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175TH ANNIVERSARY

Toulon church celebrates 175 years

By MICHELLE WEST

For The Prairie News

TOULON – At a time when hundreds of churches are closing their doors, Toulon’s First Congregational Church is happy to celebrate 175 years. The First Congregational Church opened its doors in 1846, and has managed to survive all these years while continuing to serve Stark County.

When the Pilgrims came to America, they founded the Congregational Churches to escape religious persecution. They wanted a church where everyone is welcome, and the good



Toulon’s Congregational Church is celebrating 175 years of service to Stark County and has fall decoration to welcome parishioners.

news of Jesus Christ could be shared with all. The church continues that tradition today and welcomes everyone through its doors.

That is particularly true this weekend, as everyone is invited to come celebrate the 175th anniversary this Sunday, Oct. 24.

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Toulon updates vehicle ordinance

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council recently heard details on an updated city vehicle ordinance from city attorney Kathlene Carter.

The city is targeting “nuisance vehicles” on private property, which Carter said, “These are vehicles that are inoperable, not regularly used, abandoned, or not registered.”

The ordinance will now provide the city the means to “abate that nuisance,” according to Carter. A notice will be sent to the property owner and they will have seven days to rectify the nuisance. Within those seven days, the owner may request a hearing in Stark County Circuit Court.

“If they don’t request that hearing, the city has the authority to abate that nuisance – to remove a vehicle from the

property without going through a full hearing process,” Carter said.

The addition of the hearing process is the update to the ordinance.

In other business, the City of Toulon has set Trick or Treat hours from 4-6 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 31. There will be a “Trunk or Treat” event on Main Street downtown once again this year.

The council also heard from City Engineer Ed Andrews, who said that a change is required to the new sanitary lift station for sewage removal. Andrews said that the sewer line will now run from the intersection of Prairie and Whittaker Streets south on Whittaker and cross Whittaker at the first curve to avoid having to remove trees on the right-of-way that would have

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End in sight for West Jersey nuisance case

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

WEST JERSEY – A West Jersey man faces possible eviction after a court ruling on Oct. 15 in Stark County Circuit Court.

Circuit Judge James A. Mack heard from West Jersey Township attorney Zachary Lessard regarding a nuisance property in West Jersey. Lessard said the township has possession of the property located at 3049 State Route 78, Toulon, but noted that former owner Larry L. Bantz is still residing there.

Bantz stated to Mack, “I was to be given an extension after the moratorium.”

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Lessard responded, “The property is deteriorating with more items [placed there] after it was cleaned once.”

The moratorium Bantz referenced was issued by Gov. JB Pritzker and prohibited property evictions during the COVID-19 pandemic. That moratorium has since expired.

Mack ruled that Bantz has 14 days from Oct. 15 to vacate the premises. If Bantz has not moved from the property by the deadline, the eviction process would start with the Stark County Sheriff’s Office enforcing the

eviction. Lessard filed a motion on Oct. 5 for an order directing the Sheriff to evict the defendants.

This nuisance case began in January of 2017 when Bantz received notice of a complaint concerning his property. That was followed with a second notice in May of 2018. West Jersey Township filed a legal case against Bantz, in 2019.

Since West Jersey Township gained possession of the property, through a lien process for cleaning up the property, it has foreclosed on Bantz. The property has been rezoned from commercial to residential.



Pictured is the West Jersey property prior to its initial clean up in 2019.



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Pictured at right (from left to right): Ron Scott, Scoutmaster; Jack Morman, Tenderfoot; Owen Hिलagle Scout; Colby Stotler, Life Scout; Jax Glenn, Life Scout; Connor Scott, Life Scout; and Andrea Scott, Assistant Scoutmaster.



TOULON: Grants sought to pay for sidewalk work

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been necessary in the original plan. The council approved this change.

An uptown sidewalk renovation project could be eligible for recent grants that are available to the city. Mayor Larry Hollis said he believes that the entire project could be funded by these grants. He also said that the city is currently working on obtaining a grant for the new water tower, as well.

The council agreed to donate \$1,000 to the Stark County Council for Continuous Improvement group so that a videographer can be hired. The videographer will produce a video promoting the county, specifically targeting the Peoria vicinity.

Also approved by the council was the purchase of 24 new water meters for installation for approximately \$7,000. Hollis wants the new meters installed so that a more accurate ac-

counting of water usage by residents is recorded. Hollis has previously said that the city is losing money on water charges because the older meters do not accurately measure the water usage.

A Tax Increment Financing application from Wallace Surveyors in the amount of \$1,987.50, which is half of what Wallace is seeking was approved by the council to pay for a recent building upgrade.

CHURCH: Music has that old-time ‘hymnal’ feel

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The day will start with a live concert at 10 a.m., featuring keyboards and a flautist. The music in the

church currently has that old-time “hymnal” feel and features Mike Stahl, Carol Rice, Lynne Roark, Mary Hawk and Janet Wilkin-

son. The service, with more worship and The Word, will be presented by new interim pastor, Dan Wright who will be assisted by new youth ministry director, Michelle West. That will begin at 10:30 a.m.

Immediately following the service, there will be

fellowship, food and a fun stroll down memory lane via church photos and artifacts provided by some long-time members.

For a donation, Katelyn Rumbold Photography will also be on hand to take family photos amongst fall decorations provided by the Matt and Amanda Dynes Family.

Oct. 24 promises to be a day of fun and celebration, and a great way to introduce the new clergy to the

community. Pastor Wright is working to bring life back into the pulpit after over a year of having no full-time preacher. His wife, Patti, and several of his grandchildren join him weekly from their home near Annawan.

Youth programs are also a focus again, including the revival of a teen program, Pilgrim Youth Fellowship, which meets from 7-8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings.



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Traffic citations & Ordinance violations

1-23 - Gregory D. Knowles - Reckless driving.
9-10 - Angel G. Corral - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
10-13 - Marcus Allen Shipe - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
10-14 - Karla G. Silva - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.
10-14 - Kendrale M. Moten-Hunn - Speeding 26-34 mph over the limit.
10-18 - Savannah R. Potter - Driving during the restricted time on a graduated driving license and disregarding a stop sign.
10-17 - Rachel M. Allott - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit and operating an uninsured vehicle.
10-12 - Karisa J. Schipper - driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
10-16 - Isaiah J. Schwab - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
10-17 - Ailynn A. Duarte - Speeding 35+ mph over the limit.
10-15 - Sherwin J. Lopez - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.
10-17 - Leigh J. Andress - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.

Felonies & Misdemeanors

8-7 - Felony - Blake T. Vinson - Possession of a controlled substance.
10-11 - Felony - Robert Blaine Turnbull - Theft over \$500 and possession of cannabis..

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

10-12 - A single rollover vehicle accident occurred on 725 N east of Route 17. The driver involved was identified as Michael J. Batey, 31, of Toulon. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.
10-11 - A single vehicle rollover accident occurred on 600 N at 1:43 a.m. The driver involved was Quinton J. Wilkinson, 40, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued. The vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.
10-10 - Kimberly S. Robinson, 32, Kewanee, was ticketed for leaving the scene of an accident.
10-11 - Robert Blaine Turnbull, 35, Toulon, was arrested for theft and possession of cannabis.
10-12 - Annalisa M. Wagoner, 35, Galesburg, was cited for driving without a valid vehicle registration.
10-12 - Kristin L. Colvin, 26, Bradford, was arrested for driving while her license was revoked. She posted bond and was released.
10-16 - Jacqueline M. Frisby, 43, Toulon, was cited for driving without vehicle insurance.
10-17 - A 16-year-old Kewanee girl was cited for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis, driving without vehicle insurance, and speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone.
10-17 - Brooke M. Tippet, 24,



Chillicothe, was arrested for unlawful transportation of alcohol by a passenger. She was also found wanted on a LaSalle County warrant on the original charge for failure to appear for domestic battery and domestic battery with bodily harm. Tippet was also wanted on a Peoria County warrant for failure to appear on the original charge for driving while license was revoked. She remains in custody at the Stark County jail awaiting extradition by LaSalle County authorities.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
10-11 - to check a suspicious vehicle abandoned in the 100 block of SW 6th Ave. The vehicle was found to have been stolen from Galesburg.
10-11 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a 911 call that plotted there. Officer was not able to find anyone needing assistance.
10-11 - to assist with an unruly subject needing ambulance transport on NW 3rd Ave.
10-12 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The dog escaped through a defective fence. The dog returned home and the fence was repaired.
10-12 - to the area near Wiley Park for a suspicious vehicle parked there. Officer recognized the subject. No contact was made.
10-12 - to the 400 block of NW 2nd St. for a dog-bite incident.
10-12 - to the 600 block of NW 7th Ave. for a trespassing complaint.
10-12 - to investigate a smoke odor in the southeast section of town. Officer located a controlled burn in the 200 block of SE 1st Ave.
10-12 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a neighbor dispute.
10-12 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a physical domestic dispute. As the result, Roger Smith, 60, Galva, was arrested for battery. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
10-12 - to Route 17 south of the cemetery for a car vs. deer accident. Knox County also responded and handled the crash report.
10-13 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for an unruly juvenile. Crisis intervention was contacted to make arrangements for the youth.
10-14 - to the 300 block of SW 4th St. for a 911 open line call. It was determined to be a medical issue. Stark County Medic was paged to handle.
10-14 - to the 100 block of NW 8th

Ave. for a “threats by telephone” complaint.
10-14 - to the 400 block of NW 5th St. for a traffic complaint involving speeders.
10-14 - along with the fire department and Stark County Medic to a natural gas leak in the 100 block of SW 3rd St. A utility company was digging and hit a gas line. Ameren was contacted for repairs.
10-14 - to an activated burglar alarm in the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. Forced entry was found.. This remains under investigation.
10-15 - to the 800 block of NW 4th St. for a juvenile complaint.
10-15 - to the 600 block of NW 1st St. for a theft complaint.
10-15 - to the 600 block of NE 3rd Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
10-15 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a traffic complaint.
10-16 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to deliver a message from Kewanee Police Department in reference to a gas drive off.
10-16 - to a motorist assist in the 600 block of SE 2nd St. Officer helped push the car off of the roadway.
10-17 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to answer questions about a wild animal complaint involving a baby squirrel.
10-17 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on West Division St. in reference to a subject who had fallen off of a roof.
10-17 - to the 300 block of Main St. for a report involving a lost/stolen purse.
10-17 - to the 500 block of SE 3rd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.
10-16 - Ryan Fisher, 27, Fisher, was issued a citation in the 200 block of South Center Ave. for illegal squealing/screeching of tires.

Property Transfers
10-12 - Elizabeth A and Randy C. Espe to AcreTrader 163, LLC - Pt 2-14-6 NW - Consideration = \$995,000.
10-13 - Helen Sammons Hamilton and Michael Hamilton to Desiree M. Gentry - Pts 36-13-6 - 505 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
10-14 - State Bank of Toulon to Thomas A. Down - Original Town of Toulon - Pt Sect. 12 Lots 8 & 9 - 127 W. Court St., Toulon - Consideration = \$5,000.
10-14 - Jack, John F., Luke, Maureen M., Morgan, Sadie, Timothy H. and William T. Tulley to Alaina M. Ehnle Und 1/4 Int., Daniel R. Ehnle Und 1/4 Int., Donn L. Ehnle, Und 3/4 Int., and Tracy Ehnle, Und 3/4 Int. - Pts 30-14-7 NW and SW - Consideration = \$992,000.
10-15 - Harold S. Chamberlain to Beth Ann Breezley and Christine S. Mohler - Pt 21-12-5 NE - 2760 West Jersey Road, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

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When Friday nights meant a trip to town

Every farm kid who grew up before the change-everything 1970s changed almost everything will recall Friday evenings meant quick chores, a quick supper, and a family night in town.

Back then, nearly every store in nearly every rural community remained open for business until 9 p.m. on Fridays so everyone – but mostly farm families – could shop, stroll the storefronts, or just visit friends.

On the southern Illinois dairy farm of my youth, my parents loved “going to town” on Friday nights because it was a cheap, tire-them-out method to entertain five children under the age of 10.

Shopkeepers, however, had to dread seeing us tumble out of our dull green, late-1940s Chevy station wagon and head for their stores, prepared to touch everything from candy jars to BB guns to cowboy boots. You could trace our tornadic path from Schrieber’s General Store on Market Street to Mr. Kirsch’s Western Auto store on Main Street by following a not-very-high trail of smudged glass, stainless steel, and tin.

My mother, who had kept us

roped and corralled since the last great Friday night breakout, gladly turned us loose on town as she slowly – and most importantly, alone – examined sewing patterns and the “material” each required to make us school shirts, jackets, or dresses.

Most times, my father just “stayed with the car” in hopes of having a quiet conversation with someone other than a cow, kid, or hired man. Failing any, silence served his purpose, too.

The Friday night trips took a wonderful turn when my two older brothers and I began to earn a twice-monthly paycheck for farm work like baling hay and milking cows. The earnings, accrued at 50-cents per hour, were usually combined into one “farm” check to all three. This single-check payout required us to collectively present it to the bank teller the following Friday night for any of us to get a penny.

But, boy, when we did, off we ran – rarely with more than \$10 apiece – to buy BBs, black licorice drops, Levis jeans in any color but blue, or, if particularly flush, a baseball to replace the old one invariably lost in the corn (or wheat or alfalfa or soybean) field the previous week.

As my older brothers got their drivers’ licenses we began to go to town on our own. That often meant going to a different, smaller town so as to not have the terminally embar-

assing experience of bumping into our parents during any mid-teenage strut.

During one of these brothers-only excursions, I made the wildly extravagant choice (I still can’t believe I was once this radical) to get my first barber shop haircut. I was shocked with how soothing, almost therapeutic, it was compared to my mother’s “Stop moving!” cuts.

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A couple of years later, my next oldest brother, David, made the ultimate Friday-night move: He bought a used 1963 Ford Fairlane (50-cents an hour can stack up if you only go to town once a week) and he and I often spent Friday evenings meeting girls at the local movie theater or enjoying an in-town hamburger.

My parents never spent one second worrying about their budding Casanovas, though, because just before we’d leave those evenings my father would quietly mention that “One of you is milking with me in the morning.”

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BRIEFS

SBT donates \$25k to OSF transportation

KEWANEE – OSF HealthCare Saint Luke Medical Center offered thanks to the State Bank of Toulon for a very generous donation to the medical center’s transportation program. State Bank of Toulon donated \$25,000 to the program to help secure reliable transportation for patients in the community.

“State Bank of Toulon has been a friend of OSF Saint Luke for many years, and we are so grateful that they are partnering with us to provide needed hospital transportation to our patients,” said Jackie Kernan, president for OSF Saint Luke.

Reliable transportation ensures patients are able to attend physician visits, fill prescriptions, eat healthy and age in place.

Doug Parrott, president/CEO of State Bank of Toulon said he was pleased the bank could help. “We feel it is vital for not only city of Kewanee but to all rural towns that OSF Saint Luke serves,” Parrott said.

Woody Guthrie songs at Bishop Hill Oct. 29

BISHOP HILL – The Bishop Hill Heritage Association will host a free concert called This Land is your Land: The Folksongs of Woody Guthrie at 7 p.m. in the

Pictured is the Bradford High School Class of 1966, which celebrated its 55th Reunion in Bradford on Sept. 4. Pictured are: Front row (left to right): Lois Copple Smith, Vivian Albrecht Arrington, Anna Lee Barnes, Patricia McGinn Hepperly, Lorraine Verstraete, Anita Krug Woodward and Diana Elsasser Feucht. Second row (l to r): Rosemary Hickey Welch, Patricia Ellis Newman, Shiela O'Brien, and Sharon Hewitt Krocka. Back row: Harla Tumblison, Dale Shaner, Patrick Murphy, Roger Weir, Jon Fate and Chris Schuneman.

Dairy Building, at 410 North Erickson St., on Friday, Oct. 29.

Woody Guthrie is America’s most legendary folksong writer. Chicago-based singer and guitarist Bucky Halker brings Guthrie’s songs to life through both performance and commentary.

This program is free and open to the public. Call 309 927-3899 or email bhha@mymctc.net for more information.

Live music returning to Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL – The Creative Commons has put together a diverse lineup of national and regional performers to round out 2021, as bands return to touring and Bishop Hill can once again start

showing live acts.

Concerts are family-friendly and open to guests of all ages. Concerts begin at 7 p.m. and are preceded by a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. A \$10-20 donation, per person is suggested.

Dawson Hollow plays tonight, Oct. 22, with Nick Sizemore and the Saddletamps on stage Saturday and Soutru and Aubs playing Sunday. Learn more at bishophillcommons.com or on Facebook.

Et cetera

The \$20 application fee to apply to Black Hawk College will be waived from Oct. 24-31. Students planning to attend in spring, summer or fall of 2022 should apply online at www.bhc.edu/apply using the code FREEAPP2021.

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Super Crossword

GONE FISHING

ACROSS
1 Longtime movie theater chain
6 Sound signal booster, for short
12 Cooled like a corkscrew
20 As red as —
21 Accounting book
22 Oahu city
23 Possessions of a fish?
25 Catches in a trap
26 "Sax by the Fire" musician John
27 Donald's first ex
28 Flower girl, sometimes
30 Fender ding
31 Back street
33 Fish just beyond the visible light spectrum?
35 More flamboyant
38 Twisty turns
40 37-Down minus five
41 Puck-pushing fish?
43 With child
46 180 degrees from west, in Spanish
49 "Deathtrap" writer Levin
50 Made a dove's sound
52 Python kin
53 Hold to one's policy
57 Steak options
59 Burns around
61 No longer fashionable
62 Guy's retro 'do given by a fish?
64 Like a cook or a welder
68 Land amid water, in Italy
69 An inverse trig function
70 Fish going here and there?
72 Pasta luau food
73 Delivery path
74 Roaming sorts
75 Was a counselor to
80 Extra play periods, in brief
81 "Robin —" (old Irish ballad)
82 Simpson trial judge
84 Ashy-faced lance
85 Hot Chinese cuisine
88 Swallow a fish quickly?
92 Tummy muscles
93 Yoga posture
95 Country singer Porter —
96 Fish skilled at mimicking sounds?
101 String ties
102 Woeful cry
103 Steer-roping contest
104 Milton of TV
106 Jai —
110 Fleeing off
112 Fish alongside Harry Truman's wife?
115 Detest
116 "Spectre" co-star Greg
117 Got hitched on the run
118 Became dim
119 Singer Vic
120 Detect

DOWN
1 Terminal
2 Slender reed instrument
3 Slender swimmers
4 New Jersey locale where Hamilton and Burr dueted
5 Big ints. in fuel additives
6 Short-billed shorebirds
7 Recompense
8 Adam and Eve's garden
9 Taj Mahal city
10 Convened
11 Hester in "The Scarlet Letter"
12 See-through
13 Northern Oklahoma's — City
14 Slid in
15 "Solo" director Howard
16 Abu's master
17 Lorelei, e.g.
18 Kagan of the bench
19 Like used chalkboard erasers
24 Former Heat coach Pat
29 Possibilities
32 Repose
33 British verb ending
34 Work unit
35 Tom Jones' "— a Lady"
36 Quizmaster, e.g.
37 Prefix meaning "eight"
38 Corn unit
39 Info provider at the bottom of a PC window
42 Tool set, e.g.
43 Keats, e.g.
44 Form again
45 Simple calculators
46 Like wet blankets
47 Take a small bite of
50 Secret cooperation
51 — a time
54 "Death Be Not Proud"
55 Entreated
56 Extras after the main text
58 It flows through arteries
59 Permissible
60 Surg. centers
62 Heat's city
63 Middle name of Elvis
64 Fuzzy dos
65 Collapse in frustration, in slang
66 Awaken
67 See 94-Down
71 Equine color
75 Sun, follower
76 Like human thumbs
77 Parade ruler
78 Sommer of "Zeppelin"
79 Hart or hind
81 From Graz or Linz
83 Onetime JFK carrier
86 Quassy from riding, in a way
87 "Euphoria" ailer
88 "Luh-di —"
89 Like many highways
90 Rock's Van —
91 Vanity
93 Live
94 With
97 Amazon Echo's personal assistant
98 Relay athlete
99 Italian bridge
100 Sided
101 "Heaven" singer Adams
104 Fill-up point
105 Waffle brand
107 Writer Uris
108 Vipers
109 "Understood"
111 Luigi's three
113 Eggs, to Livy
114 — Plaines

We Cover The News of West-Central Illinois With A Passion

Toulon Class of 1961 celebrates 60 years

By JUDY BEAMER

TOULON – The Toulon High School Class of 1961 held its 60-year reunion at Toulon First United Methodist Church on Aug. 7. There were 18 graduates in attendance. Dinner was catered by Damron’s of Kewanee.

Don Schmidt shared memories of classmates who have passed. He noted that our first passing was Tom Hotz, who passed prior to graduation. An additional 14 class members have passed.



Pictured above are members of the Toulon High School Class of 1961. Back row (left to right): Galen Ballentine, Gordie Whittaker, Donna Sue Whitten, Don Schmidt, Larry Meaker, Don Hendrick, apologies to Carol Lee Lane, who so successfully hid herself behind Linda Naughtin, Sue Slygh Carrington, Judy Winn Beamer. Front row (l to r): Christopher McMillen, Marilyn Heaton Bugbee, Sandy Warren Langdon, Sharon Curley Batterham, Linda Omanson Joiner, Joyce Durbin Capp, Linda Gerard Naughtin.

After the dinner and delicious pies (furnished by Christopher McMillen) we listened to country music provided by Galen and Karen Ballentine.

It was unanimously decided to donate \$338 remaining in the class savings account to the Stark County Historical Society.

Future reunions will be done by e-mail contact only. Please keep Larry Meaker updated with changes in contact information – especially your e-mail.

Thank you to anyone who helped in any way to make the Reunion a success. Many classmates expressed how fun it was to again ride in the Old Settlers Days parade.

Special thanks to Methodist parishoners for their help, especially Lorene Forlesong and Barb and Bill Loane. Also, special thanks to committee members Christopher, Don, Larry and Judy.

Henry/Stark Relay For Life raises \$46,844.84

The Henry/Stark Relay for Life Committee announced they raised \$46,844.84 during 2020-21 fundraising efforts.

Due to COVID-19, the committee cancelled the 2020 Relay For Life event. Money raised for 2020 was carried over to the 2021 event, which due to restrictions for in-person events was a drive-thru luminaria event at North East Park.

“This was a big change for us, but we came up with the idea and ran with it,” said Nichelle Morey, a longtime RFL committee member. “Our goal was to sell as many luminaires and possible and light up the park!”

Marcia Dragolovich reported the sale of a record number of 800 luminaires and 40 purple torches.

The First Presbyterian Church team, ran by Sharon Deahl, was also able to host its annual silent auction at the park and contributed over \$1,500 to the fundraising efforts.

State Bank of Toulon was the top RFL team with \$9,203, followed by Eagles Team (\$8,686), The Over the Hill Gang (\$6,423), First Presbyterian Church (\$6,423), OSF (\$3,365), Sparks For Life (\$2,220), The Cure (\$2,032), Boma’s Beauties (\$1,796), Kollege Kids (\$1,180), Mission Possible (\$83), Tackle Cancer (\$30) and Pierson (\$20).



Pictured above, (left to right), are Henry Stark Relay For Life Committee Members, Karen Rosner, Nichelle Morey, Amy Sternes, Justin Sternes, Marcia Dragolovich and Allen Dragolovich. Not pictured: Sharon Deahl, Brenda Muckey and Judy Sornberger.

Sponsors also contributed to that total. They were Illinois Cancer Care, Rumbold and Kuhn, Inc, Martin Bros. Company Inc, Nash, Nash, Bean and Ford, LLP, American Legion Post 31, Boss, Sullivan Door Company, First Presbyterian Church, State Bank of Toulon, Wirth, Inc., Morrissey Appliance, PNB and Great Dane.

“We were very happy with all the community support we received this year when we decided to change the event location, but we are definitely looking forward to being back out at Windmont Park for the 2022 event,” committee member Amy Sternes said.

The RFL committee thanks all involved and offers special thanks to Bill Good.



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TOYS: The following toys are quite unique and in very good condition. Buddy L. green and yellow dump truck—Tootsie Toy Texaco gas truck—Hubley roller w/wooden rollers—Marx 1940's dump truck, sand on side, gravel on other, gray—Hubley orange Road roller w/man, 1920's—Tonka white wrecker AA1960 complete, white walls and emergency light—Tonka orange Mobil Clam, 1961 State Hwy.—Buddy L. concrete mixer, cast iron w/chute, 1930's—Structo log truck, orange w/logs—Tonka Texaco gas truck—Buddy L. Hydraulic 17" Maint. truck w/long end—Louis Marx Willy Jeep w/fold down windshield, steel 1940—Marx Lunar tractor's 962 dump truck—Model T-24 yellow Michigan Crane—Buddy L. wrecker Repair It truck—Model Firetruck, complete—Burnham Van Service T-Way Storage Co., NE, wooden furn. Hauler—Structo Const. Co. Wyan. Sand loader—metal 57 Chevy's, some NB—Nascar in boxes—Ertl FS tanker truck—MF 1 bottom plow in box—Mc. Deering Model M gas engine, box—JD Waterloo Boy 2 HP engine and model E engine in boxes—Case, JD, metal cars and other minis—Ertl JD Big Farm loader tractor in box, lights—metal implements—truck banks in boxes—Ertl corn and bean heads—DeLaval toy cream separator, box—Case Const. King back hoe w/cab—Nylint Naper tractor trailer, box—2 JD forage wagons—tonka bulldozer—Farmall M, box—misc. tractors, semis—many vintage games, puzzles, mini tea sets, Barbies, Spawn, DC and other cards, marbles, old Children's books, 12 cent Barbie and Ken, marvel, Disney and other comics, Nintendo 64 game system w/Rally racing wheel and foot feed, game—orig. Nintendo gun and paddles—Sega Pacman 2, Nomad, Sub Terrania, other games—tons of misc. vintage.

LOCAL ADV. AND HISTORY: 1878 History of Knox Co. book—1912 Vol. I and II Knox Co. history—1890 2 volume History of the World—McKinley Assass. Book—1960 Galesburg City Dir.—History of Fairview Reformed Church 1837-1912—Historic Fulton Co.—Martin Litvin signed "Voices of the Prairie" book—1895 Fulton Co. History—1974 Atlas Map, Peoria Co. repro. of 1873 book—1902 Knox Co. Atlas—"So this is Knoxville" George Moore book—History of the Harshbarger's book—old Knoxville Jaycees zip code dir.—1955 Knox co.—1970's RI Atlas—1912 and 1916 IH almanacs—Peoria Co. cemetery book—old Farm Bureau fan and sign—Wallaces Farmer cardboard No Trespassing signs—old Monmouth book—nice 1930's and later Almanacs—adv. yardsticks (Knox Co. Oil, Robinson Lumber/Coal, Leaths, FS Swine & Beef, local banks, etc.)—thermometers from Bob Ringberg, Floyd Blout, JD, A&W and more—Winkler Feed, Crow Hybrid, other tape meas.—lg. coll. of 1930's and up Yearbooks from most local schools (Williamsfield, Farmington, Elmwood, Knoxville, London Mills, Abingdon, Valley, Galesburg, Churchill, Hinchcock, Monmouth, Galva, etc.)—3 old Williamsfield post cards—FS, Schissler, misc. seed corn ledgers—many Galva postcards and other local—Myers Mobil, Fairview and other can openers, shoe horns, matches, various adv. items from local businesses—Pops Pride potato sack on board—Soupy/Barb's Tap, woodhull adv.—Spuds McKenzie mirror—Winchester, Heddon, Pep Boys and other metal signs—old Dairy bottles of misc. sizes and from local distributors, "Baker and Stuber, Peoria, Jubilee", amber Leafy Lane 1/2 gallon Princeton and more)—Huddle and other vintage ashtrays—1989 "Karen & Kenney" pottery dispenser w/horse—1828-1832 Seminary High School book—Case IH, JD old manuals—1925 Ruth Swanson Williamsfield diploma in velvet holder, perfect—1945 Billtown yearbook—LC Davis, Maqon funeral home fan—Union Pacific RR matches—Cat. 15 yr. 925 necklace—Canton Legion patch, old—tags, tokens and badges—old pennants—Wyeth oil can—E.H. Sargent & Co. chemists wooden box—so much more.

ANTIQUES, KNIVES, PRIMITIVES: lg. knife collection of high quality knives—a few examples are as follows (Case XX #6265 sab, mint 5.25" long, folding Hunter—Japanese single blade w/safety catch, wooden handle, lions head stamp, Schrade 3 blade, Delvin handle, Uncle Henry—Case XX #1011—Schrade Old Timer, saw tooth handle, #1560T—Master Barlow 3" single blade—Cub Scout 3 blade—Camillus bone handle 2 blade—4 blade Boy Scout—German 3" RW&B handle—1933 World's Fair CocaCola 5 cent—Sears old knives—Matterhorn Army Swiss knife—1902 Punch Jack knife—over 50 misc. very nice knives—very unusual 4' Folk Art wooden native man—African wooden carved items—nice 10 gallon crock w/handles, mint—6 gallon Blue Ribbon Macomb—2 gallon star logo (Redwing?) crock—6 gallon w/crown (Roseville)—AD Huesling RI beverage case—child's saddle—925 trifold ring—entire rack of nice Christmas (Dept. 56 "Possible Dream" Santas in boxes, lighted houses, old and Hallmark ornaments, all types of very nice décor, some antique)—old brass Eagle w/ threaded mount—COLL. of clocks, nearly 20 including 1800's French clock, early 1900's mantle varieties and more)—RR and carriage lanterns—lg. and small old carbide lights—old McCoy covered wagon cookie jar and other McCoy—1970's Playboy's—bee smoker—primitives—lard press—Grissold #6 tall and #9 waffle irons, #980 Erie Grissold waffle iron—5 gallon and other pottery jugs—irons—deer antlers—mounted fish—2 Schwinn Typhoon tires on wooden style rims—2 High Perf. 6mm BB pistols—a few flint points—6 pack metal Pepsi case w/bottles—complete set in case of Simran Thailand brass and black silverware set—amber Globe fruit jar w/lid—iron Holstein cow door stop—Toby mugs—90's Budweiser Holiday steins NB—brass figures, bells—very lg. brass deer set—2 Breyer stag deer—wooden ducks and decoys—old and new in package lures—many rods and reels—very prim. sm. gr. trunk w/lid—MCS Modular Component System, complete vintage system in cabinet—metal retro Dr's office cart—FK, cut and other glass and China of diff. types—brass wash board—milk cans—set of white soda fountain syrup dispensers—ant. pictures and frames—Folk looking panther and Cheetah tapestries—Terracotta animal planters—1931 Dist. Col. License plate, set of 43, 44, 48 Soybean license plates and single 46 & 47—retro albums (Cheap Trick, Stevie Nix, Leif Garrett, Heart, many Elvis)—2 nice iron pig banks—Yankee Doodle cowboy statue—case of Grolsch bottles/caps—switchboard key, brass oiler and key—metal ammo box—misc.

ANT. AND HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE/MISC: prim. double door pine cabinet w/perfectly worn paint—Hoosier cabinet top—pine storage cabinet w/metal—sm. pine cabinet—cedar chest—rounded dresser—old trunk—nice neutral colored love seat—chairs—rounded dresser—child's very prim. chair—glass mint colored overstuffed retro chair—modern cherry wood cabinet—cloth front cabinet—alum. fold up stands—metal rolling library cart—wicker trunk and sm. table—Duncan Phyfe style drop front table—NB Security radio AV-400—older electronics—bulb changer—like new jewelry cabinet—modern burgundy cabinet—table w/lg. clock top—like new elect. roaster—misc. household.

OUTDOOR/TOOLS: Vintage Suzuki FA scooter—2001 AND 2002 Dinli ATV's, not running, have titles—Stihl 047 Farm Boss chain saw—Stihl 041AV Super chain saw—Craftsman 16" chain saw—Homelite Super 2 chain saw—3 HP 10" compound miter saw—sm. RYC rollaround tool box—Wagner #919 cordless painter—Turner brass blow torch—jack stands—Matel power shop—boat fuel tank—5 gallon plastic gas cans—Craftsman commercial router—Craftsman asbestos joint runner—2 700-15 8 ply tires on rims—GMC 8" sharpener—B&D rotary tool—hand tools—pipe vice, drill sharpener, cords, clamps, chain hoist, rope, timing light, funnels, filter wrenches, amp meters, gauges, tool boxes, ice auger, tackle boxes, valve spring compressors, monkey wrenches, livestock supplies and horse tack—so much more.

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The following home, extra large lot with Wick building and personal property (tools, jewelry, and more) will be sold on location at 699 State St. East Galesburg, IL 61430, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30th, 2021 AT 10 a.m.

REAL ESTATE: There are 2 deeds for this large town property that lies right along Knox Highway 9. One deed is stated as Lot 21 and North 33 feet of Lot 20, all in Block 2 in Columbia Hts. Addition to the Village of East Galesburg, Knox Co. IL. The other deed to the property is stated as Lots 22 and 23 in Block 2 of Columbia Heights Addition to the Village of East Galesburg, Knox County, IL. Commonly known as 699 State Street, East Galesburg, IL....This property contains an older brick 2 story home with a 2 stall unattached garage. The house has a small kitchen, living and dining rooms and a full bath downstairs. The upper level of this home contains 3 more bedrooms and another 1/2 bath. There is a full basement. The other lots of the property contain a huge yard and a nice Wick building to the back with overhead lift doors and extra heated shop area. This property is in need of work. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down the day of sale with the balance due in full at closing in approx. 30 days. No credit cards excepted for property.

ANTIQUES AND HOUSEHOLD: Unique lg. one of a kind metal yard sculpture that encircles planters, see online pic—coll. of jewelry (mostly older costume (some marked), rings, watches, turquoise, brooches, sterling), approx. 20 very full flats—nice cement eagle—metal mailbox—old Dover Saval 1 qt. oil can—old wooden duck—unique very ornate ant. English Style dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers w/hankie drawers—French Prov. Style hutch, matching table and chairs and stands, retro—almond Whirlpool side x side refrig./w dispenser—stoneware dishes, stock pots, trivets, brass, misc. furniture, basic kitchen items, linens—Gold Gym Stride trainer 300—handicap items—misc.

OUTDOOR AND TOOLS: Simplicity lawn tractor w/cab and roof, blade and deck, runs—12 HP old Craftsman riding mower—5 HP Briggs motor—4 like new Semco 32 gallon plastic containers—Craftsman mower for parts—Simplicity rear tiller—Simplicity 6011 mower, no deck—mower parts and tires—some lumber of various lengths—nice Clemson Bros. reel push mower—Sport 20-SV Sears plastic roof mount luggage carrier—metal yard wagon—garden planter—some scrap iron—camping frig.—garden and cement tools—port. air comp. and hose—gas cans, saw horses, battery charger, hardware, plumbing, electrical, metal table, electric and hand tools, fluids, cords, and basic garage—sump pumps—Craftsman sockets, ratchets, hand tools, tool boxes and more—Delta sander/grinder—bench grinder—threaders—clamps—new steel posts—drill press—24" alum. ext. ladder—misc.

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OBITUARIES

Dwain E. Jacobson

GALVA – Dwain E. “Jake” Jacobson, 92, of Kewanee, formerly of Galva, died at 9:11 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, at Betty’s Garden Memory Care in Kewanee.

Graveside services were held at 11 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 20, at Galva Cemetery with Chaplain Jordan Knight officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer’s Association Illinois Chapter, 8430 W. Bryn Mawr, St. 800, Chicago, IL 60631. Rux Funeral Home in Galva is in charge of arrangements.

He was born Nov. 24, 1928, in Galva, the son of Carl E. and Minerva E. (Troline) Jacobson. He married the love of his life, Delabelle “Del” Wheeler on Feb. 14, 1949, in Toulon. Survivors include his wife of Kewanee, 3 children; Diane (Steve) Winslow of Toulon, Dan (Linda) Jacobson of Cambridge and Denise (Mike) Kellogg of Kiowa, Okla., 9 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Donna Wilkins.

At the age of 10, Dwain was injured in a farming accident resulting in the amputation of his left arm. From that time forward, he could do with one arm any task he chose to accomplish. He met each challenge with determination and excitement.

Dwain graduated from Galva High School in 1947. Shortly thereafter, he started farming in the LaFayette area. Later, Dwain and Del moved to the Toulon area, where they farmed, which included milking cows until 1986.

Dwain’s next successful venture found him and Del in the longtime family business of baking. Jacobson’s Bakery in Galva was started by his parents in 1928, the year he was born. The bakery was known for Jacobson’s Rusks, Swedish toast, which was his mother’s secret recipe. Dwain and Del continued operating Jacobson’s Bakery until retirement on Jan. 1, 2018.

He was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva. Dwain and Del were inseparable. They loved and always enjoyed being with family.

His work ethic was unsurpassed and has and will continue to be

passed on to each generation. We will keep his life’s story alive about the man that never realized he lived life with only one arm.

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

Rosemary H. Owens

BRADFORD – Rosemary Honore Owens, 99, of Bradford died peacefully at her home on Oct. 13, 2021, surrounded by her family. She was born in Geneseo, Ill. to James and Rose (O’Brien) Collins on Oct. 17, 1921, the fourth of five children.

She was preceded in death by her husband Gregory Arnold Owens on Aug. 1, 1992. Her sisters Patricia Boehm, Frances Rudolf, Dorothy Voorhees and her brother James Collins all preceded her in death.

Rosemary graduated from Immaculate Conception Academy in Davenport, Iowa in 1939. She attended Saint Francis School of Nursing in Peoria, Ill., through the Cadet Nursing Program, graduating on Sept. 10, 1946. Following her graduation from nursing school, Rosemary remained at St. Francis Hospital and worked in the obstetrics department there.

She married Greg Owens of Bradford on Sept. 18, 1948, at Visitation Church in Kewanee, Ill. Rosemary is survived by her five children, Kathleen (Tim) Reuland of Aurora, Ill.; Dennis (Norene) Owens of Manhattan, Mont.; James Owens of Bradford; John (Roxanne) Owens of Chicago, and Mary (Marc) Sussman of Chicago. Rosemary is also survived by 8 grandchildren, John (Jamie) Reuland, Meg Reuland, Tom Reuland (Lana Gersten), John Owens, Frank (Kelly) Owens, Joe (Corrie) Owens, Jimmy (Laura) Owens and Ruth Owens, and 11 great-grandchildren, Russell and Jerome Reuland, Simon and Ava Reuland, Hannah and Claire Owens, Lucy, Mary and Olivia Owens, and Jacob and Jane Owens.

Rosemary was a stay-at-home mother until her children graduated from college. She returned to the obstetrics department at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria to work for six years. She was active in the Bradford community as a longtime member of St. John’s Altar and Rosary Society, the Brad-

ford American Legion Auxiliary #0445, and the Bradford Women’s League.

Rosemary’s family attended St. John’s Catholic Church in Bradford. She was a long-time supporter of EWTN, and for as long as she was able to attend, Rosemary always enjoyed the conversations and companionship she found with her friends at the Bradford Senior Center.

Visitation will be held at the Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, 217 East Main St., Bradford, IL 61421, on Friday, Oct. 22, 2021, from 5-7 p.m., preceded by recitation of the Rosary at 4:30 p.m. On Saturday, Oct. 23, 2021, an additional visitation will be held from 9-10 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated for Rosemary at 10:30 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 218 First Street, Bradford, Ill. 61421, followed by interment at St. John the Baptist Catholic Cemetery in Bradford.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorial contributions and requests for Masses for the repose of Rosemary’s soul be sent to St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, 218 First Street, Bradford, IL 61421.

Funeral arrangements have been made by Grant-Johnson Funeral Home, grant-johnsonfh.com, (815) 699-7711.

Katherine M. Mattson

GALVA – Katherine M. Mattson, 73, of Knoxville, a Galva native, died Oct. 8, surrounded by family at OSF St. Francis Medical Center, Peoria.

She was born on March 25, 1948, in Galva on the family farm, the daughter of Rueben Palmer and Audrey Arlene (Burns) Anderson.

She married Robert Mattson on July 15, 1972 at the Messiah Lutheran, Galva. Surviving is her husband, Robert Mattson of Knoxville; four daughters: Erin (Edward) Matern of Monmout, Amy (Buck) Farley of Normal, Kristina (Aaron) Brodrick of Knoxville, and Meredith (Tyler) Rundle of Monmouth; and 11 grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jerald.

A Celebration of Life will be held Oct. 30 at Grace Lutheran Church in Knoxville. Visiting with the family will be from 10 a.m. until noon. Memorial Services will follow. After the services, please join the family for a meal at the church.

Condolences can be left online at hurd-hendricksfuneralhome.com.

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OBITUARIES

Arnold L. Pettit

BRADFORD – Arnold L. Pettit, 98, of Lonetree, Colo., and previously Bradford, Ill., passed away peacefully on Oct. 13, 2021.

Born on a farm in Castleton, Ill., on Oct. 24, 1923, he was raised by his parents Gilbert and Vera (Newton) Pettit along with his four younger siblings Noland, Roland, Carolyn and Howard.



Arnold was married for 73 happy years to the love of his life, Eileen Barler. Married in Wyoming, Ill., on July 29, 1943, Arnold and Eileen farmed in Stark County upon his return from service in World War II. They built and ran a farm outside Bradford together along with their children, Sharon, Jim, Connie and Chris. In their later years, the happy couple retired to Colorado to be closer to some of their adult children.

From an early age, Arnold was a true patriot with a deep love for his country, and felt the call to duty in the wake of the Pearl Harbor attacks in 1941. Initially, he was denied enlistment despite multiple efforts, as the ongoing national crisis of the Great Depression made farm labor too important to sacrifice to the war effort. But a lifelong stubborn streak proved too much even for Uncle Sam to deny and he ultimately enlisted in 1943, and found himself on a ship heading for the Pacific front in

the spring of 1945.

Arnold gave heroic and courageous service during the war as a member of the 127th Regiment of the 32nd Infantry Division, at one point saving a group of his platoon-mates pinned down by a Japanese machine gun nest by exposing himself long enough to draw the gunner's attention. That gave his fellow GIs a chance to escape to a safe position. His commanding officer planned to recommend him for the Silver Star for valor, but was killed in action before he could formally make the application. Arnold's humility made him reluctant to follow up any further, but the memory of his actions, along with the rest of his time overseas, stayed with him the rest of his life.

After his service in the Army, Arnold came home to Eileen and they began their life together in earnest. They bought 240 acres of land back in Bradford and set out to build a thriving farm from scratch. Over the next 65 years they raised cattle, pigs and chickens, and farmed fields of corn and soybeans. Farming was Arnold's passion, and he and the family enjoyed every aspect of life on the farm.

Arnold and Eileen were lifelong best friends, and as their children grew older and started lives of their own the two lovebirds set out to continue the shared adventures they began when they fell in love as kids. They spent 23 winters drinking margaritas and doing the chicken dance in Brownsville, Texas, surrounded by a wonderful group of friends and

neighbors. During the rest of the year back home Arnold and Eileen loved attending ice cream socials and pancake breakfasts, taking the fifth wheel to tractor pulls, trips to Mt. Pleasant, and as many state fairs as they could find. After many years of laughter and love, their lifelong partnership came to an end when Eileen passed on June 20, 2015.

In the years since, Arnold continued serving his country as a member of the American Legion, attending the funerals of hundreds of fellow service veterans as a member of the color guard.

In addition to his beloved wife, Arnold is predeceased by his brother Howard, and his grandson Troy Lewis.

He is survived by his brothers Noland and Roland, sister Carolyn; daughter Sharon (John) Marshall, son Jim Pettit (Terri Giorgi), daughter Connie (Bob) Lewis, daughter Chris Lawrence; grandchildren, Sean (Lisa) Lewis, and Jaki (Rob) Lawrence; and great-grandchildren Amelia Lewis and Lucas Riebling; and many nieces and nephews whom he also loved dearly.

A private ceremony was held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 20, in Centennial, Colo.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Arnold's memory to the American Legion of Castle Rock, Colo., or Bradford.

Donations can be sent to: The American Legion Dept. of Colorado. 7465 E 1st Ave Ste D, Denver, CO 80230 or to Illinois Post 0445, PO Box 391, Bradford, IL 61421-0391.

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HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH?

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

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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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Trivia test by Riki Rodriguez

1. GEOGRAPHY: What is the only country that ends with the letter Q?
2. LITERATURE: Which Truman Capote nonfiction book begins with the line, "The village of Holcomb stands on the high wheat plains of western Kansas, a lonesome area that other Kansans call 'out there'?"
3. MOVIES: What were the words on the hot-air balloon in which the wizard leaves Emerald City in "The Wizard of Oz"?
4. HISTORY: Which amendment to the U.S. Constitution guaranteed the right to vote regardless of race?
5. MEDICAL: What condition is the result of a decrease in red blood cells?
6. MEASUREMENTS: How many tablespoons are in a 1/4 cup?
7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: What do deliologists study and collect?
8. TELEVISION: What is Netflix's highest rated original series in 2021?
9. SCIENCE: What is a person who specializes in plant studies called?
10. FOOD & DRINK: Is eggplant considered a fruit or a vegetable?

Answers

1. Iraq
2. "In Cold Blood"
3. State Fair Omaha
4. Fifteenth
5. Anemia
6. Four
7. Postcards
8. "Bridgerton"
9. A botanist
10. Fruit

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Top 10 Movies

1. No Time to Die (PG-13)
2. Venom: Let There be Carnage (PG-13)
3. The Addams Family 2 (PG)
4. Shang-Chi and the Legend of the Ten Rings (PG-13)
5. The Many Saints of Newark (R)
6. Free Guy (PG-13)
7. Dear Evan Hansen (PG-13)
8. Lamb (R)
9. Candyman (R)
10. Met Opera: Boris Godunov (NR)

SPORTS: A-Town tops Knoxville for LTC title, 20-19

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25-10), finished in 22-25, 25-21 tie versus Midwest Central and then fell to Lexington (25-14, 25-12).

Frisby was the team’s leader in kills for the tournament. Peterson paced the Lady Rebels in ace serves and blocks.

SCHS was at home Oct. 20 vs. non-conference rival Knoxville and came up short 25-5, 25-11.

West defended with 14 digs. Hawley scored for the team with two aces. Frisby blocked two, while Shanna Peterson slammed two kills.

Next up for Stark County is a non-conference trip to Bureau Valley today, Thursday. The Lady Rebels start regional play on Tuesday at Princeville, taking on Peoria Christian at 5:30 p.m.

Stark County is seeded No. 14. Peoria Christian is No. 4.

Galva Volleyball

Galva is seeded No. 12 in its sub-sectional and will open regional play

on Tuesday at Williamsfield. Galva faces No. 3 seed Kewanee Wethersfield at 5:30 p.m.

Junior High Cross Country

Galva 8th grader Ian Pacheco placed 77th Saturday at the IESA state cross country meet at Maxwell Park in Normal. Pacheco’s time was 12:27.6.

Princeville 33, Ridgewood 16

CAMBRIDGE – The Princes jumped to a 21-0 lead by halftime behind two TD runs by Denver Hoerr (33 and 5 yards) and another from Grant Hunt (6 yards).

“I was very happy with our offensive line and our backs,” Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. “It was pretty balanced and consistent.”

Hoerr looked fully recovered from nagging injuries earlier this year in rushing for 141 yards on 13 carries. Hunt added another 71-yard scoring run in the fourth quarter and had 131 yards on 8 carries.

Princeville is home against rival

Stark County on Friday.

“They still have a big offensive line and while they haven’t had the season they were hoping to have, nothing would make their season better than knocking us out of the play-offs,” Carruthers said. “We have to come and take care of business.”

Lincoln Trail Conference

A big stop on a two-point conversion sealed a 20-19 win for Abingdon-Avon vs. Knoxville in a battle of LTC unbeatens.

Ranked No. 2 in Class 1A, A-Town (8-0, 7-0) led 20-7 early in the fourth quarter thanks to scoring runs by Drake DeJaynes (23 carries, 168 yards, 2 TDs) and QB Ethan Schisler (11 carries, 62 yards, one TD).

A-Town nose guard Dusty Schultz made one of the biggest plays, though, stopping Knoxville’s Payton Hankins on a two-point conversion run with 1:18 left. Ranked No. 8 in Class 2A, Knoxville (7-1, 6-1 LTC) had won five straight vs. A-Town.

SCOREBOARD

Mercer County 54 Stark County 0									
Mercer County	32	22	0	0	-	54			
Stark County	0	0	0	0	-	0			
Scoring Summary									
First Quarter									
MC - Relander 9 pass from Lucas (Meece run)									
MC - Lucas 27 run (Lucas run)									
MC - Heinrichs 11 pass from Lucas (Meece run)									
MC - Meece 22 run (Relander run)									
Second Quarter									
MC - Rillie 1 run (Relander run)									
MC - Rillie 5 run (run failed)									
MC - Fredrickson 50 fumble recovery and return (Relander run)									
Team Statistics									
	MC		SC						
First downs	19		6						
Rushes-Yds	34-279		31-107						
Yds per carry	8.2		3.5						
Comp-Att-Int	3-3-0		1-6-1						
Passing yds	279		107						
Fumbles-lost	1-1		6-4						
Penalties-yds	5-30		4-48						
Individual Statistics									
Rushing - SC: Kieser 19-84, Meinders 9-30, Henry 3-(minus-7).									
Passing - SC: Kieser 1-6-2 1.									

Receiving - SC: Henry 1-1. Tackles - SC: Rouse 5, Meinders 4, Orwig 4, Brady 4.									
Princeville 33 Ridgewood 16									
Princeville	14	7	0	12	-	33			
Ridgewood	0	0	8	8	-	16			
Scoring Summary									
First Quarter									
P - Hunt 6 run (conversion failed)									
P - Hoerr 33 run (Hoerr run)									
Second Quarter									
P - Hoerr 5 run (Ahten kick)									
Third Quarter									
R - No. 27 12 pass from No. 3 (No. 13 run)									
Fourth Quarter									
P - Hunt 71 run (conversion failed)									
P - Tendrick 7 run (conversion failed)									
R - No. 13 13 run (No. 27 run)									
Team Statistics									
	R		P						
First downs	14		16						
Rushes-Yds	40-151		33-342						
Yds per carry	3.8		10.4						
Comp-Att-Int	-		2-4-1						
Passing yds	90		32						
Fumbles-lost	0-0		1-1						
Individual Statistics									
Rushing - P: Hoerr 13-141, Hunt 8-									

Prairieland					Lincoln Trail				
Overall		Conf			Overall		Conf		
W	L	W	L		W	L	W	L	
Farmington	8	0	7	0	Abingdon-Avon	8	0	7	0
Rushville-Industry	6	2	6	1	Knoxville	7	1	6	1
Elmwood-Brim.	5	3	4	3	Mercer County	5	3	5	2
Macomb	5	3	4	3	United	5	3	4	3
Illini West	4	4	4	3	Annawan-Weth.	5	3	4	3
South Fulton	3	5	3	5	Princeville	4	4	3	4
Lewistown	2	6	2	5	ROWVA-Willmsfld	2	6	2	5
Havana	1	7	1	6	Stark County	1	7	1	6
West Hancock	1	7	1	6	Ridgewood	0	8	0	8
Last Week					Last Week				
Elmwood-Brimfield 42, Lewistown 14					Abingdon-Avon 20, Knoxville 19				
Farmington 1, South Fulton 0 (forfeit)					Princeville 33, Ridgewood 16				
Illini West 34, West Hancock 0					Mercer County 54, Stark County 0				
Macomb 28, Havana 14					Annawan-Weth. 34, ROWVA-Willfld. 6				
United 22, Rushville-Industry 18					United 22, Rushville-Industry 18				
Friday, Oct. 22					Friday, Oct. 22				
Havana at Elmwood-Brimfield					Stark County at Princeville				
Farmington at Lewistown					Annawan-Weth. at Mercer County				
Rushville-Industry at West Hancock					United at Abingdon-Avon				
Illini West at Macomb					Knoxville at ROWVA-Williamsfield				
Ridgewood at South Fulton					Ridgewood at South Fulton				

131, Brower 8-50, T.Kieser 3-11, Primavera 1-9.
Passing - P: Johnson 2-4-1 21.
Receiving - P: Hoerr 1-11, Stahl 1-21.


**Annawan-Wethersfield 34
ROWVA-Williamsfield 6**
ROWVA-Willfld. - - - - - 6
Annawan-Weth. - - - - - 34

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Prep postseason nears

Cross country, volleyball headed to regionals

By JEFF LAMPE
and PHIL JOHNSON
For The Prairie News

The prep sports postseason arrives Saturday for cross country, Monday for volleyball and – for some football teams – will start next weekend.

Here's the weekly update on local fall sports action.

Stark County Cross Country

The Stark County cross country teams will compete this Saturday in a regional race at Peru St. Bede. Girls race at 10 a.m. Saturday and boys run at 11.

The top seven teams and the first five runners who are not members of those teams will advance to the Oregon Sectional on Oct. 30.

Stark County had its final regular season race last Saturday in the Peoria Heights Invite at Detweiller Park on the IHSA state course.

The Lady Rebels finished 19th out of 28 schools with full teams despite competing without two of their usual top five runners. Scoring for the Girls were Ashley Orrick (41st, 20:33), Paige Rewerts (61st, 21:00), Kokone Kasaya (107th, 22:23), Emily Orrick (174th, 25:00) and Sarah Kraklow (204th, 27:01). Katie Grinnell (231st, 30:01) was the sixth girls runner. Rewerts, Kasaya, Emily Orrick and Grinnell ran personal-best times for 3 miles. Alex Welch (85th, 17:51) led the boys and was followed by Colby Carroll (144th,

18:50) and Jack Winans (174th, 19:29). Winans ran a personal best, while Welch and Carroll posted season bests.

Mercer County 54, Stark County 0

WYOMING – Mercer County grabbed a 32-0 lead after one quarter and held Stark County to 108 total yards in this Lincoln Trail Conference game.

Mercer County (5-3, 5-2 LTC) added 22 points in the second quarter to round out the scoring.

Stark County (1-7, 1-6) lost two fumbles and had two interceptions in the loss.

Daniel Kieser was the leading rusher for the Rebels, gaining 84 yards on 19 carries for an average of 4.42 yards per carry.

Charlie Rouse was the leading tackler for Stark County, making three solo stops and getting credited for two assists.

The Rebels finish the season Friday night at Princeville.

West Central 55, Galva 22

The Wildcats (0-8) fell to West Central for the second time this season and head into the season finale at home against Martinsville (6-2) on Saturday at 7 p.m.

Ranked No. 8 in the state, Martinsville last week beat No. 7 St. Thomas More, 30-16.

Stark County Volleyball

The Lady Rebels competed in Saturday's Delavan Invite.

SCHS was topped by Tremont (25-10, Continued on Page 11

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