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Schmidts are 2022 OSA badge honorees

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – As the 145th Old Settlers’ Association gathering here heats up this weekend with a busy slate of events, we took time to chat with the 121st Badge Honorees, Bonnie and Don Schmidt of Toulon.

Both Schmidts who were raised in Stark County attended Toulon Township High School. Bonnie graduated high school in 1962, and Don graduated in 1961.

Bonnie and Don will speak separately on Sunday, Aug. 7, at the Main Stage on East Court Street at approximately 10 a.m. Here’s a preview.

The Prairie News: What is your full name?

Bonnie: Bonnie Rae (Carrington) Schmidt.

Don: Donald Dean Schmidt.

When and where were you born?

Bonnie: June 16, 1944, in the Kewanee Hospital.

Don: Dec. 21, 1942, in Highland, Ill. Madison County.

Who are your parents?

Bonnie: Lyle and Bertha Carrington.

Don: Roy and Dorothy Schmidt.

When did you graduate from high school and college?

Bonnie: 1962, from Toulon Township High School and 1965, from Galesburg Cottage Hospital of Nursing as a registered nurse.

Don: 1961, from Toulon Township High School and from Wabash College in 1965, with a Bachelor’s degree in chemistry and physics. And from Oregon State University in 1970 with a PhD in chemistry.

When were you married?

Bonnie: Aug. 1, 1964, at the Toulon

United Methodist Church, in Toulon.

Where did you honeymoon at?

Bonnie: We had a short honeymoon in Galesburg because Don had to go back to school. We postponed our honeymoon to the following Spring after Don graduated. We went to Bristol, New Hampshire.

What was your first car?

Bonnie: I didn’t have a car. I always borrowed my parents’ car.

Don: A 1949 Plymouth Coupe.

What historical event do you remember the most?

Bonnie: John F. Kennedy. I remember where I was, what I was doing, and it was very tragic.

Don: The assassination of JFK.

What invention has had the most impact on your life?

Bonnie and Don: Computers!

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STARK COUNTY QUEENS



Maddie Wilson, 20, of Wyoming was crowned July 28 as 2022 Miss Stark County Queen. Also crowned was 2022 Junior Miss Mckenzie Wilkins, 14, and Little Miss Vada Edwards, 7, all of Wyoming. Submitted photo.

MULTI-TALENTED POLLINATORS

Bumble bees busiest of the pollinators

In 2007, Congress declared the month of June to be National Pollinator Month. Their press release told us we should “celebrate” pollinators, whatever that means, and that we should help increase awareness of the importance of pollinators, especially insects and bees.

Butterflies, fluttering about in their fancy garb, have hogged the spotlight in the pollinators’ public relations department, even though they’re rather



Ron
DIETER



A bumble bee collects nectar from wild bergamot, a native wildflower aptly known as bee balm because it attracts so many of the pollinators. Illinois is home to nine species of bumble bees, which are native to the state, unlike honey bees. Photo by Jeff Lampe

poor at the job when compared to other less flamboyant insects.

I personally have a fondness for a multi-talented pollinator, the bumble bee. These chubby little creatures go to work early in the spring while other pollinators stay home trying to keep warm. The bumble bee’s large body and thick hairy coat allow it to fly even

on cold spring days. For added warmth a bumble bee can vibrate its wing muscles to generate heat, raising its body temperature 30 degrees in just a few minutes. Thus the burly, bundled-up bumble bees can forage in cold weather unfavorable to other pollinators.

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Pump problems Galva pool closed for year

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Swimming ended early this year in Galva due to a pump malfunction that caused an early closure of the Park District pool.

A new pump was ordered but has not yet arrived. The Park District board hopes to receive the pump and have it installed in time for 2023. The pool had passed state inspection and was to remain open until Aug. 12.

In other park district business, Katie Laurin is stepping down as board president and pool manager and Lauren Hopping is stepping down as head lifeguard. The board is seeking a pool manager, head lifeguard and lifeguards.

The maintenance crew will install foot rests on the bleachers. Doug Anderson is checking on material needed. Superintendent Nathan Glaser thanked Tyler Glaser and Doug Anderson for their help this year at the pool and Larry Halsall for fixing the mower. And a new memorial tree for Joe Griggs will be planted this fall.

Finally, the Back Road Music Festival will be held at the park district on Saturday, Aug.13.

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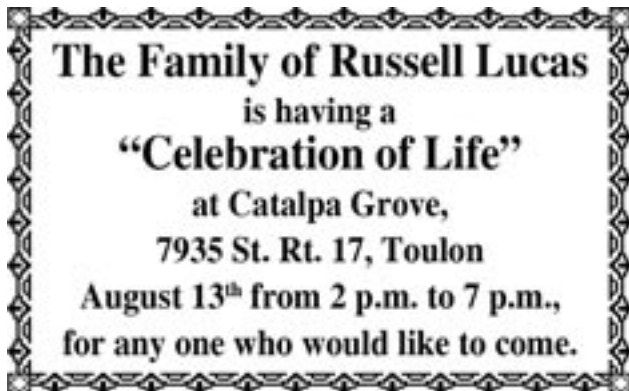
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DIETER: Strawberry growers utilizing bees

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I was surprised to learn that several species of bumble bees live happily in the Alaskan tundra, some are even found above the Arctic Circle, where those little fur coats no doubt come in pretty handy.

Unlike honey bees, bumble bees don't build hives or store honey. A bumble bee queen, after hibernating alone underground through the winter, emerges in early spring and finds a good nesting site. She feeds on the nectar of early flowers while collecting pollen to take back to her nest. After building up a store of pollen and nectar, she lays her first set of eggs. After a few days the eggs hatch into larvae, which the queen cares for until they spin a cocoon and turn into adult bees.

The queen's first broods will be all worker bees. Some will guard the nest while others will gather pollen and nectar and care for the queen's successive broods. All the while the queen stays home in the nest laying eggs.

Later in the season the queen begins to lay unfertilized eggs which become males and fertilized eggs, which become new queens. The males and new queens leave the nest

and never return. They spend their days trying to mate.

As winter approaches the original queen and her workers die off, while the newly fertilized queens search for a safe place to spend the winter and start the process all over again.

Bumble bees pollinate many important food crops – raspberries, strawberries, blueberries, cranberries, apples and plums. They're the sole pollinator of several wildflowers, including our native monkshood, as well as alfalfa and red clover, important animal feeds.

They are especially important pollinators of tomatoes, potatoes, eggplants and peppers. The flowers of these plants contain both male and female parts but the pollen must be jarred loose by wind or some other disturbance. Bumble bees, using their ability to "sonicate" or buzz-pollinate the flowers, make fertilization possible.

Growers of greenhouse crops once spent time every day hand-pollinating their tomato, pepper and cucumber crops using a device similar to an electric toothbrush. But in the 1970s, scientists developed techniques that allowed for the commercial production of bumble bee

colonies. Greenhouse growers eagerly hired the bumble bees to pollinate their crops.

The growers are pleased with their bumble bee workers. They're willing to work seven days a week and never call in sick or require health insurance and 401K plans.

Some strawberry growers are using bumble bees, not just as pollinators, but as little crop dusters to apply fungicides to their fields of strawberries.

Commercial strawberry farmers spray their crops with chemical fungicides in an effort to control gray mold. It is a fungal disease that can ruin strawberries in the field and in your refrigerator. But recently, scientists have developed biocontrol agents, "antagonistic" fungi, that can stop gray mold in its tracks.

To be effective, these biocontrol agents must be applied directly to the strawberry flower as it is blooming. Farmers in Europe are using bumble bees to deliver the fungicide to the flowers. Special devices mounted over the doorways of the commercial bumble bee nests dust the bees with the fungicide powder as they pass through. As the bees pollinate the flowers and gather nectar, they deposit the fungicide right on target.

SCHMIDTS: ‘Live in the moment’ and ‘go to church’

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Do you have hobbies or collections?

Bonnie: I love to play golf, love to read, and enjoy yardwork and walking.

Don: My hobbies are history and genealogy. I've read a lot of history about the Civil War.

What advice would you give to young people?

Bonnie: Live in the moment and cherish where you are in your life. Don't look back too much and do the best you can. Make your decisions wisely because some decisions can change your life.

Don: Go to church.

Root beer floats

The Women's Club will be serving root beer floats in front of Farm Business Farm Management on Saturday, Aug. 6, from noon until 3 p.m. as part of the Old Settlers' Association festivities. **Full Schedule, Page 6.**

What are your favorite activities together?

Bonnie: Curling. We were looking for something to do when we lived in Michigan and friends invited us to a curling club.

What is your fondest memory of high school (excluding dating)?

Bonnie: I had a lot of girlfriends and GAA was a

lot of fun.

Don: Basketball – and all the sports.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Bonnie: I got hit by a skydiver! In 1984, we were at a professional soccer game in the Tulsa University Stadium. Don and I were seated in the end zone to watch the game and there were five skydivers who were to come into the stadium before the game. The second skydiver was going to miss the field and was drifting away from us toward a busy street. He let go of his controls, accelerated, and crashed into us. He torqued my knee and snapped off the end of my tibia.

Don: I went to Wabash College, which is a men's school and I joined a fraternity. Every year at Homecoming they had a Homecoming queen contest. I was Homecoming queen in the fall of 1961. I dressed up as a Playboy Bunny and a short kid dressed as Hugh Hefner was my escort.

Is there anything that you would like to add that we haven't discussed?

Bonnie: I volunteer at the Stark County Food Pantry. I think volunteer work is extremely important.

Don: I've been the superintendent of the Toulon Cemetery for 23 years. I enjoy that. It fits in with my genealogy hobby.

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

7-26 - Olivia J. Hopp - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-26 - Deborah L.Yocum - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-26 - Terri S. Sipes - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
7-24 - Juan D. Alcaraz-Farias - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
7-29 - Lakena D. Jones - Transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger.
7-29 - Jacobii D. Jones - Transport/carry alcoholic liquor/passenger.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

7-24 – John P. Pasdik, 63, Peoria, was ticketed for driving without a valid registration and for operating an uninsured vehicle.
7-25 – Barry W. Reed, of Bradford, reported a theft of items from his machine shed. The incident remains under investigation.
7-26 – Jeffrey E. Webster, 43, Wyoming, was cited for failure to wear a seat belt.
7-26 – Seth L. Hoskins, 47, Toulon, was cited for failure to wear a seat belt.
7-29 – Isaac M. Jones, 27, Kewanee, was cited for driving on a suspended registration, speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone, and for driving an uninsured vehicle. He was issued a notice to appear in court. Three additional passengers were also ticketed including Lakena D. Jones, 23, and Jacobii D. Jones, 25, both of Kewanee, ticketed for illegal transportation of alcohol by a passenger; and Jacob M. Dearing, 23, Kewanee, charged with obstructing a police officer with false information on his identification.
7-29 – Authorities received a complaint regarding a problem with a customer at The Lounge business in Wyoming. Possible charges are pending.
7-29 – A domestic issue was handled in the 300 block of W. Jefferson St. in Toulon. Possible charges are pending.
7-30 – Linda K. Thrasher, of Lafayette, reported her license plates had been stolen from a trailer at her residence. The incident remains under investigation.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
7-25 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.
7-26 - to Route 17 just south of the Galva Cemetery for a dead deer carcass in the roadway. It was moved to the ditch.
7-26 - Officer met with a resident at the Galva Police Department in reference to a report involving the theft of unemployment benefits.
7-26 - to the 400 block of SW 4th Ave. for a damage to property-



neighborhood dispute complaint.
7-27 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for an activated burglar alarm. It was determined to be a false alarm.
7-27 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for a domestic disturbance.
7-27 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on NE 6th St. for a suicidal subject who attempted to overdose. Subject was transported by ambulance for treatment.
7-28 - to the 100 block of Market St. for a “rolling domestic dispute” involving two subjects in a vehicle who were fighting. Officer located the vehicle on SE 2nd Street. Complaint unfounded.
7-28 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of NE 1st Ave, Elise Wilson, 32, Galva, was arrested for driving while license revoked and improper operation of an off-highway motorcycle on a roadway. She was released with a required court date.
7-28 - to the 300 block of Commercial St. for a reckless driving complaint that happened outside of Galva.
7-28 - to the 500 block of NW 8th St. for a loose dog complaint. The dog had returned home prior to officer locating it.
7-29 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Street for a prowler complaint. Officer checked the area, but did not locate anyone.
7-29 - to meet with a subject in the 900 block of SE 2nd St. to return several debit cards they had found. Officer contacted the rightful owner and the cards were returned.
7-29 - along with a Henry County deputy, to a single-vehicle accident on Bonham Road west of town. The driver was ultimately arrested for DUI by Henry County.
7-29 - Officer (and his K9 partner) assisted Henry and Bureau County attempting to locate a subject who struck a pedestrian with a vehicle and led police on a high-speed chase from Kewanee to the Mineral area. The suspect was not apprehended, but the case remains under investigation.
7-30 - to the 1300 block of SE 2nd St. for an obstruction in the roadway. A swing set had fallen out of a pickup truck. It was removed.
7-30 - to the 400 block of NE 2nd Street for a civil matter involving a vehicle taken without permission.
7-30 - to the 700 block of NW 4th

St. for a possible scam.
7-30 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a disorderly conduct complaint involving threats received by phone. The suspect, Duane Shaw, 35, Kewanee, was located by the Kewanee Police Department and arrested by a Galva officer for felony harassment with threat to kill, and harassment through electronic communications with threat to harm person of property. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
7-30 - to the 1000 block of SE 2nd St. for an activated burglar alarm. It was a false alarm.
7-30 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of S. Center Ave., Lori Kohl, 52, Dahinda, was arrested for operating a vehicle with suspended registration. She was released with a required court date.
7-30 - to the 500 block of NE 2nd St. in reference to a report involving two subjects running through yards. Officer was not able to locate.
7-30 - to a residence on NE 2nd St. to check the welfare of a resident after a neighbor reported not seeing subject for a couple days. The subject was out of town.
7-31 - to the 300 block of N. Center Ave. to check the welfare of a young child walking while carrying a suitcase. Officer checked the area, but did not locate anyone.
7-31 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd Ave. for a battery complaint.
7-31 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SE 2nd St., Kayla Broussard, 20, Galesburg, was arrested for driving while license suspended and unlawful use of a drivers permit. She was released with a required court date.
7-30 - Bobby Charlet, 21, Galva, was issued citations for having expired registration and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 100 block of NE 1st St..

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Vacation essentials: mayonnaise jar, fish tackle

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For example, my mother never crossed the state line without a wide-mouth quart jar filled with soapy water and a washcloth so she could keep her children “presentable,” presumably in case of a car crash.

I can’t count the number of times my face was scrubbed with a soapy, cold washcloth from an upcycled mayonnaise jar.

Also, Mom always packed an oilcloth tablecloth just in case we stopped to eat in the middle of nowhere after leaving home in the middle of the night to arrive in the middle of Missouri or Kentucky or Tennessee two hours early.

But there was never really any “just in case.” Every year on the first morning of vacation, we’d stop at some park for a “light breakfast” packed by Mom. Light meant everything but the fattened calf: two kinds of breakfast rolls and coffee cake, hard boiled eggs, summer sausage, cheese, a thermos of coffee, a jar of milk, jelly, butter and silverware.

What, you never took your silverware on vacation?

Every year it happened in the same way: Before the car even came to a complete stop, Mom would pop out of the car’s front seat with the tablecloth in one hand and

the quart jar of soapy water in the other.

Since we often vacationed with my grandparents, Grandma usually arrived a few minutes later to perform the same tablecloth-mayonnaise jar move within seconds of Mom’s.

For his part, Dad never left for vacation without his fishing tackle in top condition. He’d spend one night the week before slowly clearing his tackle box of dried minnows from the year before and “rewrapping” – putting new fishing line on – his best spinning reels.

It was a religious experience to him because, like baptism, this singular immersion in all things fish foretold of salvation – a week’s reprieve, anyway – from 100 Holsteins, 3 hired men and endless acres of tall corn, weedy soybeans and unmowed set-aside.

Almost as spiritual was Dad reacquainting himself with his most sacred possession, an early 1950s, 5 h.p. Johnson outboard motor that would putt-putt him in a sodden, 16-foot wooden fishing boat around some state park lake in search of his great white whale, a bucketful of black crappie.

Getting it ready meant attaching it to a 55-gallon oil drum that he had cut the top out and filled with water. After fiddling with this knob and that valve, he’d pull the rope and – blub, blub, blub – it would fire and his wide “I’m a kid again” smile would appear.

My four brothers and I had a ritual, too; we’d fight over what clothes to take because we five had to share one suitcase. Mom often settled the civil war by reminding us that whatever we packed had to be “washed in the lake” because she

was not doing laundry on vacation. That limited our already limited wardrobe to cut-off jeans and flip-flops.

I don’t remember packing any cooler other than the flimsy styrofoam ones that had a lifespan shorter than a mosquito. I do remember Dad buying blocks of ice for some cooler – maybe it was a tub – that carried the week’s necessities like milk for us, butter for Mom and Busch Bavarian for himself.

The very best part of every vacation, however, was the evening of the final day. About an hour before arriving home, Dad would pull into some drive-in diner and order hamburgers, french fries and chocolate milkshakes for everyone. What a treat.

Maybe the most remarkable ritual of all was the fact that we – eight of us in one stuffed, stuffy station wagon – even went on a week’s vacation every August. I had few farm friends that could make the same claim. How did Mom and Dad do it?

If you asked them, I’m pretty sure the answer would begin with, “Well, get yourself a wide-mouth mayonnaise jar...”

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Alan GUEBERT

Life extends beyond conception and birth

To the Editor:

Although well written, I find Mr. Klopfenstein’s pro-life letter both harsh and judgmental!

I am a professed Christian and also consider myself Pro-Life. But life extends well beyond conception and birth to include a long period when a child requires at least one if not two mature parents to nurture and watch over that child until the child becomes a young adult.

I am also pro-adoption which includes a woman’s right to lovingly give up her child for adoption. There are thousands of couples waiting to adopt an infant or child who don’t ever receive that call



from an adoption agency. My heart goes out to these couples!

But please put yourself in the shoes of the pregnant girl or woman who, for whatever reason, knows she doesn’t want to carry that fetus for nine months knowing full-well she doesn’t have the means or the ability to raise that child from birth

to young adulthood.

What should she do, especially if she doesn’t have a loving husband and family to help her raise that child?

The Bible does not clearly address this all-important question. In my opinion, that decision has to come from the heart of the pregnant woman and not from the government.

– Wayne Nowlan, Peoria

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GUEST VOICES



America has lost its way

America has lost its way, or so I worry. Can we get back on track? What do we mean by The American Way? Each of us might define it differently, though I think there are some common threads. In 1937, social commentator William Herberg gave it a shot in a lengthy paragraph, from which I extract here some key words: self-reliant, striving, success, humanitarian, idealistic, stewardship, character.

America helped save the globe during World War II, with our sacrifice and materiel. When I grew up post-WWII, America was on top. The rest of the developed world was prostrate from war devastation. We had some swagger. We were positive and generous. It was a great time to grow up. I thought of America as perfect, though we weren't. After all, blacks were still being casually lynched in the South, and until this year Congress hadn't been able to pass a simple anti-lynching law. Since my childhood, other nations have been catching up with us, as would be expected of energetic, well-educated, emerging nations. We also lost some of the kick in our step with our failure in Vietnam.

In the 1970-80s, we allowed our manufacturing base to be hollowed out. And we can't seem to climb up from mediocrity in educational achievement. This may not have been important when I was a kid, but is now. Our university and government-

sponsored research have been top drawer, yet China is investing much more in their rapidly developing research centers and universities (they know where the future lies!) than are we.

Nor can we seem to resolve our "us v. them" squabbles among whites, blacks and browns; elites v. rural folks, and regarding gender roles. Further, luxury has a corrosive effect on the spirit, I would contend, possibly weakening our resilience as a people. In three visits to China as a visiting professor over the past 15 years, I found the Chinese are not that impressed with us, maybe agreeing with their supreme leader Xi Jinping that Americans have become soft.

Then, we have the mind-bending, unsettling, warp speed rate of change in our world, with digital devices pushing the human aside, or threatening to do so. And, of course, the pandemic. And now, medieval bestiality in Ukraine, which I had hoped, naively, we had evolved away from in the 21st Century.

So, we have little swagger left. Where are we? Where are we headed?

Many of my senior generation appear to have given up, taking their still fertile brains to Florida and the links. The political class on the Left appears to think the way out of our plight, if such we be in, is to shower us with government money. On the Right, the objective appears to be to protect the incredible wealth being scooped up by a tiny fraction of us.

From what I see among my former university students, our well-educated young are buoyant with energy and optimism, which is great. At 81, I think my generation, with its im-

mense aggregate wealth, needs to do a better job of supporting my former students, and our grandchildren.

I have cynically mused that the U.S. could use a "good little war" to unite us in behalf of a renewal, an awakening. We have such a little war in progress in the Ukraine, plus an economic war with China. In the Middle Ages, war was economic development; today economic development is "war." This can be seen by China's efforts to extend its sphere of dominant influence, from Southeast Asia to Africa.

Yet most Americans are so consumed with our pursuit of material stuff that we are blithely ignorant of what is transpiring in the world beyond our border.

If anything, The American Way has been about success, achievement, stability, example. These are the really big issues that aspiring national leaders should be trumpeting to the American public. Yet, I fear many so-called leaders fear such declarations would fail to capture voter imagination and spirit, and so they tap into voter fears and anger. One of the downsides of democracy is that, to stay in office, leaders often become followers.

I smile at the bumper stickers: "Ask me how much I love my grandkids!" How much, indeed? Enough to provide them a stable nation and world? If we can do that, we will have reclaimed The American Way.

Nowlan is a former professor, politician, government executive and newspaper publisher. His recent gigs have been as a senior fellow at the University of Illinois Institute of Government and Public Affairs, and as a visiting professor at Fudan University in Shanghai. He lives in Princeton.



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Hunter safety class offered in Chillicothe

CHILLICOTHE – Area residents can learn basic principles of safe hunting at a Department of Natural Resources hunter safety education course to be held at the Chillicothe Sportsmen's Club Aug. 11-12 from 6-9:30 p.m. and Aug. 13 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Students must attend all 13 hours of the class. A 1996 Illinois law requires that all hunters born after Jan. 1, 1980, successfully complete the hunter education course before they can receive their first "real" hunting license. The class is also a requirement for those high school students that wish to take part in the Scholastic Trap League.

To reserve a seat, contact coordinating instructor Lowell Bennett at (309) 274-5586.

Sen. Stoller names Jim Nowlan to staff

PEORIA – In an effort to provide better constituent services to the residents of the 37th Senate District, State Senator Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) has hired Jim Nowlan as part of his district office staff.

Nowlan has spent nearly five decades in various public service roles, including as an Illinois legislator, state agency director, senior aide to three separate Illinois governors, professor, and newspaper publisher and columnist. Nowlan will assist Stoller's district office with community outreach, constituent service projects and legislation.

Galva's Make a Sundae fundraiser nets \$1,500

GALVA – The Galva High School Dance and Drill team held its Penny Wars fundraiser Sunday at the Levitt Amp concert in Wiley Park.

Josh Dunn and Joe Sallee tied as winners to be made into human sundaes. Dunn took the microphone and said since Ashley Olin and Meg Sallee had worked so hard to become the sundaes, he and Joe Sallee would also donate to have them be made into sundaes.

The fundraiser made \$1,500 for the dance and drill group, coached by Ali Weston.

– Carol Townsend

Contractors group holds trap shoot, golf outing

KEWANEE –The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association (ILICA) is hosting its Area 3 - Trap Shoot & Golf Outing on Sept. 9.

The event kicks off with a morning trap shoot (50 clays) at the Izaak Walton League Trap-Skeet Grounds, followed by lunch at Baker Park Golf Course. At noon, the 18-hole golf outing scramble kicks off with a chance to win door prizes, cash hole prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. After golf, the event wraps up with awards and a grill-your-own dinner (steak, chicken or pork chops).

Anyone can participate; ILICA membership not required. Registration includes trap shoot, lunch, golf and dinner for \$105. Partial registration options are available, as well.

Visit www.ilica.net/events or call Illinois LICA at (309) 932-1230.

Et cetera

- GALVA – The final Levitt AMP Galva Music Series concert of the summer is Sunday, Aug. 7, at Wiley Park with a three-act show starting one hour earlier at 5 p.m.
- Performing will be: JigJam, a bluegrass group direct from Ireland; Josh Hoyer & Soul Colossal, 2017 finalist on The Voice; and Vox Sambou, a powerful 10-piece group from Haiti.
- Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.



Volunteers worked Saturday to clean up Veteran's Park in Galva. Back row (left to right) – Mark Jeffrey, Bryant Jeffrey, Mike Gustafson, Butch Burhorn, Jim Boulch, Lloyd Anderson, Wayne Glisan, Mike Gravitt, John Gravitt and Aric Burhorn. Third row (l to r) – Darci Gustafson and Alec Gustafson. Second row (kneeling, l to r) – Josh Gravitt, Hank Halsall and Warren Keitt. Front row (kneeling l to r) – Mariah Jeffrey, Jacob Gravitt and Cayden Gustafson. Photo by Carol Townsend.



Galva Dance and Drill Team members making human sundaes of Ashley Olin and Meg Sallee (left) and Josh Dunn and Joe Sallee (right), during the Penny Wars fundraiser Sunday night at Galva's Levitt Amp concert in Wiley Park. Photo by Carol Townsend.

TOULON OLD SETTLERS SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, AUG. 5

4:30 - ? Toulon American Legion FISH FRY

5:00 - Kiddie Pedal Tractor Pull CITY PARK (Sponsored by the Toulon Lions Club)

6 PM - Toulon Old Settlers Association Queen Pageant. MAIN STAGE

6 PM - 12 AM Beer Garden Opens. After pageant - Band "Einstein's Baby"

Dusk: FIREWORKS! at SC High School



SUNDAY, AUG. 7

10:00 AM OLD SETTLERS MEETING COFFEE & DONUTS BADGE HONOREE SPEECH

10:30 AM COMMUNITY CHURCH SERVICE

SATURDAY, AUG. 6

8:00 AM INDIAN CREEK 5K RACE

9:00 AM KIDS FUN RUN

9 AM - 4 PM CRAFT SHOW & FLEA MARKET ON THE COURTHOUSE LAWN

9 AM - 1 PM HISTORICAL SOCIETY OPEN HOUSE

10 AM - 2 PM CRUISE-IN CAR SHOW (on Franklin St. and Bank parking lot)

11 AM - 1 PM LIONS CLUB PORK CHOPS (served on the corner of Main and Washington)

12 PM - 3 PM ROOT BEER FLOATS (in front of Farm Business Farm Management hosted by Toulon Women's Club.)

2:00 PM KIDDIE PARADE followed by the 2022 OLD SETTLERS PARADE

2:30 - 5 PM "ELECTRIC TOMATO" AT R BAR (following parade)

6 PM BEER GARDEN OPENS

8 PM BAND "Valley Katz" on MAIN STAGE

BALLOON ARTIST 12:30-2:30

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Credit reforms needed for new farmers

By **TIMOTHY EGGERT**
FarmWeek

One of Adam Brown’s most painful financial decisions was selling the first tractor his father rode.

“While that was a difficult and emotional step to take, the survival of my farm for the next generation is my top priority, just like it was for the generation that passed it on to me,” Brown told federal lawmakers July 14, his voice cracking.

But trading the 1950 Ford Ferguson T20 for cash was not enough.

“I still needed some help to keep things running and the loan programs that were available for young, beginning and underserved producers came through for me in one of the most difficult and stressful times of my life,” he said.

Brown, who grows corn and soybeans in Macon County, testified before the U.S. House Ag Committee on behalf of Illinois Farm Bureau. He was one of five panelists advocating for reforms to the credit title of the 2023 farm bill.

Brown recounted his difficult experiences navigating the Farm Service Agency’s (FSA) Direct Farm Ownership Joint Financing Loan and Marketing Assistance Loan programs and the Natural Resource Conservation Service’s (NRCS) Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP), in which he enrolled to finance buying out other heirs to his late grandfather’s farm estate.

While Brown was able to acquire some land through the lending programs, he still faced the “inefficiencies of government that oftentimes prevent new and begin-

ning farmers from gaining access to the programs they need to stay afloat until they have their feet under them.”

When lawmakers rewrite the farm bill credit title, Brown said, they should ensure everyone who could qualify for a federal farm loan has equal access it, and that farm operating and farm ownership loan limits keep pace with surging input and land costs.

Brown also said USDA should revise and align its definition of a beginning farmer and rancher and better communicate and educate farmers on ag lending programs.

Nathan Kauffman, Kansas Federal Reserve Bank vice president, said those changes will be vital as farm loan interest rates continue to increase, as demand for farm loans are expected to “rise notably” and as capital spending is expected to decline for the first time since 2020.

“Some producers may face more substantial credit challenges than others,” Kauffman said. “While the strength of farm income these past two years is likely to sustain credit conditions in agriculture for some time, some borrowers may face heightened financial stress in the year ahead if costs continue to rise, and commodity prices ease further.”

Many members of the committee echoed the reforms offered by Brown, including U.S. Rep. Rodney Davis, R-Taylorville, who said limiting access to ag lending entities like the Farm Credit System “will only discourage individuals ... from seeking careers in farming and agriculture.”

Brown agreed, noting about 35% of new operating and real estate notes that come to Farm Credit Illinois are from young, beginning and small farmers.

Despite receiving initial financing, those evergreen farmers are forced to seek more loans to keep growing and to remain competitive with other, larger farms, Brown said. But because they are new to the industry, those farmers don’t have the production or credit history required by FSA to qualify for a lending program.

That cycle has hit even harder with soaring fertilizer, equipment and land costs — some Illinois ag land sells for \$20,000 per acre and cash rents keeping rising — Brown said, telling the panel that loan limits and caps on operation notes should be increased in the upcoming legislation.

“And I would ask that we have predictability going into the next farm bill,” Brown said. “We have so much volatility throughout my operation, throughout the ag economy. If we know what we’re dealing with we can better shape (our operations) ...we can plan better, and that provides us peace of mind.”


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Stark Sch. board OKs expense plan

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School District board of education met in a special meeting on July 27 to discuss a “Consolidated District Plan.” According to school Superintendent Brett Elliott, “The consolidated district plan is a grant summary of all state and federal grants received each year and our plan for expenditures.” Somewhat misleading, the name of the plan has nothing to do with consolidation of school districts. The board approved the plan. After holding an executive session, the board approved the following personnel hirings:

- Brooke Landcaster as ELA/Electives teacher.
- Shelly Allen as speech coach.
- Mary Jo Groter as junior high volleyball coach.
- Kari Bush as school nurse.
- Donnie Peterson as junior high volunteer assistant baseball coach.
- Julie Shambaugh and Barbara Ingels as Toulon kitchen staff.
- Mary Jason as elementary school morning crossing guard.
- Jackie Carroll as district truancy officer.

Additionally, the board accepted the resignations of:

- Angie McGrath as school counselor.
- Brenda Macke as band teacher and extracurriculars.
- Mary Jo Groter as high school girls’ basketball assistant.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2022

Town Fund
Cash Receipts

Property tax \$70,094, state replacement tax \$5,031, interest \$357, and TOIRMA refund \$1,008. Total cash receipts \$76,490.

Cash Disbursements

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	Town Fund	General Assistance	Cemetery Fund	TOTAL
Balance March 31, 2021	\$54,605	\$38,707	\$9,838	\$103,150
Cash Receipts	66,212	7,610	2,668	76,490
Cash Disbursements	(68,415)	(1,188)	(1,860)	(71,463)
Balance March 31, 2022	\$52,402	45,129	10,646	108,177

Road & Bridge District
Cash Receipts

Property tax \$57,960, state replacement tax \$5,955, interest income \$629, motor fuel tax \$24,991, transfers in \$20,000, other income \$75. Total cash receipts \$109,610.

Cash Disbursements

D&D Pavement Solutions \$9,954, Neponset Truck & Tractor Repair \$2,570, Purtscher Oil \$7,163, Compensation under \$25,000 (A. Koelling, D. Ehnle) \$678, cash disbursements under \$2,500: \$16,942. Total cash disbursements \$37,307.

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Balance March 31, 2021	\$40,359	\$18,554	\$138,060	\$196,973
Cash Receipts	78,761	4,393	26,456	109,610
Cash Disbursements	(32,991)	(4,316)	-	(37,307)
Balance March 31, 2022	\$86,129	18,631	164,516	269,276

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Notice is given of the death of SHIRLEY A. GUSTAFSON. Letter of Office were issued on July 15, 2022, to Julie A. Bral, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before January 25, 2023. Any claim not filed by 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exceptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Barash & Everett, LLC Attorney for Executor 211 W. 2nd St. Kewanee, IL 61443 (309) 852-5555 Published 7/22, 7/29, 8/5/22

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE

ESTATE OF

No. 2022-PR-13

Margaret J. Malamphy

DECEASED

NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Margaret J. Malamphy. On July 22, 2022 Letters of Office were issued to Charlotte Christine Sullivan whose attorney of record is Anne C. Rennick, P.O. Box 90, Wyoming, IL 61491. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Stark County, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before (a) January 27, 2023 or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the aforementioned date(s) 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 July 25, 2022 /S/ Anne C. Rennick

Anne C. Rennick Attorney for: Estate of Margaret J. Malamphy P.O. Box 90 Wyoming, IL 61491 Ph: (309)-695-4701 Fax: (309)-695-2119 Email: acrennick@yahoo.com Published 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/22

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF
THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF STARK
PROBATE DIVISION

IN RE:
THE ESTATE OF ALEX BRADY
CASE NO. 2022-PR-10
Deceased.

No. 2022-PR-14

DECEASED

NOTICE OF CLAIM DAY

Notice is given to creditors of the death of Richard F. Becket. On July 22, 2022 Letters of Office were issued to Tamara L. Hand whose attorney of record is Anne C. Rennick, P.O. Box 90, Wyoming, IL 61491. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Stark County, Illinois, or with the Representative, or both, on or before (a) J 27, 2023 or (b) if mailing or delivery of a notice from the Representative is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before the aforementioned date(s) 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 July 25, 2022 /S/ Anne C. Rennick

Anne C. Rennick Attorney for: Estate of Richard F. Becket P.O. Box 90 Wyoming, IL 61491 Ph: (309)-695-4701 Fax: (309)-695-2119 Email: acrennick@yahoo.com Published 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/22

CLAIM NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to creditors of the death of ALEX B. BRADY, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on the 24th day of June 2022 to Crystal L. Brady, as Administrator of the Estate, whose attorney of record is Charles G. Schierer of Schierer & Ritchie, L.L.C., 1009 Illini Drive, East Peoria, Illinois 61611. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Stark County, Stark County Courthouse, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, Illinois 61483, or with the attorney of record on or before the 19th day of January 2023 or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by §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 by the claimant to the representative's attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. Respectfully submitted, Crystal L. Brady, Administrator of the Estate /S/ Charles G. Schierer

Attorney for Estate: Charles G. Schierer ARDC #6271701 Schierer & Ritchie, LLC 1009 Illini Drive East Peoria, IL 61611 Published 7/29, 8/5, 8/12/22

ORDINANCE NO. 22/23-BA
BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE
WYOMING PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
WYOMING, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
BE IT PROPOSED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE WYOMING
PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT, WYOMING, ILLINOIS

It is hereby proposed to defray all necessary expenses and liabilities of the Wyoming Public Library District, Wyoming, Illinois, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending Jun 30, 2023, for the library purposes and objects hereinafter more particularly specified and which expenses and liabilities are to be paid and discharged from revenues anticipated by the District hereinafter set forth, to wit:

SECTION I. ANTICIPATED REVENUE:

a) General Fund: Taxes:..... \$94,000.00 Intest, Fees & Misc..... \$3,000.00 Total:..... \$97,000.00

b) Building & Maintenance: Taxes:..... \$12,500.00

c) Insurance: Taxes:..... \$12,335.00

d) Social Security: Taxes:..... \$5,000.00

Total Special Funds:..... \$29,835.00

Total Budget:..... \$126,835.00

SECTION II. APPROPRIATIONS FOR GENERAL LIBRARY PURPOSES:

a) Personnel Expenses: Salaries, etc:..... \$59,550.00 Telephone:..... \$1,300.00 Postage:..... \$100.00 Professional Fees:..... \$100.00 Legal Fees:..... \$2000.00 Travel:..... \$350.00 Books & Ebooks:..... \$11,000.00 Supplies:..... \$1,500.00 Public Relations:..... \$1,000.00 Programs:..... \$1,800.00 Periodicals:..... \$1,000.00 Videos:..... \$2,500.00 Supplies:..... \$1,500.00 RSA/OCLC:..... \$3,700.00 Gifts:..... \$400.00 Utilities:..... \$5,000.00 Audio:..... \$1,200.00

Miscellaneous:..... \$2,000.00 Contingencies:..... \$2,500.00 Total:..... \$97,000.00

SECTION III. APPROPRIATIONS FOR BUILDING & MAINTENANCE PURPOSES:

Building & Equipment: Purchase & Maintenance:.. \$12,500.00 Total:..... \$12,500.00

SECTION IV. APPROPRIATIONS FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES

Insurance..... \$6,500.00 Risk management and loss control..... \$5,835.00 Total:..... \$12,335.00

SECTION V. APPROPRIATIONS FOR SOCIAL SECURITY PURPOSES:

Social Security & Medicare Taxes..... \$5,000.00 Total:..... \$5,000.00

SECTION VI.

That the Total Appropriations for the Wyoming Public Library District for Fiscal Year 2022/23 is \$126,835.00, and that portion to be raised by Levy is \$123,835.00.

SECTION VII.

That the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby applies for a specific fund to be accumulated from the unexpended balance of the proceeds received from library taxes, said fund to be accumulated and set aside as a reserve for the purchase of sites and for construction and furnishings of buildings, or remodeling and improvement of existing buildings and to furnish necessary equipment for said buildings, for library purposes in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 13/35-5(b) or may be transferred to the Special Reserve Fund in accordance with 75 Illinois Compiled Statutes 15/30-95 & 15/30-35.

SECTION VIII.

That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and posting as provided by law PASSED by roll call this 5th day of July, 2022

AYES: 5 NAYES:0 ABSENT:2 Approved this 5th day of July, 2022

Marsha Goodwin President, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District

Attested and filed this 5th day of July, 2022. Lynne Knobloch Secretary, Board of Trustees

Wyoming Public Library District
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK,) The undersigned Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, in the County of Stark and the State of Illinois, does hereby certify that the attached and foregoing 22/33-BA Wyoming Public Library District Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance is a true and accurate copy of said Ordinance passed and approved by the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District on the 5th day of July, 2022, after a Public Hearing held thereon. I further certify that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance was passed by the Board of Trustees of said Library District at a meeting thereof and that said Ordinance was duly passed by yea and nay vote thereon with at least a majority of all the Board of Trustees having voted yea on the adoption and passage thereof and approved in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois pursuant to the notice and publication thereof as required by law. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed my name in my official capacity as the Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Wyoming Public Library District, at Wyoming, Illinois. Dated this 5th day of July, 2022 Lynne Knobloch Secretary, Board of Trustees Wyoming Public Library District

CERTIFICATION OF ESTIMATED REVENUES

STATE OF ILLINOIS,)) SS. COUNTY OF STARK,) The undersigned Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer of the Wyoming Public Library District hereby certifies that the revenues, by source, shown for each fund of the District in the foregoing Annual Budget and Tax Appropriation Ordinance 22/23-BA, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, are the revenues anticipated for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Dated this 5th day of July, 2022 Susan Howard Treasurer and Chief Fiscal Officer Wyoming Public Library District

We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

Illinois declared monkeypox disaster area

By JERRY NOWICKI
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD – Gov. JB Pritzker issued a public health emergency declaration and declared Illinois a disaster area in response to the monkeypox virus Monday, a move his office said would help mobilize resources.

The governor’s office said the proclamation will aid in moving vaccines to the most impacted communities and will allow the Illinois Department of Public Health to expand vaccine and testing capacities with the help of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency and state and federal funds.

The World Health Organization declared monkeypox a Public Health Emergency of International Concern last week, and Illinois has reported 520 cases thus far, according to the governor’s office. The disease, believed to spread through close contact, can cause a variety of symptoms, the most visible being a painful or itchy rash.

With 85 percent of the cases in Chicago as of last week, the city had received 18,707 vaccine doses while the state had received 7,371, sending 4,631 of them to Chicago. Another 13,000 additional state doses are expected from the federal government “in the near future,” according to the governor’s office.

Last week, IDPH warned in a news release that vaccine demand was “outstripping supplies.” The

department advised local public health officials that “unless people are in certain elevated risk categories, they should receive only an initial dose of the MPV vaccine until more supplies become available.”

According to the CDC, monkeypox symptoms can include headache, fever, respiratory symptoms, muscle aches, chills and exhaustion. The most visible symptom is a rash that may be located on the face, mouth, hands, feet, chest, genitals or other areas. Most people who contract monkeypox will get the rash, which can look like pimples or blisters and


may be painful or itchy. The disease spreads through close, personal contact, such as skin-to-skin contact, direct contact with the monkeypox rash or through the bodily fluids of an infected person, according to the CDC. It can also be spread by touching objects, fabrics and surfaces used by someone with monkeypox. It can also spread from contact

with infected animals or meat. A person with monkeypox can spread it to others from the time symptoms start until the rash has fully healed, and the illness typically lasts 2-4 weeks. Pritzker described the virus as “rare but potentially serious.” He noted it has “disproportionately” impacted the LGBTQ+ community in its initial spread.

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This is a huge collector's auction consisting of the jewelry of the late A.E. Huesing (Pepsi Cola fame) estate & collectibles from the late Ahlmer Battin, a 40-year auction attendee/buyer. The sale features belt buckles, vintage Pepsi cases with full bottles, toys, coins, collectible gems & minerals, framed artwork, children's books, beautiful imported glassware & clocks, 1960s Pepsi crates w/ full bottles & other Pepsi pieces & so much more.
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Answers on Page 3 **Super Crossword** **EVASIVE STATEMENT**

ACROSS
1 Capital of Kenya
8 Cleared up some space
16 Link up
20 Brought into harmony
21 Sign of a swarm
22 Means of comedy
23 Start of a riddle
26 Cock-a-doodle —
27 Safe-cracker, informally
28 Vinyl albums, for short
29 Choose, as on a survey
30 Batman
33 Peter of "Casablanca"
35 Stare in disbelief
38 Baby's cry
40 Riddle, part 2
44 Filmdom, in France
47 Stephen of "Utopia"
48 Old Russ. state
49 Spring flower
50 Downfall's gear holder
52 Humane U.S. org.
54 Riddle, part 3
59 Routine-bound
61 Tie-tac-toe winning row
62 Walkie-talkie
63 Rejoinder to "Get off!"
64 Capital of Qatar
65 In Minnesota or Montana
69 Extra NFL periods
71 Riddle, part 4
78 Supersecret govt. group
79 Teddy-bear
80 Quite a long time
82 Fine violin, informally
86 Stage design
89 New Year in Harol
90 Election turnout
92 Riddle, part 5
97 Allow entry
98 "Hail it was right!"
99 Thailand, formerly
100 Pal, in Caen
102 — Magnon
103 French WWII battle city
104 End of the riddle
110 "Wolf" cable channel
112 Followers: Suffix
113 "You beat me"
114 Gum globes
115 Facility with hot tubs
117 Gamble
119 Subpoena, e.g.
120 Go fast, quickly
122 Riddle's answer
131 Atoll unit
132 Trip in a "stretch" car
133 Stacked messily
134 It may grow on a rock
135 Reduces to a fine mist
136 Capable of being stretched out
DOWN
1 Rural refusal
2 Sports-related: Abbr.
3 Suffix with Seattle
4 "Walk This Way" rap trio
5 Aware of
6 Looks upon
7 Suffix with cyn-
8 Lawn-Boy products
9 Orbital point farthest from Earth
10 C-H linkup
11 Suffix with baby!
12 Jogger
13 Hobbit's foe
14 Brunch staple
15 Attrib. on a new car's sticker
16 Face part
17 Being displayed
18 Pertaining to
19 Requite
24 Novice
25 Chicago-to-Memphis di.
30 Frightened
31 Falls to
32 Plains tribe
34 — vez (again, in Spain)
35 Ten of "Tootsie"
36 Disney mermaid name
37 Old hat
39 Etchers' squids
41 Jacob's twin
42 Bake-off entry
43 That, in Oviedo
45 Small iPod
46 Big name in waffles
51 Jewish deli treat
53 Rugged cliff
55 Zero
56 Way in or out
57 Most awful
58 New York county whose seat is Oswego
60 Syllables of rebuke
66 Lunar stage
67 — keen do
68 Hilton rival
70 Teaser's "Catch ya later!"
72 Not finish later than
73 "— Three Lives!"
74 — pot (sinus cleaner)
75 Roof feature
76 "Yeah, understood!"
77 Turned in
81 Spanish men
82 Some NCCs
83 Hit the horn
84 Routine to determine who's present
85 Append
87 Snake letters
88 Be snaky
91 Mashmash
93 "76" cager Ming
94 "Witness" actor Lukas
95 Novelist Tan
96 Ditto' partners, in Morse code
101 Biofuel option
105 Birdbrain
106 Fiery lecture
107 Antipasto morsels
108 Carry
109 Annoying sorts
111 Pistons' org.
115 Be fishy?
116 Corn of Cali
118 Fitzgerald of song
119 Phenom
121 Tehran's land
123 French article
124 Spanish for "I love!"
125 — Kippur
126 — Lanka
127 Plum center
128 Half of VI
129 Pipe fitting
130 Visualize



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OBITUARIES

Cynthia D. Baker

JOLIET – Cynthia D. Baker, 56, of Joliet passed away Thursday, July 28, 2022, at her home in Joliet.

She was born July 21, 1966, in Peoria, the daughter of James and Alma (Hodges) Darnell, formerly of Bradford.

Cindy married Steven M. Baker Dec. 22, 2018, in Joliet. He survives in Joliet.

She is also survived by one son: Eric James (Helen Ciavolella) Smith of Concord, N.C.; four step-children, Joseph Baker of Gardner, Kyle Baker of Gardner, Ryan Baker of Diamond and Brittany Baker of Joliet; numerous grandchildren; her father, James Darnell of Onalaska, Wis.; and one brother, Scott Darnell of Tallahassee, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Alma.

Cindy worked Administrative Assistant for the Will County Recorder of Deeds office.

A visitation will be held Monday, Aug. 8, 2022, from 10 a.m. to noon at the Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. A funeral service will be held at noon following the service at the funeral home. Burial will take place in Bradford Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

James I. Cowley

GALVA – James I. “Jim” Cowley, 75, of Galva, died Saturday, July 23,

2022, at the ProMedica Skilled Nursing Facility in Davenport, Iowa.

Cremation will be accorded and services will be held in September. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

Gary M. Kukuk

LaFAYETTE – Gary M. Kukuk, 80, of rural LaFayette, father of a Dahinda woman, died July 30, 2022, comfortably in his home surrounded by family.

Funeral services were Aug. 2 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva, with Pastor Teri Shane officiating. Burial was at West Jersey Cemetery with military rites accorded by the Williamsfield American Legion.

Gary was born June 28, 1942, to Thelma (Murphy) and Merle Kukuk in Geneseo. He attended Galesburg Schools and graduated from ROVA High School in 1960. Gary served in the United States Navy as a radar man aboard Lake Champlain and the USS Ponchatoula from 1961-1965. After serving in the Navy, he entered into the NECA-IBEW apprenticeship program where he was a member for 55 years.

He met his wife Suni Carter in 1986. They celebrated 36 years of marriage this past May.

Gary is survived by his children, Kristina (Luke) Johnson of Chilli-cothe, Suzy (Mike) Lewis of Dahinda, Jeff (Amanda) Kukuk of LaFayette, Ind., and Jennifer Kukuk

of Schaumburg; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother Forrest Cain, his parents and grandparents.

Marvin J. Rasmussen


GALVA – Marvin James Rasmussen, 60, of Galva, died July 30, 2022, at Royal Oaks Care Center in Kewanee.

Cremation will be accorded and a Celebration of his Life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the Henry County Humane Society or to OSF Hospice. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is assisting the family with arrangements.

He was born March 23, 1962, in Galesburg, the son of James Marvin Rasmussen and Janice (Thrasher) Lewis. He is survived by a sister, Kelli Sargeant and a brother, Jerry Rasmussen, both of Kewanee; several nieces and nephews; his step-mother, Rose Rasmussen of Kewanee; and a special friend, Sue and her son, Joe.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Marvin had worked at Bjorling Farms in rural Altona and at Pines in Kewanee. He had also operated his own handyman and house repair service. He enjoyed working on cars, fishing and hunting and spending time with his friends and family which all loved him dearly.



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Princeville couple praise community after fire

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – Jeff and Sharon Ussery were at work Tuesday morning in Peoria when a friend called to tell them their rural-Princeville residence was struck by lightning.

Meanwhile, a passerby called for emergency help. Someone stopped and knocked on doors of the 122-year-old house to see if anybody was inside.

For the notifications, for the first responders who helped douse the resulting fire and for the lack of injuries, the Usserys are grateful.

“Oh, it could have been a lot worse,” Jeff Ussery said. “I want to say this: This community is awesome.”

A severe early-morning storm that passed through the Peoria area spawned lightning that struck shortly before 9 a.m. at 22612 N. Illinois Route 91, about 2½ miles north of Princeville.

The attic of the three-story house caught fire. The rest of it sustained



Jeff and Sharon Ussery's home near Princeville was struck by lightning Tuesday morning and the attic caught fire. Photo by Nick Vlahos.

significant water damage, according to Ussery. No official financial estimate was available, but the house was not a total loss, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

“(It) looks pretty bad right now, but we’re insured and it’s fixable,” Ussery said about noon, not long after firefighters departed. “Very worst-case scenario, I do have a roof over my head and I can sleep in my kitchen.”

The local chapter of the American Red Cross was to contact the Usse-

rys regarding possible lodging. A yellow Labrador Retriever was rescued from the house, according to the sheriff. Other dogs and cats on the property were reported safe.

Firefighters from the Akron-Princeville, Brimfield, Dunlap, Elmwood, Toulon and Wyoming departments responded. Route 91 was closed for about three hours.

Ussery said he and his wife are proud of the house they moved into nine years ago this month. They intend to restore it.

“The reason I live in the country and in a small community is because (of) people ... that take the time to dial 9-1-1, where some of the other areas I’ve lived in before, maybe they don’t,” Ussery said. “They drive on by and it’s like, ‘Well, somebody’s already probably called that in.’ “Well, in this case, it’s good that that person took the time.”

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

1. AD SLOGANS: Which product's advertising slogan is "Look, Ma, no cavities!"?
2. MOVIES: The movie "300" is based on which famous historical battle?
3. U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents have served more than two terms?
4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: How far can a skunk's spray reach?
5. GEOGRAPHY: What is the southernmost major city on the continent of Africa?
6. LANGUAGE: What is a funambulist?
7. HISTORY: Who was the first woman to complete the Boston Marathon (unofficially)?
8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the cruise ship on the sitcom "The Love Boat"?
9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which colors make up the five-ring Olympic symbol?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Which plant produces cacao beans, which are used to make chocolate?

Answers

1. Crest.
2. The Battle of Thermopylae.
3. One. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
4. About 10-20 feet.
5. Cape Town.
6. Tightrope walker.
7. Bobbi Gibb, 1966. The race was opened to women in 1972.
8. Pacific Princess.
9. Blue, yellow, red, green and black.
10. Cacao trees.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

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2. Thor: Love and Thunder (PG-13)
3. Minions: The Rise of Gru (PG)
4. Where the Crawdads Sing (PG-13)
5. Top Gun: Maverick (PG-13)
6. Elvis (PG-13)
7. Paws of Fury: Hank (PG)
8. The Black Phone (R)
9. Jurassic World Dominion (PG-13)
10. Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris (PG)

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Prices limiting farm expansion

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

A significant increase in farmland prices and low turnover rate are making it more difficult for farmers to expand their operations. And perhaps the demographic of farmers getting squeezed the most in the current economic environment are millennials, those between the ages of 26-41, according to AgAmerica, the nation’s largest non-bank agricultural lender.

AgAmerica recently reported more than 40 percent of U.S. farmland is owned by people older than 65. And now younger generations, who often have fewer resources compared to veteran farmers, are facing another real estate barrier to enter the ag industry as farmland prices surge.

“It’s so tough to maintain an operation when it comes to rising operating and input costs,” Pat Spinosa, director of business development at AgAmerica, told FarmWeek. “Then, when you look at expansion, it’s nearly impossible for some people when you look at these prices.”

The Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago reported farmland values in its district increased 23 percent during the first quarter of 2022 compared to last year.

This follows increases of Illinois farmland values between 2020-21 of 26 percent for excellent ground to an average of \$14,700 per acre, 24 percent for good ground (\$10,710 per acre) and 21 percent for average land (\$7,455 per acre), according to the Illinois Society of Professional Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers.

Last year marked the fourth time since 1970 Illinois farmland values increased 20 percent or more in a calendar year.

“We have to get the younger generation into farming but, with these farmland prices, many can’t afford to buy a \$15,000 or \$20,000 piece of dirt and then have to

deal with the high input costs on top of that,” Spinosa said.

A low turnover rate of farmland, about 2 percent per year, and intense competition also continues to drive the market and put the squeeze on some potential buyers.

Farmers remained the top buyer of farmland in the state last year, but just barely, at 52 percent. Investors reeled in 33 percent of farmland purchases and institutions grabbed another 10 percent, with the remaining 5 percent made up of individuals who purchased land for recreational purposes, according to ISPFMRA.

“We do see a bit of inflation hedge with farmland,” said David Oppedahl, senior business economist at the Chicago Fed. “Farmers and investors are interested in locking in value there through purchasing farmland.

“In the current inflationary environment, ag’s been helped by some factors (commodity prices received by farmers increased 31 percent compared to last year, prior to a recent sell off in the market),” he noted. “At the same time, input costs are going up a lot, so that squeezes margins.”

AgAmerica encourages farmers, particularly those among the younger generations, to build relationships with lenders and fellow farmers.

“We’ve got a generational gap between who’s farming now and we’ve got millennials coming into farming,” he said.

Building relationships is also vital for rental ground. Of farmers enrolled in Illinois Farm Business Farm Management, 23 percent owned their land, 30 percent had a crop share and 47 percent had a cash rental arrangement in 2021.

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