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## SASSAFRAS ROOTS A SPRING TONIC

### Plan now for sassafras collection

By **GRETCHEN STEELE**  
 For The Prairie News-

February – that teaser of a month in Illinois – can produce some of the most bitter cold and darkest days of winter, but also has a habit of tempting us with the first warmer days when the ground begins to unfreeze and even get a little mucky. That is the time my mother and I always set out to collect sassafras root for making sassafras tea.

Those first sweet cups of freshly brewed sassafras tea were my mother’s version of a spring tonic. A way to clear out all the winter ick and start getting ourselves back in shape for all the spring wonders like mushrooms, spawning fish and the early spring wild plants and flowers that would soon be bursting forth.

Why on earth would we traipse out into the woods to dig roots in what is still officially winter? Why not wait until a warm spring day? Because sassafras sap is more concentrated in the roots over winter, and those first warm days when the ground is soft enough to dig is when we could get the most bang for dig.



Some folks call the distinctive three-lobe leaf of the sassafras tree “Spock leaf” for its resemblance to a Star Trek Vulcan salute. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

As weather warms, spring comes, the sap rises, and you will need more roots to produce a good strong tea (or make root beer!).

Sassafras (or *Sassafras albidum*) is a native tree in Illinois and usually is not terribly difficult to find. Of course, one should find your tree or patch of trees as is so often the case, during the months when leaves are still present to help ensure that you are digging the correct root from the correct tree. Find the spot on a late fall hike and make note – that’s where you will want to return.

Sassafras is easy to identify. Its leaves are somewhat distinct in the forest canopy. Sassafras has

three types of leaves, a two-lobed leaf that looks like a mitten; a simple smooth oval-shaped leaf, and the infamous three lobe leaf that some folks call “Spock leaf” for its resemblance to a Star Trek Vulcan salute.

The most telltale way to identify sassafras for most people? Its scent. That rich spicy, licorice-like or, some say, root-beer-like aroma. Once you have learned that particular scent, it will be etched in your memory. If you break a twig, crush the leaves, or slice into a root there should be a strong sassafras aroma.

Look for Sassafras in moist, sandy, upland soils and in old fields or fencerows, and along creek and river edges and banks.

As always, invest in a good field guide, and ensure that you have properly identified the tree. That’s the mantra for any wild food foraging. Know with certainty what you are harvesting.

If you are new to foraging for  
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Sassafras leaves, buds and flowers. Photo courtesy Missouri Department of Conservation.

## Federal funds key to \$41.6 billion budget

By **JERRY NOWICKI**  
 and **PETER HANCOCK**  
 Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker outlined a \$41.6 billion budget proposal Wednesday that would hold most state agencies at flat funding levels but which relies heavily on increased federal funds as well as changes to the state’s corporate tax structure that lawmakers have not yet approved.

The budget proposal, which is only the governor’s request for lawmakers in the General Assembly, does not call for income tax increases. Over the next four months, lawmakers will work on an operating

budget of their own to send to the governor which may or may not address all of his requests.

It was Pritzker’s third budget message since taking office in 2019. Unlike others the House chamber in the Capitol, this message was delivered remotely through a prerecorded video due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The address was recorded at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

In his speech, Pritzker had harsh rhetoric for “far right” Republicans at all levels of government, describing them  
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## Meatpacking industry may face some scrutiny

Forty years ago, two editors at Successful Farming magazine, Gene Johnston and Dean Houghton, won most major ag journalism awards with a story titled

“Who will kill the hogs?”

The piece (not available online) tracked a new, potent shift just beginning to hit the 600,000 hog farmers in the U.S.. Local meatpackers were being squeezed for hogs and markets by other, aggressive packers that were buying competitors to shutter them and build new, huge, highly-

efficient slaughtering plants.

The story was a clanging bell that a sector-rattling shakeout was underway and few had any idea of who would be left standing when the bloodletting was over.

We, of course, now know; what’s left is a handful of massive packers and not enough hog farmers to fill a university basketball arena.

In truth, we knew this within 10 years of the magazine story. By the early 1990s, major stockyards like Omaha, Kansas City and Chicago were faltering as packers moved to buy hogs “direct” from growers rather than the more costly stockyard “commission houses.”

That new strategy was made  
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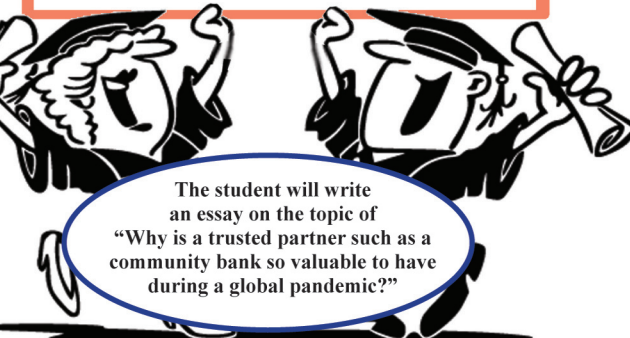
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# BUDGET: Reliant on corporate tax changes

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as “carnival barkers,” for lobbying against federal relief to states and for defying health guidelines. He also once again made note of the two-year budget impasse presided over by Republican former Gov. Bruce Rauner, calling it a “self-inflicted” period of suffering which saw the state’s backlog of unpaid bills balloon to over \$16

billion.  
He said in the past 20 years, as pension payments have become an increasing burden on state finances, Illinois’ number of government employees has shrunk by 30 percent, the Illinois State Police force has shrunk by 40 percent, and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency work force shrunk by 60 percent, he said.

“If there is anything the last year should have taught us, it is that we need a reliably well-funded government,” he said. “Many on the far right have made their name in politics by touting cuts to unemployment programs and health insurance coverage. They called anyone who sought unemployment benefits ‘takers.’ They demonize state employees. And they fought unrelentingly to eliminate any state or federal funds designed to make health care more accessible, equitable and fair.”

The budget proposed for fiscal year 2022 relies on more than \$900 million in corporate tax changes that will require action from the General Assembly. Those include a reversal of previous General Assembly

action to repeal the corporate franchise tax, a cap on net operating losses for the fiscal year that would allow for \$314 million in savings and a cap on a retailer’s discount to \$1,000 per month, among other changes.

Senior budget officials, in a briefing before the address, noted the governor will still seek to decouple the state tax code from changes allowed in the federal Coronavirus Aid Relief and Economic Security, or CARES, Act. That would keep revenues flat from a year ago by providing that the CARES Act cuts passed last year would not automatically reduce Illinois state tax burdens for businesses.

The measure failed in the lame duck session as Republicans blasted it.

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**PUBLIC RECORD**

**Traffic Citations and Ordinance Violations**

2-8-21 – Patience N. Symmonds - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.  
 2-5-21 – Lynette M. Long - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

2-1-21 – A single-vehicle rollover accident occurred on Route 78 and 750N. The driver involved was identified as Randy L. Cernovich, 64, Kewanee. No injuries were reported but a passenger in the vehicle identified as Edmond T. Ryan, 56, Princeton, was ticketed for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger.  
 2-8-21 – A single-vehicle accident occurred along Route 17 at the intersection of 1300E. Driver Dalton Miller, 28, of Bradford, was traveling west when he left the roadway, went into the ditch and struck a culvert. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.  
 2-12-21 – A two-vehicle accident

occurred on Route 78 approximately 100 feet south of 300N. The drivers involved were Sophie L. Nortman, 19, of Kewanee, and William S. Foglesong, 63, of Toulon. Both drivers were headed north when Foglesong reportedly ran into the back of Nortman's vehicle. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.

**Galva Report**

Officer dispatched:  
 2-8-21 – to assist a motorist who slid off the roadway near the intersection of SW 9th Ave. and West Division Street.  
 2-8 – to the area near the Community State Bank for a wild animal complaint involving a whitetail deer. The deer appeared healthy.  
 2-9 – to the 500 block of SE 3rd Street for a battery complaint.  
 2-9 – Officer notified about a repossession that was occurring in the 400 block of SE 1st Street.  
 2-11 – to a vehicle that slid into the ditch in the 900 block of SE 2nd Street. The vehicle was towed out.  
 2-13 – to meet a complainant at the

Galva Police Department who had captured a loose dog. The dog was impounded and released to its owner.  
 2-13 – to speak with a subject about a wallet lost while plowing snow.  
 2-13 – to meet a subject who found an ATM card at a bank. The owner was contacted and the card returned.

**Property Transfers**

2-8-21 – Ruby J. Turnbull by Atty-in-fact to One Schott Properties, LLC. - Pt 12 lots 6,7, &10- 115 N. Henderson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$41,500.00.  
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 2-9-21 – Richard C. Hardy, Jr. to Justin E. Ratcliff Pts 36-13-6 SW - 500 N. Madison Avenue, Wyoming - Consideration = \$ 60,000.00.  
 2-10-21 – Lorie A. DeMuynck to Tony A. DeMuynck - Pts 20-14-6 SE - 14280 Elmira Road, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.00.

**Toulon man set for felony theft bench trial**

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE


For The Prairie News

TOULON – A Toulon man appeared in Stark's Circuit Court Tuesday and waived his right to a jury trial in an alleged felony theft case. Phillip Daniel Adams, 21, requested Circuit Judge James A. Mack accept his waiver and set a date for his bench trial.

Mack set May 21 as trial date with an April 16 scheduling conference. According to court charging documents, "During the period of Sept. 1, 2020, through Sept. 11, 2020, in Stark County, IL, Phillip Daniel Adams committed the offense of theft (Class 3 felony) in that Adams knowingly obtained control over certain property of Alan L. Curry."

Those properties were two Stihl brand chainsaws having a total value in excess of \$500. Subsequently, Stark County Sheriff's Deputy Dawson Nuding recovered the chainsaws, which were identified by utilizing the recorded serial numbers Curry provided. If convicted, Adams could face up to five years in prison.

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**CryptoQuote**  
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 A rumor will travel fastest to the place where it will cause the greatest harm.  
 – Gustavo Agrait

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## GUEST VOICES



## GUEBERT: Slicing up 'Big Meat' a longshot

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easier since 400,000 hog farmers had exited the business in just the previous decade.

In the mid-1990s, this column and other publications pointed to how the now-powerful packers had integrated hog production into their business model to lock-in ready supplies and consistent quality in their 24/7/365 search for efficiency and profit.

By the early 2000s, with the takeover of pork now complete, the packers began to buy each other. For example, in 2001, Tyson Foods, principally a poultry integrator, bought the big beef packer IBP for \$3.2 billion.

Again, none of this occurred in the dark. Every step in the long process happened in plain view of government regulators who either blessed these unions outright or ordered minor conditions for the deals to be approved.

Then, in early 2010, the Obama Administration announced the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), along with U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) leaders, would sponsor a series of "workshops... to discuss competition and regulatory issues in

the agriculture industry." The key target was meatpackers.

Farmers, ranchers, farm and commodity group officials, industry experts, and consumer groups eagerly told bureaucrats how the "dynamics of competition in agriculture markets" affected their farms, businesses, food, and communities.

The result was, well, not much because there was little anyone could do.

No antitrust laws, in fact, had been broken by the packers or the shrinking number of machinery companies, seed sellers, fertilizer suppliers, grain buyers, and food retailers examined in the hearings. Their climb from being just a cog in the ag machine to becoming the ag machine was, they explained, simply the market at work.

(Until recently, anyway, when several meatpackers, Tyson included, agreed to settle civil lawsuits filed by meat buyers who alleged some packers engaged in market manipulation that drove up buyers' costs.)

Which brings us, again, to calls for the Biden Administration to break up highly integrated and concentrated ag sectors like meatpacking.

How?

There is no definitive plan but you can bet the packers will fight in the courts and Congress to prevent one chicken leg or a single pig's ear to be taken from them without legal cause.

And rightly so. We may dislike or even hate Big Meat but slicing them up looks like a very, very long shot indeed.

A better investment of time and talent is for the federal and state governments to shower their favoritism — grants, low interest loans, waived meat inspection fees, zoning assistance, and the like — to foster new, smaller, community-based competitors into the meat game.

For this to work, however, will take time. Remember, it took the Big Boys decades to get where they are today so it will take years before the field tilts anywhere near level again.

But the best way to start is to start: hearings should focus on the future, not the past.

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## OBITUARIES

### Imogene Karjala

GALVA – Imogene “Mimmer” Karjala, 89, of Galva, died at 6:53 p.m., Friday, Feb. 5, 2021, at her home.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 13, at the Bishop Hill Community Methodist Church. Revs. Chet Travis and Karen Martin officiated. Burial followed in Bishop Hill Cemetery.



Karjala

Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements. She was born Nov. 21, 1931, in Seneca, Ill., the youngest of James and Lena (McDonald) Wheeler's eight children. She married the Rev. Robert R. Karjala on June 4, 1954, in Minneapolis, Minn., and he preceded her in death on May 11, 2013.

Survivors include her son, Paul Karjala of Port Byron, Ill.; her three daughters, Rebecca Karjala and her partner John Bushno of East Moline, Sarah (Ladd) Lanford of La Canada, Calif., and Debbie (Matt) Simaytis of Port Byron; a sister, Lavona “Dickie” Blood of Marseilles, Ill.; two daughters-in-law, Laura Hayes and Sara Gullstrand Karjala; and four grandchildren, Sam Karjala, Lena Karjala, Joe Karjala and Corina Lanford.

She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Stephen “Steve” Karjala and six brothers, Hubert, Donald, Eddie, Kermit, Robert and Orvan.

Imogene attended Wesley Bible College in Minneapolis, Minn. She was a minister's wife and had worked at Dixline Corporation. She was a member of and the church organist at the Bishop Hill Community Methodist Church and Grace United Methodist Church in Galva for many years and had also played for weddings and funerals.

She was a gracious, kind woman with a very strong faith who could play several different musical instruments. She had a love for animals and enjoyed playing tennis, doing missionary work and feeding the birds and squirrels. She also had a love for gardening flowers and vegetables which she learned from her mother and was able to pass down to her children.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at [www.ruxfuneralhome.com](http://www.ruxfuneralhome.com).

### Anita B. O'Neill

PRINCEVILLE – Anita Bernadette (Dubbert) O'Neill, 96, a longtime resident of Wilmette, Ill., and recently of Princeville, Ill., died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2021. Anita was born to Joseph and Zita (Corpstein) Dubbert on Sept. 24,

1924, and raised on a farm in Cawker City, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J. O'Neill, a son, Kevin, her parents, and her siblings Raymond, Estelle, Bernice, and Doris.

Survivors include her son, Michael (Iolanta) of New York, N.Y.; daughter, Kathy (Dan Sullivan) of Princeville; five grandchildren, Rory O'Neill of New York, N.Y., Ryan Sullivan of Chicago, Mark Sullivan of Peoria, Ill., Erin (Bob) Pulst and Leah (Matt) Newton of Princeville; and four great grandchildren, Sofie Sullivan, Cecilia Pulst and Michael and Jonathan Newton.

Anita was passionate about life. She loved to travel and had visited all seven continents. She loved to read, to learn, to try new things, but especially to spend time with family and friends. Her love for her family and her faith were paramount. She was a member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, in Princeville.

Anita's family wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to the compassionate staff at Grand View Alzheimer's Special Care Center in Peoria for their excellent care over the past 16 months.

A private memorial mass will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church, Princeville. The Rev. Msgr. James Kruse will officiate. The interment will be held on a later date at All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, Ill.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church or the Alzheimer's Association. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

### Robert Sturm Sr.

WYOMING – Robert “Dan” Sturm, Sr., 82, of Wyoming, peacefully went home to be with the Lord on the wings of their prayers at 5:20 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2021, at his residence.

Dan was born Dec. 4, 1938, in Wyoming, to Oliver and Lena (Hillerby) Sturm. He married Jan Farney at Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria on June 7, 1980; she survives.

Also surviving are one son, Robert “Rob” D. Sturm, Jr. of Wyoming; daughters, Pennie (Brian) Crowley of Peoria and Jodie Bauer of Wyoming; six grandchildren, Shannon, Matt, Tommy,



O'Neill

Tim, Hillary and Joe, and one adopted grandson, James; one great-grandson and three great-granddaughters; sister, Naomi (Lowell) Schorey of Hardin, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by sister, Zelpha Stauffer, brother-in-law Russell Stauffer, one infant grandchild, Michael Crowley, and two unborn grandchildren.

Dan was a United States Air Force veteran, stationed in Libya for one year. He retired from Caterpillar after 30 years in the engine testing division. He previously worked at the former Peoria Paper Mill.

He enjoyed watching sports and was an avid Chicago Bears and Cubs fan. Dan was proud to be sober for over 50 years and was a very active and supportive member of Alcoholics Anonymous. He loved his family and would do anything for his grandchildren. He will be dearly missed by many.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 15, 2021, at the Nazarene Church in Wyoming. A celebration of life followed at the church. Pastor Rita Lovell officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming assisted the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to PAWS, an animal shelter of your choice, or St. Jude Midwest Affiliate. Condolences may be left for Dan's family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### William D. Turnbull

TOULON – William Douglas “Bill” Turnbull, 70, of Toulon, passed away at 4:40 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, 2021, at OSF St. Luke Medical Center in Kewanee. Bill was born on March 13, 1950, in Kewanee to William O. and Ruby (DeBord) Turnbull. He married Pamela V. Redfearn on Dec. 3, 1977, in Kewanee; she survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Ruby Turnbull of Toulon; step-mother, Janet Turnbull of Toulon; one son, William “Adam” (Cara) Turnbull of Washington; one daughter, Emily (Kevin) Powell of Kirksville, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Maggie Grace, Amelia Christine, Audrey Marie and Isabelle Claire Turnbull, and Oliver Wayne, Brooks Douglas, and Meredith Victoria Powell; one sister, Kim (Steve) Abel of Mendota; two brothers, Don (Denise) Turnbull and Ron (Sue) Turnbull both of Toulon; god-daughter Kylie Turnbull of Colorado; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father; sister Judy Turnbull; and nephew, Michael Abel.

At this time there will be no public services. A celebration of life will be held a later date. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.



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Notice is given of the death of RONALD D. CARRASCA. Letters of Independent Executor were issued on February 3, 2021 to Ronald E. Carrasca, of 518 E. Division Street, Kewanee, IL 61443, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, of Massie & Quick, 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

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Massie & Quick, LLC,  
Attorneys for the Estate  
115 Northwest Third  
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Telephone: (309) 932-2168  
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Dated February 9, 2021.  
Heather Hollis  
Stark County Clerk  
Published 2/12, 2/19, 2/26/21

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a petition has been filed by West Jersey Township, 5170 Township Road 500E, Toulon, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a change in zoning from (C-2) Commercial to (R-1) Residential for property located at 3049 State Route 78, Toulon, Illinois described as Village of West Jersey, Part Lot 8 N1/2 Lot 13 and all Lots 9 & 12.  
The request for the rezoning from (C-2) Commercial to (R-1) Residential is for single family dwelling purposes only.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a public hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., March 8, 2021, at which time and place all interested persons may be present and will be heard.  
Renee L. Johnson  
STARK COUNTY  
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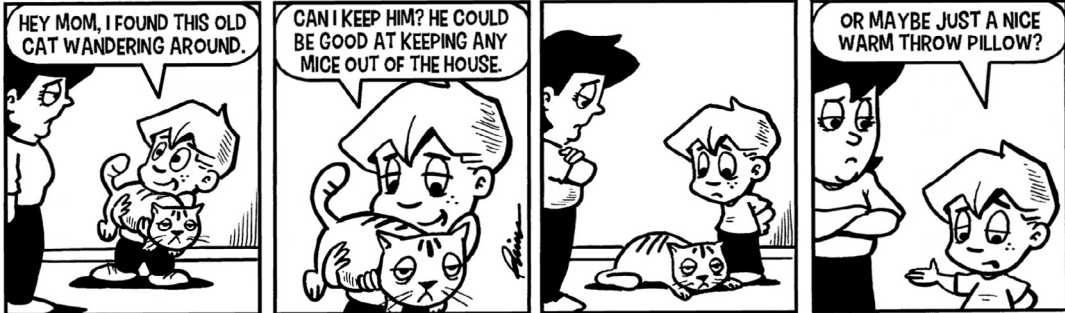
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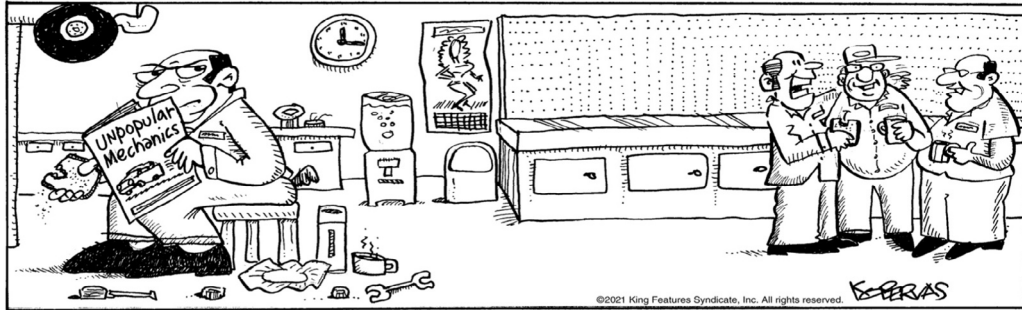
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by Dave T. Phipps

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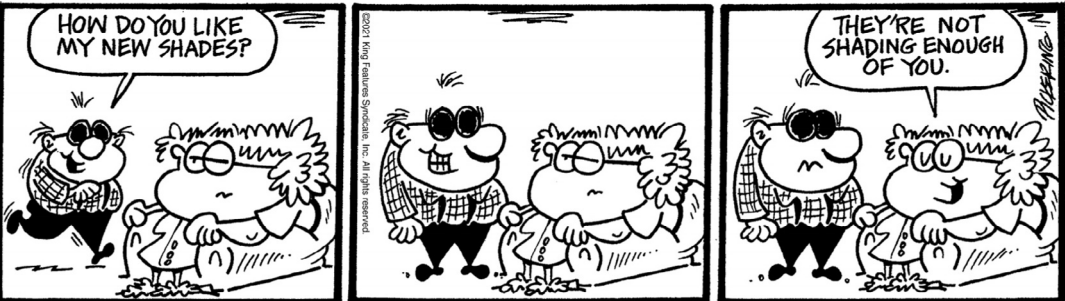
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by Jeff Pickering

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by Linda Thistle

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FOR ANSWERS  
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### Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

#### TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

- THEATER: Which city was the setting for the musical 'Cabaret'?
- LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "veritas vos liberabit" mean?
- TELEVISION: What was the name of the pet "dog" on "The Flintstones"?
- ASTRONOMY: What is a zenith in terms of our solar system's sun?
- HISTORY: How many days were in an ancient Roman week?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of zebras called?
- LITERATURE: Which 19th-century novelist's last work was titled "The Mystery of Edwin Drood"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which brand of pet food uses the slogan, "Tastes so good cats ask for it by name"?
- U.S. STATES: Which state's residents might be called "Nutmeggers"?
- GEOGRAPHY: Which four countries are included in the United Kingdom?

#### Answers

- Berlin, Germany
- The truth shall set you free
- Dino
- When the sun is directly overhead and objects cast no shadow
- Eight
- A dazzle or zeal
- Charles Dickens
- Meow Mix
- Connecticut
- England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland

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- The Croods: A New Age (PG)
- The Marksman (PG-13)
- Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
- Monster Hunter (PG-13)
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# Stark Co. girls top Princeville for big LTC win

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TOULON – The Stark County girls basketball team took another big step toward its goal of a Lincoln Trail Conference championship last Friday, with a 43-39 win over visiting Princeville.

Lindley Johnston continued her hot scoring for the Lady Rebels (4-0), putting up 21 points and making three 3-pointers.

After a tight first half that saw Stark County go up 25-23, the Lady Rebels took control in the third quarter with a 7-4 run and then held on for the LTC victory.

Lexi Davis scored seven points for Stark County and had two baskets in the fourth quarter, Olivia Hopp tallied six and made two free throws in the final quarter, Kelsey Berchtold chipped in five and Riley Messen added four.

On Feb. 9, the Lady Rebels rolled to a 67-43 victory at home vs. Weathersfield.

The Stark County girls were to play Wednesday at Monmouth United, then have six games in eight days. First the Lady Rebels travel to Galva tonight (Feb. 19), then to Midland on Saturday (Feb. 20) for a 10 a.m. start, return home on Feb. 22 vs. Annawan and Feb. 23 vs. Ridge-wood, travel Feb. 26 to ROWVA-Williamsfield

and are home Feb. 27 vs. Kewanee.

At Galva, the girls team lost to visiting Peoria Heights on Saturday, 47-43, lost at West Central on Friday, 42-23, and on Feb. 9 fell to ROWVA-Williamsfield, 55-38.

The girls are home vs. Stark County tonight and have Senior Night on Monday, Feb. 22, vs. Weathersfield.

### Boys

Stark County had a lead with 40 seconds to go on Feb. 10 against visiting Elmwood, but gave up a 3-pointer and missed two free throws at the buzzer to lose, 64-62. Ryan Murphy had 22 points, Brendan

Gibler added 9 and Matthew McCauley tallied 8.

“I was really proud of our fight and determination,” Coach Dusty Browning said. “We played well as a team.”

Last Friday, Stark County jumped to a 14-7 lead after one quarter vs. Princeville, before Joey Smith bombed home five treys in the second quarter to fuel a 26-7 run.

Murphy led Princeville with 10 points, Gibler had 8 and Daniel Kieser 7.

The Rebels are home today (Feb. 19) to face Galva, then head into a very busy week and play Feb. 22 at Annawan, Feb. 23 at Alwood vs. Ridge-

wood, Feb. 25 at Orion and Feb. 26 at home vs. ROWVA-Williamsfield.

Galva lost to United on Feb. 13, 72-35. Tanner Lain had 21 points for the Wildcats and Cal Clucas added 6.

On Feb. 11, Galva fell to West Central, 60-50, after leading by three heading into the final quarter. Cayden Morse led with 21 points and Lain had 20.

The boys were at home Thursday vs. Princeville, at Stark County today (Feb. 19) and home vs. Orion Saturday (Feb. 20).



Stark County senior Ryan Murphy jockeys for position with Princeville's Peyton Garcia. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

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