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OPEN HOUSE AT FIRE STATION



This addition is part of the remodeled Oak Run Fire Station that will be open to the public during an open house Saturday, July 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Below is a side-by-side that has been fitted with a new fire-medical skid courtesy of an Ameren Illinois grant. Submitted photos.

Remodeled Oak Run station to be unveiled

By TRAVIS JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

DAHINDA – A long-planned open house for the expanded, remodeled Oak Run Fire Station will be held Saturday, July 10.

After the Oak Run Station finished its remodel and expansion, an open house was set to take place in 2020. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the event was postponed and has been rescheduled.

Now that the Williamsfield Fire Protection District has been given the opportunity, they will soon be displaying their recent upgrades and updates to the fire station, including a new fire/medical skid unit purchased with a \$5,000 grant from Ameren Illinois.

The open house will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oak Run Station, 1497 Knox Rd. 1725 N. in Dahinda, or just east of the Oak Run Golf Course. The event will include a dedication ceremony at



11 a.m. followed by a light lunch. Members of the community are welcome to come see the recent building upgrades.

"We're looking forward to letting the public in here to see what we did and what their tax dollars got spent on," said Mary Bush, wife to Assistant Fire Chief Bruce Bush.

Since the Oak Run Community

began developing around 30 years ago, the population has grown rapidly. There are currently more than 500 homes at Oak Run, with an average of 15 new homes built per year. Approximately half of these homes are vacation second homes and half are occupied by full-time residents, many of the latter being retirees. As such, the fire department has tried to serve what it sees as a growing need for a more adept emergency response program in Oak Run. The goal of the new station remodel and expansion was to help meet this need.

With added space inside the building, emergencies can be responded to more efficiently, according to Bruce Bush.

He said the expansion also enables the district to store more equipment and provides a multi-purpose room that can be used for

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Bradford Betterment group plans events

By ANGIE STANGE

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – The

Bradford 150th Committee is back with a new name and lots of ideas for 2021 and beyond. Now named the Bradford Betterment Committee (BBC), the group has been working to organize family events and activities beginning this August through Christmas.

The first event planned is on Saturday, Aug. 7, when the BBC group will hold a community picnic and movie in the park. Activities will begin in Elsie Hodges Park at 3 p.m. with three-legged races, gunny sack races, bubbles, chalk, bal-

loon toss, bags and bocce ball.

The Snack Shack will be open late for people to get dinner/ice cream, but those who want to attend can feel free to bring a picnic dinner. There will be a free movie in the park at dusk with popcorn, water and lemonade provided by the BBC. Bring your own lawn chair

On Saturday, Sept. 4, (Labor Day Saturday), the BBC will host a Family Fun Day in Elsie Hodges Park. In addition to past activities, the BBC is planning some new events for the day.

There will once again be a
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Gold on forest floor

Chanterelle mushrooms a late summer treat

By GRETCHEN STEELE

For The Prairie News

There's gold lurking in the summer forest and woodlands, and it's in the form of fabulous flushes of chanterelle mushrooms. These gorgeous golden treats flourish during the warm, wet days of late summer.

Chanterelles, often called chanties, go hand in hand in many area with squirrel season, which opens Aug. 1 in Illinois. Many a squirrel hunter has returned home with a nice bundle of bushytails and with a bag of bright yellow mushrooms that complement the wild game avail-



Chanterelles show up on the forest floor in the warm, wet days of late summer. Photo by Gretchen Steele.

able in the months to come.

Not only do chanterelles pair well with eggs, fish, chicken and pork, they are a tasty partner to dove, squirrel

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OAK RUN: Side-by-side helps in rough terrain

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monthly meetings, hosting monthly training session and community events.

Currently, the Oak Run Fire Station currently includes a fire engine, a first responder vehicle, a brush truck for grass fires and a recently acquired side-by-side, featuring the new fire/medical skid unit purchased with the grant from Ameren.

The unit is comprised of a water tank, a motor and pump for water

discharge and a platform to attach a basket stretcher. This will assist firefighters in performing lifesaving tasks with greater ease, especially in difficult terrain.

Bruce Bush said that in the past, firefighters had to carry hand tools into remote areas.

The Williamsfield Fire Protection District is also looking for volunteers to help meet the emergency-response needs of the area. Any potential volunteers are encouraged to attend the

upcoming open house or to contact the district.

Oak Run, (309) 879-2100, has one of three stations in the Williamsfield Fire Protection District. The others are in Williamsfield, (309) 639-4353, and Dahinda, (309) 639-4444.

"We're looking forward to being able to do lots of networking. We're [also] looking to pick up a few more volunteers. That would be huge for us," Mary Bush said.

BRADFORD: Fireworks planned for Sept. 5

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free movie in the park at dusk with popcorn, water and lemonade provided. Bring your lawn chair.

On Sunday, Sept. 5, there will be a fireworks show, provided by the same company as in 2019. The fireworks will begin

at dusk at the ball diamond by the pool.

October through December plans are in the works and should offer fun for those participating.

To make all of this happen the BBC needs several things: Financial support - would you sponsor all or part of one of the events or activities? Would you be willing to volunteer your time? Do you have a great idea you would like to share?

Financial Donations can be made at the Bradford Bank (179 W. Main Street Bradford, IL 61421) or mailed to the BBC (PO Box 104, Bradford, IL 61421).

Please feel free to contact or send ideas to the BBC at this address or visit their Facebook page - Bradford Betterment Committee and leave a message or comment.

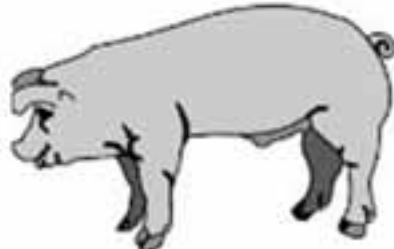
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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

6-30 - Parker J. Reynolds - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

5-15 - Criminal Misdemeanor - Derrick C. Frisby - Battery/makes physical contact.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

7-1 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 at the intersection of Route 17. The driver of the vehicle was Glenn M. Filley, 59, of Wyoming. Filley was attempting to make a right turn onto Route 17 when he lost control of his motorcycle reportedly due to gravel being on the asphalt roadway. The driver suffered minor injuries but refused to seek medical treatment. No tickets were issued but over \$1,500 in estimated damages were sustained to the motorcycle.

6-28 - Matthew R. Hollis, 28, Wyoming, was cited for driving with no headlights when required and for illegal transportation of alcohol. He was released with a notice to appear in court.

6-30 - A 16-year-old Wyoming juvenile was reported missing. The minor was later located and was placed back into the custody of a parent.

7-2 - Lea S. Lozano-Blanks, 27, Kewanee, was ticketed for not having a valid registration.

7-2 - Jacob E. Rynearson, 42, Edwards, was cited for not having a valid registration and driving without vehicle insurance.

7-2 - Joseph A. Brown, 41, of Metamora, was ticketed for not having a valid vehicle registration.

7-4 - Christian D. Hoover, 18, Wyoming, was ticketed for using a cell phone while driving.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

6-28 - While patrolling, an officer noticed that there was a broken railroad crossing arm at the Exchange Street crossing and the gates were malfunctioning. Officer directed traffic until BNSF could get a crew there for repairs.

6-28 - to the 600 block of South Center Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a loud vehicle leaving town. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

6-28 - to the 300 block of Main Street for a disturbance and to remove an unwanted subject.

6-29 - to the 00 block of NE 2nd Street for a theft report.

6-29 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of James B. Young Road, Rebecca Muckey, 33, Galva, was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance, unlawful use of weapons, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license suspended operating an uninsured vehicle, and for a Warren County warrant for failure to appear on no insurance charge. She posted bond on the warrant and was released with notices to appear in courts. A passenger, Barry Cox, 56, Kewanee, was issued a citation for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger.

6-29 - to speak with a subject who had a punctured tire near the west



edge of town. They were leaving a trailer there for a few hours while they bought a replacement.

6-30 - to a residence on NW 7th Ave. for a 911 hangup call. It was determined to be an ambulance call.

6-30 - to check on a motorist who was sleeping on the east edge of town. The subject was waiting for a business to open the following day.

7-1 - to the 700 block of West Division Street for a disturbance, battery complaint. A report was forwarded to the Henry County States' Attorney's Office for review.

7-1 - Officer spoke to a resident about extra patrols while they were out of town for a few days.

7-1 - to the 600 block of SE 2nd Street for a suspicious incident involving a car alarm going off twice during the night.

7-1 - to Sentry Estates for a fireworks complaint.

7-1 - to an activated burglar alarm in the 1000 block of SE 2nd Street. It was determined to be a false alarm.

7-1 - to the 00 block of NW 5th Street to recover lost property that had been found.

7-2 - Officer was advised of a theft that had occurred just north of Galva. Officer was not able to locate the suspect vehicle.

7-2 - to the 500 block of NW 2nd Street for a theft complaint.

7-2 - to the east edge of town for a reckless driver who was possibly heading toward Galva. Officer did not locate the vehicle.

7-2 - to the 100 block of SW 10th Ave. for a missing juvenile complaint. Officer spoke with other parents and spoke to the juvenile in question by telephone. They were running later than planned, but made it safely home.

7-3 - Officer noticed that a train had stopped and was blocking all of the Galva crossings for nearly 1.5 hours. BNSF was contacted and the train eventually moved along.

7-3 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Street for an unemployment scam.

7-3 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd Street for a fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to the 1000 block of North Center Ave. for a speeding vehicle complaint. Officer was unable to locate the vehicle.

7-4 - to the 1000 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. Dog was taken to impound and later released back to its owner.

7-4 - to the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. for a fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to the 200 block of SW 3rd Street for a very minor "fender bender" accident. The drivers exchanged information and no report was written.

7-4 - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to Wiley Park for a juvenile mischief complaint.

7-4 - to the 600 block of NW 7th

Ave. to speak with a resident about a trespassing issue.

7-4 - to the 100 block of SE 6th Ave. for a fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to the 300 block of NE 2nd Street for a fireworks complaint.

7-4 - to a residence on NW 2nd Street to remove an unwanted subject.

6-29 - Barry Bushnell, 47, of Henry, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd Street.

6-29 - Jordan Hazelbower, 39, of Altona, was issued a citation for no insurance in the 1200 block of SE 2nd Street.

Property Transfers

6-23 - Sheila J. Schierer to Craig A. Schierer - Pt 21-13-5 SW - 2116 Twp Rd 850 N. LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.00.

6-24 - Julie A. Bent and M. Joan Huber to John T. Bartl - Original Town of Toulon - Block 13 lot 9 - 218 S. Henderson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$39,900.

6-25 - Debra A. Miller to Lindsey Blount - Original Town of Toulon Block 5 Lot 1 - 116 N. Henderson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$67,000.

6-28 - Eric Trinidad to JTEA Properties, LLC - Pt 26-14-7- NE NE - 108 Lincoln Street, Bradford - Consideration = \$0.00.

6-28 - Harriet A. Drake to The Stark County Historical Society - Pt Plus Easement 19-13-6 SW - W. Jefferson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.00.

6-28 - John H. Ford, Jr. to Deborah Kay Ford - Pt block 5 lots 6, 7, 10 - 107 N. Henderson Street, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.00.

6-29 - Linda L. Storey, By Atty-in-Fact to John C. Johnson - Pt 20-13-5 SW - 8150 Township Road, 100 E. LaFayette - Consideration = \$0.00.

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7-1 - Dianna K. and William O. Streitmatter to Lori J. and Ronald W. Streitmatter - Pt 32-12-7 SW - Consideration = \$290,500.

7-2 - William R. Franzen to William R. Franzen, Trustee - Pt Assr's Sub Sect 36-13-6 SW - 517 N. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.00.

7-2 - Amy N. and Jeffrey W. Buss to 8995 LLC - Pt 34-13-6 NW NE - 8995 State Route 17, Wyoming - Consideration = \$143,000.

7-2 - Ruth A. Hansen to Jamie and Shane Brown - Pts 23-14-7 SE - 134 Bonita Street, Bradford - Consideration = \$8,000.



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GUEST VOICES



The ag politics of being agriculturally apolitical

It's a widely held belief that if you want to get ahead in farm group politics, you can't be political. Well, not overtly political, anyway. Quietly, sure; loud and you're outa' here.

For example, according to OpenSecrets.org, the best tracker of campaign cash in American politics, the nation's largest, richest farm group, the American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF), contributed a stunningly puny \$6,932 to all federal candidates in the 2020 general election.



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The year before, however, AFBF, spent a staggering \$3,282,414 for its 18 lobbyists to plant, cultivate, and harvest its politically-conservative/subsidy-liberal ag policies on Capitol Hill.

It's similar in the agricultural academy; Land Grant University officials rarely, if ever, comment on state or national politics. The overriding public view is that university farm and ranch experts should focus on efficiency and profits, not politics and politicians.

But that's an impossibly fine line to walk. Land Grant Universities, after all, were born through politics, the Morrill Act in 1862, and continue to receive large portions of their funding via the increasingly partisan, federal and state political process. As such, most Land Grant administrators are as adept at realpolitik as they are in political science and animal science.

Still, pity the ag professor who possesses the poor judgment – not to mention nerve – to go public about the use or misuse of public money at the Big U. Just ask Mark Rasmussen, the just-retired director at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University.

In public remarks to the Iowa Farmers Union's "Lunch & Learn" webinar series June 24, Rasmussen rattled some of Iowa's political and ag leaders by wondering if a new state initiative to sequester carbon was "just another subsidy scheme" rather than a serious attempt to address climate change.

His proof? Gov. Kim Reynolds' newly named carbon sequestration panel "has no environmental-group representation," reported the Iowa Capital Dispatch, June 26, "but plenty of ag-group members," including one of the gov's biggest Big Ag campaign contributors.

And that was just part of what he said; throughout much of his 16-slide presentation, Rasmussen questioned heaps of ag theology. For example, he asked the group if climate change is at least partial proof that our mission "to feed the planet" is, in fact, "degrading the planet."

Shortly thereafter, Rasmussen crossed the metaphorical Rubicon of farm politics: he dished dirt – literally – on ethanol. His entire quote, again, courtesy of the Iowa Capital Dispatch, was pure political heresy to Big Ag.

"The other one that's upset people is I like to use this term 'putting dirt in your gas tank' with regards to the ethanol industry. They [ethanol promoters] never in their propaganda

mention the impact that juicing up the corn market had on soil erosion in bringing highly erodible land into production and taking it out of growing grass or other perennials. So ethanol to me is not as green as they like to say it is, if you really look at the life cycle analysis, and include soil in that equation."

Most economists would say that's sound science; most ag economists, however, wouldn't touch that side of ethanol with a 10-foot barn broom.

But sound science was, in fact, behind the 1987 founding of the Leopold Center and the state's steady funding of its work. Its goals were simple and direct: "To identify and develop new ways to farm profitably while conserving natural resources as well as reducing negative environmental and social impacts."

The state abandoned Leopold, though. In an overtly political move, the Iowa legislature stripped it of state funding in 2017 and since then, explains Rasmussen in a telephone interview, Leopold has operated on crumbs, or about 10 percent of its pre-2017 budget.

Now, with Rasmussen's June 30 retirement, the Center loses its campus office space and its full-time staff. In short, it's a goner; both a child of and a victim to agriculture's parochial politics.

But no one really wants to talk about it because we don't do politics in agriculture. At least not out loud.

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Volunteers backbone of programs

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Henry County 4-H Foundation, 4-H and Illinois Extension staff, we want to say a big "Thanks" to all who helped with the 2021 Henry County Fair! To those that were there every day or those working a shift at our 4-H Food Stand, we appreciate you!

Volunteers are still the backbone of the Henry County adult and youth programs. Hats off to all of the kids and their parents/families supporting 4-H. Another shout

out to the Henry County Fair Board for doing everything possible to run every event during the week.

Congratulations to Kelli Patton, Henry County Fair Pageant Director, on another successful Fair Queen pageant. Cheers as well to our Henry County Highway Department in getting our north access paved in time for fair week.

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And to all those who attended the 2021 Henry County Fair – know that you are also appreciated, without a doubt. To say "Thanks to All" needs to be done. One of our Henry County mottos is, "Together, We Are Henry County" ... and our county fair is evidence of that.

Tim Wells, President, Henry County 4-H Foundation

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Galva park board working on pool drain

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Park District board approved architect George Kelly to create a drawing for a new drain cover.

Problems with the cover caused the pool to be closed this year.

In addition to submitting a drawing, the board must submit other information to the State of Illinois, which is said to be backed up as much as two months on approving permits approved.

The cover can be installed by a certified contractor once it is approved.

All pool employees who were hired this year and did not get to work will receive a \$25 gift card for their understanding and patience.

All pool memberships which had been paid were sent a check back in the mail.

The board heard that a new mower will be purchased and a new weed eater has already been purchased.

The board approved the purchase of two more weed eaters and a more

powerful leaf blower to remove grass from sidewalks and the putt-putt golf course.

The board approved helping with parking at The Back Road Music Festival. The park district receives a donation for this service.

The board decided no further action was needed regarding an incident involving a parent at a baseball game where the police were called. The parent has been banned from attending any other games this season by the high school.

CHANTERELLES: Check IDs before eating

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and early season teal. Their delicate flavor, however, is often overpowered by heavier, red meats.

With a delicate apricot/peachy/fruit-like scent, this fleshy wild mushroom fairly glows with golden or orange light when seen from a distance in the deep green of the forest. Also known as “golden chanterelle” and “egg mushroom,” it is a highly prized and sought-after fungi for many foodies.

Most yellow/golden chanterelles found east of the Mississippi average the size of a fist. Black and orange varieties, however, are usually smaller, more thumb and finger-sized.

Chanterelles equal gold in more ways than one: on the open market they fetch a pretty price, their color is golden and the taste is referred to as “golden” by many, as well.

Finding Chanterelles

Generally speaking, chanterelles begin appearing in July and often produce several flushes before frost arrives. They are usually found in groups near the roots of hardwood trees (especially oak) and scattered throughout the forest understory. Those who shudder at trooping through muggy, buggy late-summer woods can also find chanterelles along trail edges. They thrive in deep, old leaf litter. Thankfully, chanterelles are not prone to the same insect infestations and forest creature munching as other fungi.

I cannot stress enough that when gathering wild mushrooms, one MUST be sure of identification be-

fore eating. There are a few species that can be mistaken for chanterelles to the untrained eye, and these will indeed cause you some severe gastric upset.

So use a good field guide and have an experienced mushroom hunter check your initial finds before consuming. I have disappointed many people with a bag full of jack o lantern mushrooms who thought they had just made a considerable chanterelle find.

Chanterelles are yellow mushrooms with a fleshy cap that displays wavy, rounded cap margins tapering downward to meet the stem. A critical factor in identification is the gills, which are not thin, straight panels hanging from the lower surface of the cap, as is common in most cap-style mushrooms. Instead, they are more ridged, appearing somewhat rounded, shallow and widely spaced.

At the edge of the cap, they are forked and interconnected. The gills also run down the stem rather than being confined to the cap. The gill arrangement is such that it doesn't even seem chanterelles have a cap and stem but rather look like a solid vase-like object from the underside.

Always harvest chanterelles with care. If you follow simple guidelines, you can likely harvest chanterelles from the same spot a few more times before frost and for years to come, as they routinely reappear in the same places. Most importantly, do not disturb the ground where the mycelium (the vegetative part of the mushroom)

grows. Unlike the harvesting of other mushrooms, chanterelles should be pulled from the soil and then neatly trimmed to prevent dirt and debris from ending up in your mushroom basket. This is because cut stems can be vulnerable to an infection that could wipe out an entire patch.

Cleaning Chanterelles

Cleaning chanterelles can be a chore. The cap edges fold tightly to form lots of small nooks and crannies that can hold debris. Use a toothbrush or a vegetable brush to whisk away any surface material under a slowly running faucet. Do not soak them. The less water, the better. Drain on paper towels. They keep well in a waxed paper or brown paper bag in the refrigerator until cleaned. Cleaned chanterelles can be stored in the fridge for a few days.

Cooking Chanterelles

Before cooking chanterelles, cut them into chunks of a generous size to appreciate the flavor.

One of the best ways to cook them is to slice and sauté them in butter. Cream, half and half and chicken broth all make good additions.

Chanterelles should not be consumed raw.

Preserving Chanterelles

Freeze chanterelles in recipe-sized containers after sautéing with butter. When defrosted, they will retain most of their flavor. Dried chanterelles tend to lose flavor and, if dried improperly, the texture can become rubbery. Dried chanterelles are best used in sauce, stews and soups.

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Troutman will start new trek for St. Jude

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

PRINCETONVILLE — Dean Troutman says his knee feels better. So by his logic, it's time to start another epic walk across America.

Troutman, 90, has already made three fund-raising walks across the country and starts another Saturday. He plans to leave from the Princetonville Heritage Museum at 7:30 a.m. and hopes to walk 3,600 miles between now and next July to raise money for St. Jude.

For anyone worried about his well-being, Troutman says, "Don't."

"If a semi runs over me or an alligator eats me in the Louisiana swamp, so be it," he said. "I've lived longer than a lot of other people."

His full itinerary includes a stop in North Carolina for a national Troutman family reunion on Oct. 9. After some time to meet relatives, it's off to Texas, which Troutman plans to reach by January to enjoy warm weather. Once winter passes, Trout-



Dean Troutman will start another fund-raising walk this Saturday, leaving from Princetonville Heritage Museum at 7:30 a.m.

man said he plans to walk the last 1,200 miles home by July 10, 2022.

But Troutman is well aware those plans could change.

Troutman's 700-mile walk in 2014 in memory of his late wife, Peggy, raised \$70,000 for Troutman Park in Princetonville. In 2015, he walked from Princetonville to Memphis, Tenn., and raised over \$10,000 for St. Jude.

But four years ago on a walk to Texas, Troutman was hit by a pickup

truck. The collision, in broad daylight, wrecked the three-wheel buggy he walks behind and injured his knee.

"I was six feet off the road standing dead still. [The driver] claimed he had dropped a cigarette and ran off the road," Troutman said. "My knee was hurting so bad I couldn't keep going. I only got in 51 miles."

Since then, his knee has "just gradually gotten better."

"I'm older, but I still don't take any medication and I can still walk. And I don't think I'll ever be able to start another one of these," Troutman said. "So if I can do any good for these kids at St. Jude, I'm going to do it."

Troutman said he will continue his trek as long as his body is willing — and as long as donations keep coming in for St. Jude. He is asking donors to give a penny per mile, or \$36. Information is on Facebook at "Troutman Trek 2021" and on the St. Jude website (fundraising.stjude.org) by searching for "Troutman".

Pritzker signs bill expanding Medicaid

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Illinois residents who have health coverage through Medicaid now have access to a broad range of services including mental health

abuse treatment, smoking cessation and dental services.

Gov. JB Pritzker on Tuesday signed Senate Bill 2294, which passed unanimously out of both chambers this spring.

"This legislation ... is a product of our passionately dedicated, bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators who are part of the Medicaid legislative working group," Pritzker said at a bill signing ceremony in suburban Chicago. "For all the naysayers that always seem to bad-talk the State of Illinois, few other states can say that they have an annual commitment shared across both sides of the aisle to hash out how to make health care access for millions of Illinoisans who rely on Medicaid even better."

Among many provisions, the bill provides that people covered under Medicaid will continue to be eligible throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency and for up to 12 months after the emer-

gency expires.

It also calls on the Department of Healthcare and Family Services to establish a program for implementation of certified community behavioral health clinics by Jan. 1, 2022, and to develop a "comprehensive behavioral health strategy" that is to be submitted to the governor and General Assembly by July 1, 2022.

Other provisions include recognizing veteran support specialists as mental health professionals under the state's Medicaid plan; coverage of both individual and group tobacco cessation programs; requiring in-patient treatment for anyone experiencing an opioid overdose or withdrawal if it's determined to be medically necessary; coverage of kidney transplant medications regardless of a patient's U.S. residency status; and providing a 10 percent increase, through March 31, 2022, in reimbursement rates for supportive living facilities, to be paid for

with federal funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Tuesday's signing was at Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital in Downers Grove, where health care officials were conducting a blood drive to address a critical shortage in the state and the country.

Bill Rhoades, chief medical officer at the hospital, said blood usage nationwide has risen about 10 percent recently, due largely to increased visits to emergency rooms.

Joy Squier, regional communications officer for the American Red Cross in Illinois, said the shortage is especially critical as the nation heads into the peak of summer activity.

She said people can schedule an appointment to donate at a blood bank online at RedCrossBlood.org, or by calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

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BRIEFS

Galva senior citizen center has reopened

GALVA – The Galva Senior Citizen has reopened after being closed for 15 months. The Center is open 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays and Mondays at 6 p.m. for pitch.

On Tuesdays there will be bunco from 10-11 a.m. and bingo from 1-3 p.m.; Wednesdays feature crafts from 10-11 a.m. and movies from 1-3 p.m.; and Friday's slate calls for a tick card game from 10-11 a.m. and bingo from 1-3 p.m. The center is closed Mondays until 6 p.m. and all day on Thursday.

The coffee pot is always on.

Genealogy will begin again in August.

The center will have an open house on Friday, July 16, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to see remodeling that was done to the building and to honor the volunteers. Anyone not vaccinated, must wear a mask.

– Carol Townsend

Bishop Hill offers free colony program

BISHOP HILL – As part of Bishop Hill's 175th Anniversary Celebration, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association is hosting a series of programs that investigate various aspects of the Bishop Hill Colony.

On Saturday July 10, Dr. Troy Swanson, Department Chair of Library Services at Moraine Valley Community College, will present a program on The Bishop Hill Colony and the Development of the Prairie: Diversity, Religion and Americanization.

The talk will consider the traditional story of immigration and religious freedom that is often told, but will also consider Bishop Hill as the centerpiece of a unique type of diversity that enabled the growth of western Illinois. The free presentation is open to public and starts at 2 p.m. in the Dairy Building at 410 N. Erickson St.

Contact the BHHA at bhha@mymctc.net or (309) 927-3899 for more details.

Galva School Board hires several coaches

GALVA – At a special meeting on June 30, the Galva School Board hired the following coaches:



Mary and Cecil Duffy of 6 SE 8th Ave. received the July Property Pride award from the Galva: Ready to Grow committee. The couple built the home and moved there in 2009. They both enjoy gardening. Cecil commented, "She points and I dig and plant." The couple have two grown children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

- Rachel Remmert as 7th grade volleyball coach;
- Tyler Nichols as varsity football coach;
- Jen DeCrane as Junior High softball coach.

– Carol Townsend

College graduates

Local Bradley University graduates this spring included the following: **Jason Braker** of Speer, Bachelor of Science in electrical engineering; **Clark Brown** of Toulon, Bachelor of Science in middle school education; **John Groter** of Wyoming, Bachelor of Science, management and leadership; **Brock Stotler** of Wyoming, Bachelor of Science, sports communication.

• Graduating Summa Cum Laude (3.95 cumulative gpa) in May from Black Hawk College East Campus was **Rachel Russell** of Galva.

• Graduating Magna Cum Laude (3.85 cumulative gpa) in May from Black Hawk College East Campus were **Margaret Rouse** of Bradford and **Daphne Plotner** of Toulon.

• Graduating Cum Laude (3.75 cumulative gpa) in May from Black Hawk College QC Campus was **Cori Ann Grant** of Galva.

College honors

• **Elena Haffner** of Wyoming made the Spring Dean's List at Augustana College.

Altona fireworks July 17

ALTONA – The Altona fireworks show has been rescheduled to Saturday, July 17. The firemen's meal starts at 5:30 p.m., the baseball game is at 6 p.m. and the fireworks are at dusk.

Attorney General says be aware of text scams

CHICAGO – Attorney General Kwame Raoul is urging Illinois residents to be alert for text messages from individuals claiming to represent state government agencies. Raoul's office is warning that the unsolicited messages may be SMS phishing, or "smishing" scams, and people should delete and not open links or respond to such texts.

The Attorney General's office is warning of increased instances of people receiving unsolicited text messages from individuals claiming to represent the Illinois Secretary of State's office and the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Texts inform recipients they must validate their driver's license information by clicking on a link provided in the message.

"People should know that government agencies will not request sensitive personal information via unsolicited text messages," Raoul said. "If you receive such a message – even if the phone number appears to be local – do not respond. If you are unsure about whether the request is legitimate, contact the agency in question using information from the agency's official website."

People can report smishing texts to their cell phone carriers by copying the original text and forwarding it to 7726 (SPAM), free of charge. Individuals also can report scam texts by visiting the Federal Communications Commission's website or by calling 888-225-5322.

Library Help Wanted

The Williamsfield Public Library District is seeking qualified applicants to fill two (2) positions at the library. They are part-time, exempt positions, 12 - 30 scheduled hours per week, and on-call hours as needed. Pay is \$12 - \$14 per hour based on skill set and experience, beginning September 1, 2021. Interested applicants may pick up an application packet at 407 Norman Drive, Williamsfield, or download a copy at <http://www.wpld.org>. Applications must be received at the library by 3:00pm on August 2, 2021.

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Tech, treatment of dairy herd focus of tour

By **CHRISTOPHER HEIMERMAN**
 For the Illinois Press Association
PEARL CITY – It's good to be a dairy cow at Hunter Haven Farms. That was made abundantly clear during a virtual tour hosted recently by the Illinois Milk Producers Association and University of Illinois Dairy Extension.

The emphasis of the tour, given by farmer Scott Brenner, was technology. In a moment we'll get to the methane biodigester that puts the 2,000-acre operation on the cutting edge.

But humane treatment of the herd is a key factor in the nearly 100 pounds of milk per day the farm gets from each of its 900-plus cows. Participant Mike Hutjens, a professor emeritus at U of I who was raised on a 313-acre dairy farm near Green Bay, Wisconsin, asked Brenner what, exactly, he monitors on his farm.

"You can tell a lot about how a cow is feeling by just looking at her," Brenner said. "Are her ears up? How do her eyes look? Is her udder full?"

He said the simple act of keeping heifers, animals who have never given birth before, and cows, animals

who have already given birth, separate reaps big dividends.

"Cows are very social animals," he said. "They have a pecking order, just like people."

Brenner said it's crucial to crunch the numbers to know how many heifers you need to maximize the operation, and to control the size of the herd and minimize the number of animals that get sold to feedlots.

On the subject of efficiency, the farm uses an elaborate, anaerobic digester that digests methane from manure and turns it into energy.

Brenner spends just 10 minutes a day with the biodigester. He compared its digesting process to that of a cow, and said its performance hinges on what the cows are eating.

"It's a flow system like a cow, and the digester has to be treated like a cow," he said. "If cows slug [down] feed and get a gut ache, that thing will get a gut ache. If you treat it as a piece of equipment, you're going to be frustrated with it."

To really drive home the comparison, the digester uses a boiler and heat coils to heat water to 101 degrees – the same temperature of a

healthy cow.

In addition to producing natural gas, the digester produces biodegradable, comfortable bedding for the cows, which is added every morning to the stalls.

The farm is also investing in air flow to keep cows comfortable and, in turn, productive. They have installed massive tunnel fans on the end of the dairy barn, and more fans are being installed inside, with the goal of getting steady air flow up to between 7 and 9 mph.

"For us, air flow, and the animals' comfort, that's what it's all about," Brenner said.

The farm finds other ways to be a good steward, including tinkering with cover crops, although seeding rye in the fall, right after the harvest, is a standby. The farm's soil contains a lot of clay, and its rolling topography means a great deal of erosion.

"We've learned a lot in the past three or four years about what cover crops work, and what won't," Brenner said. "What works one year might not work the next."

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OBITUARIES

Ruth E. Pearson-Conn

TOULON – Ruth E. Pearson-Conn, 90, of Toulon, passed away on Saturday, July 3, 2021, at her son, Tom and Diane's residence.

Ruth was born on Dec. 22, 1930, in rural Shelbyville, Ill., the daughter of Walter and Goldie Groves Stone. She married Charles R. Pearson on July 23, 1950. He passed away on Dec. 15, 1976.

Ruth later married Walter Conn, who also preceded her in death.

Surviving are 2 sons, Jim Pearson of Princeville and Tom (Diane) Pearson of Toulon;

daughter, Kathy (David) Wilson of Chillicothe; 11 grandchildren, Ryan, Eryn, Bethany, Katelyn, Nolan, Amanda, Timber, Rylie, Maddy, Sage and Mallery; 9 great-grandchildren, Sydney, Shanna, Cameron, Rhett, Patrick, Reece, Oliver, Roman and Sophia.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; one son, Daniel R. Pearson; one granddaughter, Alexis Diane Pearson; one great-granddaughter, Samantha Peterson; two sisters, Irene Pettus and Wilma Thomson; an infant sister; and several half brothers and sisters.

Ruth loved supporting and attending her children and grandchildren's various school and sporting events. She was an Avon sales lady for many years and also worked at the former Wyoming Motors Co. and the former Corner Store in Toulon. She cleaned houses and local businesses, was a crossing guard for 10 years in Toulon and also read the news on the radio for WKEL. Ruth enjoyed collecting coins and Avon collectables.

A private family burial will be held at Glenwood Cemetery in Shelbyville. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family with arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association.

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

Collins E. Gibler

TOULON – Collins E. "Gene" Gibler, 74, of Toulon, passed away on Wednesday, June 30, 2021, at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center in

Peoria. He spent the last two days of his life surrounded by his cherished family.

Gene was born on July 22, 1946, in Carlisle, Ind., the son of Marcus and Alta (Clark) Gibler. He married Kathie Kelly on May 29, 1982, in Sparland; she survives.

Also surviving are his beloved children, Gene Jr. (Cathy); Todd (Lucy); and Kel-

lyAnne, all of Toulon; He is also survived by his much-loved grand and great-grandchildren, Makahlin, Jenna (Scott), Katy (Chase), Brenden, Hunter, Owen, Olivia, Scarlett, Kaimbrey, Brinley, Will and Emmett. He also had many nephews and nieces whom he loved. His family was his greatest joy and time spent with them was cherished. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Jim; and granddaughter, Taylor.

Gene was a man of big dreams and attempted to make each one come true. He was a plumbing contractor and owner of Stark County Plumbing, retiring in 2011. He also owned and operated The Colonial Inn in Chillicothe in the 1970s. One of Gene's greatest passions was the concession business. He and Kathie established Gibler's Concessions early in the 1990's. He loved going to fairs and festivals, visiting and sharing stories with his fellow concessionaires. He was a true entrepreneur and was always ready to try new things.

Gene loved life. He had a big heart and an unforgettable personality. He never knew a stranger and left an impression with everyone he met. He had an off-beat personality, with a very quick wit. He will be remembered most for his generosity to family and friends.

A memorial service for Gene was held Tuesday, July 6, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Randy Kelly officiated. Dessert and fellowship immediately followed the service at St. Dominic Fellowship Hall in Wyoming. Visitation was July 5, 2021, from 4-7 p.m., also at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Stark County Ambulance or Toys for Kids c/o State Bank of Toulon.

Condolences may be left for

Gene's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Daryl W. Pittman

TOULON – Daryl W. Pittman, 49, of Toulon, passed away at 10:17 a.m. Monday, June 28, 2021, in his home. Daryl was born on May 1, 1972, in Peoria, the son of James T. and Venette (Webster) Pittman.

Surviving are his mother, Venette of Toulon; father, James of Peoria; one sister, Tiffany (David) Seymour of Sparland; one brother, Jeffery Pittman of Toulon; three nieces, Addison Pittman, Alexandra Pittman-Heinz and Abigail Seymour; and one nephew, John Seymour.

Daryl had so many friends that were known to his family and friends that we didn't know. He was so considerate and caring. He had been suffering for quite awhile and God took him to take his pain away. The jobs that he enjoyed the most were the Yellow Cab Company and front desk at Holiday Inn. Daryl is being cremated and kept until his mother passes because they both didn't want to be left alone on earth.

There will be no public services at this time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements. Daryl loved animals, especially cats so much that he would have wanted any donations in his name to be made to the ASPCA. Condolences may be left for Daryl's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Daniel R. Gullett

BRADFORD – Daniel "Dan" Ray Gullett, 62, of Bradford, died July 2, 2021, at his home.

Born Sept. 6, 1958, in Paducah, Ky. to Marvin and Virginia (Belle) Gullett, Jr., he married Helen Sue Crisman on April 3, 1977, in Marquette Heights. She survives.

Also surviving are his mother, Virginia Gullett of Walnut; five sons, Maysen Gullett of Bradford, Isaac Gullett of Chicago and Aamire, Kevin and Bryson Gullett all of Bradford and one sister, Jeanne (Holly) Gullett of Oregon. He was preceded in death by his father.

Services were July 7 at Prairie Haven Cemetery in Pekin. Condolences can be left online at www.preston-hanley.com.



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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE

KNOXVILLE, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

This amazing property, 1965 Chevy Chevelle Malibu Wagon, Chevy Avalanche truck, full size windmill, JD Gator and more will be sold on location at 202 West Depot St, Knoxville, IL (Take Market St north off of Rt. 150 in center of town, cross the tracks and turn west onto Depot St. to sale site), on

SUNDAY JULY 11TH, 2021 AT 12:00 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)

NOTE: This is a condensed ad of a very large auction. See full ad online at www.folgersauctionservice.com Two lines will be running for the duration of the sale, so plan accordingly.

REAL ESTATE: This beautiful property sits on 3 lg. lots. The main floor of the house contains a recently remodeled kitchen, a bedroom w/access to full bath, a large living room w/fireplace and entrance room, an office, laundry area and a 16 x 16' cozy sunroom w/heat and AC. The upper floor of the house has 2 more bedrooms, much closet space and another full bath. There is a partial basement. The curb appeal of this property is wonderful. The front and back garages attach via breezeway to house. This large property also has 2 more garages erected, including a 2015 metal 26 x 24' building and a 2.5 stall 30' x 24' garage. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down day of sale, with the balance due upon closing in approx. 30 days. A valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale.

WINDMILL: Will be sold separately from property. 28' original Aermotor windmill, 8' blade width, was orig. from Knoxville. Buyer will have 3 weeks from auction date to remove.

VEHICLES: Beautiful classic 1965 CHEVY CHEVELLE MALIBU WAGON, 305 CI-fuel injected, 700R4-trans., Diff 12 bolt 3.31 gears, stainless steel fuel and brake lines, new battery, new alum. radiator, 2 wheel disc brakes, 18 x 9" rocket wheels, P225/40Z18 tires, power steering, brakes and air, Artic blue metallic in color, light tan ultra leather interior, Dynamat sound control, orig. color w/V8, 61,000 miles, runs great VIN #13H06355K185038--- 2011 CHEVROLET AVALANCHE truck in amazing cond. w/60,000 miles, 5.3 L Vortec V8, 6 speed auto trans., fully loaded, heated and cooled gray leather seats, white in color, Bose sound system, new sticker price was over \$55,000.00. Vehicles, windmill and Gator will sell around 1 p.m.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: Mobilgas gas pump w/globe and Pegasus design—stop light—Valveline metal oil barrel—metal cases of 8 and of 6 old oil bottles with spouts—ant. kitchen cabinet w/floor bin—misc. ant. furniture—Duncan coin parking meter—cast iron separator—Marvel metal cream separators—Brookins, Huffman and other oil cans—torches—license plates—Sherwood Youth camp sign—Route 66, Road Closed, Stop and other signs—1952 Chevy turn signals and bolts and other parts—galvanized items—3 wheeled Meridian bike—Roadmaster 12 speed bike—MT Fury 15 speed bike—NB Revell 56 Chevy Coupe model—NB Revell 52 and 55 Chevy Sedan and other models (in boxes 70 El Camino, 55 Chevy 3100, Honda Goldwing, Plymouth Prowler, 78 Dodge Lil Red Truck, 1995 Dodge Ram 2500, 53 Ford Pickup, 1997 Ford F150 XLT, 57 Chevy Nomad, 78 Dodge Warlock) and more—NB Super Shacker 64 Chevy Impala 409 model, NB 57 Chevy Camaro model—Fordson toy tractor—Marvel Moon Knight 1st ed. Comic book and other Moon Knights, Marvel Team America comic books, all in plastic—Precision Honda Goldwing—iron garden gate and metal flower cart—steel spoked wheels—Moline hand pump—brass fire ext.—metal and wooden crates and boxes—ornate sewing machine cabinet, drawers—enamelware—cast iron string holder, other iron—folding cane back chairs—child's folding chairs and other folding tables—2 8' outside nice wooden benches—old grinding stone w/seat—glass jars and containers—full size Magic Chef gas white/black porcelain stove—hanging scales, sm. brass scale—outdoor holiday items—old sewing machines and items—Reed #22 signed jersey—Yankee Clipper child's sled—metal Meadow Gold case w/lid—tiny wicker doll buggy—Yorx AM/FM stereo—Gateway computer system and so much more!!

OUTDOOR AND TOOLS: Very nice JD 825 1 XU/V 4 x 4 Gator 2010 side x side w/899 hrs., Model 825i, runs great—72" JD straight blade hydraulic lift --2016 8000# Atlas car lift (to be removed by buyer within 2 wks)—Z Force S zero turn Cub Cadet mower, 48" deck, 21.5 HP, 390 hrs., runs great—Troy Bilt variable speed 21" push mower—AC 225 Lincoln welder—like new Huskey top/bottom tool box on rollers—Huskey bottom only tool box on rollers—Troy Bilt 2350PSI 6.5 HP pressure washer—port. cement mixer on wheels—Stanley Fatman battery booster—15 gallon pull sprayer w/gun—8 gallon Craftsman port 2 HP air comp.—Ryobi leaf blower, weed eater—good heavy metal shelving—nice wood top 7' work bench—new Chicago elect. impact wrench—DeWalt 18v elect. hand saw—circular and other saws, blades—every type of hand and power tool, hardware—yard and garden tools, supplies, statues, large Terracotta and other planters—NB vacuum gauges, NB tachometer, air nailers, sanders, comp. testers, clamps, winches, bits, timing lights, roto zip, like new planer, car stands, alum. 3000 lb. floor jack and other jacks, NB spindle sander, Shop Smith Lathe, Craftsman 12" electronic band saw, lg. wooden parts cabinet—old pulleys—tool boxes, benches, carts—drill press—cargo vice—50000 BTU heater, JD kerosene and many other heaters, 800 watt port. generator, Dewalt table saw—hand sprayers, backpack sprayers, oil and gas cans, tarps, wheel barrows, 20' alum., other ladders—2 Goodyear Wrangler P27560R20 tires—2 Uniroyal P215 60R14 tires on 5 bolt rims—3 Carlisle ST205/750/15 tires on 5 bolt rims—Goodyear T145/80D16 on 5 bolt rims—Goodyear Eagle P235/55R17 on 6 bolt Rally rims—nice interlocking rubber floor mats—18 gallon and 5 gallon shop vacs—steel posts—cement blocks, wood, posts, canopy in box, 1 x 6 tongue and groove lumber, piping, yard trailer, steering columns and wheels, transmission, car parts, chrome mirrors, pipe ext., etc.—Dewalt Construction worksite radio—good floor and other fans, some older—Remington elect. chain saw—NB spray paint gun kit—hose reel and hose—chain—so much more.

HOUSEHOLD, MISC: Nice black Samsung Side x side refrigerator w/bottom freezer—nice digital electric GE double oven w/opt. convection—wood dining table w/4 high back chairs—sm. chest freezer—Hot Point white refrig.—GE elect. dryer and top load washer—modern roll top full size desk—nice cloth couch—burgundy recliner—basic household—NB items—misc. furniture—china cabinet—Schwinn 240 Bio-Dyne pedal exerciser—Pro Form 510 ES Ellipt. Fitness machine—Brinkman gas smoker and grill, gas fryer—items too numerous to list.

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COUNTRY FINANCIAL

Store sells \$950,000 Lotto ticket

By **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE –

Somewhere in the area, some Lucky Day Lotto ticket buyer is smiling. Still unknown, though, is who purchased the \$1 ticket in Princeville last week that is now worth \$950,000.

What is certain is that a Lucky Day Lotto player correctly picked five numbers (5-9-17-20-34) on a ticket purchased at American Liquor & Food-



This Princeville business sold a lottery ticket worth \$950,00 last Friday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

mart located at 615 E. Main St. on the eastern edge of Princeville.

Those numbers were selected in last Friday's midday drawing. Lucky Day Lotto is drawn twice a day, seven days a week.

As of Tuesday, clerks at the store said they had no idea who bought the winning ticket. Store owner Pradeep Kataria said he gets 1 percent of \$950,000 for selling a winning lottery ticket.

LEGAL ADS

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF JANNIE J. LUCAS, No. 2021-P-11 Deceased

NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY
Notice is given to creditors of the death of Jannie J. Lucas.
On June 25, 2021, Letters of Office were issued to Melinda Grier, 8233 E. 2600 Street, Kewanee, IL 61443, Annette Atkins, 420 Phenix Ave., Bradford, IL 61421, and Michael Goforth, 1224 21st Street, Bettendorf, IA 52722, 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) January 7, 2022, 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: June 29, 2021
/s/ Anne C. Rennick
Anne C. Rennick

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, TOULON, ILLINOIS

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR OPTION ONE MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2000-B, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-B PLAINTIFF,

-vs-
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NO. 21 CH 2

PUBLICATION NOTICE
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Unknown Heirs and/or Legatees Barbara Jean Carroll a/k/a Barbara J. Carroll, Deceased; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants.

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SECTION 00 1113 ADVERTISEMENT TO BID
Stark County CUSD #100 is inviting sealed Bid Proposals from interested and qualified parties for all bid packages except the Steel and Precast Bid Packages, located at 418 S. Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483.

This project consists of construction of the addition and renovation of the High School and Junior High School.

Bids will be received by Stark County CUSD #100 until the date and time listed below, at which time the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

• Pre-Bid Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021.

• Pre-Bid Time: 10:00 AM Central.
• Pre-Bid Location: 418 S. Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483. The pre-bid meeting is non-mandatory.
Bid Date: Tuesday, July 13, 2021.
Bid Time: 2:00 PM Central.

Bid Location: District Unit Office, 300 Van Buren Street, Wyoming, IL 61491.

Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of five (5) percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 30 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

Online procurement and contracting documents: documents will be available online through an electronic bid site managed by Core Construction Services of Illinois, Inc. Obtain access after 4:00 PM, June 23, 2021, by visiting the project site on Building Connected and clicking on the project bid list link at the bottom of the page or by contacting Brian Fielder of CORE Construction Services of Illinois, Inc. at (309) 404-4700 or by email at brianfielder@coreconstruction.com.

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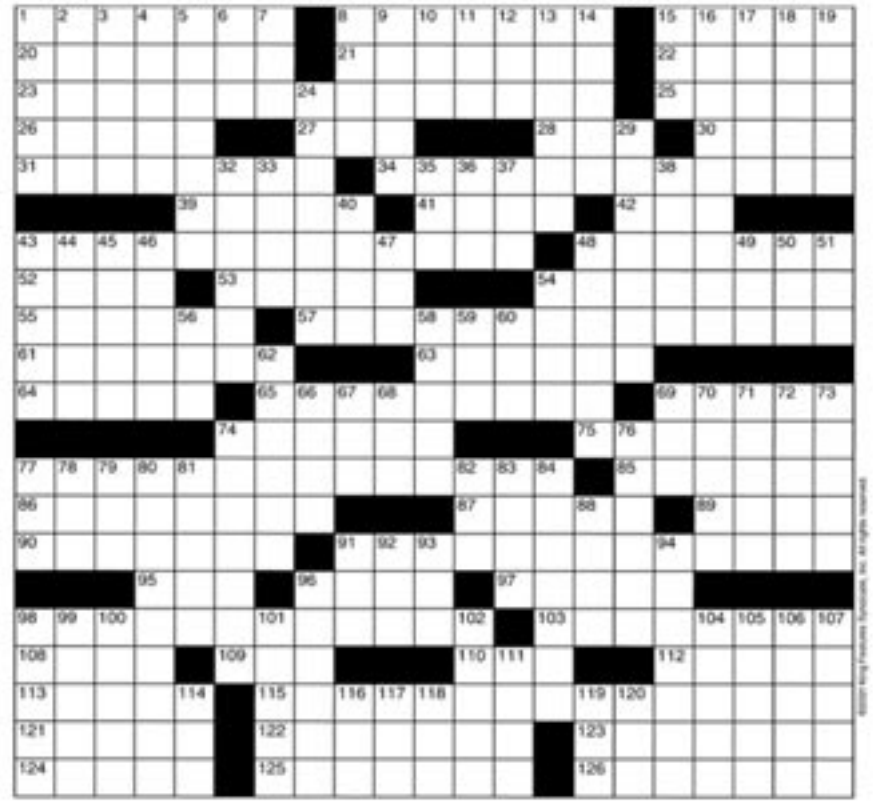
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NAMES

ACROSS	1 Trapped	8 Moderately slow tempo	15 Hot coal	20 Left over	21 Velvet	22 Myanmar, previously "Burma"	23 "Chicago" poet who worked for a rival of Revlon?	25 Vital liquid	26 Pitcher — Nomo	27 Big joint	28 Antique auto	30 Furry Oz visitor	31 More like baking bread's smell	34 * 2003 "American Idol" runner-up from Alberta?	39 Like Hindi or Urdu	41 Many a youth	42 Soup sample	43 * Reply when the crooner of "Honey" asked how he should criticize people?	48 The Fate who cut the thread of destiny	52 Pitti Palace's river	53 Gladys Knight & the Pips' "I've Got to Have Some Imagination"	54 Like an obsessed mind	55 A whole lot	57 * "Go take a nap, you Bolshevik leader!"	61 Dig up	63 Range ropes	64 Emmy winner	65 What each guy who's an answer to a starred clue is? [hint: skip over the even letters in his first name]	69 "— diem!"	74 Ale into	75 "180 illegal" road sign	77 * Gets hold of the singer of "Sittin' on the Dock of the Bay"?	85 Got closer	86 Pungent red roots	87 Din	89 Spanish body of water	90 Many private planes	91 * Novelist of "Humboldt's Gift" imitating a beach bird?	95 Chaney of "The Trap"	96 Certain peer	97 "McSorley's Bar" painter	98 * Co-star of "Neighbors" with a Seussian Star-Belly?	103 Conjecture's words	108 Is unwell	109 Arvil setting	110 401(k) kin	112 Many a youth	113 Flood control	115 * 20-season Houston Astros player who was a hot rodder?	121 Big blue expanse	122 Worked, as dough	123 Garage door gadgets	124 Aerics, e.g.	125 Veterans	126 Co-star of HBO's "Insecure"	DOWN	1 Restless	2 "I'm serious!"	3 Came — (burrito fill)	4 Is like a mole	5 Like salivary glands near ears	6 Gold, to Luis	7 — Aviv	8 Jai —	9 Like Macs	10 Film bomb	11 Wall St. operator	12 Not old, in film	13 Earthling, in sci-fi (1995 film)	14 Lawn sider	15 Dwindle	16 Like PCs with several peripheral hookup points	17 Small stream	18 Overact	19 Cellar gas	24 Dwindle	29 Pearl holders	32 Smitten erotically	33 Big name in ice cream	35 121-Across off Va.	36 Spike in film	37 "Is that so?"	38 — surface missile	40 Short reglee, for short	43 Duty of art	44 University city in Maine	45 Fewer than	46 Actor Lloyd	47 Soap stuff	48 Basketballer Jamison	49 Faux —	50 Doc — (foe of Spidey)	51 Big blue expanse	54 Savvy about	56 Prior to	58 "Judge —"	59 Crude fluid	60 Retail store starter?	62 Stable group	66 Diana of "West 11"	67 Ike's initials	68 Grazed (on)	69 Acting nudgy	70 The finest bit	71 Pastoral	72 Flival of Ragi	73 Bequeath	74 Embellish	76 Barely there phone signal	77 Frodo foe	78 Sweetie, in modern lingo	79 Eagles' stats	80 Non-window	81 Ain't correct?	82 Gerund suffix	83 We, to Henri	84 Anderson of "The X-Files"	88 Trough food	91 — Paulo	92 Unit of work	93 London beer	94 Foes	95 Wayward	98 Beauty shop	99 Family girl	100 Santas' aides	101 Taxi drivers	102 Not as nasty	104 — petition	105 Felix played by Randal	106 Kelly of "One Tree Hill"	107 Irregularly notched	111 Clears (of)	114 USN off.	116 "Citizen X" co-star	117 Sleazy paper	118 Lemon drink	119 "... grace of God —"	120 Med. stats. taken with arm cuts
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Cookout costs down from 2020

By CHRISTOPHER HEIMERMAN

For The Illinois Press Association

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Go ahead and make it a double cheeseburger this summer. Each of those patties will cost you less than it would have a year ago, according to American Farm Bureau Federation analysis.

Surveys revealed that the average cost of two pounds of ground beef is \$8.20, down 8 percent year-over-year. AFBF Economist Veronica Nigh attributed that to the industry's recovery from COVID-19's disruptions at pork processing plants.

But buyer beware. The market hasn't fully corrected.

"However, consumers looking a bit further back to compare prices are seeing higher prices for ground beef, pork chops and chicken breasts compared to pre-pandemic (2019) prices," Nigh said. "That's due to continued strong demand for American-grown beef and pork from both U.S. and international consumers."

Other notable savings compared to last year are \$1.90 for 2 pounds of pork and beans (down 13 percent), \$4.69 for a half-gallon of vanilla ice cream (down 5 percent), and a 2-percent dip for 3 pounds of chops (\$11.63) and 2 1/2 quarts of lemon-

ade (\$3.65).

An entire spread of burgers, pork chops, chicken breast, potato salad and strawberries and ice cream is ever-so-slightly down 16 cents per person. And if you go a la carte, some products have seen a major hike. For instance, 2 pints of strawberries will cost you \$5.30 — a 22 percent increase year-over-year.

Transportation, processing and packaging of farm-grown foods factor heavily into prices.

According to the Agriculture Department's revised Food Dollar Series, farmers bank about 8 percent of every food marketing dollar. For highly processed foods such as bread and cereal, they get roughly 3 percent of the retail food dollar. Some fresh-market products take in as much as 35 percent.

The July 4th cookout survey is part of the Farm Bureau marketbasket series, which also includes a Thanksgiving Dinner Cost Survey. It combines Bureau of Labor Statistics food price data with results collected by more than 160 volunteer rural shoppers across the country.

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