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## Galva schools dealing with masked intruder

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News-

GALVA – News of a masked intruder breaking into the Galva school building was naturally a topic of discussion at Monday’s school board meeting.

After the board approved the installation of cellular motion detectors in the school, Superintendent Doug O’Riley noted the detectors would have helped catch the intruder had they been in place on

the night of Jan. 30. That’s when a white male subject gained entry to the school by breaking a classroom window. The intruder then searched every room and took property along the way.

Galva police estimate the intruder was between 5-foot-8 and 5-10. He was wearing a black winter coat. Anyone with information is asked to call the Galva police at (309) 932-3911.

The board also voted to accept a

bid from East Moline Glass of \$266,350 to replace all windows at the Elementary School.

The board approved a two-year contract with ROWVA and Williamsfield for football. Williamsfield has also joined the Mid-County coop for golf.

The board also approved a nine person committee to study and discuss co-oping all sports with Williamsfield and ROWVA.

O’Riley said this could take up to

a year and they could decide on all or just a few sports to coop.

O’Riley said district employees can get their second COVID vaccine next week.

The curriculum committee has met and Galva hopes to be back in school by March 16 for a five-hour day. O’Riley said times have not yet been set, though a 7:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. day is possible and would allow lunches to be sent home with students.



This intruder who broke into Galva Jr./Sr. High School was caught on a surveillance camera.

## Bradford man faces attempted murder trial

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A Bradford man, 36-year-old Carter Leo Scott, was found by Circuit Judge James A. Mack to have had probable cause in charges of attempted murder of a peace officer, aggravated discharge of a firearm at a peace officer and aggravated assault with the use of a deadly weapon.

Mack set a jury trial date for Aug. 9 with a pretrial date of April 13.

Scott, along with his attorney Kevin Sullivan, of Peoria, was in Stark’s Circuit Court Friday for a preliminary hearing.

“The evidence is only speculative,” Sullivan said. “Speculation is the testimony [of Stark County Sheriff’s Deputy Dawson

Nuding] that the rifle was fired in the direction of the deputy.”

Sullivan also argued there is not enough evidence for the charge of aggravated discharge of a firearm at a peace officer, because Nuding could not be sure the rifle was fired at him.

Nuding said that with his military experience and deputy’s experience the rifle’s muzzle

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Scott

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## Stark County board battles Frontier woes

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Frontier Communications continues to add billing charges to accounts the Stark County board of supervisors is attempting to disengage from that business. The county has switched, or is attempting to switch, to Mid-Century for telephone lines in courthouse offices, annex offices and the Sheriff’s office.

Stark County treasurer Paula Leezertold the board at its Tuesday meeting that she contacted the Frontier representative on Jan. 13 to cancel all existing phone lines, except for the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System for the Sheriff’s Office.

“I received an email of January 26, 13 days later, that they (Frontier) finally cancelled them. We’ve received a couple of more bills prior to Jan. 26,” Leezer said. “They are saying that we owe more than what we do. I’m wondering why it took 13 days to go through as opposed to cancelling on the 13th.”

One of the account numbers Leezer informed the board about is a new account Frontier presented for billing purposes, according to Leezer, and has an \$824 amount due. Leezer said the new account is a bill for the courthouse and annex phone service “that was not cancelled when re-

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## Wyoming plans to demolish old locker property

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Wyoming’s city council plans to move forward with demolition of the old locker building at 103 N. Galena after an update on the issue at its Monday meeting.

Paralegal Julie Maher called the locker building “an immediate hazard” and presented steps necessary for the city to take possession of the property so that the demotion could commence. Maher told the council a sign at the property must have Wyoming Police Chief Mark

James’ signature on it and be posted at the property for 30 days, plus the city’s intent to take possession of the property must be published in the local newspaper. After 30 days, the city must start demolition within another 30 days.

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## BOARD: 'This is a very, very dishonest outfit'

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 requested." Leezer said the account was billed Jan. 25 and was cancelled Jan. 26. "I don't agree with it. Again, what Caroline [Borden-Campion, State's Attorney] found in the terminology of the contract for that particular bill, our contract was dated in July, but Frontier is saying the contract is from October, which is not right." This prompted board chairman Al Curry to say, "The five years that we were promised [by Frontier] to halve our bill, has actually doubled. Plus we paid \$300 a month, I believe, for all that equipment that was supposed to halve our bill and it actually dou-

bled. "These guys have done – in my opinion – nothing but lie to us over this whole five year period. This is a very, very dishonest outfit." Leezer said Frontier has put up "a lot of roadblocks for Mid-Century in converting the phone lines." Curry said the county will pay less than half for Mid-Century's service vs. what Frontier charged. An employee handbook revision was approved allowing employees to carry one week of vacation to the next year. If vacation time is not used, the employee "loses" any additional time. Committee assignments were an-

nounced: Police – Bill Loane and Kari Bush; legislative/economic development – Tom Howes and Tim McMillen; Health Board – Bush; Judicial – McMillen and Howes; Building/Grounds – Curry; Road/Bridge – Robin Nowlan and Loane; Building Compliance – Howes; Policy and Procedure – Bush; and Finance – all board members. Curry said nobody has stepped forward to fill two vacant seats on the board. Tabled to next month was a request by Bo/Gar Enterprises to rezone from commercial to light industrial the former Wyoming Motors building on South Seventh Street.

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## WYOMING: New business

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 The locker building has walls that are falling down, and there appear to be feral cats using the building as a home. Recently, a concerned neighbor attended a council meeting and requested the city and council demolish the building. City engineer Justin Reeise discussed updating the waste water treatment plant. Reeise said the project looks to be in good shape to be completed, but gave no time-

line because the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency has recently changed managers. During his mayor's report, Pat Maher discussed the need to purchase a pre-fabricated building or storage shed for storage of the city's and police department records. Finally, Economic Development Advisor Denny Rewerts said he has been speaking with some people about opening another new business to be located downtown.

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## PUBLIC RECORD

### Traffic Citations and Ordinance Violations

1-24-21 - Gabriel J. Coile - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

### Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-3-21 - Two 17-year-old Bradford teens were issued notices to appear for theft and criminal trespass to property.

2-3-21 - Kirk C. Bryner, 65, homeless, was arrested on a Stark County warrant for failure to appear on an original charge of fleeing and eluding. Unable to post bond he was taken into custody and placed in the Stark County Jail. Bryner was also found wanted on a federal warrant for a probation violation and was extradited to the Knox County Jail.

2-5-21 - Carl P. Porter, 43, Wyoming, was arrested on a McDonough County warrant for failure to appear on an original charge of driving while his license was suspended, and on a Stark County warrant for failure to appear on an original charge of unlawful possession of a weapon. He was later released with a notice to appear and court dates in both counties.

2-6-21 - An employee at the Bradford Casey's reported an unidentified individual stole items from the business. The incident remains under investigation.

### Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

2-1-21 - to Galva High School for a

burglary, criminal damage to property complaint.

2-1 - to the intersection of NW 4th St. and NW 4th Ave. for a two-vehicle accident with damage. As a result, Ricky Billingsly, 55, Galva, was issued a citation for failure to yield right-of-way at a stop intersection.

2-1 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic, to assist Henry County with an accident east of town on Route 34. Two vehicles were stuck in the ditch.

2-1 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of NW 4th St., Joshua Carlson, 31, Galva, was arrested for driving while license revoked. He was released with a notice to appear.

2-1 - to the 500 block of SE 4th St. for a report involving an unemployment scam.

2-1 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a subject who was acting out.

2-2 - to the 100 block of NW 1st St. for a loose dog complaint. The resident transported the dog to the veterinary clinic for impound.

2-3 - Officer was notified about a vehicle repossession in the 200 block of NW 1st Ave.

2-3 - to the 1100 block of SE 2nd St. for a motorist assist complaint. The vehicle was towed.

2-3 - to the 00 block of NE 4th Ave. for a disturbance complaint.

2-4 - Officer was notified of a crossing arm malfunction at the railroad crossing at NE 2nd St. BNSF had a repair crew en route.

2-4 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St.

for a motorist assist.

2-4 - to a residence on NE 2nd St. to assist Illinois DCFS.

2-4 - to a vehicle in the ditch complaint on East 2250 St. near Trolley Rd.

2-4 - to assist Henry County with several motorist assists on County Highway 5 north of Galva.

2-5 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a gas drive off.

2-6 - to assist Henry County with a vehicle rollover accident on 300 N. just east of County Highway 5.

2-6 - Officer was notified about a possible water main break in the 500 block of SW 6th St. The Galva Water Dept. was notified.

2-7 - to the 400 block of East Division St. for an animal neglect complaint. Four dogs were removed and impounded.

2-7 - Officer assisted the Henry County Sheriff's Department with a vehicle pursuit that ended in the 1000 block of West Division Street. Several charges are pending with Henry County.

### Property Transfers

2-1 - Agnes E. Snyder to Shane L. Kaiser, Trustee - Pt 10-13-5 NW NW - Consideration = \$409,420.00.

2-1 - PIP-EAST, LLC. to Enrique Antunez-Villalobos and Modesta Herrera-Salgado - Pt 29-12-6 SE - 7863 Duncan Road, Wyoming. - Consideration = \$24,000.00.

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2-5 - Marsha J. Moore, Toulon and Eugene A. Moore, Jr., Spring Valley.

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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

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MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,  
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The path to my fixed purpose is laid with iron rails, whereon my soul is grooved to run.

— Herman Melville

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## TRIAL: Charges stem from Oct. 5 incident

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flash indicated to him that the rifle was being pointed in his direction. When asked by Sullivan if the rifle could have possibly been pointed in a different direction, Nuding answered, "Yes."

"I don't believe the threats are speculative and

I will find probable cause on counts one, two and three," Mack said.

Sullivan then entered a plea of not guilty on behalf of Scott.

Scott was charged last Oct. 5 with the three counts after Nuding responded to a domestic/hostage situation.

Documentation shows that Shawna D. Cassidy called the Stark County Sheriff's Office stating that she, with her two children, had locked themselves in a bathroom at a North Modena Road residence because there was a man outside with a gun.

At some point during the situation, Cassidy and children went to a neighbor's residence. Nuding's report states that he went first to the neighbor's residence, then travelled to Scott's residence.

Nuding made verbal contact with an alleged intoxicated Scott, but Nuding remained at his deputy's vehicle "not knowing if Carter had his firearm."

It was at this juncture that Scott allegedly fired three shots from "an AR15 style rifle" in Nuding's direction after asking Nuding if "he was ready to meet his maker."

Scott was subsequently arrested after his father, Stark County Chief Deputy Chuck Demetreon, Wyoming Police Chief Mark James and other law enforcement officials arrived at the scene.

The first two charges are Class X felonies punishable of up to 45 years in prison each, with a mandatory minimum prison term of 10 years on each.

Scott is free from custody on a \$250,000 bond, with 10 percent applied.

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# Stark County girls top Wethersfield, 67-43

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

...TOULON – After months of delays in getting a long-awaited girls basketball season underway, the Stark County girls didn't waste any time on Tuesday.

The Lady Rebels jumped to a 22-8 lead after one quarter against Wethersfield and then maintained a lead throughout the game at Stark County High School on the way to a 67-43 victory.

Lindley Johnston had 10 of her team-high 25 points in the opening quarter, as Stark County (1-0) unleashed some pent up hoops energy on Wethersfield.

Johnston rained in a trio of 3-pointers for the Lady Rebels, whose coach Scott Paxson had hoped for improved outside shooting this year to go with normally stingy defense.

Stark County also got treys from Kelsey Berchtold, who was second on the team with 20 points, and Olivia Hopp, who tallied 10. Lexi Davis added eight points for Stark County and Riley Menssen tallied four.

Wethersfield (0-2) was

led by Kennedy Anderson's 13 points.

Stark County returns to action today, Feb. 12, with a home game against perennial Lincoln Trail Conference power Princeville (2-1). The Lady Prices beat Wethersfield in their opener, 68-39, but lost to Brimfield on Monday, 65-32, and then beat Annawan on Tuesday, 67-41.

Elsewhere in girls basketball, Galva (0-3) lost Tuesday to ROWVA-Williamsfield, 55-38, and fell to Mercer County last Saturday, 57-32. The Lady Wildcats dropped their opener at Kewanee, 39-35, after leading heading through the third quarter.

The girls are at West Central Friday and then return home Saturday to face

Peoria Heights.

• **Boys basketball:** The Stark County boys started slowly in a 69-42 season-opening loss at Wethersfield. The Rebels (0-1) trailed 19-1 after the first quarter and 35-16 at half-time before holding their own in the final two quarters.

"We played better from the second quarter on, but it's hard to spot a good team 20 points and recover," Stark County Coach Dustin Browning said. "[Ryan] Murphy's inside presence helped right the ship, but the damage was already done."

Murphy led the Rebels with 18 points, while Raidon Porter added 9 and Caden Daum and Matthew McCauley had six apiece.

Coltin Quagliano had 13 of his game-high 25 points in the first half for Wethersfield (2-0).

Stark County returns to action Friday, Feb. 12, at Princeville.

At Galva, the boys lost Saturday at Mercer County after trailing 40-10 at half-time. The Wildcats game scheduled at ROWVA-Williamsfield for Wednesday was postponed.

Senior Night is tonight (Feb. 12) at home vs. West Central. The boys are home vs. United Saturday starting at 2 p.m. and then Tuesday, Feb. 16, at home vs. Princeville.

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**ACROSS**

- 1 Kuwaiti rulers
- 6 Pin to hang a chapeau on
- 12 Clothes
- 16 "This is so frustrating!"
- 19 Maui porch
- 20 Single-celled creature
- 21 Old term for margarine
- 22 Sooner than, in sonnets
- 23 Incriminated dancer
- 27 Petri dish gel
- 28 A handsome Greek god put half-and-half in his coffee?
- 30 Scholars' milieu
- 34 See 56-Across
- 35 Mini-plateau
- 36 Cornhusk-wrapped treats found in an underground vault?
- 43 Pizzazz
- 44 Psychic glow
- 45 Volt-per-ampere unit
- 46 Stephen of film
- 49 Temporarily smiling broadly?
- 56 With 34-Across, "Green Eggs and Ham" character
- 59 Sweetheart
- 60 Oklahoma city
- 61 Shoe retailer
- 62 Former flying intis.
- 63 Gas suffix
- 64 Tuscany city
- 66 Negative particle
- 67 Iowa's tree
- 68 Tony-winning musical performed in France's capital?
- 73 Graynor of "The Sitter"
- 74 Nabisco treats
- 76 Valleys
- 77 Wish to undo
- 78 Pince — 79 6/6/44
- 80 Colonel North, briefly
- 82 Broadway star Rivera
- 84 Spokane-to-Boise dir.
- 85 Actor Ralph having reached a saloon's counter?
- 89 "— -haw!"
- 90 Suffix with brilliant
- 91 Rod go-with
- 92 Menu starter
- 96 Group journey that has made everyone really hungry?
- 104 Memo starter
- 106 British rocker
- 107 Cold carnival treats
- 108 Group of truck drivers who were once in the same college fraternity?
- 115 "After that ..."
- 116 Belgium's capital
- 117 Doubled radius of a toy on a string?
- 122 Go astray
- 123 Intro studio course
- 124 By wagering
- 125 Plant used to make tequila
- 126 Hankering
- 127 Pony pattern
- 128 SEALS' mil. branch
- 129 Renowned
- DOWN**
- 1 Pixieish one
- 2 Damage a bit
- 3 — funk (sad)
- 4 Ninth Muslim month
- 5 Gangster
- 6 Singer
- 7 "Yo te —"
- 8 Roman wrap
- 9 Small chirp
- 10 Spanish river
- 11 Illuminated like old streets
- 12 "Beat it, kid!"
- 13 Actor Guinness
- 14 Back area
- 15 Foreshadow
- 16 Some math specialists
- 17 French city
- 18 Ibsen's "— Gabler"
- 24 Matriarch
- 26 Pitch a tent
- 29 "— -di-dah!"
- 30 Feasted
- 31 Nev. neighbor
- 32 Docs' org.
- 33 — worse than death
- 37 Rhine feeder
- 38 Nev. neighbor (cereal)
- 39 Yoga pad
- 40 Corn bases
- 41 Cronus' wife
- 42 Singer
- 47 Audience extras
- 48 Really suffer
- 49 Licked parts of envelopes
- 50 Actress
- 51 KOA patron
- 52 Newsy bits
- 53 Tax-free bond, in brief
- 54 Israeli airline
- 55 Adult males
- 56 Supported
- 57 Oscar winner, e.g.
- 58 Not go right or straight while driving
- 64 Paper unit
- 65 Actor Ziering
- 66 Legend — (listen)
- 69 Inuit-language word for "house"
- 70 Small error
- 71 Chi-Town daily paper
- 72 Let — sigh
- 75 Popeye's gal
- 80 Old Dodge
- 81 Corrosive cleansers
- 82 Rice —
- 83 Assists
- 86 Archer's skill
- 87 Pt. of NATO
- 88 Ball balancer
- 92 In a single try
- 93 Wicked act
- 94 Wingtip tip
- 95 Walk — (small roles)
- 97 Santa — (hot winds)
- 98 Entraps
- 99 Walk — (no-appointment customers)
- 100 "I meant someone else"
- 101 Real thing
- 102 Qatar port
- 103 "The — Cometh"
- 104 Monks' home
- 105 — Haute, Indiana
- 109 Despot of old
- 110 Architect
- 111 Utah ski site
- 112 Ages on end
- 113 Meg of film
- 114 Japanese noodle
- 118 Actor Patel
- 119 Tit for —
- 120 Night before
- 121 Ruby, e.g.

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## OBITUARIES

### Martha K. Knowles

WYOMING – Martha K. Knowles, 80, of Wyoming, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 4, 2021, at 1:47 p.m., at her residence.

Martha was born on Nov. 25, 1940, in Buffalo, Ky., to Harvey and Minnie (Cruise) Turner. She married Merle Knowles on March 10, 1958. He preceded her in death on March 3, 1994, in Peoria.

She is survived by one son, Pete Knowles of Wyoming; four daughters, Debra Blake of Wyoming, Tina (Clifford) Smith of Chillicothe, Chris Schmidt of West Jersey, and Arletta (Paul) Pack of Rock Falls; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild; two sisters, Iva Tracy of Galva, Imogene Sterling of Galva; one brother, Orville Turner of Wyoming; and one sister-in-law, Rosebell Moore of Wyoming. She is also preceded in death by her parents and several brothers and sisters.

Martha loved shopping, crossword puzzles and most of all her grandchildren.

Her graveside service and burial took place Monday, Feb. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. at Wyoming Township Cemetery. Rev. David Utt officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming handled arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming Lion's Club.

Online condolences may be left for Martha's family on her tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Sally R. Smith

GALVA – Sally R. Smith passed away on Jan. 30, 2021. She was born on Feb. 4, 1943,

in Chicago and was educated in Chicago public schools. Arriving in Galva in 1979, she was the owner/operator of the Ben Franklin store for 18 years from May 1979,

to June 1997. While in Galva she



Knowles



Smith

was president of the Galva Chamber of Commerce for two years. In June 1997, she took over the roll as manager of the Colony Store in Bishop Hill. She successfully ran the store until retiring in October of 2011.

Sally achieved anything she set her mind to, including being a successful business woman, a wonderful mother and grandmother, and buying and living on her own farm. In the end, she wanted to live and retire in Bishop Hill, so about a year prior to retiring, she and Jim moved into their dream home in Bishop Hill.

Her life partner since 2000 has been James Nolan. She was the beloved mother of two sons. The oldest, Roger E. Voss, is married to Lori of Bushnell. Together they have two sons. Lance E. Voss of Macomb. Aaron R. Voss is married to Ciara and lives in Bushnell. Her youngest son, Gregory A. Voss, is married to Annette and lives in Brookfield.

Sally's wishes were to have no services and to be cremated. She loved the view of beautiful rolling farm fields and seeing cows grazing. Her wishes are to have her ashes spread across a farm field to spend eternity in a place she loved.

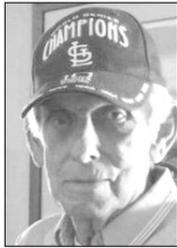
### Vernon I. Rummerfield

SPARLAND – Vernon I. Rummerfield, 85, of Sparland and Lacon died on Feb. 4, 2021, at UnityPoint Methodist in Peoria.

Vern was born on Oct. 10, 1935, in Quincy, Ill., to the late Claude and Irene Acton Rummerfield. He was married to Mary Rogers in 1954, Claudia Littlejohn in 1974 and Barb Fardel Holocker in 1998.

Vern was a Caterpillar employee for 40 years. He was a fan of the St. Louis Cardinals and the Chicago Bears. He enjoyed camping fishing and was a longtime member of the Allendale conservation club. His greatest joys were created while spending time with family and friends.

Vern is survived by: his sons Vernon "Butch" (Barb) of Sparland, James of Chillicothe, Rodney



Rummerfield

(Teresa) of Wyoming; daughters Deborah (Rick) Kelly of Wyoming, Paula Brown of Chillicothe, Phyllis (Ron) Endress of Lacon; sisters Norma Gronewald of Chillicothe, Lorene Joos of Peoria; 15 grandchildren; and several great grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by wives Claudia and Barb, daughter Rena, brother Claude "Jack", sister Millie Dobbins, and grandsons William J. Kelly and Joshua M. Neuhaufen

Cremation rights have been accorded and a graveside service will be held at the LaPrairie cemetery on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at 10 a.m. Memorials can be made to Saint Jude, UnityPoint Hospice, or Illinois CancerCare. Online condolences can be left at [lenzmemorialhome.com](http://lenzmemorialhome.com).

### John D. Flowers

WYOMING – John Douglas Flowers, 45, of Wyoming, passed away at 1:46 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, 2021, at his home.

John was born on Dec. 10, 1975, in Lancaster, Pa., the son of James R. Flowers and Bonnie (Kear Flowers) Carrier.

Surviving are his mother, Bonnie Carrier of Wyoming; one brother, James "Jim" (Tracy) of Charleston, S.C.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, James Reynolds Flowers and step-father, Brian E. Carrier.

John was hardworking. He was currently employed as a driver for Stahl Ready Mix in Wyoming and formerly worked for Greenfield Contractors in Princeville. He loved helping his mom and enjoyed cookouts with family and friends.

A memorial service for John will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 19, 2021, at the Wyoming United Methodist Church. Rev. Rebecca Klemm will officiate. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for John's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



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## LEGAL ADS

### 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: 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:

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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 above-described tract and also subject to all easements of record; situated in the County of Stark and State 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,  
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Beginning Cash Balance September 1, 2019	\$514,422.06
CD balance September 1, 2019	39,383.44
<b>Receipts</b>	
Property taxes	\$362,784.14
Donations and fundraising	13,169.00
Replacement taxes	2,466.81
Rental revenue	25.00
Miscellaneous revenue	225,589.29
Loan proceeds	-
Interest	946.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>604,980.74</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Per Vendor List	\$364,512.92
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>364,512.92</b>
Excess Receipts over Disbursements	240,467.82
Ending Cash Balance August 31, 2020	794,273.32
<b>Vendor List</b>	
Ameren	\$ 7,175.28
Frontier	2,546.29
Illinois Public Risk Fund	3,605.00
Leezer Insurance Agency	15,123.00
Peoples National Bank	150,968.65
Stark County Ambulance Service	162,074.52
Stark County Sheriff	2,750.00
Vendors Under \$2,500	20,270.18
<b>Total</b>	<b>364,512.92</b>
<b>Gross Payroll Salary Range</b>	
Under \$25,000:	\$ -
Leslie E Fehr, Commissioner	
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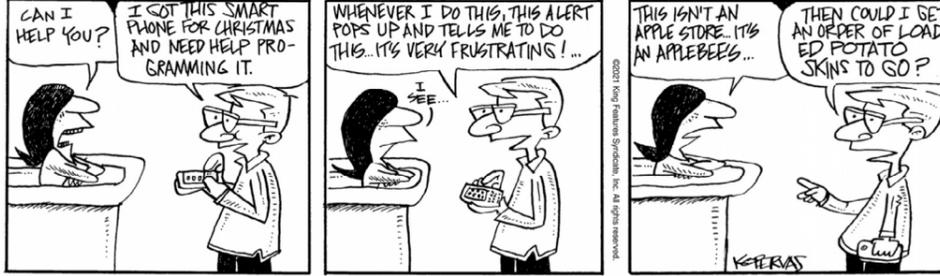
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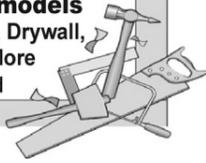
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**Trivia test** by Fifi Rodriguez

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1. SCIENCE: What kind of charge does a neutron carry?
2. THEATER: Which 20th-century play features a character named Blanche DuBois?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient Greek author is considered "the Father of Comedy"?
4. LITERATURE: What were the first names of the Bronte authors and sisters?
5. FOOD & DRINK: What kind of nut also is known as a filbert or cobnut?
6. AD SLOGANS: Which brand of men's aftershave used the advertising slogan, "Be careful how you use it"?
7. MOVIES: What was the title of the movie in which Kirk Douglas played the artist Van Gogh?
8. GAMES: Which video game character was the first to be featured as a giant balloon in Macy's Thanksgiving Parade?
9. MUSIC: Which Billy Joel song featured a couple named Brenda and Eddie, the king and queen of the prom?
10. GEOGRAPHY: What was the former name of the African country of Zimbabwe?

- Answers**
1. A neutron has no charge.
  2. "A Streetcar Named Desire"
  3. Aristophanes
  4. Emily, Charlotte and Anne
  5. Hazelnut
  6. Hai Karate
  7. "Lust for Life"
  8. Sonic the Hedgehog
  9. "Scenes from an Italian Restaurant"
  10. Rhodesia
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1. The Marksman (PG-13)
2. The Croods: A New Age (PG)
3. Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
4. Monster Hunter (PG-13)
5. News of the World (PG-13)
6. Fatale (R)
7. Promising Young Woman (R)
8. Our Friend (R)
9. The War with Grandpa (PG)
10. Pinocchio (PG-13)

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**REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION:** The Chandler land is located in the SE corner of Section 33 and the SW corner of Section 34 of Copley Township in Knox County. It lies north of Oak Run and South of Gamber Cove and Victoria Rod and Gun Club. The 80 +/- acres contain 25 tillable acres, 16 of which are presently in crops. The remainder is mature timber, including walnut trees and a 12 yr. old walnut grove, apple and evergreen trees and clover food plots. The ground is recreational with VERY desirable hunting and building sites available. The property is abundant with Whitetail deer, turkey and sm. upland game. There is also a nice 30' x 40' enclosed shed with a walk-in cooler that was built in 2011 and a 10' x 30' trailer designed for a hunting lodge on site. Several Trophy bucks have been taken off of this land. If you are looking for the perfect hunter's paradise, this is the ideal property for you. An all-weather blacktop borders this ground from the north and east sides and there is easy access off of major highways between Galesburg and Peoria. You must see to appreciate the great appeal of this property.

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