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SUPREME OVERALL CHAMPION

Stark Co. school hires McGann as principal

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

WYOMING – The Stark County Board of Education voted to hire Megan McGann the new Stark County Junior/Senior High School principal under a three-year contract from 2021-22 through the 2023-24 school years.

McGann

There were 14 applicants for the principal's position. On Feb 15, that field was narrowed down to four candidates and from those four two advanced to the Feb. 20 final round.

McGann has 11 years of experience in education, with her first two years in Ozark, Mo. She spent six years as a special education teacher in the Peoria School District and has been in administration the past three years. Those years include working as an assistant principal of Peoria Richwoods High School, Glen Oak Community Learning Center and, most recently, Dunlap High School.

McGann said she does not plan to relocate from Peoria, as she has recently purchased a new residence there. She is a Bradley University graduate, a Peoria native, single and said she is ready to take on the leadership of Stark County Junior High and High School.

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Big blue ribbon for Purple Reign

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

WEST JERSEY – Randy and Jamie Mullinix, of rural West Jersey, have quite the Hereford heifer on their hands. Born in May of 2019, the heifer's official name is Purple Iris 145G-ET, says Randy. The ET stands for embryo transfer. "Iris" stands as a champion among champions and has recently been named such.

The Mullinixes took Iris to the Cattlemen's Congress in Oklahoma City on Jan. 13, where she was judged to be Grand Champion Hereford female and later named Supreme Overall Breed Champion. The Cattlemen's Congress replaced the famous National Western Stock Show, in Denver, Colo., that was in existence for over 100 years but was cancelled this year because of COVID-19.

The championships were quite a feat to accomplish because Iris was chosen from the champions of 22 breeds and nearly 10,000 entries from 43 states and four Canadian provinces, according to Jamie.

This isn't Iris' first championship, though. She has been Grand Champion Hereford female at every national show she has attended, which includes the Junior National Hereford Expo, in Kansas City, Mo., the American Royal Livestock Show, also in Kansas City, and the North American International Livestock Expo, in Louisville, Ky.

The Mullinixes have been in the cattle business since they were showing cattle as childrens, according to Jamie.

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HEIFER: Couple met at Black Hawk East

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 dren in 4-H. From there, they met while attending Black Hawk East College, where they both served as livestock judges. The pair continued their education at Kansas State University, where they were involved in livestock competitions.

"From there we moved back here and started the Purple Reign Cattle Company, in 1999," Jamie explained.

Currently the Mullinixes have approximately 170 cows, with 50 being recipient cows. The recipient

cows receive embryonic transfers, such as Iris, Randy said.

The Purple Reign company name comes from a combination of Kansas State's color of purple, and reign from winning competitions. With each victory, value is added to the cows, especially with embryos being collected from the champions and transferred to the recipients.

Last year the Mullinixes won the Hereford category at the National Western Stock Show with Purple Shirley. Plus, the Mullinixes have had four or five reserve champions

at the Denver competition. So, the tradition of producing championship cattle is becoming Purple Reign's signature calling card.

Randy and Jamie sell cattle privately all year and also incorporate three internet sales annually.

"We've been fortunate over the years, we've had champions at Kansas City, Louisville, Denver and Fort Worth, pretty much at all the major events," Randy stated.

"We're thankful to breed cattle for a living and are very fortunate to be competitive."

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Bradford board meets

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board approved several items during a Feb. 22 meeting that had been postponed due to inclement weather.

Superintendent Chad Gripp updated the board on the following items:

- Eighth-grade students attended orientation at Bureau Valley High School Jan. 20 and at Stark County High School on Jan. 13.
- Students' last day is May 25.
- Quotes were given for a new Junior High sign and possibly for a new telephone system.

In board action:

- An eighth-grade promotion ceremony may occur with COVID restrictions

applied, in May.

- An open house, awards assembly, spring concert and athletic banquet will be postponed, cancelled or attempted virtually.

- The Lions' Club Breakfast was postponed until next year.

- The 2 p.m. dismissal schedule was extended to the end of this school year.

- Basketball has resumed with no fans allowed to attend.

- Board President Tanya Walker directed Gripp to reapply for a state waiver that has expired, which allows staff members to have their children attend tuition free the Bradford Schools.

- Accepted the resignation of Mrs. Grieff as kindergarten teacher effective the last day of school

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GALVA: New parking spots

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members of the Galva Planning Commission.

Bruner, Cooper and Zuck Engineering firm of Galesburg will lay out parking and handicapped spaces in the downtown, which has new blacktop.

Third ward alderman Wayde Buck praised the Street department for an excellent job of snow removal this winter.

A power outage at the Southwest Sewer Plant has been repaired for a cost of \$6,500, with \$4,500 paid by insurance according to a report from Superintendent Greg Thompson.

Richard Plummer reported all decorations must be off all graves at the Galva Cemetery by March 28. Decorations can be returned on April 1.

The following checks were received: December sales tax, \$16,190; January MFT, \$7,491; January cannabis use tax, \$230; December telecommunications tax, \$2,232; December local share of state use tax, \$10,914; and January income tax, \$29,021.

The council went into closed session to discuss real estate.

Alderman Mitch Boston was absent.

PUBLIC RECORD

Correction

It was incorrectly reported in the Feb. 19 issue of The Prairie News that a Feb. 12 accident on Route 78 had William S. Foglesong running into the back of Sophie Nortman's vehicle. That is the opposite of what the Sheriff's Office filed report listed. After verification with the Sheriff's Office, it was Nortman who ran into the back of Foglesong's vehicle.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

2-19-21 - Felony: Shawn A. Slightom - Burglary without causing damage, possession of methamphetamine, driving on a revoked/suspended license DUI.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-17-21 - Michael J. Winslow, 48, Dunlap, was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.

2-17-21 - Joshua R. Petty, 41, Toulon, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license. He was issued a notice to appear in court.

2-20-21 - Trennell T. Carter, 34, Peoria, ticketed for speeding 68 mph in a 55 zone and for driving while license revoked. He was issued notices to appear in court and released.

2-21-21 - Marissa R. Endress, 20, Buda, was cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.

2-21-21 - James L.C. Junker, 20, Castleton, was cited for improper lane usage and for not having a valid proof



Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
2-15-21 - to the 800 block of West Division Street for a two-vehicle accident involving damage only. No tickets were issued. One vehicle had to be towed due to extensive damage.

2-15 - to a welfare check at a residence on SW 4th Street. The subject had a cut, but was otherwise fine.

2-15 - to assist Henry County with a vehicle stuck on the railroad tracks on Trolley Road at 300 North.

2-15 - to the 100 block of South Center Ave. to locate a wanted subject. As a result, Howard Field, 75, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failing to appear on traffic charges. He was given a notice to appear and released.

2-16 - to the 400 block of North Center Ave. for a criminal damage to property complaint.

2-16 - to Sentry Estates for a report of domestic violence. As a result, Jamie Howard, 32, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery. She was taken to the Henry County Jail and

later posted bond.

2-16 - to the 1000 block of North Center Ave. for an obstruction in the roadway.

2-16 - to assist two motorists who were stuck in the snow. One in the 500 block of NE 1st Street and the other in the 500 block of SE 2nd Street.

2-16 - to the 300 block of Front Street for an accident with damage only. No tickets were issued.

2-17 - to the 1200 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a vehicle that drove off the roadway. No damage was noted and a wrecker pulled the subject out.

2-19 - Officer, along with Stark County Medic, dispatched to attempted suicide report on NE 3rd Street.

2-19 - Officer, along with the fire department and Stark County Medic were dispatched to a gas leak in the 300 block of NE 2nd Street.

2-21 - to assist Henry County with a possible burglary/damage to property complaint just south of town on Route 17. A pane of glass was broken on a storm door and it is believed to be caused by the wind.

Property Transfers

2-17-21 - Amy V. and Terry J. Krause to Nolan M. Heffern - Pt 11-12-5 SW - 4068 Township Road, Toulon - Consideration = \$160,000.00.

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Letting go now that you're gone

After Collin Peterson, the former chairman of the House Ag Committee, lost his November 2020 reelection bid to Republican challenger Michelle Fischbach, the 15-term congressman packed 194 boxes with office material and Capitol Hill memories and returned to his native Minnesota.



Alan GUEBERT

The memorabilia included stacks of paper, piles of walnut plaques, one well-used office desk, and an impressively large elk head mount.

Peterson also brought home a couple of chips on his shoulder.

In a recent long and reflective interview with Duluth News Tribune, the 76-year-old veteran of Farm Bill battles related that he had counseled his Democratic successor, David Scott of suburban Atlanta, not to expand the Ag Committee from its longstanding 47 members to a bigger, more unruly 53 members.

After Peterson's departure, however, Davis did just that – mostly to accommodate Fischbach, Peterson believes.

Whatever the reason, Davis opened a can of worms Peterson says he spent 10 years keeping a tight lid on. It's political math, explained the one-time accountant to News Tribune readers.

During his 40 years in politics and 30 years in Congress, Peterson watched as rural Democratic district after district – some that had sent powerhouses like Tom Daschle, Dan

Glickman, Tom Harkin, and Tom Foley to the Ag Committee – go Republican. So much so that today, relates Peterson, almost every rural district across the U.S. is Republican.

That means Peterson had an increasingly tough time finding enough rural Dems to fill his party's share of the 47-member Ag Committee. Now, however, with 53 total members, there are, in fact, too many Dem seats for Chairman Scott to fill and at least two majority Ag seats remain empty.

Scott's committee expansion, explains Peterson, creates two other problems. First, it gives bona fide rural Republicans more credibility to challenge the now more-urban, majority Democrats on farm programs. "This is bad," he told the News Tribune, "I was able to hold things together, keep things bipartisan. But I'm worried about what's going to happen."

Bipartisan, Peterson's progressive critics might say, in that he was able to deflect every attempt by fellow Dems to limit farm program payments to, ironically, the utter delight of his Republican committee foes.

But it was less about committee politics and more about political philosophy, he now says. "You're picking winners and losers for no good policy reason, other than size."

Exactly, Peterson critics often replied; government shouldn't shower big benefits on Big Ag that it then uses to become even bigger.

New Chairman Scott made one other move that irritates his predecessor: He added "one of the most liberal members of Congress" to the

committee, Rep. Ro Khanna, who, Peterson explains, "has been agitating me for the last two terms to get on the committee because he has an agenda to change agriculture and get rid of what we have."

Well, maybe not "get rid of" but at least reform parts of "what we have." Last May, Khanna offered legislation echoing Sen. Cory Booker's efforts to reshape the Packers & Stockyards Act to pare meatpacker influence in U.S. livestock and poultry markets.

Peterson, however, sees the California congressman very differently. Khanna, he explains, shouldn't even be in ag policy because he represents the high tech Silicon Valley and "not one inch of his district has anything but concrete on it."

Maybe so, but Khanna, a Phi Beta Kappa scholar in economics from the University of Chicago and a Yale Law School graduate, is what U.S. agriculture and Congress might need to meet the challenges of today's new farm and food environment – climate change, market resiliency, alternative energy, pending water shortages, and increasingly powerful food buyers here and abroad.

If anything, the clear difference between old bulls like Peterson and rising roosters like Khanna is the difference to where a farm-centered ag policy often went and where a food-centered ag policy needs to go.

House Ag Chairman Scott has signaled his willingness to sort through those differences. Meanwhile, in Minnesota, Peterson will sort through his memories.

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This is bid for mowing the complete cemetery grounds. Grass around headstones will be trimmed, rather than killed with Round-Up herbicide. Experience in the past shows that the trimming around the headstones should be done, on the average, at least every other mowing.

For other expectations and questions, may call City Hall, 309-286-5042, Monday-Friday, 8:30-12 and 1-4:30.

Bids are to be mailed to Toulon City Hall, P.O. Box 597, Attn: Larry Hollis - Mowing Bids, Toulon, IL 61483. Bids will be opened at the March 8th city council meeting.

STARK CO.: CORE hired as construction manager

Continued from Page 1

In his report, Stark School Superintendent Brett Elliott said \$15 million in debt certificates have been sold and are in the possession of a third-party bank until the bond process is completed. Funds will be available for the new building "renovation" project in late April or early May.

In a related note, the board approved a construction contract with CORE, which is the next step in the process. CORE will serve as construction manager for the project.

Elliott also gave an update on the ongoing natural gas shortage in parts of the U.S., noting the school district is in a consortium and will not see an

enormous increase in pricing that other users may experience.

Also, there is a political internship opportunity with Illinois Senator Win Stoller's Peoria office available for juniors and sophomores.

The second COVID vaccinations are scheduled to occur Friday, Feb. 26, for school staff members on the campuses from 12:15 to 1:45 p.m.

Elliott read Principal Jeff Ut-singer's report and said athletics have resumed and home games are broadcast live on Facebook. Also, Bradford eighth-graders who have chosen to attend Stark County had orientation on Jan. 13.

Highlights from the school calen-

dar for 2021-22 are: First day – Aug. 18; Winter break – Dec. 18-Jan. 2, 2022; Spring break – April 9-18, 2022; Last day – May 24, 2022.

The board also approved:

- The auditor contract with Gorenz and Associates. Ltd.
- To let bus bids for FY 2022.
- Hiring Patty Wilkinson as a part-time para-professional.
- Hiring Brenda Balice as a Career Link employee to serve as bus aide.
- A contract extension of two years through 2024-25 for Superintendent Brett Elliott with a salary increase of \$3,900 for the 2021-22 school year.
- The resignation of high school head custodian Terry Warren.

Notice to Stark County Voters

Early voting for the 2021 Consolidated Election begins February 25th and ends April 5th at the office of the Stark County Clerk 130 W. Main, Toulon. Office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30. In addition, the office will be open Saturday, April 3rd from 9-12 p.m. for early voting.

Heather L. Hollis
Stark County Election Authority

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3 — **Super Crossword** — **SUMMONING JEKYL AND SEUSS**

ACROSS

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| 1 Station, e.g. | 58 Comic blows | 105 "Guys and Dolls" guy | 7 Drake's music | 48 "Holy cow!" | 80 Desert in Mongolia |
| 6 Saucy, e.g. | 59 Fragrant | 109 Rockers | 8 University in Massau County | 49 Hoof or paw | 83 Palme — dominate |
| 10 Floods gently | 60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves" | 111 Fitzgerald of jazz | 9 Mechanical way to learn | 50 Totally | 84 Sonny boys |
| 15 Livers (up) | 63 Turn aside | 112 Cliffside nest | 10 Prudent | 51 Good traps | 85 Balm plant |
| 19 Optic layers | 64 Category | 113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle | 11 Part of ADM | 52 Keats work | 86 Most cheezy roll |
| 20 Female adult | 65 Yell, as a greet | 117 Regal Norse name | 12 Animal coats | 53 See 34-Down | 90 Maintains order over |
| 21 Accustom | 66 Place for fish | 118 Adorn fussily | 13 French for "sea" | 54 Place | 91 Plams' color bands |
| 22 Roman 951 | 71 Deodorant variety | 119 Morales in movies | 14 Days of the week, e.g. | 55 Novelist Tan | 92 Was a better peddler than actor Jackie |
| 23 Sweet variety | 74 Quip from "Oklahoma!" | 120 Haggard of country | 15 Campout workation locale | 56 Small bite | 93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs |
| 25 Bacon piece | 77 How fast a plane is flying | 121 Where AT&T is "T" | 16 Tending to radiate something | 57 Comedic | 95 Youth org. with troops |
| 26 Olive kudos | 80 Govt. agent | 122 Squiggly letters | 17 Provided juice for? | 58 H.S. junior's exam | 96 Delaware Valley tribe |
| 27 Quert, in Spanish | 81 Comic Gibba | 123 Breeding 1-across | 18 Pro or con | 59 It's has futey leaves | 97 Cows' milk deliveries |
| 28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957 | 82 Deep pessimism | 124 Came (Bugs star) | 19 Or con | 60 "Anthem" writer Flard | 98 Pvt.'s superior |
| 31 Don — | 84 Installed, as brick | 125 "I think," in 53-Down, requests | 24 Give relief to | 61 Suffis with | 99 False appearance |
| 32 Suddenly become alert | 86 Actor Lastl | 126 Broken-down | 29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber | 62 Twirl, as one's thumb | 100 Street — (urban) |
| 35 Turkey pouch | 87 Soft throw | 127 Cheer shout | 30 Cheer shout | 63 Naturalist | 102 Cut off stubble |
| 36 Extremely scarce | 88 Churn (small slop) | 31 Pender clog | 33 Org. in "The Martian" | 64 "Anthem" writer Flard | 105 An inert gas |
| 41 Presidents pro — | 89 Unash — (Bugs star) | 34 With 53-Down, requests | 34 With 53-Down, requests | 65 Con game | 106 Certain dwarf planet |
| 43 Brainy bunch | 94 Vastly angry | 37 Broken-down | 37 Broken-down | 66 "Anthem" writer Flard | 107 Clock info |
| 44 Bit of Vail gear | 95 Highly venomous cephalopod | 38 Knights, e.g. | 38 Knights, e.g. | 67 "Anthem" writer Flard | 108 Gym lifter's units |
| 45 The "turn" of "Cogito, ergo sum" | 101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up" | 39 Tic-tac link | 39 Tic-tac link | 68 "Anthem" writer Flard | 110 Tomato variety |
| 46 Boris — | 103 User of four-letter words | 40 Filled professors | 40 Filled professors | 69 False appearance | 114 Water, in Nantes |
| 47 Christmas poem opener | 104 "Smile Be Your Umbrella" | 42 Defrost | 42 Defrost | 70 The flagons, on NBA schedules | 115 Give relief to Stephen |
| 49 Sinatra powers | | 43 City near Monterey | 43 City near Monterey | 71 Engine stal | |
| 54 Wooded with tunes | | 5 Fox Sports alternative | 5 Fox Sports alternative | 72 Engine stal | |
| | | 6 High, rugged peak | 6 High, rugged peak | 73 "— culpa" | |
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| 1 Central area | 2 Make hackneyed | 3 Brush up on | 4 City near Monterey | 5 Fox Sports alternative | 6 High, rugged peak |
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LEGAL ADS

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

Estate of RONALD D. CARRASCA, deceased No. 2021-P-15

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 claim 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 the Estate 115 Northwest Third Avenue, Galva, IL 61434 Telephone: (309) 932-2168 Published 2/19, 2/26, 3/5/21

ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public notice is hereby given that on February 9, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as Hunter's Grading and Property Improvements, located at 331 Enterprise Dr., Bradford, IL 61421. Dated February 9, 2021.

Heather Hollis
Stark County Clerk
Published 2/12, 2/19, 2/26/21

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF)) No. 2021-P-2 RAYMOND F. MORRISSEY,) Deceased)

NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Raymond F. Morrissey. On February 16, 2021, Letters of Office were issued to Dorothy A. Morrissey, 104 W. Elm Street, Wyoming, IL 61491, 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 Representative, or both, on or before (a) August 27, 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.

Dated: February 22, 2021
s/s Anne C. Rennick
Anne C. Rennick
Attorney for: Estate of Raymond F. Morrissey
P.O. Box 90
Wyoming, IL 61491
Ph: (309)-695-4701
Fax: (309)-695-2119
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Published 2/26, 3/5, 3/12/21

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

RE: Illinois Department of Transportation State Fiscal year 2022 Section 5311 Rural/Downstate Public Transportation Grant Application. Notice is hereby given that due to the pandemic there will be a virtual hearing

where all request and comments are to be submitted by March 19, 2021. Please email you request for information, questions, or comments to either Hannah Fuchs, Marshall PCOM at PCOM@marshallcountyillinois.com or Traci Dowell, MSW Projects of Henry, Executive Director at tracimswprojects@gmail.com

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III. Marshall County requests that any hearing impaired person wishing to attend the Public Hearing notify Traci Dowell at 309-364-2287 at least one week prior to the scheduled hearing date so arrangements can be made to provide for an interpreter.

IV. A Copy of the application for the state grant for the proposed project will be made available for public inspection at the MSW Projects office, 1013 Western Ave., Henry, IL.

Traci Dowell
MSW Projects of Henry
P.O. Box 140
Henry, IL 61537
Published 2/26/21

OBITUARIES

Lynn T. Banks, Jr.

KEWANEE – Lynn T. Banks, Jr., 95, of Kewanee, died Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria. Lynn was born Nov. 13, 1925, in Alexandria, Mo. the son of Lynn Thomas and Esta (Verhees) Banks. Lynn graduated from the Keokuk Catholic School. He married Mary L. Boardman on July 14, 1952, in Keokuk, Iowa.



Banks

Lynn is survived by wife, Mary, Kewanee; son, Patrick Banks, Kewanee; granddaughter, Harmony (Kevin) Green; great grandchildren, Madeline and Ethan Green; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael "Banksie" Banks; sisters, Viona Mae (Rudy) Cooper, Lona Banks, Gerildine (William) Thomas, Helen Banks, and Doris (Wilbur) Gull; nieces, Esta Morgan, Carrol Cooper; and nephew, Don Cooper.

Lynn joined the United States Navy during WWII. He was stationed on an LSM in the Pacific Ocean. He worked for the Concrete Paving Company of Cameron and Joyce of Keokuk in the summers, running the mixing machine. During the winter he worked for General Mills in Keokuk, where he met his wife of 68 years, Mary Boardman.

In 1957, Lynn's father-in-law and brother-in-law drowned while fishing in the Rock River. Lynn came to help with the chores and crops and ended up staying to buy the farm, where he lived until 2019.

He enjoyed hunting in his younger years. Lynn also enjoyed fishing and making things out of metal for the farm. Lynn loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter and great grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 am, Friday, Feb. 26, 2021, at Schueneman-Tumbleson Funeral Home. Service will be livestreamed on the Schueneman-Tumbleson Funeral Home Facebook page. Father Johndamaseni Zilimu will officiate. Burial will be in Mount Olivet Cemetery. Military rites will be accorded by the Kewanee Veterans Council. Visitation was 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at the funeral home. Masks are required and please observe social distancing guidelines.

Memorials may be made to Abilities Plus. Please leave an online condolence to Lynn's family at www.schuenemantumblesonfuneralhome.com.

Beverly Carnell

TOULON – Beverly Carnell (Bev), passed on Feb. 11, 2021. She was born on July 18, 1938, in Galesburg, Ill. to Pauline Durbin.

Bev was always such a strong person. She had her trials throughout her life but was always full of love for life and all of those around her. She loved living in Saint George and visiting on the patio with her friends.

Bev is survived by her son Curtis Alan Watson (Nancy) her grandson Zebadiah W. Watson, granddaughter Jessica Franich (Trevor) and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her

husband William "Bill" Watson and her mother Pauline Wilson.

Bev Durbin attended Toulon High School and graduated with the class of 1956. Bev made lifelong friends who will miss her. Among them are Becky (Edwards) Heaton, Ruth Ann Durbin, Kay (Page) Grieve. Bev attended the First Baptist Church in Toulon when she lived in Toulon. Bev took part in many activities in High School. Her sophomore year, she was a cheerleader with Kay Page, Kayleen Green and Donna Armstrong. Bev was the FHA Queen at the FHA Formal her senior year.

The family would like to extend their gratitude for the compassionate care given to Bev by the ICU unit at Saint George Regional Hospital during her last days. We would also like to say a huge thank you to all of her friends and neighbors. You were so special to Bev and we appreciate all of the help and love extended to her.

Richard LaFollette

WILLIAMSFIELD – Richard "Diesel Dick" LaFollette passed away peacefully at home on Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021.

Richard led quite an impressive life with lots of fun adventures from start to finish. When he was 18, he ran away to get married with no money and no clue how to get out of the state. He raced cars and motorcycles on race tracks and country roads. He was a fantastic driver and all-around great operator of any machine. His grandson, Ben didn't inherit that skill, it's a story involving Grandpa's snowmobile and a birdbath.

One of the things he was most proud of was being an Operating Engineer for Local 649, their "Blademan," working on many projects including the Peoria Civic Center.

When not watching baseball, football, Dr. Phil or NASCAR (he loved Richard Petty), you could find him driving around his beloved Billtown, smiling and waving and maybe causing a little trouble along the way. Every now and then you could catch him at the Par-A-Dice Casino playing the poker machines and having some crab legs.

He was very "into" rules and would sometimes let people know when they weren't following them. So much so that at one point, he managed to get four meals for \$4 at Steak 'n Shake (if only they had known how to word their board correctly which was changed after he left the drive-thru!)

Although he seemed tough, he would cry at a sad story or just because he felt things so deeply.

We are sure that everyone in town can thank Dick for some type of lesson or experience and also for all the

golf balls on the roof of the school.

Richard Edwin LaFollette was born in rural Knox County on May 14, 1941, the son of Clarence and Hazel (Plum) LaFollette. He married Florann Johnson and Janet Crouch and later divorced.

Survivors include his girlfriend and companion, Sue Damitz of Williamsfield, Chad (Cassie) Bell of Pekin, a daughter, Denise (Keith) Fishel of Williamsfield; grandchildren, Lacy (Derick) Dykeman of Williamsfield and Benjamin Fishel of Peoria; and great grandchildren, Oliver "Bubba" Dykeman and Morton Dykeman. He was preceded in death by Billy Damitz, his parents and his brothers, William C. and Carl LaFollette.

Private graveside services were Tuesday, Feb. 23, at Williamsfield Cemetery. A celebration befitting of everything that Richard deserves in a Celebration of Life will be held at later date.

Richard loved sitting at the park and would love the idea of memorials being directed to the Williamsfield Parks Association.

Rux Funeral Home in Williamsfield is in charge of arrangements. This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.rux-funeralhome.com.

Bill 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.

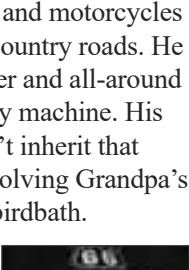
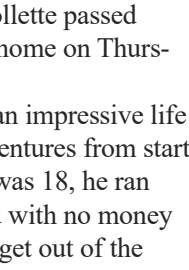
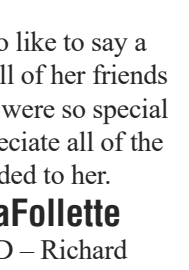
Also surviving are his mother, Ruby Turnbull of Toulon; step-mother, Janet Turnbull of Toulon; one son, William "Adam" (Cara) Turnbull of Washington; one daughter, Emily (Kevin) Powell of Kirksville, Mo.; seven grandchildren, Maggie Grace, Amelia Christine, Audrey Marie and Isabelle Claire Turnbull, 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; his god-daughter, Kylie Turnbull of Colo.; and several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father; one sister, Judy Turnbull; and one nephew, Michael Abel.

Bill attended Elmira Grade School. He graduated from Toulon High School in 1968. He attended Eureka College where he was on the football team. Bill was a farm boy at heart and farmed for many years on ground that belonged to his great-grandfather Turnbull. As student of his father, William Oliver Turnbull, he developed a love for working with wood and carpentry. Bill worked as a carpenter in Toulon and surrounding communities for over 25 years. As a devoted Dad he did many remodeling projects large and small for his children, as well as many at home.

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Carnell



LaFollette



Turnbull

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Therefore, no vehicle shall be operated upon West Jersey Township Roads having a gross vehicle weight greater than 5 ton (10,000 pounds) upon the posting of road weight limit signs on West Jersey Township Roads.

Any questions contact West Jersey Township Road Commissioner Paul Webster at 309-995-3357 (Township Building, please leave a message).

For further load limitations visit the county website <http://starkco.illinois.gov/highway/>

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fiti Rodriguez

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- GAMES: Which chess piece can only move diagonally?
- U.S. STATES: What is the capital of Nevada?
- LANGUAGE: What is a lexicon?
- HISTORY: What was the first sport played on the moon?
- LITERATURE: In his will, what gift did Albus Dumbledore give to Ron Weasley in the Harry Potter book series?
- MOVIES: What was the first Disney song to win an Academy Award for best original movie song?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Bermuda?
- INVENTIONS: Who first invented a successful vaccine for rabies?
- ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system do not have moons?
- MATH: What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral MDCCCLXVII?

Answers

- The bishop
- Carson City
- A dictionary
- Golf
- A delaminator, which takes away or restores light sources
- "When You Wish Upon a Star"
- Hamilton
- Louis Pasteur
- Venus and Mercury
- 1812

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TOP 10 VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- The Croods: A New Age (PG)
- Judas and the Black Messiah (R)
- The Little Things (R)
- Wonder Woman 1984 (PG-13)
- The Marksman (PG-13)
- Land (PG-13)
- Monster Hunter (PG-13)
- News of the World (PG-13)
- Promising Young Woman (R)
- The War with Grandpa (PG)

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

CryptoQuote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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JQY TYFJZU GMYE NE

EYFAYEL TYF ABUU ZFA

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OBITUARIES

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Bill was voted "Best All-Around" in the Class of '68 which sums up how he lived his life. His reach was to his family and to his community. He served on the Farm Bureau Board of Directors, Lions Club as President, Stark County Board and the Toulon School Board. He especially enjoyed helping to plan and enjoy Class of '68 reunions.

Bill was a pseudo-class sponsor while his children were in high school – helping to make those floats move; chaperoning and hosting post-prom at his home. He was always at football games; track meets as well as high school and college basketball games. Bill will be remembered for grilling lots of great "Billy Burgers" for Adam and Emily's friends! Sports as a boy were so important to him so he enjoyed coaching baseball and JFL, as well as helping out with swim team.

Bill was a Dad who loved his children and they could grow up on the farm, like he did, knowing the value of hard work and cooperation. They

always knew "no meant no" but that his love always backed every decision. He was proud of their life choices and the paths they pursued as adults.

He found unexpected fun and joy at being a Papa to his seven grandchildren! They all loved his pumpkin patch, his swings and treehouse, swimming in Papa's pool and especially the secret sips of his Gatorade and ice cream "sammies". They were often seen carrying hammers and tape measures alongside Papa.

Bill and Pam have had 43 years of love, fun and the trials of life but Bill's quiet courage and solid determination saw them through. During Pam's hospitalization and recovery from bacterial meningitis, Bill was an amazing support providing everything that was needed for her full recovery. There were amazing memories of trips together, especially 35 years of family trips to the beach in Michigan.

Bill lived as an unpretentious man. He worked hard at every job and task. He was always a kind listening

ear. If you needed him – he was there. Bill loved and enjoyed good times with his friends, especially his Poker Club. He was devoted to his family and was proud of the Turnbull name.

Bill will be deeply missed by his loving family and dearest of friends. While we grieve the loss of our husband, father, Papa and friend we take comfort in knowing he lived his life to his fullest. He lived, just like his class determined, Best All-Around.

Bill was a long-time blood donor and continued his legacy of helping others by also being a bone and tissue donor.

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. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Ambulance Service or the Ronald McDonald House. Condolences may be left for Bill's family at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Injury bug bites

Stark Co. girls lose 2 guards, first game

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Prairie News

The path to a Lincoln Trail Conference title became painfully more difficult for the Stark County girls basketball team.

While racing to a 6-0 start, the Lady Rebels lost two starters to injuries in the past week and, largely as a result, lost for the first time Tuesday against Ridgewood, 32-30.

Stark County (6-1, 5-1 LTC) was without top scorer, sophomore Lindley Johnston 16.5 (points per game) and sophomore guard Paige Rewerts.

Johnston sprained her ankle Saturday in a 68-24 win over Midland and Rewerts hurt her knee last week.

“Without two guards, we had forwards at the wing and it’s tough,” Coach Scott Paxson said. “We had shots last night, we just didn’t convert enough to win. If we have Lindley, it’s a completely different game.”

The good news for the Lady Rebels is that they still have a clear path to the LTC title thanks to an earlier win over Princeville

and a 52-49 win on Feb. 22 vs. Annawan.

Kelsey Berchtold and Riley Menssen led the Lady Rebels with 17 points apiece and Olivia Hopp added 10, as SC outscored Annawan 17-11 in the final quarter.

Last Friday, the Lady Rebels won at Galva, 53-24, behind 26 points from Berchtold, who is averaging 14 ppg. Kali Yelm led Galva with 8 points on Senior Night.

On Feb. 18, Stark County beat United, 62-33, as Berchtold scored 19 and Hopp added 15, three above her 12 ppg average.

“I would have loved to see this group in a regular year. I think they would have been a 30-game winner,” said Paxson, whose team faces ROWVA ROWVA-Williamsfield Friday and Kewanee Saturday.

Galva lost to Wethersfield Monday. The Lady Wildcats are at Annawan today and return home to play IVC on Saturday, then have four games next week.

Boys

Stark County had 10 players score last Friday in



Stark County senior Kelsey Berchtold drives to the basket during the Lady Rebel’s win over Annawan. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

a 67-37 home win vs. Galva. The Rebels were led by Ryan Murphy with 14 and James Groter and Matthew McCauley with 11 apiece. Tanner Lain scored 17 for the Wildcats.

“We brought good energy and wore them down with our depth,” Coach Dustin Browning said.

The Rebels couldn’t match United’s intensity last Thursday, falling 55-36. McCauley led with 13

points against United (9-0), which is tied for seventh in the AP state rankings and beat Princeville Tuesday to grab the LTC reins. SC is home vs. R-W on Saturday and at United Monday.

Galva lost to 9th-ranked Wethersfield Tuesday and was to play ROWVA-Williamsfield Wednesday. The Wildcats lost to Princeville on Feb. 18, 72-38, despite 17 points from Lain and 9 from Cayden Morse.

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