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Toulon man arrested, charged with child pornography

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**
 and **JEFF LAMPE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Jason R. Musselman, of Toulon, faces nine felony charges of possession of child pornography following a Jan. 21 hearing in the Stark County Courthouse. After the hearing, Musselman was released from custody when \$25,000 was posted – 10 percent of the bond of \$250,000 set at the hearing.

Conditions of Musselman's release are that he must wear a GPS tracking monitor device, have no contact with minors, not

use the Internet and surrender his passport.

Musselman, who is married

and has two children, has retained private counsel, attorney Kevin F. Sullivan of Peoria, as his defense counsel. Musselman and Sullivan are scheduled to make an attorney's appearance at the Stark County Courthouse in



Musselman

Toulon today, Jan. 28.

The possibility also exists that Musselman's case could be tried on the federal level.

On the basis of an investigation regarding possession of child pornography that lasted for several months, a search warrant was obtained by the Illinois State Police. On Jan. 19, officers conducted a search of the vehicles and home of Musselman, 34.

After seizure of various electronic devices – including telephones, thumb drives, computers and an SD card – Musselman was arrested for possession of

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child pornography and incarcerated in the Stark County Jail in Toulon.

According to the Illinois State Police, the investigation stems from an Aug. 1, 2021, tip that was received by the National

Center for Missing and Exploited Children. The tip alleged that child pornography was being sent on a messaging app, Kik. Using the IP address linked to the Kik account, State Police investigators narrowed the search to a user in Toulon. After receiving a subpoena, Mediacom connected the IP address to Musselman and his job.

Musselman's initial court appearance on Jan. 21 was for an arraignment and bond setting. He was charged with nine felony counts of possession of child pornography. *Continued on Page 2*

LOCAL BUSINESS EXPANDS

New Bo/Gar facility opens in Wyoming

WYOMING – Bo/Gar Enterprises has opened a second facility in Wyoming. The property is the former Wyoming Motors building and was previously purchased as a storage facility in 2020. The building will now house a 10,000-square-foot fabrication shop complete with a new laser, welders, and brake press.

With the new addition comes an increased need for new employees. Bo/Gar is looking to hire upwards of 20 new employees immediately to fill staffing needs in the facility and in the main shop.

"We are very happy to be growing in Stark County," President Jon Knoblauch said. "We have expanded our current facility four times now. With the increase in business, we have experienced over the past few years we are bursting at the seams. The increased space Di-



Pictured above is the former storage facility that will now house a new 10,000-square-foot fabrication shop for Bo/Gar Enterprises. Bo/Gar's second shop will include a new laser, welders and a brake press. Photo by John A. Ballentine.

vision 2 opens up will allow us to keep up with our customers' demands while increasing capacity for new customers."

The business structure at Bo/Gar consists of complex assemblies along with precision CNC machining. The assembly department purchased a large variety of weldments and fabrications. When work slowed

down in 2020 due to the pandemic, the company looked for ways to save money and keep the employees busy. They began analyzing purchased fabricated parts and brought them in-house for welding only. This new process spawned the idea of starting a new division.

Bo/Gar started to look through all *Continued on Page 2*

Galva revises liquor ordinance

New bathroom for senior center

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva City Council approved \$2,500 to pay a plumber for a new handicapped bathroom for the Galva Senior Citizen Center.

Center director Pam Kelly told the council Monday night that the Center has supported Galva senior citizens for over 40 years and that the facility, located on Front Street, also serves as a polling place for elections. By law, the polling place is required to provide ADA approved bathrooms.

Kelly said her bid was \$8,200 for the new bathroom and she has raised \$2,200 from several donations from businesses and individuals. She said she has asked her church to help with the work but they do not have a certified plumber. The Center also needs some electrical updates.

The council approved the money to be taken from the TIF funds. The goal is to get the required work completed in time for the next election on Nov. 1.

The council approved final changes to the city's liquor ordinance. The ordinance now states that all minors must be out of any establishment that serves food and alcohol by 10 p.m. The re-

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MUSSELMAN: Jan. 28 court appearance scheduled

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nography: eight Class 2 felonies and one Class 3 felony. Class 2 felonies are each punishable with 3-7 years in prison. Class 3 felonies face 2-5 years in prison.

Stark County State's Attorney Caroline Borden Campion indicated that analysis of the volume of the evidence is ongoing and said more charges may be filed.

Prosecutors allege that images of girls between the age of 10-12 "engaged in sexual acts" were found on the devices seized. Explicit images of a child under the age of 13 were also allegedly found.

During court proceedings, Borden Campion sought bond of \$750,000. Circuit Judge Bruce P. Fehren-

bacher appointed Robert M. McBride, Stark County Public Defender, as temporary defense council for Musselman. McBride requested bail bond be set at \$100,000, arguing that Musselman is not a flight risk and has no criminal background.

Judge Fehrenbacher found probable cause and set Musselman's bail bond at \$250,000.

Musselman will remain on the Toulon City Council, where he serves as an alderman for Ward Two, unless he is convicted of a felony, Mayor Larry Hollis told WMBD.

"I'm disappointed in all this. It's a shock to the community because he was involved in a lot," Hollis was quoted as saying by WMBD.

In addition to serving as an alder-

man, Musselman has been affiliated with the Toulon Fire Department, the Toulon Civic Association, the Toulon Old Settlers Association and was an announcer at Stark County High School football and basketball games and a football statistician. He also worked as a DJ and farmed.

Musselman is former publisher of the Stark County News weekly newspaper, a job he held from 2009 until 2018. He is also the former Stark County ESDA Director. Musselman resigned from that position on Dec. 15, 2015. His resignation came two days after the Stark County Board tabled a plan to terminate Musselman from the position during a meeting when several supporters spoke on his behalf.

GALVA: Towing fee for traffic stops to increase

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vised ordinance also states that no alcohol can be sold 30 minutes before closing.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend will deliver a copy of the amended ordinance to all establishments on Tuesday.

The council unanimously voted to change the towing fee for certain traffic stops from \$100 to \$150, administration fee from \$25 to \$100 and impound fee from \$25 to \$35 per day. There are 13 traffic stops that can warrant a vehicle to be towed in Galva. These include DUI, illegal drug possession/use, no valid drivers license, fleeing and eluding and others.

The council will have Chief Townsend work with City Administrator David Dyer on the ordinance and bring it before the council at the February meeting.

The council approved a bid from Core and Main for 18 fire hydrants

and extra parts for \$48,147. Water Superintendent Greg Thompson said that a recent water leak survey found 18 leaking fire hydrants in the city.

It was reported that Rural Development, which is in charge of paying the bills for income-based apartments located on Northwest 7th Avenue, has stopped paying for garbage. The city had hired someone early in 2021 and again this month to haul away the trash. A letter will be sent to Rural Development giving them 10 days to comply with trash pick up or a fine of \$75 to \$500 per day will be imposed. The apartments' water bill is up to date, but will be shut off if it gets behind.

Third ward alderman Dougie Anderson said that he has had several people ask him about the ice skating rink in Wiley Park, which has not been open yet this season. He said that he feels "we need a plan next year."

Supervisor Richard Plummer asked residents not to put garbage cans in the street. He said you can't plow snow with cans in the street. Plummer requests that citizens put them on the terrace.

The council discussed several homes that need immediate attention. The Hemphill home on Southeast 4th Street is in the process of coming down, Justin West the owner of a house on Southeast First Street can not be located to get his paperwork. Another house in the 200 block of Northwest First Avenue needs immediate attention. It was noted that the house has been sold for years in back taxes amounting to \$7,100.

The council went into closed session for legal reasons and afterwards voted to: "look into resolution 152 to possibly make changes." Mayor Rich Volkert said he could not make a comment on what that meant at this time.

BO/GAR: Seeks to hire over 20 new employees

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of the parts they purchased and found ways to

make their own rather than purchasing them elsewhere.

"We immediately noticed an avenue for potential growth and cost savings," Knoblauch said. "We poured concrete pads for the new equipment and ordered a laser that we received in September of 2021. The brake press was the last piece of the puzzle which we just installed last week. So, we

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Felonies & Misdemeanors

1-14 - Domestic violence - Julie B. Weir - Two counts of domestic battery.

1-19 - Felony - Jason R. Musselman - Nine counts of child pornography.

1-24 - Felony - Brittany R. Lopez - Possession of meth, illegal insurance cards, display false insurance card, unlicensed, operating an uninsured vehicle, mufflers, registration light and display plate attachment.



Incidents & Accidents Stark County

1-17 - A two-vehicle accident occurred on Route 78 north of 300N. The drivers involved were Donald E. Bantz, 72, of Laura, and John M. Cervantes, 53, Wasco, Calif.. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued

1-15 - Mychel R. Carder, 44, Toulon, was ticketed for driving without a valid driver's license.

1-19 - Amie L. Stutler, 34, Castleton, was cited for no vehicle insurance. She was issued a notice to appear.

1-21 - Quinton A. Maes, 28, Toulon, was ticketed for driving an uninsured vehicle..

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

1-17 - to the 400 block of NW 5th St. to assist a citizen who locked themselves out of the house. A relative had a spare key and brought it over.

1-18 - to the 800 block of NE 1st Ave. for a 911 hang up call. It was determined to be children playing with a phone.

1-18 - to assist Henry County with a vehicle search during a traffic stop just west of town on Route 34.

1-19 - to 300 N. at 2150 East for a single-vehicle rollover accident involving several juveniles. Henry County handled the crash report.

1-20 - Officer was notified about a possible burglary that occurred within the past month in the 200 block of Exchange St.

1-20 - to a business on SE 2nd st. in reference to a fraud complaint involving counterfeit checks.

1-20 - to 400 block of N. Center Ave. for an animal complaint.

1-20 - to a residence on SW 6th Ave. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.

1-20 - to the 200 block of SE 6th St. for a suspicious vehicle complaint. Officer checked the area and was not able to locate.

1-21 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of Chester St., Shannon Moler, 48, Galva, was arrested for driving under the influence and failure to use a turn signal when required. She was released with a required court date.

1-21 - to the 200 block of SE 4th

Ave. for a trespassing complaint. As the result, Leianne Fabry, 61, Galva, was arrested for criminal trespass to property. She was released with a court date.

1-21 - to the west edge of town to watch for a vehicle that had fled eastbound from an Alpha Police Department officer.

1-21 - to a parking complaint in the 200 block of SE 3rd St.

1-21 - As the result of a traffic stop on the 1000 block of SW 2nd St., Dareon Zachary, 21, of Kewanee, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

1-22 - to assist Kewanee Police Department to check a residence in reference to a gas drive-off.

1-23 - to assist the ambulance with a medical emergency on S. Center Ave.

Property Transfers

1-21 - Mildred J. Allen to Richard Frail - Pts 22-12-5 NW - 3034 Sharkey Highway, Toulon - Consideration = \$45,000.

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Pipeline gold rush hitting America

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That's right, pipelines; pressurized carbon dioxide (CO2) pipelines designed to carry CO2 from Midwestern ethanol plants to "sequestration" sites in either North Dakota or Illinois.

Itchy investors are already lining up to tap these veins of climate-changing CO2. Amazingly, three-multi-billion dollar pipelines have been proposed to cross Iowa to carry CO2 from more than 40 ethanol plants in five states – Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, North and South Dakota, and Minnesota – to sequestration sites.



Alan GUEBERT

All will be expensive. One pipeline proposal, called Navigator CO2 Ventures – which will pass through Knox and Henry counties – will cost an estimated \$3 billion to bury 1,300 miles of pipe to carry 15 million tons of CO2 per year from the Midwest to North Dakota.

Another, announced Jan. 11 by Archer Daniels Midland, will run 350 miles to connect ADM's Iowa and Illinois ethanol plants and terminate in Decatur, where it will deliver 12 million tons of CO2 per year to be stored almost 8,000 feet underground.

The third – and most controversial – is planned by Summit Carbon So-

lutions, an Iowa company with deep ties to former Gov. Terry Branstad, the recent U.S. ambassador to China, and Tom Vilsack, also a former governor and current U.S. secretary of agriculture.

(In mid-December, Branstad wrote a blistering letter, on Summit letterhead, that attacked pipeline critics as "not friends of Iowa or its farmers." On Jan. 5, Mother Jones reported that Secretary Vilsack's son, "veteran corporate lawyer Jess Vilsack, took a job with an Iowa outfit [Summit] that could cash in from" his father's influence on White House climate change policies.)

Each builder claims its pipeline will create "permanent" jobs, but as if to showcase just how fluid the underlying math is to any "carbon capture and sequestration" (CCS) scheme is, those numbers vary from as small as 50 to as many as 460.

An even bigger question is what pipeline builders will do with their carbon once it is transported to its sequestration site. All, like Summit, say the CO2 will be "permanently and safely stored underground in deep geologic storage rooms."

Not so, believe pipeline opponents like Iowa's Sierra Club, who say much of the pipeline CO2 will be "used for Enhanced Oil Recovery," a "process of pumping CO2 into dwindling oil fields to get the last bit of oil out of the ground." The proof is that two of the Iowa-crossing pipelines terminate in North Dakota, a large "frac" oil producer, explains the non-profit environmental organization.

If true, any carbon sequestration claim – at times calculated as the equivalent of "removing 2.6 million

cars per year" or sequestering "three times Des Moines carbon footprint" per year" – is, like CO2 itself, just a whole lot of gas.

More importantly, the real money in CO2 arrives courtesy of the federal "Section 45Q Tax Credit for Carbon Sequestration." Currently, that credit is \$31.77 per ton for "geologically sequestered CO2" and \$20.22 per ton if used in oil recovery.

This means the anticipated tax benefits – that, in all likelihood, will be resold on secondary carbon markets – would be worth at least \$400 million per year to any of the three Iowa pipeline projects if used to permanently store CO2 and one-third less if used in oil recovery.

In 2026, however, that federal credit rises to \$50 per ton for stored CO2 and \$35 per ton for oil-recovery CO2, effectively doubling the companies' annual take. Over the course of 20 years then, those benefits – even if they don't grow – will run into the billions for any pipeline builder.

And that massive cost, borne mostly by taxpayers and reaped mostly by well-connected insiders, completely bypasses any debate over not producing the CO2 in the first place, by far the best, most effective CO2 mitigation program.

As such, this new gold rush, like most, will end with the very few grabbing all the riches and everyone else paying for it.

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The good, the bad and the painful

Sports fanaticism fascinates me. What makes somebody paint their face and wear a ridiculous outfit in public? What makes people jump through tables after coating themselves with mustard? We call these folks diehards, yet in most other walks of life, such behavior could be cause for institutionalization

And that's just for the outward displays of fanaticism. Worse yet are the inner ragings a loss can trigger. Every fan base thinks they have it bad – even Cowboys backers claim hardship, which is ridiculous.

Cubs fans once had the market cornered on angst, but no longer. In the NFL, 12 teams have not won a

Super Bowl, some due to epic heartbreak. Atop that list, I put the Buffalo Bills, no matter what you Vikings fans may say.

My mother, God rest her soul, once made the mistake of calling, giddily, to celebrate a Bills win over Tennessee before time had expired. That's the only time I ever hung up on her. Hey, that was an NFL play-off game, and there was no room for error. Naturally, after the Bills kicked to Tennessee with 16 seconds left, the Titans won by returning the kick for a touchdown, thanks mostly to an illegal forward pass. The other factor was my mother being a jinx. In Nashville they call that the Music City Miracle. To me it's just life as a Bills fan, a calling that ranks high on my list of blessings and on my list of curses.

I spent last week in Buffalo, mov-

ing dad home. On our first night back in the foursquare house he has lived in for 52 years, we celebrated an almost perfect win over New England ... late into the night. The next evening, as the city recovered from a Belichick exorcism, it snowed 22 inches and we couldn't drive for days. A city plow finally showed up 48 hours after the heavy stuff stopped. So what. The Bills had won.

While waiting and shoveling, I helped push several impatient drivers out of snowdrifts. Everyone was wearing Bills gear – even little kids and young mothers. Nearly every conversation that didn't mention snow focused on Bills vs. Chiefs. Sports talk heated up all week. On the flight to Chicago last Friday, one-third of the passengers were headed for Kansas City and sharing

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
Wyoming Cemetery Association is accepting bids for the Wyoming Cemetery for mowing season 2022.
Bids will include mowing, trimming, and picking up debris around the cemetery. Equipment will be furnished by the Wyoming Cemetery Association. Deadline for bids is February 28, 2022. Wyoming Cemetery Association reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
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Jeff LAMPE

Pritzker vetoes leave bill for teachers

By PETER HANCOCK

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker on Monday vetoed a bill that would have provided paid administrative leave for public school and university employees who miss work due to COVID-19-related issues and instead negotiated “compromise” legislation that would provide such leave to only those who are fully vaccinated.

“Vaccines are a vital tool in preventing the deadly effects of COVID-19, and those who take the steps to be fully vaccinated against this virus are doing their part to keep

everyone safe,” Pritzker said in his veto message. “They deserve to be able to take the time they need to respond to the ongoing devastating impacts the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have on them and their families.”

House Bill 2778 passed the General Assembly during the fall veto session with bipartisan majorities.

It would have provided paid leave for any employee who missed work because they or someone in their household contracted COVID-19, if they or a family member was forced to stay home because they’d been in

close contact with someone who had tested positive, or if they could not work because the school building was closed due to COVID-19. To be eligible, however, the bill said the employee must either have been vaccinated or been in a COVID-19 testing program provided by the district.

Pritzker’s veto action Monday means those who choose not to be vaccinated will not be eligible for paid administrative leave.

Pritzker said he has also been negotiating with teachers unions to negotiate a different package with a stronger vaccine requirement.

LAMPE: Bills vs. Chiefs 2nd worse game ever

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he Bills Mafia password, “Go Bills.” There’s something soothing about such commonality in a time when we can’t agree on anything. Sports does that. It can bring us together. That’s good.

And when you call your “home” a place whose claim to fame is leading the country in snowfall, in a community of friendly, hard-working people that was once referred to as “the armpit of the East,” you need something to help keep your head held high. For many Buffalonians, that has always been the Bills. That is also good.

Then Sunday arrived. Somehow, the Chiefs rallied to tie after trailing by three with 13 seconds left, then won in overtime. Those too-common happenings are why I ignore

calls or texts during games, unless they come from actual Bills fans. Few others understand the depths, though my poor children are learning. As I told the youngest when it was over, before leaving to wander the streets aimlessly, “this is the essence of being a Buffalo Bills fan.”

Afterwards, some called the Chiefs’ win the “greatest NFL play-off game ever.” Maybe for the Chiefs, or for an NFL fan hoping for excitement. I call it one of the three worst games ever, behind only Jan. 27, 1991. That’s the last time I felt this much sports-induced pain. Earlier that day, my red-headed girlfriend had told me we were done and that I needed to find somewhere else to live. When the Super Bowl that night ended in a Bills’ loss on a wide right 47-yard

field goal – incorrectly rated one of the best Super Bowls – the streets of Champaign called. I had no girlfriend. I had nowhere to live. Worst of all was that the Bills had lost the Super Bowl. You can always find a girl or somewhere to live. As a fan, you can’t change the game.

Sunday night I pounded the pavement in Elmwood. It was different. My wife puts up with me ... she even lost her voice yelling for the Bills. I have a place to live. But it’s the same, too. In recent years I have read many obituaries of deceased Cubs fans lauding their long-awaited World Series win. Every time, I wonder, will I get to write that?

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com

AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE

Public Auction

Because I have moved I will have a public auction of tools and shop equipment at 215 West Ferris Street Galesburg, IL

Sunday, January 30 at 12 noon

Tools to include: light duty metal shelving, hand tools, pallet racking, port a power, 1 room air conditioner, patio table and chairs, drop leaf table and 2 chairs, large dog crate, nail and bolt bins, bench top drill press, shop table and benches, bench grinder, oxygen tanks, large welding table, welding clamps, white folding tables, scrap metal, chainsaw chain sharpener, Forge 5” multi purpose vise, welding rod, ¼ ton rocking auxiliary stands, extension cords, shop stools, Thermo Dynamics Cut Master plasma cutter, (2) 1,500# high reach jack stands, jack stands, bottle jacks, Miller CST 280 welder, large clevis, roll around carts, engine lift, Jobsmart Abrasive blaster, Murray push mower, log chains, hitch inserts, sway bars, step ladders, gas powered post hole digger, large amount of long handle tools, backpack sprayer, nylon sling, ratchet straps, fire pits, garbage cans, nice battery charger air pig, chain binders, electric pressure washer, shop vac, 110,000 BTU furnace w/ A coil and duct work, Sanborn 60 gal upright 220 volt air compressor, several air hoses on retractable reels, LP heaters, fishing poles, garden sprayers, PEX line, electrical wire, truck fuel tank w/ 12 volt 13 gallon pump, 5 extension ladders, roofing supplies, chain hoist, tool boxes, wheel barrows, ladder stand offs, replacement windows, 20’ walk pick, assortment of truck tires, ATV ramps, lawn mower lifts, dolly carts, concrete sprayers, misc dimension lumber, oxy acetylene torch w/ cart, garden hose, ladder jacks, Poulon chain saw, electric tools, ladder rack for a full size Chevy truck.

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Real Estate Auction

Because my father has moved a public auction of real estate will be held at

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Saturday January 29 @ 9 a.m.

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The curious case of Wyoming's Morris Lampson

By **DON SCHMIDT**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Genealogists in the Prairie News circulation area are privileged to have free online access to old weekly newspapers from Bradford, Galva, Henry, Toulon and Wyoming, as well as daily newspapers from Kewanee and Geneseo. Part of the fun of searching these old newspapers is discovering interesting, unrelated articles.

For example, I was asked by a Stark County Genealogical Society patron to find an obituary for Mary J. Francis Lampson. Lampson died in 1875 and is buried in Wyoming Cemetery, but there is no cemetery record for her husband, Morris C. Lampson.

My search for Morris Lampson in

the Wyoming Post turned up an interesting story. Morris Lampson and an \$80 cash payroll for the William Taylor coal mine disappeared at Christmastime in 1880. Lampson was never found.

Over four and a half years later, a domestic battery case on the north side of Wyoming created quite a kerfuffle. William Sowards became intoxicated, “lost his manhood,” and beat his wife. An enraged Mrs. Sowards reportedly screamed within earshot of two neighbor ladies, “To get even with you, I will tell what I know about Morris Lampson.”

Mrs. William Bunyan told a reporter that Mrs. Sowards said Morris Lampson was thrown into the well of the Conover Mill. Mrs. Sowards denied that she had said this.

Nevertheless, the whole town was up in arms. Men worked day and night draining water from the 98-foot well. A pulley arrangement with a barrel attached was lowered into the well using horses. A Mr. Moats rode to the bottom of the well but found nothing. The excited investigators had expected to find human bones. They thought they would have been able to identify Morris Lampson's skull, since part of his jawbone was shot off in the Civil War.

Another well in Wyoming was investigated similarly. The body of the missing man was not found and the mystery remained unsolved.

The consensus of opinion over time grew to be that Morris Lampson embezzled the mine payroll and disappeared out west.

Senior meal delivery resuming in Bradford

By **ANGIE STANGE**

For The Prairie News

BRADFORD – Senior citizens of the Bradford community will once again be able to purchase a discounted meal. The Bradford Snack Shack will deliver pre-ordered meals to the Senior Center/Village Hall at noon on Mondays.

If you are a senior citizen in the Bradford community and want to

participate in this weekly program, please call the Bradford Snack Shack at (309) 897-2233 by 3 p.m. on the Friday before to place your order. The meals are \$5 each.

The following is the menu for the meals throughout February:

- Feb. 7 - Meatball sub, potato salad and fruit cup.
- Feb. 14 - Chicken noodle soup with breadsticks and fruit cup.

- Feb. 21 - Shepherd's pie, peaches and chocolate chip cookie.
- Feb. 28 - BBQ pulled chicken, coleslaw and applesauce.

The meals are subject to change due to availability. The Snack Shack plans to continue this service in future months.

In addition, participants are encouraged to plan to stay after lunch to socialize and play Bingo.

Galva Chamber has annual meeting Feb. 5

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual meeting Saturday, Feb. 5, at Mary's Family Dining from 6-8 p.m.

Those to be honored at the event include the 2021 Galva Citizen of the Year Dave McClintic and the Friends of the Chamber, who are Gary and Shearon Armel.



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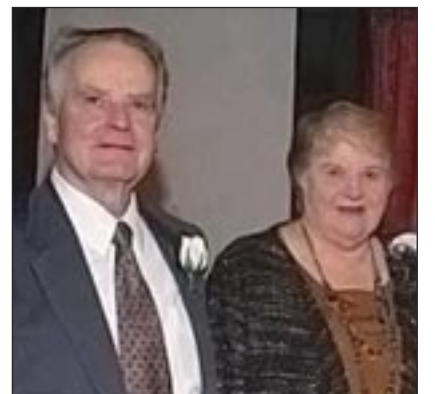
The evening will begin with a buffet supper, the presentations, an-

nual meeting and the naming of new Chamber officers and board for 2022.

The public is invited to attend. Tickets are \$20 per person and you must call City Hall at (309) 932-2555 or email hanksstacy40@gmail.com by Jan. 31 to make reservations.

If you are interested in joining the Galva Chamber of Commerce, dues are \$100 for businesses and \$20 for individuals.

The current officers are Stacy Hanks, president; Carson Halsall, vice president; Jake Anderson, secretary; and Adam Jaquet, treasurer. Board members include Mike Yepsen, Melissa Halsall, Barry Mil-



Gary and Shearon Armel will be the Friends of the Galva Chamber and honored Saturday, Feb. 5, at Mary's Family Dining. Submitted photo.

lender, Mike Keup and Brian Anderson.

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Stark County Community Services, Inc. Is the umbrella corporation under which several agencies operate. Included in these are the Resource House, Stark County Emergency Food Pantry, and Pregnancy Resource Center.

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BRIEFS

College honors

- **Sydney Wisnefski**, of Wyoming, has made the Fall 2021 Dean's List (3.60 gpa or better) at Westminster College.
- **Makayla Morales**, of Toulon, has made the Fall 2021 Dean's List (3.50 gpa or better) at the University of Iowa.
- The following local students made the fall 2021 Dean's List (3.50 gpa or better) at Iowa State University: **Mitchell James Martin**, **Mitchell Shimmin**, and **Jack Remington Wilson** all of Toulon; **Landon Charles Kieser** and **Levi Nusz** both of Wyoming.
- **Lena Becker**, of Toulon, has made the Fall 2021 Dean's List (3.4 gpa or better) at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.
- **Chase Williams**, of Princeville, has made the Fall 2021 Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better) at Carl Sandburg College.

- The following local students made the fall 2021 Honor Roll at Carl Sandburg College: **Cameron Guinnee** and **Eden Juarez** of Galva; **Rosa Simaytis** of LaFayette.
- The following local students, all of Wyoming, made the fall 2021 Dean's List (3.5 gpa or better) at Bradley University: **Shaunta Teague**, **Levi Dietz**, **Allison Kieser** and **Karsyn Rewerts**.

- The following local students achieved High Honors (3.75 gpa or above) at Black Hawk College – East Campus for the Fall 2021 semester: **Jordan McCauley**, **Tobias Stahl**, and **Colby Wall** of Bradford. **Sarah Alarie**, **Haley Beaman**, **McKenna Bleem**, **Madison Coverdill**, **Joshua Dunn Jr.**, **Laura Endress**, **Emma Frank**, **Samantha Haney**, **Holly Hoenic**, **Amy Hoffmann**, **Ryan Holmen**, **Kayla Jiras**, **Kylee Larson**, **Samantha Lind**, **Aidan Moore**, **Makenna Pidgeon**, **Savannah Platt**, **Keigan Rylander**, **Julia Stahl**, **Jenna Suddeth**, and **Chevy-Lynn Vaske** of Galva; **David Mock** of LaFayette; **Chase Howell** of Laura; **Sierra Force** and **Aleah Wykart** of Princeville;

Chandler Colgan, **Jack Colgan**, **Sarah Fairfield**, **Chloe Irving**, **Te'a Olmsted**, **Emily Orrick**, **Kaitlyn Orrick**, **Kylie Salisbury** and **Carli Wright** of Toulon; **Adeleine Coats**, **Kylee Frisby**, **Hayley Gillam**, **Lindley Johnston**, **Jacob Nusz** and **Blake Orwig** of Wyoming.

• The following local students made the Honor's list (3.5 gpa or better) for the Fall 2021 semester at Black Hawk College – East Campus: **Taegan Hanlin**, **Spencer Kemp**, **Mya Kirgan**, **Cheyenne Montano**, **Tyler Piester**, **Wade Rachel**, **Brooklynn Reynolds** and **Tressa Rogers** of Galva; **Gladys Ramos** and **Blair Snyder** of LaFayette; **Isaac Melton** and **Ashley Orrick** of Toulon; **Matthew McCauley** and **Drew Rumbold** of Wyoming.

Better Banks sponsors Cuddles with kindness

PEORIA – Better Banks is pleased to once again sponsor the 2022 Cuddles with Kindness Valentine's Day Teddy Bear Drive and serve as a drop-off location.

Cuddles with Kindness was founded by Taylor Larson after she spent two weeks in the Children's Hospital of Illinois as a child. Now in its 13th year, Cuddles with Kindness continues to provide stuffed animals to children who are patients at OSF Children's Hospital.

This Valentine's Day Drive is the group's largest event of the year and the hope is to collect thousands of stuffed animals for the children visiting the hospital throughout the year.

"Better Banks is happy to support such a wonderful cause and assist as a drop-off location at all of our branch locations again this year," said Mike Stratton, President of Better Banks.

The Wyoming branch of Better Banks will also accept new stuffed animals, which must be submitted (with tags) by Feb. 4.

To learn more about their mission, visit CuddleswithKindness.org.

Black Hawk offers career options

GALVA – Are you looking for a new career? Access to training and education will ensure you are prepared for your future. At the East Campus of Black Hawk College, we offer a wide array of career and transfer options to individuals pursuing their professional goals. Classes are taught by instructors who are passionate about their field and courses are offered both in-person and online options.

Transfer options include an Associate of Arts, Associate of Applied Science, and Agriculture Transfer degrees. The East Campus successfully transfers students to over thirty universities throughout the United States annually to fields in engineering, nursing, and science to name a few.

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For more information, please contact the East Campus recruiter at (309) 854-1724 or email at myersk@bhc.edu.

Et cetera

GALESBURG – The first show of 2022 in the Lonnie Eugene Stewart Art Gallery at Carl Sandburg College will highlight the works of eight talented area photographers and runs through March 18. The show, Modern Alchemy, features photography by Ann Conver, Eric Trent, Jane E. Miller, Fritz Goeckner, Tim Schroll, Mike Godsil, Tom Foley and Rich Ankeney.

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SPORTS: LTC at Galva

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Galva Girls Basketball
The Galva girls topped West Central on Monday, 51-43. That followed up on a win over Stark County last Saturday in the finals of the LTC tournament at Wyoming. Galva won 43-22 in the 11th place game and the team also wore special warmups to honor the late Ken Russell, father of Coach Dan Russell.

Abingdon-Avon (17-5) won the LTC title, topping Princeville, 42-37.

Knoxville placed third after topping Annawan, 47-39. Ridgewood took fifth with a 44-36 win over

West Central, ROWVA-Williamsfield was seventh after beating United, 48-43, and Mercer County placed ninth.

Stark County Girls Basketball
The Lady Rebels fell in the LTC 11th-place game on Saturday, 43-22.

Stark County is to play Henry on Saturday starting at 11 a.m.

Galva Boys Basketball
Galva is seeded No. 12 in the LTC tournament, which the school is hosting, and was to open play Thursday against top-seed Knoxville. Galva then plays Stark County today at 7:30 p.m. Games continue Feb. 1, 4 and 5, with



Galva's 8th grade boys basketball team placed second in the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament last week. Pictured above are, Front Row (left to right): Braden Murphy, Ian Pacheco, Ty Dowell-Keup, Jay Smith, JP Sloan and Gage Simoneaux. Back Row (l to r): Coach Patrick Sloan, Blake Stahl, Bryant Jeffrey, Alex Davis and Reid Harris. Photo by Mersman Memories Photography.

the Feb. 5 title game set for 6:30 p.m.

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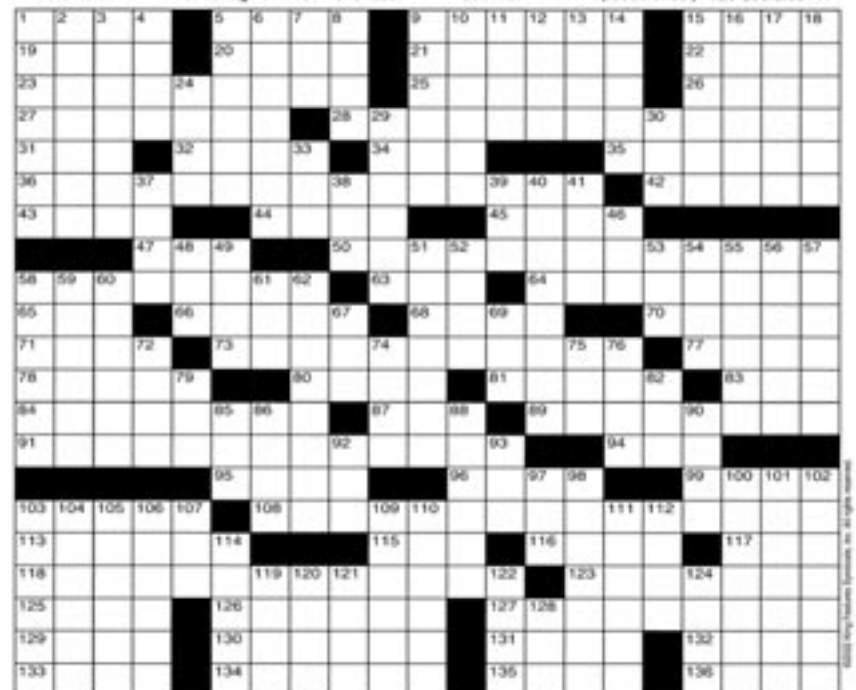
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Super Crossword SLICK MIDDLE

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| ACROSS | DOWN | DOWN | DOWN |
| 1 Musical | 1 Sends back | 38 Lit. extra | 85 Bad deed |
| 5 Bark acct. | 2 Euphoria | 39 Uncanny | 86 Sausage |
| 9 Skate parts | 3 Female | 40 Wets a bit | 88 "Doggone!" |
| 15 Church seats | boncho | 41 "Ew, gross!" | 90 Penne — vodka |
| 19 Students at | 4 "You wish!" | 46 Marina del | 92 Mental haze |
| Yale | 5 Most | —, California | 93 "You're oversharing" in texts |
| 20 — avis (one of a kind) | liberated | 48 PC screen | 97 They may run Windows |
| 21 Actor Shaw | 6 Go on a brief yacht outing | 49 Frigate, e.g. | 98 Some trig functions |
| 22 Take one's leave | 7 Furious state | 51 Ralph of "The Karate Kid" | 100 Like "penne" and "graffiti" |
| 23 Photoelectric cells used for | 8 Wine vessel | 52 Duel weapon | 101 Seek pleadingly |
| Cling | 9 Madon of film | 53 Govt. med | 102 Go ahead of |
| 25 Title heroine of a 2001 French film | 10 Chinese | 54 Bona — | 103 Went uphill or downhill |
| 26 Onetime rival of Nintendo | noodle dish | 55 Smoothed (out) | 104 Baseballer Moys |
| 27 Charges to get some quick cash | 11 Aid in wrongdoing | 56 "My Heart Will Go On" singer Dion | 105 "Who's interested?" |
| 28 Property of a body in motion | 12 Sandwich shop | 57 Brokerage employee | 106 Tone down |
| 31 Vandal of the screen | 13 Actor Bana of "Munch" | 58 Alpine abode | 107 Have dinner |
| 32 Months of "Bad Boys" | 14 Control the course of | 59 "The Raven" co-star Bela | 109 Liam of film |
| 34 Roman 1,501 | 15 Pre-euro Spanish money | 60 Absorbed | 110 Author Hemingway |
| 35 Noisy lot toy | 16 Puts forth | 61 Academy | 111 Australia's main airline |
| 36 Principles of household management | 17 Move like a hula dancer | 62 Writ for court appearance | 112 Force along |
| 38 Rooted (in) | 18 Didn't leave | 63 Arafat's gp. | 114 Kid-ill's |
| 43 Hidden obstacle | 19 Ho-hum grades | 64 Dayton-to-Toledo dir. | 115 Longstocking |
| | 20 "No worries, dude" | 65 Trac II successor | 119 Upset landing area |
| | 21 Catch red-handed | 66 Atsorbey | 120 Part of QED |
| | 22 Here, to Yves | 67 Academy | 121 Windmill part |
| | 23 Pulitzer-winning novelist Jennifer | 68 UFL ending | 122 Healing sign |
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OBITUARIES

Gerald Duane Begner

PRINCEVILLE – Gerald Duane “Pete” Begner, 54, of Princeville, passed away at 4:23 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Pete was born on Oct. 24, 1967, in Peoria, the son of Louis and Thella Begner.

Surviving are his mother, Thella of Princeville; five brothers, Mack (Clara) Conway of Wyoming, Ben (Jeanne) Conway of High Springs, Fla., Kevin Conway of Princeville, Butch Begner of Princeville and Thomas Begner of Columbus, Ind.; six sisters, Gale Linder of Princeville, Dianna Presseller of Chillicothe, Terry (Matt) Bohm of Chillicothe, Bonnie (Todd) Christner of Crothersville, Ind., Reba (Rick) Wathern of East Peoria, and Alesia (Dennis) Bohanan of Princeville; many nieces and nephews; and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father and his grandparents.

Pete worked as a carpet installer for many years and worked at Alcoa Building Products. He loved riding his bicycle, working with horses, listening to music, helping people on the job or those in need. Pete explored many jobs and enjoyed doing them.

Pete’s visitation with family and friends will be Friday, Feb. 4, 2022, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Rev. Chris Carpenter will officiate. A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. immediately following the visitation.

Memorial contributions may be made to OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice.

Online condolences may be left for Pete’s family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

James L Colgan

BRADFORD – James L Colgan, 77, of Bradford, passed away on Jan. 23, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was born July 24, 1944, to Francis and Lucille Colgan. He married Mary Carol Hall on Nov. 30, 1968, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Peoria Ill. She preceded him in death on Jan. 23, 2013.

He is survived by his children: Blake Colgan, Jamie (John) Murphy, Lindsey Colgan and Brock Colgan all of Bradford; Three brothers Bill (Carol) Colgan of Princeville, Robert (Virginia) Colgan of Bradford, Joe (Sandi) Colgan of Bradford and three sisters Helen (Ken) Slane of Peoria, Mary Ann (Butch) Knobloch of Tiskilwa, and Peggy (Robert) Bauer of Marcy, N.Y. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Natalie and Ryan

Murphy, Hayden Holton, Julius Tyus and Taylor and Nolan Colgan.

Jim served in the Army Reserves then worked as a residential carpenter in Peoria. Following this he started his own general contractor company, Jim Colgan Builder, which he continued to work up until this past

year. He built numerous custom homes over the years and he truly loved his work. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandkids and his lifelong passion of raising cattle.

The family would like to thank the Nurses and CNAs at OSF St. Luke’s in Kewanee for the outstanding care they gave Jim.

The family is having a private service with Father Patrick Henahan at St John’s Catholic Church in Bradford.

Betty Lou Mallery

LaFAYETTE – Betty Lou Mallery, 87, of rural LaFayette, died at 10:25 a.m., Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, at her home.

Cremation will be accorded and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Inurnment will be in LaFayette Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital or to the Alzheimer’s Association. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

She was born June 5, 1934, in Kewanee, the daughter of Stanley Eugene and Ellen M. (Braden) Oldeen. She married Harry Mallery on Nov. 17, 1956, per Harry’s request since that would be after the crops were out. Survivors include

her husband of LaFayette, two sons, Brian Mallery (Tina Hufford) of LaFayette and Bruce (Beth) Kuster of Shelton, Wash., a brother, Melvin (Doris) Oldeen of Manteca, Calif., six grandchildren; Cheyenne Mallery (Ryan) Rocker, Braden, Nolan and Delaney Mallery and Shawn and Jeffery Kuster, eight great grandchildren; Brijett, Drake, Cayleigh, Michael, Jordan, Carley, Hayley and Tyler and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother, LeRoy Oldeen and her daughter, Lori Mallery.

Betty was educated in Kewanee, graduating in 1952, as the Salutatorian. She worked as a legal secretary for 30 years. She loved reading and taking her family on vacations and visiting her brothers and their

families and especially going to Las Vegas with Harry to spend time with her daughter, Lori and later to Laughlin, Nev. visiting retired friends. Betty was able to give her grandchildren the appreciation of reading, learning and education while caring for them. Her greatest love was her children. In her last month’s her best moments were when a child or infant entered the room. It instantly and always brought a smile to her face and loving words from her heart.

The family would like to give a special thank you to the OSF Hospice Care Team and to Betty’s caregivers; Jennifer Crotts, Jennifer Taylor, Tina Hufford and Becky Bennison.

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

Evelyn M. Goffrier

PRINCEVILLE – Evelyn M. (Gruner) Goffrier, 92, of Princeville, went to her heavenly home at 7:35 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022, at her home. She was born Oct. 1, 1929 in rural Princeville to parents Leroy and Maria (Fritz) Gruner. She married Theodore E. “Ted” Goffrier March 28, 1948, in Peoria. He preceded her in death Nov. 23, 2016.

Surviving are two daughters, Melinda McCullough of East Peoria, and Mary (Tim) Fail of Wyoming; two sons, Ted (Connie) Goffrier of East Peoria and Ron Goffrier of Texas; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. Also preceding her in death are her parents; one brother, Albert Guner; one sister, Viola (Gruner) Bateman; one son-in-law, Charles McCullough; and two infant brothers.

Evelyn worked for Princeville Canning Company and as a switchboard operator for the Village of Princeville, while raising her four children until 1977, when she started driving the bus for the Princeville School District, retiring in 1989. She was a den mother for Cub Scout Troop #52 while her two sons were in Scouts. She was a member of the Princeville Presbyterian Church, secretary for the Princeville Historical Association for many years, and was an active member for the preservation of the Princeville Township School House, where she attended. Evelyn was the first ambulance driver for the Akron-Princeville Ambulance.

Services were Jan. 24, 2022. Burial was in Princeville Township Cemetery.

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ANDERSON: 'The man is a legend'

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 tice floor, there's something that happens that I learn from."

Little wonder, then, that Anderson moved up another rung on the list of top coaches in Illinois. With a 53-35 win over Stark County last Friday, Anderson earned his 700th career victory. His 700-529 record ranks 22nd among boys coaches and is 13th for wins at the same school.

Though reaching 700 was expected once the season started for ROWVA-Williamsfield (9-11), Anderson said the milestone was more emotional than he anticipated.

"I didn't think it was going to be that big of a deal, but people responded well to it," Anderson said. "I'm happy about that. I'm happy they're happy."

Reaching another plateau is also more validation for Anderson, who admits to having had doubts about staying put for so long. Though he spent 36 years as Billtown Bobby, the face of Williamsfield basketball, and for the past seven years has been the only coach in ROWVA-Williamsfield co-op history, Anderson did ponder leaving.

Knoxville, Elmwood and Abingdon were coaching jobs he considered. At one point, he even toyed with becoming a truck driver.

But Anderson never left. Something kept him in Williamsfield, where he has lived since his family moved there from rural Gilson when he was 9. He has made peace with his situation – thanks in part to a packet of materials from Jerry Wainwright, a former college coach.

"He sent some stuff to me one time and there was a phrase in there, 'Make the big time where you're at.' I read that statement and I thought, maybe this was meant to be," Ander-

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 - 700 - Bob Anderson, Williamsfield and ROWVA-Williamsfield
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son said. "I thought, 'As long as you're here, do the best you can here and let the rest fall where it may.' That kind of put me at ease. And now, with everything, it's not bad."

Not bad at all. Despite a chronic lack of size and a smaller enrollment than many foes, Anderson's teams won regional titles in 1982, 1985, 1997, 2007 and 2015 – nearly all as underdogs. The 1997 team also made the Elite Eight in Peoria before falling to St. Francis de Sales.

To reach state, Billtown upset Rock Island Alleman in a supersectional Anderson calls his best coaching memory. He can still recall every detail of Troy Endress' put-back of a last-second miss by Travis Lewis to stun Alleman. Lewis is Williamsfield's leading scorer at 2,595 points and Anderson calls him his "best player ever." As a senior, Lewis averaged 32.9 ppg and benefitted from another Anderson philosophy.

"If we've got somebody that can score, we try to get them the ball. And we try to get them the ball at the place where they can score," said Anderson, who also coached Bill-

town's second-leading scorer, Alex Ott (as well as Ott's father, Mark).

To help make that happen, Anderson occasionally refers to stacks of paper – gathered at clinics over the years – that occupy shelves in a closet next to his office. One shelf holds offensive plays. One holds defensive sets. Another is for inbound plays. And that wealth of material doesn't include the coaching emails Anderson peruses daily, or the YouTube videos he watches, despite the tech challenge that poses for a 74-year-old who has had the same flip phone for a decade and prefers mailing hand-written preseason prospectuses and all-conference teams.

"He's still so sharp in practice. It's amazing the things he sees. He's always looking for an angle," said Charlie Sams, an assistant who played for Anderson. "I always say, 'If I worked as hard at my job as he does in basketball, I would own the company. The man is a legend.'"

Fellow coaches offer similar praise.

"Coach Anderson really instilled the competitive drive in me," said Brimfield Coach Kevin Kreiter, who played at Williamsfield until transferring to Brimfield after his freshman year. "He made me realize that if you are going to play a sport, you have to outwork everyone with no excuses."

Added Elmwood Coach Josh Fuggitt, "Forty-three years. It's pretty incredible and a testament to his worth ethic and commitment to one program. And 43 years later, he's still outcoaching most people."

All of which leads to a common question: How much longer?

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Out on a Limb



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 OOOO...
 BETWEEN TWO BOULDERS

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IT NEVER FAILS. WHEN THE HOLIDAYS ARE LONG GONE AND IT'S THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY...
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The Spats



I DON'T KNOW WHY...
 ...BUT I DO KNOW THE OTHER 25 LETTERS OF THE ALPHABET.

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.

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- ANATOMY: How many ribs are in the human body?
 - ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of animal is a flying fox?
 - GEOGRAPHY: In which body of water does the island of Malta lie?
 - U.S. STATES: What animal is featured on the state flag of Louisiana?
 - TELEVISION: What was the name of the fictional airline whose jet crashed on an island in "Lost"?
 - U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president ran on the slogan "Vote Yourself a Farm and Horses"?
 - MOVIES: What is the name of Thor's hammer in the earlier "Avengers" movies?
 - FOOD & DRINK: The "Iron Chef" TV cooking show originated in which country?
 - HISTORY: In what year did the Cold War end?
 - SCIENCE: What weather condition is measured in millibars?
- Answers**
 1. 24
 2. A type of bat
 3. Mediterranean Sea
 4. A pelican
 5. Oceanic Airlines
 6. Abraham Lincoln
 7. Myolmir
 8. Japan
 9. 1989
 10. Atmospheric pressure
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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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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
 - Sing 2 (PG)
 - The 355 (PG-13)
 - The King's Man (R)
 - American Underdog (PG)
 - The Matrix Resurrections (R)
 - West Side Story (PG-13)
 - Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
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700 for Bobby

R-W's Anderson reaches milestone

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Weekly Post

WILLIAMSFIELD – In high school, Bob Anderson could score with the best of them. The third-leading scorer in Williamsfield history, Anderson averaged more than 26 points per game as a junior for a Billtown basketball team that played in the same sectional as

eventual 1964 state champ Pekin.

But it was during his senior year that Anderson had a eureka moment that has stayed with him

longer than his long-range jump shot.

Somehow that year, Williamsfield scheduled a home game against Chicago Farragut. Going in, Anderson judged that a Chicago opponent would have no clue about him.

“I thought I was going to

light them up,” he said. He was wrong.

Early in the game, Anderson beat his man and expected to drive to the basket – only to discover Farragut had four defenders boxed behind his man, ready to help out.

“All game it was like that. And I got to thinking ‘What in the world is



this?’” Anderson recalled Monday in his memorabilia-filled office, located underneath the gym named in his honor. “It always stuck in my mind that if I ever get a job coaching and we play

somebody that’s got one great scorer, I’m going to try that.”

Generations of frustrated foes have regretted Anderson discovering the box-and-one. And almost to a man, opposing coaches shake their heads in admiration of the different de-



ROWVA-Williamsfield Coach Bob Anderson makes a point to sophomore point guard Lewis Sams. Anderson also coached both of Sams’ older brothers and his father, Charlie, who was a point guard and is a current assistant coach. Photo by Collin Fairfield. At left, Anderson holds a ball commemorating his 700th career victory.

fensive schemes Anderson will try.

“There’s a lot of defenses out there, and we’ll play any of them if it gives us the edge,” Anderson said.

In a 43-year coaching career that has seen major changes to the game of basketball, that willingness

to learn has remained one of Anderson’s strengths.

“I always say, ‘The day I’m not willing to go to a clinic, that’s the day I’m going to quit coaching,’” Anderson said. “Because you can always learn.

Every day I take the prac-

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Rebels post upset

Stark County tops Ridgewood, 61-58

By **JEFF LAMPE**
For The Prairie News

The Stark County boys basketball team put together one of its best games of the year Tuesday in a 61-58 win over Ridgewood.

The Rebels (10-11) started well and never let up against Ridgewood (13-4), which is seeded No. 3 in the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament that started this week.

“We played really steady from the start and competed the entire game and finished with a huge fourth quarter,” Coach Dustin Browning said.

Luke Rewerts had 11 of his 15 points in the fourth, as Stark County outscored Ridgewood 22-17. Joey Harmon added 6 of his 12 points in the final quarter and James Groter racked up 18 points, including 12 in the first half.

As an added bonus, the SC junior varsity improved to 13-4 with a win over Ridgewood on Tuesday.

“Coach [Jim] Langdon and Coach [John] Groter

are doing a tremendous job developing our younger players for the future,” Browning said.

The Rebels had run into a buzzsaw on Friday at ROWVA-Wethersfield, falling 53-35 in a game that saw veteran coach Bob Anderson record his 700th career win.

“We were without Groter and they played a triangle-and-two and we had trouble scoring early and had to play from behind almost the whole way,” Browning said.

Rewerts had 14 points and Daniel Kieser scored 9 in the loss.

Stark County has been seeded No. 8 in the LTC tournament, being hosted by Galva, and will open play today vs. No. 12 seed Galva at 7:30 p.m. The Rebels follow that with a game Saturday at 2 p.m. against top-seed Knoxville at Galva.

LTC play continues Tuesday, Feb. 1, Friday, Feb. 4 and Saturday, Feb. 5, with opponents and
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