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Jury awards \$7 million in Wyoming woman’s death

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 WYOMING – A jury of 12 people has awarded \$7,020,883 to the family of a Wyoming woman whose wrongful death occurred on July 11, 2017, two miles west of Toulon on Route 17. Corina Miller, 41, was headed westbound on Route 17 when at 4:42 a.m. she drove into, underneath and beyond the tanker-trailer of a milk semi-truck driven by 51-year-old Timothy E. Schwenk, of Brimfield.
 Schwenk had stopped in the eastbound lane of Route 17 in



Shown is the milk semi-truck at approximately 5 a.m. on the morning of July 11, 2017 that was across two lanes of Route 17 in front of Doug Murray's dairy farm two miles west of Toulon and Corina Miller's vehicle after it crashed into the tanker-trailer. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

front of Doug Murray’s dairy farm and had backed the trailer across the westbound lane to enter the farm for a pick-up of milk.
 Court documentation stated that Schwenk had installed “extra bright halogen headlights on his

truck two weeks previously that were for off-road use only.” He used them on the road and blinded Miller as she approached from the east.
 The civil case found that Schwenk and his employer, Cluver Milk Transportation, had admitted in April Court pleadings that they were negligent and caused Miller’s death. The jury deliberated two and a half hours before delivering their verdict.
 Last year in a Stark County criminal case, Schwenk won several Circuit Court decisions that resulted in that case being dismissed. Schwenk’s attorney

argued successfully that Schwenk’s constitutional rights were violated and Circuit Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher agreed. Both urine and blood tests taken shortly after the fatal crash were suppressed, as well as, Schwenk’s oral and written statements.
 It was argued in Stark’s Circuit Court that Schwenk was never read his Miranda Rights or given a Warning to Motorists, that is normally issued in suspected DUI situations, before he was tested for intoxication. Additionally, Schwenk was detained
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CHRISTMAS EVENTS AHEAD

Holiday festivities abound

After a one-year absence in many communities for the COVID pandemic, Christmas events are back in force this year. Crowds were very good for last weekend’s Moonlight Madness event in Wyoming and there will be more chances to celebrate the holidays in the weeks to come.
Saturday, Nov. 27 – Galva has its Ol’ Fashion Christmas Festival 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details, Pages 6-7.
Saturday, Nov. 27 – Princeville has vendors at Lillie M. Evans Library and the Ambulance Building 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and various Small Business Saturday deals at stores.
Sunday, Nov. 28 – The Princeville Civic Association has a Tree Light-



Horse carriage rides will be available Saturday in Galva during the Ol’ Fashion Christmas celebration, while Princeville has a tree lighting and Christmas stroll Sunday from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

ing and Holiday Stroll from 4:30-6:30 at Stevens Square. Details, Page 12.
Nov. 26-28 and Dec. 4-5 – Julmarkand Christmas Market at Bishop Hill, Details, Page 8.
Saturday, Dec. 4 – Bradford’s Old Fashioned Christmas is 4-7:30 p.m. Story next week, Dec. 3.
Saturday, Dec. 11 – Toulon’s Christmas Walk features specials at stores and lighted luminaries.



Galva council honors deceased alderman

By CAROL TOWNSEND
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – A moment of silence was observed at the beginning of Monday night’s city council meeting for former third ward alderman Wayne Buck for all he did for the city. Buck died in a Peoria hospital on Nov. 1 after a fall from his roof.
 During the business portion of the meeting, the council voted to temporarily amend the liquor ordinance to serve alcohol until 1:30 a.m. and to require all patrons to leave bars by 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday mornings. This means all patrons are out of the bar and not taking drinks outside. The ordinance applies to all Galva bars.
 The only people allowed

in a bar after 2 a.m. are the owner and bartender. The council said this will be enforced.
 Nick Ballard and Harry Hergert of Crescent City Tap were present and explained to the council that before 2018, Galva’s liquor license stated 2 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday morning. They said that they felt there had been an error in changing the closing time to 1 a.m.
 Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that two officers are trying to work on Monday and Thursday afternoons on ordinance violations.
 Townsend also told the council that he has hired part-time officer Alex Wagner of rural Knox County to start as a full-
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FATALITY: Schwenck never read his rights

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for approximately four hours and during that time he made the statements, which violated his 4th and 5th amendment rights. Judge Fehrenbacher

stated in his ruling, “He had no option but to submit to tests because he was never read his rights.” Fehrenbacher also ruled that Schwenck was never advised that he had a choice to refuse the testing.

Corina Miller is survived by her husband, Michael, who has remarried, and by her daughter, Kaylene, who is now 25-years-old. Judge Stephen Kouri presided over the four-day trial that was tried by

Bruce Pfaff and Alexander March, of Pfaff, Gill and Ports law firm, of Chicago. Schwenck and Cluver were represented by Thomas Dluski and Matthew Hef-flefinger, of Heyl Royster law firm, of Peoria.

GALVA: Officer, dog in K-9 training

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time officer. He started in Galva in July and Chief Townsend said he has done a “wonderful job.” Townsend also reported that officer Calib Ingle is in K-9 training with

Galva’s crime dog. During the meeting, Galva residents were re-minded of the need to keep their vehicles, tractors, trailers and lawn mowers off the streets during snow-storms to assists the city

with snow plowing this winter. Third ward alderman Dougie Anderson asked about the progress of the demolition of the Hemphill house on Southeast 4th Street and the West house on Southeast 1st Street. He was told that the Hemphill house will be down in De-cember but there are still legal issues with the West home.

Anderson said he will bring up several other homes that residents are asking him about. He said one vacant house has sat in disrepair for at least 5 years following the owner’s death. The council also passed a TIF resolution. TIF 1 will expire Dec. 31. City Ad-ministrator David Dyer said the city is working on replacing it with TIF 4. He said it will be later in 2022 before the agreement is completed.

Dyer said there are obli-gations that did not get completed with TIF 1 monies. The list includes storm-water management, tearing down three dilap-idated buildings, rehabbing Market Street buildings, infrastructure water and sewer off U.S. Route 34, downtown façade im-provements, EPA man-dated nickel corrections, rehab off street parking and more for a total of \$1,622,000. Finally, the council moved its Dec. 27 meeting to Dec. 20.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

11-15 - Alexandra M. B. Thomas - driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-15 - Ryan T. Switzer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-18 - Hunter L. Donovan - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-20 - Matthew Donath Jr. - driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-20 - Lorenzo Avilez Ramirez - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-18 - A single-vehicle animal related accident occurred at the rural location of 650E and 650N. The driver involved was Barbara J. Loane, 66, of Toulon, who was traveling south on 650E when a coyote ran in front of the vehicle and was struck. Estimated damages to the vehicle were reported at over \$1,500. No injuries were reported.
11-21 - A deer-related accident occurred along Route 93 approximately a half of a mile from the intersection of 1200E. The driver was Patricia D. Ray, 66, Canton, who was traveling east on Route 93 when the deer stepped into the path of the oncoming vehicle and was struck. No injuries were reported but estimated damages were over \$1,500.
11-14 - Roberta Kronner, of Wyoming, reported criminal damage to a vehicle after discovering the back window broken. The incident remains under investigation.
11-14 - A domestic battery incident was reported from East Main Street, in Toulon, which resulted in two arrests. Paul R. Carlson, 51, of Toulon, was initially taken into custody for possible domestic battery along with an outstanding Bureau County warrant for failure to appear on a domestic battery charge. Heather D. Rucker, 42, of Toulon, was also charged with domestic battery. Both parties appeared in court on a bond hearing on Nov. 16, where it was determined that no charges would be filed in Stark County against either party and they were both released. Paul Carlson however was issued a notice to appear in Bureau County court on the pending warrant.
11-18 - Amber L. Krause, 41, Kewanee, was issued a notice to appear for driving without a valid driver’s license.
11-18 - Eldon D. Sturm Jr., 57, Kewanee, was issued a notice to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia and cited for a faulty exhaust. He was found wanted on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a pay plan status on the original offense for delivery of less than five grams of meth. He was extradited from the scene of the traffic stop by Henry County authorities and transported to the Henry County Jail.



11-19 - Mark D. Thornton, 43, Toulon, was issued a notice to appear for not having a valid vehicle registration.
11-19 - A 16-year-old Wyoming juvenile was arrested for violation of a court ordered supervised release, obstructing police, and possession of tobacco by a minor. The teen was taken into custody and transported to the Mary Davis juvenile facility, in Galesburg.
11-20 - Alexa J. Stabler, 21, Bradford, was arrested by Stark County authorities on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on a burglary charge. She posted \$2,500 cash bond and was released with a new court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
11-15 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to check on a suspicious vehicle. The occupants were waiting for a friend.
11-15 - to the 00 block of Morgan Road for found property. An expired Illinois driver’s license was turned in.
11-15 - Officer met with a resident at the Galva Police Department about a scam complaint.
11-16 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for an activated burglar alarm. The building appeared secure.
11-16 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. to retrieve an item that was left behind by a customer. The customer contacted the police department the next day and the item was returned.
11-17 - to Sentry Estates for a civil standby to retrieve property.
11-17 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. along with the fire department and Stark County Medic for an activated fire alarm.
11-17 - to the 300 block of NE 1st Ave. for a theft complaint. The items were later found by the complainant.
11-18 - to the 200 block of Morgan Road for a two-vehicle accident. There was no visible damage on either vehicle.
11-18 - Officer advised of a re-possession that was taking place in the 300 block of SE 8th Ave. No issues were reported.
11-18 - to a residence in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As the result,


Michael Thuline, 53, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of disorderly conduct - filing a false police report. He was unable to post bond and was transported to the Henry County Jail.
11-18 - to County Highway 5 just north of town for a car vs deer accident. A crash report was completed.
11-18 - to the 400 block of NW 4th St. for a dog bite complaint. The animal owner was the victim of a minor bite.
11-19 - Officer attempted to contact a resident in the 100 block of NE 7th St. for Knox County in reference to an incident that happened there last week.
11-19 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to a field fire just north of J. Mac Metals.
11-19 - to the 200 block of East Division St. for a loose pit bull complaint. Owner was able to get the dog back in the house.
11-19 - to the 900 block of West Division St. to attempt to locate a wanted subject. As the result, Rachel Rawlings, 36, Galva, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for the charge of failing to appear on the charge of operating an uninsured vehicle. She was able to post bond and was released with a required court date.
11-19 - to the Galva Park District in reference to a group of juveniles breaking lights in the pavilion. Officer spoke with the juveniles, but no damage was located.
11-20 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for an activated burglar alarm.
11-20 - to the Exchange Street railroad crossing for a crossing arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
11-20 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a fight involving two brothers.
11-21 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for an illegal burning complaint.
11-21 - to a residence on NW 2nd St. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.
11-19 - Sara Beanblossom, 28, North Judson, Ind., was issued a citation for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St..

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11-19 - Ethan Rumbold, LaFayette and Katelyn Rumbold, Toulon.



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Kewanee man set for domestic battery trial

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – A 23-year-old Kewanee man has a Dec. 6 trial date scheduled for a case that initially charged him with Class X felony home invasion with injury, Class 4 felony domestic battery, Class 4 felony criminal trespass and battery with physical contact.

Cassel O.R. Taylor was initially arrested last Spring in Stark County after he allegedly entered the Wyoming residence of Courtney Frisby on March 16 without permission and committed battery against her and Steven Earthley.

On May 5, Taylor had his bail bond of \$2,500 posted by Alicia Toliver, of

East Moline. Taylor was released from custody from Stark County Jail, but was required to wear an ankle monitor as part of his bond conditions.

At a preliminary hearing concerning the counts charged against Taylor, probable cause was found for Count 2 domestic battery and Count 4 battery. Count 1 home invasion and Count 3 criminal trespass to a residence were both dismissed.

Taylor was rearrested on Nov. 16 for allegedly violating the terms of his release from custody in that he was not to have contact with Frisby, which he allegedly did on Aug. 6 in Yates City at the home of Frisby’s grandmother. Purportedly Taylor was

out of his restricted area as well because the ankle monitor showed him as being present in Yates City.

In Stark’s Circuit Court last Friday, Stark County State’s Attorney Caroline Borden Campion requested an increase in Taylor’s bail bond, which subsequently was denied by Circuit Judge James A. Mack. Mack also denied Taylor’s private counsel attorney Matthew Paulson’s motion to have Taylor’s ankle monitor removed should he post bond.

At the time of his initial arrest, Taylor was on probation in Henry County for charges he was convicted for in 2020 that included aggravated battery, battery and possession of a controlled substance.

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Stark County's Boy Scouts Troop 150 recently held a Court of Honor to recognize achievements this year by its members.

In addition, four scouts were recognized as members of Order of the Arrow, scouting’s national honor society.

Scoutmaster Tim Wagner said the adults leaders of Troop 150 are very proud of its scouts for their hard work, community service and accomplishments over the past year.

Bradford Christmas dinner reservations due

BRADFORD – The annual Beta Senior Citizen Christmas dinner will be held Saturday, Dec. 4, at noon at the Fire House this year. Reservations are due by Nov. 27. Call (309) 897-8489.

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Galva Area Chamber of Commerce

Mark your calendars!

Ol' Fashioned Christmas

Saturday, November 27th

Veterans Park in Galva

Schedule of Events:

9 to 11 a.m.

Kids' Make & Take Crafts (Galva Arts Council)

9 to 4 p.m.

Festival of Wreaths & Mini Trees (Galva Arts Council)

11 to 1:30 p.m.

Chili & Soup Luncheon (Galva Arts Council)

12 to 2 p.m.

Children's Craft with the Harvest Days Royalty

1 to 4 p.m.

Santa Claus in the Gingerbread House

1 to 4 p.m.

Horse Drawn Carriage Rides (Sponsored by SBT)

5 p.m.

Lighted Christmas Parade

5:30 p.m.

Lighting of Veterans Park

7 p.m.

Christmas Carol Coffeehouse (Galva Arts Council)

Galva Chamber has Ol' Fashioned Christmas

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Chamber of Commerce will again sponsor the Ol' Fashioned Christmas this Saturday, Nov. 27.

The schedule is as follows:

- 9-11 a.m. - Kids make-and-take-it Christmas crafts will be available at the Galva Arts Council building located on North Exchange Street.
- 9 a.m. to noon - Galva Pharmacy Open house.
- 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. - View the decorated trees, wreaths and windows at the Galva Arts Council building and take a chance to win one of them. The drawing will be held during the sing-a-long coffeehouse at 7 p.m.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Open house at Rambling Rose with treats, drinks and raffles. The Chamber of Commerce will have the ribbon cutting at 10 a.m.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Open house at Ruhl's Upholstery with cookies and drinks.
- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Open house at Special Kneads Bakery with punch and samples with Maid Rite sandwiches beginning at 11 a.m.
- 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Chili and soup luncheon at the Galva Arts Council.
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Chocolate walk sponsored by the Galva girls basketball team at the Galva Arts Council.
- Noon to 2 p.m. - Children's crafts in Veterans Park sponsored by the Harvest pageant.
- 1-4 p.m. - Meet and talk to Santa in his house in Veterans Park.
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- 5 p.m. - The Boy Scouts will be collecting canned goods for the Galva Food Pantry during the parade.
- 5:30 p.m. - Join Santa to help light up Veterans Park.
- 7 p.m. - Galva Christmas Coffeehouse sing-along will be held. Come and sing Christmas carols at the Galva Arts Council.

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ACROSS

1 Curved like a pothook

8 Some

14 Gushes lava

20 Cartoon cel material

21 Bassett of Hollywood

22 Witch's elixir

23 Start of a riddle

25 Shoe-collecting

26 State whose cap. is Boise

27 Company that retails outdoor gear

28 FDI follower

30 Gather, as a harvest

31 Pooch's yap

32 Riddle, part 2

39 Free of charge, as legal services

41 Make knotted

42 Large simian

43 Stroke gently

44 Riddle, part 3

48 Right wrongs

49 Genesis

50 Egg, formally

54 "Cool beans!"

57 Lenin's land: Abbr.

60 Tubular pasta

64 Part of RHO

65 Riddle, part 4

70 — lawn do

71 "Toyboat" singer Yoko

72 Caravan

73 See

74 Gift for music

75 Riddle, part 5

79 Ho-hum

80 Like gear that quells mobs

81 English lav

82 Chair fixer of a sort

83 Bug spray ingredient

84 Auction, e.g.

88 Oscar winner

91 Riddle, part 6

100 Toby drink

103 Zodiac lion

104 Hocus-pocus

105 Big retail stores

106 End of the riddle

110 Nibble on

111 Be furious

112 With

73-Across, fluorescent paint brand

113 Pampering, in brief

114 Poi, to Yves

115 Demonstrate clearly

117 Fiddle's answer

125 Sleep bad words from

126 Warning on an airplane wing

127 Easthart or Lindbergh

128 Tramps (on)

129 Sub-locating devices

130 Greek

DOWN

1 Looked at

2 Apollo 7 astronaut

3 Go toward

4 "— girl" ("All right")

5 Dads

6 Verb ending in the Bible

7 "Gloria in Excelsis —"

8 Guy's sense of self-importance

9 Neighbor of Michigan

10 Entertainer's rep.

11 "Ho-hum"

12 Land in la mer

13 Voice a quick greeting

14 Inscription on a tombstone

15 — -com (film genre)

16 In — (gestating)

17 Make a heap

18 Up till now

19 Talk testily to

24 Hi-tech address

29 Salty expanses

31 Many an iDevice game

32 The Lone Ranger's chum

33 Gung-ho for

34 Hamlet

35 Operates, as a booth

36 Northwestern French department

37 Many a YouTube journal

38 Pollen transporter

40 Triumphs over

45 Lifesaver, perhaps

46 Football field unit

47 Kind of IRA

51 Determine by ballot

52 Nervousness

53 It shows reflections

54 Passable

55 Comedian

56 "— Fideles" (Yule carol)

58 Atop

59 Doe's partner

61 "Othello" role

62 Wide divide

63 Earlier

65 Italian for "years"

66 "Dumb" bird

67 Suffix with 45-Down

68 Stringed instrument of yore

69 Canadian gas station

71 Atop, to poets

76 Essential part

77 Potential reply to "Who's there?"

78 Shredded

79 Round of gunfire

82 Lay's snacks

85 Oscar's kin

86 Hop

87 Corporate ID

89 Takes unfair advantage of

90 Girl in a J.D. Salinger story

92 Part of RHO

93 Hands down, as a verdict

94 Cato's robe

95 More wee

96 Lugs around

97 Recluse

under a religious vow

98 Person acting as a link

99 China's Sun — sen

100 Influence

101 Shutter slit

102 Ferret cousin

107 High-IQ group

108 Sacred songs

109 Outer. Prefix

114 Central Asia's — Sea

116 Flaky fish

118 Winning row in tic-tac-toe

119 Rival of AOL or Yahoo!

120 NYC rail and bus org.

121 "That's show yst"

122 Adam's woman

123 Petroleum

124 Three, in Italy

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OBITUARIES

Lavern F. Berchtold

PRINCEVILLE – Lavern F. Berchtold, 86, of Peoria, formerly of Princeville, passed away at 1:45 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at the Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria.

Lavern was born on Dec. 28, 1934, in Peoria County, the son of George and Clara (Streitmatter) Berchtold. He married Joan Baer on March 18, 1962, in Princeville; she preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 2006.

Surviving are 1 son, David (Leann) Berchtold of Edelstein; 1 daughter, Mary Beth (Curtis) Wagenbach of Toulon; 11 grandchildren, Jill (Luke) Hoerr, Tanya Puckett, Courtney Wagenbach, Colton and Connor Wagenbach, Lynelle (Lucas) Herrmann, Rhea (Adam) Pfaffmann, Claire (Joe) Metz, and Cassie, Tessa and Sophie Berchtold; 11 great-grandchildren; and 1 sister, Joann (Raymond) Rumbold of LaFayette. Also preceding him in death are his parents and one sister, Katherine Peterson.

Lavern was a U.S. Army veteran, serving during the Korean War. He owned and operated Berchtold & Knobloch Tiling and was a long-time farmer in the rural Speer area. He was a faithful member of the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church, where he gave his heart to the Lord in 1956.

His funeral will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church will officiate. Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Additional visitation will be from 9-9:45 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Skylines in Peoria. Condolences may be left for Lavern’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Patrick D. Horrie

TOULON – Patrick David Horrie, 72, of Toulon, passed away at 1:45 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, 2021, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria. Pat was born on March 16, 1949, in Kewanee, Ill., the son of Virgil Gene and Mary Praxedes (Masterson) Horrie. He married Cindi Stone Clements on June 2, 2011, in Deadwood, S.D. She survives.

Also surviving are his daughter, Jamie (Randy) Mullinix of Toulon; 10 siblings, Larry Horrie of Bradford, Mary (Lawrence) Shipp of Princeville, Mike (Molly) Horrie of Bradford, Nora (Greg) Smith of Bradford, George (Alice) Horrie of Kewanee, Paul Horrie of Jeromesville, Ohio, Clay Horrie of Silvis, Sara Foster of Metamora, Steve (Marie) Horrie of Princeville and Lisa Miller of DeKalb; 2 step-sons, Brad (Bridgette) Clements of Pekin and Tyler (Miranda) Clements of Bozeman, Mont.; 3 step-grandchildren, Isla, Moria and Declan Clements; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Hazel (Randy) Kiesewetter; and one brother, Chris.

Pat graduated from Bradford High School in 1968. He went to work for M&D Printing in Henry before joining the United States Army. He



Horrie

served from March 1969 to December 1970, including a tour of duty in Korea. Upon returning from overseas, he attended Illinois Valley Community College graduating with a degree in Law Enforcement. Pat worked as a Stark County Deputy Sheriff until 1989. He then attended the Illinois Conservation Police Academy where he had a very successful career and retired in 2008. After that he worked at Reiman’s Harley-Davidson and eventually returned to law enforcement, where he served as Chief of Police in Bradford and most recently retired as a Stark County Deputy Sheriff in July 2021.

Pat was most happy when he was outside in the woods. He was an avid deer, grouse and elk hunter. Most recently he hunted elk in Idaho with fellow conservation officers, camping in the wilderness and being in nature's elements. As John Muir said, “going into the woods is going home.”

He enjoyed cutting wood, working in the garden and trap shooting with Cindi and friends at Peoria Skeet and Trap. He loved hearing about Jamie’s cattle shows, having bought her first head and getting her started in the show ring. He valued family and friends and regularly swapped stories at the local coffee shop.

Visitation will be at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services, 101 S. Galena Ave., Wyoming, IL 61491, on Monday, Nov. 29, 2021, from 5-7 p.m. His funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 30, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming and burial will follow at the Osceola Grove Cemetery in rural Bradford. Veronica Haskell, Certified Funeral Celebrant, will officiate. Seating within the funeral home is limited. His service may be viewed live in his Facebook Group “Patrick Horrie Funeral Service.”

Memorial contributions may be made to the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home, 8630 Il-91, Peoria, IL 61615 or the Brimfield High School Trap Team, 11226 N. Autumn Trail, Brimfield, IL 61517.

The family would like to thank the home for their compassionate and tireless care in keeping Pat comfortable and free from pain during his battle with ALS. We are eternally grateful.

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

Linda D. Johnston

WYOMING – Linda Diane Johnston, 69, of Wyoming, passed away at 12:53 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, at Unity Point Methodist.

Linda was born on Jan. 8, 1952, in Canton to Carlyle and Nancy (Clark) Bird. She married Thomas Johnston on June 27, 1981, in Wyoming. He preceded her in death on Dec. 31, 1993.

Surviving are her mother, Nancy; son, Matthew Johnston of Wyoming; one sister, Kathy (Glenn) Mendell of Ottawa; one brother, Jim (Debbie) Bird of Princeville; and her nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Carlyle; infant daughter, Stacey; and brother, Daniel Bird.

Linda worked at Auto Owners Insurance Company as an underwriter for 41 years. She was a member of



Johnston

St. Dominic Church in Wyoming, where she was a former member of the choir, eucharistic minister, lector, and taught CCD. Linda loved spending time with her nieces, nephews and family.

Funeral Mass was Nov. 20, 2021, at St. Dominic Church in Wyoming. Fr. John Cyr officiated. Burial was at the church cemetery. Visitation was Nov. 20, 2021, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Dominic Church. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting with arrangements. Condolences may be left for Linda’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Roger A. Sherbeyn

LaFAYETTE – Roger A. Sherbeyn, 63, of LaFayette, died at 9:36 a.m., Friday, Nov. 19, 2021, at his home.

Funeral services were held Nov. 24, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Visitation was Nov. 23, at the funeral home. Burial was to be at Evergreen Memorial Gardens in rural Kewanee. Memorials may be directed to the LaFayette Fire Department.

Roger was born June 28, 1958, in Galesburg, the son of Donald and Marie (Erdman) Sherbeyn. Survivors include his mother Marie; children Brittany Sherbeyn of Galva and Cody Sherbeyn of Moline; his brothers; Pat (Gail), Terry, Chris, Paul, Jeff and Lee Sherbeyn; sisters Karen, Jill, and MaryJo; two step-daughters Amber and Tara; and his granddaughter, Payton. He was preceded in death by his father, his first wife Roxanne, his second wife Libby and his uncle John.

Roger graduated from Toulon High School. He worked for Big River Resources in Galva where he was a material handler. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to fish and camp at Hook & Bullet. Roger also had a passion for riding Harley Davidsons and spending time with his family and friends. He will be deeply missed by those who knew him.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at ruxfuneralhome.com.

Fred Stevens

LOUISVILLE, Ky. – Fred Stevens, 80, of Louisville, Ky., died Thursday, Nov. 18, 2021, at the home of his daughter in Galva, Ill.

He was a devoted and loving husband of the late Marsha (Hughes) for 50 years, father to Mark (Laura) and Carey (Alan Homer) and brother to Linda (Mike Kirchner). Fred loved his grandchildren; Jason, Blake (Danielle), Justin and Hannah beyond measure.

He was a fan of old movies and music, particularly Neil Diamond. He was a member of Our Mother of Sorrows Parish and a 1959 graduate of Trinity High School. Fred retired from Westerfield-Bonte Printing Company after 45 dedicated years.

A private service will be held at a later date.



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This notice is intent to enforce a mechanic's lien pursuant to Chapter 770 ILCS 45/1 et seq.
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No. 2021-P-15
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November 19th 2021, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate.
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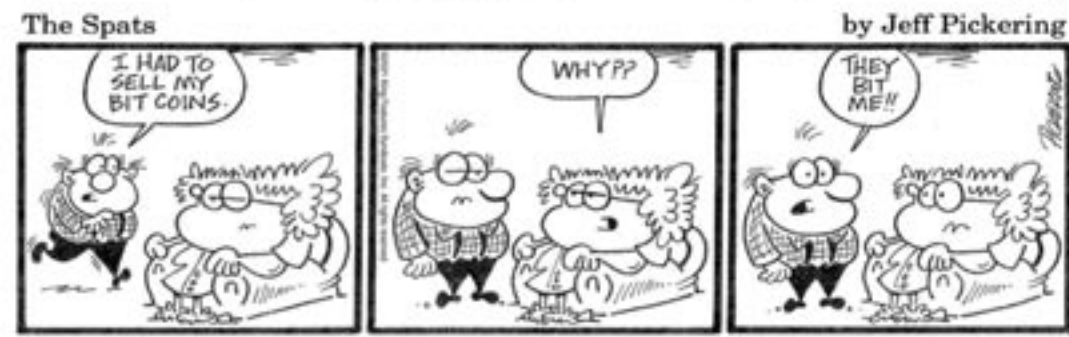
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1. LITERATURE: Which author coined the phrase "green-eyed monster"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: How many countries have nations within their borders?
3. ACRONYMS: What does RPM stand for?
4. PSYCHOLOGY: What is the fear represented in the condition called "nomo-phobia"?
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6. MATH: How many combinations of U.S. coins would add up to \$1?
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9. MOVIES: Which 1959 movie had the subtitle "A Tale of the Christ"?
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1. William Shakespeare
2. Two countries: The Vatican in Italy, San Marino also in Italy and Lesotho in South Africa
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6. 293
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8. Six
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The Stark County varsity boys basketball team this year consists of: Front Row (left to right) - Ethan Norsworthy, Jordan McCauley, Ethan Unhold, Blake Orwig, James Groter, Cameron Watson, Devon Decker. Back Row (l to r) - Head Coach Dustin Browning, Jack Colgan, Ryne Hillan, Connor Wagenbach, Arvid Steudte, Xander Swank, Joey Harmon, Luke Rewerts, Daniel Kieser, Assistant Coach John Groter and Assistant Coach Jim Langdon.

Stark Co. boys show promise

Lady Rebels field young team as basketball tips off

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

Despite graduating three starters and five key letterwinners, the Stark County boys basketball team shows promise this year according to Coach Dustin Browning.

“Really want to establish ourselves early in the season as a fast, athletic team that will compete and battle for the entire game,” Browning said. “We have a lot of players with athleticism and length.”

That showed up in the Rebels’ opener, as Stark County (2-0) beat Wethersfield, 51-34, in its first game at the Wally Keller Invitational in Kewanee.

The Rebels got balanced scoring in the game, with five players tallying 8 or more points: 6-foot-4 senior forward Blake Orwig (11), 6-2 senior guard Ethan Unhold (10), 6-0 junior forward Daniel Kieser (9), 6-0 sophomore guard Luke Rewerts (9) and 6-2 junior forward Joey Harmon (8). Browning expects more of the same from Stark County.

“We have lots of depth, especially with guards, and really have 11 guys that have enough skill to be successful in a varsity

game,” Browning said. “We are very athletic and fast overall as a team. And we have good enthusiasm and leadership from the senior class looking to turn things around at SC.”

The turnaround continued Tuesday at Wethersfield, as the Rebels downed Annawan, 49-36. Leading 18-15 at halftime, Stark County took control with a 17-10 run in the third quarter led by Rewerts scoring 12 of his team-high 16 points. The Rebels also got 13 points from Kieser and 8 points from Unhold.

Others who have seen plenty of time so far are senior guard James Groter, the top returning scorer after averaging 5.6 points per game last year, 6-5 junior Xander Swank and 6-3 German foreign exchange student Arvid Steudte. Swank and Steudte will be asked to help inside along Orwig, the Rebels’ only true post player.

“We do not have a lot of post players with experience, but the guys we have are more athletic and able to score from more spots on the floor than previous years,” Browning said.

Stark County was to face Putnam

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