

Maybe it's a blackberry winter

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints. And for me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel. Peace be unto the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ." - Ephesians 6: 16-19 and 23

Today, on this Tuesday, it seems to be a dreary, chilly day. Our summer days didn't last long. Just enough to spoil me. Maybe this is blackberry winter and just maybe the sun will break through the clouds yet sometime today. We can always hope. We did have frost yesterday morning.

I heard that the frost we had won't do much damage as it occurred in the dark of the moon. Had it been full moon, then yes, it would have damaged. We'll see, and again we can always hope.

Today is the last day of this school term for Plainview School where our granddaughters attend. One of them, Andrea, is graduating from 8th grade. But her education won't stop. It will only change focus.

It doesn't look like a really good day to play ball, which is often the highlight of the day.

Often it's the men against the upper grade students, with men groaning the next day with sore muscles that don't get used every day.

It is kind of hard to imagine that we have only three grandchildren of school age. Two are in Dale, Illinois.

Soon it will be great-grands. No wonder I feel old.



My Amish Home

By Millie Otto

And then yet with grandchildren getting married.

Next week, Lord willing, a granddaughter will be starting that journey, a new chapter in the story of life.

After months of working toward that goal, it is now that close. And wonder of wonders, I have my mom's and my dress sewed, pressed and hanging in the closet. What a relief.

But now, other stuff has piled up. But my tiller still isn't home so my garden is still waiting. Sometimes I'm afraid it might be bad news being the reason I haven't heard back yet.

And it might be just a good thing that I didn't have more things out yet. But anyway, I can at least mow the yard. It doesn't seem like mowing weather, it being so chilly. Only this afternoon, it does seem to have warmed up. So yes, after this I will probably go out and mow.

We did not hang around at school long after the program. We couldn't play ball so we decided we may as well come home.

I have quite a few things to get done this week. I went to Mattoon yesterday to do some shopping. It was kind of a downer. Used to, one could go to Walmart and pretty well get whatever one wanted or needed. But now it seems like so often, shelves are empty, it's hit or miss. And so often, in my case, it's miss. Or then I forget. And yes, I did forget one of the main things. I wanted an air mattress.

Next week, Lord willing, our granddaughter, Mary Lorene and Mikel and their Alex and Cheyenne are coming from New York. They are coming for Julia's wedding.

I heard from one of the others that they want to sleep at our house Friday night because

they have to get up in the wee hours of the morning to start back home. And they know this grandma gets up way early on a Saturday morning. Which is fine. Maybe we could just sit up all night and catch up. Maybe with enough coffee.

I'm kind of between a rock and a hard spot. Mary Lorene wants to go shopping in the afternoon. I'd sure like to go along, but I also want to stay and enjoy being at the wedding. That would probably be cheaper.

I guess we'll see how it works out.

This may be a little late in the game, or maybe I have done it and forgot. Nevertheless, I want to thank all my readers and even the ones who might not read my column, anyway, I say thank you for all the encouraging mail, gifts, monetary and otherwise, in any way we've been helped through the year. It is greatly appreciated. May you all be blessed

by it. In closing: Imagination is what makes you think you are having a good time when you are only spending money.

How about trying this lasagna with a south of the border flavor?

Mexican Lasagna

1/2 lb. mild pork sausage
1/2 lb. ground beef
1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and chopped
2/3 cup canned diced tomatoes with green chilies

1 tsp. garlic powder
1 tsp. ground cumin
1/2 tsp. salt
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of celery soup

1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of mushroom soup
10 oz. can enchilada sauce
18 (6-inch) corn tortillas
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
1 tomato, seeded and diced
4 green onions, chopped
1/4 cup fresh cilantro, chopped

Optional: 1 avocado, chopped
Cook sausage and ground beef in a large skillet over medium high heat, stirring until meat crumbles and is no longer pink. Drain. Stir in jalapeno and next five ingredients; cook until thoroughly heated.

Stir together soups and enchilada sauce in a sauce pan; cook

until thoroughly heated.

Spoon 1/3 of sauce onto bottom of lightly greased 3x9 baking dish; top with six tortillas. Spoon half of beef mixture and 1/3 of sauce over tortillas; sprinkle with 1/2 of cheddar cheese. Top with six tortillas; repeat layers, ending with tortillas. Sprinkle with Monterey Jack cheese and next three ingredients.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Top with avocado, if desired. Serves 6-8.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE

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Lot 1 Of Block 4 Of Gibson's Second Addition To The Village Of Arthur, Situated In The County Of Moultrie, State Of Illinois.

Parcel Identification #:

03-03-25-425-008

Commonly known as:

305 South Oak Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911

The application requests a variance, of Village of Arthur Code Chapter 32 Section 32-196(5), to authorize the placement and building of a porch within the area between the lot line and front yard building setback line on the petitioner's property.

Copies of the application are on file at Crossman Law Office, 225 South Vine Street, Arthur, Illinois, and may be examined there.

ARTHUR BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

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LOTS 8 AND 9 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 10 IN BLOCK 3 OF KANITZ' ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, SITUATED IN MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Parcel Identification #:

03-03-25-213-006

Common Address:

Bare Lot, North Beech Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911

The application requests a variance, of Village of Arthur Code Chapter 32 Section 32-110. Petitioners are requesting a variance to change the zoning district of the lot from R-1 Limited One-Family Residential District to R-3 Multifamily Residential District.

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Obituary

Margo A. Broutin-Hess

Margo A. Broutin-Hess, 52, of Lovington, passed away on Saturday, April 29, 2023, in Springfield Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Friday, May 5, 2023, at the Lovington Church of God. Visitation will be held an hour prior to the service Friday at the Church in Lovington. Burial will be in Keller Cemetery, Lovington. Memorials may be made to the Lovington Church of God or to the Springfield Memorial Foundation: 701 N First St. Springfield, IL, 62781 McMullin-Young Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements.

Margo was born on April 19, 1971, in Decatur; the daughter of Richard L. and Marjorie A. (Gillenwater) Broutin. She graduated from the Capital Area School of Practical Nursing as an LPN. She attended the Lovington Church of God and was a member of the Order of Eastern Stars Tuscola Chapter #44. She married Tony Hess on February 11, 2006; he preceded her in death on February 11, 2017.

She is survived by her Parents, Richard and Marjorie



Broutin of Lovington; sons, Sheldon Alan (Sarah) Gee of Indianapolis, IN, and Aaron John "AJ" (Brianna) Gee of Champaign; grandchildren, Jade, Birdie and Riverlyn; brother, Richard "Gene" (Tina) Broutin of Lovington; special friend, Esque Ewing. She is also survived by several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her husband and sister-in-law, Maria Broutin.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.mcmullinyoung.com

LEGAL NOTICE

VILLAGE OF ARTHUR PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF REAL PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Arthur, an Illinois municipal corporation, shall conduct a public hearing at the Village of Arthur Municipal Building located at 120 East Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 on the 15TH day of May, 2023 at the hour of 7:00 P.M., pursuant to 65 ILCS 5/11-76.2-2. The Village of Arthur and Clarence Borntrager of 800 East Progress Street, Arthur, Illinois 61911 are intending to exchange the following described real properties for no consideration:

The Village of Arthur intends to convey the following described real property consisting of 1.029 acres to Clarence Borntrager:

A PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A STONE MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (REFERENCE SURVEY: PLS #1557, RECORDED MARCH 22, 1968, DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE); THENCE AZIMUTH 180 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS, (LOCAL AZIMUTHS BASED ON NORTH AS REFERENCED TO A PREVIOUS SURVEY BY PLS #2731, DATED 6/14/2014), ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER (1/4 - 1/4), 51.64 FEET TO THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF THE FORMER PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SAID POINT BEARS 270 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 27 SECONDS, 1.00 FEET FROM A WITNESS IRON PIN SET; THENCE CONTINUING AZIMUTH 180 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS, ALONG SAID EAST LINE, 50.00 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE INTERSECTION OF SAID EAST LINE AND THE CENTERLINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED FORMER RAILROAD COMPANY; THENCE AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 908.35 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED BY A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL DEED, RECORDED 03/27/2018, (DOCUMENT #286487), DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE AZIMUTH 40 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS, ALONG THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID PROPERTY, 29.55 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN; THENCE AZIMUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, ALONG

THE EAST LINE OF SAID PROPERTY, 28.00 FEET TO THE AFOREMENTIONED NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE TO A FOUND IRON PIN; THENCE AZIMUTH 90 DEGREES 07 MINUTES 27 SECONDS, ALONG THE NORTH RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, 889.33 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1.029 ACRES, MORE OR LESS, SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

In exchange for the foregoing real property, Clarence Borntrager intends to gift and convey the following described real property, for easement purposes, consisting of 0.052 Acres more or less to the Village of Arthur:

20' WIDE PERMANENT SANITARY SEWER EASEMENT COMMENCING AT A STONE MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (REFERENCE SURVEY: PLS #1557, RECORDED MARCH 22, 1968, DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE); THENCE AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 30 SECONDS, (LOCAL AZIMUTHS BASED ON NORTH AS REFERENCED TO A PREVIOUS AREA SURVEY BY PLS #2731, DATED 6/14/2014), ALONG THE ESTABLISHED NORTH LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER (1/4 - 1/4), 434.39 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT 4 OF PATE AND ASCHERMAN SUBDIVISION TO THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE AZIMUTH 180 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS, 82.12 FEET; THENCE AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE FORMER PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD, 455.96 FEET TO THE EASTERLY LINE OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL DEED, RECORDED 03/27/2018, (DOCUMENT #286487), DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE; THENCE AZIMUTH 40 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 42 SECONDS, ALONG SAID EASTERLY LINE, 2.34 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN; THENCE AZIMUTH 0 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED PROPERTY, 18.23 FEET; THENCE AZIMUTH 90 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, PARALLEL TO THE CENTERLINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED RAILROAD, 434.63 FEET; THENCE AZIMUTH 0 DEGREES 41 MINUTES 10 SECONDS, 62.47 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE AFOREMENTIONED LOT 4 OF PATE AND ASCHERMAN SUBDIVISION; THENCE AZIMUTH 91 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 59 SECONDS,

ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, 20.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 10337.92 SQUARE FEET, (0.237 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

AND 10' WIDE INGRESS/EGRESS EASEMENT A 10 FEET WIDE STRIP OF LAND, THE NORTH LINE OF WHICH BEING 10 FEET NORMAL TO AND PARALLEL WITH THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE:

COMMENCING AT A STONE MARKING THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (NE 1/4) OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SECTION 30, TOWNSHIP 15 NORTH, RANGE 7 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (REFERENCE SURVEY: PLS #1557, RECORDED MARCH 22, 1968, DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE); THENCE AZIMUTH 180 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 46 SECONDS, (LOCAL AZIMUTHS BASED ON NORTH AS REFERENCED TO A PREVIOUS SURVEY BY PLS #2731, DATED 6/14/2014), ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SAID QUARTER-QUARTER (1/4 - 1/4), 101.64 FEET TO A POINT ON THE CENTERLINE OF THE FORMER PENN CENTRAL RAILROAD AND FOUND IRON PIN; THENCE AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 678.65 FEET, TO THE INTERSECTION OF SAID LINE WITH THE NORTHERLY EXTENSION OF THE EAST LINE OF LOT 3 IN BLOCK B OF REEDER'S 5TH ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, ILLINOIS AND THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE CONTINUING AZIMUTH 270 DEGREES 06 MINUTES 06 SECONDS, ALONG SAID CENTERLINE, 230.00 FEET TO A FOUND IRON PIN MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THAT PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN A CERTAIN MUNICIPAL DEED, RECORDED 03/27/2018, (DOCUMENT #286487), DOUGLAS COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE AND THE POINT OF TERMINATION, THE SIDELINES OF DESCRIBED EASEMENT TO BE EXTENDED OR SHORTENED AS NECESSARY TO CONFORM TO THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARY LINES, CONTAINING 2556.75 SQUARE FEET (0.052 ACRES), MORE OR LESS, VILLAGE OF ARTHUR, DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Upon the approval, the Village of Arthur and Clarence Borntrager, shall make the exchange upon such terms, conditions and in such manner as may be determined and agreed upon by the parties.

Dated: April 17, 2023
/s/ Rod Randall, Village President
/s/ Rhonda Rhodes, Village Clerk
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LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,

-v- ANDREW J. KNOERLE, ILLINOIS HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

2022 FC 4

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on February 23, 2023, the Sheriff of Douglas County will at 9:00 AM on May 30, 2023, at the Douglas County Courthouse, 401 South Center Street, Tuscola, IL, 61953, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 7 AND THE SOUTH HALF OF LOT 8, IN BLOCK 26, IN THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF HINDSBORO, SITUATED IN DOUGLAS COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 104 INDIANA ST, HINDSBORO, IL 61930 Property Index No. 03-16-06-338-002 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$74,280.97.

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; the balance, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and with-

out recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: CHAD LEWIS, ROBERTSON ANSCHUTZ SCHNEID CRANE & PARTNERS, PLLC, 205 N. MICHIGAN SUITE 810, CHICAGO, IL, 60601, (561) 241-6901. Please refer to file number 22-001474. E-Mail: ILMAIL@RASLG.COM Case # 2022 FC 4 13218645 published 04/26, 05/03, 05/10/2023

Woodrow Wilson made Mother's Day a legally-recognized National Holiday in 1914.

The average American eats five burgers a month.

Organ music was first played at a Major League ballpark at Chicago's Wrigley Field in 1914.

55% of people say they've lied to someone about their cooking to avoid hurting their feelings.

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