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Historical Society OKs new building

By Jim Nowlan

TOULON –The Stark County Historical Society board of directors voted unanimously at its Oct. 8 meeting to construct a new \$286,000 building on its grounds in Toulon and also to restore the original home of the society into a stunning example of a Victorian-era residence.

The new 54x48 foot structure will also incorporate an existing building into a nearly 5,000-square foot facility, well-suited for the display of the society's extensive collection of important historical artifacts.

To be constructed by Blunier Builders of Eureka, the building will include restrooms, a kitchen and other amenities. Construction is scheduled to begin in February.

The board also voted to install new central air conditioning and heating in the three-story, early-1900s residence that has been the home of the Society for decades.

"This home is a great example of the Victorian-style residences popular in America more than a century ago," said Society president Carol Rice, "and we plan to showcase the beauty and

gracefulness of living back then, for the appreciation and education of generations to come."

Rice has directed a committee to develop a fund-raising plan to generate resources from citizens as well as former residents of the county.

"We have heard there are those who appreciate Stark County history and of all our forebears have left to us," said Rice. "We hope to enlist broad support in making our Society one of the premier county historical societies in the Midwest."

Karen Krans, chair of the Soci-



Submitted photo

Shown here is a sketch of the new building to be constructed on the grounds of the Stark County Historical Society in Toulon, beginning in February.

ety's building committee, noted that much physical work has to be done soon, and volunteer help would be greatly appreciated.

"We are moving heavy pieces around, including antique farm equipment, thousands of glass

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NATURE'S FALL FASHION SHOW

Perfect fall conditions for colors

By Jeff Lampe

John Tanney had a unique way to describe the maple tree he photographed earlier this month in Princeville.

"Every year it's like it's electric," Tanney said of the colorful display of leaves the tree produces.

While many of the leaves from that impressive maple, pictured at right, have fallen thanks to windy conditions on Monday and Tuesday, there's still some time left to savor Mother Nature's annual fall fashion show.

And if it seems like fall colors this year are particularly vibrant, there might be a good reason – and not just because in these weird days of COVID-19 we are looking for any sign of hope in an otherwise bleak year.

Weather impacts the color and longevity of the fall display of



Prairie News photo/John Tanney

This huge maple tree on the corner of Walnut and East High streets in Princeville put on a show this fall, though most of the leaves have fallen now after several days of winds.by John Tanney

leaves, and this year's conditions were close to ideal. According to Dr. Leonard Perry of the University of Vermont, where leaf watching

is an art form, "Ideal for fall color would be a moist growing season early, dry late summer and early

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Wyoming discusses building demolition

By John A. Ballentine

TOULON – The Wyoming City Council had a lengthy discussion on demolition of the old Wyoming Locker building at its Monday meeting.

Discussion included how best to take down the building, which is in a poor state of disrepair. Council members heard that the roof has fallen in at places and that the inside of the building appears to be collapsing.

Wyoming resident Michelle Owens presented photographic evidence of the building's poor condition.

"There's trash inside and outside of the building, plus it's a place where all the feral cats have kittens inside of there," Owens said.

"My basic concerns are the children who play around there because the building is open. I don't

want to just see it boarded up because that's a temporary solution," Owens added. "I would like a permanent solution."

City attorney Michael Evans suggested going to court to obtain possession of the property, since a Georgia company currently owns the building and land. Mayor Pat Maher said it would cost \$25,000 to tear down the building.

The council wondered if there would be a grant available to defray the cost of demolition. It was estimated to take 90 days to complete the demolition. After further discussion, the council requested Joe Kinsella to obtain information on costs before proceeding.

Bebe Groter spoke with the council and explained the Toys-for-Kids program of Wyoming. She

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FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD: nice 8' wooden ant. rectangle table—ant. wardrobe—very nice ant. pie safe w/ tin panels—oak ant. mission style library table—old school desks—ant. ornate chest of drawers--nice old chest w/lid—claw ft. stand table—misc. ant. stands and tables—nice oak dining table w/leaves—modern Victorian flowered stands—green cabinet—white metal bakers rack—queen bed frame with matching nice chest of drawers and dressers—other beds and dresser sets of single, full and queen sizes—wicker and other doll pieces—plaid love seat—parlor type chairs—desks—metal racks--misc. furniture—Nice white Maytag electric stove—nice Amana white side x side fridge w/dispenser—basic kitchen and dishes—cookbooks—Sunbeam stand mixer—Amana washer/dryer—variety of sizes of flat screen TVs—filing cabinets—much more.

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Toulon Civic Association trick or treat is Oct. 31

TOULON – The Toulon Civic Association has announced its plans for an organized Trick or Treat this fall in light of COVID-19 considerations.

The Civic Association will sponsor its annual trick/trunk or treat along Main Street and Henderson Street in Toulon on Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m.

All activities will be outside this

year due to COVID-19 considerations. Participating businesses will need to set up a table outside and candy will be bagged for pickup by the kids. Bags will be provided and delivered to the businesses by TCA.

Trunk or Treat will be allowed, but the Civic Association asks that those participating also set up a table behind their vehicle with treats bagged for pick up by youngsters.

A map of all participating businesses will be provided for pickup the week of the activities by TCA.

Participants are asked to follow CDC guidelines during the event by wearing masks and maintaining social distancing whenever possible.

Finally, the TCA encourages everyone to come out and enjoy some "normality" along with us and make it special for the kids!

COLORS: Oak leaves just starting to change

Continued from Page 1 fall, with sunny warm days and cool nights during the latter."

Aside from the recent warm spell, Perry's quote sums up the weather pattern we've seen this year, with a near-drought in parts of Illinois.

Whatever the cause, the leaf show is likely near or just past the peak for our area, which the State of Illinois lists as Great Rivers Country on its informative Fall Color Report found on the website enjoyillinois.com.

But the best is yet to come in much of Illinois, according to the

state report. Mid-October is the typical peak of fall color for east-central Illinois, while southern Illinois is at its most colorful in the last week of October.

Closer to home, this week typically sees sycamores turning a golden brown, white ash trees flashing purple and hickories turning a bright yellow. And while many sugar maples have already lost their yellow and orange leaves, others are still changing and holding leaves of gold, red, orange, yellow and even purple.

Unfortunately, the show here

in west-central Illinois is pretty much over for the yellow leaves of walnuts and buckeyes and for bright red sumac leaves. And while most ash trees are clinging to a last few leaves, their peak was also last weekend.

Oaks are just starting to show a bit of color and yellow is strong in stands of cottonwoods, Paw Paw, Osage orange, mulberry and catalpa.

So get outside while there's still some time left ... go take a drive and enjoy nature's free fall entertainment.

WYOMING: Mid Century to install fiber optic

Continued from Page 1 requested that the council approve a donation, which was approved for \$4,000.

Also approved was a franchise agreement ordinance with Mid-Century Fiber to install fiber-optic cable throughout the city of Wyoming. Mid Century representative Troy Kirgan asked to purchase a 25 foot by 25 foot lot of property located between the city building and the pump house so Mid Century

could install some equipment. The council approved the sale of the property for \$3,000.

In his report on economic development, Denny Rewerts said that there will be a "brainstorming" meeting with Bradford, Toulon, and Wyoming leaders to discuss various topics on how to improve Stark County. It will be held on Nov. 4.

Also, Rewerts said a ribbon cutting ceremony will occur in the future for the four new Wyoming

businesses: Curry's Grill, Pub-91, Maker's Mall and Perfectly Polished Nails.

City Superintendent Joe Kinsella reported that spray patching of city streets has been completed and the city is going to be pouring concrete at the ball diamond for a new shed.

Police Chief Mark James reported that the police department had 42 calls, six assists, two arrests, and some traffic stops for the month of September.

BUILDING: Civil War event Saturday in Toulon

Continued from Page 1 photographic plates, and furniture," said Krans, "in preparation for the renovation of the home and the new construction."

If a reader is willing to volunteer some time in this regard, call Karen at (309) 265-3529.

The board also agreed to participate in Toulon's "trunk or treat"

Halloween on Oct. 31. Bags of candy will be distributed to youngsters from a table in front of the historic Dewey Bank building on Main Street.

And don't forget the History Comes Alive event from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. this Saturday at the Society's campus, located one short block west and south of the Stark County Courthouse. The theme for this year's

event is the Civil War, and there will be demonstrations and presentations about how people lived back then.

Society members are baking 50 pies, which will be sold whole at the event.

The Stark County Historical Society meets the fourth Monday of each month, and the public is welcome to attend.

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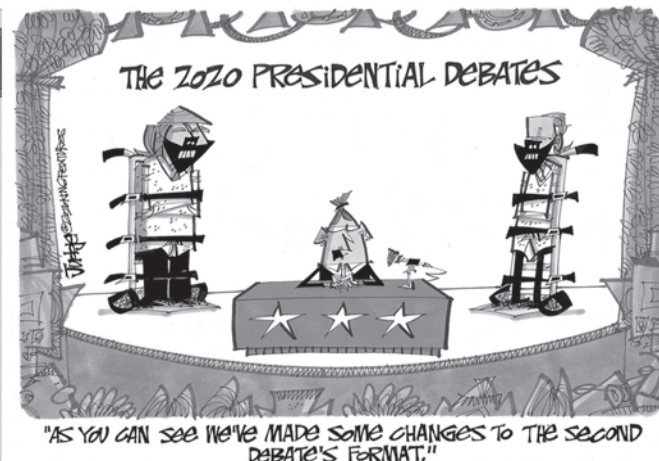
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PERSPECTIVES

CHILD PSYCHOLOGY: ASK THE KIND OF QUESTIONS TO A 5-YEAR-OLD THAT THE MEDIA WOULD ASK JOE BIDEN



Kilbride has been judge long enough

To the Editor:

There are so many important races on the ballot, but I want to focus two that have received less attention, but are still vitally important.

First is our judiciary. The Illinois Supreme Court is controlled by the Chicago Democrat machine and scandal-plagued Speaker of the House Mike Madigan, who has held office since 1971.

Three members of the court are Chicago-based Democrats and three are suburban or downstate Republicans. Tom L. Kilbride, the deciding swing vote, represents 21 counties, including Henry. His votes against fair legislative maps, term limits, pension reform and reasonable caps on law-suits are costly to Illinois taxpayers.

Unfair maps result in Democrat super-majority control that cause higher taxes, legal abortion up to the moment of birth, attacks on gun owner rights and increased corruption without meaningful ethics reforms.

No term limits means career politicians working for their own benefit and not ours. No pension reform allows for \$130 billion in unfunded budget-crushing costs. And the lack of fair caps on medical settlements chases doctors out of state due to the high cost of malpractice insurance.

Please vote "No" to retain Justice Tom L. Kilbride for 10 more years. Twenty years is more than enough.

Henry County Board has 11 of 20 seats up for election. As a former board member, I follow county government closely. I am supporting the Republican team, which is a diverse



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

and well-qualified group, including former Sheriff Jim Padilla of Kewanee, Board Chaplain Kathy Nelson of Geneseo, family-farmer Angie Young Frank of Hooppole, and Jim Thompson of Colona, retired from a 35-year career in law enforcement.

Unfortunately, the Democrats are fielding two candidates in District 1, who are married to one another, Henry and Betty Murphy of Orion. And in District 2, Tom May of Kewanee is seeking to join his wife, Jan May, on the County Board. It is never right, or fair, or a practice of good government, to have two members of the same household on the same decision-making public body.

— **Jon A. Zahm**, Geneseo

'Fair' tax amendment has nothing to do with fair

To the Editor:

Under Illinois' current tax law, a wage earner making \$50,000 pays 4.95 percent income tax, which is \$2,450 before deductions and exemptions. Someone making \$4 million pays exactly the same rate — 4.95 percent, which amounts to \$198,000. If you have 80 times the income, you pay 80 times the taxes. Seems pretty fair to me.

Gov. Pritzker's proposed "Fair Tax" amendment has nothing to do with fairness. It's all about letting lawmakers raise taxes without fear of political retribution.

Because the proposed "Fair Tax" amendment would allow lawmakers to tax segments of the tax-paying population at different rates, they could raise taxes on just one segment of the population, farmers for example, without incurring the wrath of all taxpayers. It's the old "divide and conquer" trick.

Senior citizens should be especially wary. I'm certain lawmakers without the courage to control spending are viewing Social Security income as ripe for the picking. Our state treasurer has already spoken about the "Fair Tax" in relation to retirement income.

Pritzker wants us to believe his tax on millionaires and billionaires will help relieve the state's budget problems. But only 7 percent of the state's households belong to millionaires. Guess whose household is next on Pritzker's list of victims.

Lawmakers are scared to death to raise taxes on all taxpayers at once. After they hiked our taxes in 2017, 30 percent of them were out of office after the election that followed.

Let us not give up what little leverage we still have. Vote "No" on the tax amendment.

— **Ron Dieter**, Brimfield

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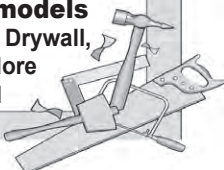
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Felony DUI charge on milk truck driver dropped

By John A. Ballentine
Last month a 50-year-old Brimfield man won a Circuit Court decision to suppress evidence in his fatal crash case wherein his attorney, Thomas J. Dluski, of Peoria, successfully argued that his client's rights were violated. In addition, two deputies later testified that his client did not show signs of being under the influence of drugs the morning of the crash. Therefore, Circuit Judge Bruce P. Fehrenbacher granted Dluski's motion to suppress both the test results and statements made by the defendant.

Timothy E. Schwenk was in court again last

Friday and heard Stark County State's Attorney James D. Owens make a "motion to dismiss with prejudice" the felony charge of aggravated DUI/accident/death (against Schwenk).

Fehrenbacher therefore dismissed the felony charge, but Schwenk still has two traffic charges pending for a bench trial on Nov. 20.

Without the state's evidence of chemical test results from Schwenk's blood and urine, plus oral and written statements he made, "the State of Illinois" was not able to "meet the evidentiary burden of proof beyond a reasonable doubt for

the offense of Aggravated Driving under the Influence of Drugs."

On July 11, 2017, 41-year-old Corina Miller was killed in a fatal crash while traveling west of Toulon on Route 17 during the dark early morning hours. She drove under the trailer of a milk semi-truck that had backed across both lanes of traffic to enter the Doug Murray farm.

Schwenk was the driver of the milk truck. Miller was pronounced dead at the scene by Stark County Sheriff/Coroner Steven Sloan.

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On Saturday, October 24, 2020 Beginning at 10AM
Evelyn Orwig Trust Seller- Located in Goshen Township, south of Lafayette - near Toulon and Galva, IL.
Tract I- 77.56 Acres (mol) Tax ID# 03-20-300-003
Tract II- 154.96 Acres (mol) Tax ID # 03-31-400-004
Predominate soil types on Tract I are- Ipava, Silt Loams, Osco
Predominate soil types on Tract II are- Ipava, Osco, Assumption, and various other Silt Loams.
Both tracts located on good, all-weather roads.
Taxes on Tract I- \$2294.00
Taxes on Tract II- \$5037.40



Terms- Tracts offered individually and in no combinations. 10% down payment required day of auction. Balance is due on or within 30 days, or November 24, 2020. Current survey will be provided for both tracts. No building sites are included and are not owned by the trust. General warranty deed and title insurance policy will be provided by the seller. Fall tillage will be allowed after current tenant's crop removal. Real estate taxes will be prorated accordingly, any and or all announcements made day of auction supersede any previous printed information. Please comply with all Illinois COVID-19 regulations. It would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

For further detailed soil types, map PI's, and drone footage, see websites listed below:

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Wyoming church seeks Christmas toys

WYOMING – The First Congregational UCC in Wyoming is participating in Operation Christmas Child, a project of the Samaritan's Purse organization. This program began in 1993, and over 100 million shoe boxes have been collected and distributed.

The church will be collecting shoe boxes filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items to be delivered to children in need around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. Included with each box will be a gospel booklet titled, "The Greatest Gift" to help these children receiving the shoe boxes learn about God's greatest gift, his son, Jesus Christ.

This all begins with filling a shoe box which will be provided, along with instructions and a list of suggested items. You may choose the age group and gender of the child you wish to buy for.

If you would like to participate, contact Sandi Clark at (309) 695-6001 or (309) 238-6056 or Pastor Ross Wyman at (309) 854-3922.

Shoe boxes are due back to the church at 204 N. Seventh St., Wyoming by Sunday, Nov. 15.

Parrott elected 2nd Vice Chairman of CBAI

SPRINGFIELD – Douglas Parrott, president and CEO of State Bank of Toulon, was elected second vice chairman of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois (CBAI) during the association's annual business meeting held virtually on Sept. 25.

Parrott serves on the CBAI board of directors and strategic planning committee and is vice chairman of

its legislation committee. He also assists the CBAI chairman and the second vice chairman in conducting the association's affairs.

Parrott's banking career started in 1979 at Market Place National Bank, Champaign, as a teller. He began working at the State Bank of Toulon in 1982 as the farm representative. In 1997, In 2006, Parrott was elected the ninth president of the State Bank of Toulon.

Parrot and his wife Karin, reside in Toulon, and have two children.

Galva group holding Halloween chalk event

GALVA – The Galva Arts Council will hold a Halloween Chalk Your Walk event Oct. 21-28. Local residents can purchase a kit to make homemade Halloween chalk.

Chalk packets can be purchased from Anderson Family Coffee during business hours Oct. 21-24 or from GAC by appointment. The packets will cost \$5. After they make the chalk they can use it to decorate their sidewalks. When the sidewalk is decorated please take a picture of the decorated sidewalk and send it to GAC on Facebook Messenger.

GAC will post the pictures on Facebook for community voting between Oct. 28-31. The winner will receive a Halloween gift bag.

Family trap shoot Oct. 24-25 near Princeville

PRINCEVILLE – Pheasants Forever will be sponsoring a family trap shoot at the Gilles farm on North Maher Road east of Princeville on Oct. 24-25.

Pheasants Forever will furnish one box of 20 gauge or 12 gauge shells. If you would like to shoot another

box, or if you will be shooting a .410 or 28 gauge, you will have to provide your own shells. Also, 20 gauge youth model shotguns will be provided if needed.

There will be several traps set up with the first time slot starting at 8-9 a.m. For more information or to schedule a time call, Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

Low-cost dental work at Carl Sandburg clinic

GALESBURG – The dental hygiene clinic at the Carl Sandburg College Annex, 209 E. Main St., in downtown Galesburg is once again providing low-cost dental hygiene services with no insurance necessary for patients.

The clinic offers teeth cleanings for as little as \$10, in addition to full-mouth-series X-rays and panoramic X-rays for patients of all ages.

Services are provided by second-year students in Sandburg's dental hygiene program who are supervised by experienced, licensed faculty members and dentists. Appointments last about 3½ hours each, and it typically takes at least two appointments to complete a cleaning.

Appointments are available through Dec. 2. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Annex at (309) 344-2595 or visit www.sandburg.edu/dentalclinic.

Local COVID-19 update

The Henry and Stark County Health Department announced on Oct. 13 a cumulative total of 758 confirmed cases of Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Henry County and 69 confirmed cases in Stark County.

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Stark County board hears presentation on aging

By John A. Ballentine
TOULON – Lori Sea, supervisor in Peoria of the Central Illinois Agency on Aging, gave a presentation on aging to the Stark County board at its Tuesday meeting.
Sea said her agency serves people who are 60-years-old and over, plus caregivers, to help individuals stay in their homes and remain independent. The agency also helps fund MSW Projects to provide meals to senior citizens either at a designated facility or at home. When the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted, seniors can congregate and have meals together again.
The Agency on Aging can direct families to resources in obtaining aid in caring for a senior family member. Also, the agency can direct family caregivers to homecare agencies

that will care temporarily for a senior member, so the caregiver can have a break, this through federal grants. The phone number for the Central Illinois Agency on Aging is (309) 674-2071. The website is info@ciaoa.net.
County Engineer Judd Giffin said the county highway department completed spray patching and seal-coating of county roads. In addition, the department has done weed and tree control, sign maintenance, widened a field entrance and added a culvert plus did ditch work along Sharkey Highway.
Giffin has continued working with Hutchison Engineering on the design of a new maintenance building and redevelopment of the Highway Department property. He had no estimate as to when the new building would be completed.

Finally, Giffin and the department employees have performed special bridge inspections, reviewed/modified drainage issues at several locations and inspected two accident locations in the county.
Board Supervisor Kari Bush said 52 tests for COVID-19 were given recently but that results have yet to be received.
Treasurer Paula Leezer reported that she saw nothing outstanding on her treasurer's report. She informed the board that a \$4,000 accounting error was caught and corrected.
Stark County Chief Deputy Chuck Demetreon reported on the Enhanced E911 update. A grant for aiding in obtaining the Enhanced E911 has been approved.
The board had no new business to discuss or act upon.

Illinois early voting tops 660,500 through Tuesday

By Peter Hancock
Capitol News Illinois
SPRINGFIELD – With just three weeks remaining before the Nov. 3 general election, more than 660,000 voters in Illinois have already cast ballots either through mail-in or early in-person voting, shattering previous records for advance voting, according to state election officials.
The Illinois State Board of Elections posted to its website Tuesday that 660,500 advance ballots had already been received by various local voting jurisdictions.

That included 482,848 mail ballots that had either been delivered to election authorities or deposited in a drop box. That's 22.4 percent of the more than 2.15 million mail ballots that have been requested so far.
In addition, 175,965 registered voters had cast ballots at in-person voting locations – roughly double the number of early in-person votes cast at the same point in the 2016 election cycle – and another 1,687 "grace period" voters had registered to vote and voted in-person simultaneously.
Totals in Stark County through Oct. 14 show 229 of 498 requested mail-in


ballots have been submitted and 120 people have taken advantage of early voting opportunities.
In Henry County, 2,409 of 71,63 mail-in ballots have been submitted and 901 people have voted early.
"Grace period" voting in Illinois begins 27 days before an election, which started on Oct. 7 this year. During that period, voters may no longer register to vote by mail but they may register in person and vote at an early voting location. Online voter registration is available through Oct. 18.
There were still another 1.67 million mail ballots as of Tuesday that had been sent out to voters but not yet returned, ISBE said.
Illinois is among a growing number of states that allows anyone to apply for a mail-in ballot.


In recent years, voting by mail has become more and more popular nationwide. The previous record for Illinois was set just two years ago when approximately 430,000 votes, or about 9.3 percent of all ballots, were cast by mail.
But the COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 prompted many states to expand mail balloting, including five states – California, Nevada, Montana, New

Jersey and Vermont – that are conducting this year's elections almost entirely by mail. Meanwhile, Washington, Oregon, Utah and Colorado have been conducting elections almost entirely by mail for several years.
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Henry – Stark Relay for Life Fundraiser

October is Cancer Awareness month and, unfortunately, the 2020 Annual Henry-Stark County Relay for Life was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of the teams have continued to do or are in the process of doing some type of non-contact fundraiser as well as requesting donations online. The 2020 teams are now accepting donations that will go toward research and other vital programs during the month of October.

The American Cancer Society has reached out to all relays across the country to help them with an October fundraiser. The ACS will be short of funding for research and other vital programs for the remainder of 2020 due to COVID-19. Research funding for cancer treatments and cures is at its lowest level in a century. According to the ACS, cancer research will be reduced by 50 percent as they are needing to raise \$10 million dollars in order to continue research and support of other programs through the remainder of the year.

The Henry-Stark Relay for Life has accepted ACS challenge to raise funds to offset the current deficit they are facing. Local Relay Teams are now challenging themselves to raise \$5,000 during October.

As there was no Relay or Luminaria Ceremony and no funds were raised from luminaria donations, they are asking business owners and those living in communities located in Henry and Stark County to make a minimum \$10 donation. The \$10 donation is equivalent to what a luminary would cost during the annual Relay for Life event held every August. Donations will be collected through Oct. 31.

The teams prayerfully ask that you support them at this time. You may make a tax deductible donation by making a check payable to the ACS Henry-Stark County Relay for Life and mail to: Attn: Sharon Deahl, 16 NW 3rd St., Galva, IL 61434; Brenda Muckey, 6513 E. 2480 St., Kewanee, IL 61443 or drop off at the drive up facilities at the following bank locations: SBT – Kewanee Banking Center, 635 Tenney St., Kewanee, Attn: Nichelle; State Bank of Toulon, 102 W. Main St., Toulon, Attn: Phil Daum; SBT-Galva Banking Center, 210 SW 2nd Ave., Attn: Kris Anderson; Better Banks, 200 W. Williams St., Wyoming, Attn: Brenda Colgan; and Peoples National Bank of Kewanee, 207 N. Tremont, Kewanee, Attn: Jenny Quart. Questions call Sharon at (309) 854-2600 or Brenda at (309) 238-7121.

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(503) PIN# 25-04-451-009 Lot Size: 66'x150'

Legal Desc.: LT 1 Blk 2 Crabtrees Sub Village of Wethersfield City of Kewanee

Tract 2 (502 & 508 Whitney Ave.): 502 Whitney Ave. consists of a 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style home with approx. 1584 sq.ft. of living area and a 2 car attached garage with automatic door opener. Main floor consists of a nice size kitchen with gas stove, newer cabinets, and a stackable Maytag washer & dryer, living and dining room, 3 bedrooms and full bath. There is a large 28'x24' family room with fireplace. The home has a gas forced air heating system and central air, all situated on a corner lot measuring 66'x150'.

(502) PIN#: 25-04-452-001 **Legal Desc.:** Lot 20 Blk 1 Crabtrees Sub of Wethersfield City of Kewanee
508 Whitney Ave. consists of a bare 66'x150' lot located directly next to (South) of 502 Whitney Ave. NOTE: Tract 2 will be sold as one unit - 502 & 508 together.

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29 Julio's gold

30 "Much obliged"

32 Air-cooling vanes

36 Means of telling time

38 — good clip

39 Writer Capote, to pals

41 Steed feed

42 Firestone products

50 Lots and lots

54 Gotten up

55 Technique: Abbr.

56 Feel ill

57 Gloomy

59 — mater

60 Wolf down

62 They succeeded audiotapes

65 "Yipes!"

67 Big lug

68 Ward (off)

69 Alley hisser

70 Ax-wielding lumberjack

72 Dust devils' cousins

75 Old overlords

77 Lupino of "Jennifer"

78 "Arrow" network

80 Quarterback Dawson

81 Big printer brand

83 Carnival classics

86 Coll. email ender

87 Faint trace

90 Tax

91 "Kidnapped" author's inits.

92 Choose

94 Paradisiacal

96 Talk back to

97 Planets, e.g.

100 Fill-in worker

103 Tyke

104 Pampering, for short

105 Record player parts

110 Kids hold their horses on them

116 Tile design

117 German city

118 It fills la Seine

119 Et — (and others)

120 "Devious Maids" actress Ortiz

121 What 10 of this puzzle's answers do

127 Beer barrel

128 See 116-Down

129 What's often decorated for Christmas

130 "— your call"

131 Sooner than, in odes

132 One-of- — (unique)

133 Bleepers of bad words

134 Tofu source

11 Nile capital

12 Professional org.

13 — degree

14 Soul queen Franklin

15 Beat against, as waves

16 Get up

17 NHL game souvenirs

18 Lines of symmetry

24 Celery piece

25 Loudness knob abbr.

31 Actor Aziz —

33 Like flimsy excuses

34 Expiated

35 Little dollop

36 Shorten

37 Wallops in the ring

40 Create a new digital image of

42 Small battery type

43 E-address

44 Sci-fi travel facilitators

45 Inedible kind of orange

46 Suffix with 116-Across

47 Answer to "Are you?"

48 Teases mercilessly

49 Give a thrill

51 Conductor Arturo

52 Film award

53 Jays' places

57 "Girl Code" channel

58 Dramatist Clifford

61 In — (agitated)

63 Bar none

64 Examined before robbing

66 "— a jealous mistress"

67 "1984" novelist George

70 LP players of old

71 Plant swelling

73 Earthy hue, to Brits

74 Explorer Hernando

76 Seeded

79 1940s pres.

82 Hopi abode

84 Speakers' platforms

85 Ending for Siam

86 Zeta follower

88 You, in German

89 Many laptops

93 British island in Polynesia

95 Film providing a factual report, for short

97 Tax-filing pro

98 Rd. relatives

99 Piece of mail: Abbr.

101 Riddle

102 Highest peak in N.Z.

105 Copier stuff

106 Application

107 Martin Van —

108 Bridges of film

109 Rhea relative

111 Moms' sisters, say

112 Cyst, e.g.

113 — Island (old immigration point)

114 Give a false story

115 Spacek of "The River"

116 With 128-Across, earn wages

118 Falco of TV

122 DiFranco of song

123 The Rams' gridiron gp.

124 — -Magnon

125 Ending for cash

126 Abode: Abbr.

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OBITUARIES

Craig D. Reed
TOULON – Craig Dennis Reed, 61, of Toulon, passed away at 8:37 p.m. in an automobile accident south of Toulon on Friday, Oct. 9, 2020. Craig was born on Oct. 15, 1958, in Kewanee to Robert and Dorothy (Dennis) Reed.

Surviving are one son, Jonathon (Jen) Reed of Lacon, Ill.; one daughter, Cassie (Jimmy) Newman-Gammel of Sheridan, Wyo.; two grandchildren, Madyson and Dylan Gammel; two brothers, Randall Reed of Galesburg, Ill., and John (Sandy) Reed of Rochester, Minn.; two sisters, Kristine Reed-McGill of East Galesburg, Ill., and Cheryl (Phil) Lepianka of Powell, Ohio; fiancé, Abby Becket of Toulon; one uncle, Ron Wallace of Toulon; one aunt, Barbara Hawk of Monmouth, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews He was preceded in death by his parents, and one nephew, Timothy Bern.

Craig graduated from Toulon High School in 1977. He worked as a welder, a mechanic, and in various agricultural positions. He loved working on anything with an engine. He enjoyed motorsports and fishing.

There will be no public services at this time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to West Jersey United Methodist Church. Condolences may be left for Craig's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.



Reed

Vicki L. Rewerts
WYOMING – Vicki L. Rewerts, 68, of Wyoming, passed away at 7:08 a.m. Monday, Oct. 12, 2020, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Vicki was born on Aug. 22, 1952, in Bloomington to Ross and Ruby (Henson) Beck. She married Myron Rewerts on Feb. 11, 1977, in Wyoming; he preceded her in death on Aug. 1, 2019, in Kewanee.

Surviving are two sons, Jacob Rewerts of Wyoming and Christopher (Lacey) Rewerts of Washburn; three grandchildren, Riley, Reid and Westin Rewerts all of Washburn; one sister, Joyce (Lawrence) Burns of Jackson, Tenn.; and one brother, Garry (Chris) Beck of Elkton, Fla. She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Vicki loved spending time with her grandchildren and traveling with her sister to visit her brother in Florida. She enjoyed baking and cooking and helping on the farm when needed.

There will be no public services. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming Fire Department. Condolences may be left for Vicki's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.



Rewerts

Nancy I. Rollins
ALTONA – Nancy I. Rollins, 87, of Altona, died at 1:20 a.m., Thursday,

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Oct. 8, 2020, at OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Monday, Oct. 12, at Galva Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the Toulon Historical Society. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

She was born Sept. 25, 1933, in Stockton, Ill., the daughter of Benjamin and Florence (Carpenter) Parker. She married Thomas L. “Tom” Rollins on July 6, 1952, in Toulon and he preceded her in death on April 12, 2004.

Survivors include her six sons: Ronald (Tammy) Rollins of Victoria, Donald Rollins of Dahinda, Roger (Linda) Rollins of Altona, Thomas (Connie) Rollins of Victoria, Jonathan (Anne) Rollins of Oneida and Kenneth (Nancy) Rollins of Altona; two brothers: Jerry (Carol) Parker of Mattoon, Ill. and Richard (Regina) Parker of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters: Patricia Chapman and Judith Gossett, both of Park City, Ky.; 16 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 4 great-great grandchildren with 2 on the way. She was also preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Edmond and Curt and a sister, Joyce Sloan.

Nancy graduated from Toulon High School in 1951. She was a homemaker and helped operate the family farm and did bookkeeping. She had been affiliated with the Toulon Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading and doing puzzles.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.



Rollins

Gary W. Storey
TOULON – Gary W. Storey, 57, of Oswego, formerly of Toulon and Rochester, Ind., passed away at 6:15 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, 2020, at Symphony at the Tillar in Oswego, Ill.

Gary was born on Feb. 17, 1963, in Kewanee, the son of Harry and Alice (Stotler) Storey.

Surviving are one son, Kaisor Storey of Rochester, Ind.; one sister, Carol (Bob) Collins of Channahon, Ill.; one brother, Steve (Rhonda) Storey of Wyoming, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Robert Storey.

Gary worked as a truck driver for many years before attending Mid-America College of Funeral Service in Louisville, Ky., to become a funeral director. He loved motorcycles, dancing, and old muscle cars.

His graveside service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020, at West Jersey Cemetery in West Jersey,



Storey

Ill. Rev. Herb Thompson officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to Seasons Hospice at seasons-foundation.org or at 6400 Shafer Ct. Suite 700, Rosemont, IL 60018.

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

Richard Lee Shipman
LaFAYETTE – Richard Lee “Rick” Shipman, 75, of LaFayette, died at 6:13 a.m., Sunday, Oct. 11, 2020, at UnityPoint Health-Methodist in Peoria.

Cremation will be accorded and a memorial service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 17, at Hill Church in Kewanee where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Private inurnment will be held at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family for a memorial to be established. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born June 25, 1945, in Marion, Ind., the son of David and Alice (Horn) Shipman. He married Cynthia I. “Cindy” Krantz on Dec. 15, 1967, in LaFayette.

Survivors include his wife of LaFayette, a son, Kenneth Shipman of LaFayette, a daughter, Barbara (Dean) Simoneaux of Galva, a brother, David Dean Shipman of Wichita Falls, Tex., two sisters, Patricia Henry of Victoria and Suzie Shipman of Blue Eye, Mo., five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his granddaughter, Marion Reynolds and two brothers, Danny and Timothy.

Rick served his country in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. He had worked as a cabinet maker for Green Gables and had also worked at the Galva Foundry and at Great Dane Trailers. He was a member of the Galva American Legion. He enjoyed bowling, fishing and doing cookouts and he especially enjoyed his family and grandchildren.

This obituary may be viewed and private condolences left at www.ruxfuneralhome.com.

Delores F. Allott
TOULON – Delores F. (Taylor) Allott, 90, of Chillicothe, mother of a Toulon man, died Oct. 6, 2020, at Heritage Health in Chillicothe.

She was born on Oct. 22, 1929, in Beloit, Wis. She married Albert W. Allott Jr. on Oct. 5, 1951. He preceded her in death. Surviving are her children, Mark (Valerie) Allott of Mapleton, Jana Allott and Deena (Michael) Murphy of Chillicothe and Aaron Allott of Toulon; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one sister.

Online condolences can be left at www.hurdfamilyfunerals.com.

Keith L. Loudenburg
BRADFORD – Keith L. “Farmer” Loudenburg, 84, of Bradford, died Oct. 10, 2020, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Farmer was born Dec. 24, 1935, in Bradford, the son of Lovell and Blanche (McKeever) Loudenburg. He married Kellie A. Sortwell July 21, 1990 in Bradford. She survives.

Graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2020, at Osceola Grove Cemetery, rural Bradford.

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STARK COUNTY SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Card of Thanks
LINDSTROM
THANK YOU for the many, many cards, flowers and other gifts for my 100th birthday. A special thanks to HCHA, the Grace Methodist Church and my family. Thank you all!
Lucy Lindstrom

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TO WHOMEVER left a lap robe AT JACOBSON FORD for Rick Barto to give to his mother, IT IS LOVELY AND I AM SURPRISED AND GRATEFUL. Thank you so much and if you will tell me your name, I will thank you personally.
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To the Electors of the State of Illinois:

The Illinois Constitution establishes a structure for government and laws. There are three ways to initiate change to the Illinois Constitution: (1) a constitutional convention may propose changes to any part; (2) the General Assembly may propose changes to any part; or (3) a petition initiative may propose amendments limited to structural and procedural subjects contained in the Legislative Article. The people of Illinois must approve any changes to the Constitution before they become effective. The purpose of this document is to inform you of proposed changes to the Illinois Constitution and provide you with a brief explanation and a summary of the arguments in favor of and in opposition to the proposed amendment. Proposed changes in the existing constitutional amendment are indicated by underscoring all new matter and by crossing with a line all matter which is to be deleted.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO SECTION 3 OF ARTICLE IX OF THE ILLINOIS CONSTITUTION ARTICLE IX – REVENUE

SECTION 3. LIMITATIONS ON INCOME TAXATION

(a) ~~The General Assembly shall provide by law for the rate or rates of any tax on or measured by income imposed by the State. A tax on or measured by income shall be at a non-graduated rate. At any one time there may be no more than one such tax imposed by the State for State purposes on individuals and one such tax so imposed on corporations.~~ In any such tax imposed upon corporations the highest rate shall not exceed the highest rate imposed on individuals by more than a ratio of 8 to 5.

(b) Laws imposing taxes on or measured by income may adopt by reference provisions of the laws and regulations of the United States, as they then exist or thereafter may be changed, for the purpose of arriving at the amount of income upon which the tax is imposed.

EXPLANATION

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

ARGUMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires and this amendment will set things right for middle-class and working people. Currently, it is unfair that billionaires pay the same tax rate as regular people.

Voting "yes" on the amendment means that the State will enact a new tax structure where only those making above \$250,000 a year will see their taxes go up. This amendment is simply upgrading Illinois' old tax system to a graduated system which is how the federal government and the majority of other states do it.

This Amendment Would Make Illinois' Tax System Fair.

Approval of this amendment would enact a fair system that allows the state to tax wealthy people at higher rates and lower income people at lower rates, replacing Illinois' current unfair tax system, in which wealthy people pay the exact same tax rate as lower and middle income people.

Illinois' current tax system unfairly benefits millionaires and billionaires, and approval of this amendment will set things right for the middle class and working people.

This amendment will help small business owners by creating a stable economic environment for their businesses to thrive.

While others try to mislead you, under the current tax system in Illinois, policymakers already have the authority to set any tax rate and to change tax rates at their will. The current system forces policymakers to charge the same tax rate to everyone, regardless of how much money they make. If this amendment passes, the State will have the ability to tax higher income earners at a different rate. In fact, upon passage of this Amendment, a new tax structure will go into effect where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less, while only those making more than \$250,000 a year will see a tax increase.

This amendment does not tax retirement income.

The Federal Government and Most States Use the Graduated Tax System Proposed in this Amendment, Not the Unfair System Currently Used in Illinois.

Illinois is among a minority of states that do not utilize graduated tax rates because the Illinois Constitution requires a "flat tax" that penalizes middle-class and working people and benefits higher income individuals.

A majority of states and the federal government already use the kind of graduated income tax system proposed in this amendment to ensure that wealthy people pay their fair share of taxes.

Nearby states including Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, and Wisconsin are among the majority of states that have graduated tax systems.

Illinois' Current Income Tax System Relies on Taxes from Middle and Lower Income Earners, While a Graduated System Would Lower that Burden and Fund Critical Programs such as Education and Human Services.

While some states have fair tax rates in which the highest income earners pay the highest tax rate, Illinois' "flat tax" rate continues to rely unfairly on taxes from middle and lower income earners.

Under Illinois' "flat tax" structure, a nurse making \$50,000 per year pays the same tax rate as an executive making \$4 million per year. A graduated tax rate would have the executive pay more.

Because of the way our current tax system is set up, the bottom fifth of Illinois taxpayers (those making below \$21,800) contribute 14.4% of their income to state and local taxes, compared to 7.4% for the top 1 percent of Illinois taxpayers.

If this Amendment passes, the State has already enacted a new graduated tax structure where 97% of taxpayers will pay the same or less.

Under the new tax structure, only the top 3% of Illinois income earners would pay more in income taxes. Everyone who makes \$250,000 or less a year would pay the same or less.

Over 95% of small businesses earn \$250,000 or less a year in profits, and their owners will not see a tax increase under the new tax structure.

This change will generate additional revenue each year that can help address Illinois' budget deficit and fund critical programs, including the State's education system, public safety, and social services like mental health and substance abuse treatment and domestic violence shelters.

After the COVID-19 Pandemic, We Need to Do All We Can to Help the Economy and Middle-Class and Working People.

Working people and essential workers like nurses, first responders, and grocery store clerks should not pay the same tax rate as the wealthy. Nurses making \$50,000 a year should not pay the same tax rate as an executive making \$4,000,000 a year.

Having wealthy people pay more would reduce the burden on working families. This is money that middle and lower income people need for housing, groceries, medicine, and essentials.

When the wealthiest people pay more, middle and lower income earners can pay less while the State funds critical services that our essential workers rely on.

ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT

- 1) The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.
- 2) Taxes and spending are out of control. The Legislature should not be allowed to keep raising taxes until they get their spending under control.
- 3) In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The Amendment gives the Legislature power to increase taxes on any group of taxpayers with no limits and no accountability and without any requirement to use the additional revenue to fund essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety.

The proposed amendment would give the Legislature unlimited new authority to increase income tax rates on any group of taxpayers at will, including low-income and middle-income families and small business owners. There would be no limit on the number of tax brackets that could be created and no limit on how high tax rates could be increased on individual taxpayers. In addition, this proposed change will pave the way for a tax on retirement income.

Nothing in the amendment requires the Legislature to do anything to control spending. Nor does it require funds to be spent on essential needs such as healthcare, education, or public safety. It would simply give the Legislature a blank check to spend billions of dollars however they want, with no accountability.

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Illinois already has some of the highest property taxes and sales taxes in the nation. And the Legislature has increased Illinois income tax rates twice in the past decade to try to deal with the out-of-control spending in Springfield.

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our state had a huge and growing multi-billion-dollar budget deficit, and the unfunded pension liability skyrocketed to over \$137 billion. That's because the Legislature has continued to increase state spending instead of eliminating government waste, corruption, and abuse.

Because they refuse to control spending or pass major reforms, the Legislature will just continue to raise taxes on everyone in Illinois, and middle-class families will be their next target.

In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, now is the worst possible time for a massive tax increase.

The COVID-19 pandemic caused layoffs, unemployment, bankruptcies, and closures. As small businesses and local employers struggle to rebuild, this is the worst possible time to impose huge new tax increases. Even before the COVID-19 crisis, many residents and businesses were leaving the state because of the high tax burden. If the Amendment passes, it would be the last straw for thousands of small businesses, causing more jobs to leave the state, and making Illinois lose out on investments to rebuild our economy. This would mean fewer jobs and less opportunity for Illinois families.

YES	For the proposed amendment of
NO	Section 3 of Article IX of the
	Illinois Constitution.

FORM OF BALLOT

Proposed Amendment to the 1970 Illinois Constitution

The proposed amendment grants the State authority to impose higher income tax rates on higher income levels, which is how the federal government and a majority of other states do it. The amendment would remove the portion of the Revenue Article of the Illinois

Constitution that is sometimes referred to as the "flat tax," that requires all taxes on income to be at the same rate. The amendment does not itself change tax rates. It gives the State the ability to impose higher tax rates on those with higher income levels and lower income tax rates on those with middle or lower income levels. You are asked to decide whether the proposed amendment should become a part of the Illinois Constitution.

Due to COVID-19, all 2020 General Election voters are encouraged to cast a ballot prior to Election Day, either by mail or during early voting. Voting by mail is an easy option for voters and you can request a vote by mail ballot through email, mail, or in person. An application is available from your local election authority or at: <https://elections.il.gov/electionoperations/VotingByMail.aspx>. To register to vote or check your registration status, visit: <https://ova.elections.il.gov>.

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I, Jesse White, Secretary of the State of Illinois, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the Proposed Amendment, the Explanation of the Proposed Amendment, Arguments in Favor of the Amendment and Arguments Against the Amendment and a true copy of the Form of Ballot for this call as the regularly scheduled general election on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, as set forth in compliance with the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.



Jesse White

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the Great Seal of the State of Illinois,
Done in the City of Springfield, this first day of June, 2020

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For Answers
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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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TRIVIA TEST By Fifi Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: Which city is known as "The Eternal City"?
2. FOOD & DRINK: What is the name of the bee used in advertisements for Honey Nut Cheerios?
3. LANGUAGE: What does the Latin phrase "ad meliora" mean?
4. MEASUREMENTS: How many inches are in a hand?
5. U.S. STATES: A resident of which state might be called a Buckeye?
6. MOVIES: Who were the three stars of the film "Three Amigos"?
7. GAMES: Which "ailment" was added to the Operation board game in 2004?
8. ASTRONOMY: Which two planets in our solar system lack natural moons?
9. MYTHOLOGY: What is a Valkyrie in Norse mythology?
10. TELEVISION: What was the name of the android on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"?

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1. Ava (R)
2. Alone (NR)
3. Blackbird (R)
4. The King of Staten Island (R)
5. Hocus Pocus (PG)
6. No Escape (R)
7. Irresistible (R)
8. The 2nd (NR)
9. The Silencing (R)
10. Sonic the Hedgehog (PG)

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In The Matter of The Estate of
MARY M. BRYAN,
Case No. 20 P 18
Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of
MARY M. BRYAN, of 431 West Vine
Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483. Let-
ters of Office were issued to DAVID
L. COVER, Independent Executor, of
Cover Law Group, LLP, with offices at
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must be filed on or before April 15,
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Stark XC seniors honored at meet

By Jeff Lampe

TOULON – Stark County cross country seniors were honored after the final home meet of the fall on Oct. 7.

And the girls team made the most of its last chance to run at home on a perfect fall afternoon. The Rebel girls topped visiting Mercer County, 26-29, behind the 1-2 finish of seniors Alyssa Dyken and Lena Becker.

Dyken had the top time of 19:42 while Becker was at 20:20.

The other scoring runners for Stark County were sophomore Paige Rewerts (6th, 21:50), senior Trinity Shimmin (7th, 21:57) and senior McKenzie Stahl (10th, 23:30).

The other girls runners were senior Riley Menssen (11th, 23:47) and freshman Kimora Barnwell (12th, 23:57).

The Boys lost their race to Mercer County, 19-42.

Senior Caden Daum led the Rebels with a fourth-place finish in a time of 17:22 and was followed



Stark County senior cross country runners were honored on Oct. 7 at the team's final home meet of the fall. From left to right are: Caden Daum, Trinity Shimmin, McKenzie Stahl, Lena Becker, Riley Menssen, Alyssa Dyken and Brett Browning.

closely by junior Payton Stahl (5th, 17:29). Juniors Alex Welch (10th, 18:29), Colby Carroll (11th, 18:35) and Jack Winans (12th, 18:44) were other scorers for the boys. Senior Brett Browning (15th, 21:05) rounded out the team.

After the meet, Stark County Superintendent Brett Elliot introduced the Senior XC runners to family and friends in a Senior Night recognition ceremony.

Stark County was to run Wednesday, Oct. 14,

at the Dunes Golf Course southwest of Kewanee in the Lincoln Trail Meet, and then closes out the regular season on Saturday, Oct. 17, with a meet at Farmington that starts at 10 a.m.

From there, it's on to the Class 1A regional on Oct. 31 at Saukie Golf Course in Rock Island. Girls run at 10 a.m. and boys are scheduled for 1:15 p.m. The reason for the gap is that there will be four flighted races for the girls and boys.

Mid-County girls 6th at golf regional

KEWANEE – The Mid-County girls golf team ended its fall season with a sixth-place finish on Oct. 7 at the Class 1A Kewanee Regional, held at Baker Park Golf Course.

Mid-County combined for a team score of 449 strokes while the regional winner, Kewanee, put up a team tally of 380 strokes.

Sophomore Sara Kaiser led the team with a round of 107 and was followed in scoring by sophomore Taylor Haga (113), senior Faith Erlacher (114) and junior Annalyn Lovell (115).

Mid-County's other regional participants were sophomore Clara Kuelper, who shot 120 and sophomore Sarah Kocan, who was at 159.

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