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Wyoming mail hauler pleads guilty to felony theft

By John A. Ballentine

TOULON – A 55-year-old Wyoming man pleaded guilty to felony theft by deception of over \$500,000 last Friday in Stark County Circuit Court.

In a negotiated plea, he received in exchange for pleading guilty to a Class 1 felony, all other charges being dismissed by the State. Those included a Class X theft over \$1 million, another lesser theft charge, mail fraud and wire fraud.

Keith Ratcliff received a six-year prison term for pleading guilty to theft from the U.S. Postal Service and was fined the minimum amount of \$869. With day-for-day credit, that cuts the six years to three and Ratcliff is also given six months off for good behavior, which brings the sentence down to two and a half years.

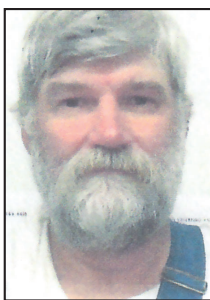
“Keith can also earn time off if he is eligible and completes programs while in the Department of Corrections,” said Ratcliff’s legal counsel Kevin Sullivan,

of Peoria. “I’m surprised that the State didn’t ask for restitution. That would have made more sense to seek that from my client than to ask for prison time, which will cost the state money.”

Sullivan added, “My belief is that this was pushed by the upper echelon of the State’s Attorney General’s office. They wanted to send a message to the other mail carriers.”

Sullivan said that Ratcliff would lose money more often than he would make a profit hauling the mail and that Ratcliff hired additional personnel during peak times, such as Christmas.

During the sentencing, Sullivan asked



Ratcliff

Circuit Court Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher to recommend that Ratcliff be sent to a minimum security prison close to Wyoming and “preferably a medical facility” because of Ratcliff’s diabetic condition.

After his court sentencing, Ratcliff was taken to the Stark County Jail for incarceration and to await extradition to the Illinois Department of Corrections intake facility, once the Department resumes accepting prisoners, again.

According to the Illinois Attorney General’s website, Ratcliff, who owned Ratcliff Enterprises, Inc. was “paid by the U. S. Postal Service between July 2005 and Sept. 2017 \$1.9 million for workers’ compensation insurance that Ratcliff never purchased.” Under the contracts between Ratcliff and the Postal Service, Ratcliff Enterprises was “paid directly or reimbursed for most expenses.”

The Attorney General’s office continued, “The defendant enriched himself at

the expense of taxpayers while risking his employees’ health and wellness, unbeknownst to them.”

The investigation into Ratcliff was conducted by the U. S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General. The investigations were based on a tip from the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission after a Ratcliff Enterprises driver filed an injury claim and it was discovered Ratcliff had no workers’ compensation insurance.

“This is a crime of greed that must be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law,” said Michael Brennan, chairman of the Illinois Workers’ Compensation Commission. “We are proud that our joint efforts with the Postal Service and the work of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office led to Ratcliff’s eventual conviction and sentencing.”

Deputy Bureau Chief of the Illinois Attorney General’s Office, John Walz, was lead prosecutor in this case.

NEW ROOF FOR LaFAYETTE CHURCH

Fund-raising drive nets new roof for Methodist church

By John A. Ballentine

LaFAYETTE – Parishioners at LaFayette United Methodist Church can attend services safe in the knowledge they will not only share the faith, but also remain dry.

Located in western Stark County is the Village of LaFayette, which is the home of the LaFayette United Methodist Church.

The church has been a pillar of the community for over 150 years. An addition, Faith Hall, was added in 1994.

Over the years, the roof has needed repair and a project was headed by the church trustees to replace it. The cost of a new roof was bid at \$15,000 and fundraising began in July of 2018.

Through a generous grant from the Fellowship Trust of Wesley United Method

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Prairie News photo/John Ballentine

Pictured are the LaFayette United Methodist Church congregation members who stand proudly in front of the new metal roof on Faith Hall that was recently installed.

Galva woman alleges bullets entered home

By Carol Townsend

GALVA – A Galva woman surprised the Galva City Council Monday when she alleged during public comment that two bullets had passed through a window in a home she owns on Southwest Third Street.

Frances Wheeler said two bullets entered the home in the past four to five weeks. Wheeler claimed that she had the bullets analyzed and said the analysis showed one of the bullets came from a police pistol. She said a report is not back yet on the other bullet.

Wheeler said in both cases the bullets grazed someone inside the residence. She showed a picture on her phone to Mayor Volkert and Police Chief Kraig Townsend during the meeting Monday night.

Townsend told Wheeler that he had a form for her to write out the incidents

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Paula K Leezer, Stark County Treasurer

Toulon updates hundreds of ordinances

By John A. Ballentine

TOULON – The Toulon City Council spent two and one-half hours Monday evening painstakingly revising hundreds of city ordinances at a special meeting. Besides the ordinances, police fines were updated, as well.

Many ordinances from the early 1900s were eliminated because they no longer pertained to the city,

especially from 1911 where nearly a chapter was deleted.

Ordinances covering the Civil Defense Unit, the city library and city jail were stricken from the code book because they no longer exist. Chapters concerning water and sewer were updated, as well as, traffic ordinances.

Other topics were prohibited animals, the curfew bell, trash regulations, cemetery rules, nuisances and

general offenses were modified or eliminated.

Once the updated code book is completed, the city council will adopt it at their next regularly scheduled meeting.

Briefly discussed were updates on the new fire hydrants' installation and the concrete curbing on Prairie Street north of the schools, which is to be replaced.

GALVA: Council seeks 3rd ward voting spot

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and then he would turn over the investigation to either the State Police or the Henry County Sheriff's Department. Townsend said the Galva Police Department will not investigate their own department.

Wheeler said at the meeting she would get the form from Townsend on Tuesday.

In regular action, the council unanimously approved purchasing a new GMC-Chevy truck for a cost of \$98,023. The truck will be used for snowplowing, waterworks, brush pick-up and cemetery work.

Volkert reported that the Galva Senior Citizen Center and St. John's Church will not be available for voting in November. Volkert said that perhaps City Hall could be used for the third ward.

In regards to using the Fire House for voting, Chief Nate Byers said everything would have to be moved out of the new fire station and then there is very limited parking if there was a fire.

Townsend gave an update on the K-9 dog that Galva has ordered for the Galva Police Department. The dog as well as two others, one for Mercer County and one for McDonough County, were to be flown here from the Netherlands on Aug. 20. Townsend said that due to extreme heat, the flight was pushed back to Sept. 1. There will be an announcement on the purchase of the dog at a later time.

The dog will then go to training in the middle of September.

In other business, the council increased the impound fee on vehicles from \$7.50 to \$25 per day. Townsend told the council that they



Prairie News photo/Carol Townsend

Galva Mayor Rich Volkert, left, receives a check for \$5,200 from Melissa Halsall, chairman of Galva's Freedom Fest committee. Halsall said that the proceeds were from a soup and chili supper, online trivia and Tina's Mask Maker's donation.

average about four impounds per month due to an arrest or a traffic hazard. He said that most towns charge \$20-\$40 per day.

"Normally if they stay more than a week we are usually stuck with them," Townsend said.

The wrecker service also charges \$100 to tow to the impound lot at the City Maintenance building. Galva charges \$125 for towing.

Townsend said they call Cernovich's or Hodges's in Kewanee and usually receive \$140 to \$170 per vehicle for scrap.

It was on the agenda to lower the speed limit from Subway to the corner of Southwest 9th Avenue and Southwest 2nd Street from 30 miles per hour to 25 miles per hour. There was no motion so Mayor Volkert said it would be tabled until the September board meeting. Those absent Monday night were alder-

man Jim Hartman, Wayde Buck and Rick Otterstrom.

The council amended the tree ordinance. If a resident pays someone to take a tree down, then they must haul it away and not leave it on the curb. Also anyone cutting down a tree must have insurance to cover the damage. Utility wires were damaged recently, a street blocked and many sidewalk squares have been damaged and left in the past from having trees taken down.

Supervisor Greg Thompson reported that the uptown water tower has been inspected and sand blasted and painted inside. Thompson said both towers will be inspected this year at a cost of \$13,500 apiece.

Thompson said that the uptown water tower was put up in 1951 and will need replaced in the future.

Thompson said that Well number 4 also needs work in the very near future.

Thompson praised water employees, Jake McClintic, John McArthur and Jeremy Wood on their good job Monday on fixing a water main break.

Supervisor Richard Plummer reported that fall clean-up of Galva Cemetery will be Oct. 18-23. All shepherd hooks and flowers will be removed. Plummer said solar lights and statues can be left unless they are broken.

Volkert said he has been talked to neighbors on Southeast 6th Street to lower the speed limit near the Park District. No action was taken Monday.

Volkert also said Tuesday morning that there are seven households in Galva with COVID-19 and the count of cases is up to 18.

NEW ROOF: Hall used by community members

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ist Church, turkey noodle dinners, personal donations and gracious memorial funds, Faith Hall now has a new roof!

Faith Hall has hosted many events for the community, including Vacation Bible schools during the summers and safe "Holyween" events for the neighborhood children.

Community members also use

Faith Hall as a meeting place for birthday parties, wedding events, final farewell dinners, baby showers, family reunions and other events. Faith Hall was built with the community in mind.

The LaFayette Methodist Church continues a tradition of a Community Coffee Hour, held Tuesday mornings at 8 a.m. and all are welcome to attend. Church members said they

look forward to a continued presence in the community for years to come.

Members said the roof project would not have been completed without the services of Terry Sherbeyn, and they welcome people to drive by to view the results of his hard work. The church is located at Route 17 on the corner of Hodgson Street.

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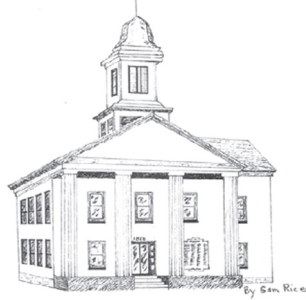
8-19-20 – James R. Shamp - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
8-15-20 – David B. Solano - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
8-20-20 – Christian A. Langlois - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
8-23-20 – Christopher B. Deemie - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
8-23-20 – John D. Kennedy - Operating an uninsured motor vehicle.
8-21-20 – Timothy W. Workheiser - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
8-17-20 – Maya Baker - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
8-24-20 – Thomas D. Coleman - driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
8-24-20 – Thomas D. Coleman - Improper passing/left/no passing zone.
8-24-20 – Thomas D. Coleman - Unlicensed.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

8-15-20 – DUI Traffic – Ryan W. Barker - Driving under the influence of alcohol.
8-19-20 – DUI Traffic – Keith L. Koller - Driving under the influence of alcohol.
8-21-20 – DUI Traffic – Jeffrey R. Rumbold - Driving under the influence of alcohol and Driving under the influence of alcohol/BAC 0.08.

Incidents & Accidents

Stark County
8-17-20 – A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 approximately a quarter of a mile south of 1700N. The driver Charles D. Young, 59, of Henry, was headed north on Route 40 when a deer ran out in front of the oncoming vehicle. Young reportedly overcorrected and hit the ditch on the west side. No injuries were reported, but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.
8-19-20 – A two-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of Routes 17 and 78. Drivers involved were Hunter S. Kiesewetter, 18, Bradford, and Alyssa K. Loughe, 29, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported but Kiesewetter was ticketed for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.
8-15-20 – Ryan W. Barker, 46, North Pekin, was ticketed for driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, and disobeying a stop sign. Barker was ticketed in conjunction with a motorcycle-vehicle accident that he was involved in on Aug. 16, west of Camp Grove.
8-18-20 – A 17-year-old East Moline juvenile reported as a runaway was located and taken to the Stark County Sheriff's Office. The minor was later



released to the custody of her parents.

8-18-20 – Benjamin R. Callicutt, 27, Galva, was ticketed for depositing trash and/or littering.
8-19-20 – Moises Parangueo, 49, Oakland, was cited for driving with no insurance.
8-20-20 – Keith L. Koller, 26, Princeville, was arrested for driving under the influence, disobeying a no-passing zone, improper lane usage, speeding 89 mph in a 55 zone, reckless driving, driving on an expired driver's license, and driving without his license on his person. He later posted \$300 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
8-21-20 – Jeffery R. Rumbold, 43, Wyoming, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, and ticketed for failure to signal. He posted \$100 cash bond and his driver's license and was issued a court date to appear.
8-22-20 – Claire W. Whiteside III, 24, Galva, was arrested for possession of adult use of cannabis in a motor vehicle, speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone, and operating a vehicle with an expired registration sticker.
8-22-20 – Dylan R. Mammen, 34, Pekin, was ticketed for illegal transportation of alcohol.
8-22-20 – Bradley D. Turkle, 52, Davenport, was arrested for driving without insurance, speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone, driving without a valid driver's license, and driving without a rear registration light. He posted \$150 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.
8-23-20 – Kristen L. Colvin, 25, Toulon, was arrested for driving on a revoked license. She was released with a notice to appear.
Galva Report
8-17-20 – Officer dispatched to a residence on NE 3rd Street for a suicidal subject. The subject was transported by ambulance for treatment.
8-17-20 – Officer met with a citizen at the Galva PD in reference to a battery that occurred in a rural area. It was referred to Henry County for follow-up.
8-18-20 – Officer assisted the Galva Street Department with getting several vehicles moved in the SE and NE quadrants so roads could be oiled and chipped.

8-18-20 – Officer dispatched to 400 block of NW 4th Street for a barking dog complaint.
8-18-20 – A resident in the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. called and advised that someone was burning a brush pile.
8-18-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of SE 3rd Street for a parking complaint.
8-18-20 – As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of Morgan Road, Dalayna Harmon, 20, Kewanee, was arrested for not having a valid driver's license. She was released with a required court date. A 16-year-old passenger was found to be entered as a missing runaway juvenile. The child was released to a relative.
8-18-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of SW 5th Street for a report of young children playing outside and unattended. They were released to a parent.
8-18-20 – Officer dispatched to remove an unwanted subject at a residence on NE 4th Ave.
8-18-20 – Officer dispatched again to remove an unwanted subject at a residence on NE 4th Ave.
8-19-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a domestic battery. As a result, Troy Newman, 50, Galva, was arrested for domestic battery and taken to the Henry County Jail. The charge was not filed by the Henry County State's Attorney's Office and Newman was later released.
8-19-20 – Officer saw a young child in the 200 block of Exchange Street. The child ran away and a large search was conducted without locating the child. About 12 hours later, the child's parents brought him to the Galva PD for an apology. The 8-year-old had sneaked out of the house and had returned without the parents realizing it. The parents checked surveillance footage and saw the child had sneaked out of the house.
8-19-20 – Officer dispatched to a residence on NW 8th Street to check the welfare of a resident who was seen outside yelling and screaming, with nobody else around.
8-19-20 – Officer was advised that all Galva railroad crossing arms were down but no trains were present. BNSF was contacted for repairs.
8-19-20 – Officer dispatched to the 300 block of NE 2nd Street for a reckless driving complaint. The offender was located and was having vehicle problems.
8-19-20 – Officer dispatched to the 600 block of NW 1st Street for a burning complaint on a non-burn day.
8-20-20 – Officer dispatched to the 00 block of SW 2nd Street. A motorist had gotten fuel and other items and the clerk did

not charge for the fuel. The subject was located and returned to pay.
8-20-20 – Officer dispatched to the 700 block of NW 3rd Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog returned home about an hour later.
8-20-20 – Officer dispatched to the 300 block of NW 6th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog returned home about an hour later.
8-21-20 – Officer dispatched to the 400 block of NW 1st Street for an illegal burning complaint.
8-21-20 – Officer assisted Henry County with a traffic stop and vehicle search east of town on Route 34.
8-22-20 – Officer dispatched to the 700 block of NW 5th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog was returned to its owner.
8-22-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of SE 4th Street for a burning complaint involving grass that was creating a lot of smoke.
8-23-20 – Officer was advised of a stolen vehicle complaint that had just occurred south of Galva, in Knox County.
8-23-20 – Officer dispatched to a business on SW 2nd Street to remove an unwanted customer.
8-23-20 – An officer was dispatched to a reckless driving complaint in the 700 block of NW 1st Ave.
8-23-20 – As the result of an investigation in the 00 block of Morgan road, Dustin Brock, 31, Galva, was arrested for unlawful possession of weapons by a convicted felon, possession of firearms without a FOID card, possession of firearms within 1,000 feet of a school by a felon, and possession of ammunition by a convicted felon. He was transported to the Henry County Jail.
8-23-20 – Officer dispatched to the 100 block of NW 8th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog was located and impounded.
Marriages
8-19-20 – Heather Ann Murphey and Corey Michael Reese, both of Toulon, IL.
Divorces
8-21-20 – Pamela Jo Eberle and Lynville Matthew Eberle, both of Wyoming.
8-21-20 – Keith E. Brunswig, Kirkwood, and Karrie L. Brunswig, Bradford.
Property Transfers
7-20-20 – Sheriff of Stark County to Wells Fargo Bank - Foster's Add'n Block D lot 1, 327 First Street, Bradford, IL. Consideration = \$0.00.
7-21-20 – Marilyn J. Ott by Power of Attorney to Jonathan D. and Michael D. Rediger - S 1/2 Sect 10-13-5 SW SW, 10052 State Route 78, LaFayette, IL. Consideration = \$0.00.

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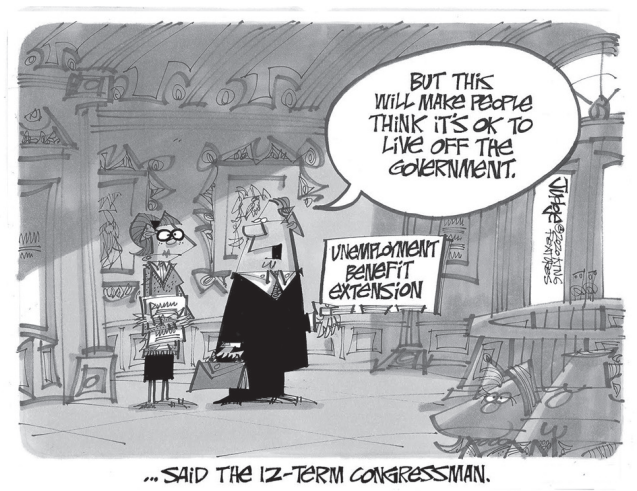
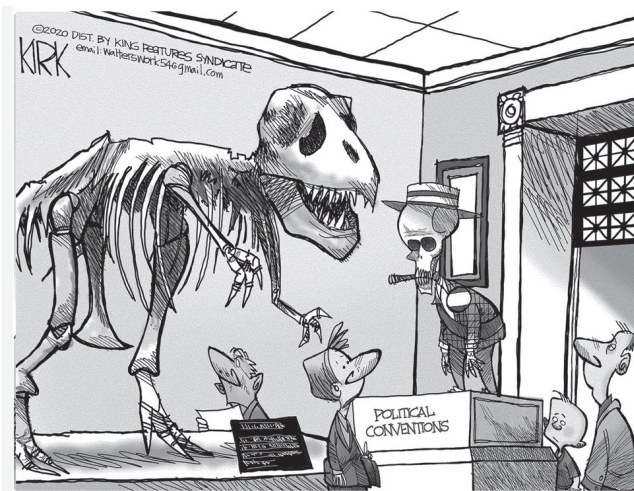
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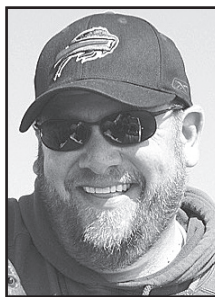


Of big tomatoes and silly sports rules

Rambling through central Illinois, pondering gubernatorial overreach.



When **Nicole Largent** walks in the door of your office, you have to be ready for anything. The owner of Yer Kiln Me in Wyoming is one of those “never-a-dull-moment people.” But I think she met her match in the personable **Peg Gray** from Wyoming’s south side (pictured at right), who last week grabbed the coveted lead in our Big Tomato Contest. Gray’s tomato weighed in at 2 pounds, 11 ounces and was one of a strain of Largent family heirlooms called “Fred tomatoes.” Whatever variety they are, they sure grow nice, big fruits. Gray said it might have grown larger, but added, “I was so scared, I didn’t want to the bugs to get in it.” Might they have added extra weight? We’ll never



Jeff
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know. And there’s still time for you to grab the \$50 first prize. Just come into our Toulon office with your entry and **Pam Wulf** can weigh it for you. ... Hey, I like those banners hanging around the Stark County schools this year. They look sharp and carry a simple message, “Pride and Excellence.” I know some folks don’t like to spend money unnecessarily, but the banners do dress up the old school nicely. Kudos.



Went to a cross country meet the other day and was struck once again by how weird this sports year has been. Two teams were competing, but the runners from each team started at staggered intervals. Coaches then went back to compare times to see who won. To me, that defeats the purpose of running a race. Head-to-head competition is the only way to gauge who wins and loses. Sorry. ... Parting shot: And don’t get me started on requiring prep golfers to wear masks on the course at all times except while hitting the ball. At one point the other day, I saw a kid standing hundreds of yards from anyone else, dutifully wearing his mask while walking in the



heat toward the green. Stupid. Sure, wear the mask at the tee box and on the green. But if you are hundreds of yards away from somebody, outside, on a golf course ... come on. Has all common sense died?

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

Letter to the Editor: Senate must pass HEROES

To the Editor:

It is inexcusable that Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell sent Senators home while a staggering number of Americans continue to file for unemployment and the HEROES Act – the next coronavirus economic relief package, passed by the House 208-199 on May 15 – hasn’t even been considered in the Senate.

Now, as the virus wreaks havoc across the country, peaking and continuing to spread in many states, laid-off workers have yet another burden to face: the end of the \$600 federal supplemental jobless benefits provided by the CARES Act.

This additional stipend, which expired July 3, literally meant life or death for millions of American families. It gave people the means to pay their rent or mortgage, make car payments, or afford groceries and prescriptions.

Let’s be clear: Nobody wants to be unemployed. A job is about more than a paycheck – it’s a source of dignity. Millions are out of work through no fault of their own.

Unless the Senate passes the HEROES Act, which proposes continuing these payments into January, Americans will needlessly suffer, our economy will continue to spiral



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

downward, and any recovery will take longer.

It’s time to pass the HEROES Act, extend unemployment and keep working people whole.

Tom McLaughlin, President
West Central Illinois Labor Council

WellOwner.org website has helpful information

To the Editor:

Private water wells provide an estimated 40 million households with water in the United States and an estimated 1.15 million people in Illinois. While private wells do provide affordable and clean water, experts agree they should be inspected annually to ensure they are operating safely and efficiently.

The National Ground Water Association in partnership with the Rural Community Assistance Partnership and the United States EPA are announcing a new tool to make water

well maintenance easier than ever.

WellOwner.org has been completely revamped to connect private well owners with resources to keep their well water clean and healthy.

WellOwner.org provides a digital well owner guide to maintaining your well, resources on how and where to get your well water tested, and how to contact a certified water well contractor in your area!

With growing concerns over PFAS and other emerging contaminants, it has never been more important to properly test and maintain your private water well system. Water testing can identify contaminants in your well water that may be impacting you and your family’s health.

A certified water well contractor will be able to determine any problems in your water well system and provide guidance and services to keep it operating throughout the year.

So, if you own on a private water well, visit WellOwner.org and make plans for your annual inspection!

– **Dave Schulenberg**, Springfield
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Farming Matters: Dangers of farming are many

Everyone has a friend of a friend or knows someone who was in a farming accident. Farming is one of the most dangerous careers out there. Farm accidents can be prevented.



Emily Smith

Here are a few things to remember for when the combines and machinery start to come out.

Big machines, like combines and semis, have a trouble seeing things

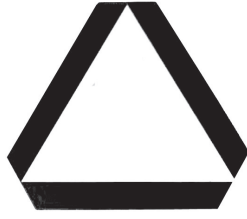
that are behind them. My dad and grandpa always told me, "If you can't see their mirrors, they can't see you."

So it never hurts to try to make sure you can always see one of a driver's mirrors.

Slow down! You can't be in that much of a hurry. When farmers or other drivers rush, that is when an accident is likely to happen.

Most farmers, when they are driving on a public road, will move over and share the road with you. They

try to be courteous and ask that you give them the same respect.



This last thing to remember is for the farmers. Be sure to take care of yourself during the harvest season. These 90-degree days will start to drop in temperature, but that doesn't mean the sun will be taking a break so make sure to wear your sunscreen. The machinery can get very loud and farmers are known for having bad hearing. Wear earplugs.

Farming is a dangerous field to get into. Be safe out there.

Bradford Legion to hold annual perch, smelt fry

By Angie Stange

BRADFORD – Even with so many shut downs due to the COVID-19 virus and its limitations, the Bradford American Legion Post #445 plans to host its annual Labor Day Weekend Perch and Smelt Fish Fry on Sunday, Sept. 6.

The menu will be limited and carry outs will be available. Serving time will be 4:30-7 p.m. Meal costs are as follows: Adults \$10, Children 6-12 \$5. There will be limited indoor and outdoor seating. Masks are greatly appreciated for everyone's safety and are now required by Gov. JB Pritzker when entering a restaurant or bar and while ordering or conversing with your server.

The dining area will follow COVID-19 guidelines. Also on sale will be raffle tickets for a \$1,000 cash drawing and additional cash prizes that will be held Monday, Sept. 7 at 3 p.m.

The Bradford American Legion Auxiliary Unit #445 also wishes to thank members and the community who donated to the poppy fund. Donations are used only for veterans.

Auxiliary members are asked to please send in

their donations for the Bradford American Legion Post #445 Labor Day fundraiser as soon as possible, as both the Auxiliary and the Legion need your help in supporting our veterans this year.

Congratulations go out to the Bradford Auxiliary Unit and Deb Grunloh, membership chairman, for receiving special recognition from the Auxiliary 3rd

division for their accomplishment of achieving 100 percent membership this past year.

The Auxiliary members are reminded to send in their new membership dues of \$23 per member and \$3.50 for Junior members to: Deb Grunloh; 15594 300 N. Ave.; Bradford IL 61421. Grunloh will also accept dues at the upcoming fish fry.

Auxiliary members are asked to donate baked good items for the fish fry. Items will be available for a donation.

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Libraries provide many essential services

By Sarah Boehm

Director Bradford Public Library District

BRADFORD – “I have always imagined that paradise will be a kind of library,” said famous novelist Jorge Luis Borges. Yes, the library can be a kind of paradise even during these unprecedented times.

Today the library is as essential as ever. Offering many services for all. Armed with a library card you can use and support one of the greatest institutions there is. You can enjoy a near-limitless supply of literature, magazines, music, movies and more.

Here are just a few of the perks your library offers.

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ture books for kids, paperbacks for the beach and large-print for those with visual challenges. Libraries also boast an impressive number of eBooks and audiobooks.

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Magazines: Who doesn't enjoy thumbing through a good magazine? Stop in and take your pick.

Wi-Fi, Internet and Computers:

Don't have a computer at home? Your local library can help you out. During this time access may be limited so give your library a call regarding their computer policies.

Copies and Fax: Most libraries offer copies and fax services for just a small fee.

Programs and Classes: These might be limited currently, but be sure to check with your local library for upcoming events.

Libraries strive to make your visit a safe one, including sanitizing surfaces, computer keyboards and accessories frequently and asking for your cooperation in wearing a mask and social distancing.

So, be sure to stop by your local library, where there is something for everyone.

BRIEFS

Marching Wildcats dress for success

GALVA – After the coronavirus pandemic cancelled performances last spring, the Galva Marching Wildcats are holding out hope they will march in their new uniforms at some point during this school year.

Together with his band students, Galva School District instructor and Director of Bands, Joe Angelo, unveiled the Marching Wildcats' new band uniforms at the 2019 elementary school holiday music concert.

The new uniform purchase replaced 11-year-old uniforms at the school and was a joint effort with the school district providing funding and the Galva Performing Arts Boosters raising the remainder of the needed funds.

Angelo came to Galva from Geneseo, graduating Western Illinois University and instructs students in grades 5-12. Over the past five years, the high school program has been working to expand its quality of performance and has been competing on an increasingly higher level around the state.

The Galva Performing Arts Boosters has been working to raise the \$8,800 needed for 50 new uniforms since March 2019.

In Aug. 2019, Community State Bank (CSB) made an initial \$500 contribution to fund raising effort and together with their partner bank, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago, CSB made an additional \$2,500 contribution to kick off the 2020 school year.

The gift was presented to Director Angelo and Galva Performing Arts Booster President Tim Thuline at the band's three-day band camp Aug. 3-5.

Henry and Stark County Covid-19 case totals

The Henry and Stark County Health Department announced a cumulative total of 406 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Henry County and 10



Left to Right: Band Director Joe Angelo, Galva Performing Arts Booster President Tim Thuline, and Community State Bank Personal Banker/Mortgage Lender Amy Lewis presenting an additional \$2,500 contribution to the band uniform fundraising effort flanked by the 2020 Galva Marching Wildcats at their Aug. 4 band camp.

confirmed cases in Stark County as of Aug. 25. Combined cases are:

- Symptomatic at home: 42
- Symptomatic hospitalized: 2
- Asymptomatic: 26
- Symptoms Resolved: 115
- Unknown Symptom Status: 230
- Deaths: 1.

Health Board Meetings

The Henry County Health Board will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 2 at the Henry County Health Department office, 110 N. Burr Blvd., Kewanee, Ill.

The Stark County Health Board will be held at 6 p.m. on Sept. 1 in the Stark County Courtroom on the 2nd floor.

Driver's licenses extended for Illinois senior citizens

SPRINGFIELD — Driver's licenses for Illinoisans 75 or older are valid one extra year beyond the currently listed 2020 expiration date, Secretary of State Jesse White announced Tuesday.

Dean's List

ROCKFORD – Cody Minder, a resident of Toulon, has been named to the spring 2020 Dean's List at Rockford University.

Bishop Hill cancellations

BISHOP HILL – Due to the ongoing pandemic, the following Bishop Hill Heritage Association's 2020 autumn events have been cancelled:

- Dancing Queen, An ABBA Salute concert on Aug. 29;



- Jordbruksdagarna on Sept. 26-27;
- March of the Women concert by Phil Passen on Oct. 10;
- and Protest Songs of Illinois Workers concert by Bucky Halker on Oct. 24.

These events will not be rescheduled this year. Jordbruksdagarna will return in 2021. Other events will take place later in the fall.

To learn more, call (309) 927-3899, or visit www.visitbishopsphill.com.

Half of high schoolers in Illinois used e-tobacco

SPRINGFIELD — Half of Illinois high school students reported using an electronic tobacco product last year, a U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey found, “erasing gains” made by health advocates in recent years to curb tobacco use.

In Illinois, electronic cigarettes are not included in a statewide ban of smoking at virtually all public places, taxes on the products are not “at parity” with traditional tobacco products and legislative proposals to ban flavored electronic products were not addressed by the General Assembly this session.

Dcn. and Mrs. John Holevoet will be observing both John's 80th birthday and the couples' 60th wedding Anniversary.

On Sept. 6th. from 2 - 4 p.m., they will be gathering outdoors at the Galva Park District, 213 SE 1st Street, Galva, IL. Friends and relatives are invited, (no gifts, please). The party will be under the shelter. John and Cheryl were married on Nov. 12, 1960. They are the parents of 4 children, Pam Bates & Paula (Keith) Patty of Galva, Leigh Boorn of Kewanee and Rich (Jennifer) Holevoet of Beach Park, IL. They have 7 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Dcn. John was 80 years old on August 13.

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Prevent the spread of oak wilt

University of Illinois Extension

Illinois areas still reeling from the elimination of ash trees damaged by the emerald ash borers have another threat: oak wilt.

The state has almost 5 million acres of forests and oaks play an important role in those forests, according to Chris Evans, University of Illinois Extension forestry research specialist.

Oaks are the most abundant group of trees in Illinois, in nearly every stand of trees across the state, and they're an important source of wildlife food, valuable timber and great shade trees.

"Oak wilt is a fungal disease that threatens our oaks and can be found anywhere in the state," Evans says, adding that all oaks can be killed by oak wilt, but red oaks are the most susceptible.

"In Illinois, we have 12 species in the red oak group, including the northern red oak, pin oak, black oak, shingle oak, and cherrybark oak," he says. "These trees, once infected with oak wilt, can die in as little as three to four weeks."

Oak-wilt symptoms often start at the top of the tree and rapidly progress downward in red oaks, Evans says. Leaves turn color, starting at the tips or outer margins and, likely, prematurely fall from the tree. Trees may display dark staining in the wood of small branches or under the bark on larger stems.

In white oaks, the disease may be limited to one branch and will not likely show rapid progression.

"Oak wilt can move from tree to tree via root grafts, often causing large clumps of dead trees," Evans says. "This is most likely to happen in forests with a lot of red

oaks clumped together."

Another major way that oak wilt spreads is through small sap-feeding beetles, called picnic beetles.

"These beetles are attracted to the fruity odor and sap produced as the oak wilt fungal mats push apart the weakened wood and bark," Evans says. "As they feed on the sap, the beetles also pick up oak-wilt spores."

Sap beetles fly to an uninfected tree and spread the disease. Wounds on oak trees will produce sap that attract these beetles. The disease expands after storm events, such as ice storms, that damage otherwise healthy trees.

Three practices can limit the impact of oak wilt and slow the spread of the disease.

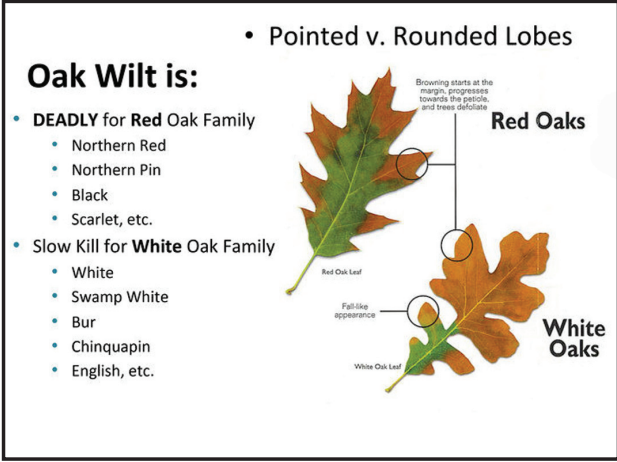
"If you have a tree that is dying from oak wilt, remove infected wood, ideally before the next growing season," Evans says. "Do not

store wilt-killed red oak firewood or move logs without the bark being removed. This wood can still produce fungal mats and spores that spread the disease."

In addition, trenching around trees with oak wilt at the dripline may help prevent this type of spread through root grafts, he continued. Trenches should be around 4-feet deep near the dripline of the tree. A second line of trenches further out helps as well.

Finally, homeowners should avoid creating any wounds on oak trees, regardless of the known presence of oak wilt, by using caution with trimmers and lawn mowers near the base of the tree. That includes pruning, which Evans advises to never do during the growing season.

Only prune oak trees when the leaves are off or after the first hard frost.



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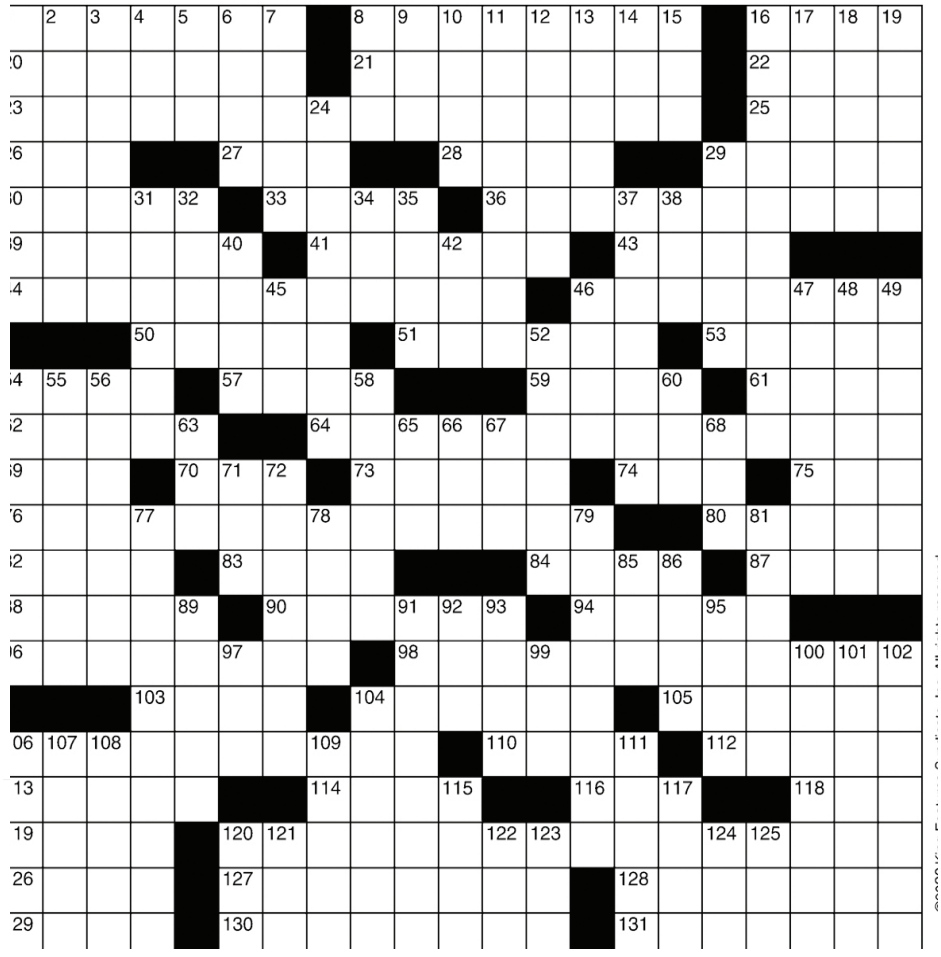
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| 1 Like Pisa's famed tower | 1 Really absurd | 130 Rates | 37 Be hammy | 86 Org. for free speech | 89 Using a pen |
| 8 On the mark | 2 Not gendered, as a noun | 131 Unity | 45 Actor Gibson | 91 Flabbergasts | 92 Jorge's "day" |
| 16 Dangle | 3 Vouches for | 98 Internal body parts that have absorbed too much of element #47? | 46 Secular | 97 Obsolete | 99 Bigwig |
| 20 Adequate for the job | 4 "... — a lender be" | 59 Oven knob | 47 Orbital curve | 100 One fleeing a flood, maybe | 101 Adjusts the pitch of again |
| 21 1974 Billy Joel hit | 5 Bit of NYSE news | 61 Swiss peaks | 48 Current units | 102 Noisy sleepers | 104 Cry after "Psst!" |
| 22 Pastiche | 6 Pestera a lot | 62 — Gay | 49 Rodeo ropes | 105 Sixty minutes | 106 Fissures |
| 23 Phone alert sound whose waves travel best through element #7? | 7 Wonderful | 64 Sideshow barkers peddling element #33? | 52 Vitascope inventor | 107 Call off, as a mission | 108 "What — mean?" |
| 25 Refuse to | 8 IRS filing mo. | 69 Munich loc. | 54 Cocktail of gin, vermouth and Campari | 109 Rand McNally reference | 111 Jorge's "new" |
| 26 Expert | 9 Nero's 102 | 70 I-75, e.g. | 55 Ontario's capital | 112 Poets' Muse | 115 Goes kaput often: Abbr. |
| 27 Submission encl. | 10 Is unable | 73 Heavy winds | 56 Actor Sparks | 113 Old Apple laptop | 120 "Na Na" preceder |
| 28 Disney sci-fi film of 1982 | 11 Not marked, as an exam | 74 Binary base | 58 Person quarreling | 114 Impact noise | 107 Fissures |
| 29 Ukulele's kin | 12 Turbine parts | 75 Expert | 59 Enactment | 116 Floor cover | 109 Reference |
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| 39 Opening bits | 16 1991-2003 Vermont governor | 83 Sort of sword | 66 Yale alum | 126 Deanna on the USS Enterprise | 123 Orig. copies |
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OBITUARIES

Audrey L. Ehnle

BRADFORD – Audrey L. Ehnle, 90, of Eureka, formerly of Wyoming and Bradford, passed away at 7:55 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20, 2020, at the Apostolic Christian Home, Eureka, where she was a resident.

Audrey was born Dec. 18, 1929, in Modena, the daughter of Neil and Bertha (Blakey) Reed. She married Benjamin J. Ehnle on Dec. 28, 1947, in Toulon. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 2013.

Surviving are two daughters, Pat (Sam) Plattner of Eureka and Connie (Don) Manz of Paulding, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, Heidi (Bill) Wettstein, Heather (Kris) Swords, Kevin (Kerstan) Plattner, Kurt (Joan) Plattner, Chris (Erica) Manz, Sam (Shelby) Manz, Scott (Sara) Manz, Cheryl (Nathan) Ametewee, Fred (Kayla) Manz, Andy (Laura) Manz, and Angie (Karl) Klopfenstein; 45 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and two sisters-in-law, Esther Streitmatter of Peoria and Joan Ehnle of Cambridge. She was also preceded in death by her parents and one son, Randy Ehnle.

Audrey loved her family dearly, and enjoyed working with her husband on the farm. She was a member of the Apostolic Christian Church in Bradford and in Eureka. Audrey loved serving her Lord, Jesus Christ.

Her funeral was Aug. 23, 2020, at the Bradford Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church officiated. Visitation was Aug. 22, 2020, at Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall. Burial was in Apostolic Christian Church Cemetery, Bradford.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

The family wishes to thank the Apostolic Christian Home for their wonderful loving care for seven years. Memorial contributions may be made to the Apostolic Christian Home, 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, IL 61530.

Condolences may be left for Audrey's family at www.haskellfuneral.com.

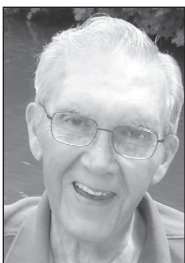
Donald L. Rhoades

TOULON – Donald L. Rhoades, 82, of Toulon, passed away at 12:07 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 23, 2020, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center.

Don was born on Feb. 18, 1938, in Peoria, the son of Lewis and Ada "Libby" (Woolard) Rhoades. He married Mary Helf-erich on Feb. 11, 1978; she survives.

Also surviving are three children, Robert (Vivian) Rhoades of Sebring, Fla., Debra K. Rhoades of Kewanee, and Tom (Julie) Rhoades of Mackinaw; three grandchildren, Katie, Sarah, and Lilah; three great-grandchildren, Arabella, Bo, and Hallie; and one brother, James Rhoades of Florida. He was preceded in death by his parents and one daughter, Dana.

Don worked for Caterpillar for



Rhoades

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The Prairie News charges for full obituaries. The cost is 10 cents per word and \$5 for a picture. Shorter obituaries (approximately two paragraphs) will be free, as space allows.

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over 30 years before his retirement. He was an avid Chicago Cubs fan, enjoyed woodworking, gardening, and mowing on his John Deere tractor. He deeply loved his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

His graveside service was at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020, at Toulon Cemetery. Rev. Leon Pome-roy officiated. A visitation took place on Aug. 25 at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to MSW Projects of Henry or the Toulon United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for Don's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Robert W. Scholl

PRINCEVILLE – Robert W. "Bob" Scholl, 85, of Princeville passed away at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 19, 2020 at his home.

Bob was born on March 11, 1935, in rural Wyoming, the son of William C. and Mary E. (Martin) Scholl. He married Arlene Streitmatter on March 6, 1960 in Princeville; she survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Kyle (Jane) Scholl of Dunlap and Kevin (Joyce) Scholl of Wyoming; two daughters, Karen Scholl of Washington and Krista (Perry) Kieser of Wyoming; six grandchildren, Quintin (Lacey) Scholl, Chassi (James) Jensen, Ethan Scholl, Treyton Scholl, Allison Kieser and Alyssa Kieser; three great-grandchildren, Mason Scholl, Kadence Scholl, and Presley Jensen; one sister, Mary Lou Scholl of Princeville; and one brother, William (JoAnne) Scholl of Dunlap. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Rolland and Wayne Scholl and one grandson, Colin Scholl.

Bob lived for the Lord for 65 years. He served as a church trustee, member of several church committees and enjoyed singing in the men's group and the church choir. He was also a member of various school, county and township boards. He was a model train enthusiast who enjoyed sharing his hobby with others, was an innovator who could fix just about anything, and was a farmer in the Stark County area for over 65 years. Bob had a kind heart, an engaging personality and freely shared his contagious smile and witty sense of humor.

His funeral was Aug. 22, 2020, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church. Ministers of the church will officiate. Visitation was Aug. 21, 2020, at the Princeville Apostolic Christian Church Fellowship Hall.

The family wishes to express heartfelt appreciation to his caregivers at AC Skylines Home Care Services and his private duty caregivers.

Memorial contributions may be

made to Akron-Princeville Ambulance or AC Skylines Home Care Services. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Bob's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Willamae L. Dustin

KEWANEE – Willamae "Corky" L. Dustin, 92, of Kewanee, died Friday, Aug. 21, 2020, at Courtyard Estates.

Willamae was born Oct. 24, 1927, in Kewanee, the daughter of James and Clarise (Harrison) Kirman. She graduated from Kewanee High School. Willamae married Robert Dustin on Feb. 14, 1948, at the First United Methodist Church, Kewanee. He preceded her in death.

Willamae is survived by one son, Bill (Carolyn) Dustin; three grandchildren, Paula (Steve) Rimes, Julie (Karras) Bishop, Tom (Katie) Dustin; nine great grandchildren, Dylan, Dalton, and, Malana Stucker, Addie Bishop, Caleb, Lacy, and Abbie Rimes, and Bryce and Faith Dustin. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two sisters, Shirley Bino, and Barbara Craig.

Willamae was a charter member of the Faith Baptist Church, Toulon. Willamae enjoyed spending time with her family.

Graveside services were Aug. 25, 2020 at Toulon Cemetery.

Condolences can be left online at www.schuenemantumblesonfuneralhome.com.

Jeffrey R. Eubank

BRADFORD – Jeffrey R. Eubank, 61, of Peachtree City, Ga., formerly of Bradford and Peoria, passed away on Aug. 17, 2020, at Extreme Measures Personal Care Home, after battling dementia for several years.

Born Dec. 16, 1958, in Peoria to Buron Eubank and Wilma Pauline (Broadway) Eubank, he married Vickie Linn Sturm on July 14, 1979, in Princeville. She survives.

Also surviving are his three sons, two daughters-in-law and six grandchildren. Nick and Aubrey Eubank live in Palmetto, Ga., with their four children; Noah and Ashley Eubank live in Cypress, Texas, with their two children; and Seth Eubank lives in San Antonio. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Jeff worked at Caterpillar, Inc. and retired on January 1, 2016.

A loving and devoted husband, father and "Papa," Jeff also regularly gave of his time to enrich the lives of others, most notably as a volleyball coach, volunteer ambulance driver, mayor and leader in the church.

A celebration of life was held in Peachtree City on Aug. 22, 2020.

Christine L. Ulhaq

HENRY – Christine Lee Oberhelman Ulhaq, 71, formerly of Henry and sister of a Wyoming woman, died Aug. 13, 2020, in Boca Raton, Fla.

She was born on June 7, 1949, in Spring Valley to Thomas and Mary (Steele) Clark.

Christine is survived by her husband, Islam Ulhaq, whom she married on Feb. 15, 2003. Also surviving is her sister, Nancy (Jerry) Foley of Wyoming.

Services will be private.

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LEGAL ADS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

v. JAMES L. NEWTON a/k/a JAMES LYNN NEWTON, UNKNOWN OWNERS

and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

Case No. 2020CH2

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

1. The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Lynne M. Binkele, Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C., 101 NE Randolph Ave., Peoria, IL 61606, (309) 673-0797.

2. The common address and

other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 16395 Township Road 00 North, Speer, Illinois 61479.

3. The legal description of the real estate is:

A tract of land located in a part of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Thirty-five (35), Township Twelve (12) North, Range Seven (7) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Stark County, Illinois, more particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only: Commencing at an iron rod at the Southeast corner of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Thirty-five (35); thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along the South line of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of said Section Thirty-five (35), a distance of 410.00 feet to the Place of Beginning for the tract to be described; thence continuing South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, along said South line, 370.65 feet; thence North 00 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds West, 350.00 feet to an iron rod; thence North 90 degrees

00 minutes 00 seconds East, 385.65 feet to an iron rod; thence South 00 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds East, 135.26 feet to an iron rod; thence South 90 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, 25.00 feet to an iron rod; thence South 02 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds East, 215.00 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 3.00 acres, more or less; subject to the right-of-way of a Public Road along the South side of the above-described tract and also subject to all easements of record; situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois;

P.I.N.: 08-35-300-010.

4. A description of the improvements on the real estate is: single-family residence and outbuildings.

5. The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: This property will not be open for inspection.

6. The time and place of the sale are: September 29, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at the Stark County Courthouse.

7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "AS-IS" sale for cash. The successful bidder must deposit

10% down by certified funds and pay the balance by certified funds within 24 hours.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to rights of tenants in possession, all general unpaid real estate taxes, special assessments, if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all liens not terminated by the Judgment of Foreclosure entered herein. This property is offered for sale without any representation as to sufficiency of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility and cost of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the premises.

MORTON COMMUNITY BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff, By: /s/ Lynne M. Binkele LYNNE M. BINKELE One of Plaintiff's Attorneys Benckendorf & Benckendorf, P.C. 101 NE Randolph Avenue Peoria, Illinois 61606 Tel.: (309) 673-0797 Published 8/21, 8/28, 9/4/20

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a petition has been filed by Frank & Lona Mercer, 1008 N Galena Ave, Wyoming, Illinois, directed to the Stark County Board of Appeals requesting a variance in setback requirements for property described as Toulon Township, City of Wyoming, Castle's Addition 73' Lot 3 Block 15.

The request for the variance is for the construction of a carport that will be 1' from the South property line, rather than the 5' setback.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on said petition will be held before the Zoning Board of Appeals of the County of Stark, at the Courthouse at 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, September 14, 2020, at which time and place all persons may be present and will be heard.

Renee L. Johnson ZONING OFFICER Published 8/28/20

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND RIGHT TO FILE PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Ordinance Number 20-03 adopted on August 24, 2020 (the "Ordinance"), the Village of Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois (the "Village"), intends to issue its Sewer Revenue Bonds (the "Bonds"), in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$190,000.00, and bearing interest per annum at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate authorized by law at the time the Bonds are sold, for the purpose of paying the costs to construct improvements to the existing sewer system of the Village, including, but not limited to upgrading the Village's north wastewater treatment facility in order to cease using its south treatment facility and comply with state and federal environmental regulations. A complete copy of the Ordinance accompanies this notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that if, within 30 days after the publication of this Notice, accompanied by publication of the Ordinance, a petition is filed with the Village Clerk signed by 73 or more electors of the Village, being that number of electors numbering ten percent (10%) or more of the number of registered voters in the Village, asking that the question of improving the System, as provided in the Ordinance, and the issuance of the Bonds to pay the cost thereof, be submitted to the electors of the Village, the Village Clerk shall certify the question for submission at the election to be held on February 23, 2021, unless no voters in the Village are scheduled to cast votes for any candidates for nomination for, election to or retention in public office at said election, in which case an election on the proposition to issue said bonds shall be held on the April 6, 2021, for the purpose of voting upon such question. The Circuit Court may declare that an emergency referendum should be held prior to either of said election dates pursuant to the provisions of Section 2A-1.4 of the Election Code of the State of Illinois, as amended. A petition form shall be provided by the Village Clerk to any individual requesting one. If no valid petition is filed with the Village Clerk as so provided, said Ordinance shall be in effect after the expiration of that 30 day period.

BY ORDER OF The President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois.

DATED the 24th day of August, 2020.

/S/ Jacki Beck Jacki Beck

Village Clerk Village of Woodhull Henry County, Illinois Published 8/28/20

ORDINANCE NUMBER 20-03

AN ORDINANCE authorizing the issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds of the Village of Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.

WHEREAS the Village of Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois (the "Village"), operates its municipally-owned sewer system (the "System") in accordance with the provisions of Division 141 of Article 11 of the Illinois Municipal Code, as supplemented and amended, and in particular as supplemented by the Local Government Debt Reform Act, as amended (collectively, the "Act"); and

WHEREAS the President and Board of Trustees of the Village (the "Village Board") has determined that it is advisable, necessary and in the best interests of public health, safety and welfare to construct improvements to the existing System, including, but not limited to upgrading the Village's north wastewater treatment facility in order to cease using its south treatment facility and comply with state and federal environmental regulations, together with the acquisition of all land or rights in land and all mechanical, electrical and other services necessary, useful or advisable to the construction program, and, incidental to such construction, to pay bond discount, bond interest, capitalized interest, bond reserve account, original issue discount, underwriting discount, funding, legal, financing, and administrative expense (all of which said construction, services, and incidental expenses may be referred to as the "Project"), all in accordance with the plans and specifications therefor prepared by consulting engineers to the Village; and

WHEREAS the estimated cost of constructing and installing the Project is not less than \$6,244,000.00 and there are insufficient funds on hand and lawfully available to pay such costs; and

WHEREAS such costs are expected to be paid for from the proceeds of bonds payable from the revenues of the System in an anticipated amount not to exceed \$3,760,000.00 (the "Sewer Revenue Bonds"), proceeds of a grant from USDA Rural Development in an anticipated amount of \$2,374,000, and funds of the Village in the amount of \$110,000; and

WHEREAS pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Village through Ordinance Number 18-03 previously authorized the borrowing of funds and issuance of Sewer Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount of \$3,570,000 in evidence thereof for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the Project; and

WHEREAS pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Act, the Village is authorized to borrow further funds and may issue further Sewer Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$190,000.00 in evidence thereof for the purpose of providing funds to pay the costs of the Project:

NOW THEREFORE Be It Ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Woodhull, Henry County, Illinois, as follows: Section 1. Incorporation of Preambles. The Village Board hereby finds that the recitals contained in the preambles to this Ordinance are true and correct and does incorporate them into this Ordinance by this reference.

Section 2. Determination to Issue Bonds. It is necessary and in the best interests of the Village to construct the Project for the public health, safety and welfare, in accordance with the plans and specifications, as described, that the System continue to be operated in accordance with the provisions of the Act, and that for the purpose of constructing the Project, there are hereby authorized to be issued and sold the Sewer Revenue Bonds in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$190,000.00.

Section 3. Publication. This Ordinance, accompanied by a Notice in the statutory form, shall be published once within ten (10) days after passage hereof by the Village Board in the Prairie News, the same being a newspaper of general circulation in the Village. If, within 30 days after the publication of this Ordinance, accompanied by a notice in the statutory form, a petition is filed with the Village Clerk signed by 73 or more electors of the Village, being that number of electors numbering ten percent (10%) or more of the number of registered voters in the Village, ask-

ing that the question of improving the System, as provided in this Ordinance, and the issuance of revenue bonds to pay the cost thereof, be submitted to the electors of the Village, the Village Clerk shall certify the question for submission at an election. If no valid petition is filed with the Village Clerk as so provided, this Ordinance shall be in effect after the expiration of that 30 day period. A petition form shall be provided by the Village Clerk to any individual requesting one.

Section 4. Additional Ordinances. If no petition meeting the requirements of the Act and other applicable law is filed during the petition period hereinabove referred to, then the Village Board may adopt additional ordinances or proceedings supplementing or amending this Ordinance providing for the issuance and sale of the Sewer Revenue Bonds, prescribing all the details of the Sewer Revenue Bonds, and providing for the collection, segregation and distribution of the revenues of the System, so long as the maximum amount of the Sewer Revenue Bonds as set forth in this Ordinance is not exceeded and there is no material change in the Project or purposes described herein. Such additional ordinances or proceedings shall in all instances become effective in accordance with the Act and other applicable law. This Ordinance, together with such additional ordinances or proceedings, shall constitute complete authority for the issuance of the Sewer Revenue Bonds under applicable law.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, paragraph, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be held invalid, the invalidity of such section, paragraph, clause or provision shall not affect any of the other provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 6. Repealer. All ordinances, resolutions or orders, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are to the extent of such conflict hereby repealed.

PASSED by the President and Board of Trustees on August 24, 2020.

Approved August 24, 2020. /S/ Dave Holmes Dave Holmes Village President Village of Woodhull Henry County, Illinois

AYES: Jeff Bell, Ron Hoburg, Christena Anderson, Jeff McCready, Jake McLean NAYS: None ABSENT: Derek VerHeeke PUBLISHED IN The Prairie News on August 28, 2020.

RECORDED in the Village Records on August 24, 2020. ATTEST:

/S/ Jacki Beck Jacki Beck Village Clerk Village of Woodhull Henry County, Illinois Published 8/28/20

LEGAL NOTICE

The Stark County C.U.S.D. #100 Board of Education directed its superintendent to prepare a budget for the 2020-2021 school year. This action was taken at a regular meeting on June 15, 2020. This budget will be on display beginning Tuesday, August 18, 2020 in the Office of the Superintendent, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

The Public Hearing on this Budget will be held Monday, September 21, 2020 at 6:15 p.m. in the Cafeteria, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, Illinois.

Elizabeth Rumbold, Secretary Board of Education Stark County CUSD #100 Published 8/28/20

REQUEST FOR FUEL BIDS

The Stark County CUSD #100 Board of Education is seeking bids for the following petroleum products:

- Unleaded gasoline (w/10% ethanol, 87 octane) beginning December 1, 2020, and extending through November 30, 2021.
• Diesel (#2 ULS clear w/5% bio) beginning December 1, 2020, and extending through November 30, 2021.

Sealed bids should be submitted to: Superintendent's Office, 300 W. Van Buren, Wyoming, IL 61491. Outside of envelope should be marked "FUEL BID".

Deadline for submitting bids: 12:00 Noon, Wednesday, September 16, 2020.

Interested bidders should contact Brett Elliott at 309-695-6123 or belliott@stark100.com for more information.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any and all bids. Stark County CUSD 100 is an equal opportunity employer. Published 8/28/20

Table containing Ordinance No. 2020-3 ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING THE 1ST DAY OF JULY, 2020 AND ENDING THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE 2021. Includes sections for Corporate Purposes, Social Security Fund, Medicare Fund, Audit Purposes, Liability, Workers' Compensation, Building Maintenance Fund, Building Fund, and Special Reserve Fund.

Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



Out on a Limb

by Gary Kopervas



R.F.D.

by Mike Marland



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by Jeff Pickering



Kindergarten readiness up for second year

By Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — The number of Illinois children entering kindergarten who are fully prepared to start school grew for the second consecutive year in 2019, a possible indication that the state's increased spending on early childhood education is paying off.

But the latest kindergarten readiness report, released Monday by the Illinois State Board of Education, also showed that more than one-third of all pupils who entered kindergarten last year were unprepared across all three developmental areas that the state tries to measure.

"As a former kindergarten teacher, I believe that it is important to do everything possible to support Illinois children in those critical early years," State Superintendent of Education Carmen Ayala said in a news release.

The numbers come from the third annual Kindergarten Individual Development Survey, or KIDS, a tool

the state developed to allow school districts to use a uniform system of measuring a child's development across three key areas — social and emotional, language and literacy, and math.

Under the program, kindergarten teachers are supposed to observe their pupils during the first 40 days of school using 14 different measurements to determine their readiness for school.

The latest report showed that 29 percent of the pupils entering kindergarten demonstrated readiness across all three developmental areas. That was up from 26 percent in 2018 and 24 percent in 2017, the first year of the program.

The report also showed there has been steady growth within each of the three development areas. The percentage of kindergartners demonstrating social and emotional readiness grew to 56 percent, up from 49 percent in 2017; 47 percent demonstrated readiness in language

and literacy development, up from 44 percent in 2017; and 35 percent demonstrated readiness in math, up from only 30 percent in 2017.

That same report also showed 37 percent of last year's kindergartners failed to show readiness across any of the three developmental areas. Still, that number was down from 39 percent in 2018 and 42 percent in 2017.

There were significant disparities between various racial and socioeconomic groups, although some progress has been made.

For example, among pupils who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, only 20 percent demonstrated readiness across all three categories, although that was up from 18 percent in 2018 and 16 percent in 2017.

Meanwhile, only 14 percent of students from non-English speaking households demonstrated readiness across all three development areas, up from 11 percent in 2018 and 10 percent in 2017.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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For Answers
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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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NDP RNYEN: CPN NDPEP LI

NKHP. — EKVDYEW XEYIRLI

Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

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- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: Which activity uses terms such as baste, bias and selvage?
- MYTHOLOGY: What are the Norns?
- AD SLOGANS: Which product uses the advertising slogan "Vermont's Finest"?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of New Zealand?
- MUSIC: Which Madonna song features a recitation of 16 cultural icons?
- U.S. STATES: How many states begin with the letter "A"?
- HISTORY: Who was queen consort to French and English kings in the 12th century?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel begins with the line, "All children, except one, grow up"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: Which president detested broccoli and banned it from his meals?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crabs called?

Answers

- Sewing
- Norse goddesses of fate
- Ben & Jerry's ice cream
- Wellington
- "Vogue"
- Alabama, Alaska, Arizona and Arkansas
- Eleanor of Aquitaine
- "Peter Pan"
- George H.W. Bush
- A cast

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top ten

VIDEOS ON DEMAND

- The Tax Collector (NR)
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- Made in Italy (R)
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- The Rental (R)
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The Prairie News Sports

IHSA OKs postseason plan

XC, golf limited to one regional event in postseason

The postseason will look very different for high school athletes competing this fall.

The Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Board of Directors voted Aug. 24 to approve a plan to conduct modified postseason state series tournaments in boys and girls golf, boys and girls cross country, girls swimming and diving and girls tennis this fall.

The approved plan will allow for a single round of regional geographic competition to be conducted the week of Oct. 19-25, with the majority of the events expected to be held on Saturday, Oct. 24.

Exactly what that event will consist of remains to be seen.

"The health and safety of the student-athletes, their coaches, and their school communities has been our priority from the start of the pandemic," said IHSA Executive Director Craig Anderson. "Throughout the spring and summer, we looked for ways to reengage student-athletes with their peers and coaches,



and our membership has shared countless positive experiences from that initial 'return to play' period. We have found similar value in being able to conduct fall sports, and believe the participants deserve a culminating experience if we can offer it safely."

The IHSA State Series tournaments will meet all Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) guidelines as it relates to COVID-19. The IHSA will be finalizing and releasing details for each fall state series tournament in the coming weeks, including dates, schedules, awards, structure, and additional safety precautions.

In conjunction with the modified fall state series, the Board also approved a \$100 state series entry fee for any school entering a team or individual in any of the fall sports.

"The IHSA office is

charged with the responsibility of being a good steward of the Association's finances," said Anderson. "The past few months have seen a significant reduction in the IHSA's income, given the cancellation of the IHSA Boys Basketball State Finals and the entire spring season. Financial challenges remain on the horizon in 2020-21 due to the limited number of sports currently classified as 'low risk' by the state, making the chances of conducting full state series tournaments unlikely at this time."

The IHSA By-laws allow the Board of Directors the discretion to implement entry fees into IHSA State Series tournaments. The IHSA last charged a tournament entry fee in 2004-05.

"An overwhelming number of school administrators supported the fees in recent surveys," said Anderson. "Not charging entry fees has been a point of pride for the IHSA. We are humbled by the support of our

member schools during this difficult time, and appreciative of their support."

The Board will continue to look at the postseason options by sport and season as the school year progresses, so they can accurately gauge the allowable IDPH options and most current COVID-19 data.

"Interscholastic sports, like the IHSA and IESA, have rightfully followed stricter return to play guidance than non-school events since the start of the summer," Anderson said. "While we understand and appreciate the frustration felt by high school coaches due to the stricter guidance, we also recognize the need for that added guidance, even though it may create more challenges for us. There is a responsibility that exists within the school setting to create a safer environment for the community as a whole, while non-school competitions are often conducted without any standardized safety protocols."



Galva's junior high softball team rolled to a 15-0 win over Stark County in this game on Aug. 20 at Galva.

Galva golfers busy in solid start to season

By Jeff Lampe

GALVA – While many athletes have been sidelined this fall, high school golfers are keeping very busy – particularly on the Mid County team.

Galva golfers Kaden Willer and Jackson Willer have both been "doing well and putting up some excellent scores," according to Mid County Coach Michael Boston. Five other Galva boys are also golfing, as are three girls.

Most recently, the Mid County girls were second Monday at Oak Run Golf Course with a score of 220 to finish behind Mercer County (183) and ahead of Princeville (221) and Williamsfield (243). Faith Erlacher led with a 53 and was followed by teammates Taylor Haga (54), Sarah

Kaiser (54) and Annalyn Lovell (59).

On Aug. 20, both Mid County teams finished second at Oak Run behind Annawan-Wethersfield.

On Aug. 19 at Oak Run, Kaden Willer was one of four medalists to shoot 43 as the boys fell to United, 175-190. The girls were second to United, 196-238.

On Aug. 17 at Valley View Country Club, the boys were third at 189 behind Sherrard (160) and Ridge-wood (168).

Back on Aug. 13, Mid County opened at Kewanee Dunes. The girls won, as Erlacher shot 61 and was medalist. The boys shot 200 to place behind A-W (194) and ahead of Stark County (214). Jaxson Willer of Galva was the medalist after shooting 39.

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