEEDS HAS BEEN FILED IN THE ABOVESAID CAUSE AS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PARCELS BY STARK COUNTY, AS TRUSTEE, AND THAT ON JUNE 15, 2021 AT 1:30 PM, SAID PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR AN ORDER THAT A TAX DEED ISSUE AS TO EACH ABOVESAID PARCEL NOT RE-DEEMED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1, 2021. /S/ STARK COUNTY AS TRUSTEE, PETITIONER.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 130 WEST MAIN, TOULON, IL 61483 TELEPHONE: (309) 286-5911

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Balance from 8/31/2019 (Cash & Savings) \$178,207.26								
Stark County Treasurer (Taxes)	220,755.33							
Henry County Treasurer (Taxes)	4.842.71							
Illinois Controller	4,449.53							
Foreign Tax	2,562.39							
Interest Savings & Checking	786.45							
Misc/Refunds	1.00							
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE DURING YEAR	\$411,604.67							
EXPENDITURES	\$411,004.01							
Clothing Allowance	15,239.00							
Training	510.00							
 Truck Maintenance	2,326.92							
 Equipment Maintenance	841.55							
Insurance	9,483.00							
Telephone/Internet	2,730.89							
Incidental/Contingency	5,530.26.							
Publishing	60.00							
Building/Hydrant Rental	5,126.57							
Equipment	47,327.77							
Ambulance Subsidy	145,068.00							
Trustees Mileage	525.00							
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$234,768.96							
CASH ON HAND 8/31/2020	\$176,835.71							
Respectfully Submitted Trustees	Gary R. Steward							
of the Toulon Community Fire	William S. Foglesong							
Protection District	John Boarman							
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Grandpa and whitetails

When I was a kid, my Mom, Dad and I shared one dwelling with three rooms for us and two other rooms for my Grandpa and Grandma. I often went to

watch Grandpa shave. He used fresh lather and a straight razor. When he was finished, I would say, "Tell me about the old days." I always liked

the one where he tricked his brother, Ernie, into digging out a groundhog that was really

a skunk. One of Grandpa's favorite

memories as a boy was coming face-to-face with a buck deer. The whitetail



deer was nearly extinct century. Grandpa was born in 1880 and passed in 1963. When his folks butchered

> hang it high in the trees to keep the wolves from getting at the meat. Grandpa said that with the smell of fresh blood the wolves would howl all night. I was prob-

ably five when Grandpa gave me my first

hunting and tracking lesson. A fresh coat of snow morning. We crossed the road alongside our house and headed for the bayou.

He found a track and said, "You know what that is boy?"

I shrugged my shoulders. "That's a rabbit track son and on the other end of it is supper," he said.

We hunted about 10 minutes and he shot two rabbits and we went back to the house. There were probably 30 rabbits where we were that morning, but I thought Grandpa was the best tracker ever.

One day in 1956, my Dad and I spotted two yearling deer in an alfalfa field. He stopped and we watched them for a long time. Dad was born in 1911 and that was the first deer he had ever seen.

Gene Parrish and I started deer hunting in 1963. I did not get one that year, but I have been successful every year since. Deer were not plentiful and it would be 1971 before I shot my first buck.

In the early 1960s, rabbits were abundant (no coyotes). Dad and I would go rabbit hunting every Thanksgiving morning. We would usually have our limit of 10 rabbits before Mom had put the turkey in the oven. Quail were also thick back then.

Whitetails are a hearty breed. They survived overhunting in the late 19th century by turning from a daytime animal to a nocturnal one. They came back from chronic wasting disease and, when COVID-19 threatened, they survived even after an abundance of hunters were thrust upon them. The deer will do fine.

My Grandfather had a dog named Wolf. Old Wolf did not look like much, but he was smart. Grandpa said if he went to the woods with a .22 rifle, Wolf would tree squirrels. If he took his "long tom" shotgun, Wolf would chase rabbits.

So one day, Grandpa tried to trick him and took a fishin' pole. Wolf disappeared for a while and Grandpa said he finally found him behind the coal house. Wolf had found a can and was digging fishing worms. I'm not sure about Grandpa's story about "Wolf," but the people of his generation were astonishing. Think of it. Some of that generation saw the first horseless carriage and also witnessed man walking on the moon.

Terry "T-Bone" Farquer is a Williamsfield-based hunter and writer.



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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF

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

Deceased NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY

Notice is given to creditors of the death of WILLIAM E. ABRAMS on December 14, 2020.

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

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

Anne C. Rennick Anne C. Rennick Attorney for: Estate of William E. Abrams

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

ESTATE OF:

BARBARA J. CARROLL, No. 2020p25

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

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Stark County, Toulon. Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before July 1, 2021. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within IO days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/serviceproviders. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts. gove/FAQ/gethelp.asp. Or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor P.O. Box 165 Galva, IL 61434 (309) 932-2001 everettr@barashlaw.com Published 1/1, 1/8, 1/15/21

before June 30, 2021. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers. htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or

have trouble e-filing, visit: http:// www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local Circuit Clerk's office.

Barash & Everett, LLC Attorneys for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of JASON P. KUBIAK, deceased No. 2020-P-135 Notice is given of the death

of JASON P. KUBIAK. Letters of Independent Administrator were issued on December 28, 2020, to Ashley Jannie, of 5671 Gainesway Drive, Greenwood, IN 46142, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, 115 NW 3rd Avenue, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claims not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Massie & Quick, LLC Attorneys for Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 1/8, 1/15, 1/22/21

◆◆◆ NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF STARK COUNTY

Renewal forms for the 2021 assessment year are being mailed to all Stark County property owners who had previously signed up for the Senior Citizens Assessment Freeze, Homestead Exemption, Disabled Persons and the Disabled Veterans. The deadline for their return is July 1, 2021.

The following is a list of all exemptions. If you have any questions concerning any of the homestead exemptions, or to obtain applications, contact the Supervisor of Assessments office at 130 West Main St., Toulon, Illinois, or call 286-7172. sessed value by the amount the current equalized assessed value exceeds the 1977 equalized assessed value up to a maximum reduction of \$6,000. To qualify a taxpayer must own and occupy a property as his or her principal dwelling on January 1st of the assessment year.

Homestead Exemption is for taxpavers who will be 65 years of age or older anytime during the assessment year and who own and occupy their property. This exemption reduces the equalized assessed value by \$5,000. Senior Citizen Assessment Freeze Exemption is for taxpayers who will be 65 years of age or older during the assessment year, have a total household income of less than \$65,000 for the prior year, and occupy their dwelling on January 1 of the taxable year, own the property and be liable for payment of property tax for the taxable year. Applications must be submitted annually to the Supervisor of Assessments.

Home Improvement Exemption reduces the Board of Review assessed value by the amount of increase in assessed value due to improvements being added to an existing residential structure. The exemption is for four years from the date of completion and is for maximum amount of \$75,000 in market value.

Disabled Persons Homestead Exemption provides a \$2,000 reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owned by a disabled person. Applications must be submitted annually to the Supervisor of Assessments office.

Returning Veterans Homestead Exemption provides a one-time \$5,000 reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying veterans who return from active duty in an armed conflict involving armed forces of the United States. To receive this exemption, the veteran must file an application with the Supervisor of Assessments office upon their return home.

Disabled Veterans Standard Homestead Exemption provided a reduction in a property's EAV to a qualifying property owner owned by a veteran with a service connected disability certified by the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs. A \$2,500 homestead exemption is available with a disability of at least 30% but less than 50% or a \$5.000 homestead exemption with a disability of at least 50% but less than 70%, and a disability of 70% or more, the property is exempt from taxation. The veteran must file an annual application with the Supervisor of Assessments office.

Disabled Veterans Exemption reduces the Board of Review assessed value by up to \$70,000 in assessed value for homes especially built or remodeled to suit a veteran disabled while serving in the Armed Forces. Applications are processed by the Board of

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ESTATE OF:

WILLIAM J. SELF, Deceased No. 2020P24

CLAIM NOTICE

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

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative - or both - on or Owner Occupied Exemption reduces the final equalized asReview. Published 1/8, 1/15/21

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OBITUARIES

Robert Glenn Gibson

TREMONT – Robert Glenn "Bob" Gibson, 90, of Tremont went to be with Jesus on Saturday, Jan. 2, 2021,

at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

He was born on Nov. 14, 1930, in Tremont, Ill., on the parking lot of the **Tremont Baptist** Church, the site of the former family home, to Glenn C.

and Mable Larson



Gibson. He married Barbara Ellen Vincent on Oct. 13, 1957, at the Tremont Methodist Church, and she survives. He was preceded in death by his parents, one infant sister Margaret, and one brother Don Gibson.

Surviving are his four children, Julie (Scott) Largent of Tremont, Jim Gibson of Morton, Jan Gibson of Tremont, and Jill (Pat) Finnegan of Wyoming; five grandchildren, Seth Largent of Tremont, Wesley, Blake, and Ethan Gibson of Morton, and Sophie Finnegan of Wyoming.

Bob graduated from Tremont High School in 1948. He was a natural athlete who participated in basketball and track, and he was a member of the very first football team at Tremont High School. He enjoyed talking about those memories. Bob also played trumpet in the high school band and always enjoyed music, especially Big Band.

Bob met the love of his life through a mutual friend on a blind date at the famous Hub Ballroom in Edelstein. He and Barb enjoyed the same styles of music and made quite the duo on the dance floor.

Bob began working at his Dad's business, Tremont Oil Company, at the age of twelve. Upon his Dad's retirement in 1959, Bob and Don became co-owners of the service station. Bob was known for his work ethic and put the word "service" in service station. Like his father during the Depression, Bob helped those in need in his humble way. Bob and Barb enjoyed nearly 30 years of retirement together. They also enjoyed trips to Branson, Missouri, and 56 years at

their beloved Fred Thomas Resort in Birchwood, Wisconsin.

Bob was a dedicated volunteer on the Tremont Fire Department, serving for a total of 28 years. His family remembers him sleeping with the pager by his side each night. He and Barb spent hours volunteering at the Tremont Turkey Festival, working with the Jr. Women's Club sandwich tent, and they also delivered Senior Meals on Wheels for several years. Bob was most relaxed with a

faithful English Springer Spaniel by his side or on the water drifting or trolling with his fishing pole in hand. He was also known for being able to build almost anything out of a piece of wood. His father gave him his first tools as he recognized Bob's potential. His family, friends, and many other people have benefited from his lovely craftsmanship. Bob even built numerous boats and taught his children and their friends how to water ski on Lake Bloomington, creating wonderful memories.

Bob's family would like to thank Tremont Rescue 702, all of the staff at OSF for their compassionate and loving care, all who honored him with a card or greeting on his 90th birthday, and all who have fervently supported us in prayer as he suffered complications from COVID-19.

A private funeral was held at 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, at Tremont United Methodist Church where he was a life-long member. Pastor Larry Frank and Pastor Cathy Clark officiated. There will be no visitation. The service can be viewed on Davis-Oswald Facebook page. Burial will be in Mount Hope Cemetery in Tremont. Davis-Oswald Funeral Home in Tremont is handling the arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Tremont United Methodist Church Family Life Center or Tremont Rescue 702.

To express condolences online visit www.davisoswaldfh.com.

Sandra K. Henriksen

KEWANEE - Sandra K. Henriksen, 77, of Kewanee, died at 6:56 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 23, 2020, at her home.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at later

date. Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Aug. 25, 1943, in Kewanee, the daughter of Glenn and

Marie (Brunner) Stone. She married Harry E. Henriksen on Aug. 28, 1965, at Boyds Grove Methodist Church in rural Bradford and he preceded her in death on May 24, 2018. Survivors include her two sons. Jeff (Teri) Henriksen

of Winona, Minn. and Rich (Karen) Henriksen of Saint Croix Falls, Wisc., a brother, Ron (Eileen) Stone of Henry, Ill., a sister, Donna Halfwassen of Sheffield, Iowa, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren with one on the way. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Sandra graduated from Bradford High School. She had worked as a nurse's aide at Mercer County Hospital in Aledo and as an office receptionist at Anderson Chiropractic Clinic in Reedsburg, Wisc.. and then later at Johnson Chiropractic Clinic in Kewanee. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Kewanee and enjoyed playing golf and gardening. Most importantly she was a loving wife and mother. This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Joyce V. Bjerk

EDELSTEIN – Joyce Violet Bjerk, 83, of Edelstein died Jan. 1, 2021, at Apostolic Christian Skylines Nursing Home. She was born on Feb. 24, 1937, in Warren, Minn. She married Roger Bjerk on Dec. 26, 1960.

Surviving are her husband, Roger of Edelstein; five wonderful children, Nathan (Pamela) Bjerk of Lacon, Sara (Brett) Johnson of Chenoa, Anita (Steven) Booker of Tremont, Ellen Bjerk of Peoria Heights and Carl Bjerk of Edelstein; 11 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; a step-sister, Ruth Ann Johnson; and step-brother, Joseph Lundberg.

A private family visitation and funeral service will be on Jan. 11, with burial at Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield.



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OBITUARIES

Arnold A. Klemm

PEORIA - Arnold A. Klemm, 89, of Peoria, formerly of Orland Park, Ill., passed away at 5:05 a.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2021, at Lutheran Hillside Village in Peoria.

Arnold was born on July 16, 1931, in Chicago, the son of Alfred A. and Louise Doster Klemm. He married Dorene "Karen" Ruth Kebschull on Aug. 20, 1960. He was Klemm preceded in death

by his parents; four brothers, William Klemm, Robert Klemm, Martin Klemm, Frederick Klemm; and three sisters, Lois Schmidt, Marie Watson and Ruth Taliaferro.

Surviving are his wife, Karen of Peoria; two sons, Arnold Jr. (Christine) Klemm of Palos Park, Ill., and Karl (Rev. Rebecca) Klemm of Wyoming, Ill.; two grandchildren, Michael (Monica) Klemm and Caleb Klemm; two great-grandchildren

Post#111. He was a proud supporter of the Boy Scouts and was Scoutmaster of Troop 1431 for many years, having earned the Silver Beaver Award and Vigil Honor in the Order of the Arrow.

Arnold was longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Matteson, Ill., where a visitation was to be held from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, with a graveside service that immediately followed at the church cemetery, St. Paul Lutheran cemetery. Rev. Matthew Troester officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul Lutheran Church, Matteson, Ill. Memorials and expressions of sympathy can be made care of Karl Klemm, 206 E. Henderson St, Wyoming, IL 61491. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming, IL is assisting the family with arrangements

Condolences may be left for Arnold's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Dr. Patrick J. Westefer

dra "Yogi Bear" Westefer; and his beloved granddaughter, Presley McMorrow. He loved his family and was a very dedicated husband, father and grandfather.

Patrick was a self-employed chiropractor for 38 years in Wyoming. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Palmer College of Chiropractic in 1982 with his Doctorate degree.

He served his patients and his community proudly, and cared for each and every one.

Westefer

He served on the Stark County Board and Wyoming City Council. He was an avid Civil War enthusiast, reading many books and visiting several battlefields with his wife. Patrick loved fishing, golfing, and for fun he learned to fly a plane and earned his pilot's license.

Due to the current limitations with gatherings, the family will host a celebration of Patrick's life at a later date. His private family burial will be at St. Dominic's Cemetery in Wyoming. Father John Cyr will officiate.





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Arnold graduated from Illinois Teachers College with a bachelor of education and went on to teach at Chicago Public Schools and Lutheran Grade Schools. He later was an equipment technician at Nalco Chemical Company. He also served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Orland Park American Legion

WYOMING-Dr. Patrick J. Westefer, 67, of Wyoming passed away Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 at OSF St. Luke's Medical Center in Kewanee. Patrick was born Oct. 2, 1953, in

Peoria, to parents Raymond and Mary (Osterburg) Westefer. He married Denise Corn June 28, 1975, in Bradford; she survives in Wyoming. Also surviving are three children, Christian, Courtney, and Alexan-

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Dr. Westefer's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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