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Toulon seeks community input on water main replacement

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council wants input from residents about possible replacement of aging water mains in the city.

Water-main replacement was a topic of discussion at the Oct. 11 city council meeting. The council wants to hold public meetings to receive input.

“It’s quite extensive,” council-member Donna Lefler said.

Added councilmember Ryan Kelly, “It is extensive, expensive and will be a burden on the whole community.”

The council did not set a date for the special meetings.

“We’re not in a real rush to do this but it’s something that we have to do in the next year,” Mayor Larry Hollis said. “We have the water tower replacement, then this [water main replacement] and we have to replace all of the lead lines in town.”

Hollis said that since the water tower must be replaced, it makes sense to also replace the water mains.

Related to this is a city plan to install Insta-Valves near water mains and fire hydrants. These

would enable the city to shut off a portion of the lines without shutting off the entire city. Quotes from Laverdiere Construction and Bailey’s have not yet been received.

A sewer line is to be installed on the north side of East Turner Avenue once Ameren moves its natural gas line to the south side of the street. This will allow Mark Swank to connect his residence to the city sewer system.

The council discussed hiring Hometown Consulting for economic development. The cost is \$30,000 for the first year with an option to end the service. The

council voted to spend \$7,500 for the first quarter year.

Toulon Police Chief Gary Bent made a presentation to the council and said Toulon is behind surrounding communities for paying police. The council raised Bent’s salary from \$19.43 to \$27 per hour and part-time police officers pay from \$19.50 to \$25 per hour. Increases will take effect Oct. 23.

The mayor and council want to landscape the area surrounding city hall. After receiving a quote of \$13,000 last month, the council sought more bids. The city received a new quote of \$8,389 if city staff would do part of the

work. This was tabled to February of 2024.

The council discussed replacing the street curb near Tom Pearson’s Total Home Improvement business building. The city admitted responsibility for curb damage and wants to negotiate the cost with Pearson. The council is waiting for Pearson to provide a quote for repairs.

Finally, Hollis set Toulon’s Halloween hours on Oct. 31 as 5-7 p.m. The Toulon Civic Association will also hold a trunk or treat event on Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. on Main and Henderson streets.

DWINDLING MEMBERSHIP

Church sold

Final service Oct. 29 at Galva’s Grace Methodist

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Grace Methodist Church in Galva will hold its last service on Sunday, Oct. 29. The morning Sunday school and worship will be held at regular time and at 2 p.m. the Galva community is invited to come and participate in the final service to be held in the Grace United Methodist Church.



Rev. Martin

Rev. Karen Martin who is the present pastor has served the longest of any of the 48 pastors who have been at the church since 1867.

Rev. Martin said the decision to close and sell the church came because the membership is dwin-



Pastor Karen Martin stands in front of the Grace United Methodist Church in Galva. The church is closing, due to dwindling membership, and will hold its last service at 2 p.m. on Oct. 29. Everyone is invited. Photo by Carol Townsend.

dling.

The 156-year-old church has been sold to Aaron Kewish of Galva. Kewish made an offer which was accepted by the church board with the stipulation that the church is to be “kept as is.”

The church was organized as the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Galva on May 3, 1867. This was just 13 years after Galva was founded. The present site was purchased for \$3,000. The first

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Bleacher addition

Galva School Board votes to approve handicapped platforms to bleachers

By **CAROL TOWNSEND**

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva School Board on Monday approved a bid of \$14,000 to add two, 8-foot-by-24 foot handicapped platforms to new bleachers being installed at the football field.

In September, the board unanimously approved a bid of \$252,798 to renovate the outside bleachers in aluminum.

The new handicapped platforms will be attached on the north and south sides of the bleachers and will be able to accommodate four wheelchairs and four seats for others. The platforms be accessible via ramps.

It was noted that the last


time the state inspected the sports complex, the school was told that work would need to be done to the bleachers soon.

School Board President Andrew Larson was recognized by the Illinois Association of School Boards for his participation in a number of professional development and leadership activities during his service as a school board member.


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GALVA: New math curriculum to be considered

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 serving in trust of their community and their students.

"Because of Andrew's ongoing commitment to continued learning and participation in leadership activities, he has earned the designation as an IASB Distinguished Board Leader," Superintendent Joe Becker said.

Board Member Kaleena Conrad reported that the curriculum committee is looking at new math curriculum, as students in the district are testing at a level that is below the state average. Conrad said the district is trying to address this.

In other business, the board approved:

- Sarah VanWassenhove as district bookkeeper and board clerk.
- Mike Funke as a volunteer for the junior high football for the 2023-24 season.
- School improvement plans for the junior-senior high school and the elementary school.



The Galva trap shooting team received the Wildcat Pride Award Monday after a season that saw the squad place second in the conference and have several members earn high placements. Pictured are: Front row (left to right): Sam Sellers, Katielynn Clemons, Victoria Conner, Mia Merkel, Milan Craig and Avery Dooley. Back row (l to r): Coach Jeff Burke, Grayson Burke, Jared O'Brien, Cameron O'Brien, Caden Rachel, Summit Quart, Jake Conrad, Terry Hudson Jr. and Coach Joe Conner. Team member Avery Dooley earned 3rd place female in the conference. Merkel earned first place female in the conference and was named all-state and Dooley was third-place female in the conference. Burke and Hudson made it to state at Bunker Hill. Rachel, Merkel, Quart, Conrad and O'Brien made it to state and nationals. O'Brien also qualified for individual competition at nationals. Trap shooting team member Collin Wiggant and student Mason Clark (right) also received the Wildcat Pride award. Photos by Carol Townsend.



GALVA CHURCH: Restored after 1892 tornado

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 church had 15 members.

The church stood until a tornado passed through Galva on June 13, 1892, leaving the sanctuary badly damaged. After the

storm, the church was restored with a new steeple and an addition added on the east side.

Billy Sunday held a revival at the church in 1904. This event added 125 new members.

When the church celebrated its 50th anniversary, it was reported that 720 people had been received into membership.

A parsonage was also built east of the church, but was sold years ago.

In the early 1950s, a complete basement was



Pictured above is an artist's illustration of the old Swedish M.E. Church that was originally built in 1867.

dug out and poured.

Memorial windows were installed in 1923. It was at that time that horse shelters were removed

from the north side of the church so that automobiles could park there.

The church had sermons in Swedish until the 1930s, then had a Swedish and an English service each week before switching to all English services in 1942. At that time, the name changed to Galva United Methodist Church.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

10-6 - Kendra S. Curry - Suspended registration.

10-10 - Jett Carlen Olson - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.

10-10 - Kelsey M. Hasselbacher - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

10-10 - John C. Kern, Jr. - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

10-11 - Samantha M. Walker - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

10-11 - Mary Lynn Stemmler - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.

10-15 - Paige T. Popescu - Transport/carry alcoholic liquor.

10-15 - Edgar Torres Paredes - Unlicensed, uninsured vehicle and driving 1-10 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

9-8 - Criminal felony - William D. Ware - Aggravated unlawful use of a weapon, possession of a controlled substance and possession of cannabis.

10-7 - DUI Traffic - Douglas G. Beeler - Driving under the influence of alcohol and unlicensed.

10-13 - Criminal felony - Richard Gunter - Two counts of aggravated battery to victims 60+ years of age.

10-13 - Criminal misdemeanor - Dina M. Crawford - Aggravated assault using a deadly weapon.

Incidents & Accidents

9-26 - At 5 a.m., Christine A. Schmidt of Toulon was driving south in the 1500 block of N. Taylor Rd. near Hanna City when the vehicle struck a deer. An ambulance transported Schmidt, who complained of chest pain, to Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria. The vehicle sustained front-end damage and was towed.

10-10 - Brian T. Price, 51, Kewanee, cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

10-10 - Irene Martinez Bermudez, 25, Kewanee, ticketed for not having a front registration plate and for driving with no insurance.

10-10 - Drake D. Chandlee, 26, Gilson, cited for failure to wear a seat belt.

10-11 - Bryan A. Proehl, 23, Hillsdale, was ticketed for driving while his license was suspended or revoked.

10-11 - Chance L. Johnson, 20, Neponset, cited for failure to wear a seat belt.

10-11 - Makenzie R. Robertson, 21, Elmwood, cited for speeding 71 mph in a 55 zone and for operating an uninsured vehicle.

10-12 - James B. Cody, 27, Chicago, ticketed for operating a vehicle with an expired registration sticker.

10-12 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on the Modena Blacktop located west of County Highway 24. The driver was a 16-year-old Wyoming teen who left the roadway and hit a power pole.

10-12 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Route 40 and 1600N. Driver involved was Jodie A. Larson, 45, of Sterling. No injuries were reported. The vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

10-12 - At 8:45 p.m., Dawn M. Appenheimer, 51, of Toulon was driving westbound on Illinois Route 17 near Illinois Route 180 west of La Fayette when the vehicle struck a deer. Appenheimer was unhurt, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained minor damage.



The deer was killed.

10-13 - Richard E. Gunter, 53, Toulon, was arrested by the Toulon Police Department and charged with two counts of aggravated assault of a senior citizen. He was taken into custody and transported to Stark County Jail awaiting a court appearance. Additional charges may be pending.

10-13 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on Wallace Highway south of Toulon. Driver was Sarah J. Barnes, 35, of Toulon. No injuries reported, but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-9 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 300 block of SW 6th St., Mark Thornton, 45, Toulon, was arrested for no valid driver's license, not having valid registration and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a required court date.

10-10 - to assist the Galva Water Department with a standby while they shut the water service off in the 300 block of SW 3rd St.

10-10 - to the 200 block of NE 3rd St. for a wild-animal complaint involving a sick fox. Officer was not able to locate, but live traps were set.

10-10 - to the intersection of SE 1st St. and SE 6th Ave. for a utility wire down in the roadway. Officer determined it was a phone line and moved it onto the terrace. Frontier was contacted for repairs.

10-10 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave., Narcedalia Frago, 28, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.

10-10 - William Rogers, 50, Monmouth, was issued a citation for speeding in 1300 block of SE 2nd St.

10-11 - Officer met with subjects at the Galva Police Department to return firearms that were recently collected for safekeeping due to a death.

10-12 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. to assist a business with checking on an abandoned vehicle that had been parked at the gas pumps for almost 5 hours.

10-12 - Officer took a theft complaint by telephone for items stolen from the Galva Cemetery.

10-13 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 600 block of NW 1st St., Julie Johnson, 50, Galesburg, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance. She was released with a required court date.

10-13 - to the 600 block of SW 1st Ave. for a property-line dispute.

10-13 - to assist the ambulance crew with a medical call on SW 4th St. The patient was found to have an unserved order of protection. Officer used a "short form" and served them prior to ambulance transport.

10-13 - to the 100 block of SE 2nd St. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

10-13 - As the result of a traffic

stop in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St., Gabriel Herrera-Galdano, 31, Mineral, was arrested for driving while license suspended and illegal transportation of alcohol by a driver. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.

10-14 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for child-custody dispute.

10-14 - Officer was contacted about a youth sports football team coming through Galva after winning a championship game. They were given a police escort.

10-14 - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. for a utility complaint involving a washing machine leaking. The owner was contacted for repairs.

10-14 - Shady Bodine, 23, Kewanee, cited for not having valid registration in 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

10-14 - Theresa Carlino, 29, Galva, cited for failure to notify secretary of state of address change in 100 block of NE 2nd St.

10-14 - Randal Engels, 62, Galva, cited for having expired registration in the 100 block of SE 3rd Ave.

10-14 - Lisa Bryl, 62, Galva, cited for having expired driver's license, operating an uninsured vehicle and failure to yield the right-of-way in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.

10-14 - Taylor Morales-Avila, 22, Altona, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle in 600 block of W. Division St.

10-15 - Michael Sturtevant, 38, Kewanee, cited for operating a vehicle when registration was suspended for no insurance, operating an uninsured vehicle and having expired registration in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St. He was released with a court date.

10-15 - Sandeep Bajaj, 47, Peoria, cited for speeding in the 300 block of SE 2nd St.

10-15 - to Sentry Estates for a complaint involving two loose pit bulls. Owner took them back into the residence.

Property Transfers

10-10 - James R. and Marlene K. Plattner and James R. and Marlene K. Plattner, Trustees to James R. and Marlene K. Plattner, Trustees - Pt 16-12-6 SE and SW - Consideration = \$0.

10-10 - Sheriff of Stark County to Wesley Dale Schott - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - Pt block 15 lot 2 and Stickney's Sub of Lot 1 Assr's SW1/4 19-13-6 Lot 2 - 405 N. Washington St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

10-10 - Carl D. Brittingham to Charles R. and Heather S. Deme-treon - Pts Sect 7-13-7 NE - 10875 Township Road 1300 E., Bradford - Consideration = \$600,000.

10-13 - Alvin L. Jr. and Mary Jean Swearingen to Alvin L. Jr. Trustee and Mary Jean Swearingen - Pt 21-14-6 SE and SW and Pts 28-14-6 NW and SW NE - Consideration + \$0.

10-13 - David I. Hamilton to Madelyn L. and Matthew S. Wilson - Original Town of Toulon, Pt Block 13 lots 6 and 7 - 217 S. Henderson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$120,000.

Marriages

10-13 - Peoria County: Jessica Anne Riva and Heath Michael Stahl, both of Wyoming.

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Beef's new range war won't be over grass

The cattle market's future, like the West's wild and rowdy past, will feature sweat, brawls, and blood.

And that's just the meatpacking side because today's fast-thinning cattle numbers, plus the rise of at least eight new, smaller beef packers, promise a bruising fight among the upstarts and Big Meat for enough cattle to keep kill lines at capacity and any packer within a mile of being profitable.

Current beef cattle numbers show just how cutthroat the coming fight will be. Last year's widespread drought forced cattlemen to cull herds. That fire sale pushed U.S. cattle slaughter up a whopping 13 percent over 2021 and dropped this year's cattle inventory to 89 million head, or nearly 3 million less than 2022.

Heavier slaughter weights can make up for lower slaughter numbers. For example, according to a September posting on Farm Journal's AgWeb, this year's cattle slaughter will yield 27 billion pounds of beef, or 3 billion more pounds than 1975's herd of 132 million head. But the extra weight doesn't solve today's packer problems, said John Nalivka, a market expert. There's just not enough cattle for today's packers to kill, he told FJ, let alone for eight newcomers, too.

"Beef packer capacity utilization," Nalivka explained, "will be about 87% this year and I project it will be about 80% next year without (emphasis added) any additional capacity added. The drop at cow plants" — slaughterhouses that handle lower

quality, older mama cows — "will be even greater."

"(P)ackers need capacity utilization to run from 90% to 94% to capture efficiencies of size and maintain profitability," Nalivka added.

Next year's steep drop in steer and heifer slaughter will make 2024 an even-messier challenge for packers than 2023.

Few in cattle country will lose sleep over Tyson Foods, JBS, Cargill and National's money-losing woes. The packers, after all, made obscenely fat profits off cowboys and feedlots for nearly a decade, so watching them whine, wiggle, and wrangle for slaughter cattle might be more entertaining than attending the local rodeo.

In fact, those obscenely huge profits — especially during the pandemic — helped fuel rancher and feedlot interest to invest in most of today's new, smaller regional slaughter plants. Some, like TruWest Beef in Jerome, Idaho, promise 500-head daily capacity; others, like Producer-Owned Beef in Amarillo, Texas, are aiming for 3,000-head daily kill.

All total, "At least eight (packer) projects that have the potential to add 11,700 head to daily (slaughter) capacity are in various stages of completion," FJ related.

Given those facts, have these meatpacking newcomers — mostly cow-punching ranchers and boots-on-the-ground feedlot owners — climbed out of their saddles only to walk straight into a deadliest, bloodiest meatpacker shakeout in recent memory?

Maybe, but most hope their smaller size will make them more able to find profitable niches in local and regional markets underserved by the packer elephants. One newbie, Sus-

tainable Beef of North Platte, Neb., is doing just that by hooking up with the elephant of U.S. groceries, giant Walmart.

According to Successful Farming magazine, "Last year, Walmart acquired a minority stake in Sustainable Beef ... and promised to buy most of the beef it produces." Large cuts of Sustainable's beef carcasses will be trucked to Walmart's new, \$257 million plant in Olathe, Kan., to become "meat case-ready steaks, filets, and more" for Walmart's Midwestern stores.

The Sustainable/Walmart pairing is just the most recent example of Big Food finding another way to capitalize on rural America's increasing need for alternative — and often less-than-ideal — routes around heavily concentrated, deeply uncompetitive markets like today's Big Agbiz-dominated dairy, beef, pork and poultry markets.

Will these small packer-giant retailer partnerships work? For the chosen few, Kansas rancher and private meatpacker Mike Callicrate told SF.

"They might be rewarded," but since no one has tackled the underlying issues of "concentration, consolidation, and captive supply," he adds, it won't be long before the market will become even "less competitive."

History confirms Callicrate's clear-eyed forecast; Big Meat, after all, has the bankroll to ride out market storms. The start-ups, on the other hand, mostly have just hope.

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My name is Jack Morman. I am working on obtaining my Eagle Scout rank. In order to do that I have to do a service project. I will be constructing "Blessing" boxes for 2 local food pantries, Bradford and Sheffield. They will be placed outside the pantries for people to either give or take non perishable items. This project will cost approximately \$1000.00 to complete. I am requesting donations to help complete this project, any excess funds will be donated to the Bradford food pantry.

If you would like to donate to my project, please deliver all funds to the Bradford branch of People's National bank. Checks maybe made out to Bradford Boy Scout Troop 1851 memo Jack Morman Eagle project. All donations are highly appreciated and no amount is too little. Thank you for your consideration.

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Mild winter possible

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

Now that temperatures in Illinois feel more seasonable for mid-October, at least for the time being, many people probably wonder what lies ahead for winter.

And, as always, there's no shortage of opinions on the subject.

Sources such as the Farmers' Almanac predict a "cold, stormy" winter season ahead. But the arrival of a strong El Nino, such as the one in place, typically tilts the pattern in Illinois toward a warm and mild winter, according to Chris Yates, chief meteorologist with WMBD-TV and WYZZ-TV in Peoria.

"We're heading into a strong El Nino winter," he said. "An El Nino winter

historically has been on the warmer and drier side and we tend to not have a lot of snow in the Midwest.

"There have been exceptions, specifically during weak El Nino events. But the stronger the El Nino, the warmer, drier and less snowy winters tend to be around here."

That doesn't mean Illinois will avoid run-ins with the Polar Vortex or big snow events.

"Even if the forecast says it will be a warmer and less snowy winter, it doesn't mean it won't get cold," Yates said. "It will mostly certainly still get cold and it's still going to snow. But, at the end of the day, we'll probably be warmer than average and less snowy than average if history repeats itself."

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It is with great sadness we announce the permanent closing of the Stark County Pregnancy Resource Center. Client enrollment has been down for quite some time, and after much discussion, we on the Board determined that we should discontinue this service. We want to thank all those in our community who have supported us with financial and material donations, and a special thanks to those who enrolled in and took advantage of our services.

Blessings,
Denise Turnbull, Dianne Anderson
and Teri Mills

PUBLIC AUCTION OF "THE TRURO" RESTAURANT IN WILLIAMSFIELD, IL

Due to the relocation of the owners, this fully equipped, completely renovated restaurant will be offered for sale at live auction on location at 102 W. Gale St. Williamsfield, IL, on

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH, 2023
AT 10 A.M.**

An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Thursday October 12th from 5-6 p.m. Pictures can be found online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK. The Truro will remain open regular hours during this procedure. Contact the auction company for other possible viewing times.

DESCRIPTION: This building, located in the heart of Williamsfield, was purchased in Feb. of 2021. Seven months of extensive renovation was then performed. There is entirely new flooring (joists, tiling, flooring, etc.) in the kitchen and the main dining area, along with restoration of the orig. beadboard ceiling. All new windows were installed. The drive through behind the building is also new. Other features include all new electrical (400 amp upgraded), new plumbing and water consumption treatment, all new high end lighting, repaired and painted roof, new exterior vents, remodeled extra side room and bathrooms, a complete Coffee/expresso machine (Laspaziale59, over 8000.00), Avanto refrigerator to floor w/glass double doors, 2 Maxx Cold ice cream freezer/machines, Duke stainless warming table, Halo Heat lg. grill, South Bend Blower oven, walk in cooler, industrial mixer, industrial meat cutter, many refrig. units, updated fire suppression, rebuild walk in coolers, other new restaurant equipment, very nice bar stools, tables, booths and chairs, stone fireplace with seating area and deer mount. (over \$40,000.00 in equipment alone). Almost all décor will remain as pictured. This business is being offered as a turn key operation, or an all-inclusive blank slate to create your own dream business. The possibilities are endless.

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**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29TH, 2023
AT 12:00 NOON (preview at 10 a.m. sale day)**

NOTE: This is a brief description of the many types of artifacts being offered on auction day. See many pictures online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for more. We cannot emphasize enough the quality of the items on this auction. The legion will be selling breakfast before the sale from 7-10 a.m. and lunch during the auction. Artifacts may not be viewed until 10 a.m.

ARTIFACTS: Hundreds of very fine arrowheads, points and other artifacts of various sizes and types, including Dove tails, Beaver tails, Turkey tail, Snyder points, Archaic, Mississippian, Paleo, Hematite, Spuds, Thebes, Osceola, Snyder points, Daltons, Hardon, 11 black Obsidian points of various sizes--numerous celts, plumb bobs, Boat stones, Banner stones, wts., full and 3/4 groves axes up to 8.5" wide, double blade axe, grooved axe--Hope wells, much more--Effigy pieces, animals, etc.--auth. stem pipes--amazing Effigy pipes, orig. animals and birds in very perfect shape--Discoidals of all sizes--scrapers--old bone carved feather--stone bird--chards--broken pottery blood bowl--bone knife--bell pestles--sm. grinding bowl and lg. stones--8.5" and other knives--fossils--stone marked handle koal holder--very unusual shaped stone pieces--Peoria Co. axe head--many marked locations--pottery-- much misc.

NATIVE AMERICAN AND OTHER COLLECTIBLES: 1974 amazing Squash Blossom solid silver/turquoise necklace, lg. stones--James E. Fraser "End of the Trail" 22" bronze on marble stand, marked--J & P Coats wooden spool cotton display prim. case--WWII era spurs--cow skull w/horns--deer antler letter open--vintage Scrimshaw tusk--horse bridle--6 very nice Kachina dolls--stone Indian face--Bell Indian--doll--auth. Navajo rug--Stagecoach and racehorse old toys--old toy tractor on steel--prim. log cabin--waved round baskets, w/top--wire basket made from frontier wire (Jackson Hole, WY)--container of old marbles--1905 Knox Co. plat book, rough but complete--Donald Vann signed and numbered print--board w/Indian picture--young girl w/head dress painting on canvas--Nat. Amer. smudging set--sm. and med. old End of Trail pictures and old prints--Buffalo ashtray and statues--8 waved wall baskets--old War stick--lg. carved wood w/blade war knife--Indian rattle--Indian masks--old Mandella--2 nice Indian vases and 2 ceramic busts--dec. tall basket made from tree--1800's Rogers Bros. silverware in prim. old blue trunk--old wooden ship w/sails--old iron lion and building banks--2 nice Sleepy Eye pitchers--nice Sleepy Eye bowl--pottery salt container--old pottery butter dish w/ lid--oil Indian paintings--Indian dolls--Native Am. and Western décor--**COMIC BOOKS:** 12 cent and other nice comic books Gold Key, DC, Dell and more--a few examples are (Frankenstein, other monsters, Smokey the Bear, U-505, House of Secrets, Phantom Stranger, Lone Ranger, Jason/Argonauts, Rebel, Don Quixote, Zorro, Kennedy, Song Hits, Indian Tribes, Ghostly Haunts, Treasure Island, Captain Sinbad, Grimm, Castle of Frankenstein, Treasure Island and more)--Model 80 Daisy BB gun--old coffee grinder--very nice lg. stoneware jug w/2 leaves and swirl--2 Elastolin Germany Rev. War figures, resin--sm. real alligator head--orig. Nier Feuerhand oil lamp lantern--many misc. pieces.

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TOULON – The Toulon Civic Association will hold an organized trunk/trick or treat on Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. along Main Street and Henderson Street.

Trunk-or treat-participants will be located in front of the Stark County Courthouse. Prizes will be awarded for best of show.

All businesses are encouraged to participate. Please light up and decorate and enjoy the kids.

This year, the alley located between Connie's Country Kitchen and R Bar Grill will be "haunted" in a kid-friendly manner.

Galva First Baptist hosts trunk or treat

GALVA – The First Baptist Church of Galva will hold a trunk or treat and weenie roast event on Oct. 28 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Treats will be handed out to the kids and then the kids and adults can have a hot dog, chips, drinks and dessert all for free.

Also, Pastor Bryan and Deacon Steve will play guitar and there will be a singalong around the campfire. If it is raining, the event will be held indoors in Dean Hall.

Wide yield variance reported in some fields

With the fall harvest well underway in Illinois, projections for corn and soybean yields remain optimistic. That wasn't the case in June when much of the state was experiencing drought. In early July, over 92% of Illinois counties dealt with



A grand opening for Nava Salon in Toulon was held recently. Pictured from left to right are Members of the Civic Association: Teresa Macy, Karin Parrott, Doug Parrott, Courtney Wagenbach, business owner, Potter, Mayor Larry Hollis, Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson and Angie Day. Holding the sign are Valerie Wagher and Karmella Reining. Photo by John A. Balentine.

drought conditions, placing the state second worst in the country, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Southern Illinois Soy Envoy Kelly Robertson said the difference in some yields is very noticeable, even in corn fields that are located near each other.

"A lot of guys comment that there is a 100 to 150 bushel difference between two fields with the same variety planted on the same day," said Robertson. "It just depends on what section you're in and when it rained."

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), about half of the state's corn and soybean crop has been harvested.

Last year, Illinois led the nation in soybean production and was second behind Iowa in corn production. The USDA expects Illinois to hold



Allan and Cindy Thomson of 10 SW 6th Street were awarded the October Property Pride award by the Galva Ready to Grow committee. The couple have been in the home for 8 years and share the yard work. Allan mows part-time in the summer for the City of Galva and Cindy is the assistant manager of the Kewanee Farm King. They have three children and six grandchildren. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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Stark CUSD to purchase subdivision property

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School District will purchase 107 Willow St. along with two adjacent lots to use as additional space for a new all-weather track at the Toulon campus.

A sale price was not disclosed at the School Board meeting on Oct. 16. The property is south of the high school and is part of the subdivision there.

School Superintendent Brett Elliott emailed, “In addition, we do not have adequate storage on campus. The building will meet a variety of storage needs while providing additional parking on the three lots for major track events.”

The board discussed the new track, the cost of which will be \$1.595 million. To install a sidewalk at the track would cost an additional \$51,000. The board approved a budget expenditure of \$1.8 million for this project.

The board directed Elliott to explore the feasibility of a sidewalk around both sides of the track and to allow the coaches, administration and athletic director to determine the

track color between black or traditional red.

The new gymnasium project was discussed but no action was taken regarding whether it will be a 1,550-seating capacity gym for \$6.1 million or a 1,200-seating capacity gym for \$5.2 million.

Core Construction was approved as manager of the gymnasium project after some discussion.

There was no public comment concerning either the new track or new gym projects.

Elliott presented an up-

date as the first public announcement on the Renew American Energy Grant. The school plans to use the existing solar array at the elementary school “and shift grant funding toward a new bus garage that could hold a minimum of two electric buses plus quick-charging stations.”

The board approved a \$24,156 expenditure to refurbish the elementary school boiler. Work will be done by Ruyle Mechanical. The project includes a new hot water

regulation system.

Ameren could provide a grant to help defray additional costs.

After executive session, the board approved Wally Parks for the district band stipend, Sarah Pinon as elementary school lunchroom supervisor, Alawna Register as part-time second-shift custodian at the elementary school, Lori Grinwall as winter band supervisor and Michael McCullough and Nolan Colgan as student custodial workers.

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 Property Identification Number: 25-04-378-005

4. The real estate may not be inspected prior to sale unless arrangements are made.
 5. The date and time of the sale is: November 7, 2023, at 9:00 AM
 6. The sale will be conducted by the Henry County Sheriff at the Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, IL.

7. The terms of the sale are: This is an "as is" sale for "cash." The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds at time of sale with balance to be paid, by certified funds, in full within 24 hours from the time of sale upon delivery of possession and warranty deed. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Real estate taxes to be prorated to date of closing. Any statements made at time of sale will

supersede any previously advertised or announced.

8. Title will be conveyed subject to all general real estate taxes which are a lien upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

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

The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

If you are the mortgagor (homeowner), you have the right to remain in possession for 30 days after entry of an order of possession, in accordance with Section 15-1701(c) of the Illinois Mortgage Foreclosure Law.
 Justin M. Raver (ARDC #6293618)
 Barash & Everett, LLC
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 211 W. 2nd St.
 Kewanee IL 61443
 Ph: 309-852-5555
 Published 10/6, 10/13, 10/20/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
 Gail C. Ince, Deceased
 No. 2023PR82

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Gail C. Ince. Letters of Office were issued on October 3, 2023, to Billie Ingels, as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 15, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider.

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Barash & Everett, LLC
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 211 W. 2nd St.
 Kewanee, IL 61443
 (309) 852-5555
 Published 10/13, 10/20, 10/27/23

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

In The Matter of The Estate of
 Case No. 2023 PR 7
 LAWRENCE LYNN NEWTON,
 Deceased.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of LAWRENCE LYNN NEWTON, last residing at Heartis Village of Peoria, 8201 IL-91, Peoria, Illinois 61615. Letters of Office were issued to RANDY W. NEWTON, VERONICA G. MAHER, JONI L. CARTER OBERLANDER and JANET L. QUIRING, Co-Executors, whose attorneys are DAYID L. COVER of Cover Law Group, LLP, Twin Towers Plaza, Suite 203-456 Fulton Street, Peoria, Illinois 61602, and 107 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483 and TIMOTHY W. KIRK of Heyl, Royster, Voelker & Allen, P.C., 300 Hamilton Boulevard, Peoria, Illinois 61601. Claims must be filed on or before April 16, 2024, or six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Claim Notice, whichever is later, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred as to the estate. If mailing or delivery of a notice from the co-executors is required by the provisions of Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, then the date of filing claims shall be the later of the date stated above or three months from the date of mailing or delivery.

Claims must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Stark County, Illinois, or with the Co-Executors, or both. Within ten (10) days after a claim is filed with the court, a copy of the claim must be mailed or delivered to the Co-Executors and to their attorneys and file with the court proof of mailing or delivery of the copies.

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Dated: October 9, 2023
 Randy W. Newton, Veronica G. Maher, Joni L. Carter Oberlander and Janet L. Quiring, Co-Executors
 /S/ David L. Cover
 /S/ Timothy W. Kirk

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
 JEAN A. KIESEWETTER,
 2023PR8
 DECEASED.

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of JEAN A. KIESEWETTER, Stark County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on September 29, 2023, to TRACY L. CALEO of 5364 36th Avenue Court, Moline, IL 61265 and THOMAS I. CALEO of 5364 36th Avenue Court, Moline, IL 61265, as Co-Executors, whose attorney is Curtis J. Ford of Nash Bean Ford & Brown, LLP, 445 U. S. Hwy. 6 East, P.O. Box 63, Geneseo, IL 61254.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's office, Stark County Court House, Toulon, Illinois, 61483 or with the representative or both, on or before the 10th day of April, 2024, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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provider. If you need additional help to have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>.

Tracy L. Caleo and Thomas I. Caleo, as Co-Executors of the Jean A. Kieseewetter Estate

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LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FY 2223

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Balance 9/1/2022 | \$101,784.89 |
| REVENUE | |
| Real Estate Taxes | \$81,165.87 |
| PPRT Income | 2,181.90 |
| Other Income | 1,280.00 |
| Interest Income | 96.95 |
| Fire Tax Income | 780.58 |
| Total Revenue | <u>85,505.30</u> |
| Total Funds Available | <u>\$187,290.19</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | |
| Accounting/Legal | \$3,320.00 |
| Trustees & Sec | 525.00 |
| Firefighter Expense | 3,000.00 |
| Truck Repairs | 4,100.00 |
| Education | 262.58 |
| Equipment Repairs | 2,636.63 |
| Buildings & Grounds | 21,181.18 |
| Telephone Services | 1,734.08 |
| Utility Fee | 6,247.56 |
| Equipment Acquisition | 14,176.95 |
| Gas & Oil | 1,203.61 |
| Supplies | 1,066.04 |
| Misc | 390.00 |
| Ambulance Fee | 31,008.00 |
| Insurance Expense | 13,371.00 |
| Publishing | <u>312.00</u> |
| Total Expenditures | <u>(85,534.63)</u> |
| Balance 8/31/2023 | <u>\$101,755.56</u> |
| Expenditures in Excess | of \$2,500: |
| Ameren | \$6,247.56 |
| Compton Accounting | \$2,540.00 |
| Hulsey Welding & Fabrication | \$4,100.00 |
| LaFayette Fire Protection Dist. | \$3,300.00 |
| Leezer Insurance | \$11,853.00 |
| Stark Co Ambulance | \$31,008.00 |
| All Other Disbursements | |
| Less than \$2,500.00 | <u>\$26,486.07</u> |
| Total Expenditures | \$85,534.63 |
| CERTIFICATION: I, D. Mark Compton, Accountant for the LaFayette Community Fire Protection District, Stark, Knox, & Henry Counties, Illinois, do hereby certify that the | |

above is a true copy of the LaFayette Community Fire Protection District Annual Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year September 1, 2022 through August 31, 2023

D. Mark Compton, Accountant
 Published 10/20/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation,
 Plaintiff,

vs.
 Case No. 23-OV-69K
 MARCUS WILSON
 Defendants.

NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP AND LIEN BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Marcus Wilson, and all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up and lien action was filed and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.

2. The name of the titleholder of record: Marcus Wilson

3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23Lot 11 in Block 3 of Bauer's Second Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois

4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 415 E. 9th St, Kewanee, IL 61443.

NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, must file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
 Circuit Clerk

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Work underway on wastewater plant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For the Prairie News

WYOMING – Councilman Jim Mercer gave an extensive report concerning the city's wastewater plant during the Wyoming Council meeting Oct. 17.

Mercer said a screen auger has been cleaned but needs replacement parts that will take months to receive. Therefore, the screen auger will not run this winter. Three quotes were received for spray insulation for the building that houses the screen auger. The auger requires water running through it and insulation should keep the water from freezing.

Currently only one digester unit is operational at the wastewater plant. The other digester is being cleaned and will be repaired to make it operational.

The Environmental Protection Agency inspected the water treatment plant on Oct. 11 and found the city is billing for approximately one half of the water that it produces. It was discovered that the building meters are inaccurate. A resolution to buy two new meters was approved for up to \$7,006.

A letter will be sent to all Wyoming residents asking if they have a backflow preventer installed in their sewer system to prevent sewage from entering the water system. This is a three-year requirement of the city, which is a new law.

Mercer commended Greg McCauley for aiding at the water and wastewater plants by locating and submitting records the EPA requested.

The council tabled a resolution to renew the city's health insurance in an effort to receive more bids. Hediger and Meyers Insurance offered Blue Cross and Blue Shield at \$6,845 per monthly premium up from \$6,178 last year.

A resolution authorizing the Illinois EPA to make a progress loan disbursement of \$283,137 to Leander Construction for work completed at the wastewater plant.

A resolution to purchase and install two scales to measure the amount of chemicals being injected into the city's water system was approved for \$13,854.

Two resolutions were passed approving TIF payments to two local businesses for refurbishing costs. A \$3,000 payment will be made to Amy and Kevin Stutzman of Spoon River Bowl, Inc. A payment of \$2,837 will be made to Jamie Stone and Derek Gray for Perfectly Polished Nails.

Police Chief Jim Tiller reported that there were 20 calls and that he has been working with residents to remedy property ordinance violations. Also, an expenditure of \$1,300 will be made to repair the city's police Tahoe vehicle so that there is a backup vehicle available for the police department.

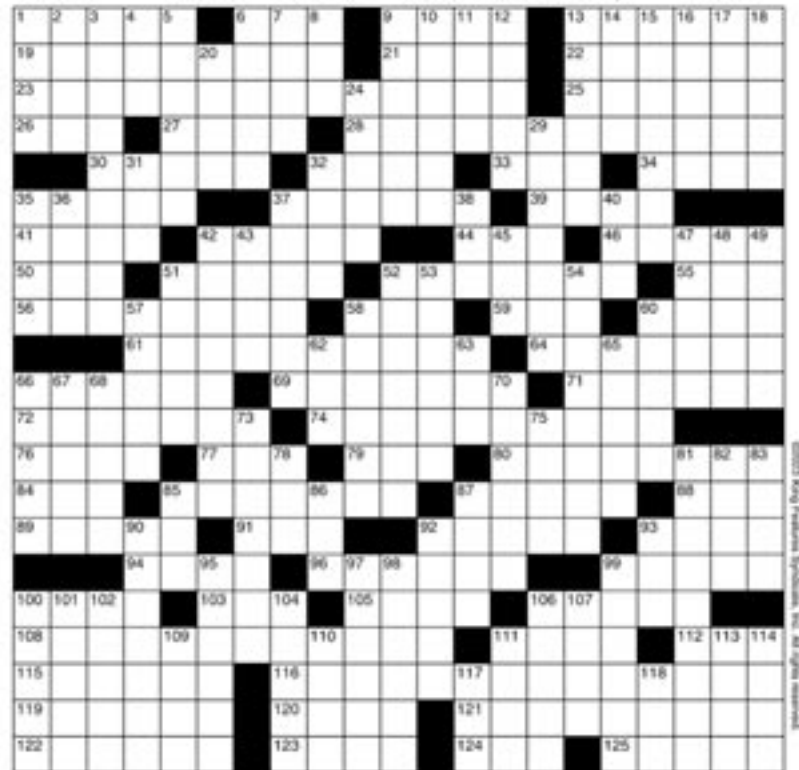
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Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword

SIX BELOW

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| ACROSS | 52 Tile detective of 1970s TV | 93 Course of action | 5 Enter by siding | 42 Pilot's skill | 82 River of Russia |
| 1 Airplane walkway | 55 Give the boot to do some grilling | 94 Hip about | 6 Watch faces | 43 Old Cougar carmaker, in brief | 83 Cooking vessels |
| 6 Gentle pat | 58 Tier | 96 Enter quickly | 7 Missile paths | 45 FDR and HST's party | 85 Tiny particle |
| 9 River delta deposit | 59 "I'm not that impressed" | 99 Film spools | 8 97-Down insect | 47 Volcanic outflows | 86 Road gunk |
| 13 Pile or ell | 60 Egg-shaped | 100 Pupa's place | 9 Foamed up | 48 Praise heavily | 87 Six, in Seville |
| 19 Unhesitating and fast | 61 Musical ornaments | 105 Domino spots | 10 Honolulu palace name | 49 Stomach | 89 As surplus |
| 21 Low-quality | 64 Place to play pool or table tennis | 106 Unsullied | 11 Amusement, to leaders | 51 Decongestant brand | 92 Plains tent |
| 22 Birds with string | 66 Do the task flawlessly | 108 Complete disaster, in slang | 12 "Give this a whiff" | 52 Gulf of — (arm of the Baltic) | 93 Hogli' home |
| 23 Crew older with contentment and dignity | 69 Alternative to a 401(k) | 111 Spinner in a compass | 13 Low-end cigar | 53 Just free of the bottom, as an anchor | 95 Wyoming mountains |
| 25 Vary ardent | 71 Hogli' home | 112 Spinner in a kid's room | 14 Radar sound | 54 Film for which Holly Hunter won an Oscar | 97 Collection of fives |
| 26 Fluffy scarf | 72 Eye-irritating cleanser | 115 Surround with a nimbus | 15 Put a new border around | 55 Hunter won an Oscar | 98 Round shape |
| 27 Wiggly fishes | 74 1963 Johnny Cash smash | 116 1990s sitcom ... and what literally appears six times in this puzzle | 16 Basketball great — Thomas | 56 Spiral-shaped pasta | 99 Corp. |
| 28 Perennially popular hymn | 76 Gush forth | 119 Add to the mix, maybe | 17 Mozart's "Flauto Alla ..." | 57 Luminous | 100 "That is ..." to Caesar |
| 30 Makes a leg warmer, e.g. | 77 Be in arrears | 120 British noble | 18 Fencing blades | 58 "Well, golly!" | 101 Head for humbly |
| 32 Flow beasts | 79 U.S. med. research | 121 Prayed before partaking | 20 Get in a stew | 59 Holo-hair link | 102 Cry to a battlefield medic |
| 33 "— -Fan" (James Clavell novel) | 80 Final toast of a meal | 122 Pole carvings | 24 Sends via phone line | 60 "Ooohy" temptress | 104 Impulses |
| 34 Scouts of discovery | 84 In the style of | 123 Eye irritation | 29 Streaming music service | 61 Like twangy voices | 106 Grammy winner |
| 35 Is wearing | 85 Law-of-motion subject | 124 Ovine female | 31 Prefix with disclosure | 62 Like twangy voices | 109 Stender |
| 37 Kept posted | 87 Glistened | 125 Sun-related | 32 Give the boot | 63 Adequate | 110 Brothers' group, in brief |
| 39 Hair salon job | 88 Historic span | DOWN | 35 Boot part | 64 "That is ..." | 111 Chew like a beaver |
| 41 Growth theory subj. | 89 Slowly, to a maestro | 1 Part of UAE | 36 Brazilian palm berry | 65 Warm blanket | 112 Kind of whale |
| 42 Accumulate | 91 Island setting | 2 "Othello" foe | 37 Line of work | 66 Jaw-dropping | 113 British noble |
| 44 Hdqs. where officers work | 92 "I love you," in Spanish | 3 Makes one's views known | 38 "Morning Edison" ailer | 67 Prior to, in verse | 114 British noble |
| 46 Red-carpet-walking type | | 4 Jar cover | 40 HDTV maker | 68 Heavenly | 117 Operate for short |
| 50 Liquid filling in mer | | | | | |
| 51 Fend off | | | | | |





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Amber Waves

by Dave T. Phipps



1. I KNOW WE WERE SUPPOSED TO INTERVIEW A GRANDPARENT FOR CLASS.

2. TEACHER SAID SHE WANTED 2 PAGES AND I ONLY DID 1 PARAGRAPH.

3. HOPEFULLY, SHE WILL ACCEPT IT AND GIVE ME A DECENT GRADE.

4. WHAT CAN I SAY? FORTUNATELY, GRANDPA IS A MAN OF FEW WORDS.

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



1. WILL YOU LOVE ME WHEN I GROW OLD AND OVERWEIGHT?

2. YES, I DO.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



1. UH... WELL, LET'S KEEP IT POSITIVE. ODDS ARE GOOD THEY ARE INSURED.

2. "I brought them a list of your favorite meals."

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test

by Fifi Rodriguez

- U.S. STATES: Which state is home to the Girl Scouts, founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912?
- MOVIES: Which 1990s movie features a character named Jack Dawson?
- ART: Who painted the Sistine Chapel ceiling?
- ASTRONOMY: Which U.S. astronaut wrote his daughter's initials on the moon?
- GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Australia?
- HISTORY: In which year was Korea divided into two occupation zones that would become North and South Korea?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How many presidents were elected in the 1950s?
- LITERATURE: Which 20th-century novel features a character named Holden Caulfield?
- TELEVISION: Queen Latifah stars in which 1990s TV sitcom?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is the largest species of shark?

Answers

- Georgia.
- "Titanic."
- Michelangelo.
- Gene Cernan.
- Canberra.
- 1945.
- One -- Dwight Eisenhower.
- "The Catcher in the Rye."
- "Living Single."
- The whale shark.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

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

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XBFS WBXXBGMK SNPACMCE

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— ITMM FXTSJ

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- The Exorcist: Believer (R)
- PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)
- Saw X (R)
- The Creator (PG-13)
- The Blind (PG-13)
- A Haunting in Venice (PG-13)
- The Nun II (R)
- Dumb Money (R)
- The Equalizer 3 (R)
- Hocus Pocus (PG)

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Sunday mornings @ 10:30 a.m.
Mail: PO Box 322, Wyoming, IL 61491
email: info@thegathering.life
web: <https://www.thegathering.life/>
<https://www.facebook.com/thegatheringchurch.life>

1st Congregational Church of Toulon

(309) 286-4901
218 N. Henderson St., Toulon
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Email fcctoulon@gmail.com
website: firstcongregationaltoulon.org

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Rev. Rebecca Gearhart
214 NW 2nd Ave., Galva, IL 61434
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preachinghope@gmail.com
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Sunday Worship: 9:00

Wyoming United Methodist Church

Pastor Rebecca Klemm
302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287.
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OBITUARIES

Esther M. Thompson

PRINCEVILLE – Esther M. Thompson, 69, of Princeville, passed away at 10:12 a.m. Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at her home.

Esther was born on Aug. 8, 1954, in Peoria to Jack and Bettye (Tripp) Domnitz. She married Roger Thompson on July 20, 1979; he survives.

There will be no public services for Esther. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with

arrangements.

Ruth E. Horrie

PRINCEVILLE – Ruth Elaine Horrie, beloved infant daughter of Nathaniel and Nicole Horrie, was born into her heavenly home the morning of Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2023, at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria.

Ruth's parents, Nate and Nikki (Symmonds) Horrie of Princeville, were married on Sept. 8, 2018; they survive. She is also survived by her 2-year-old brother, Oliver James

Horrie; grandparents, Steve and Marie Horrie of Princeville and Jon and Valerie Symmonds of Monica; along with great-grandparents, Ellen Witbart of Moweaqua, Jack Symmonds of Galesburg, and Bernice Walck of Galesburg.

Ruth knew only love. Born too early for this world, she will always be loved, missed, and remembered.

Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting the family with arrangements.

ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Two Stark Co. JH runners earn XC all-state

By The Prairie News

NORMAL – Stark County junior high runners Evan Knobloch and Norah Rorem both earned all-state medals last Saturday in their IESA 2A state cross country races at Maxwell Park.

Eighth-grader Knobloch was fifth in a time of 10:58.6 in the boys race. Micah Weiss of Chicago Latin School won in 10:35.4.

Seventh-grader Rorem placed 23rd in the girls 2A race in a time of 12:41.4. Molly Mocko of Glen Ellyn S. Petronille was first in 11:41.7 and the Brimfield girls won as a team for the third straight year.

• **Stark County XC** – The Rebels will run in the Class 1A Seneca Regional on Saturday. Girls run at 9 a.m. followed by the boys at 10. The top seven teams and the top five runners not on those teams advance to the sectionals.

Stark County took a small group to the Peoria Heights Patriot Invite last Saturday at Detweiller Park in Peoria. Top girls finisher was Haylie

Moodie, who was 196th in a personal-best time of 24:39. Other runners were Nina Longabaugh (197th, 24:40), Kelsey Hawley (229th, 27:49) and Arianna Gerber (239th, 28:32).

Ethan Grinnell (262nd, 22:08) was the lone boys runner.

• **Galva volleyball** – Galva (8-16) lost at Peoria Heights 25-15, 25-18 Oct. 12. Addie Moore had two aces and one block. Ava Strom tallied six kills and seven assists. Addison Yepsen recorded nine assists with six digs. Kendall Rogers had seven digs, while Ava Anderson and Maddie Bates each tallied six digs.

The Lady Wildcats lost to Lincoln Trail rival West Central 25-11, 25-22 at home on Oct. 11. Strom contributed with 1 ace, 5 kills, 15 attacks and 10 digs. Moore scored on two kills, had one block and six attacks. Yepsen had 10 attacks, six assists and 10 digs. Kaylyn Gale had nine digs.

Galva lost at Monmouth United 25-7, 25-10 last Monday in LTC action. Bates was busy at the net with six

blocks. Strom had one ace, one kill and two assists.

The 11th-seeded Lady Wildcats start Class 1A regional play Monday at Granville vs. No. 10 Cambridge at 6 p.m.

– Phil Johnson

• **SC volleyball** – Stark County (2-21) battled LTC rival Princeville in the second set Monday at home, but came up just short 25-13, 25-22.

SCHS lost 25-13, 25-10 at Mercer County on Oct. 11 in an LTC matchup. Claire Bowser scored two kills for the Lady Rebels.

Stark County came up short to Rock Island Alleman last Monday in a non-conference contest at home. Sophie Finnegan had four kills and 10 digs, Hannah Allen recorded three kills, Kimmie Salisbury also tallied three kills and Kenna Newton had six assists.

No. 12 seed Stark County will next face No. 4 Henry-Senachwine in Class 1A regional play at Henry on Tuesday at 6 p.m.

– Phil Johnson

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SPORTS: Princeville reaches 5-win milestone

Continued from Page 12 for the Bluestreaks, who by halftime completed all their scoring on a rainy Saturday in Clark County, more than 200 miles southeast of Galva.

"You can't get Boogie down until you get the whole team on him," Galva Coach Mark Jeffrey said. "He's not one of those kids where you look at him and it's like, 'It's going to be a long day.' But he doesn't really know when to quit. East-west, up-down, it was just insane."

Galva had only 11 players, because of illnesses and injuries to quarterback Andrew Mille and tight end/defensive end Caden Rachel. Still, Jeffrey said it was a worthwhile trip. It included a Friday-night Eastern Illinois University volleyball match and a hotel stay in nearby Casey.

"Probably the MVP of the trip was our bus driver," Jeffrey said about Dave Saunders. "He pretty much drove through rain the whole way. Everybody had a really good trip. It was like red carpet the whole time."

The Wildcats' season ends tonight at home against Cambridge Ridge-wood (6-2).

— Nick Vlahos

Princeville 26, Rushville-Industry 12

PRINCEVILLE — Having reached playoff eligibility, Princeville (5-3, 5-2) aims for a sure post-season berth Friday at Annawan-Wethersfield (7-1, 6-1).

"Getting that fifth win was big. Now you have a chance to make it," Princes Coach Jon Carruthers said.

Actually, Carruthers said he thinks Princeville already has enough points to get in, thanks in part to its LincolnLand crossover game against Knoxville. While the Princes lost that game, 41-8, Knoxville's 7-1 record provides plenty of playoff points.

The game also helped prepare Princeville for Rushville-Industry (2-6, 2-5), which features a double tight-end, run-only attack. After yielding two rushing touchdowns in the first quarter, Princeville pitched a shutout.

"It look a little while for our kids to adjust to the speed they were getting off the ball and their physicality. But they did," Carruthers said. "There was a lot of hard hitting and our kids stepped up to it. That will help us get ready for Annawan-Wethersfield."

Offensively, Princeville was able to mix the pass and run effectively, with quarterback Logan Carruthers passing for three scores and running for another. He finished 7-for-15 for 119 yards and one interception.

Tayshaun Kieser ran for 79 yards on 14 carries and also caught a touchdown pass, while Eli Christianson ran for 86 yards as the Princes averaged a healthy 6.9 yards per carry.

"Teams are seeing we're throwing the ball so much and they're worrying about that, which is opening up the running game," Coach Carruthers said.

Coach Carruthers also credited center Logan Olshawsky for making perfect snaps in shotgun formation despite rainy conditions last Friday.

Princeville has played A-W evenly since 2018, going 3-3 against the Titans in that time.

— Jeff Lampe

Annawan-Wethersfield 28 ROWVA-Williamsfield 6

ONEIDA — Zeb Rashid was a little too much for host ROWVA-Williamsfield, which also might have had too many problems on offense.

Rashid had three touchdowns and a game-high 159 rushing yards for An-

nawan-Wethersfield (7-1, 6-1 LincolnLand small division).

"We did an OK job of slowing him down a little, but there were a couple of plays he made where you have to tip your cap to him and say, 'You got us on that one,'" R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said.

The Cougars (6-2, 5-2) managed only 7 yards rushing. That included about 50 yards lost because of bad snaps R-W quarterback Riley Danner had to retrieve, Gullstrand said.

"It was a struggle," he said about a game played on rain-soaked Bill Adams Field. "Anytime we got (close), there was a snap over his head and we'd go from first down and 10 to second and 20-something. It was tough."

Gullstrand hopes to rectify the quarterback-center exchange issues in time for a game Friday at Abingdon-Avon. That figures to be a dress rehearsal for the second consecutive R-W postseason appearance.

"Our defense is playing a lot better now," Gullstrand said. "Our offense has to step it up and get on the same trajectory as the defense."

— Nick Vlahos

SCOREBOARD

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| Stark County 41 | | South Fulton 8 | |
| Stark County | 0 21 20 0 - 41 | South Fulton | 0 0 8 0 - 8 |
| Scoring Summary | | | |
| Second Quarter | | | |
| SC - Rewerts | 19 run (Robineau kick) | SC - Bowser | 63 pass from Rewerts (Robineau kick) |
| SC - Steelman | 3 pass from Rewerts (Robineau kick) | | |
| Third Quarter | | | |
| SC - Rewerts | 13 run (Robineau kick) | SC - Orwig | 50 run (kick failed) |
| SC - Gerber | 10 run (Robineau kick) | SF - Fawcett | 50 pass from Sherrod (Shaw run) |
| Team Statistics | | | |
| SC | SF | SC | SF |
| First downs | 18 | 9 | 9 |
| Rushes-Yds | 29-210 | 32-152 | |
| Yds per carry | 7.2 | 4.8 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 3-8-0 | 3-14-0 | |
| Passing yds | 99 | 57 | |
| Fumbles-lost | 1-0 | 1-1 | |
| Individual Statistics | | | |
| Rushing - SC: | Orwig 6-67, Gerber 8-56, Rewerts 9-54, Steelman 3-16, Daum 2-9, Bowser 1-8. SF: Foglesong 9-59, Adkins 2-41, Fawcett 9-29, Sherrod 2-11, Shaw 10-12. | | |
| Receiving - SC: | Rewerts 3-8-0 99. SF: Sherrod 2-13-0 46, Shaw 1-1-0 11. | | |
| Tackles - SC: | Gerber 6, Siebenthal 5. SF: Foglesong 5, Shaw 4. | | |

Martinsville 54, Galva 6
Galva 6 0 0 0 - 6
Martinsville 24 30 0 0 - 54

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| Scoring Summary | |
| First Quarter | |
| M - Herrera | 2 run (Herrera run) |
| G - Hurd | 1 run (conversion failed) |
| M - Herrera | 12 run (Herrera run) |

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| Second Quarter | |
| M - Parcel | 9 run (conversion failed) |
| M - Herrera | 57 run (Parcel pass from Herrera) |
| M - Herrera | 25 run (Evens run) |
| M - Kemper | 3 run (Evens pass from Herrera) |
| Team Statistics | |
| | G M |
| Rushes-Yds | 20-61 28-307 |
| Yds per carry | 3.1 11 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 7-16-2 1-5-0 |
| Passing yds | 60 19 |
| Individual Statistics | |
| Rushing - G: | Hulstrom 8-34, Hurd 6-29, Gustafson 4-5, Gravitt 2-(-7). M: Herrera 11-197. |
| Receiving - G: | Hurd 6-15-2-60. M: Herrera 1-5-0-19. |
| Receiving - G: | Gustafson 3-47, Gravitt 2-19, Strand 2-(-6). M: Parcel 1-19. |
| Tackles - G: | Baulch 15. |

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| Princeville 26 | | Rushville-Industry 12 | |
| Princeville | 12 0 0 0 - 12 | Rushville-Ind. | 12 0 0 0 - 12 |
| Princeville | 6 6 14 0 - 26 | | |
| Scoring Summary | | | |
| First Quarter | | | |
| R-I - #23 | 4 run (conversion failed) | P - Hunt | 1 pass from Carruthers (conversion failed) |
| R-I - #23 | 8 run (conversion failed) | | |
| Second Quarter | | | |
| P - Johnson | 11 pass from Carruthers (conversion failed) | | |
| Third Quarter | | | |
| P - Carruthers | 14 run (Johnson pass from Carruthers) | | |
| P - Kieser | 15 pass from Carruthers (conversion failed) | | |
| Team Statistics | | | |
| | R-I | P | |
| Rushes-Yds | 51-243 | 26-179 | |
| Yds per carry | 4.8 | 6.9 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 0-0-0 | 7-15-1 | |

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| LincolnLand - Large | | | LincolnLand - Small | | |
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| | W L W L | W L | | W L W L | |
| Knoxville | 7 1 6 0 | 0 0 | Stark County | 8 0 7 0 | 0 0 |
| Farmington | 7 1 6 0 | 0 0 | Annawan-Weth. | 7 1 6 1 | 0 0 |
| Mercer County | 5 3 4 2 | 2 2 | ROWVA-Willmsfld | 6 2 5 2 | 2 2 |
| Illini West | 4 4 3 4 | 4 4 | Princeville | 5 3 5 2 | 2 2 |
| Macomb | 3 5 3 4 | 4 4 | South Fulton | 3 5 3 4 | 4 4 |
| Elmwood-Brim | 3 5 2 4 | 4 4 | United | 3 5 2 5 | 5 5 |
| West Hancock | 1 7 1 5 | 5 5 | Abingdon-Avon | 2 6 2 5 | 5 5 |
| LVC | 1 7 0 6 | 6 6 | Rushville-Industry | 2 6 2 5 | 5 5 |
| Last Week | | | | | |
| Elmwood-Brimfield 22, A-Town 14 | | | | | |
| Farmington 56, LVC 6 | | | | | |
| Mercer County 24, Macomb 16 | | | | | |
| Illini West 50, West Hancock 20 | | | | | |
| Fulton 42, Knoxville 0 | | | | | |
| Friday, Oct. 20 | | | | | |
| Elmwood-Brimfield at LVC | | | | | |
| Knoxville at Farmington | | | | | |
| Mercer County at West Hancock | | | | | |
| Illini West at Central A&M | | | | | |
| Macomb at Havana | | | | | |

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| Fourth Quarter | | | |
| A-W - Gillespie | 4 pass from Horrie (kick good) | R-W - Bertlshofer | 2 run (kick failed) |
| Team Statistics | | | |
| | RW | A-W | |
| Rushes-Yds | 18-7 | 49-218 | |
| Yds per carry | 0.4 | 4.4 | |
| Comp-Att-Int | 12-27-0 | 7-7-0 | |
| Passing yds | 157 | 69 | |
| Individual Statistics | | | |
| Rushing - R-W: | Bertlshofer 10-51, Brown 2-5, Danner 6-(-49). A-W: Rashid 30-159, Thurston 8-31, Horrie 11-28. | | |
| Receiving - R-W: | Danner 12-27-0-157. A-W: Horrie 7-7-0-69. | | |
| Receiving - R-W: | Hull 5-88, Brown 3-36, Godsil 2-30, Bertlshofer 2-3. A-W: Hornback 3-29, Sauer 2-18, Thurston 1-18, Gillespie 1-4. | | |
| Tackles - R-W: | Main 7. | | |

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The Prairie News Sports

Rebels keep rolling

Rain slows Stark County briefly in 41-8 victory

By The Prairie News

ASTORIA – Turns out a driving rain-storm can slow the Stark County football team on offense. But not much else did last Friday in a 41-8 Rebels victory at South Fulton that ended with a running clock in play.

After a scoreless first quarter in the rain, Stark County scored three times in the second quarter and three times in the third to prompt a running clock.

The sixth-ranked Rebels improved to 8-0 overall and 7-0 in the LincolnLand

small-school division heading into today's home game at Gary Johnson Field against Monmouth United (3-5, 2-5).

"The first quarter was a downpour and it was three down and punt from both of us," Stark County Coach Jade Noard said.

"Once it stopped raining, we were able to move the ball a lot better."

Senior quarterback Luke Rewerts started the scoring with a 19 yard run early in the second quarter. Rewerts followed that up with a 63-yard touchdown pass to Matthew Bowser, who took a quick slant pass the distance.

Rewerts followed that with a 3-yard TD pass to Dillon Steelman on the last play of the first half.

That was about the end of the passing for the Rebels, who relied on their ground

game in the second half. Rewerts scored again on a 13-yard run early in the third quarter, which was followed less than two minutes later by a 50-yard TD run by Nolan Orwig and then by a 10-yard scoring run by Avery Gerber.

South Fulton's lone score came on a 50-yard pass play with 4:22 left in the third.

Stark County finished with 210 yards rushing and 99 through the air, while holding South Fulton to 209 total yards.

Stark County was without veteran lineman Tanner Price and two-way starter

Chris Barnwell. Both could return this week against United, Noard said.

United started the year strong with two wins before dropping five straight and winning again last week at Havana, 22-8.

"They're kind of a hard team to figure out, really,"

Noard said. "When they have been successful is when they get that run game going."

— Jeff Lampe

Martinsville 54, Galva 6

MARTINSVILLE – For the second week in a row, winless Galva trailed only 8-6 early. But two consecutive touchdowns from Victor "Boogie" Herrera, including one on a blocked-punt return, helped distance Martinsville (7-1).

Herrera finished with five touchdowns

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Playoff Pairings

IHSA football playoff pairings will be announced on the IHSA TV Network Saturday at 8 p.m. and also posted on ihsa.org, starting with Class 1A. WEEK-25 will air the pairings at 9 p.m. and KGCW-26 will show its tape delay at 10 p.m. Game times will be posted on Monday, Oct. 23.

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