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Response to mask mandate ruling mixed at local schools

By JEFF LAMPE
 For The Weekly Post
 Two years of students and teachers wearing masks came to an abrupt end this week at some Illinois schools, but not all.
 A ruling by Toulon native and Sangamon County Circuit Judge Raylene DeWitte Grischow last Friday at 5 p.m. prompted the change. In response to a request from attorney Tom DeVore of Greenville, Grischow issued a temporary restraining order on Gov. JB Pritzker’s executive orders requiring masking and quarantining for Illinois

schools.
 DeVore filed two lawsuits, one on behalf of parents against 146 districts and another by school employees against 21 districts. Grischow’s ruling extended beyond the lawsuits, as she has declared void the emergency rules issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Illinois State Board of Education.
 “Thus, non-named Plaintiffs and School Districts throughout this State may govern themselves accordingly,” Grischow wrote in a footnote to her decision.

Response was mixed among nearby schools. Both Galva and Stark County schools are still requiring masks to be worn, pending a final ruling by the Appellate Court, which is considering an appeal of Grischow’s ruling.
 A local district in the lawsuit is Brimfield, which could be ruled in contempt of court if it attempted to enforce the mask requirement. As of Monday, Brimfield had dropped its mandate, making mask wearing optional.
 Elmwood, Princeville and Wethersfield are among the
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Indoor mask mandate to end Feb. 28

CHICAGO – Faced with declining COVID cases and a recent court ruling questioning his executive orders, Gov. JB Pritzker on Wednesday announced Illinois’ indoor mask mandate will end Feb. 28.
 “The intention is to lift the mask mandate in indoor locations by Feb. 28,” Pritzker said. “Very importantly, things are getting better across the state of Illinois.”
 Pritzker said local jurisdictions and businesses may still require stricter rules than the state.
 The statewide mask mandate for all indoor public places, regardless of vaccination status, has been in effect since Aug. 30, when it was reinstated due to a surge driven by the highly contagious Delta variant.
 It was not immediately clear how the changes will impact the requirement that people wear masks in schools, the subject of an ongoing legal battle.
 “That’s something that will come weeks hence,” Pritzker said.
 Officials said mask rules would continue to apply in health care settings, congregate facilities such as prisons and nursing homes, and on public transportation.

Stark County board acts on grant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – The Stark County board approved a resolution Tuesday evening at their monthly meeting concerning a potential grant for Green Gables of Bradford.
 The resolution states: “Stark County board agrees to submit this application for community development block grant funds and enter into any and all contractual obligations on behalf of this organization.” The board will be the authorized official in applying for a grant.
 There is no cost to the county, which “would be the grant recipient” according to board member Tom Howes. Green Gables is asking for \$1 million so that they can expand their furniture manufacturing.
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ILLINOIS STATE SCHOLARS



Pictured are the Stark County High School Illinois State Scholars, who are determined through a formula that includes the student’s SAT score, class rank and GPA. This year’s State Scholar are: Back row (left to right) – Payton Stahl, son of Jill and Weston Stahl, of Bradford; Blake Orwig, son of Ann and Steven Orwig, of Wyoming; Tristan Gerber, son of Kellie and Jason Gerber, of Toulon; Alex Welch, son of Karen and Ronald Horsley and Steve Welch, of LaFayette. Front row (l to r) – Emily and Kaitlyn Orrick, daughters of Laurie and Steven Orrick, of Toulon. Photo by John A. Ballentine.



Galva Chamber of Commerce President Stacy Hanks, left, presented Dave McClintic, the Citizen of the Year award Saturday at the Chamber’s annual meeting and dinner buffet. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Galva chamber honors McClintic

By CAROL TOWNSEND
 For The Prairie News
 GALVA – Galva Chamber of Commerce President Stacy Hanks presented Dave McClintic the Citizen of the Year award Saturday night at the Chamber of Commerce’s annual meeting and dinner buffet held at Mary’s Family Dining.
 McClintic was one of several Galva residents honored at the annual event.
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GALVA: McClintic has been very active in Galva

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McClintic was nominated by his daughter Tarol Suddeth. Dave and his wife Nancy came to Galva in 1973 with their four children from Jonesville, Mich. He had traveled with a group looking for a town to build a new Bob Evans plant. He met with several Galva men who were very interested in having the plant built here. Dave was the manager of the plant as soon as it was built.

He became very active in Galva, as he is a past member of the Lions Club, a member of the Masonic Lodge, has helped with Boy Scouts, is a current member of the Galva Arts Council and Rotary Club, past President of the Galva Senior Citizen board and currently helps with the Galva Food Pantry.

McClintic was appointed mayor of Galva after the death of Mayor James Young, as he was an alderman at the time. He is also the Supervisor of the Galva Township Board.

Dave and Nancy purchased McKays Bar and Grill after he retired and ran the popular establishment on Market Street for 19 years.

Nancy is a retired teacher in the Galva School District.

Dave spends his summers mowing at the Galva Cemetery and also helps decorate the downtown for Christmas.

McClintic thanked everyone and recalled that his dad had said everyone needs to give back whenever they get a chance.

The McClintic family was well represented Saturday night. Dave and Nancy have four grown children, Tami, Traci, Todd and Tarol, 10 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Also recognized as Friends of the Chamber were Gary and Shearon Armel, who were nominated by Melissa Halsall. Gary was commended for his time as second ward alderman for the City of Galva. He also volunteered and mowed the lot uptown where the former Best building was torn down. He also weeded in the downtown area.

Gary and Shearon also donated the Hayes Planter mural on the wall of the former Best Building in the downtown area. Shearon also worked at the Galva Public Library.

In other business at the annual

meeting, Adam Jaquet welcomed a large crowd to the event.

Dr. Colleen Lewis was thanked for serving as Galva Harvest Queen Pageant director since 2009. Lewis thanked the chamber for sponsoring the pageant and introduced the new director, Deb Meyer.

Jaquet said that there were three new businesses in Galva in 2021: Old Bank Coffee and Tea, Andrew Gray Photo and Rambling Rose. He introduced three city officials that were present: Mayor Rich Volkert, City Administrator David Dyer and third ward alderman Dougie Anderson.

Rip Everett and Will Thompson were recognized as past Citizen's of the Year who were in attendance.

While there was no annual meeting last year due to COVID, awards were given during a concert at Wiley Park.

Last year's Friends of the Chamber were also recognized: Teri Volkert, Tina Hutchison, Peggy Jennings, Nancy Anderson and Diane Gibson. The ladies made and sold masks and donated their profits to Galva's Freedom Fest. And Dan Rux was recognized as last year's Galva Citizen of the Year.

BOARD: Castleton urged to revive water entity

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ing business, in Bradford. The expansion would create 40 additional jobs in Stark County, in addition to the current 70 employees.

The board additionally approved resolutions that appointed Carl Ryan to the zoning board of appeals; and Brandon Simpson and

Michael Schott to the Stark County planning commission.

In his Highway report, County Engineer Judd Giffin said Truck No. 4's electrical problems that effected the transmission have been repaired and that Giffin wants "to get rid of it" by selling the truck. Truck No. 5, a 2009 International, is being repaired at an estimated cost of \$11,000. Giffin said that this is the truck that cost the Highway Department \$27,000 in repairs several years ago.

Giffin reported that negotiations with Dollar General have been completed. He has spoken with a realtor and had discussions about a party who is possibly

interested in the county highway department's southwest property at the Route 17 and 91 junction. That party would put a gas station at that location.

Finally, an hour-long discussion occurred with Castleton residents who attended the board meeting and requested \$73,982 of the county's remaining \$88,000 ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funds to put toward resolving Castleton's water well issues. The county board is hesitant to release funds to an individual or individuals because it could set a precedent for all other private well owners in the county.

The county board requested months ago that the Castleton residents revive the Castleton Water Association, or a similar entity, in order to release funding from one government to another. Castleton residents were asked to do this again Tuesday night.

The county board did approve a \$5,000 ARPA expenditure, contingent upon Office of Emergency Management director Mat Schnepple's advice, for the purpose of having an engineering study performed of the four Castleton water wells to see what is required in re-establishing water to the community.

Castleton residents have been without water for eight months according to the residents.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

- 2-1 - Richard R. King - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 2-4 - Payton Petty - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 1-29 - Latricia S. Runles - Driving on a suspended license, operating an uninsured vehicle, canceled/revoked/suspended registration and front light violation.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

- 1-31 - Steven E. Reiff, of Toulon, reported the theft of the catalytic converters found missing from his motor home. The incident remains under investigation.
- 2-2 - Paul L. Hinkle, 41, Peoria, was arrested for driving while his license was revoked. He was also ticketed for driving with only one operational tail light, and for driving without insurance. Also arrested in the same traffic stop was Heather M. Riley, 32, Camp Grove, for failure to appear on a Peoria County warrant for battery. She was also charged in Stark County for possession of a controlled substance, bringing contraband into a penal institution, two charges for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of methamphetamine. She was issued a notice to appear on the Stark County related charges and then released into the custody of the Peoria County Sheriff's Department.
- 2-2 - David W. Ensley, 23, Kewanee, was cited for driving without insurance, and for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone. He was issued a court date to appear.
- 2-3 - Tanner W. Hall, 28, Peoria, was cited for driving with a defective windshield and for driving without insurance. He was released with a notice to appear.
- 2-3 - Daniel L. Young, 25, Bradford, was cited for driving too fast for road conditions, improper lane usage, and for driving on a suspended registration. He was released with a notice to appear.
- 2-3 - Greg R. Petty, 60, Kewanee, was cited for violation of Scott's Law. He was issued a court date to appear.
- 2-3 - Emma R. Violet, 18, Springfield, was cited for illegal transportation of alcohol. She was released with a notice to appear.
- 2-4 - Kimberly A. Shoen, 31, Kewanee, was arrested for speeding, driving with no insurance and driving on a suspended registration. She posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.



- 2-4 - Marie M. Marshall, 22, LaFayette, was ticketed for driving with no insurance. She was released with a court date to appear.
- 2-4 - Rebecca Muckey, 33, Victoria, was arrested on a Stark County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for resisting a peace officer. She posted \$600 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
- 2-5 - Trisha L. McGuire, 22, Elmwood, was arrested on a pending Woodford County warrant for failure to appear on an original charge for possession of marijuana. She posted \$100 cash bond and was released with a new court date to appear.

Galva Report

- Officer dispatched:
- 1-31 - to the 500 block of NW 8th St. for a battery report.
- 2-1 - to meet with a resident at the Galva PD to file a report involving harassment through electronic communications.
- 2-2 - to numerous residences around town and requested that they move their vehicles for the snowplows to get through.
- 2-3 - to the 200 block of SE 4th Ave. for a landlord/tenant issue.
- 2-4 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a motorist assist involving a delivery truck that was stuck. A wrecker was called and was able to get the truck out.
- 2-4 - Officer was notified that a train was stopped and had been blocking all Galva crossings for over 30 minutes. BNSF was contacted and the train eventually moved along.
- 2-4 - Officer met with a wanted subject at the Galva PD. As the result, Rebecca Muckey, 33, Galva, was arrested on a Stark County war-

- rant for failure to appear on the charge of resisting a peace officer. She was unable to post bond and was transferred to the Stark County Jail.
- 2-4 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist who went into the ditch.
- 2-5 - to the 500 block of NW 1st St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.
- 2-6 - to a residence on SE 4th Ave. to check the welfare of a subject.
- 2-6 - Officer noticed a crossing arm malfunction at the Exchange St. railroad crossing. BNSF was contacted for repair.
- 2-6 - to check on a suspicious vehicle in the 200 block of SE 4th Ave.
- 2-6 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of SE 2nd St., Paige Weida, 22, Kewanee, was issued citations for having tinted tail lights and for possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. She was released with a court date.
- 2-4 - Chevy Vaske, 19, Glencoe, Ky., was issued a citation for speeding in the 600 block of SE 2nd St.
- 2-6 - Cameron Meyer, 22, Galva, was issued a citation for expired registration in the 100 block of Market St..

Property Transfers

- 2-1 - Moretta M. and Tom Slaughter to Barry Price and Kelly Wheeler - Pt 23-14-7 SE - 109 Park St., Bradford - Consideration = \$84,000.
- 2-4 - Frank R. Addis, Jr., Brenda Lee Addis-Donabedian, Jennifer Christine Barth Powers, Michelle Maryann Barth, Sharon Ann Barth and Mary Lou Sorenson to Frank R. Addis, Jr., Trustee - Pt 31-12-6 NE, SE - Consideration = \$0.
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GUEST VOICES



Making pork chops float uphill

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I’m starting to feel the same toward many ag economists, our pocket-protected servants of calculus and convention.

That revelation arrived in two recent reports – one commissioned in August of 2020 by the House Ag Committee, the other sponsored by the National Pork Producers Council (NPPC) – that defend the market power gained by U.S. meatpackers in the last 30 years.

The studies are a prelude to threatened federal action to trim the power packers have in cattle, hog, and poultry markets. Both analyses rely heavily on the soft ivy of academia—theory, math and intellectual certitude – and a lubricating, almost

patronizing “you-don’t-want-to-hear-this-but” tone as each explains why packers dominate.

The first is a 10-chapter, 201-page book of “proceedings” conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Office of the Chief Economist. It hired ag “policy research centers” to address “current issues in cattle markets, including the structure of the industry, price discovery, purchasing mandates, and barriers to entry...”

Conveniently, the Texas A&M ag economists who rode shotgun on the project capsulize its major findings in its preface: “While we offer these findings – which can largely be characterized as urging caution before changing a system that has resulted in cattle producers capturing significant value over the last three decades – we acknowledge the palpable frustration of many producers throughout the country.”

“In many cases,” it continues, “their frustration seemingly stems from feeling like they aren’t receiving the prices they think they should and the fact that economists often simply urge caution instead of offering finite answers.”

Well ... that’s interesting. Cattle producers just feel like they “aren’t receiving the prices [they] think [they] should” despite having captured “significant value” in the last 30 years. It could be because – and we’re just spitballin’ here – we “economists often simply urge caution instead of offering finite answers.”

Musselman headline, story in poor taste

To the Editor:

I have been a subscriber to The Prairie News for many years. It was my thought and feeling that the headline, “Toulon man arrested, charged with child pornography” was of very poor taste. I do not know Jason Musselman. I have never met him.

The article as it is presented, in my view, has convicted Musselman of a most serious offense in our culture. I believe that the Constitution of the United States clearly notes that a person is innocent of a criminal charge until found guilty in a court of law by a jury of their peers. But then we have those who seek to ignore rights of people.

The charge brought to my mind the account of the woman caught in adultery and Jesus was confronted with her. In the time of Jesus an adulterer was stoned to death – all got to throw rocks at the person until death came to them. I am sure you can recall from your Bible study that Jesus told the crowd that “you who have



done nothing wrong cast the first stone.” No one of course threw a stone – Jesus told the lady that no one was condemning her, and neither was he, but Jesus told her that she should “go, and sin no more.”

I deem that we are all mortals – right? I am sure that we have all done things which we wish we had not done, myself included. I am confident that are no exceptions to this wish that we had not fallen short. But the past is the past, and we only have the present, the “now of our lives.”

I think that we can all agree that we each get only one earthly life. It is my belief that we need to use this the best that we can, as we only get

On second thought, not really, because we “economists are generally quite comfortable saying that price discovery is still quite robust ... [even though] we can’t pinpoint the point at which that would cease to be the case.”

So, just to clarify: You’re comfortable until you’re not comfortable but you can’t “pinpoint the point” where that discomfort begins.

That’s the level of blinding insight that encouraged me to leave ag econ for ag journalism.

The NPPC’s report is the shorter, pork side of a similar analysis constructed on years-old data, comparisons to other concentrated industries like breweries and cat food, and a chart of pork chop prices around the world. Combined, all hope to build a case that meat-packer “concentration has not significantly increased over the past 15 years.”

But neither report examines the enormous impact meatpackers’ rising clout has had on rural America over the last 30 years. That impact has been unmistakable: Independent, cash-based livestock and poultry markets, a key element to promote competition and ensure farmers and ranchers received a fair price, were virtually wiped out.

When farmers and ranchers asked their farm, political, and university leaders – all of whom have seen their ties to Big Ag deepen over the same period – for answers, most

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this one life.

Forgiveness is a really, really tough thing to grant to others, and to ourselves. It is my great hope that Musselman will seek to use in every way possible the rest of his life the best way possible. I pray his family has the wonderful gift of forgiveness toward his life situation.

I so appreciate this paper allowing me to share my views. I am now 85 plus years of age, but never do I forget when the “Panthers” of my school in LaFayette confronted the red and black colors of the mighty Toulon “Trojans” in basketball. We did not know it then, but these were most special years, the BEST of TIMES!

Respectfully,
– **Pete Hughes, Roanoke**
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Trim in the dormant season for healthier trees

By SARAH VOGEL

University of Illinois Extension

URBANA – Throughout the growing season, gardeners and arborists talk about the benefits of pruning woody ornamentals while they are dormant, and that time is almost here.

“Pruning can seem like a daunting task, but it is an important cultural practice for the health and vigor of many trees and shrubs,” says University of Illinois Extension Horticulture Educator Sarah Vogel.

Pruning is done to reduce the size and shape of the plant, increase flower or fruit production, and promote sound structure.

The correct time to prune deciduous shrubs and trees is determined by the plant's growth habit, bloom time, and health or condition. Timing depends on the species, but any time is a good time to remove dead, dying, or broken branches. Be sure to sanitize tools between plants with a 10% bleach solution or undiluted

70% isopropyl alcohol. Sanitize between each cut if a disease is suspected.

Spring flowering shrubs will bloom on the growth from the previous growing season. The best time to prune a healthy plant is immediately after flowering in spring. Overgrown shrubs may need more extensive pruning through rejuvenation or renewal methods in late winter or early spring. Heavy pruning methods may lead to fewer blooms for a few years but will improve the overall health of the shrub.

Summer blooming shrubs, or those that bloom after July 1, produce blooms on the current year's growth. These are best pruned in late winter or early spring.

“Do not prune deciduous shrubs in late summer as that will encourage a flush of new growth that will not have the opportunity to harden off before winter, leaving the plant susceptible to frost damage and die-back,” Vogel says.

Many of the same rules for shrubs also apply to deciduous trees. Most will respond well to late winter pruning, including fruit trees. Performing this task on trees in the dormant season gives the pruner an increased visibility of the tree's shape without any leaves and enough time for proper wound closure for the plant. When branches are cut correctly at a node or at the branch collar, the plant will seal wounds properly to prevent the spread of decay and entry for potential pests and pathogens.

There are some exceptions to early spring pruning. Oaks should not be pruned from March through October. River birch will respond best to cuts made in late fall or early winter after leaves have fallen and when sap flow is reduced.

Pruning on evergreens will vary by species and desired effect. Fall pruning is not recommended for evergreens, as any new growth will be susceptible to winter injury.

GUEBERT: Pork chops cheaper than in Australia

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were told that these new “efficiencies” were common to “maturing markets.”

And, according to ag economists, efficiency is the whole ballgame, right down to the last penny-per-pound you may have to concede to

the transnational meatpacker for it to stay in the game even if it kills you.

But don't worry. According to the NPPC's meatpacker study, you'll still get a pork chop almost twice as cheap as any Australian.

Or, as my father might add, at

least until the levee breaks.

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Farm Bureau offers food safety certification

By DANIEL GRANT
For FarmWeek

Illinois Farm Bureau will offer free food safety certification to small meat-processing establishments across the state beginning this month.

The online program and interactive sessions is taught by a meat scientist at Texas A&M through a partnership with IFB, deliver certification for Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP).

The program, which runs

Feb. 15 to May 3, can be done online at ilfb.org/foodsafety.

“It started when there were issues with producers getting access to local lockers (at the onset of the pandemic),” Tasha Bunting, IFB associate director of commodities and live-stock programs, told FarmWeek.

“The plants were so booked with a backlog (of animals) and with employees being out,” she said.

“It created a need, so IFB

created ways to assist to keep them running.”

Cassie Rea, manager of Farmhouse Meat Co. in Carthage (Hancock County), experienced some of those issues firsthand. She’s thrilled some of her employees will receive food safety training for free from IFB.

The HACCP program allows processors to stay up to date on training, certification and policy changes, allowing those businesses to continue without interruptions.

Farmhouse Meat Co. formed in 2018 when a group of 10 local investors, including Hancock County Farm Bureau Manager Kristin Huls, partnered to build a new meat locker in the Carthage area.

Farmhouse Meat Co. has been in operation since Nov. 2018. The locker processes beef, pork, lamb, goats, seasonal deer and even some wild game including a moose and buffalo.

Slots were completely filled in recent years, although some openings have emerged.

Overall, livestock farms, along with meat and dairy processing, contribute \$14.1 billion annually in economic activity in Illinois, according to the Illinois Small Meat Processor Expansion and Economic Impact Study, conducted by Decision Innovation Solutions.

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Sun Foundation awards
Toulon Public Library

TOULON – Toulon Public Library is among the groups that have received a Community Arts Access (CAA) award from The Sun Foundation.

The program is funded by an awarded grant from the Illinois Arts Council and matching funds from local business and individual donors. Grants have been awarded to artists, libraries, schools, and arts organizations throughout Marshall, Woodford, Stark and Bureau counties.

The CAA grant is available to schools, libraries, community artists and art groups. Fourteen applicants were awarded a total of \$13,500.

Area professionals comprise the committee whose undertaking is to determine where the funds will be used.

This year’s recipients are: Association for the Developmentally Disabled of Woodford County, Eureka Public Library, Festival 56, Future of Henry Events, Gateway Services, Inc., Henry Community Character Counts, Lacon Community Center, Learning Stage, Marden CCSC #84, M-P Stark Show Choir, River Valley Players and Toulon Public Library.

Further grant information may be obtained at info@sunfoundation.org.

College graduates

The following local students graduated from Bradley University at the end of the Fall 2021 semester: **Carolina Gonzales** of Wyoming (earning a BS in Learning Behavioral Specialist with ESL endorsement) and



Mark Butcher of Wyoming, IL received recognition as Achiever of the Month for January at Abilities Plus. He was nominated for this honor because of his good work on janitorial crews and willingness to learn new jobs. In his free time Mark enjoys drawing, playing with his cats Nola & Fluffy, and listening to music. Congratulations, Mark!

Amanda Rediger of Toulon (earning an MSN in MSN Family Nurse Practitioner).

College honors

- **Elena Haffner**, of Wyoming, has made the Fall 2021 Dean’s List (3.5 gpa or better) at Augustana College.
- **Olivia Hopp**, of Toulon, has made the Provost’s List (3.5 gpa or better) at Culver Stockton College.

Patrick Sloan performs
at Galva Arts Council

GALVA – On Feb. 19, Patrick Sloan will bring the sounds of the 1960s through the present to the Galva Arts Council stage. He will take the stage at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30. An open mic will follow at 8:30 p.m.

All area musicians, storytellers and other artists are invited to participate. A snack bar featuring Anderson

Family coffee will also be included. Donations welcome.

The Galva Arts Council is dedicated to bringing people together to promote and participate in the arts. The Center is home to many activities throughout the year: monthly coffeehouses, seasonal luncheons, arts and crafts workshops, yoga classes and more. For more information contact the Galva Arts Council at galvaarts@gmail.com, (563) 293-6986 or via Facebook.

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MASKS: Stark Co., Galva await appeal process

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schools that this week voted to make masks optional or recommended.

Williamsfield opted to keep a mask requirement at least until its Feb. 15 board meeting.

In all cases, federal law still requires masks to be worn on school buses. And, as has been true throughout the pandemic, this could change quickly. Pritzker sought an appeal immediately after Grischow’s decision was announced and has asked for a stay to the injunction. While an Appellate Court decision could take up to two weeks, a stay could come within a few days.

At Stark County, Superintendent Brett Elliott posted the following on the district Facebook page:

“In regards to the recent ruling on Friday, February 4, 2022, from the Sangamon County Courts placing a Temporary Restraining Order on Mask Mandates, Vaccination mandates and others school related mitigations, Stark County CUSD #100 was not a part of the lawsuit and will continue to follow our masking and other health guidelines as we have all school year. We ask that all students, staff and visitors, while in the school, continue to mask and honor our health-safety process.

“Stark County CUSD #100 will continue to monitor the appeals process in this court case that must conclude by Feb. 17, 2022. At that time, if any rulings are made that directly impact our school district, we will act accordingly in conjunction with our

Board of Education, local health department and Regional Office of Education.”

At Galva, Superintendent Jerry Becker posted a letter that included the following:

“The goal of the District from the beginning of this school year was to stay in-person every day. I am proud that we have accomplished this the entire school year and I am thankful for your support and understanding despite many who feel some, if not all, of the mitigations in school are not necessary and should be removed. I also understand that everyone has COVID exhaustion and ready to move on from here. You are certainly not alone.

“I have recommended a cautious and deliberate approach moving forward after the Sangamon County decision. Galva CUSD #224 was not a litigant in the case and is not subject to the temporary restraining order. Likewise, I do not want to make a hasty decision today that is reversed on us tomorrow, as many of us have witnessed throughout this pandemic. Because of this, we will continue to keep the mitigations in place and prepare for the Appellate decision in the coming days or week(s). However, I do believe now is the time to review and update our Return to Learn plan to prepare our school environment for less mitigations moving forward, the effects this will have on our staff and students, and the ability to stay safely in-person at school.”

In Princeville, Superintendent Shannon Duling released the following after Tuesday’s School Board meeting, during which the board voted to changes its mask stance.

“This evening the Board of Education modified our Return to Learn Plan. Although there were many changes to our existing plan, perhaps the biggest change is that the District has moved to a ‘masks recommended’ strategy for Level 1 (Minimal) and Level 2 (Moderate). Based on the current number of positive COVID cases in the District at this time, the District falls in the Level I (Minimal) category. Therefore, students and staff have the option to wear masks while at school beginning Wednesday, February 9th. The daycare is governed by DCFS regulations and masks will remain mandatory at the daycare.

“...Princeville School District will not enforce IDPH/ISBE Emergency Rules cited as ‘null and void.’ It is also important to understand that the court case has been appealed to the Appellate Court. The Appellate Court “could” make a change to the current ruling that may require the District to consider modifying our Return to Learn Plan (require masking). It is likely that this case could move all the way to the Supreme Court before a final ruling is made, however, based on the current ruling, the District will not enforce the IDPH or ISBE Emergency Rules enacted September 17, 2021.”

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OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 00°00'00" EAST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 411.50 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. A TRACT OF LAND LOCATED IN A PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 5 EAST OF THE FOURTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. MORE PARTICULARLY BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS AND BEARINGS ARE FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESCRIPTION ONLY: COMMENCING AT AN IRON ROD AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING FOR THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING FOR THE TRACT TO BE DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 89°58'00" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 180.00 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING; SITUATED IN STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PIN 06-33-100-003

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If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and Plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-19-09365. I3185877
Published 2/4, 2/11, 2/18/22

• • • PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the heirs at law of AMY R. JANES AND A.M. JANES, both now deceased, that according to that certain Deed of Gift executed and delivered by AMY R. JANES AND A.M. JANES on March 27, 1907 to THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE, ILLINOIS, the following described real estate was conveyed to THE VILLAGE OF LAFAYETTE for the purposes of establishing and operating a public library within the municipal boundaries of the Village subject to the conditions that if the operation and maintenance of the public library ceases, the described real estate shall revert to and become the property of Amy R. Janes, her heirs or assigns, to-wit:

A part of Lot Two (2) in Block Twenty (20) described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Lot and running East Twenty-five (25) feet to the middle of the East Wall of the library building; thence South Seventy (70) feet; thence West Twenty-five (25) feet to the West side of said Lot; thence North Seventy (70) feet to the place of beginning, together with the library building on said Lot, located in the Village of LaFayette, County of Stark, State of Illinois.

On December 6, 2021, the Village, by and through its Board of

Trustees, enacted Ordinance No. 452 for the purpose of closing the operation of the library effective as of December 31, 2021.

As there is no plausible means by which to obtain the identities of the heirs of AMY R. JANES and A.M. JANES by which to notify them of the rights of reversion of title by reason of the operation and maintenance of the public library having ceased, this Notice is given by publication of such fact and for such heirs at law to claim their rights to title to the described real estate within thirty (30) days following the last publication of this Notice; otherwise, such estate of reverter shall be deemed abandoned and forfeited.
Dated: Feb. 4, 2022

Village of LaFayette
By: /S/Nora E. Williams
Village Clerk
Published 2/11, 2/18/22

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CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
Estate of)
GERALD L. KIESER) No. 2022PR1
Deceased.)

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of GERALD L. KIESER. Letters of office were issued on January 21, 2022 to Wilma A. Kieser, 202 N. 3rd Street, Wyoming, IL 61491, as independent executor whose attorney of record is Jeremy J. Stoller, 15 W Front St., El Paso, Illinois 61738.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act (Ill. Compiled Stat. 1992, C. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both until August 16, 2022 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative

is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. 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 representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2022.

Stoller Law Office
Jeremy J. Stoller
Attorney for Representative
15 W Front St
El Paso, IL 61738
(309) 527-4300
jeremystoller@stollerlaw.com
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• • • IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of: Jeffrey Lee Johnson, Deceased
Case No. 2022PR2
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of Jeffrey Lee Johnson. Letters of Office were issued on January 21, 2022, to Jay Emery Johnson, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Patrick C. Egan, EGAN LAW, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Stark County, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before August 15, 2022. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Patrick C. Egan, Egan Law, LLC, Attorney for Estate
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Illinois farms gain new options to sell food

By KAY SHIPMAN

FarmWeek

The new year opened new markets and options for Illinois farmers and food entrepreneurs to sell their home-made products directly to consumers.

The changes make it easier for those who make food or drinks in their home kitchen, or an appropriate kitchen located on the farm, to sell directly to consumers. The Home to Market Act rules took effect Jan. 1 and were signed into law by Gov. JB Pritzker last year.

“There are way more avenues than there were in 2021,” said Mary Liz Wright, a University of Illinois Extension nutrition and wellness educator.

Previously limited to selling at farmers markets, farms and home bakers may now sell at fairs, festivals and pop-up events, according to Wright. They may also sell non-perishable products online directly to consumers within Illinois. Out-of-state online sales are prohibited.

Wright emphasized a direct-to-con-

sumer focus underscores the law’s underlying principle of product traceability back to its origins. She explained that is why the rules do not allow sales to restaurants, grocery stores or distributors that would sell to customers.

What homemade foods and drinks can be sold? Wright said the rules specify which ones are prohibited.

Prohibited foods and drinks include:

- Meat, poultry, dairy and eggs, except dairy and eggs used as ingredients in nonhazardous baked goods
- Garlic in oil or oil infused with garlic
- Low-acidic foods, such as soups, vegetables or food combinations
- Wild, harvested mushrooms
- Alcoholic beverages and kombucha.

Wright explained home cooks may acidify low-acid foods they plan to sell. A list of acidified or fermented foods would include tomatoes, pickles, sauerkraut and chilled coleslaw. For example, an acidified tomato

recipe would include a tablespoon of bottled lemon juice or two tablespoons of vinegar or one-fourth teaspoon of citric acid.

“We encourage people follow a tested USDA or Cooperative Extension recipe,” Wright added.

Home to Market Act rules specify home-canned foods for sale must be done in a proper, safe manner with boiling water, a vacuum-sealed mason jar with a two-piece lid.

The new rules update state labeling requirements to ensure important information is included for consumers and that the labels are prominent on packages and at the point of sale.


A label must include the seller’s name, county of operation, the product’s common food name, the processing date and the seller’s health department registration number.

This story was distributed through a cooperative project between Illinois Farm Bureau and the Illinois Press Association. For more food and farming news, visit FarmWeekNow.com.

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February 12, 2006



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Card of Thanks

Family of Pat Horrie

Thank you to our family, friends, neighbors and law enforcement friends for all your acts of kindness during Pat's illness and funeral. All you did will never be forgotten. We were overwhelmed with the love and support you all showed us and your great respect for Pat. Our wish for you all is Pat's favorite Irish Blessing: May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine warm upon your face. May the rains fall upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.

In Loving Memory of our husband and father, Pat Horrie
Cindi and Jamie

Card of Thanks

Family of Willodean Bhear

Our sincere thanks for all the cards, flowers, plants, phone calls, text messages, memorial contributions and other acts of kindness shown in honor and memory of our mother and grandmother, Willodean Bhear.

We would also like to thank all of the caregivers for taking such good care of Mom.

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Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword

ACROSS

1 Unicellular swimmer
7 Fold in a skirt
12 Joke of film
20 The "H" of 33-Down
21 Actor Cox
22 Prepared for storage, as a hose
23 Endlessly repeating programming problem
25 Fashion designer in "The Incredibles"
26 Hery, felony
27 Man-mouse middle
28 What iPads run on
30 "Boston Legal" actor James
31 Higher, spiritual level of awareness
38 Get a whiff of
40 Lift to check the weight of
41 Gig hookup
42 PC key abbr.
43 Elicitor of a major "Wew!"
46 Zodiac ram
48 Truckload
51 Bassist solo, e.g.

52 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
53 Head honcho
57 Some hole menders
58 Force unit
60 Bouffant, e.g.
61 Pipe joint
62 — Yello (Coca-Cola brand)
64 China's Zhou —
68 Sharon of "Cagney & Lacey"
69 M114 howitzer, e.g.
72 Prickly shrub
75 Occurrence
76 — d'Or (Cannes award)
77 G-man, e.g.
80 Cousin's mommy
82 Actress: Carrere and Mowry
84 "Look here as well," in a reference book
86 1931 crime film starring Edward G. Robinson
90 — Juan
91 Late hours, in ads

92 Minneapolis-Montreal dir.
93 King of CNN
94 1971 Elton John song
97 CD — drive
100 Comical Costello
101 Just OK
102 Microwaves
103 Bacterium, e.g.
109 Blissful
110 "General" of Chinese cuisine
111 Miracle — (plant food)
112 Vocalist Sumac
115 Not together
118 2, for helium
123 Like rags
124 Follow, as a pointer
125 Join a force
126 Evaluates
127 Partner of Cheech
128 Chinese system of calligraphy

DOWN

1 Quite dry
2 Bit of fare
3 She may be a golfer
4 Wallace of "Lord Jim"
5 Actor Affleck

6 Universal truth
7 "Amen, pastor!"
8 Online chuckle
9 Rory Music's Brian
10 Put holy oil on
11 Manuscript mistakes
12 King beater
13 Nonverbal "yes"
14 Knife of old infomercials
15 Pass, as time
16 French racing city
17 "Upon my word"
18 "David" and "The Thinker" as a
19 Imitating sorts
24 Prefix with state
29 Make afraid
32 Fake fat in some chips
33 Kind of camera, in brief
34 Just-OK grade
35 — a mile (not even close)
36 "Yes, sign me up"
37 14-member oil gp.

38 Color
39 Wall painting
44 Did it wrong
45 "Gig" star Canon
46 G-man, e.g.
47 "Quiet down"
49 Chances
50 New Mexico skiing spot
54 Lethargy
55 "You got that right!"
56 Floral symbol of purity
58 Former "Top Chef" judge
59 Rounded roof
63 "P.S. I — (old TV show)
65 They may be glossed over
66 Carte lead-in
67 "You got that right!"
69 "Joey" star LeBlanc
70 Anxious
71 Make revisions to
72 Farm bundle
73 Lay waste to
74 Picks off, as a pass
77 Lighter catchphrase in old ads
78 Launder of fragrances

79 Active types
81 Sometimes-jelled fish
83 — (sci-fi droid)
85 Latin for "year"
87 Trig is a preveg for it
88 Ending for buck or stink
89 Spew lava
90 Being amorous, to Brits
95 Jerusalem's nation: Abbr.
96 Darth Vader, as a kid
98 Rooooo
99 Watery silks
101 Whiskey type
103 Political hostess
104 Thoughts
105 Injury marks
106 Singer Hayes
107 Bow's shape
108 Tune for nine
113 Fit together
114 Beginner's painting class
116 Pipe joint
117 Mag staff
119 Western tribe
120 Sun.-Tue. link
121 Article in Argentina
122 1,051, in old Rome

Full Time Teller Position

State Bank of Toulon is seeking a full-time teller for our Galva office. Tellers perform customer account transactions and answer basic questions regarding our products and services. Scheduled hours will generally be 35-40 hours per week with scheduled Saturday morning hours. Candidates should be flexible in availability for scheduling. Outstanding communication and service skills as well as initiative and a positive attitude are vital. Benefits include 401K, medical/dental insurance, paid holidays. If you are interested in furthering your career with us, please send your resume to: Beth Winslow, Human Resources, P.O. Box 609, Toulon, IL 61483. EOE.

Full Time Consumer Analyst/Mortgage Lender Position

The State Bank of Toulon is seeking a Consumer Analyst/Mortgage Lender position for their Toulon and/or Kewanee branch. Job duties would include responsibilities involved in the residential mortgage loan process, including underwriting, doc. prep., servicing, etc. Qualified candidates should possess technical skills, time management and detail orientation skills, as well as, decision making skills. Excellent client services and communication skills required, as well as, initiative and having a positive attitude are vital. Mortgage lending experience also preferred, but not required. Position and Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include 401K, medical/dental insurance, paid holidays. If you are interested in furthering your career with us, please send your resume to: Beth Winslow, Human Resources, PO Box 609 Toulon, IL 61483 EOE.

Full Time Bookkeeper Position

The State Bank of Toulon is seeking a full time bookkeeping department position. Bookkeepers must have computer knowledge. LAN/WAN network knowledge a plus, must be able to multi-task, account balancing skills and banking experience preferred, but not required. Scheduled hours will generally be 35-40 hours with scheduled Saturday morning hours. Candidates should be flexible in availability scheduling. Excellent communication skills required, as well as, initiative and having a positive attitude. Position and Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include 401K, medical/dental insurance, paid holidays. If you are interested in furthering your career with us, please send your resume to: Beth Winslow, Human Resources, PO Box 609 Toulon, IL 61483 EOE.

OBITUARIES

Phyllis A. Carroll

PRINCEVILLE – Phyllis Ann Carroll, 88, of Peoria, Ill., formerly of Princeville, Ill., passed away at 6:20 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 02, 2022, at Heritage Health in Chilli-icothe, Ill.

Phyllis came into this world on July 6, 1933, in Toulon, Ill., to Al- bert and Beulah (McClure) Miller. Both parents pre- ceded her in death.

She had two siblings; Gene Miller (who precedes her in death) and Robert (Bob) Miller.

On Feb. 11, 1974, she married Clyde Carroll, of Wyoming, Ill. Clyde died on Jan. 11 of this year. She met the news of his demise with some irritation, as they had a verbal agreement that she would go first.

Phyllis had three children Mickey (Debbie) Meeker of Bloomington, Valerie (Robert) Schreck of Chi- cago (deceased) and Jeff (Lois) Jones of Metamora.

When she married Clyde, she gained five step-children. God blessed Phyllis with many grand- children, step-grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

While she worked for many busi- nesses over the years, most will re- member her for her time working at Murphy’s Insurance Agency and at City Hall.

As members of the Princeville Presbyterian Church, she and Clyde attended services with regularity. It was there that they made an abun- dance of friends. They loved to meet with others to study the Bible, play cards, and to socialize. The gatherings allowed her to indulge in one of her favorite hobbies – cook- ing. Spreads of cookies, sandwiches and other dishes were her way of blessing others.

After moving to Peoria, they at- tended PrayerView Church of Peo- ria until their health made it too difficult to continue.

A thrifty person by nature, Phyllis took great delight in scouring ga- rage sales for good deals. With



Carroll

those treasures, she enriched her wardrobe and adorned her home. Many marveled at her knack for as- sembling striking outfits and her eye for revitalization her home decor.

Her funeral was at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Rev. Sue Robbins offici- ated. Visitation was from 10-10:30 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial was in Wyoming Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Health in Chilli-icothe.

Condolences may be left for Phyl- lis’s family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Mary J. Conner

WASHINGTON – Mary Jane Conner, 74, of Washington, Ill., passed away at 8 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2022, at OSF St. Mary Med- ical Center in Galesburg surrounded by her family.

Mary Jane was born July 11, 1947, in Kewanee, the daughter of Morris and Marjo- rie (Orwig) Johnson. Survi- vors include her daughter, Gail (Pat) Sherbeyn of LaFayette, Ill.; her son, Patrick (Sue Ann) Conner of Galva; her sister, Karen of Deerfield, Ill.; her brothers, John (Nancy) of Spring- field, Va., Paul (Becky) of Lafay- ette, Tenn., Bill (Ellie) of Lake Placid, Fla., Gary of Tellico Plains, Tenn., and Ed (Debbie) of Kewa- nee; two granddaughters, Amber (Craig) Sherbeyn and Kristin Spie- gel; four great grandchildren, Ethan, Carter, Addy and Westley; and eight nieces and nephews, Step- hanie, Jennifer, Stephen, Michelle, Beth, Matthew, Justin and Kathy.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Mary Jane was a very special lady to anyone who crossed her path. She was a hard-working farm wife for many years before taking a ca- reer at IME in Galva and later hir- ing on at Komatsu in Peoria, moving her to Washington, Ill. She



Conner

retired from Komatsu in 2013. She loved sewing, crocheting, volunteering at Illinois Cancer Care, making bears for Sojourn Bear through UnityPoint Health and hats for cancer patients, but most of all she loved and cherished being with her friends and family.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Monday, Feb. 7, at Rux Fu- neral Home in Galva. Visitation was held from 2- 4 p.m., Feb. 6 at the funeral home. Burial was in Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to Illi- nois Cancer Care of Peoria or to So- journ Bear c/o UnityPoint Health-Proctor.

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

Patricia C. Bedwell

ELMWOOD – Patricia Carolyn (Gray) Bedwell, 87, of Elmwood, passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2022, at Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

She was born on Sept. 27, 1934. She went on to marry Gordon Bed- well, and they had three children; Christi (the late Denny) Herold of Wyoming, Ill., Dennis Bedwell and Stacy (PJ) Adair of Peoria. She is preceded in death by her father; her mother; her only sister, Corrine Blake; her son, Dennis Bedwell; and her grandson, Ray Bedwell.

She is survived by her daughters, Christi and Stacy; her significant other, Shorty Davis; her grandchil- dren, Amy (David) VanRiel, Kelsey Adair, Sarah (Jesse) Peterson, Jason Marliere and Jeremy West; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Patricia, better known as Pat, loved hard and bigger than the moon and past the stars. She had a deep love for her people and all ani- mals. She was a woman stronger than most and loved nothing more than sipping on a Pepsi, barefoot in her shady backyard on a beautiful summer day.

The family will not be holding services at this time.

Memorials may be made to Rich- ard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria or an animal shelter of the donor's choice.

Condolences can be left online at www.oakshinesfuneralhome.com.

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The Gathering Church

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Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
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1st Congregational Church of Toulon

Pastor Dan Wright, Youth Leader Michelle West
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SPORTS: Stark County boys win 3 in a row

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really, what I like best is to see what they have done with their lives since playing basketball,” Paxson said. “We’ve had a lot of quality people come through here.

“My 33 years has everything in it, from this year to the state team and everything in between. Every year brings its challenges and successes and I think we’ve done a pretty good job and had a good time.”

The Lady Rebels dropped their last two games, falling Feb. 7 to United, 63-24. Kylee Frisby had 14 points, Sarah Kraklow added 6 and Payten Hillier scored 4. Stark County lost Feb. 4 to Annawan, 57-13, as Frisby had 11 points .

Galva’s girls are the No. 9 seed and will travel to face No. 5 Annawan in the first round Saturday at 6 p.m. as part of the Alwood Regional.

On Monday, Galva (11-18) lost at Mercer County in overtime, 51-48. Lexi Stone had 15 points, Kendall Rogers had 13 and Kali Yelm 12.

ELMWOOD REGIONAL
Saturday, Feb. 12
Game 1 – (12) Stark County at (11) Flanagan-Cornell
Game 2 – (13) Peoria Christian at (7) Roanoke-Benson

Tuesday, Feb. 15
At Elmwood
Game 3 at 6 pm – (2) Elmwood vs.

Winner Game 1
Game 4 at 7:30 pm – (3) Illini Bluffs vs. Winner Game 2

Thursday, Feb. 17
At Elmwood
Title Game at 7 pm – Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4
Regional winner advances to Brimfield Sectional Semifinal 1 on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 6 pm vs. Winner of West Central Regional.

ALWOOD REGIONAL
Saturday, Feb. 12
Game 1 – (8) ROWVA-Williamsfield at (6) AlWood
Game 2 – (10) Kewanee Wethersfield at (4) Princeville
Game 3 – (9) Galva at (5) Annawan
Monday, Feb. 14
At Woodhull
Game 4 at 6 pm – (1) Brimfield vs. Winner Game 1
Game 5 at 7:30 pm – Winner Game 2 vs. Winner Game 3

Thursday, Feb. 17
At Woodhull
Title Game at 7 pm – Winner Game 4 vs. Winner Game 5
Regional winner advances to Brimfield Sectional Semifinal 2 on Tuesday, Feb. 22, at 7:30 pm vs. Winner of Lewistown Regional.

Stark County boys – The Stark County boys improved to 14-13 after winning three straight in the past week, topping Galva on Tuesday, 56-39, and beating Henry-Senachwine on Monday, 65-42.

James Groter had 20 points against Galva, Joey Harmon added 9 and Xander Swank and Luke Rewerts tallied 8 apiece. Cayden Morse led Galva (1-25) with 13.

Last week, the Rebels placed seventh at the Lincoln Trail Conference tournament after splitting two games: losing last Friday to ROWVA-Williamsfield, 58-47, and then beating Princeville on Saturday, 59-50.

Against ROWVA last Friday, the Rebels started slowly and were down 21-4 after one quarter.

“We showed a lot of fight and ended up getting back in the game,” Coach Dustin Browning said. “That intensity carried over to Saturday against Princeville where we started on a 10-0 run and never trailed the whole way.

“We talked a lot about getting a second chance to play both these teams and really wanted to redeem the games from earlier.”

The Rebels had balanced scoring against Princeville, as Swank led with 16 points, Groter added 13, Daniel Kieser scored 12 and Luke Rewerts tallied 11.

Rewerts scored 23 in the loss to ROWVA-Williamsfield, while Swank had 8 and Kieser tallied 7. Browning said Swank and Harmon

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Trivia test
by Fifi Rodriguez

1. MYTHOLOGY: In Roman mythology, Cupid is the god of love. What's the name of the Greek god of love?
2. MOVIES: Which movie series features a character named Inspector Clouseau?
3. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What is the basic currency used in Greenland?
4. HISTORY: What was the first toy to be advertised on U.S. television?
5. MEASUREMENTS: What is the unit of measurement used to gauge the speed and direction of a computer mouse?
6. GEOGRAPHY: Which U.S. territory's unofficial slogan is "Where America's Day Begins"?
7. TELEVISION: What is the longest running scripted TV series?
8. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president campaigned for election with the slogan "Happy Days Are Here Again"?
9. LANGUAGE: In British English, what is a windcheater?
10. ANATOMY: What part of the human brain controls hunger?

Answers

1. Eros
2. "The Pink Panther"
3. Danish krone
4. Mr. Potato Head
5. Mickeys per second
6. Guam, whose location is near the International Date Line
7. "The Simpsons"
8. Franklin Roosevelt (1932)
9. A windbreaker
10. Hypothalamus

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TOP 10 MOVIES

1. Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
2. Scream (R)
3. Sing 2 (PG)
4. Redeeming Love (PG-13)
5. The King's Man (R)
6. The 355 (PG-13)
7. American Underdog (PG)
8. Ghostbusters: Afterlife (PG-13)
9. Licorice Pizza (R)
10. West Side Story (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports

A farewell to Paxson

Longtime Stark Co. girls coach has final home game

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

The list of lasts is dwindling for Scott Paxson, who coached his final home basketball game at Stark County Wednesday vs. Galva and starts his final girls postseason on Saturday.

Paxson said he’s not sure if the full impact of his final home game will hit him until later.

“When you’re in the season, your mind is always on the next game and the next practice,” he said.

For Stark County (1-27), that next game is Saturday’s 2 p.m. regional opener at Flanagan-Cornell, which has three wins. Win there and the Lady Rebels advance to Elmwood for a Tuesday game at 6 p.m. against Elmwood.

While this year has been unusually difficult for SC, Paxson said he doesn’t regret closing out this way.

“People have said, ‘Too bad in your last year you couldn’t have a better season,’” Paxson said. “I say that’s not what it’s really all about. When you are in



Longtime Stark County coach and athletic director Scott Paxson poses with members of this year’s girls basketball team. Paxson coached his final home basketball game on Wednesday.

a small school, sometimes you don’t have the horses to make the run. The challenge for me is trying to treat this season the same as the others. They still come to practice and like to be there. And I don’t think they’re ready to be done. I think the effort and energy is going to be there Saturday.”

Paxson started at Toulon as head girls coach in 1989 and served in that role for three seasons prior to school consolidation. After consolidation, he was sophomore coach under Gary

Johnson for eight years before taking the head-coaching reins again in 2000. Last spring, Paxson topped 400 career wins.

His teams have won 20 or more games 10 times and have won six regional championships, including the 2006-07 squad that reached the Elite Eight.

That season and his 2011 sectional title team are obvious fond memories. But those aren’t the only ones, Paxson said.

“I’ve had a lot of great girls come through the program over the years and

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