

Obituaries

Kelley Lock

Kelley Johanna Lock, age 47 years old, passed on to heaven Jan. 16, 2019 at the Tuscola Health Care Center. Kelly was born March 5, 1971 in Tuscola, a daughter of Lyle and Mary Linda (McAvene) Lock. She has two brothers, Randy Lock and Dean (Beverly) Lock both of Toledo; one sister, Donna (Ron) Renfro of Springfield.



Kelly was preceded in death by her father, Lyle, and brother Jerry Lynn Lock. Kelly graduated from Villa Grove High School in 1989, she then enrolled at Parkland College, became employed there, and graduated with an administration assistant degree. She later worked at the U of I in Dr. Easter's Dept., Berns and Clancy and Associates, and Cabot Corp. in Tuscola for 20 years in safety Health and Environmental as Administrative Assistant. She always called Cabot "her Cabot Family," and no words can fully express her love and devotion she had for all the people at Cabot, also those who moved on or retired. No words can fully express the love and respect that was showered on her in return from her Cabot family, many, many times over especially during her three year battle with cancer.

Her goal in healing was ALWAYS "to go back to work PERIOD!" Besides her love for her Cabot family, Kelly loved her family, friends and prayer groups at church. She loved her paint horses, Mariah and Sheri, and to go trail riding with her dad and uncle Bob Dowell. She also loved her dog, Maggie and Simon her cat. Kelley was one of the founding members of HANDS 4 PAWS, which benefits animals in need. Memorials can be made to the American Cancer Society, to HANDS 4 PAWS, Tuscola, or to the Douglas County Animal Shelter, Tuscola.

A celebration of her life was Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2019 in the Joines Funeral Home (II Rt 130 S) Villa Grove, with Pastor Lenny Summar officiating, visitation Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019 in the funeral home and before the services on Wednesday. Burial was in the Camargo Cemetery.

Christopher Schweighart

Christopher T. Schweighart, 40, of Tuscola, passed away at 10:40 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 27, 2019 at the Carle Foundation Hospital, Urbana.



Funeral Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 1, 2019 at the Hilligoss Shrader Funeral Home, 705 South Main Street, Tuscola. Burial will follow in the Tuscola Township Cemetery, Tuscola.

Visitation will be held from 5-7 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 31, 2019 at the funeral home.

Chris was born on April 20, 1978 in Urbana, the son of Thomas M. Schweighart and Vicki Harris.

Survivors include his son: David Thomas Schweighart of Tuscola; girlfriend: Sandy Eiben of Tuscola; mother: Vicki Hamilton of Tennessee; maternal grandmother: Ruth Harris of Tuscola; paternal grandmother: Shirley Schweighart of Tuscola; brothers: Joseph (Emily) Schweighart of Atwood, Brandon (Marie) Likens and Matthew Likens both of Tennessee; three nieces; and four nephews; many aunts and uncles.

He was preceded in death by his father and grandfathers: Kenneth Harris and Joseph Schweighart.

Chris was a truck driver. He enjoyed having family cookouts, fishing and hunting. He was a 1997 TCHS graduate.

Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be shared via www.hilligossshraderfh.com.

my Personal side

By Craig Hastings



Most weeks I'll have random political funnies sent to my email by a few people who either support my political views or those who like to take a poke at my views. Most all of this is done in good fun, and I'm fine with it. But, once in a great while I'll get one of those with a serious message within the words that tempts me to respond. Seldom do I respond because I know the exchange will not change your mind nor will you sway me your way either. I received an email this past week with a video for me to watch. This video wasn't making a political statement like most. This video was asking the viewer to stop, think, and decide which was the better way.

The video depicted the on-field festivities just before the kickoff of the Super Bowl 13 years ago. Just a short 13 years ago. The New England Patriots vs The Philadelphia Eagles. Yes, Yes, Tom Brady was center stage at this one too! Anyway, the people in charge of scheduling entertainment for the Super Bowl had Americans hearts and souls in mind. Guess who was charged with delivering The Star Spangled Banner? Don't guess any rock star, or Hollywood celeb, or any scantily clad young, sexy, and perfect men and women dancers lip syncing the lyrics as they leap and twirl around performing like anyone really cares. After all, didn't everyone in attendance pay

for their tickets to watch a football game? I think so. I use these moments for food and bathroom breaks.

The Star Spangled Banner was sung in unison by The United States Naval Academy, The United States Air Force Academy, The United States Military Academy/West Point, The United States Coast Guard Academy, and accompanied by The United States Army Herald Trumpets. These young men and women were dressed sharp and standing proud and standing with them were Presidents Bill Clinton and George Bush 1. As the song came to a close The Blue Angels conducted a fly over of the stadium. The crowd was silent and attentive. The players were either silent or singing the words. Not a single player was taking a knee. As a matter of fact, it appears as though the performance actually brought some players to a high, even higher than the one they were already flying. You saw players looking overhead and pointing, smiling, admiring, and enjoying the fly over.

Please search for this video on your internet search engine. I've watched it several times and still drop a tear each time I do. If the strength of the tone of these young men and women belting out this song doesn't tear at your heart then maybe you've become one of the disbelievers in what America was and is supposed to be. Thank you Jim for the forward.

So what has happened to the population of America? Why have too many Americans become defiant, judgmental, hateful, partisan, and disrespectful? We lost our ability to compromise and stay respectful of those who disagree. Everyone wants to carry their own flag into battle and if you dare not believe and agree then you're the enemy. It used to be if a person disagreed with a Democrat they were a Republican or an independent. If you disagreed with a Republican you were a Democrat or an independent and so on. Not now! Heck no, not now! Don't believe me or have a clue what I'm talking about? Then get online and check the number of people running for President in 2020 on the Democratic ticket! There are 30 or more and maybe a few more yet to show their red, white, and blue donkey. Republicans are not exempt from the craziness. The Republicans have the incumbent President, and it appears right now that there may be a few Republicans challenge President Trump in the Republican primary. What's that all about? They may not care for President Trump's personality, but what will be the argument be in regard to his job performance. Record-making numbers and percentages everything good across the board as it pertains to the function of this government. Hate the man if you choose, but few have done it better. However, there are a couple of guys out there mounting their elephants getting ready to charge based on nothing more than "likeable character."

If you read me weekly you know I'm a FOX NEWS cheerleader right? Well this week I'm going to diss them a bit including those in the

likes of NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, and MSNBC. I wish all of these people would stop with the "who won, who lost" in the reopening of the Federal government. It wasn't President Trump who won or lost nor was it Nancy Pelosi who won or lost. There are 800,000 plus Federal workers that were the losers, now the winners, and maybe the losers again in three short weeks. What we have are politicians who will never have to worry about where their next meal will come from using those that live from paycheck to paycheck as their playground sand so to throw in each others faces. It's disgusting for both sides to use people's lives as their barter to get what they want.

The most egregious stench of all of this is that money isn't the issue here at all!!! This is nothing more than the Democratic leaders, Pelosi and Schumer not wanting President Trump to get the wall he promised. They both voted for a wall when Obama suggested one! They both know this is the best kinda fix that anyone can come up with right now but because it's Trump, nothing doing. Pelosi and Schumer want to giggle and tickle about how funny it is to see President Trump not to get his way. MONEY, not even \$5 billion is the issue here so don't let anyone convince you that it is. This is all about big egos and little minds ruling the day. President Trump is not without some blame here either. He needs to stop with his "no matter what I will build the wall" statements. Maybe it won't be built. After all, Republicans had the House and Senate and said "No" to the President.

Tuscola resident donates funds for K9 Kuno

The Douglas County Sheriff's Office recognized rural Tuscola resident Jane Dallas for her support of the DCSO K9 program and DCSO K9 Kuno. Through Protecting K9 Heroes, a not-for-profit organization, Dallas provided a financial donation that allowed Pro-

tecting K9 Heroes to outfit Kuno with a medical kit that includes Narcan, as well as a ballistic vest. The total cost of this equipment is valued at more than \$1,000.

Dallas was invited to the sheriff's office to see in person the equipment her

donation provided Friday, Jan. 25, as well as presented with a plaque and letter of appreciation by Sheriff Joshua Blackwell. The plaque read: "In appreciation of your generous and unwavering support to K9 Kuno and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office K9

Program. Thank you!" The equipment that Kuno was provided with will be instrumental in keeping him safe while he is working and ensure that he is able to continue to serve the Citizens of Douglas County.



Submitted photo. Pictured on Jan. 25, 2019 are Douglas County Sheriff Joshua Blackwell, Jane Dallas, Deputy Kaitlin Washburn, and K9 Kuno.

SUPER BOWL DELI DEALS

Friday, Saturday, Sunday February 1, 2, & 3

• 12 pc Fried Chicken	\$9.99
• Boneless Wings	\$4.99 lb
• Kirby potato salad	\$1.99
• Hormel Party Trays	\$8.99
• Tortilla Chips	\$1.99

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