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Autumn leaves

Spicebush has brilliant lemon-yellow leaves

The lyrics to “Autumn Leaves” were written on the back of an envelope by Johnny Mercer as he waited for a ride to the train station.



Ron DIETER

Sigh. It takes me hours to write a simple article for the paper. The autumn colors this year have been magnificent. It was difficult for me to keep my eyes on the road as I drove through the countryside. I’ve probably taken 100 pictures. But now the red, gold, orange and yellow autumn leaves drifting by my window have turned to tan and brown. “And soon we’ll hear



Pictured above is the common spicebush showing its colorful autumn foliage. Photo by Ron Dieter.

old winter’s song,” as the lyrics go. One outstanding example of autumn color this fall was the common spicebush, *Lindera bezoin*. In our garden we have a specimen that turned a brilliant lemon yellow in early October. The shrub is probably 10 or 12 years old now and

has grown to 8 feet tall and 6 feet wide. Spicebush is native to the Midwest and can be found growing in moist locations in woodlands and along streams. I can attest, however, that it tolerates dry soils too.
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Help for veterans

Program helps navigate resources

By STEVE STEIN
 Shaw Local News Network
 Just in time for Veterans Day, Illinois Joining Forces is launching an effort to connect veterans with services they may need.

The effort is called Operation Connect a Vet. People are asked to contact IJF through the end of the year to request a wellness check – either a single check-in or on an ongoing basis – for a veteran, service member or member of their family. The wellness checks will be made by veterans who help fellow veterans for a living. One is Michael Pedroza, a U.S. Navy veteran who served from 1989 to 1993. He’s a veteran care coordinator specialist for IJF. “Veterans we’ll be calling doesn’t necessarily

have to be experiencing a crisis,” Pedroza said. “At the very least, we want to let them know there’s someone to talk to, another veteran, and they’re not alone.” Most calls Pedroza takes from veterans do uncover a crisis. And that crisis is usually financial, he said. A recent report by the United States Department of Agriculture noted that 11% of working-age veterans live in a food-insecure household. There are a multitude of financial problems veterans face, Pedroza said. “Rent. Mortgage. Life issues, like deciding between fixing a broken-down vehicle or getting meds,” he said. “We’re not going to give veterans a hand out, but a hand up. We want to meet
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Confusion remains about gun registration

By PETER HANCOCK
 Capitol News Illinois
 SPRINGFIELD – Officials at the Illinois State Police said Tuesday they are working to finalize rules for registering assault weapons and other items that are now tightly regulated under the state’s new assault weapons ban as a Jan. 1 compliance deadline approaches. ISP attorney Suzanne Bond told the Joint Committee on

Administrative Rules, a bipartisan panel that oversees administrative rulemaking, that the agency just completed another round of public hearings this week and is now in the process of trying to answer all the questions it received from the public. “They were well-attended by the public and various organizations,” she said of the hearings. “Those groups have committed to sending

us their questions in writing. To the extent possible, if we had answers, we did provide them. We pointed them to relevant FAQs on our website, which have been updated.” The registration requirement is part of the state’s new assault weapons ban, known as the Protect Illinois Communities Act, which lawmakers passed in January. It bans the sale, pur-

chase, possession, and distribution of a long list of firearms defined as “assault weapons” as well as various firearm attachments, large-capacity magazines, and certain kinds of ammunition. The law also states that people who owned those items before it took effect can keep them, as long as they register them with the Illinois State Police before
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Illinois State Police Capt. Jeffrey Yenchko, left, and special counsel Suzanne Bond answer questions about rules for registering assault weapons. Photo by Peter Hancock.

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FALL COLOR: Spicebush is versatile, colorful

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 such as ours. In March and April, clusters of fragrant little yellow flowers, reminiscent of those of witch hazel, appear along the branches before the foliage comes forth.

The species is dioecious, which means there are separate male and female plants. Male plants produce larger and showier flowers than those of the females, but only the female plants produce the bright red half-inch drupes, fruits with a fleshy outer part surrounding a hard shell with a seed inside. Think cherry, plum or peach. The drupes are attractive but may go unnoticed until the leaves fall away. Songbirds consider the drupes a valuable energy source during their fall migration. Deer will munch on the twigs.

It takes two to tango, as they say, and there must be a male spicebush

nearby in order for the female to bear the colorful drupes. Unfortunately, if you find a spicebush for sale at a nursery in springtime, its sex will be a mystery. If the shrubs are in flower, you might be able to distinguish the boys from the girls, since the males' flowers are larger.

Whether male or female, a spicebush in your garden is a good idea because the caterpillar of the spicebush swallowtail butterfly feeds on the leaves. The caterpillar is green with two ferocious eyespots. The graceful butterfly is black with a row of white dots along the edges and a splash of sky blue near the rear of the wings.

Spicebush shrubs are sometimes mistaken for the invasive bush honeysuckle but you can tell them apart by the leaf arrangement on the stems. Spicebush leaves are arranged alternately along the branch while bush

honeysuckle leaves are arranged opposite each other. And true to its name, spicebush leaves have a pleasant spice aroma when crushed.

Native Americans used parts of spicebush shrubs to combat internal parasites and drank a tea made from boiled twigs for relief from fever, colds, coughs and even measles. During the Civil War, troops drank spicebush tea when coffee was in short supply.

Spicebush is a versatile ornamental shrub forming a multi-stemmed bush that will grow in sun or shade, equally at home in a woodland garden or sunny border. Keep in mind its flowers and drupes will be larger when grown in full sun.

Gardeners seeking a shrub satisfying the senses of smell and sight should select spicebush to "spice up" the scenery.

VETERANS: Help for vets available statewide

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 their needs using a holistic approach."

Veterans' financial issues often are caused by the difficulties of resuming civilian life after serving in the military, Pedroza said.

There could be a job loss because of a breakdown, episodes, survivor's guilt or invisible injuries, he said.

Veterans are often reti-

cent about asking for help, Pedroza said.

"That's because of the military culture," he said. "You learn to be self-sufficient, to improvise, to adapt to overcome whatever problem you're facing. Veterans are just too humble to reach out.

"I tell them I want to work with them to get them and their family, if they have one, in a better place," he said. "Once that self-sufficient roadblock comes down, they usually can't thank me enough."

In addition to providing help with finances, Pedroza can guide veterans and their families to find

help with housing, food, employment, health care and other needs.

Illinois Joining Forces is a nonprofit organization launched in 2012 through an agreement between the Illinois Departments of Veterans' Affairs and Military Affairs.

It's a statewide public/private network of military and veterans-serving organizations that work together to improve services for veterans, service members, and their families.

According to its website, IJF helps veterans, service members and their families navigate the "sea of

goodwill" to find the support they need when they need it.

"No one organization can do it all, but veterans shouldn't have to wander from office to office — or website to website — to determine who does what and (who) can best meet their needs," the IJF website statement reads.

To Connect a Vet Requests can be made calling the IJF Care Coordination Center at (833) 463-6453, sending an email to callcenter@illinoisjoiningforces.org, or filling out Connect a Vet form on the IJF website, illinoisjoiningforces.org.

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Traffic citations and Ordinance violation

10-27 - Leonard L. Livengood - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
10-27 - Sandeep Bajaj - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
10-29 - Margarita Duarte - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30 - Myca J. Steffen - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30 - Crystal L. Jones - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30 - David S. Scott - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-30 - Alexi J. Strandberg - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
10-30 - Bailey S. Pierson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-3 - Ryan D. Burt - Seat belt required.
11-3 - Christopher R. Hillyer - Expired registration.
11-3 - Dustin M. Volguardson - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-3 - Kayleen L. McGann - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-3 - Cassel O. R. Taylor - Driving 15-20 mph above limit, uninsured vehicle and carry/display license/permit.
11-4 - Arthur E. Wagoner - No valid registration and uninsured vehicle.
11-4 - Nicole R. Reeps - Driving 11-14 mph above limit, uninsured vehicle and carry/display license/permmit.
11-4 - Robert J. Forbes - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
11-4 - Andrew T. Witten - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
11-4 - Robert R. Grinslade - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-4 - Brent D. Barding - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
11-4 - Manuel Cano - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
11-5 - Donald L. Schwartz - Driving 15-20 mph above limit, unlicensed and unlawful possession of cannabis.
11-5 - Dawson E. Steele - Uninsured vehicle, seat belt required and suspended registration.
11-5 - Paul C. Barker - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
11-5 - Tiffany M. Roberts - Disregard stop sign.
11-5 - Amanda M. Mitchell - Disregard stop sign.
11-6 - Carolyn E. German - Driving 15-20 mph above limit and uninsured vehicle.

Misdemeanors and Felonies

11-1 - Domestic Violence - Charles D. Slightom Jr. - Domestic battery/physical contact.
Incidents and Accidents Stark County
10-20 - A rural LaFayette man claimed the front license plate of his vehicle was stolen, but he later found it alongside a road.
 A Knox County Sheriff's Office deputy was dispatched about 11 a.m. Oct. 30 to the 2600 block of Illinois Route 180. There, the 70-year-old man said the front plate of his 2012 Ford F-150 pickup truck was missing and last seen Oct. 28. The man couldn't find the plate initially but searched again Oct. 31 and found it, the report stated.
10-29 - A 15-year-old Wyoming teen was arrested for domestic battery and obstructing and or resisting arrest. He was released with a notice to appear.



10-30 - Manolo B. Lopez, 27, Indianapolis, IN was cited for speeding 60 mph in a 35 zone, driving without a valid driver's license, and for driving without vehicle insurance.
10-31 - Ronald L. Hallbick, 60, Galesburg, was cited for disobeying a stop sign.
10-31 - Caleb A. Deck, 46, Wyoming, was arrested for failure to signal when required, disobeying a stop sign, failure to wear a seat belt, driving while his license was revoked, fleeing to elude an officer, and driving with unsafe equipment noted as a defective windshield. He was later released with a notice to appear.
11-1 - Michael S. Avery, 63, Wyoming, was cited for driving on a suspended registration.
11-1 - Phillip D. Adams, 23, Toulon, was cited for failure to wear a seatbelt. Also ticketed in the same traffic stop was Samantha Ross, 27, of Toulon, for failure to wear a seatbelt.
11-1 - Charles D. Slightom Jr., 40, Toulon, was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He remains in custody at the Stark County Jail.
11-1 - Julian A. Samuels, 21, Anawan, was cited for speeding 67 mph in a 55 zone, driving without vehicle insurance, and failure to wear a seatbelt.
11-3 - Jeremy B. Welsh, 34, Kewanee, was ticketed for driving without vehicle insurance and for driving on an expired registration.
11-3 - Amie L. Stutler, 36, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 66 mph in a 55 zone.
Galva Report
Officer dispatched:
10-30 - to the 00 block of James B Young Road for a burglary complaint from a storage unit.
10-30 - to the 100 block of SW 5th St. for a disorderly conduct complaint involving harassment through electronic communications.
10-30 - James Ball, 38, Oak Forest, cited for having expired registration in the 600 block of W. Division St.
10-30 - Esther Cozadd, 45, Gerlaw, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
10-31 - to the 00 block of NW 4th Ave. to remove an unwanted subject.
10-31 - Makenna Schwab, 22, Knoxville, cited for speeding in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
10-31 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1300 block of SE 2nd St., James Lasenby, 22, Hobart, Ind., was arrested for illegal possession of adult use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was released with a court date.
11-1 - While patrolling, officer recognized a subject that he believed may have warrants. After verifying, a traffic stop was conducted in the 300 block of NW 1st

St. As the result, Carl Porter, 46, Wyoming, was arrested on a no-bond warrant from Henry County for possession of meth and home-repair fraud. He was taken to the Henry County Jail.
11-1 - to a physical domestic dispute on NE 3rd Ave. involving a mother and daughter.
11-2 - to the 100 block of NE 2nd Street for a dog-bite complaint. The dog was current on vaccines.
11-3 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 3rd St., Logan McCoy, 36, Galva, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration is suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
11-4 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SE 2nd St., William Bradley, 75, Roseville, was cited for suspended registration for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.
11-5 - to the 800 block of SE 1st St. for a domestic disturbance involving two adult brothers.
11-5 - Mia Stone, 23, Port Byron, cited for speeding and operating an uninsured vehicle in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St.
11-5 - Anthony Dill, 31, Lincoln, Mo., cited for speeding in the 1100 block of SE 2nd St.
11-5 - Michael Younes, 21, Galesburg, cited for speeding in the 300 block of SE 2nd St.
Property Transfers
10-30 - Bert L., Jr. and Veronica M. Haskell to Bert L., Jr. and Veronica M. Haskell, Trustees - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - Block 8 lots 1 and 2 - 101 S. Galena Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.
10-30 - Champaign Investment, LLC to Gregory L. Brown - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt block 4 lot 10 - 500 W. Elm St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$32,500.
10-31 - Nancy K. Martin to Kodi R. and Taylour Cade - Vg of Bradford - Pt blocks 23 and 24 - 305 Arbor St., Bradford - Consideration = \$110,000.
11-1 - Mark A., Mark A. Trustee, Stephanie L., Stephanie L. Rumbold, Trustee to Mark A. and Stephanie L. Rumbold, Trustees - Pt 1-12-7 NW, Pt 21-12-7 NW and NE, Pt 26-13-6 NE and NW - Consideration = \$0.
11-1 - Kristin M. and Michael Smice to Kristin M. and Michael Smice - Pt 36-12-6 NE - 575 State Rte. 91, Princeville - Consideration = \$0.
Divorce
11-3 - Jason Weinberg, Bradford and Ashley Newman, Galesburg.
11-2 - Ruth D. Coats, Lynville M. and Ruth D. Eberle to Monique Suzanne and Zachary Michael Baynard - Pt 28-12-6 NW and Pt 29-12-6 NE - 1823 Township Rd., 800 E., Wyoming - Consideration = \$818,975.
11-3 - Shirley A. Gustafson, Estate to Julie Bral - Pt 6-13-5 NE - 884 Township Rd., 1200 N. Galva - Consideration = \$299,000.
11-3 - Daniel E., Jr. and Trisha J. Berchtold to Daniel E. III, and Uriah C. Berchtold - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt block 15 lot 3 - 305 W. Smith St., Wyoming, Consideration = \$0

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The hardest work I've ever done was helping to pick ear corn. Our neighbor Earl Curry ran a two-row, pull-type picker. I hauled in corn with the Farmall 656 tractor and elevated it into the corn crib.

When the wagon was full, Earl would pull the pin and drive ahead so I could bring the empty wagon to him, then I'd back up to the full load. I'd jump off, drop the pin into his wagon, hope I'd positioned my tractor correctly to drop the pin into its drawbar, and take off down, then up the steep hills to the barnyard at our Other Place.

Once I'd parked the wagon in what I hoped was the correct spot, I would disembark again, hook up the hydraulic hose that raised the wagon, tug down the hopper of the elevator, start the H (which powered the elevator,) engage the power takeoff and then lift the bar to raise the wagon tailgate to allow ears of corn to drop noisily into the hopper.

I then went back to the 656 to gradually raise the angle of the box so all the corn could slowly slide out, but not all at once, which would clog the elevator and bring the whole process to a crashing halt.

From time to time, I clambered up the ladder inside the old corn crib and stepped carefully across the beams spanning the bay to reposition the elevator spout. Then it was back down to do everything in reverse, being sure to undo the hydraulic hose.

The goal was to get back to the field before Earl filled the next wagon so he didn't have to wait. I didn't always make it. Sometimes I made it only because the picker was plugged. This was not fun. We would have to painstakingly pull stalks out one by one until the whole wad was loose enough that we could finally ease it out in one big, scratchy armful.

But Earl was never impatient or ill-tempered about it. He would just point out that, like many problems, this one could best be solved by removing one small piece at a time.



Jeanne HARLAND

This would have been almost 40 years ago. I couldn't do it now. I could barely do it then.

I do still get to help with harvest, though. Sometimes I haul in corn and unload it. That's where the similarity ends. Now I sit in an air-conditioned cab and, if all goes well, seldom need to get out. My biggest challenge now is figuring out where Joyce will be with the combine when I get back to the field. She is also infinitely patient and thanks to text messaging, she can usually coach me into a section of the field where I can spot her silver Gleaner, brimful with bright yellow corn.

In late October, just before the rains came, she was combining The Big Hill. This is a challenging field to navigate. She had just finished the actual Big Hill and was moving to the adjacent Field Behind the Big Hill, which is a little bottom along Walnut Creek. Like most creek bottoms, the field is ringed with trees, which makes it a scenic haven for wildlife, but can pose problems for a combine with an eight-row head.

I was perched up on The Big Hill, watching her dance along the edges to open a space to work, nosing the huge machine into the corn, then expertly backing up to carve out enough space to turn around. She can mentally calculate on the fly how much corn is in the hopper and how far she can go before it is chock full. She also makes sure that point is accessible to my limited abilities as an auger cart driver.

I had just surmised she was going to try to make it past a copse of trees to an open area near the path to the exit from the field. I had just shifted out of neutral when I saw her back up, move over, back up, then stop. My phone rang.

"I was going to make it to the other end, but there's a tree down and now I'm full," she said. "You'll have to come down here. I'll pick you out."

She was laughing a bit, knowing my insecurities in getting my rig into a situation that might require backing out. But down the hill I went, the empty cart bumping loudly.

Joyce positioned the Gleaner in such a way that I could pull under the spout without much trouble. Once she

was empty, she went on picking.

I left to unload and all was well. There was more corn, already shelled, in that auger cart than Earl and I could have picked in a full day with the picker. It is so different. And yet there is that same sense of accomplishment in bringing in a crop and joy in working with good neighbors. I hope that part never changes.

AUTUMN HARVEST BRAISED BEEF BRISKET

- Ingredients*
- 1 beef brisket flat half boneless (2-1/2 to 3-1/2 pounds)
 - 2 tablespoons ground cumin
 - 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
 - 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
 - salt and pepper
 - 2 tablespoons minced garlic
 - 1 cup cran-apple, cranberry or apple juice, divided
 - 3-4 medium red apples, cored, cut into 16 wedges (about 1-1/4 pounds)
 - 3/4 cup dried sweetened cranberries
 - 2 tablespoons cornstarch

- Directions*
1. Combine cumin and cinnamon; rub over beef brisket. Heat oil in stockpot over medium heat until hot. Brown brisket; season beef with salt and pepper, as desired.
 2. Add 3/4 cup juice and garlic to stockpot; bring liquid to a boil. Reduce heat; cover tightly and simmer 2-3/4 to 3-1/4 hours. Add apples and cranberries to stockpot. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 20-25 minutes or until brisket and apples are fork-tender, stirring and rearranging apples once during cooking.
 3. Remove brisket, keep warm. Combine remaining 1/4 cup juice and cornstarch; stir cornstarch mixture into apple mixture. Bring to a boil, stirring constantly. Boil 1-2 minutes or until mixture has thickened.
 4. Trim fat from brisket. Carve diagonally across the grain into thin slices. Season with salt and pepper. Serve beef with apple mixture.

Jeanne Harland is a cow-calf producer in Knox County where she and her husband, AJ, also raise corn, soybeans, oats and turnips.

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GUEST VOICES

Insurance industry in middle of a crisis

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What can you do about it? Here is a background, with a few suggestions about how to cope.

The insurance industry has been going through a crisis for over three years. The effects of inflation, storms, labor and supply shortages as well as increased litigation have contributed to the insurance industry's poor loss experience.

Large global reinsurance companies have been hit with massive claims. Insurance companies purchase reinsurance which can be called insurance for insurance companies. Most of the reinsurers are

located overseas.

One of our insurance industry publications has reported that US property reinsurance rates rose by as much as 50% on July 1. In the 40 years I have been in the insurance business, this is the worst hard market I have ever seen.

What things are driving changes in the insurance industry?

Hurricanes, tornadoes, and derechos have been prominent in the past three years. Major storms like Hurricane Ian, totaling about \$100 billion in damages, are largely paid for by global reinsurance companies.

Illinois leads the nation in the most tornadoes, with 125 recorded so far this year.

Approximately 20% of reinsurers capital has exited the insurance market. As of September 2023, we know of 17 Illinois insurance companies that do not have a reinsurance contract for 2024.

Inflation and labor shortages have pushed repair costs for homes, and autos to levels significantly above the average inflation reported by the government

Litigation and jury awards have escalated to levels never seen before.

There seems to be a perception that if insurance is paying the bill, it is ok to inflate it.

What is happening with insurance companies?

There are 12 Illinois insurance companies no longer accepting new business, and some others are getting out of certain lines of business such as rental properties.

We know of two insurance companies with policies in Illinois that have become insolvent in 2023.

Nearly all insurance companies are taking double-digit rate increases, tightening underwriting, and raising deductibles.

Four of the biggest names in the national property-casualty insurance marketplace have been imposing massive premium increases, cutting coverage options and even ending certain types of coverage altogether.

The states most affected are California and Florida, but Louisiana and Alabama look to be following suit. In Colorado and Oregon, wildfire threats are contributing to big premium jumps. And the trend is happening not only in states where weather and fire risks are significant, but throughout the industry.



John LEEZER

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Abilities Plus recognizes award winners

ANNAWAN – Approximately 180 supporters of Abilities Plus gathered on Oct. 25 at the Annawan Banquet Center to help the organization celebrate another successful year helping those in need at the agency's annual awards dinner.

Individuals and organizations that have gone above and beyond to serve the needs of individuals with delays and disabilities in Henry and Stark Counties were recognized. The 2023 award winners are:

- Civic/Community Award – Kewanee Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteer Award – Roberta Cinnamon of Toulon. Roberta began volunteering at the Resale Shop in 2015 and in 2017 sbecame an Agency board member.
- Gary German Memorial Award – Andrea Millner, Kewanee.
- Business Award – Big River Resources, Galva.
- Achiever of the Year – John Selman, Kewanee.
- Posthumous Award – Dale Dykstra, Kewanee.
- Special Recognition Award – Kim Wolf, Annawan.
- Directors Award: Deb Kubinsky, Kewanee.

Methodist church hosts Thanksgiving dinner

GALVA – Galva First United Methodist Church will be serving a Thanksgiving dinner for a free-will donation on Sunday, Nov. 19, from 4-6:30 p.m. at the church. Dine in or delivery is available.

The meal consists of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, roll and butter and dessert. Drinks served only for those who eat in.

For delivery, call (309) 932-2460 by Nov. 17 at noon or call (309) 932-3255 from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Nov. 19.

This dinner is open to the entire community and surrounding area.

all net proceeds from this annual event go to World Hunger Ministries.

Toulon bank offers student essay contest

TOULON –The State Bank of Toulon announces a competition that enables Illinois high-school seniors to enter a statewide essay-writing contest. It is all part of a program sponsored by Illinois community banks and the CBAI Foundation for Community Banking to increase public awareness of locally owned banks and their contributions to the community.

A monetary award in the amount of \$1,000 a year for up to four years of higher education will be given to the author of the best essay submitted to the CBAI Foundation by a participating Illinois high school senior. Up to 11 additional first-place \$1,000 awards and 12 second-place \$500 awards are available throughout the state.

An additional \$500 will be awarded to the high school of the overall winner.

The State Bank of Toulon is also offering \$1,500 (1st - \$750, 2nd - \$500, 3rd - \$250) as a local award. The same essays sent to the state competition will be judged locally.

The bank is working with all local schools to invite seniors to submit a one-page essay on the theme: What is a community bank and how does it affect the economy?

Information on the contest is available at the bank and the school; essays must be submitted to the bank by March 1, 2024. The bank will then submit selected essays to the CBAI Foundation.

Pheasants Forever offering free hunts

PRINCEVILLE – The Illinois Valley chapter of Pheasants Forever and Quail Forever will sponsor free pheasant hunts for youths, women and veterans this fall.

The pheasant hunts will be held the weekend following Thanksgiving Day, on Nov. 25 and 26 at the Gilles farm, located at 22512 N. Maher Road, north off of Illinois Route 90 and west of Princeville.

Men who have never hunted pheasants before are also welcome to sign up. No hunting license is required.

Each hunter will have the opportunity to shoot two pheasants, provided by Pheasants Forever. There will be three hunting groups with dogs, dog handlers and bird setters.

Hunters can use their own shotguns, though 12 gauge and 20 gauge guns and ammunition will be available for no charge.

Youth ages 9-18 may attend the hunt, but they must have passed a hunter safety class.

All hunters are asked to wear orange hunting attire.

One-hour time slots are available both days starting at 9 a.m. and ending with a hunt beginning at 3 p.m.

To reserve your spot and hunting time, call Mike Aldrich at (309) 229-4090.

Et cetera

• Galva High school will again have a Veterans Day Program on Friday, Nov., 10 at 10 a.m. All area veterans and community members are invited to attend in the gym.

• The Galva American Legion will hold a service on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Veterans Park at 11 a.m. Chili will be served after the service at the Galva American Legion on Wallace Street.

• Mary's Family Dining will have its annual chili cook-off on Sunday, Nov. 12. Those who are donating chili must have their chili there to be judged by 1 p.m.

Call to donate chili. There is a \$5 donation to eat. A live auction begins at 2:30 p.m. Gift baskets and items are welcome for the auction.





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Illinois credit earns 9th upgrade since 2021

By **JERRY NOWICKI**
Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Illinois received another credit upgrade Tuesday, the same day a legislative committee once again scrutinized Gov. JB Pritzker’s administration for its handling of unemployment claims during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The upgrade came from Fitch Ratings, the last remaining holdout of the nation’s three major credit reporting agencies to advance the state’s status to “A” grade. Collectively,

Fitch, S&P Global Ratings and Moody’s Investors Service have given the state nine credit upgrades since 2021.

Credit upgrades generally make it cheaper for the state to borrow money. Fitch moved Illinois to an A-, up from the BBB+ rating it had given the state last year. Illinois’ ratings had been on a general downward trajectory across administrations of both parties for the past two decades.

Fitch’s review of state finances drew similar conclusions to those

that came before it: reserves are growing while long-term liabilities, including pension debt, remain “an elevated but still moderate burden.”

“Reserves have improved to historically high levels for the state and provide an important fiscal cushion, but levels remain relatively modest versus other states,” Fitch said in its analysis. “Management has eliminated many outstanding budgetary liabilities and established a sustainable pattern of smoother fiscal decision-making.”

GUNS: Appeal to U.S. Supreme Court likely

Continued from Page 1
Jan. 1.

As that deadline approaches, however, ISP is still in the process of finalizing administrative rules that will spell out exactly what items must be registered.

In September, ISP published temporary rules spelling out a registration process, and the agency began accepting online registrations Oct. 1. But many people have complained that those rules are not clear and that it’s difficult to tell what items must be registered and what items are exempt.

Interested parties have until Nov. 20 to submit written comments on the proposed rules. The email address for submitting those comments is ISP.Legal.PublicComments@illinois.gov.

As of Tuesday, according to ISP statistics, 2,906 individuals had submitted reg-

istrations under the temporary rules. Those registrations covered 5,450 firearms, 2,871 accessories and 58 sets of ammunition.

Still others have said they believe the requirement is unconstitutional and they don’t believe most gun owners will comply with it.

“Hundreds of thousands of people will absolutely not comply,” state Rep. Brad Halbrook, R-Shelbyville, said at a hearing in Springfield Nov. 2. “It is up to the governor and the legislature to truly decide if they’re prepared to declare war on law abiding gun owners or not.”

JCAR co-chair Sen. Bill Cunningham, D-Chicago, told reporters after the meeting that he understands some of the technical confusion over which items must be registered, but he said the law gives ISP authority to adapt its rules as time goes on.

Meanwhile, the Protect Illinois Communities Act remains under legal challenge in federal court. On Friday, a federal appeals court in Chicago decided on a 2-1 vote not to issue an injunction blocking enforcement of the law, saying the plaintiffs who challenged it had not shown that they are likely to prevail in a constitutional challenge.

Two of the plaintiffs in that case, the Illinois State Rifle Association and the National Association for Gun Rights, have said they plan to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, which has been reluctant in recent years to approve of firearms regulations.

But Cunningham said the legal challenges won’t prevent the state from

moving forward to implement the law, at least for now.

“We have a saying that every law is constitutional until a court tells you it’s not,” he said. “So the State Police has to go along with the rulemaking as contemplated by the law.”

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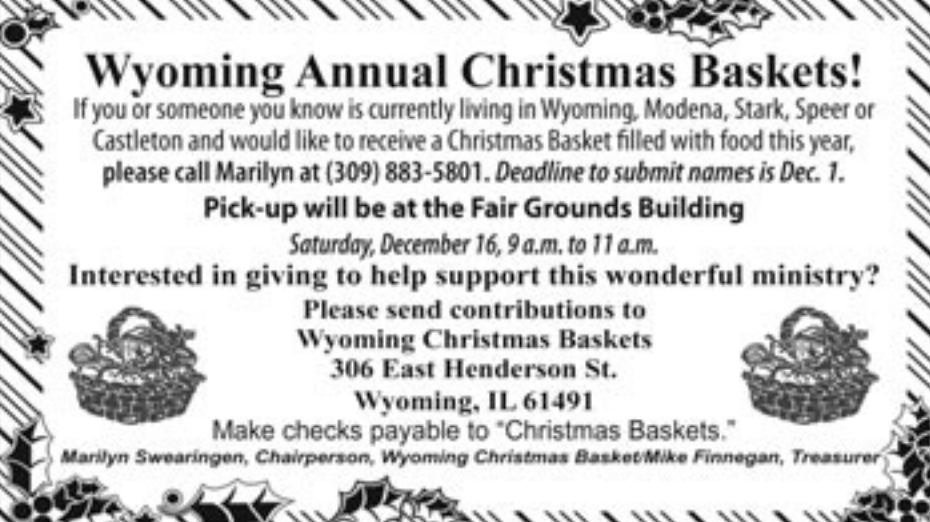


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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed property tax levy increase for the Bradford Public Library for 2023 will be held on November 20, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the Library, 111 S. Peoria Street, Bradford, IL 61421.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact Ms. Sarah Boehm, 111 S. Peoria Street, Bradford, IL 61421, (309) 897-8400.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended for 2022 were \$121,916.20.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$177,000.00. This represents a 45.18% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt service and public building commission leases for 2022 were \$0.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$0. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

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loved having cattle. He attended Campground Baptist Church.

He is survived by three children, Susan and (Bill) Davis of Nancy, Ky., Jeff and (Deborah) Down of Great Falls, Mont., and Deborah and (Paul) Fedorchak of Mercer, Penn.; six grandchildren, Tracy and (Tim) Fields of Nancy, Ky., Jamie and (Logan) Harris of Somerset, Ky., Lauren and (Bryce) Marker of Mercer, Pa., Logan Fedorchak of Mercer, Jordan Down of Lubbock, Texas, and Zach and (Haley) McEntive of Tyler, Texas; seven great-grandchildren, Joseph Perry, Collin, Fields, Isabel Fields, Madison Harris, Connor Harris, Olivia Marker and Bradley Marker; two brothers, Sam and (Ginny) Down and Jim Down; two sisters, Anne and (Bill) Nolan and Diane Mugge; a sister-in-law, Maryanne Down; and a host of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, David Down, and a brother-in-law, Michael Mugge.

A memorial service will be held in Illinois at a later date. Morris & Hislope Funeral Home is honored to assist the family with arrangements.

Virginia M. Ford

WYOMING – Virginia M. Ford, 89, passed away Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Virginia was born on Sept. 15, 1934, in Stark County to parents Leslie R. and Ila F. (Catton) King. She married her high-school sweetheart, Allen D. Ford, on Dec. 28, 1952. He preceded her in death on May 29, 2017.

Surviving are two daughters, Linda (Jack) Duke of Princeville and Susan (Joe) Adams of Chillicothe; four grandchildren, Kristl DeBord, Jonathan Duke, Chris (Bonnie) Pyle and Corinne (Andy) Dart; five great-grandchildren, Rylynn and Merrill Debord, Damon and Brendon Pyle, and Olivia Dart; two sisters-in-law, Elvessa King and Judith Nowlan; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers, Floyd (Jessie) Catton, Jerry (Zaz) King, Ralph (Ruth) King and Dorrance King; and one sister, Dena (Kenneth) Updyke.

Virginia graduated from Toulon High School in 1952, and was employed at Wyoming Bank and Trust for 35 years. She was a member of the Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post #91. She loved traveling all over the country with her husband. They especially enjoyed visiting St. George Island, Fla., with family.

Virginia enjoyed reading, gardening, and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Ford

Her funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 13, 2023, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Nicole Reed, certified funeral celebrant, will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be in Wyoming Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Virginia's niece, Teri Hetzel, for her special care for Virginia during these last several weeks.

Memorial contributions can be made to Wyoming American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post #91 or to the OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home. Online condolences may be left for Virginia's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Michael L. Pyell

Toulon – Michael L. Pyell, 71, of Toulon, passed away Monday, Nov. 6, 2023, at Carle Health Proctor Hospital in Peoria. Michael was born on Sept. 6, 1952, in San Antonio, Texas, to the late Donald and Clara "Jeanne" (Bouton) Pyell. On May 13, 1989, he married Linda Durbin at First Congregational Church in Toulon. She survives.

Survivors also include two daughters, Susan Krans Taylor and Stefanie Krans Musselman; two grandsons, Johnel Taylor II and Zade Musselman; a sister, Christine (Joe) Campbell; and a brother, Dan Pyell.

Michael was a welder and retired from Komatsu. He was an avid Raiders fan and loved his Harley.

A graveside service will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 15, 2023, at Toulon Cemetery at 11 a.m. Jim Graves will officiate. A Celebration of Life will follow at Nelson's Farm Building, 905 E Main St., Toulon, IL 61483. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services is handling arrangements. To leave condolences for Michael's family, please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Gary Streitmatter

Toulon – Heaven is brighter and full of even more love since gaining Gary Streitmatter, a happy-go-lucky gentle spirit and a kind and loving soul. Gary, 72, passed away on Nov. 4 while residing at Toulon Health Care Center.

Everyone who knew Gary knew that he was a loving person who was always happy. He knew how to make his family laugh without saying a word. He was their foundation and they have always felt that they were beyond fortunate to have been blessed with him in their family.

Gary loved to travel and was able to vacation from coast to coast and

loved Hawaii. He loved attending church and loved music. He knew his favorite hymns by heart and was a true Lawrence Welk fan.

Gary was the second of four children born May 3, 1951, to Merle Streitmatter and Norma Patricia "Pat" Streitmatter Brown. Gary was 72 years old when he passed, far outliving life expectations for someone born with Down Syndrome. Credit for his longevity and good health goes to his mom, Pat. She always felt that Gary was a gift from God and he was the center of her world. She went above and beyond to give him the best that life had to offer.

She survives as well as his oldest sister Linda DeCamp of Henry, brother Alan (Linda) Streitmatter of Metamora and younger sister Amy (Greg) Milroy of Toulon. His father Merle and loving stepfather Boyd Brown preceded him in death.

He is also survived by niece Francie (Doug) McCartney of Rome; nephews Scott (Lynda) DeCamp of Henry, Dave (MacKinsey) Milroy of Monmouth and Kyle Milroy of Peoria. He also had three great-nieces, Erica and Alexis DeCamp of Peoria and Quinn Milroy of Monmouth; and one great-nephew Lincoln Milroy of Monmouth.

Special credit for his development also goes to Abilities Plus, a social services agency for those with disabilities that began in 1957. Gary's parents, Merle and Pat were two of the six founders of the agency. Gary was one of the original nine children at Abilities Plus in 1957 and was the last survivor of that original group.

A special thank you goes out to the Toulon Health Care Center for the wonderful care that Gary received. He was well cared for and seemed very content to be a resident there.

Another special thank you also goes out to Compassus from Galesburg for Gary's hospice care. They did an outstanding job keeping Gary comfortable and making his passing less difficult for him and for his family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Toulon United Methodist Church on Saturday Nov. 11. Visitation will begin at 1 p.m. with funeral to follow at 2 p.m. Following the services, everyone is welcome to join the family in the church basement for food and fellowship. Private burial will be held at a later date.

Rux Funeral Home in Kewanee is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be given to Abilities Plus.

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

Paul T. Walliker

GALVA – Paul Theodore Walliker, 70, of Galva, died Nov. 4, 2023. He was born on Aug. 26, 1953, in Peoria. A Celebration of Life to honor Paul Walliker will take place from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Galva American Legion.



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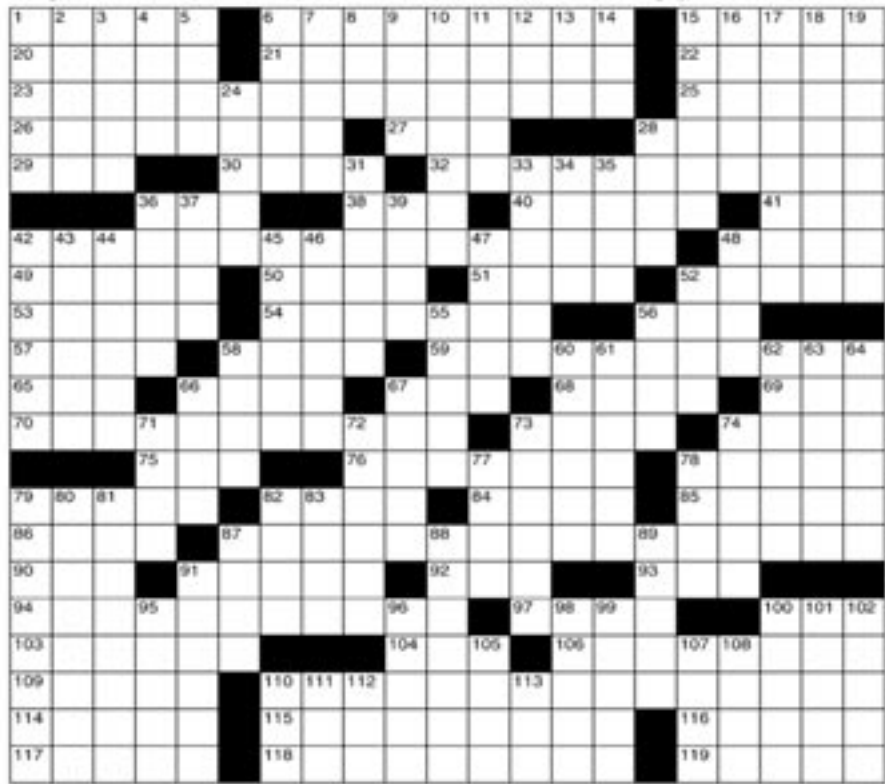
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- 15 Foil maker
- 20 Empathetic declaration
- 21 Steak lover, e.g.
- 22 Lounges idly
- 23 Italian developer of an educational method
- 25 Third month
- 26 "Two Years Before the Mast" star
- 27 Film director Craven
- 28 Family-style Chinese dish
- 29 Body design, in brief
- 30 The new girl on "New Girl"
- 32 French painter of "The Horse Fair"
- 36 Commotion
- 38 The "N" of USNA: Abbr.
- 40 "— never believe me!"
- 41 Rap's "Dr."
- 42 She played Abby Cadabby on HBO's "The Decoy"
- 48 Cut with a light beam
- 49 Continuously
- 50 Cruel emperor
- 51 Troop's group
- 52 Partners
- 53 Scenes
- 54 Title sorority in a 1985 film
- 56 Turkish cap
- 57 French friends
- 58 Smithereens
- 59 Onetime rival of Staffs Graf
- 65 Swimmer Thorpe
- 66 Farm female
- 67 Disfigure
- 68 Calculus, e.g.
- 69 Made in the manner of
- 70 American Red Cross founder
- 73 Therefore
- 74 Fix, as a pet
- 75 Frigid
- 76 House pests
- 78 Spirited
- 79 Flub up
- 82 Sense by touch
- 84 Zeus' wife
- 85 Singer Delta
- 86 Fencing sword
- 87 She played Miss Ellie Ewing on "Dallas"
- 90 Gore- (rainwear fabric)
- 91 Herb in pesto
- 92 Farm female
- 93 FedEx competitor
- 94 1996-2002 "Saturday Night Live" cast member
- 97 Agra apparel
- 100 Band's job
- 103 Guarantee
- 104 The, to Herd
- 106 "Velvet Fog" vocalist
- 109 Actor Falk
- 110 Comedian with the 1990 HBO special "Cats, Cops and Stuff"
- 114 Bel- (Italian cheese)
- 115 Resistance to alternating current
- 116 Hunter constellation
- 117 RBIs, e.g.
- 118 Engulfed by fire
- 119 It can precede eight first names in this puzzle to form the names of California cities
- DOWN**
- 1 Get a lock on
- 2 Milan's La —
- 3 Gold purity unit
- 4 St. Pat's land
- 5 Bargain buy
- 6 Home
- 7 Advances, as money
- 8 Vietnamese New Year
- 9 Several
- 10 Lay away
- 11 Deep-voiced singer
- 12 Siouan tribesperson
- 13 "— out!"
- 14 — Lankan
- 15 Kind of nut
- 16 Averse
- 17 Criticized petulantly
- 18 "No question"
- 19 Some hardwoods
- 24 Part of MLB
- 28 Boxer Oscar de la —
- 31 Curs' sounds
- 33 Add while mixing
- 34 Throat-clearing noise
- 35 Flock of quail
- 36 Dancer de Mile
- 37 Pappies
- 39 Boatloads
- 42 Piece of tile art
- 43 Zoo dweller
- 44 Eyeball part
- 45 India's Gandhi
- 46 Be wobbly
- 47 Fog or steam
- 48 Lounge around
- 52 Fishnet stuff
- 55 Oven brand
- 56 "Good" or "bad" dietary intake
- 58 Bundle of joy
- 60 Cry upon arriving
- 61 Leading to something
- 62 Drink like a dog or cat
- 63 Go by
- 64 Gives assent
- 66 Speed-of-sound ratio
- 67 Green stuff
- 71 Paddy crop
- 72 Like a tinny recording
- 73 City of ancient Egypt
- 74 Starts-to-be
- 77 Tobacco plug
- 78 Get set for surgery
- 79 Test versions of smartphone programs, e.g.
- 80 Vacant political position
- 81 Oil, in slang
- 82 High-speed
- 83 A Great Lake
- 87 Military post
- 88 Scans again
- 89 Artisans' club
- 91 Rails in ballet
- 95 Invited one
- 96 Actress Page
- 98 "Duck-—" (Warner Bros. short)
- 99 Zellweger of the screen
- 100 Body part often pulled by an athlete
- 101 "— buying it"
- 102 "Hero" actress Davis
- 105 Emailed junk chicken
- 106 Other, in Oviedo
- 110 More, in a music score
- 111 Band blaster
- 112 News svc.
- 113 Vocalist Yoko



XC: All 7 SC runners posted PRs

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Smith's first season of distance running was last fall in 8th grade when she won the IESA 1A state race. Saturday's showing at Detweiller was similarly impressive, as only three other freshman placed ahead of her — including state champion Isabella Keller of Effingham St. Anthony. Keller posted a time of 16:26.13 to follow in the strides of her older sister, Anna Sophia Keller, who won four straight ti-

ties from 2013-16.

While individual honors are satisfying, Smith said being part of a team made this cross country season even better.

"It's pretty enjoyable to be on a team that goes to state," Smith said. "I've never had that before."

Her Lady Rebels teammates were all at their best on Saturday as Stark County matched the 19th-place finish it posted when the team made state in 2018.

"Everybody on the whole team ran their PR today. And not just by a little, but by a lot," Rennick said. "That's the trick: last race, fast race. They had some faith and we put in the work and they did exactly that."

Other scoring runners for Stark County were sophomore Cheyenne Smith (134th, 20:09), junior Alexis Martinez (150th, 20:19), junior Keagan Hamilton (182nd, 21:21) and sophomore Paytin Terwilliger (188th, 21:28). Rounding out the team were Junior Sarah Kraklow (208th, 21:26) and sophomore Haylie Moodie (245th, 23:33).

Rennick noted that in placing 19th, Stark County finished ahead of two teams that had been faster at the sectional: Seneca (20th) and Aurora Central Catholic (22nd).

"The only one from the sectional who beat us today was (13th-place) Winnebago," Rennick said.

Tolono Unity won the girls title with 109 points. Stark County finished with 481 but Rennick hopes to improve on that next fall.

"We've got everybody back next year," Rennick said. "You never know about that sort of thing, but we're looking to go up from (19th)."

"We've got a great group of workers who work in the offseason."

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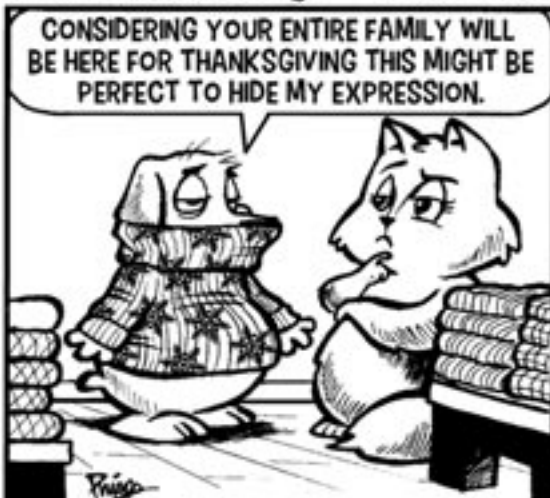
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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the second-largest country in South America?
- COMICS:** What is Dennis the Menace's last name?
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- ASTRONOMY:** Which planet in our solar system is covered in sulphuric acid clouds?

Answers

- Argentina.
- Mitchell.
- Isaac Newton.
- Stanley Kowalski.
- White Russian.
- "Cheers."
- The American Express card.
- Distribution of light and dark in drawing and painting.
- The Dakota apartment building.
- Venus.

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TOP 10 MOVIES

- Five Nights at Freddy's (PG-13)
- Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)
- Killers of the Flower Moon (R)
- After Death (PG-13)
- The Exorcist: Believer (R)
- PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)
- The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)
- Freelance (R)
- Saw X (R)
- The Creator (PG-13)

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The Prairie News Sports



All-State for Smith

SC freshman 22nd, Lady Rebels 19th at state XC meet

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

PEORIA – Held back by a bad stomach ache for nearly 1 mile of the 3-mile girls Class 1A state cross country race at Detweiller Park last Saturday, Dusti Smith knew it was now or never as the finish neared.

And so, the Stark County freshman took off, sprinting past five or six other runners to claim an all-state medal by placing 22nd with a personal best time of 18:03.82. She is the first Stark County runner to earn all-state in cross country.

“I was getting really worried because my second mile was slower,” Smith said. “But at the end, my legs felt fine and I had enough left that I could sprint.”

As Coach Bob Rennick said, that was bad news for runners ahead of Smith.

“You want to get in a foot race with that girl, you are making a



Stark County freshman Dusti Smith poses with her all-state medal after placing 22nd last Saturday at the Class 1A girls state cross country meet. Photo by Jeff Lampe.

bad choice,” Rennick said. “When you can run a 58-second 400, yeah, she can sprint.”

Indeed, that is most of what Smith has done in her still-developing running career. She didn’t start running cross country until her cousin Cadence Manning, who ran for ROWVA-Williamsfield, suggested it two years ago.

“She told me cross country was really fun,” Smith said. “I like running, so I figured I might as well try it.”

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R-W defense stymies Rebels

Injury, turnovers derail Stark County in Class 1A 2nd round

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

ONEIDA – The Stark County football team finally dug a hole out of which it couldn’t climb.

That the ROWVA-Williamsfield defense kept dumping dirt on the Rebels didn’t help.

Stark County had no touchdowns on offense, gained fewer than 100 yards overall and was intercepted five times in a 36-8 Class 1A second-round playoffs defeat at Bill Adams Field. The second consecutive postseason loss to R-W (9-2) was the only defeat Stark County had in 11 games.

“They were better than us today, pretty much everywhere – running the ball, passing the ball, blocking,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “They were just better than us today.”

That might have been the case from the opening kickoff – although in this rivalry between LincolnLand Conference small-division teams, past hasn’t always been prologue.

R-W junior Talan Hull returned the first kick 85 yards, to the Stark County 8-yard line. Two plays later, Spencer Brown



ROWVA-Williamsfield’s Preston Schroeder hits Stark County quarterback Luke Rewerts in Saturday’s Class 1A playoff game. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

scored from 3 yards and R-W led 8-0.

It almost was identical to what happened Sept. 29 in Oneida, when R-W led Stark County by seven points after two plays. In that game, Stark County (10-1) came back to win 24-14. In this game, Stark County never led.

The Rebels’ only score came on Braden Lindley’s interception return with 8:53 left in the first

half.

Stark County couldn’t take first-quarter advantage of a fumble recovery and four Cougars penalties, including three in a row on their second possession.

The Rebels also fell behind Princeville in two games this season, including in the first and third quarters of their playoffs opener. But like in the first R-W

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