

OBITUARIES

Ronald E. Bohm

CORNELL — Ronald E. Bohm, 67, Cornell, died at 2:20 p.m. Sunday, April 17, 2016, at VA Illiana Healthcare System in Danville. Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, has charge of arrangements.

Betty J. Burton

Betty J. Burton, 90, of Pontiac, passed away at 12:15 a.m. Monday, April 18, 2016, at Pontiac Healthcare and Rehab in Pontiac.

Cremation rites will be accorded with burial at Southside Cemetery in Pontiac at a later date.

Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, has charge of arrangements.

Born March 18, 1926, in Pontiac, Betty was a daughter of Edward C. and Bessie (Moon) Hamilton.

She is survived by her children, Judy (Tom) Verdun of Odell, Jim Burton of Omaha, Neb.; nine grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and four grandpuppies.

Her parents; one sister; two brothers; three sons, High Burton Jr., John Burton, and Joe Burton; one daughter, Jane Highland; and one great-grandson, Christopher, preceded her in death.

Betty worked as a cook for many years at Even-glow Lodge in Pontiac and was a member of First United Methodist Church in Pontiac.

Known to everyone as "Grannie," Betty loved spending time with her grandkids, great-grandkids and grandpuppies and enjoyed car rides and breakfast with friends.

Memorials may be made to the Livingston County Humane Society, 21179 N. 1358 East Rd., Pontiac, IL 61764.

Online condolences may be left at duffyfuneral-home.com.

Robert Horning

Robert Horning, 66, Pontiac, died at 1:20 a.m. Sunday, April 17, 2016, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home, Pontiac, has charge of arrangements.

Kimberly D. Platt

MORRIS — Kimberly D. Platt, 49, of Odell, passed away at St. Francis Hospital in Peoria on Saturday, April 16, 2016, as a result of injuries suffered in a traffic crash on March 31, 2016.

A celebration of Kim's life will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday in the U.C. Davis-Callahan Funeral Home, 301 W. Washington St., Morris. Cremation rites will be accorded, with burial at a later date. Pastor Steve Larson of First Baptist Church in Morris will be officiating.

Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home in Morris. Enhanced video tributes will be played during the visitation.

Born Dec. 1, 1966, in Joliet, Kim was the daughter of David Platt (deceased) and James G. and Beverly (Hicks) Swiggert of Morris.

Surviving is her mother and stepfather; two children, Nathan Colman and Heather Platt, both of Odell; her fiancé John Colman of Odell. Kim was excited and looking forward to her first grandchild to be born in the near future. Also surviving is one brother, David G. Platt of Morris; one stepbrother, David M. Swiggert of Strongsville, Ohio, and a step-sister, Rebecca Swiggert of Phoenix, Ariz. Several aunts, uncles and cousins also survive.

Her father; one daughter, Ashley Platt; and a sister-in-law, Chrissy Colman, preceded her in death.

Kim was raised and educated in Morris, graduating from Morris High School with the Class of 1985. She was currently working with Unifirst Nuclear Laundry and had previously worked as a CNA with Heritage Manor in Dwight, Grundy County Home and Walnut Grove Nursing Home. She also worked at the County Market in Pontiac.

She loved her family and enjoyed watching NASCAR as her favorite driver was Jimmy Johnson.

Online condolences may be left at ucdaviscallahan.com

Linda A. Steidinger

FAIRBURY — Linda Arlene Steidinger, 68, Fairbury, died at 11:45 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2016, at Loyola University Medical Center, Maywood. Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, has charge of arrangements.

PONTIAC CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mix, mingle event to be held Thursday

The Pontiac Area Chamber of Commerce's Mix and Mingle business after hours event is scheduled for Thursday.

The event will be hosted by Duffy-Baier-Snedecor Funeral Home from 5 to 7 p.m. at 903 W. Custer Ave.

Organizers say the event is meant to be an evening of socializing and food. It will also include door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Although the event is

open to the public, RSVP was due on April 19.

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Anita M. Thompson

FAIRBURY — Anita Mae Thompson, 85, of Bloomington, formerly of Fairbury, died at 2:05 p.m. Friday, April 15, 2016, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center, Bloomington.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. today at Duffy-Pils Memorial Home, Fairbury, with Pastor Tom Krieger officiating. Interment will follow in Grace-land Cemetery, Fairbury.

Friends may call from 12 to 2:45 p.m. prior to the service today at the memorial home in Fairbury.

Anita was born July 7, 1930, in Pontiac, the daughter of Frank and Mildred (Hack) Russell. She married Anthony Walters in 1950. He died in 1955. She later married John M. Thompson on Feb. 23, 1957, in Pontiac. He died Jan. 28, 2010.

Survivors include five sons, Gary Thompson, Virginia Beach, Va., Ron Thompson, Bloomington, Larry Thompson, Willowbrook, Brian (Peggy) Thompson, Kalamazoo, Mich., Darren Thompson, Fairbury; one daughter, Julie Thompson, Ely, Nev.; one brother, Donnie Russell, Wilmington; one sister, Judy (Steve) Mallot, Portland, Maine; and eight grandchildren.

Her parents; one sister, Doris Myles and one daughter, Vicki Lynn Thompson, also preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorials be directed to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Online condolences may be left at duffypilsmemorial.com.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

National infant immunization week continues until April 23

Each year, thousands of children become ill from diseases that could have been prevented by basic childhood immunizations.

During National Infant Immunization Week — April 16 to 23 — the Illinois Department of Public Health hopes to raise awareness about the importance of childhood immunizations.

Illinois saw a measles outbreak in February 2015, in which 15 cases were associated with a daycare in northern Illinois. Of those cases, 12 were infants too young to be immunized.

"While some babies are too young to be protected by vaccination, others may not be able to receive certain vaccinations due to severe allergies, weakened immune systems from conditions like leukemia, or other reasons," said IDPH Director Nirav D. Shah.

"To help keep them safe, it is important that you and your children who are able to get vaccinated are fully immunized. This not only protects your family, but also helps prevent the spread of these diseases in your community."

It is important to follow the recommended immunization schedule to fully protect infants and children early in life and before they are exposed to potentially life-threatening diseases.

Delaying vaccinations, or spreading shots or leaving shots out, puts children at risk. Young children who are behind on their recommended vaccinations can be quickly caught up to date to ensure full protection.

Bare feet at work becomes issue for employee

Dear Annie: I have a problem with people taking off their shoes. I work in a small office where we have outside visitors on a daily basis. One woman who works here likes to take off her shoes and walk around barefoot. No socks, no slippers, nothing. I think this is totally disgusting, as well as unprofessional.

The managers in the office see this, but must not mind because nothing is said. I have been trying to ignore it, but it's such odd behavior that I'm simply baffled. Although I'm new to this particular office, I've worked in other offices for 15 years, and this is a first. Any advice on what to do? — *Save Your Feet for the Beach*

Dear Beach: Perhaps your co-worker finds shoes confining and uncomfortable, or she has problems with her feet. Nonetheless, it is inappropriate to walk around this way in an office where outside visitors stop by regularly.

If the managers don't mind, there probably isn't



Annie's Mailbox

much you can do. But you can certainly say to the woman (with sincere concern), "You know, there are probably a lot of germs on that floor."

I'm worried that you might pick up something awful, or step on a loose staple. You ought to protect your feet by wearing slippers." It might not help, but it can't hurt to try.

Dear Annie: In the course of one day, a spinal cord injury caused me to go from a very active young woman to a paraplegic. Because of my injury, I finally know the "rules" for that handicapped stall in

public restrooms, and want others to know, as well.

I used to wonder if it was like the handicapped parking space that able-bodied people aren't supposed to use for any reason.

Before my injury, I didn't think twice about using the handicapped stall if no one there needed it and the others were taken. In fact, I'd use it even when other stalls were available, simply because it was so spacious.

So let me tell you, yes, it is to be treated just like a handicapped parking space and should be reserved solely for those who need it, even if every other stall is occupied.

Because my nervous system is damaged, I don't have a lot of time between when I recognize the need to go and actually going. And since I now move very slowly, every second counts.

My legs are extremely weak, and I really need the grab bars in the handicapped stall. In emergencies, I've had to use regular stalls and have twice pulled

the toilet paper holder off the wall though I weigh only 115 pounds.

I am counting on that handicapped stall being empty when I get to the restroom.

Not everyone who needs that stall is as obvious as I am. Just because no ticket is issued when an able-bodied person uses the handicapped stall, please don't do it. It's a matter of consideration. — *Learned the Hard Way*

Dear Learned: We agree, but we would make an exception for those who are about to wet their pants, there are no other available stalls, there is no disabled person in sight, and they will be really quick about it.

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After Daniel made some announcements he apologetically added: "The dessert is too hard," he said. We should have put the cheesecakes out of the freezer a bit earlier.

"Oh well, it's what we make of it," I decided. Daniel took a heavy duty ice cream scoop and cut the cheesecake into chunks for the men while I did the ladies.

"This is just like a candy bar!" one lady exclaimed as she held a slab of mocha cheesecake in her hand, biting into it.

"Thanks for being positive," I smiled.

How about giving the

mocha cheesecake a try?

Be sure to remove from the freezer at least 30 to 45 minutes before serving! This is a Yoder specialty.

Daniel's family loves this dessert and shared the recipe with me. I prefer using heavy whipping cream instead of whipped topping and natural sweeteners such as maple syrup, stevia and raw sugar to taste instead of sweetened condensed milk.

Yoder's Homemade Mocha Cheesecake

Ingredients
 2 cups Oreo cookies, crushed
 3 tablespoons butter, melted

Mix and press into a 9" pie pan, saving 1/2 cup to sprinkle on top.

- 8 ounces of cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 can sweetened, condensed milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups whipped topping
- 1 tablespoon instant coffee granules
- 2 tablespoons hot water
- 1/2 cup chocolate syrup

Instructions

- Dissolve coffee granules in hot water and set aside
- Beat cream cheese and add remaining ingredients.
- Whip together until smooth.
- Spoon over cookie crumbs.
- Sprinkle remaining crumbs over filling.
- Freeze

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