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Holiday celebrations continue across the area this weekend, including Saturday's Christmas Walk in Toulon from 5-7 p.m. (Santa Claus will be in the gazebo to greet youngsters) and the Lucia Nights celebration at Bishop Hill on Friday and Saturday. Those events follow on the heels of several successful celebrations in the past few weekends, some of which are captured above in pictures. Clockwise from top left: (1) Skylar Torbert, son of Tom Torbert and Kelly Townsend of Galva, tells Santa about the dinosaur he hopes to get for Christmas. Santa visited with many Galva area children Saturday in his house in Veterans Park. Photo by Carol Townsend. (2) Paper mache angels were on display at Bradford Baptist Church last Saturday for that town's Old Fashioned Christmas. (3) Katie and Mike Price won the prize for best decorated home in Bradford (pictured), while Savannah Beckleman's home was second and Jim Robison's placed third. (4) George Pease had a horse-drawn wagon in Bradford for the Christmas event. Photos by Angie Stange.

Toulon cafe closing at end of this year

By **JEFF LAMPE**
 For The Prairie News
TOULON – Julie's Café Market in Toulon will close at the end of the year.

Shareholders of Toulon Market LLC, which owns the store and the building, met Tuesday and voted to put the building on East Main Street on the market.

“After a year of renovations, the store opened in early 2020, three weeks before we had to close because of the pandemic,” shareholder Jim Nowlan said. “Even with the incredibly hard work and fine effort of Julie Henderson, we have not been able to close the gap between revenues and expenses.”

Nowlan said shareholders applauded Henderson for providing the community for almost two years with a place to stop by for coffee with friends,

to buy some produce, enjoy lunch and take part in community activities.

“I suggest that folks drop by to tell Julie how much they appreciate her, as I do,” Nowlan said. “We shareholders are deeply disappointed we were not able to make Julie's Café Market work. A small town needs a place like Julie's.”

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The building will be listed with the Leezer Agency in Toulon.

Nowlan said shareholders also thanked the City of Toulon for its financial support, which has improved the looks of a big section of Main Street.

Tips to avoid killing this year's poinsettia

By **RON DIETER**
 For The Weekly Post
 ‘Tis the season to kill poinsettias. Not intentionally of course, but let's face it. There's a lot going on at this time of year and little details, like checking the soil moisture of your poinsettia plant, can be easily overlooked. Permit me to present a few pointers to keep your pretty poinsettias perfectly pristine.

If you have a real live Christmas tree, you're probably pretty careful about keeping it watered. You know

that if the tree runs dry, it won't take up water again without re-cutting the trunk. Keep the tree stand topped off and make it a habit to check your poinsettias at the same time. That little trick works for me.

While the tree will take additional water pretty much every day, that's not the case with the poinsettias. Nevertheless, check the plants daily. If the soil is moist, don't add water. Another way to check soil moisture is to lift the pot. If it feels heavy there's no need to add water.

Poinsettias don't like wet feet and need the soil to dry out slightly between waterings. Some poinsettia plants are sold in pots with a decorative foil or cellophane wrapper. Either remove the wrapper or punch holes in the bottom so excess water can drain into the saucer. And empty the saucer after you water the plant.

Keep your poinsettias away from drafts and direct sunlight and they'll last much longer. If the lower foliage should yellow up or drop off,



Allow poinsettias to dry out between waterings, since they do not like to have wet feet.”

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Kewanee man gets year in prison

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – A 24-year-old Kewanee man has been sentenced by Circuit Judge James A. Mack to a year in prison as part of a negotiated plea last Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.

In return for pleading guilty to a Class 4 felony domestic battery charge, a charge of battery was dismissed.

Two charges of home invasion and criminal trespass to a residence were previously dismissed against Cassel O.R. Taylor of four initial charges against him.

Taylor will have his Stark County prison term run concurrently with his re-

cent Henry County sentence of two years in prison. There, he was convicted of two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and of aggravated battery.

He will receive 52 days of credit for time served in Stark County’s jail and will receive day for day credit while in prison. Taylor was ordered to make \$2,675 in restitution to Mike and Sheila Rumbold, plus a \$75 fine and a \$250 fee for DNA testing for a total of \$3,000.

Taylor was convicted of domestic battery to Courtney Frisby by physically striking her during a dispute on March 16 after entering her Wyoming residence without permission.

POINSETTIA: Avoid wilted leaves

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the colored bracts will still remain for a long time. You can hide their naked legs by sticking some evergreen boughs or boxwood cuttings into the soil.

The colorful blooms on a poinsettia are called bracts and are actually modified leaves. The bracts surround the small yellow flowers, called cyathia. This peculiar arrangement of flowers and bracts is a common characteristic of the euphorbia family.

When you’re purchasing your poinsettias, pay special attention to the green foliage beneath the colored bracts. Avoid plants that show wilting or yellowing leaves, sure signs of mistreatment. And check closely the little yellow cyathia in the centers of the colored bracts. They should be a bright golden yellow, not tan or brown, or even

missing altogether.

Big box stores are death chambers for plants like poinsettias which have a natural aversion to cold drafts and drought. These stores stock up on Thursdays or Fridays for the weekend. If you’re tempted to buy your poinsettias there, try to make your purchase on a Friday. Better yet, go to a local garden center or florist.

All euphorbias have a milky-white sap flowing through their veins which is toxic and can irritate your skin. But contrary to popular belief, poinsettias are not poisonous. Ohio state researchers tell us that a young child must eat more than five hundred poinsettia leaves to have any harmful effect. So I’m thinking. How did they get that kid to eat all those leaves when he won’t even touch a salad? But I digress.

But what if Fido or

Tabby chooses to chew a few poinsettia leaves? Well, they may feel ill for awhile and even vomit but it’s unlikely they’ll die from it. You’ll be happy to hear that the same milky sap also makes poinsettias deer resistant, so you don’t have to worry about Rudolph and his cronies devouring your decorative display.

In the horticulture world, breeders are constantly working to bring new colors and bract shapes to market to satisfy our appetite for unique poinsettias. Beautiful shades of red, burgundy, pink, and buttery white are available everywhere. There’s even a variety, ‘Autumn Leaves’, with shades of yellow and apricot, perfect for Thanksgiving.

There is a beautiful snow white cultivar, ‘Poinsettia Pure White’, but I have yet to see it for sale in these parts. That’s too bad. It would fly off the shelves.

You’ll want to celebrate Poinsettia Day, Dec. 12. It’s the anniversary of the death of Joel Poinsett, who brought the poinsettia to the USA from its native Mexico. My wife says she’s planning to mark the occasion by making me a great big bowl of salad.



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11-28 - Jacob C. Minnier - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-1 - Dustin S. Harr - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-2 - Angela J. Bennett - Drriving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-2 - Heather L. Donnelly - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-2 - Karen E. Burkitt - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
12-2 - Karren I. Washburn - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
12-3 - Eduardo Jelk M. Barron - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

11-27 - Brandon M. Franzen, 21, Wyoming, was ticketed for fleeing the scene of an accident, disobeying a stop sign, and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The Stark County Sheriff’s Office was dispatched to the scene of a single-vehicle accident discovered by a passing motorist at Fort Defiance near the intersection of Grain Bin Road located north of Wyoming. The vehicle had crashed into a tree and was unoccupied. Franzen was issued notices to appear in court.
11-28 - Tanner W. Hall, 28, Peoria, was ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and for driving with no insurance. He was released with a court date to appear.
11-29 - A rural Bradford resident on 1700E reported a robbery of several missing items from her home. The incident remains under investigation.
11-30 - Kari A. Vinson, 50, Neponset, was cited for driving an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a notice to appear. Also arrested in the same traffic stop was Michael C. Austin, 38, of Kewanee, found wanted on a Henry County warrant and an Illinois Dept. of Corrections warrant. He was taken into custody and later extradited from Stark County Jail to the Henry County Jail.
11-30 - Jacob D. McBride, 29, Princeville, was cited for driving without insurance, speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone and operating a vehicle without a registration. He was also found wanted on a Henry County warrant. McBride posted \$375 cash bond on the pending warrant and was



released with a court date to appear on the traffic violations.
12-1 - Kaynen L. Bond, 18, Kewanee, was cited for driving without insurance, illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle, and speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone. He was released with a notice to appear.
12-2 - Brittany A. Lopez, 28, Guthrie Center, Iowa, was ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle, driving on an expired registration, and loud muffler and/or exhaust. She was released with a court date to appear. Also charged in the same traffic stop was Cheyanne M. Bukowski, 25, Bartonville, who was cited for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis by a passenger in a vehicle. She was released with a court date to appear.
12-5 - Ricky C. Eagleston, 22, of Wyoming, was arrested on a Henry County warrant for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He was extradited to the Henry County Jail.


Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
11-29 - to a medical emergency in the 200 block of East Division St. involving an infant who had severe burns. This case remains under investigation.
12-1 - Officer noticed that a train had stopped and was blocking all of the Galva crossings. BNSF was notified and the train eventually moved along.
12-1 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of SW 3rd St., Stephanie Kash, 34, Williamsfield, was arrested for improper use of registration, and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.
12-1 - to several properties around town for compliance with ordinances involving unlicensed, non-running vehicles and maintenance of properties (accumulation

of junk).
12-2 - Officer notified of a high-speed chase in Knox County that was heading toward the Galva area. Three suspects were apprehended in rural Altona.
12-2 - to the 400 block of NE 2nd St. for a loose dog complaint. The owner picked up the dog.
12-2 - to a single-vehicle accident on South County Road west of Galva. Illinois State Police also responded and handled the crash report.
12-2 - to Sentry Estates for a verbal domestic dispute.
12-3 - to check on an unoccupied vehicle that was parked in the 300 block of SE 6th St.
12-3 - Officer flagged down in the downtown area in reference to a scam complaint.
12-3 - to a lawnmower fire in the 400 block of SW 6th St.
12-4 - along with the Henry County Sheriff’s Office were notified about a physical domestic dispute that had occurred the previous night in the 400 block of NW 5th St. As the result, Kenneth Morrison, 26, Lomax, was arrested for domestic battery and was taken to the Henry County Jail.


Property Transfers

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12-1 - Linda A. Neirynek to Ashley Giesenhausen - Henderson & Whitaker’s Add’n Block 10 lots 2, 3, & 4 -216 E. Greenwood St., Toulon - Consideration = \$32,000.
12-2 - Kelly and Terry Garland to Kelly Wheeler - Pt 11-14-7 NE - 16920 Township Rd. 1692N, Bradford - Consideration = \$0.
12-3 - Martha E. Hultgren, Erika J. Unhold, Erika J. Unhold, Co-Trustee, Ernst P. Unhold, Ernst P. Unhold, Gerald P. Unhold, Gerald P. Unhold, Co-Trustee and Heidi M. Unhold to Ernst P. Unhold - Pt 2-12-6 NW - Consideration = \$0.



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‘Corn Saves America’ a compelling listen

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Even more striking, 87 percent of the Baby Boomer generation – we of gray hair and paid subscriptions – use free, electronic media like Facebook, Twitter and podcasts every-day. Only Gen Z, the 18-to-25 year-old youngsters who actually remember their website passwords, use social media more.

That describes me to a T: I have a dozen paid print subscriptions and



Alan GUEBERT

two dozen free electronic subscriptions to podcasts on everything from “The Lutheran Hour” (which, oddly for the fastidious Lutherans, is just a half an hour) to the BBC’s “Farmarama.”

The best of my current listening, however, is an ag podcast titled “Corn Saves America,” a fact-filled, compelling dive into the potential, profitability, and probability, of ag-aligned carbon markets through, what its writer and host, Sarah Mock, explains, “the lens of corn ethanol.”

The series – there are nine episodes varying in length between 40 and 60 minutes each – is an audio history of what we’ve learned in the rocky, 40-year marriage of broad environmental goals like clean air to far narrower farm needs like value-added markets and better incomes.

Those lessons serve as a yardstick to measure the next big environmental-ag policy push, carbon sequestration. Mock, and the pod’s full-time sponsors and part-time contributors, Brent Gloy and David Widmar of Agricultural Economic Insights, or aei, are clear-eyed in their reporting and even-handed in their analysis of ethanol’s slow start in the 1990s, its gold rush in the 2000s, and now, its likely peak.

But the series isn’t the fuzzy, “we persevered” success story offered by farm group officials, ethanol executives, and commodity association lobbyists who have so often mixed thin facts with thick fiction that few policymakers now know what government’s role could be in the rush to sequester carbon.

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Nowlan’s ideas for education are not new


To the Editor:

I swear Jim Nowlan would turn my hair grey if it weren’t already!

His great idea that the U.S. education system should model Finland or China with more and longer school days isn’t new. School administrators, teachers, teachers unions, parents, liberals and progressives have been screaming from the rooftops about the sad state and lack of funding of our public education system for DECADES.

The GOP answer was and has been “vouchers” and/or private schools for those that could afford it which only further defunded the public system creating the mess he now laments.

Nowlan’s classist, racist trope “rural, small town as well as low-income urban settings (have) a woe-ful cultural inattention to the importance of educational achievement” isn’t new either. Maybe, and hear me out Mr. Nowlan, maybe if



those parents in these areas didn’t have to work two to three jobs just to afford the basics like rent, utilities, and transportation, then maybe they’d have more time to devote to their children’s studies.

Maybe if the public education system hadn’t been so badly underfunded, there’d be more before and after school programs to help students who are falling behind.

I could go on, but surely Nowlan’s RA Dennison can do some more research on the subject for him. I’d suggest he also research redlining, white flight and food deserts too, which also contribute to poor education.

Suffice to say, the decades of lack of school funding was brought on by enormous tax cuts for big businesses/corporations and the wealthy. These were heralded by each and every GOP administration at both the state and federal levels which Nowlan himself applauded

and voted for time after time.

So, I say to Mr Nowlan, welcome to the fight to repair our education system. And I ask, since his “late to the party” epiphany that public education is a national security issue, does he support the Universal Pre-K and Childcare packages within the #BBB?

And does Mr. Nowlan support “living wages” so parents actually have time to help and encourage their children with their studies? Surely, his RA knows and can relay to him just how important early education is in a child’s life. And while he’s at it, check into how to relay a proper “mea culpa”. It’s long overdue!

– **Kimberly Babb Kent**, Wyoming

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We are so grateful for the great light breaking through in our Bradford community. Thank you to all who came to experience the Drive-Thru Nativity, and to those who shared a gift of hope and love with others through monetary donations. We rejoice in a little over \$2,400.00 raised and equally divided between The Bradford Betterment Committee, The Bradford Food Pantry, and the Kaden Wall memorial scholarship fund.

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GUEBERT: Should sequestration be voluntary?

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Not so for Mock and the aei crew; they bring several well-connected contributors to the fore who played critical roles in ethanol’s fast rise. Many tell compelling stories of political intrigue, changing geopolitics, and fast market moves that often had nothing to do with farmers, farm groups, or farm politicians but everything to do with getting the fuel in millions of American cars. It’s one side of the ethanol origin story that few have ever heard.

More importantly, these experiences with building, expanding, and then riding the biofuel boom give them unique insight into what to expect when – or even if – the farmers ever partner with carbon emitters. They have many questions.

For example, should a sequestration program be voluntary, as most farm groups suggest. If so, who establishes its rules for fairness, accuracy, and whether it even works – the U.S. Department of Agriculture, private busi-

ness, farm groups, a new government agency?

Even before then, though, “...while everyone is figuring out how to sequester carbon,” say Mock and the aei economists, many interested players are “still trying to figure out what all this means to commodity prices, land values, and farm business in general” given today’s “financial, political, and climatic uncertainties.”

Again, while no one knows, ethanol can provide insight. When the Bush Administration lit a fire under biofuels with the 2005 and 2007 Renewable Fuels Standards, they brought government’s biggest blowtorches to the party: mandated blending levels, import tariffs to wall off cheaper imports and generous tax breaks for investors and users.

But no one in either the federal government or the private sector is calling for anywhere near that level of heat in any carbon sequestration program today. Why, Mock asks the experts, when everyone knows we don’t have an

ethanol-like 40 years to design, fund, and put into action any carbon sequestration plan.

Or do we?

I can’t say because I’m only five episodes into the deeply-researched and well-written “Corn Saves America” that is delivered to me for free. What a delicious – and worrying – treat.

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Items to be auctioned include: 2 roll top desks, large wall mirror, 2 drawer file cabinet, 3 drawer commode, 4 drawer file cabinet, metal rack, ladies bike, 4 bar stools, toy train cars, train track, die cast cars, Johnny Lightning, hand tools, bench vise, bench grinder, Dewalt router, jack planes, pipe wrenches, palm sander, belt/disc sander, tool boxes, pocket knives, Coleman lantern, Louisville 7' fiberglass step ladder, tv trays, sewing machine, folding cot, flat carts, holiday decorations, Hallmark ornaments, rag rugs, sports collector cards, metal signs, cap guns, 4 2 top tables, padded restaurant chairs, loveseat, glider/ rocker w/ ottoman, floor lamps, metal pantry cabinets, roll away bed, old rocker, table saw, barn board corner cabinet, scroll saw, needle point chair, dry sink, computer desk, treadle sewing machine, 4 office chairs, garment racks, double bed, holiday blow molds, piano stool, costume jewelry, 4 wicker patio chairs and 2 side tables, extension cords, coolers, cookie jars, picture frames, farm toys, flatware.

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A monument of unknown composition

Railroad boulder marks grave of Galva's James E. Breckenridge

By DON SCHMIDT
For The Prairie News

The June 20, 1901, issue of The Galva Weekly News tells the story behind the unusual boulder monument of James E. Breckenridge in Galva Cemetery.

"A strange and unusual monument has recently been erected in the Galva cemetery to the memory of James E. Breckenridge. It is a huge boulder standing three feet high and weighing about 8,000 lbs.

"In erecting this monument section foreman Murphy carried out a trust of Mr. Breckenridge's. The boulder formerly stood near the R.I. &P. right of way between Galva and Bishop Hill. For years Mr. Breckenridge saw it daily as he passed up and down the line and he grew to have a strange attachment for the great rock standing out on the hillside, huge and alone, a

mute reminder of past ages. He took a desire to have the rock as a monument and asked Mr. Murphy to do this favor for him should he die before he could attend to it himself.

"Mr. Murphy kept his word. The big rock was hauled onto a truck with difficulty and hauled into town to the Bates Marble Works. There one face was smoothed and polished and a simple inscription carved upon it.

"The rock is of peculiar composition, porous and yet exceedingly hard. Some maintain that it is a meteoric fragment, though the probability is that it is simply a bit of glacial drift. At any rate after lying untouched for eons of years it has undergone a metamorphosis. Instead of a field boulder it is now a monument."

It is still a mystery what kind of rock this is. I am hoping that a geolo-



Pictured above is the boulder monument located in the Galva Cemetery that once marked the right-of-way of the R.I.&P. railroad, between Galva and Bishop Hill, but now marks the grave of James E. Breckenridge, who traveled the line daily.

gist will take an interest in the boulder, identify it, and let The Prairie News readers know.

Applications accepted for rental assistance

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The application portal is now open for another \$297 million of rental assistance for Illinoisans who lost income due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Illinois Rental Payment Program, or ILRPP, money comes from the federal American Rescue Plan Act signed into law by President Joe Biden in March. It will be administered by the Illinois Housing Development Authority.

The application portal is available

at illinoishousinghelp.org. To be eligible, a tenant must have an unpaid rent balance on a rental property which is their primary residence. They must have experienced a financial hardship due to the pandemic, have a household income below 80 percent of the Area Median Income and must be an Illinois resident.

Proof of citizenship is not required, and assistance is available for renters of state- or federally-subsidized housing.

The portal for the latest round of funding will be open until 11:59 p.m.

on Jan. 9. IHDA said it expects that 32,500 households will receive assistance through this round of funding. Approved applicants will receive one-time grants of up to \$25,000, paid directly to their landlords, and IHDA said it would begin releasing funds by the end of the year.

The launch date was pushed back one month so the portal could undergo testing. A spokesperson for IHDA said the portal had received more than 3,000 applications and the department had no concerns about its ability to handle the load.

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Wyoming man involved in fatal crash

WYOMING – The Stark County Sheriff's Office is investigating a single-vehicle crash that occurred last Friday, Dec. 3, and that claimed the life of Richard L. Bur-

well, 44, of Wyoming.

It appeared that Burwell ran off the roadway on Route 17, hit the ditch, then launched over 700N, nosediving into a field near FMC.

Stark County Ambulance and the Wyoming Fire Department were dispatched to the scene of the accident. The Wyoming Fire Department extricated Burwell from the vehicle and life-saving measures were begun,, but were unsuccessful.

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TOULON – The Toulon Civic Association hopes to Light up the Night this Saturday, Dec. 11., with a luminary walk through the downtown.

Santa Claus is scheduled to be in the gazebo to greet youngsters and businesses will be open with specials for customers.

Galva holding holiday tour of lights Saturday

GALVA – The Galva Arts Council will be hosting a Holiday Tour of Lights on Saturday, Dec. 11, to showcase some wonderfully festive houses to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

Those driving the Tour of Lights will get a chance to vote on their favorite home. The winner will receive a sign for their yard and a gift card.

The Tour begins at the Galva Arts Council building where you can grab a map and voting sheet. Drive around and enjoy all of the festive houses between 5:30-7:30 p.m. Afterwards, vote for your favorite display and enjoy light refreshments at the Arts Council building. There is no fee for the event, but donations are appreciated.

For more information contact the Arts Council at galvaarts@gmail.com, 563-293-6986 or via Facebook.

Sen. Stoller hosting holiday food drive

PEORIA – In honor of the season of giving, State Sen. Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) has launched a Holiday Food Drive in partnership with the Center of Prevention of Abuse in Peoria and Freedom House in Princeton.

“Both of these wonderful organizations provide an invaluable service to the victims of domestic abuse in our communities,” said Sen. Stoller. “Unfortunately, these groups find that they are in short supply of necessary food items during the holidays, so we decided to host this drive to make sure they have everything they need for the upcoming holiday season.”

Sen. Stoller’s office coordinated with the Center of Prevention of Abuse in Peoria and Freedom House in Princeton to compile a list of items that each group needed the most, which included the following: boxes or bags of cereal; Granola or other snack bars; Ramen noodles; Individual macaroni and cheese cups; Chef Boyardee canned pastas; Other snack items; Canned or jarred fruits and vegetables; Peanut butter and other nut butters; Gift cards to area grocery stores in Peoria for the Center of Prevention of Abuse to purchase dairy, meats, and fresh vegetables

All items can be dropped off at Sen. Stoller’s Peoria office at 5415 N. University St., Suite 105, until Dec. 13.

MSW Projects creates Senior Savers program

Do you have MSW Projects on your list for Holiday giving? MSW Projects is a not-for-profit, charitable organization which provides citizens of Marshall, Stark, and Woodford County residents a senior citizen nutrition program.

2021 has been a challenging year for MSW Projects as only one fundraiser was held due to COVID 19, an unpredictable supply of certain food and supplies for meal delivery, a decrease



The Galva: Ready to Grow committee gave the December property award to Kevin and Kim Lindberg of 19 SW 6th St. in Galva.

in lunch donations, and the continued impact of COVID 19.

What can you do to help make sure senior citizens continue to receive a meal? The Senior Saver Program is a campaign to help offset the financial impact of COVID 19, and to help with those senior citizens who are unable to make a donation. The suggested donation for a meal is \$4. You may help save a senior meal for a day by donating \$4, for a week by donating \$20, or for a month by donating \$100. Since MSW Projects is a not for profit, charitable organization, any donation made is tax deductible.

If you would like to receive a donation receipt, please indicate when making your donation. Donations can be mailed to MSW Projects of Henry, Attn: SENIOR SAVER Program, P.O. Box 140, Henry, IL 61537.

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Dec. 11 - 22 \$5 Michelob Ultra Pitchers.	Dec. 18 Ugly Sweater Contest (Must be worn) Judging at 9 p.m. \$25 cash prize! Music by Chris Nez 8 - 12.	Dec. 11 - 22 Spend \$10 to earn 1 entry into a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate. Drawing to be held Dec. 22.	Dec. 11 - 22 Buy 5 drinks, get 1 FREE of equal or lesser value! No chips given!
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2021 Lucia Nights in Historic Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL – Bishop Hill invites you to join our 2021 Lucia Nights celebration on Friday Dec. 10 and 11 from 6 to 9 p.m. This Swedish tradition is based on a legend of Saint Lucia, Queen of Light.

Lucia Nights begins in with the Lighting of the Park Christmas tree at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, with music provided by the Peoria Cooperative Academy Madrigal Singers. The public is invited to bring edible ornaments to hang on the tree. Businesses and museums will have Lucia Girls to greet guests. Around the village, each building will

have a single candle in every window, and side-walks will be illuminated by candles. Restaurants are open both evenings. Special Christmas gifts will be on sale.

On both evenings, Bishop Hill will host a variety of free Christmas activities. At the Fire Station, the Peoria Cooperative Academy Madrigal Singers will be performing each night at 6:15 p.m., followed by Jazz on the Side at 7:30 p.m. At the Steeple Building Museum, Hammer and Pick will perform Christmas and folk music from 6 to 9 p.m. The VASA National Ar-



Lucia girls at the Bjorklund Hotel in Bishop Hill.

chives will have a closing reception for their Local Lodge Names exhibit, and storyteller Brian “Fox” Ellis will share a medley of Swedish and Pioneer Christmas stories and songs from 6 to 8 p.m. In addition, the Bishop Hill Community United Methodist Church will host its annual Soup and Chili Supper, beginning at 4 p.m. A free-will donation is appreciated. Finally, the Colony Church will have Lucia and Tomte Selfie

stations. Lucia Nights is sponsored by the Bishop Hill Arts Council, Bishop Hill Heritage Association, Bishop Hill State Historic Site, Old Settlers’ Association. VASA National Archives, Bishop Hill Volunteer Fire Department, and numerous local businesses. This event is also partly funded by the Illinois Arts Council Agency. For more details, call 309-927-3899 or view www.visitbishophill.com.

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PHYLLIS J. FABRY
No. 2021-P-15
Notice is given of the death of Phyllis J. Fabry. Letters of Office were issued on August 20, 2021, to Roger E. King, 508 N. Madison, Wyoming IL 61491, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael E. Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, Illinois 61434. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the Bar Date, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed. Massie & Quick, LLC Attorney for Estate
115 Northwest Third Avenue Galva, IL 61434
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Published 11/26, 12/3, 12/10/21
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELVA B. LOUDENBURG,
Case No. 2021-P-19
Deceased.
WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE – INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION
Notice is given of the death of **ELVA B. LOUDENBURG** of Courtyard Estate of Bradford, 100 Courtyard Blvd., Bradford, Stark County, Illinois, 61421. Letters of Office were issued on **November 19th 2021** to **BRET ADAM ALLEN** as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.
Notice is given to all interested

parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an orders were entered by the court on **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. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, Stark County Courthouse, 130 West Main, Box 426, Toulon, IL 61483, or with the representative's, on or before the later of 6 months from the first date of publication in this estate, to wit: **May 26th 2022**, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice of death and the names and addresses of the representative's and their attorney of record and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act of 1975 (IL Rev. Stat., Ch 755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a Petition to Terminate Independent Administration form from the Clerk of Court at the above address. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you

must create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourt.gov/faq/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Dated this 23rd day of November, 2021.
BRETT ADAM ALLEN
(Independent Representative)
By: /s/ **Robert H. Rennick, Sr.**
Robert H. Rennick, Sr.
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CLAIM NOTICE
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARK E. MEGAN, deceased.
No. 2021P18.
NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of MARK E. MEGAN. Letters of Office were issued on November 2, 2021 to John E. Megan, 67583 Highway 78, Burns, Oregon 97720, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Trisha Blake-Millar of **BLAKE LAW OFFICE**. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Clerk of this Court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 3, 2022. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney of record within 10 days after it has been filed. **BLAKE LAW OFFICE**
Attorneys for Independent Representative
56 N. Prairie Street
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Telephone: (309) 343-3155.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

SS. COUNTY OF STARK)
CERTIFICATION OF MINUTES
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Secretary of the Board of Education of Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, Stark, Bureau, and Marshall Counties, Illinois (the "Board"), and as such official I am the keeper of the records and files of the Board. I do further certify that the foregoing constitutes a full, true and complete transcript of the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on the 15th day of November, 2021, insofar as the same relates to a: Resolution Regarding the Estimated Amounts Necessary to be Levied for Tax Year 2021. I do further certify that the deliberations of the Board on the adoption of said resolution were conducted openly, that the vote on the adoption of said resolution was taken openly, that said meeting was called and held at a specified time and place convenient to the public, that notice of said meeting was duly given to all of the news media requesting such notice, that an agenda for said meeting was posted at the location where said meeting was held and at the principal office of the Board on a day other than a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday in the State of Illinois and at least 48 hours in advance of the holding of said meeting, that a true, correct and complete copy of said agenda as so posted is attached hereto as Exhibit A, that said meeting was called and held in strict compliance with the provisions of the Open Meetings Act of the State of Illinois, as amended, and with the provisions of the School Code of the State of Illinois, as amended, and that the Board has complied with all of the provisions of said Act and said Code and with all of the procedural rules of the Board. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto affix my official signature, this 15th day of November, 2021.
Jessica Peterson
Secretary, Board of Education

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BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, STARK, BUREAU AND MARSHALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION REGARDING THE ESTIMATED AMOUNTS NECESSARY TO BE LEVIED FOR TAX YEAR 2021
WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois determine the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be levied for the year not less than twenty (20) days prior to the official adoption of the aggregate levy of the District; and WHEREAS, if the estimated aggregate amount necessary to be levied, exclusive of election costs, exceeds 105% of the aggregate amount of propertytaxes extended or estimated to be extended upon the levy of the preceding year, public notice shall be given and a public hearing shall be held on the District's intent to adopt a tax levy in an amount that is more than 105% of the extension or estimated extension for the preceding year; and WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for tax year 2020, excluding debt service, was \$2,859,825.71; and WHEREAS, it is hereby determined that the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be levied for tax year 2021, excluding debt service, is \$3,500,000, as follows: Education \$2,500,000; Operations & Maintenance \$410,000; Transportation \$157,000; Working Cash \$41,000; I.M.R.F. \$35,500; Social Security \$66,000; Fire Prevention & Safety \$40,000; Tort Immunity \$196,000; Special Education \$32,000; Lease/Rent \$23,000. and WHEREAS, the Truth in Taxation Act, as amended, requires that all taxing districts in the State of Illinois provide data concerning the levies made for debt service pursuant to statute, referendum, resolution or agreement to retire principal or pay interest on bonds, notes, and debentures or other

financial instruments that evidence indebtedness; and WHEREAS, the aggregate amount of property taxes extended for debt service for tax year 2020 was \$0 and it is hereby determined that the estimated amount of taxes necessary to be levied for debt service for tax year 2021 is \$0. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1, Stark, Bureau, and Marshall Counties, Illinois, as follows: Section 1: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for tax year 2021, excluding debt service, is \$3,500,000. Section 2: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for tax year 2021 does exceed 105% of the taxes extended by the District in tax year 2020. Section 3: The aggregate amount of taxes estimated to be levied for tax year 2021 for debt service does not exceed 105% of the taxes extended for debt service for tax year 2020. Section 4: Public hearing on this estimated tax levy for the year 2021 is hereby scheduled for Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. and notice of said public hearing shall be given in the manner provided by law. Section 5: The Truth in Taxation Notice shall be published in the Prairie News in the manner provided by law, and shall be in substantially the form of Exhibit I attached hereto. Section 6: This Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon and after its adoption. ADOPTED this 15th day of November, 2021.
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, STARK, BUREAU AND MARSHALL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS
Tanya S. Walker
President, Board of Education
ATTEST:
Jessica Peterson
Secretary, Board of Education
Published 12/10/21

OBITUARIES

Richard Burwell

PEORIA – Richard “Ricky” Burwell, 44, of Peoria, passed away on Friday, Dec. 3, 2021.

He was born in Kewanee on June 9, 1977, to Terry and Debra (Carter) Burwell. Ricky is survived by his mother, Deb Burwell, of Wyoming; two children, Alec Burwell (Paige Owens), of Brimfield and Eliana Burwell of Brimfield; one brother, Jon Randall (Lucretia Smith) of Wichita, Kan.; three nieces, Shawna, Ella and Zoe; two nephews, Devan and Justin; two great-nieces, Aliyah and Serenity; and one great-nephew, Shawn. Ricky also leaves behind his beloved dog and best friend, Juice. Ricky was preceded in death by his father, Terry Burwell; his sister, Terri Jo Burwell; and his grandparents.

Ricky proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1999 to 2009, completing three deployments in Iraq, Qatar and Saudi Arabia. He was medically discharged and finished his military career as a Staff Sergeant.

Ricky had a heart of gold. His laugh was contagious, loud and easily recognizable by anyone who knew him. More than anything, Ricky loved his children, nieces and nephews, and his dog Juice. Family was everything to him.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11, 2021, at Wyoming City Cemetery in Wyoming, where military honors will be conducted. Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services is assisting the family.

After suffering multiple injuries while serving, Ricky felt a deep commitment to the Wounded Warrior Project. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project in his honor.

Online condolences may be left at www.GaryDeitersFH.com.

Patricia A. Freed

OWATONNA, Minn. – Patricia Ann (Appell) Freed, 77, passed away peacefully in her home on Monday, Nov. 22, 2021 in Owatonna, surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren. She had a long, courageous battle with Parkinson’s/Lewy Body Dementia.

Pat was born on April 11, 1944, in Galesburg to Martin and Lucille Appell. She graduated from Galva High School and continued her education at Bradley University in Peoria. In 1964, Pat married Allen (Butch) Freed, her high school sweetheart. They celebrated their 57th anniversary in October.

Pat had a love of travel that led her to pursue a fulfilling career as a travel agent. She and Al enjoyed many trips and adventures over the years. She loved their daily walks, spending time at the beach, and especially loved the holidays when she could be with family, friends and grandchildren. Though she en-



Burwell

joyed her many travels, her true happy place was her role as “Grammie.” Pat was so generous, always helping those around her. She touched many lives with her bright and energetic personality.

Pat is survived by her husband, Al Freed; two daughters, Kim (Pat) Smith of Owatonna, Minn., and Kelli Gardner of Laguna Niguel, Calif.; nine grandchildren, Lauren Smith, Heather Peters, Rachel Fenske, Ty Gardner, Nicholas Smith, Nathan Smith, Taylor Gardner, Lexi Gardner and Chase Gardner; and three great-grandchildren. In addition, she is survived by two sisters, Becky Olson Merritt of Phoenix and Deb (Mike) Tarleton of Galva; three nieces and one nephew.

Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be no services. In lieu of flowers or gifts, donations may be made to the Parkinson’s Foundation (parkinson.org/ways-to-give).

Brandon L. Graham

PEORIA – Brandon L. Graham, 46, formerly of Wyoming, passed away at 1:40 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, 2021, at UnityPoint Health Methodist in Peoria. Brandon was born on June 12, 1975, in Peoria, Ill., the son of Richard “Dick” and Jeanette (Rumbold) Graham. His parents both preceded him in death. A niece, Jayla Knobloch, also preceded him in death.

He is survived by his seven siblings whom he loved spending time with: Bruce (Pam) of Peoria, Doreen (Jerry) Leuthold of Fishers, Ind., Darlene (Roger) Herrmann of Laura, Deanne (Jay) Knobloch of Princeville, Brent (Deb) of Edwards, Blake (Rachel) of Princeville, and Ben “BJ” (Suzanne) of Carmel, Ind. Also surviving him are 30 nieces and nephews and 10 great nieces and nephews who he was very proud of and meant a lot to him.

Despite Brandon’s many difficulties, he was a friend to all and cared deeply about people. He was a constant source of humor to those around him. He most recently worked at EPIC workshop.

He loved traveling, golfing, snow skiing and, most of all, spending time with family and friends. He shared deep bonds with his high school friends, who were very good at making memories and staying in touch with him, which made Brandon feel very special. His family is very thankful for those in the community, church, family and EPIC who were so kind and patient with Brandon.

Brandon loved and attended the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church where his funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 10, 2021. Ministers of the church will officiate. Visitation was from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, 2021, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Additional visitation will be from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery. Haskell Funeral & Cremation



Graham

Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to either AC Skylines Nursing Home, where he worked for a couple of years, or Apostolic Christian LifePoints in Morton, Ill. where he lived for four years.

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

Debra Kay Stoecker

PRINCEVILLE- Debra Kay Stoecker, 65, Celebration of life will be held on Sunday, Dec. 19, 2021, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Princeville United Methodist Church fellowship hall.

Winifred L. Hays

BRADFORD – Winifred L. Swearingen Hays, 103, of East Peoria, Ill., formerly of Bradford, Ill., passed away peacefully on Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at her home. She was born on March 8, 1918 in Bradford to Pearl and Mable (Noyes) Swearingen.

She married Raymond H. Hays on May 24, 1957, in Lincoln, Ill., and he preceded her in death on March 15, 2012. She was also preceded in death by her brother Jim and two sisters Lillian O’Donoghue and Gertrude Comstock.

She leaves behind sister-in-law Grace Swearingen; nieces Sheila Flaherty, Paula Stevenson, Kimberly Rusesky and Sally Johnson; and nephew TJ Swearingen; as well as many grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Winifred graduated from the University of Illinois in 1940 and has been an Illini sports fan for years, as well as a diehard Chicago Blackhawks fan. Her legacy includes becoming a “Gypsy Coed,” and she was the last living of the several college girls who traveled in a 1927 Model T from Bradford to various parts of the United States, including meeting and becoming friends with Henry Ford at his home in Michigan. Her photos and stories were endless and very entertaining.

At 102 she experienced pneumonia and was hospitalized with COVID for only four days but bounced right back to enjoying her family and friends. Her favorite thing to do recently was to be sure the many birds and squirrels in her yard were fed and the bird bath was full.

The family would like to thank all the wonderful people who cared for her over the last couple of years.

Cremation rites have been accorded. A private family burial will take place in Bradford Cemetery in Bradford, Ill. on Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the American Heart Association, 2141 West White Oaks Drive, Suite A, Springfield, IL 62704, St. Jude Midwest Affiliate, 530 NE Glen Oak Avenue, Peoria, IL 61637, or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Online condolences can be made at masonfuneralhomes.com.



Hays



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Super Crossword

ANIMATED WOOFERS

ACROSS

1 Agree (with)

5 Ability to cope well with difficulty

11 Mini-devils

15 Girl

19 Forget to say

20 Vocation

21 Heist booty

22 — Stanley Gardner

23 She played Kara Herys on "Deep Space Nine"

25 Sicilian resort city

26 Rain-starved

27 Get ripe

28 Taken with

29 Legendary nude horse rider

31 Small bird

32 Enhaled Fr. woman

33 Lightning source, as shortened in weather reports

36 Like wicker baskets

37 Rotating rocket ride at Disney theme parks

40 Alternatives to dice

43 Has the helm

44 Exactly

46 Lime drink

47 "Oh, go on!"

49 Kevin Bacon's "Footloose" role

55 Spring-loaded stick

58 R&B's Flawls

60 Suffa with script

61 Elvis — Presley

62 Twisted, as a muscle

65 Pasta strip

69 Raiment

71 — and yang

72 Depressing or untidy sort

75 Santa —, California

76 Overprotect

78 Most ashen

79 Discovered

81 Old cracker brand

82 Short time, for short

83 Sheeran and O'Neil

85 Regatta tools

86 Grammy nominee for writing the Lee Ann Womack hit "I May Hate Myself in the Morning"

92 Retort to "No you're not!"

95 Moray, say

96 Gin mill

98 Be emphatic

102 Moniker for Boston's locale

107 Flying disc renamed "Frisbee" in 1957

109 Zones

110 FDR part

112 "Indesit"

113 "Law & Order: —"

114 (NBC series since '99)

117 Gravy Train competitor

118 Insult, in rap

119 Be very mad

120 Baseball's Ty

121 Their names begin eight answers in this puzzle

125 Welds

126 Major city in Norway

127 Squirm food

128 Actress Hathaway

129 Period before 6-Down

130 Close-call cry

131 Present in a different form

132 Attention-getting cries

DOWN

1 Piano recital pieces

2 Free-verse poet

3 Kitchen nook

4 Hellenic H

5 Red apple

6 It follows Holy Week

7 Stoopies, e.g.

8 New Year in Vietnam

9 Zodiac sign

10 Mess up

11 "Word has it —"

12 Munchies from Mars

13 Pire-size

14 Smeltory junk

15 Entice

16 Get there

17 Split-off bit

18 Alternatives to coupes

24 Sun blockers

29 Oscar winner Sophia

30 Proprietor

33 Uncle, in Spanish

34 Sky shiner

35 Head, in French

38 Creditors' takebacks

39 Square in the first column of a bingo card

41 Speed

42 Nuptial vow

45 Try to equal

48 "We're No Angels" actor — Ray

50 Regatta group

51 Gym pad

52 Pop singer

53 Grande

54 Presses and stretches

55 Hitchcock film of 1960

56 Downer drug

57 India's India

59 Takes stuff out of a suitcase

63 Nero's 1,500

64 Up 'til

66 Popeye's Olive

67 Lofy poem

68 "ER" roles

69 Exist

70 Luggage-screening org.

73 Oil gp.

74 "Frozen" heroine

77 Pawn nurse

80 Her's perch

82 Flood deicer

84 T. rex, e.g.

87 U.S. flag sewer Ross

88 Meadowland

89 Sappy tree

90 Earthen cooking pot

91 Person, place or thing

93 Motorist's distance marker

94 Attach with a click

97 Siouan tribe

99 "All finished"

100 "Kids" actress

101 Bridge supports

102 Amount a sack will hold

103 Stimulate

104 Naval petty officers

105 Most secure

106 OK for eating

108 Traffic cones

111 Funny bone

115 Garbage barge

116 Dance violently

117 Flazer choice

121 Uber order

122 Fabulous flier

123 Fabled flier

124 "Zip-a-Dee-Dee —"

OBITUARIES

Willard H. Carroll
KEWANEE – Willard H. Carroll, 89, of Kewanee, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2021, at Carle Bro-Menn Medical Center, Normal, of complications with COVID. Willard was born Sept. 24, 1932, in Rural Stark County, the son of Sylvester and Iceil (Webster) Carroll. He graduated from Toulon High School with the class of 1950, and attended Blackburn College in Carlinville. Willard married Martha A. Dyer on Dec. 5, 1954, in Galesburg; she survives. Willard is also survived by two daughters, Leslea Carroll, Kewanee, Jill Stieghorst, Peoria; grandson, Blake (Sarah) Stieghorst; and a great granddaughter, Rylee Stieghorst, all of West Jersey. Willard was a farmer as well as a Supervisor of Assessment for Stark and Henry County, retiring in 1993. Willard loved his family, farming and traveling. He was an Army veteran. He was a member of Cambridge Rotary, Kewanee Kiwanis Club, and the First United Methodist Church, Kewanee. Willard was a chairman of the board at the Kewanee Hospital, a Kewanee City Council member, co-owner of K-Town Travel Kewanee and ACF Travel in Princeton and the Tremont Forum, Kewanee. He was also a long-time Shriner and Mason. Visitation was Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at Schuene-man-Tumbleson Funeral Home. A Masonic Service was held Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021, at the funeral home. Funeral Services were Wednesday, Dec. 8, 2021, at the First United Methodist Church. Burial was in the West Jersey Cemetery. Memorials may be made to OSF Healthcare Foundation, First United Methodist Church, of Kewanee, or the donor's choice. Condolences for Willard's family can be left online at www.schuene-mantumblesonfuneral-home.com.

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Thank you to so many who shared expressions of kindness as part of our 60th Wedding Anniversary, Dec. 8. We were humbled by cards, calls, encouragement and prayers that were shared.

To God be the glory and praise,
Fred & Darlene

SHERIFF'S LETTER TO STARK COUNTY CITIZENS

Dear Stark County Citizens,

I have had several Stark County Citizens ask me why Peoria City will be doing our dispatching for Stark County.

This is not true, to get E911 Stark County had to join an ETSB Board (Peoria County and Stark County have come to an agreement, that Stark County will have 2 seats on Peoria County's ETSB. ETSB is Emergency Telephone System Board).

With Stark County on their board, we will have our own PSAP. (Public Safety Answering Point) which E911 will get dispatched from our dispatchers.

The equipment we will need for the PSAP will come from a grant to pay for the equipment from the State of Illinois.

Stark County Citizens will not be taxed more for this project.

The reason we must be on an ETSB Board is that Stark County had to have an ETSB Board by the end of 2015. Stark County didn't start talking about the ETSB until January 2016 and at that point we had to join an ETSB Board.

Peoria County will do all the grant writing for Stark County and the E911 coordinator for the State of Illinois has been fantastic to work with and Peoria County has been great to work with.

It will probably take 1 1/2 years to get the E911 up and running.

With the E911 we will know exactly where you are calling from, which will make our response time quicker. With the E911 we will have all places in the county mapped out, even if it is a grain bin.

If anyone has a question, please feel to call the Stark County Sheriff's Office (309-286-2541).

Thank you,
Sheriff Steven V. Sloan
12/02/2021



Christmas Vacation
The Prairie News

Will not publish a newspaper on December 31.
Our office will be CLOSED Dec. 27 - 31.
We will reopen again on Monday, January 3
and will publish a January 7 edition.

SPORTS: SC boys return to action on Saturday

Continued from page 12
Dec. 15.
Eight Rebel players were contact traced but only two still remain out, according to Coach Dustin Browning, who said a few players also had strep throat but are back now.
“Vaccines helped reduce the number out,” Browning said.
The Rebels (3-2) are expected to be back in action at home this Saturday against DePue.

Galva Girls Basketball
Galva (3-3) won two straight games last week, traveling to defeat Weathersfield, 42-36, on Dec. 1 and winning at home, 44-19, vs. Midland on Nov. 30.
The girls are home vs. West Central on Monday.
Et cetera
Galva is looking to hire a high school boys track coach and a high school softball coach. Visit galva224.org/employment-opportunities.html.



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NOTICE OF PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX INCREASE FOR STARK COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #100

I. A Public Hearing to approve a proposed property tax increase for Stark County Community Unit School District #100 for 2021 will be held on December 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. at 300 Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491. Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Brett M. Elliott, Superintendent, 300 Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491; Telephone (309) 695-6123.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for the year 2020 were \$5,830,818. The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$6,106,014. This represents a 4.72% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service for 2020 were \$434,641. The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service for 2021 are \$1,047,429. This represents an increase of 58.504% from the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended for 2020 were \$6,265,459. The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$7,153,443. This represents a 12.413% increase from the previous year.

Notice of Proposed Property Tax Increase for BRADFORD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for Bradford Community Unit School District No. 1 for 2021 will be held on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. at Bradford Junior High School, 115 High Street, Bradford, IL 61421

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Mr. Chad Gripp, Superintendent, 345 Silver Street, Bradford, IL 61421, telephone number 309-897-4441.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$2,859,825.71.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$3,500,000. This represents an 22.4% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2020 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2021 are \$0. This represents a 0.0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2020 were \$2,859,825.71.

The estimated total property taxes to be levied for 2021 are \$3,500,000. This represents a 22.4% increase over the previous year.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

CryptoQuote

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

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president signed legislation that made Christmas a national holiday?
2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of dragonflies called?
3. MOVIES: Who played the role of Father Chuck O'Malley in "Going My Way"?
4. FOOD & DRINK: In what year was the famous Toll House chocolate chip cookie first made?
5. LANGUAGE: What is the international radio code word for the letter M?
6. TELEVISION: What's the name of the mom on "Family Guy"?
7. PERSONALITIES: Which famous boxer's nickname is "The Manassa Mauler"?
8. HISTORY: Over which empire did Genghis Khan rule?
9. GEOGRAPHY: The Apian Way is an ancient road in what country?
10. MEASUREMENTS: How many milliliters are in 1 cup?

1. Ulysses Grant
2. A swarm
3. Bing Crosby
4. 1938
5. Mike
6. Lois Griffin
7. Jack Dempsey
8. The Mongol Empire
9. Italy. The road connected Rome and Brindisi.
10. 250

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Encanto (PG)
2. Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
3. House of Gucci (R)
4. Eternals (PG-13)
5. Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City (R)
6. Clifford the Big Red Dog (PG)
7. King Richard (PG-13)
8. Dune: Part One (PG-13)
9. No Time to Die (PG-13)
10. Venom: Carnage (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports

Paxson named to IBCA hall

Stark Co. girls drop 3, illness/tracing sideline boys

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The best news of the past week for any Stark County basketball program came from the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association, which announced that girls coach Scott Paxson has been selected for induction to the IBCA Hall of Fame.

Paxson started at Toulon as girls head coach in 1989 and served in that role for three seasons prior to the Stark County High School consolidation. After consolidation, he served as sophomore coach under Gary Johnson for eight years.

Paxson took over as head coach from Johnson in 2000 and has been at the helm of the girls program ever since. Last spring, Paxson surpassed his 400th career win.

His teams have won 20 or more games 10 times and have won six regional championships, including the 2006-07 squad that went 26-6 and reached the Elite Eight before falling to Jacksonville Rountt, 35-28. Whitney Rumbold was top scorer on that team at 15.3 points per game.

“I wasn’t born here, but I say I’m from here,” Paxson has said in interviews about his career, which includes time as



Paxson

SC athletic director and assistant football coach.

Paxson is retiring after this school year and will be honored at the IBCA Hall of Fame banquet on April 30, 2022.

On the court, the Lady Rebels (1-6) dropped three straight games.

The best performance was Monday at Aledo, where Stark County dropped a 46-36 game to Mercer County. Down just 26-20 at halftime, SC was outscored 15-7 in the third quarter, which provided a lead the Lady Rebels could not overtake.

Kylee Frisby led SC with 19 points, Paige Rewerts added 6 and McKenzie Tilch and Payten Hillier scored 4 apiece.

Last Saturday afternoon, the Lady Rebels fell to Kewanee, 51-33, despite 16 points from Frisby and 8 from Paige Rewerts. After a 4-4 first quarter, SC was outscored 24-10 in the second quarter as Kewanee took control.

On Dec. 2, the Lady Rebels lost 52-9 at home to Illini Bluffs. Stark County fell behind 20-3 after one quarter and never got closer.

The girls are home against Midland on Saturday for an 11 a.m. start.

Stark Co. Boys Basketball

COVID contact tracing and strep throat took a toll on the Stark County boys basketball team, which had to postpone last Friday’s game at Brimfield to

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