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Retired BHC professor hopes to inspire ag students with \$5,000 award

By HOLLY SMITH
 Black Hawk College
 A Black Hawk College professor who retired in 1988 wants to inspire agriculture students to do well in school and in the community. He hopes the possibility of receiving a \$5,000 award when they graduate will motivate them to do their best. Professor emeritus Eldon “Bud” Aupperle and his wife, Virginia, recently enhanced the Aupperle Recognition Fund with a \$50,000 donation to the

Black Hawk College East Foundation. The gift from the Toulon residents will be used annually to provide a \$5,000 award to an ag student who is selected for the new Outstanding Agricultural Graduate Award. Bud Aupperle intends for the



Aupperle

award to go to an “overall outstanding person,” not just a student with good grades, but someone who also is involved in the college and the community. “My philosophy is to develop the students beyond the classroom, which makes them a better individual in life,” he said. Aupperle was the first of six original faculty members hired at the East Campus in the late 1960s. His role was to develop

the agriculture program for the new campus. With bachelor’s and master’s degrees in ag education and experience starting a high school vocational-agricultural program at Warren School in Monmouth, he was ideally suited for the job. Aupperle developed and taught ag courses at the East Campus from 1967-88, touching the lives of thousands of students. During his first year, he organized the Agri-Business Club and in 1972, he started the

Agri-Business Club Alumni (ABCA). Even after he retired from teaching, Aupperle continued to stay connected to the college through the ABCA. For 37 years, he was the group’s executive secretary, until retiring from that position in 2009. “Bud is a huge part of our campus’ deep history,” said Danielle Williams, executive director of the BHC East Foundation. “This generous contribution proves how much
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Materials could arrive soon for Toulon sewer

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 TOULON – Toulon’s City Council received another update on the sanitary sewer Prairie Street lift station in a written report submitted by Farnsworth Group representative Ed Andrews. In addition, Andrews and Toulon Mayor Larry Hollis spoke prior to the Feb. 16 council meeting. “Stark [Excavating] has the [sewer] piping that they’ve been waiting on, so they have received materials,” Hollis said. “Now it’s just a matter of getting them up here” from Stark’s Bloomington offices. Andrews also wrote that manholes and manhole covers should be released by manufacturer Leman Precast “within the next few weeks.” The council approved a pay estimate for \$31,500 that will be released after additional contract certifications are completed. The expenditure pays for the piping material according to Andrews’ report. As of last week not a shovel’s worth of
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CALF IN CLASS



Stark County FFA officers recently put on a petting zoo for Stark County Elementary students in anticipation of National FFA week. See more school news inside in the latest issue of The Rebel Reporter.

Change coming for Stark County’s Rebel

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
 For The Prairie News
 WYOMING – The Stark County High School Rebel mascot was approved for “rebranding” by the school board at Tuesday night’s meeting. The caricature of a Civil War rebel is out due to what could be called political correctness. Stark County High School was formed in the fall of 1992 with the consolidation of Toulon-LaFayette and Wyoming High Schools. The first Stark County High graduating class was in 1993. At that time the “Rebel” was depicted on the front lawn signage as a Revolutionary War “rebel.” Within a few years though, in 1995, the mascot of a Civil War rebel appeared in the school’s yearbook, The Rebellion. That image has since been the mascot until now. “The Rebel mascot is not accurate,” Superintendent Brett Elliott said Tuesday. “The original intent was to be a Revolutionary War rebel or patriot. We are the Rebels, we’ll
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Pictured above is a depiction of a Revolutionary War rebel, used by Stark County schools circa 1990. Below is the mascot illustration as depicted currently.





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Bid deadline is March 9, 2022

Goshen Township reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Proof of liability insurance required. Must be age 18 or older.

AUPPERLE: First awards to be presented this May

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the college means to him and Virginia.”

Longtime BHC East Foundation donors, the Aupperles recently decided to make a major donation.

“I wanted to recognize the most outstanding ag student each year,”

Bud Aupperle said. “Furthermore, it should motivate the individual to do their best.”

Students will not apply for the award. A selection committee will choose the recipient, and the award will be presented each spring at the Ag Recognition Banquet.

The first award will be given this May.

“Bud knew what he wanted his legacy to be and now that will come to life,” Williams said. “We are grateful for the Aupperles’ investment in Black Hawk College students.”

SCHOOL: Renovation project 45 percent done

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always be the Rebels as long as we’re here. So, we’re not changing what the mascot is.”

Elliott said that just the depiction of the Rebel is changing.

A new design of the Rebel mascot will be chosen from entries to be submitted on social media.

“We would run the campaign with community [and students] voting throughout this spring and select a new modern logo by May in order to have it ready for ordering new gear/uniforms/signage for the 2022-23 school year,” Elliott said.



Pictured above is the state of the new Stark County High School renovation project as of Jan. 25.

Next year marks the 30th year of Stark County High School’s existence. The school colors will remain red, black and white.

Elliott reported that the new high school renovation construction project is now 45 percent complete.

On Feb. 28, construction inside will commence.

Originally the construction cost was estimated at \$15 million, but now it sits at \$16.5 million. Elliott said that the \$1.5 million increase will be covered by ESSER funds and

other grant funds.

With the retirement of Athletic Director Scott Paxson effective at the end of this school year, the board has approved hiring Roland Brown as athletic director. Brown has spent his entire career at Richwoods High School, in Peoria, as physical education and health teacher, and coaching track and football there.

The board, in addition to hiring Brown, approved numerous personnel changes after an executive closed session. Among those was the resignation of Assistant Principal Anne Snyder, effective Feb. 11.

The board also hired Amy DeBouver for Unit Office Clerical starting March 7, approved Bob Bohm as high school head girls basketball

coach and Gary Frail as head junior high girls’ and boys’ track coach, accepted the resignation of H.S. social studies teacher Alexander Southe and of Alli Chasteen as an elementary school teacher, approved Ron Peterson as H.S. Industrial Arts teacher, and accepted the resignation of Drinda Maher as lunch and crossing guard supervisor.

The board also approved Jenni Hart for SCES lunch supervision, moved Angie McGrath from guidance counselor to classroom teacher, approved Tyler Jones for junior high physical education, approved Bruce West as a volunteer J.H. softball coach and Patty Wilkinson as prom sponsor, and accepted the resignation of custodian Jamie Hess.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

2-10 - Joshua A. Hurley - Unlicensed, driving 15-20 mph above limit, mufflers and operating an uninsured vehicle.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

2-2 - Criminal Felony - Heather M. Riley - Possession of methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

2-15 - Kevin D. Kull, 41, Neponset, was arrested for driving on a revoked license. He was also cited for illegal transport of adult use cannabis, and for driving without insurance. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

2-17 - Dallas C. Duckworth, 27, Wyanet, was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for driving without vehicle insurance. He posted \$250 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

2-17 - A possible identity theft was reported by a rural Wyoming resident on Grain Bin Road. The incident remains under investigation.

2-20 - Amanda Hill, 41, Wyoming, was arrested on an outstanding Stark County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for criminal trespass to property. Unable to post \$100 cash bond, she was taken into custody and transported to the Stark County Jail.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

2-14 - Officer contacted about a high-speed pursuit that involved the Kewanee Police Department. The suspect vehicle came through Galva on North Center Avenue at over 100



mph. A Galva officer chose not to pursue due to the risks involved.

2-15 - to assist the Galva Fire Department with a reported odor of smoke detected in the 00 block of NE 5th Ave. They were not able to locate the source.

2-15 - Officer contacted about a high-speed pursuit that involved the Kewanee police department. It was the same suspect as one night earlier. The chase went southbound on Midland Road into Stark County and did not come into Galva.

2-15 - to the 800 block of SE 1st St. for a harassment and threats complaint.

2-15 - to a residence on SW 4th St. for a welfare check. The subject was fine.

2-16 - to a hit-and-run accident that occurred involving damage to a parked vehicle in the 200 block of S. Exchange St. A crash report was completed.

2-16 - As the result of a single-vehicle accident involving a power pole being broken off near the intersection of Chester and Market streets, Chad Wexell, 48, Galva, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol, DUI with a BAC over .08 percent and failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. He was released with a required court date. Ameren was contacted for repairs/replacement of the pole and wires.

2-17 - to a 911 call that plotted in the 800 block of SE 1st St. Officer checked the area but did not locate anyone needing assistance.

2-18 - to an activated burglar alarm in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. It was determined to be a false alarm.

2-18 - to assist Henry County with a report of two vehicles that had slid off the roadway just east of Route 34. Both vehicles were removed.

2-19 - to a residence on SE 4th Ave. for a welfare check.

2-20 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd St. in reference to a property line dispute and an ongoing loose dog issue.

Property Transfers

2-14 - Eric Meaker Farms, LLC. to Karen J and Matthew W. Tracy - Pts 2-12-6 NW - Consideration = \$22,410.

2-14 - Eric Meaker Farms, LLC. to John T. and Shirley A. Stabler - Pt 2-12-6 NE - Consideration = \$4,000.

2-15 - JICTB, Inc. to EA Real Estate LLC. - Foster's Add'n block C lot 6 - 300 S. Peoria St., Bradford - Consideration = \$21,500.

2-15 - Gerald W. Bogner, Dec'd by Exec. to Nicole Newton - Pt 35-13-6 SE - 401 N. 6th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$73,000.

2-16 - Robert J. Koelling to Robert J. Koelling, Trustee - Und 1/2 Int Pt 12-12-6 SW - Consideration = \$0.

2-17 - Nathan Bogner to Jeffery Scott and Paige Fairfield - Fair Acres Subdivision, Section 1 lot 22 - 207 N. 3rd St., Wyoming. - Consideration = \$150,000.

2-18 - Denise A. and Wesley L. Wilkinson to Randall R. Lewis - Pt Lt 8 Sect 20-14-6 SE - Consideration = \$32,000.

TOULON: Water treatment plant work on March 2

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dirt has been turned for this project that has a March, 2022 completion date.

"We're at the last month before it's done – is there going to be any kind of penalty for them being past due?" council member Ryan Kelly inquired.

Hollis said, "I anticipate they'll ask for an extension because they couldn't get materials."

Also in Andrews' report was an update on the Uptown Sidewalk Project, which merely says that "North Central Illinois Council of Governments has submitted an application for a grant" for this project, in January. Additionally, Andrews wrote that the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) aerator

work has been rescheduled for March 2.

"When they do that, they'll have to shut the water off [to the city]," Hollis said.

He said there will still be water in the tower to supply the city.

The Motor Fuel Tax concerning the Washington Street resurfacing project was briefly mentioned at the meeting, but work on it will not occur until the weather is better.

City Attorney Kate Carter reported that a few chapters remain to be processed into the new codifications book. Once those are completed, the updated manual will be available to the public.

Approved was a \$500 expenditure for an application for a planning grant that concerns running sewer

lines into non-sewered parts of Toulon – mainly the northwest quadrant of the city.

Two agenda items were tabled. Purchase of a spreader for the city's pickup truck will wait until the large dump truck is inoperable again. The cost of the spreader is between \$5,800 and \$6,000 currently, with inflation increasing the cost daily.

The other tabled item was Jason Musselman's resignation from Toulon's city council. Hollis said that he has yet to receive the written resignation, which has to be notarized. Once Hollis receives it, the resignation will be official. Musselman's term expires next year, so Hollis would likely appoint someone to fill out the term.

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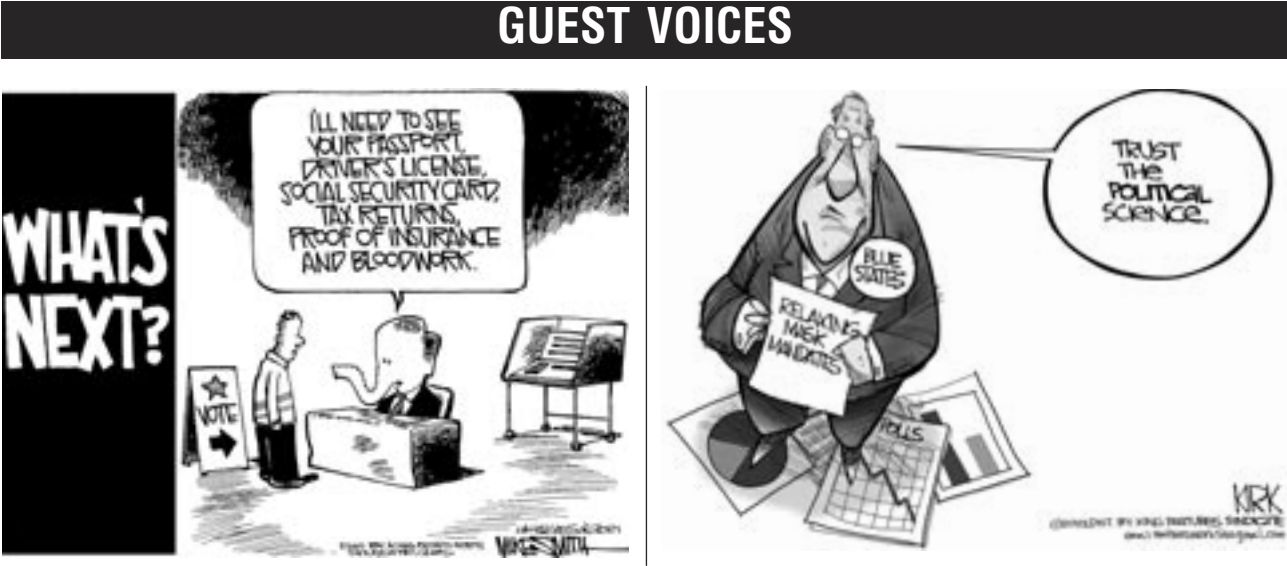
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Of judicial weasels, Jeanne’s gems & Salty

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering squirrel pups.

Well, I’m not sure of the legal term for what the 4th District Court of Appeals did in the wee hours last Thursday. But I’d say “weaseling out” adequately describes the court’s non-decision on the temporary restraining order issued by Sangamon County Circuit Judge **Raylene Grischow**, a Toulon native who definitely did not weasel out when she was faced with a difficult decision. The appeals court basically passed the buck, though Justice **Lisa Holder White** did note they should have ruled on whether **Gov. Pritzker’s** executive orders were proper. Now, the issue is left to twist in the wind for a bit longer until the Supreme Court rules on yet another appeal. By then, we will be past the Feb. 28 date Pritzker arbitrarily set as the end of the state’s mask mandate. Sigh. Is it really any wonder people are leaving this state?



Jeff LAMPE

Once a month for the past year, a thought would briefly invade my oft-addled brain. “Whatever happened to

Jeanne Harland?” You may recall Harland, whose enjoyable columns about farming with her husband in Knox County near LaFayette were published in this paper once a month for a year or two. For some reason, the columns stopped last winter. When I wondered why, another thought would snatch my brain off to something less productive. Thankfully, a prod from reader **Jan Agnich** of Bradford made me stay on task, for a change. It seems after 20 years of writing, Harland basically decided it was time to stop writing. In her farewell column (which somehow slipped through the cracks), she wrote, “I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to share our lives here on the farm with my readers for so many years, and my heartfelt thanks go out to all who have taken the time to read and comment on my stories.” ... For about 10 seconds I thought, “Let her be.” But there are too few people who assemble words in a fashion worth reading. Jeanne is one. Others share the same opinion. So in an email, I asked if she would come out of retirement. She said she might consider it, which is where you readers come in. If you know Jeanne, let her know you miss her. Tell her to make me pay her this time around. We need more women’s views in this paper, particularly from someone who offers farm stories and

recipes that help take us away from the troubles of our days.

A few weeks ago, the late **Dorwin “Salty” Hedden** earned a mention in this space, since he looked and sounded like a nice guy in his obituary, not salty. Reader **Christi Garlish** of Farmington, who is a Hedden, provided an answer. She made some calls and, eventually, Salty’s brother, **Carol Hedden**, explained that three of four Hedden brothers earned nicknames at one time, the others being **Pepper** and **Sugar**. Only Salty stuck. “My Dad says if three of the four brothers had nicknames, then the fourth probably issued them,” Christi said. And yes, Christi confirms that “Salty was a good man and very kind.” ... Parting shot: Thank you **Mother Nature**. Sort of. Over the past few days, a black squirrel started building a nest in the soft maple in our back yard. Better yet, the squirrel trimmed about 50 branches from the messy maple to help build the nest that it has since lined it with leaves. My hope is to see what babies will emerge. My concerns are many, the primary one being that nest building started while our dog was at the kennel. **Buck** is home now and spends his time sitting under the tree, staring at the nest. I fear this won’t end well.

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

Local governments require local interest

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter of appeal to the citizens of Stark County, but am sure it applies as well to other regions within the circulation area of this paper. Representative government only functions well if citizens not only take an interest in governmental events but are also willing to accept the responsibility of giving of their time and talents to be a part of the governing process. Following the last election cycle, the Stark County Board had only six elected members due to the lack of candidates to fill the eight positions available.

With the redistricting which occurs every decade, all eight positions are to be elected in the upcoming election cycle this year. Elected officials will then draw lots to determine the four members having a two-year term and those four having a four-

year term. This provides for continuity to the board in the next decade, half being elected every two years.

The Stark County Board consists of four members from each of the two districts. District 1 encompasses the three eastern townships of Osceola, Penn and Valley and the eastern portion of Toulon township (Wyoming residents who live on the north side of Route 17/Williams Street).

District 2 is made up of Goshen, West Jersey, Essex and Elmira townships and the western portion of Toulon township.

The current political situation within our country is evidence of the necessity of involvement by our citizenry. I would encourage you to consider running for election to the county board if you have interest in serving your community. To do so requires that you petition to be on the

upcoming primary ballot in June. This involves going to the county clerk office and requesting the petition form, getting 25 registered voters within your district to sign in support of your candidacy, and returning it to the county clerk office by March 14.

I would encourage any and all with an interest in local government to run. For me personally, being on the county board was my first experience in holding a political position. It has been a most positive educational experience. Consider serving your community by running for political office.

– **Al Curry**, Toulon

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Some early residents had interesting names

By DON SCHMIDT
For The Prairie News

One of life’s privileges is the naming of our children. We name them after ourselves or our parents, grandparents, other relatives or family friends, or we may use a trendy name or make up a new name.

First names follow trends. The most popular baby names for 2021 were Olivia, Emma, Amelia, Ava; and Liam, Noah, Oliver and Elijah. Names from older generations, such as Ethel, Bertha, Beulah, Maude, Lemuel, Orson, Rufus, and Alpheus, lose favor as being too old-fashioned. A few come back into fashion.

I have run across many interesting old-fashioned names of early residents who lived in The Prairie News readership area:

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AUCTIONS & REAL ESTATE

HUGE ANTIQUE, COLLECTIBLE, PRIMITIVE, ELECTRONIC AND TOOL AUCTION

The following high-quality collection of unbelievable items will be sold at the Millbrook Community Building in Laura, IL (The building is located right off Rt. 78 in the NE corner of Laura), on **SUNDAY FEB. 27TH, 2022 AT 11 AM**

NOTE: This is a very brief description of the amazing items on this auction. Much more will be added by sale day. Two lines will be running for the duration of the sale, so plan accordingly. Note the early 11:00 a.m. start time. See pictures online at www.folgersauctionservice.com LIKE US ON FACEBOOK You do NOT want to miss this one!!.

ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES: huge collection of Flow Blue Labelle pieces (nice variety of pitchers, bowls, serving dishes, plates, S & Ps and much more, huge set, will not sell as a set, will be pieced out)—original 1868 campaign CVD of Grant/Colfax (good cond.)—rare Fredricks & Co. Broadway actor’s cabinet card from 1860’s containing group photo on front and list of names on the back which include John Wilkes Booth, his dad and brother—rare Stanley #1 plane in box (Lie Nielson)—other planes—rare Winchester wagon and Shapleigh coaster wagon—Ruger Air Hawk pellet gun w/ scope and case, 177 caliber—Ruger Blackhawk pellet rifle, scope and case, 177 caliber—Sig Sauer pellet pistol, 177 caliber, spare clips—guns in new condition—nice gun cases—Colt BB’s, Sig pellets—nice vintage oak hanging Bible holder—Keen Kutter and Shapleigh items—4 beautiful hand stitched ant. quilts (queen/king size, see pictures online)—advertising items and smalls—nice vintage brooches, some marked, vintage cameos—other nice costume jewelry—8 Montana Silversmith bronze statues—many beautiful bronze statues by prom. Western artists Michael Garman, Largo and Paul Cameron Smith—auth. Navajo artisan pottery—Native American plates (Hamilton Collection, highly sought)—beautiful Frank McCarthy framed art—orig. oil paintings by equine artist Roz Clancy—dream weavers—tomahawks, bows and arrows, etc. (hand crafted by SW Native Americans)—sets of very nice like new western lamps—gorgeous set of nat. wood lamps—spurs—very nice leather dec. pillows—horse show and other belt buckles—many Western style dec. pieces—ant. Kitchen cupboard w/glass doors—walnut ant. Full size head and foot board—nice ant. Commode—round oak ant. table—so many more antiques and collectibles by sale day.

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Stark FFA members recently participated in the Section III Vet Science and Creed speaking competitions during the Career Development Event. Pictured at left is Chelsey Stotler, who placed 7th, and at right is Lauren Orwig, who placed 4th in Creed Speaking.

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Pictured are the 2022 Galva Chamber of Commerce board of directors at their annual meeting. In front from left, Mike Yepsen, Melissa Halsall, Carson Halsall, Vice President, Stacey Hanks, President Barry Millender and Jake Anderson, secretary. Back row, Adam Jaquet, treasurer. The directors will meet in March and elect officers for the 2022 Chamber year. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Galva schools vote to end mask mandate

GALVA – The Galva School board met for an emergency meeting last Wednesday evening and voted unanimously to make it optional to wear masks in Galva schools. This also includes sporting events.

It remains a federal mandate that everyone on a bus must wear a mask.

- Carol Townsend

Farm Bureau to host trucking seminar

ANNAWAN – Illinois Farm Bureau will host a series of two-hour trucking focusing on transportation laws and regulations as they pertain to the agricultural industry.

Farm Bureau will host one of the sessions on Thursday, March 3, at 10 a.m. at the Annawan Community Center, 314 N. State St., Annawan.

The Rules for the Road Seminar will cover recent changes and some of the more established but still misunderstood rules, such as the USDOT Number, UCR registrations and driver’s license classifications.

Rules for the Road seminars are open to all Illinois Farm Bureau members. Attendance is free, but ad-

vance registration is required. Call Bureau County Farm Bureau at (815) 875-6468 to reserve your place.

State Sen. Cullerton resigns over charges

SPRINGFIELD – State Sen. Tom Cullerton, D-Villa Park, resigned his seat Wednesday and will reportedly plead guilty next month to federal corruption charges.

Cullerton, 52, a former chairman of the Senate Labor Committee, was first elected to the Senate in 2012 and was seated in 2013. In August 2019, he was indicted on multiple charges of embezzlement for allegedly receiving pay and benefits from Teamsters Joint Council 25 while doing little or no work for the union.

Cullerton’s most recent trial date was scheduled for April 18.

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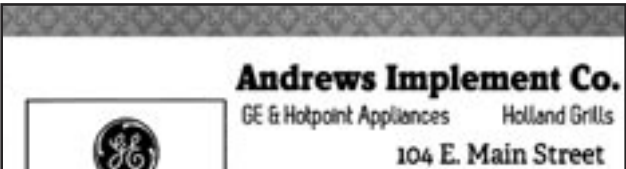
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Mask disruptions continue in State House

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – In the first half-hour of House session Tuesday at the Capitol, the leaders of each party made calls for civility, two lawmakers recounted their recollections of a House floor altercation, and three Republicans were removed from the floor for not wearing masks.

Both House Speaker Emanuel “Chris” Welch, D-Hillside, and Minority Leader Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, had a message for the members of the chamber: The public is watching and it’s time to get to work.

“Let’s lower the divisive rhetoric,” Welch said in a House floor speech. “That’s what we’re talking about. Don’t lose your passion. Come ready to debate the issues. But let’s lower the divisive rhetoric.”

Tensions have been high on the House floor in recent days as Democrats have repeatedly called for the removal of GOP members who refuse to wear face coverings.

The chamber approved masking and temperature requirements when they first returned to session amid the COVID-19 pandemic. They say a member should be masked unless eating, drinking or talking into a microphone.

But from Tuesday to Thursday last week, several GOP members refused to wear face coverings, accusing Democrats of hypocrisy for enforcing mask requirements on the House floor, but not at fundraising events, and faulting the majority party for not taking votes on the governor’s authority to issue statewide mask mandates.

That led to a Thursday motion by Rep. Lakesia Collins, D-Chicago, to remove nine Republicans from the floor for failing to comply with House rules.

But it was Collins’ inclusion of state Rep. Steve Reick, R-Woodstock, in her initial motion to remove maskless members that led to the altercation.

Reick, who was not disobeying the floor mask mandate, confronted Collins on the floor shortly after the motion. The Democrat reported that she felt threatened when Reick

pointed a finger in her face and allegedly told Collins to keep his name out of her mouth.

Other lawmakers came between the pair, and about 10 minutes later, Reick said he attempted to apologize, but was told by Welch and others that the time was not right.

Collins, in a floor speech, noted her mother died when she was five, and she experienced “trauma after trauma,” including verbal, physical and sexual abuse. “So in that moment when I was confronted by my colleague, and what my colleague said to me in that moment, I was triggered. I was scared. I felt unprotected,” she said. “And I was shocked that this even transpired.”

While Collins said Reick did try to apologize shortly afterward, it wasn’t the right time in her mind because she felt unsafe.

“As a Black woman, we are told to be strong, but at the same time to be quiet, to tone down, don’t be too aggressive,” she said. “And our concerns oftentimes go unheard. ... I hope that we can all put this behind us and keep the people we represent at the forefront.”

In his response, Reick said his actions Thursday could “to some extent” be attributed to his upbringing as well.

“I was taught that you don’t take an insult, you don’t take something that is wrong lightly,” he said. “And when I heard my name being mentioned as one who was violating the mask mandate, I took umbrage at that because I’m also a rules guy.”

Reick said he regretted the words and actions he used Thursday when confronting Collins, and he added there was no intent

to cause harm. “One of the other things I was brought up with was the fact that if you screw up you make it right right away,” he said. “You don’t wait until it’s good for you to do it. You make sure that you make amends immediately upon having made a mistake, and that’s what I tried to do, but I was not allowed to do that.”

Reick took issue with the public nature of the fallout.

“And there are those who will perceive this as having been done as a result of demands and threats of unspecified sanctions,” he said. “I’m offering up an apology but it’s no different than the apology I would have offered up had she been willing to listen to me 10 minutes after this happened and this never would have had to occur. That’s how you do these things in my world.”

Republican Leader Jim Durkin called Reick a decent man who he’s known a long time, but he said got to know Collins in the morning meeting in the speaker’s office.

Durkin said in the morning meeting, the four lawmakers “did what adults do” in sitting down and talking about their issues.

“And if that happens again, we’ll do it again,” he said. “But just remember that we are being watched by so many and so many people rely upon us that we owe more to our constituents than to name call, criticize people unfairly, and to lack the respect that this chamber deserves.”

The three members removed Tuesday for disobeying mask mandates included Reps. Dan Caulkins, R-Decatur, Blaine Wilhour, R-Beecher City, and Adam Niemerg, R-Dieterich. They were al-

lowed to participate remotely.

Wilhour, who was also one of the nine removed last week, is suing Welch for the mask mandates, asking a judge to prevent the speaker from removing him from the House floor. He is represented by Thomas DeVore, a frequent litigant against Gov. JB Pritzker’s mandate authority, who announced this week he is running for attorney general.

After Durkin and Collins were done speaking about civility, Rep. Andrew Chesney, a Freeport Republican who was one of the nine removed from the floor last week, said the floor mask mandate should be enforced consistently.

“If we’re going to follow the rules, we follow all the rules, just not the ones you guys pick and choose to follow,” he said.

Welch pointed out the House rules were adopted by majority vote, and they’re in place to prevent COVID-19 outbreaks.



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Loss of rural health creating care deserts

By TAMMIE SLOUP
For FarmWeek

A rural health care advisory and analytics provider has found nearly half of rural hospitals have refrained from admissions because of nursing shortages this past year.

Additionally, more than a quarter of rural hospitals have ceased offering some services due to staffing challenges.

“Alarm bells should be ringing on this topic. This is a very big deal,” said Michael Topchik, the national leader of The Chartis Center for Rural Health, during the National Rural Health Association’s Policy Institute on Feb. 8.

Topchik said that while pandemic funding has provided temporary stabilization to rural hospitals, the emerging nursing shortage continues to worsen.

“This is the No. 1 need in our surveys and across a variety of ways we’ve looked at this, this is the biggest challenge rural hospitals tell us they have is staffing, staffing, staffing,” Topchik said.

The majority of nurses who have left rural hospitals exited for more lucrative positions, while others report being burned out.

Staffing shortages have also impacted services. Chartis data highlighted trends with obstetric and

chemotherapy services, which did not fall under that umbrella.

Between 2011 and 2021, 198 rural hospitals ceased to provide obstetrics, while 311 rural hospitals ceased to provide chemotherapy between 2014 and 2017.

“I’m afraid to say that it’s really the story behind the story of the hospital closure crisis,” Topchik said.

Nearly half of rural hospitals are operating with a negative margin (excluding relief funds), with two rural hospitals closing in 2021, he said. The \$12.6 billion in pandemic relief payments has helped, but only temporarily. And Topchik anticipates relative stability through 2022.

“There’s been some bright news, which is last year we didn’t see that many closures and we are predicting this year we won’t see that many either,” he said.

Attendees of the policy institute also met with members of Congress – including a handful from Illinois – to discuss emerging issues facing rural communities. Following his meeting with Illinois rural health representatives, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Springfield, issued a news release about the discussion in which he highlighted the \$1 billion secured in the American Rescue Plan for the National Health Service Corps and Nurse Corps to build a more diverse pipeline of clinicians and recruit

more health providers to serve in shortage areas.

To address other rural health care workforce issues, Durbin has introduced the bipartisan Rural America Health Corps Act, which would create a National Health Service Corps pilot program to test whether an expanded loan repayment award and service commitment – \$200,000 over five years – would improve retention in rural communities, according to the news release.

The Chartis Group also announced the 2022 Top 100 Critical Access Hospitals and the 2022 Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals. Based on the results of the Chartis Rural Hospital Performance INDEX, this annual recognition program honors outstanding performance among the nation’s rural hospitals.

A handful of Illinois hospitals made the lists, including Wabash General Hospital in Mount Carmel (critical access hospital); and HSHS St. Joseph’s Hospital in Breese, Jersey Community Hospital in Jerseyville and OSF Saint Elizabeth Medical Center in Ottawa (rural and community hospitals).

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Deceased.)

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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.

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Dated this 1st day of February, 2022.

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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.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER., Plaintiff, v. KYLE GOODIN, AKA KYLE W. GOODIN; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2022FC1

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Kyle Goodin, AKA Kyle W. Goodin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

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Now, therefore, unless you, Kyle Goodin, AKA Kyle W. Goodin, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Tenth Judicial Circuit, Stark County, Illinois, on or before April 15, 2022, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

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ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given than on February 9, 2022, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as TAY'S BROW BAR, located at 107 N. 7th Street,, Wyoming, IL 61491. Dated February 8, 2022.

/s/ Heather L. Hollis
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Carbon headed underground in Illinois

By JUDY MAE BINGMAN
Illinois Extension

URBANA – In addition to reducing carbon emissions, innovations in the capture, transport, and storage of carbon dioxide hope to help reduce atmospheric CO2 emissions.

Officials at public meetings in central Illinois describe the plan to transport CO2 through 1,300 miles of underground pipeline, crossing 12 Illinois counties, ending at a central Illinois location for storage in underground rock.

Storage of CO2 is also not new.

“Illinois was the first to develop a carbon dioxide storage system from industrial sources,” says Duane Friend, University of Illinois Extension natural resources, environment, and energy educator. “Geologists and engineers from the U of I Prairie Research Institute and the Illinois State Geological Survey have been working on these methods for over 20 years.”

The process passed safety tests.

“Researchers and engineers, working with Archer Daniels Midland, closely monitored the capture, injection, and observation at the Decatur-based site,” Friend says.

The carbon dioxide was pumped more than a mile under ground.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) estimates more than 1,500 miles of pipe-

line in the United States currently carries carbon dioxide, with some of the pipelines in operation more than 40 years.

“Most of this infrastructure has been used to aid in oil and gas extraction,” Friend says.

Why store carbon dioxide in Illinois?

Illinois’ deep underground rock is well suited for CO2 storage, Friend says.

“Hundreds of millions of years ago when Illinois was part of a shallow sea, huge amounts of coarse sediments were deposited that eventually became sandstone,” Friend says.

The Mt. Simon sandstone layer lies from 5,000 to over 7,000 feet below ground under much of central and northern Illinois.

“This rock layer, 500 to over 2,500 feet thick, is porous enough to accept liquid CO2, but not let it travel very far from the point of injection,” Friend says. “Multiple layers of impermeable rock above it keeps the CO2 from mi-

grating upward, much like trapped oil and gas that is closer to the surface.”

How does the extraction work?

Friend explains that in the ADM operation, carbon dioxide is captured and compressed; then, the water is removed. It enters the pipeline at an injection well on the surface, before being pumped and injected into the sandstone.

The research site monitored seismic activity and soil, groundwater, and air

quality. Shallow groundwater and deep subsurface monitoring tracked movement of the CO2, Friend says. The 3-year research confirmed the operation worked with no major adverse effects, Friend says.

“This procedure should be considered just one of many options to reduce atmospheric CO2 emissions, which adds 35 billion metric tons of carbon dioxide to Earth’s atmosphere each year,” Friend says.

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ACROSS

1 Sci-fi zapper

10 "Flashdance" star Jennifer

15 1,152, to Caesar

20 Stateside

21 U-shaped bend in a river

22 Protest shout

23 Grave spirit

24 Chicago airport

25 See 42-Across

26 Bad grade

27 Causes wonder in a room

28 Subcompact car of the 1980s

30 Naughty kid

31 Saroyan's "My Name Is —"

32 Mex. miss

33 Abate

34 HarperCollins or Simon & Schuster

40 — Antonio

41 Suffix with Brooklyn

42 Vireo

25-Across, Czech tennis great

43 Crude dude

44 Gallery stuff

46 Film director

47 Holiday song

49 Optimistic attitude

55 Give and take

57 False

58 Flaky dessert

59 Restricted entry

62 USMC rank

63 Frat dude

66 Soon-to-be adolescents

67 Inquire into

69 One of 100 in D.C.

70 Monk's title

71 Stuff applied to the wall of a room

76 School org.

77 Certain Ukrainian

78 Fine riverbed sand

79 Athlete's advantage

84 1836 Texas siege site

87 Abbr. on a phone dial

88 Sgt., e.g.

89 Must have

91 In a bit, to berate

92 — a snap!

93 Took a chair

95 Features of many lmos

100 Sue Grafton's "— for Noose!"

101 Movie-rating org.

103 Defendant's opponent

104 Part of LAPD (outlaw)

105 "Necktie," "bathrobe" or "jumpsuit"

108 College bigwig

110 Furry foot

113 Taken together

114 Great values

115 Subsequent stage

117 Coup —

118 Omit, as a syllable

119 Balsam or "superstine"

120 Blisful spots

121 Doles (out)

122 Maker of the eight programs that are the theme of this puzzle

DOWN

1 Told a fib

2 Hathaway of "Ocean's 8"

3 Store lure

4 Bygone U.K. record label

5 Make over

6 Bar with beer-making facilities

7 Berlin article

8 Masters

9 Ticked off

10 "Awright!"

11 Dig out from the ground

12 Impose — on (outlaw)

13 Some nobles

14 Affirms solemnly

15 Suburb of D.C. in Virginia

16 Wheat — (cereal)

17 Judge of the O.J. Simpson trial

18 Owing

19 "Don't worry, things are going to work out"

28 60-min. periods

29 "Give — whiff"

30 "You're preaching to the choir"

31 Lung cell

34 Pen maker

35 Egg cells

36 Boat-rowing guys

37 Style of jazz

38 Bathrub sponges

39 Great reviews

45 Scale notes after dos

46 Bullying cheer

48 Library penalty

50 Old railroad watchdog

51 — (to exercise system)

52 Age-verifying cards

53 Top dentures

54 Food fish from Africa

56 Eye squintingly

59 A DJ might spin them

60 Froufrouness

61 Gene stuff

62 Co. big shot

63 Gold-winning figure skater

64 Hotfoot it

65 Suggest Mel

67 Burned a bit

68 Sentimental pop songs

71 Dostoyevsky novel, with "The"

72 Ida, neighbor

73 China's Lao —

74 Suffix with Brooklyn

75 Comedian Golda

76 "Ask Me Another" ainer

77 Available without an Rx

79 Occur at the same time

80 Acquired the film rights to

81 Army meal companion

82 As a team

83 "So yucky!"

85 Do some lawn work

86 Add- — (peripherals)

90 Pupil-widening drug, e.g.

93 Young salmon and sea trout

94 Steak on "The Simpsons"

96 Treason's love

97 Surgery assistants

98 TV magnate

99 Olympic athlete, e.g.

102 She sang "Hello"

106 Strategize

107 Stand by

108 Sub shop

109 Part of 62-Down; Abbr.

110 El —, Texas

111 Almost like

112 Departed

115 — de plume

116 "— So Shy"

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OBITUARIES

Donna Currier

PEORIA – Donna Currier, 91, of Peoria, Ill., formerly of Toulon, Ill., passed away on Monday Feb. 21, 2022, at OSF Hospital in Peoria at 5:04 p.m., surrounded by her loving children.

She was born in Kewanee, Ill., on Sept. 13, 1930, to William Leonard and Grace Irene (Harvey) Moore.

Donna married Roland Frederick Currier in Kewanee, at the First Presbyterian Church on June 12, 1949.

She is survived by her children, Anita (Roger) Milburn of Peoria, Lucinda (Tom) Milburn and Preston (Angie) Currier, both of Kewanee, Gretchen (Mike) Main of Altona, Ill., Sally (Bill) Corrigan of Mendota, Ill., and Jeanne (Carl) Ryan of Wyoming, Ill.; 17 grandchildren, Douglas (Jana Zollinger) Milburn, Kalamazoo, Mich., Suzanne Milburn, Tacoma, Wash., Rhonda (Justin Ahlman) Milburn of Peoria, Bridget (Colton, Nora, Ava) Anderson of Chillicothe, Ill., Natalie Milburn, Kansas City, Mo., Katy (Chris, Wyatt, Kaden) Boyd, Mt. Airy, Md., Logan (Valerie, Presleigh, Asa) Currier, Galva, Ill., Reuben (Carissa, Clyde, Milo, Elsie) Currier, Toulon, Maureen Currier, Victoria, Ill., Jacqueline (Drew) Clark, Chicago, Jenna (Joe and Anna) Tolley, Avon, Ill., Nolan Jenkins, Mendota, John (Savannah Carroll) Jenkins, Grundy Center, Iowa, Julie (Nick Fisher) Jenkins, Fraser, Colo., Addison (Sydney, Hayden, Hudson) Ryan, Wyoming, Justine (Jim Code) Ryan, Chicago, and Clayton (Caitlyn & Warner) Ryan, Wyoming; 3 step grandchildren: Billy (Missy, Quinn) Corrigan with Baby number 2 on the way, Valerie (Shea, Brogan) Kreiser and Vanessa (Herb) Goslin, and 2 more great grandbabies on the way!

Donna is also survived by her special friend of many years, Harold McMahon of Kewanee. Just to name a few things they enjoyed together, they would enjoy dinners out, golfing and winter trips to Texas over the years.

Donna was preceded in death by her parents, infant sister Elaine Moore and sister Gwendolyn (Moore) Krause of Kewanee.

She was also preceded in death by her beloved husband, Roland Frederick, on July 17, 1987. Up until this time, she was a devoted farm wife and mother who worked hard each and every day for her family. She helped with the livestock, the farming and, of course, her daily duties including cooking, cleaning and taking care of their six children. Donna was an avid seamstress, making the majority of the clothing for her children. She loved design and colors and would create beautiful skirts land dresses for her daughters. She was also wonderful at creating a beautiful home, interior design was a passion of hers that she shared with her husband. All of this was in addition to her being a wonderful cook and baker!

She grew up during the Great Depression and with that, she learned to be creative, conservative with money and became a very astute

businesswoman. When she married Roland, life was not easy at first, however, they had plans to create a great life for their family and she knew it would only get better. They bought farm land and established the Currier Family Farms, adding land and livestock to it as the years passed by, only to have their marriage cut short by tragedy and the death of Roland.

At this point, Donna had to re-invent herself. She was a determined, fierce woman who held onto the family farm and expanded it over the years. She took up golf and yoga, she expanded her love of sewing into the world of quilting, where she made many brilliantly colored quilts, some of her own design, gifting them to family over the years. She went to work in the business sector for many years after her husband’s death while her son ran the farming operation.

Donna graduated from Kewanee High School in 1948. She went on to attend Brown Business School and Black Hawk College, thus furthering her knowledge of the business world. She was very passionate about learning, even up until the day she died. Just days prior, she was saying that she needed something new to learn. One thing that you could always hear her saying to her family, “You can never stop learning. You must keep your mind active.”

In addition to schooling, she was a 4-H Leader, a member of the Stark County Homemakers Extension, Toulon PTA, Business Professional Women, member of several quilting clubs (Stark County Quilters, Prairie Queen Quilters of Bishop Hill, Ill., Covered Bridge Quilt Guild of Princeton, Ill., and Gems of the Prairie Quilters of Peoria) and was an Elder and lifelong member of the Elmira United Presbyterian Church. Donna was also instrumental in putting on a quilt show at Courtyard Estates in Galva.

In addition to all of the above, she would tutor children and even go as far as making a high school graduation dress for a girl who had nothing to wear. Donna was generous in many ways to many, many people behind the scenes.

As a child, she had a beloved horse named Penny that she enjoyed riding.

Donna lived a very full live, constantly adapting, changing and pivoting to meet the demands of life with grace and dignity. She will be forever missed by all that knew her. She was an inspiration to many young women, especially her granddaughters who admired her perseverance and independence. She was brilliant.

Services for Donna will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, in Elmira United Presbyterian Church with Rev. Art Blegen officiating. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until the service time.

Burial will follow in Toulon Municipal Cemetery. Grandsons Douglas Milburn, Logan Currier, Reuben Currier, Nolan Jenkins, John Jenkins, Addison Ryan and Clayton Ryan will serve as pallbearers. Wasmer Funeral Home is privileged to assist the family. Memorials may be directed to Elmira United Presbyterian Church or Donor’s Choice.

Condolences may be left at wasmerfuneralhome.com.

Ivan L. Nelson

TOULON – Ivan Lee Nelson, 75, of Toulon, passed away Saturday, Feb. 19, 2022, at 11:25 p.m. at Kindred Hospital in Peoria. He was born Jan. 29, 1947, in Kewanee, to parents Ivan D. and Margaret (DeWulf) Nelson. He married Marlene Jenkins on Jan. 12, 1988, she survives.

Also surviving are his children, Jeff (Vicki Nowlan) Nelson of Toulon, LeeAnn (Kent Smith) Hufnagel of Toulon, Jennifer (Scott) Eberle of Edelstein, and Zack (Carly) Nelson of LaFayette; eight grandchildren, Tucker, Ashley, Josie, Payton, Chase, Macy, Noah, and Kohen; five great-grandchildren, Bryant, Iva, Donald Louis IV (Blue), Nickolaus and Carter; four siblings, Rosanne Mohr of Davenport, Brad (Pat) Nelson of LaFayette, Tom (Renee Johnson) Nelson of Toulon and Pat (Tom) Winkler of Washington.

Ivan was preceded in death by his parents.

Ivan attended Toulon High School, graduating in 1965. He was a United States Army veteran, he served in Germany during the Vietnam Era. Ivan was a lifelong farmer and owner of Nelson Auto Sales.

Ivan was active and involved in his community, he served on the Toulon City Council, he was a Stark County Board Member and he was a lifelong member of the Toulon American Legion.

Anyone that knew Ivan, knew he did it his way, whether it be making his own parking spot or blocking the road to chat with a friend or foe. He never knew a stranger and is often referred to as “One of a Kind.” Ivan’s passing is a great loss not only to his family and friends, but also to his entire community.

A visitation will be from 5-8 p.m., with a Rosary led by Father John Cyr beginning at 4:30 p.m., Friday, Feb. 25, 2022, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Ivan’s funeral will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 26, 2022, also at the funeral home. Father Cyr will officiate. Burial will be in Toulon Cemetery.

Per Ivan’s wishes memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital.

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

Gladys I. Neal

SPEER – Gladys I. Neal, 102, of rural Speer passed away peacefully at UnityPoint Health Proctor on Feb.15 after a short illness.

Gladys was born on Oct. 7, 1919, in rural Stark County to Daniel and Mary Kuntz Streitmatter. She married George J. Neal on Feb. 4, 1945, in Peoria. He passed away on July 1, 2016.

Gladys is survived by two sons, Doug Neal, and Curt Neal, both of Speer; one sister, Bernadine Cambron of Peoria; and several nieces and nephews.

A private family graveside service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at csmico.com.



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OBITUARIES

Jacob M. Swearingen
KEWANEE – Jacob “Jake” M. Swearingen, 25, of Kewanee, died Feb. 18. Jake was born Aug. 7, 1996, in Kewanee, the son of Gary Shoen and Billie Swearingen. He attended Galva Schools.
Jake is survived by his mother, Billie Garcia, Kewanee; dad, Tracy Stevens, Peoria; father, Gary Shoen (Kim Espinoza), Kewanee; son, Khristopher W. Swearingen; papa, Jerry DeBord, Kewanee; papa and nana, Douglas and Glenda Carlson,

Galva; grandma, Annie Shoen; brother, Brandon (Jasmine) Stevens, Wyoming; aunts, Wendy Swearingen, Kewanee, Kerry (Bill) Hallberg, Kewanee, Tracy (Kyle) Chayer, Altona, Brenda Rouch, Galva; Chris Carlson, Galva, Richelle DeBord, Waco, TX; close cousin, Michael Rouch; uncles, Joshua (Rose) Carlson, Kewanee, Bo (Cathy) Swearingen, Kewanee, Jeremy DeBord, Kewanee; nephews, Isaac and Zayne Stevens, Wyoming; several cousins; and close friend, Angela French, Kewanee.

He was preceded in death by Norman and Bessie Swearingen, Butch Carlson, Gary (Chrissy) Nelson, Christy DeBord and George Shoen.
Jake was a member of the Baptist Church, Galva.
A Celebration of Life will be held from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., March 12, 2022 at the American Legion, Galva.
Condolences can be left online at www.schuenemantumblesonfuneralhome.com.

Pritzker seeks appeal in Ill. Supreme Court

By Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker’s administration said last Friday it will ask the Illinois Supreme Court for an “expedited review” of an appellate court’s decision not to rule on a lower court order that invalidated COVID-19 mitigation measures for roughly 170 school districts that were parties in a set of consolidated lawsuits.
Late on Feb. 17, the 4th District Court of Appeals said it would not review the temporary restraining order issued Feb. 4 by a Sangamon County judge, calling the issue “moot” because the emergency rules issued earlier by the Illinois Department of Public Health have expired and a legislative panel in charge of reviewing such

rules had declined to extend them.
But the court also said individual school districts remain free to adopt their own mitigation policies, independent of executive orders or emergency rules.
“The administration is working with the attorney general to request an expedited review of this decision from the Supreme Court,” Pritzker’s press secretary Jordan Abudayeh said in a statement Friday morning. “In the meantime, the governor urges everyone to continue following the doctors’ advice to wear masks so students can remain safely learning in classrooms, and is encouraged that the court made it clear that school districts can continue to keep their own mitigations in place.”

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by Dave T. Phipps

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 10

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES: Which 2000 animated movie's tagline is "Escape or Die Frying"?
- HISTORY: When was the Peace Corps established?
- LANGUAGE: What does it mean in British English to be "knackered"?
- AD SLOGANS: Which company featured this 1985 ad campaign: "It's everywhere you want to be"?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: Which animal has the longest tongue in relation to its body size?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "It was a bright cold day in April, and the clocks were striking thirteen"?
- MUSIC: Which country music songwriter, singer and activist once sold Bibles for a living?
- ANATOMY: What is the common name for the coccyx in human anatomy?
- FOOD & DRINK: Which restaurant chain is known for its "Grand Slam" breakfast?
- U.S. STATES: In which U.S. state was the first official World Fair held?

Answers
1. "Chicken Run"
2. 1961
3. Tired
4. Visa
5. Chameleon
6. "1984"
7. Willie Nelson
8. Tailbone
9. Denny's
10. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (1876)

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Death on the Nile (PG-13)
- Jackass Forever (R)
- Marry Me (PG-13)
- Spider-Man: No Way Home (PG-13)
- Blacklight (PG-13)
- Sing 2 (PG)
- Moonfall (PG-13)
- Scream (R)
- Licorice Pizza (R)
- The King's Man (R)

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The Prairie News Sports

Rebels win first at regional since 2011

By JEFF LAMPE
For The Prairie News

WILLIAMSFIELD – The third time was not only a charm for the Stark County boys basketball team, it helped end an 11-year regional drought.

Trailing 25-23 at halftime in its Class 1A regional opener, Stark County rallied to defeat ROWVA-Williamsfield last Saturday, 66-57, to avenge two regular-season losses against R-W.

The road win moved Stark County (17-15) into a regional semifinal showdown against Monmouth United on Wednesday at Kewanee Wethersfield. Galva’s boys lost their regional opener at United last Saturday, 65-27.

Peoria Quest was to face Ridgewood in the other semifinal on Wednesday. Winners will play tonight at 7 p.m. at Wethersfield in the regional title game.

“We played consistently and did not have any scoring droughts through the game,” Stark County Coach Dustin Browning said. “Really followed our defensive gameplan and limited their drives to the basket.”

Browning said the Rebels also got a big boost from former coach Taul Noard, who is now coaching in Tipton, Iowa. Last year, several Stark



Stark County High School recognized boys basketball seniors and their parents on Feb. 16 at Senior Night vs. Lowpoint-Washburn. Players from left to right are Blake Orwig, James Groter, Arvid Steudte and Ethan Unhold.

County players went to see Noard’s team play in Tipton. This year, Noard returned the gesture by bringing Tipton fans to the regional opener.

“It really turned into a home game for us with their energy and enthusiasm,” Browning said. “It really was a huge part of the game and our players responded well to the student section and energy they brought.”

The Rebels gained the lead in the third quarter, as Luke Rewerts put in 10 of his team-high 21 points.

Stark County also shot 10-for-13 from the free throw line and was 7-for-8 in the fourth quarter to hold its lead down the stretch. R-W (16-16) was just 5-for-13 on free throws.

Daniel Kieser had 9 of his 19 points in the final quarter. Stark County also got 14 points from James Groter, 6 from Ethan Un-

hold, 4 from Xander Swank and 2 from Joey Harmon.

Graham Wight led R-W with 23 points and Carson Malek scored 18.

“They outshot us a little bit and outguarded us a little bit,” R-W Coach Bob Anderson said. “They’re kind of a versatile bunch.”

Stark County had won its regular-season finale at home over Lowpoint-Washburn, 61-43, on Feb. 16.

Anderson, 74, is 707-534 in 43 seasons and said he is uncertain about returning to coach next year.

“I’m going to sit back and look at things for awhile,” Anderson said.


6th Grade – Stark County’s 6th grade boys played in the Knoxville Tournament last weekend and went 4-1, beating Mercer County for the consolation championship. The 6th graders finished 13-3, with losses to Morton, Pekin and Mercer County.

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