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Authorities, Volunteers Searching For Missing Watson Girl



Willow Long, 7, of Watson, went missing from her home Sunday morning. Effingham County authorities and volunteers have been searching around her home for almost two days but have not located her yet. If anyone has any information on her whereabouts, they are urged to call the Effingham County Sheriff's Department at (217) 342-2101.

By Rob West

Authorities and volunteers in Effingham county are searching for missing Watson girl.

Willow Long, 7, went missing Sunday morning from her home in Watson. Police say that the girl walked away from her home Sunday morning and has not been seen since.

Willow Long is approximately 4-feet tall with shoulder length red hair. It is not known as to what she was wearing. Police initially thought she was wearing an oversized shirt, but that shirt has since been located at her home.

Willow's mother, Cierra Deryke, told police that she wasn't feeling well Sunday morning and was going back to bed around 8:45 a.m. When she went to lay down, Willow her 3-year-old brother were watching TV in the living room.

When she later woke up, Deryke asked the 3-year-old where Willow was, and he pointed to the door. Deryke called police later Sunday to report her missing.

The Effingham County Sheriff's Department says that there currently are no signs of foul play. Searchers have covered an eight square mile radius from Long's home and found nothing. Authorities also went door to door in the area.

The search for the 7-year-old girl took a break Monday afternoon to allow the volunteers a break from the heat. At an early afternoon briefing Monday, Effingham County Sheriff John Niccum said that there wasn't much change. The department is still investigating and still searching.

Effingham and Watson firefighter J.R. Nieman said that searchers have covered 18 of the 20 square mile that were initially targeted and that some areas have been double and triple checked.

Floyd Henson Junior High Increasing Security

Floyd Henson Junior High School has increased the security at their building. During school hours, all doors are now locked at all times. Parents and visitors must come to the front-main entrance to request entry. The junior high school has a new buzz-in security system at the front entrance near the far-right door. You will need to press the bottom button to alert the office. Everyone is asked to be ready to display your ID and to be asked your name and reason for requesting entrance into the junior high school. We thank you for your patience. The safety of our students is very important to us. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.

Clay City Fall Festival September 14

By Becca Persinger

The annual Clay City Fall Festival will be held on Saturday, September 14. At the event, there will be plenty of fresh food available for purchase, multiple attractions for kids and adults alike, and more.

The event will kick off with a breakfast at the Clay City Community Building. They will be serving pancakes, sausage, and sausage biscuits and gravy from 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Adult tickets are being sold for \$3 per ticket. This meal is being sponsored by the Clay City's Men's Civic Organization.

The Cutest Baby Contest will start at 9:00 a.m. The contestants must be 0 to 3 years old.

Following the Cutest Baby Contest will be the Little Mr. and Miss Pageant. All contestants must be at least four years old. The upper age limit to participate is fourth grade.

Tractor Show registration is set to

begin at 8:00 a.m., and the Power and Grace Tumblers will perform at 10:00 a.m.

All Carnival Rides will be open for business at 10:00 a.m., and lunch will also be served at this time.

From 10:00 a.m. until 1:30, games will be open, and they will reopen after the parade takes place.

There will be a Cake Walk from 10:30 a.m. until 11:45 a.m., and a Frog Jump will be held at noon.

The annual parade will start at 2:00 p.m., and after the parade, DAS-zle Dance and Tumble will perform at about 3:30 p.m.

An evening meal will be served at 4:30 p.m., and there will be an auction held at 6:00 p.m. Items for the auction will go on display at 5:30 p.m. The auction is being run by Dagg's Auction Company.

To end the event, the Fall Festival Kings and Queens will be announced at

Firearms Instructor Applications Available Online

Illinois State Police Officials announced that Illinois Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor and Curriculum applications are available on its website. Qualified individuals interested in completing the application to become an Illinois certified firearms instructor or to have their firearms curriculum approved for use in Illinois can access the application at <http://www.isp.state.il.us/>.

The Department has developed a registry which will include information regarding approved instructors who apply and successfully demonstrate they meet all of the statutory requirements as soon as applications are approved. Similarly, a list of approved courses will also be available on the ISP website.

Instructor applicants are required to first electronically submit fingerprints through an Illinois licensed Livescan vendor in order to expedite the background check process. Electronic fingerprint submission is necessary to ensure timely approval of instructors and allow individuals who want to apply for an Illinois Concealed Carry Firearms license access to the required training.

Instructor applicants seeking to become a certified Illinois Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor shall be: at least 21 years of age; a legal resident of the United States; possess or be eligible for a valid FOID card; and be eligible for a Concealed Carry License in Illinois.

Firearms Training

Instructor applicants must possess a high school diploma or GED certificate and have at least one of the following valid firearms instructor certifications: certification from a law enforcement agency; certification from a firearm instructor course offered by a state or federal governmental agency; certification from a firearm instructor course offered by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training and Standards Board; and certification from an entity approved by the

Illinois State Police that offers firearm instructor education and training in the use and safety of firearms, such as the National Rifle Association of American (NRA).

Individuals interested in applying for a concealed carry license must successfully complete approved training from an approved Illinois Concealed Carry Firearms Instructor. Applications for a Concealed Carry License will be available in early January 2014.

Welty Sentenced To IDOC

In Clay County court, State's Attorney Marilyn Brant has released information regarding the recent sentencing of a Flora resident, James M. Welty, age 38, to the Illinois Department of Corrections for the offense of Driving while Driver's License is Revoked.

According to Brant, Welty was sentenced by Judge Mark Kelly to a term of twelve (12) months in the Illinois Department of Corrections, followed by one year of mandatory supervised release.

The charge against James M. Welty alleged that on March 23, 2013, upon

North State Street in Flora, he was driving a 1982 Toyota truck on a highway in the State of Illinois. Welty's driving privileges were revoked as a result of a prior DUI offense. This was his sixth offense for driving while his license was revoked, making it a Class 4 Felony charge, and requiring the Court to impose a mandatory minimum term of imprisonment of one hundred eighty days.

This case was investigated by the Flora Police Department.

Flora Rotary Club Cookout Friday

The Flora Rotary Club will be having a cookout Friday, September 13 and 27 at the Flora Rotary Skate Park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu will include porkburgers, brats, chips and drinks. The cost for the meal is \$5.50. All proceeds will go toward "Creating A Bright-R Future," A community service project of the Flora Rotary Club in Memory of Gary W. Bright. Everyone is invited to the Flora Rotary Skate Park this Friday, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch.

CCHS Student Of The Week



By Faith Welty

The CCHS student of the week for August 26-30 is Miss Jennifer Streif, 17. Jennifer is the daughter of Brian and Brenda Streif, both from Louisville. Her grandparents are William and Sara Tooley and Bob and Joan Streif. Streif is involved in yearbook, band, cheerleading, softball, and scholar bowl. Outside of school, she enjoys going to dance class. She also keeps herself busy by working for her dad at Streif's Country Market and taking care of her pet ostrich. The CCHS word of the week was positive. Streif often expresses a positive attitude towards others during scholar bowl, always encouraging her teammates when they get flustered. Streif was surprised to be named Student of the Week. This activity is sponsored by CCHS Pep Club and Brew City.



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Obituaries

Dawnielle Kaye (Nolley) Sweet

Dawnielle Kaye Sweet, 40, of Flora, died Friday, September 6, 2013 at Wishard Hospital in Indianapolis, IN.

Ms. Sweet was born July 22, 1973 in Shelbyville, IN, the daughter of Donnie Nolley and Debra (Hatton) Dodd. She attended Triton Central Schools. She was a member of Little Flower Catholic Church in Indianapolis, where she faithfully attended. She enjoyed scrapbooking, hiking, and fishing.

Survivors include father Donnie (Rosellen Meek) Nolley of Lake Helen, FL; mother Debra Dodd of Celina, TN; son Jacob Samuel Bailey of Flora; paternal grandmother Betty Dobbins of Shelbyville, IN; sisters Lavanna (Andrew) Hazel of Indianapolis and Rachel Meek of Gainville, FL; brother Jason Nolley of Castalian Springs, TN; and several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Preceding her in death were her maternal grandparents, Duane and Ruby Hatton; and paternal grandfather, Cleaver Nolley.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday,



September 11, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Shelbyville, IN with Father Robert J. Gilday officiating and burial in Miller Cemetery in Shelby County. Freeman Family Funeral Homes and Crematory, Carmony-Ewing Chapel is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Educational Fund for Jacob Bailey and can be received at the funeral home. Online condolences may be left at www.freemanfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

Phillip Schnautz

Phillip Schnautz, 51, of Noble, died Thursday, September 5, 2013 at 2:30 p.m. at Helia Healthcare in Olney.

Mr. Schnautz was born December 11, 1961 in Olney, the son of Vance Shriner and Sue (Schnautz) Michels. He attended East Richland Schools. During high school, he worked at Marymac Pizza, Inc., OK Janitorial, and Happy Hour Services. In the 1980's he worked on several oil well drilling rigs and in the early 1990's he worked at Lubert Schnautz Lumber Company as head sawyer. He currently owns Schnautz Logging which originated in 2007 and continued until he got sick earlier this year.

Survivors include mother and step-father, Sue and Jerry Michels of Olney; grandmother Erba Schnautz of Clay City; step-brother, Gregory Michels of

Olney, step-sisters Lori Barger of Olney, Cathy Yockey of Olney, and Julie Roberts of St. Petersburg, FL; uncles Ray Schnautz of Pasadena, TX, Larry Lee Schnautz of Clay City, Paul Schnautz of Pasadena, TX, and Mark Schnautz of Olney; several cousins, special neighbor Betty Lamb, and longtime friend Kirby Weber.

Preceding him in death were grandfather Lubert Schnautz and cousin Gage French.

Graveside services will be held Saturday, September 14 at Clay City Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. with Minister Nathan Schnautz officiating. The Summers-Kistler Funeral Home in Olney is in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Southeastern Illinois. Online condolences may be left at www.summerskistler.com.

Evelyn Anderson

Evelyn M. Anderson, 92, of Flora, died Friday, September 6, 2013 at Flora Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in Flora.

Ms. Anderson was born November 11, 1920 to Jesse and Madge (Guyot) Anderson. She had worked as a telephone operator at GTE. She was a member of the Flora Church of the Nazarene and had been a member of the Flora Rebekah Lodge. She enjoyed playing Bingo and visiting with relatives and friends.

Survivors include one son and daughter-in-law, John and Patricia Anderson of Jacksonville, FL; one brother and sister-in-law Sam and Lucille Anderson of Flora; one grandson Todd Anderson (girlfriend Kim) of Jacksonville, FL; four great grandchildren, four great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

Preceding her in death were her parents, a brother Estelle Anderson, one grandson, and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, September 12 at 11:00 a.m. at the Frank and Bright Funeral Home with



burial in Elmwood Cemetery. Pastor Phil Alvord will be officiating. Visitation will be Wednesday, September 11 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Frank and Bright Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Flora Church of the Nazarene or the American Heart Association. An online guestbook is available at www.frankandbright.com.

Probst Auto Body Gives Back To The Community



Amanda Gragert is shown receiving the keys to her new car from Mark Probst, owner of Probst Auto Body.

Probst Auto Body participated in the nationwide Wheels to Prosper event for the second year and on July 27 recognized Amanda Gragert as the 2013 Wheels to Prosper recipient.

The Wheels to Prosper initiative was started by shop owners who are changing the reputation and quality of service in the automotive repair and service industries. The Wheels to Prosper initiative awards a worthy and deserving person from the community a car that has been

fully serviced and in good working condition. Probst Auto Body is one of two participating Illinois body shops. This year's car was a 2003 Chevrolet Monte Carlo.

This year, Probst received 19 nominations from various churches and local organizations. Gragert was nominated by Beverly Ziegler, the Assistant Director of Master's Hands Inc. Ministry in Olney.

Gragert impressed Beverly and others with her sweet spirit and determination to turn her life around. She rides her bike to work every day, is the mother of two young girls, is active in Bible studies and volunteers weekly in the community garden and at Master's Hands.

"I am proud to participate in Wheels to Prosper and would like to personally congratulate Amanda," said Mark Probst. "I would also like to thank Dina Digiulio and Jody Gatchell, the two founders of Wheels to Prosper. Both of them are great leaders and mentors to the automotive body repair business," Probst continued.

To find out more information about Wheels to Prosper, visit online at <http://www.wheelstoproper.com>.

Engagements

Glick, Cassiday Announce Engagement



Niki Cassiday and Mason Glick

Wayne and Gail Glick of Flora proudly announce the engagement of their son, Mason Glick to Niki Cassiday, daughter of Matthew and Susan Cassiday of Springfield. Mason is employed as the Assistant Athletic Director for Sales and Marketing for SIUE Intercollegiate Athletics. Niki is studying Computer Management and Information Systems at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. The couple will be married August 22, 2014 in Siesta Key, FL.

Local Clay Co. Community Education Board Attend Meeting



Top row, Kate Hilliard, Becky Krutsinger, and Marge Dettmer and bottom row, Berenice Brown and Joan Stanford.

All the units of Clay County Home Community Education Board were represented at the State Board Meeting in Mt. Vernon on Tuesday, August 20. Officers attending were Katie Hilliard, Becky Krutsinger, Marge Dettmer, Berenice Brown and Joan Stanford.

The program consisted of Officer Training and a presentation "The Art of Delicious Dessert" by Mindy Peterson from the University of Illinois Liaison presented a skit. All enjoyed the meeting "The Many Hats of IAHCE."

Mary Ann Brentlinger
Reporter

Alzheimer's Support Group Meeting

The Alzheimer's Association meeting for Clay County will not meet in September. The Caregiver Advisor from Heartland Human Services will be a Caregiver College 2013. This event will take place on Tuesday, September 24 at Clay County Hospital Conference Room. Seating for this event is limited so call 618-662-6621 to register.

The next meeting of the Clay County Alzheimer's Association Support Group will be on Tuesday, November 26. Call the Caregiver Advisor from Heartland Human Services toll-free at 1-888-560-8805 ext. 1062 for additional information.

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Celestial Meanderings by Doug Mack

Mars Hoax

In August of 2003, the orbits of Mars and Earth brought them unusually close to each other. The two planets were about 35 million miles apart; close enough that I could just make out the ice caps on Mars, using a 6 inch reflecting telescope.

This is called "opposition" which occurs when a planet outside Earth's orbit reaches a point in the sky when it is rising at the same time the Sun is setting. Mars and Earth reach opposition with Earth about every 2.13 years, although not always as close as the 2003 event. Because its orbit is not a perfect circle, but an oval, sometimes Mars can be as far away as 62.5 million miles.

Why am I devoting a column to "old news?" Because, in spite of the facts, every August for the last ten years, Mars is apparently at opposition, and is as large as a full moon. I can always count on several emails or Facebook messages asking me, "Doug, is this true?" Last week, one of my students asked if I was going to stay up that night and see Mars and the Moon. One of his relatives was ready to see this "once in a lifetime event." With the help of a computer website, I showed him where the moon would be that night, as well as the position of, and distance to, Mars. Not a bit like the amazing picture on FB showing a full moon beside a Moon-sized Mars.

I'm not sure how Mars grew from "really close, and really bright" to Moon-sized, but it did. And, somehow, what astronomers call the Mars Hoax resurrects itself every August. I have a few questions. Where is it the rest of the year?

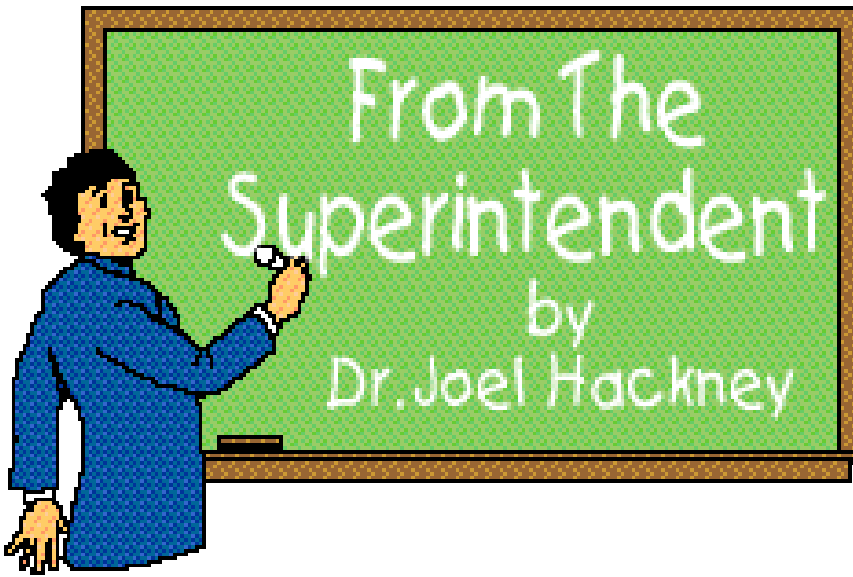
Who creates the great photo-shopped pictures accompanying this myth? How big can Mars really look from Earth?

A little research allows me to answer the last question. Even when Mars is at its absolute closest point, it would take over 70 Mars diameters to come close to creating a line across a full moon.

Another item that came up in my classroom this past week was the subject of a "blue moon." Any time two full Moons occur during a single month, we refer to the second one as a Blue Moon. A blue moon can also be the third full moon of four that occur during a single season. The full Moon of August 20-21 qualified as a blue moon, using that definition.

While looking for more information on blue moons, I stumbled on this tidbit from EarthSky.com. Can there be two Blue Moons in a single year? Answer: "Yes, it last happened in 1999. There were two full moons in January and two full moons in March, and no full moon in February." In the end, all it takes for a blue moon is a full moon to occur near the beginning of a month with 30-31 days. And, since we have full moons every 28 days or so...

Mars' next opposition will occur in April, 2014, when it will be about 57 million miles from Earth. The best opposition in the next few years will be in July, 2018. It'll be a mere 35.8 million miles away.



Flora Schools Off to a Great Start

Another school year is here and we are off to a great start. Everyone seems to be getting back into the school routine and it's hard to believe the first month of school is almost over. Each of the buildings held open houses and will be having various events in the coming months.

There is an old proverb that says that it takes a village to raise a child and the same is true for educating a child. We are extremely grateful for all of the support and involvement from the community and parents and are continually looking for ways to improve. This year, we are focusing on continuing to implement and stay current with technology in the curriculum within the classrooms; increasing communication within and outside the district through a variety of ways; continuing and increasing collaborative work between the administration and staff to develop and articulate the curriculum that is aligned to the Common Core standards that flow from one grade level to the next; continually maintain the condition and cleanliness of the buildings and grounds in order to increase community, staff, and student pride in the school district; and continue to increase student involvement in the improvement and appearance of the facilities and grounds.

The following are a few of the initiatives we have started in an effort to achieve our goals.

New Elementary School Construction: The state money for the new elementary school has been approved and we are in the process of reviewing the design and making any

needed revisions. Once we make any needed design changes and receive the grant agreement from the state, we will begin to bid out the project to prepare for construction. Our hope is to be in the building by the beginning of the 2015-2016 school year.

Revised District Website: We are currently exploring options to revise our website to make it more user-friendly and a better source of information about what is happening in the district and at our schools. We hope to have the newly designed website up and running by the start of the second semester.

Strategic Planning Process: To further the district goal setting process, the Board is exploring beginning a strategic planning process to form a 3-year District Strategic Plan. This process will entail conducting teacher, student, and parent surveys as a means of collecting data on possible goal areas and the formation of multiple focus groups comprised of community members, teachers, parents, and students who would meet to discuss goals and objectives to be addressed by the Board and the district over the next three years.

More information on each of these initiatives will be provided in the coming weeks. Our goal is to promote a positive atmosphere and increased communication and we welcome your input and suggestions on ways to accomplish this. If you would like to be a member of the focus group or would like to share suggestions or ideas please feel free to contact me at 662-2412 or visit me online at jhackney@floraschools.com.



hicle and Operating Vehicle with Expired Registration Sticker following a traffic stop at E. 2nd and N. Locust Street.

Tuesday, September 3, at 2:44 p.m. Andrea J. Phillips, 23, of Flora was arrested for Retail Theft following an incident at Wal-Mart.

Wednesday, September 4, at 5:40 p.m. Flora Police investigated an accident on the CVS Parking Lot involving a 2002 Dodge Van operated by Daniel D. Marr, 61, of Flora and a 2004 Chevrolet Coupe operated by Lynsey A. Birch, 26, of Louisville. No injuries were reported.

Saturday, September 7, at 4:37 p.m. Dylan J. Welch, 20, of Mansfield, IL was arrested for Retail Theft following an incident at Wal-Mart.

Sunday, September 8, at 6:01 p.m. Brittney J. Brown, 24, of Flora was issued citations for Improper Lane Usage and DUI following a traffic stop at W. North Avenue and Smith.

Sunday, September 8, at 8:00 p.m. Diana K. Barnes, 38, of Sumner and James L. Henson, 43, of Sumner were arrested for Retail Theft following an incident at Wal-Mart.

All persons are merely accused of the charges against them and are presumed innocent unless

Flora Police Chief John Nicholson has released the following information:

Sunday, September 1, at 3:32 a.m. William Christopher Eckelberry, 28, of Flora was arrested for Criminal Trespass to Real Property following an incident in the 200 block of E. 11th Street.

Tuesday, September 3, at 11:18 a.m. Donna S. Boyer, 59, of Flora was issued citations for Operating Uninsured Ve-



Ring My Bell

Sometimes I tell fabrications or make up some stuff to make my column more interesting. In the world of literature that is called "poetic license" or the unofficial blessing to share a whopper without having to drive thru the takeout window at Burger King. But usually I tell the truth because it's fascinating enough all by itself.

I don't expect you to believe all of what is written below because I scarcely believe it myself and I'm the one telling it. But it's at least 97% true and fat free, slightly ahead of some bureaucrats in Washington D.C.

Our dog knows how to ring our doorbell. There, it's out. Are you still with me?

Ivy is a Golden Retriever mix according to her passport from the Shelbyville Animal Shelter. She is normally a sweet and gentle mid-sized dog. Ivy is petite and pretty when standing next to our older heavier red male, Liberty.

I can manage Ivy fairly well on most walks until we meet an oncoming life form, two legged or four. For some reason most people veer away when they see her lunging towards them. But that's only because they don't know she just wants to jump up, firmly plant her front paws on their chest and commence giving them a good face licking. She begs to go on walks. I have told her time and time again, "Not everyone likes dogs and not everyone wants to be kissed." So far she doesn't get it.

One thing she has made clear to us, however, is that she is terrified of loud noises. This includes but is not limited to the following: thunder, fireworks, firing range target practice, and as of early this morning... the opening of Dove season.

She whines, she barks, she bounces herself off the back door. If none of this works, she flips over the Wind Machine fan we keep on the back porch and then the plastic tote behind it. It's just a matter of time before she figures out how to pitch the rocking chairs from the porch to the grass. What she wants is to be inside the house with us and to bring her 100 pound boyfriend with her. We only allow it when we think she's in a full blown panic attack and going to spontaneously combust.

We were watching t.v. the other evening when we heard the whining followed by the thud of the fan hitting the porch floor. Then the doorbell rang. Our front doorbell sounds exactly the same as our back doorbell. Ken paused the show and said, "You check the back door, I'll check the front."

No one was at either door. At the back door two dogs looked hopefully up at me. Ivy wagged her tail and barked in her best Lassie voice. I stepped outside, faintly hearing shots at the firing range.

The next time she rang the doorbell there were some thunder clouds rumbling. I swear she runs to her upper story dog house and looks towards Xenia for approaching clouds.

My husband poses the philosophical question, "How come we keep attracting psychotic dogs?"

"I don't know, maybe we're going to keep getting them until we get it right."

We discussed our dog dilemma later. He continued to explain, "That dog is not smart enough to ring the doorbell. It's just accidental. She jumps up and her

paw happens to hit the button. That's it."

"Okay, whatever you say. But it works every time for her. It's just the opposite of Pavlov's dog...you know, she rings the bell and we salivate."

He squints his eyes and takes another slow drag from his cigar, gazing thoughtfully towards the north. He seems to do his best thinking when looking in that direction. It's also possible he's avoiding such deep dialogue with his wife.

Before I return to my book on my lap I point out that he failed to return the phone I carried to him earlier while he was watering the tomatoes. "Did you leave it on the back porch?"

He sighs, tapping out his cigar. I hear the back door open and close and a muffled voice interrupted by a whine.

He hands the phone to me as he slides back to his seat in the glider. "I thought I left the phone on the table beside my rocking chair but it was on the floor. One of the dogs must have had it."

"Hmmm, do you suppose Ivy was trying to call the Humane Society? We're going to have some explaining to do once she finds out about 9-1-1."

Less than twelve hours later, he was the one to answer the doorbell and dog sit on the back porch as the dove hunters did their thing.

Hannah

Clay County SWCD Fish Sale Now In Progress

The Clay County Soil and Water Conservation District is now taking orders for its fall fish sale. It is scheduled for Tuesday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. The deadline to order grass carp will be Friday, September 20. All other fish may be ordered until the day before the sale. Call the district office at 618-665-3327, ext. 3, to place an order. Available fish include:

Fish	Size	Price
Channel Catfish	4-6.....	\$0.80
	6-8.....	\$0.95
	8-10.....	\$1.05
Albino Channel Catfish	8-10.....	\$1.85
Largemouth Bass.....	3".....	\$0.95
	5-8.....	\$1.85
Hybrid Sunfish(250)	1-2.....	\$60.00
	3-5.....	\$0.90
Bluegill (250).....	1-2.....	\$60.00
	3-5.....	\$0.90
Redear (250).....	1-2.....	\$60.00
Fathead Minnow.....		\$10.00/lb.
Crappie.....	2".....	\$0.65
Grass Carp.....	8-11.....	\$10.00
Fish Stocking Rates Per Acre		
Channel Catfish.....		100-200
Largemouth Bass.....		50-100
Bluegill.....		500-1000
Redear.....		500-1000
Hybrid Sunfish.....		500-1000
Grass Carp.....		5-10
Fathead Minnows.....		1-5 lb.



Mystery Picture

If you have a photo you would like to run as a Mystery Picture, drop it off at the office of The Hometown Journal

Last Week's Mystery picture Was
Judy Wilson

Who Is This Week's Mystery
Picture?
Answer Next Tuesday

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Wolves Win For Grubaugh, Beat Palestine 20-0

By Rob West

The Flora Wolves football team was playing with heavy hearts Friday night when they took on the Palestine Pioneers. Coach Rich Grubaugh suffered a devastating loss Monday evening when his wife, Trish, unexpectedly passed away.

"I think the players came out too jacked up and that had something to do with a bad first quarter," Coach Scott Warren said. "You have to slow it down mentally and get some focus. These boys wanted it too bad but once we got it under control, things started rolling."

The Wolves took the emotion from the tragic news and used it to handily defeat the Pioneers 20-0 on their home field. It is the first time since 2009 that the Wolves have been 2-0.

It was a sloppy beginning to the game for Coach Scott Warren's team. Palestine got the ball first but the Wolves couldn't get it back. They forced the Pioneers to punt but the ball was fumbled by Allen Stephenson. He tried to catch the ball on the run but it bounced off his chest and was recovered by a Pioneer.

The Pioneers were forced to punt again but were given a new set of downs when Logan Dulaney ran into Palestine's punter for a penalty. The Wolves were finally able to get

the ball for the first time when they forced Palestine's quarterback to fumble. It was recovered by Colton Dulaney to end a frustrating defensive series for the Wolves.

But the Wolves weren't able to do anything with the football on their first possession. They were able to pick up a first down on runs by Trey Thompson, Tristan Litaker, and Ethan Leib. But the drive stalled after the first down. Leib fumbled the ball and lost six yards and threw an incomplete pass before the Wolves had to punt.

"I said at halftime that the first quarter was one of the most destructive quarters I have ever seen," Coach Scott Warren said. "What I like is that we kept working and fought through it. It was an emotional week and everyone was trying to blow them out for Coach Grubaugh. We had too many people trying too hard."

The best chance for the Wolves came in the second quarter when Leib completed a 43 yard pass to Bobby Anderson at the one yard line. But instead of having the ball first and goal at the one, Anderson was flagged for a taunting penalty which moved the ball back to the 16 yard line.

The Wolves finally got on the board when Palestine was forced to punt from their one yard line. Stephenson



The Flora Wolves' defense was swarming all over Palestine ball carriers Friday night. Everytime the Pioneers carried the ball, there were two or three Wolves in hot pursuit. Here, Josh Martin (77) and Logan Dulaney work at taking down Palestine's Brock Newlin.



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held onto the ball and returned it 25 yards for the first touchdown of the game. Thompson ran in the two point conversion and the Wolves were up 8-0.

"We talked about special teams. Pal/Hut always has really good special teams. They tried a fake punt on us and we stopped it. We wanted to score on special teams any way we could," Coach Warren said.

Palestine was able to move the ball near midfield but couldn't make any progress against the stingy Wolves' defense. They had to punt again and it went out of bounds at the Wolves' 41 yard line.

Leib lost five yards on first down but gained eight on second down to set up 3rd and seven from the Wolves' 42 yard line. He found Litaker in the flat for a screen pass. The sophomore first year player waited for a block then raced up the sidelines in front of the Flora bench for 56 yard touchdown reception. The Wolves had troubles on extra points all night. The snap was low and Thompson wasn't able to get a handle on it but the Wolves were in front 14-0.

We thought that play was there for seven or eight yards. We didn't expect that," Coach Warren said. "He did a nice job waiting for his blocks to set up before taking off down the field."

It was still a 14-0 lead for the Wolves in the third quarter. Palestine fumbled deep in their own territory and the Wolves recovered at the 14 yard line. They needed three plays to find the end zone as Thompson ran it in from six yards out for a 20-0 lead.

The Wolves didn't have a lot of offense in the game as they racked up 204 yards of total offense in the game. Leib was 5-14 passing for 135 yards with one touchdown. The Wolves gained 69 yards on the ground. Thompson led the rushing attack with 44 yards and a touchdown.

The Wolves improve to 2-0 on the season. Next week they travel to Newton where they will look for the first 3-0 start in 40 years. Newton

is 0-2 on the season after losing to Casey 45-13.



Trey Thompson works to break free from a Palestine defender's grasp during Friday's 20-0 win for the Wolves.

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Post 8389 meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every month at the Senior Citizens Building, following a 6 p.m. carry-in supper.

Fourth Monday
The Clay County Cancer Support Group meeting is at 7 p.m. on the fourth Monday of each month at the Clay County Hospital conference room. Everyone is welcome.

Last Monday
A free meal will be served on the last Monday of every month from 5 to 6:30 p.m. at the Community of Christ Church on Shadwell in Flora

Every Monday & Thursday
AA meeting at 7:00 p.m. every Monday and Thursday at First Baptist Church, 203 E. Third St., Flora, use north door.

Every Tuesday
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Every Tuesday & Thursday
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Every Tuesday & Thursday
WIC certifications are held from 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday at the Clay County Health Department.

1st Tuesday
Clay County Hospital Auxiliary meets at Clay County Hospital. Officers meeting starts at 1 p.m. and members at 2 p.m.

1st & 3rd Tuesday
Clay City V.F.W. Post 8389 meetings will be held at 7:00 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month at the Senior Citizens Building, following a 6 p.m. carry in meal.

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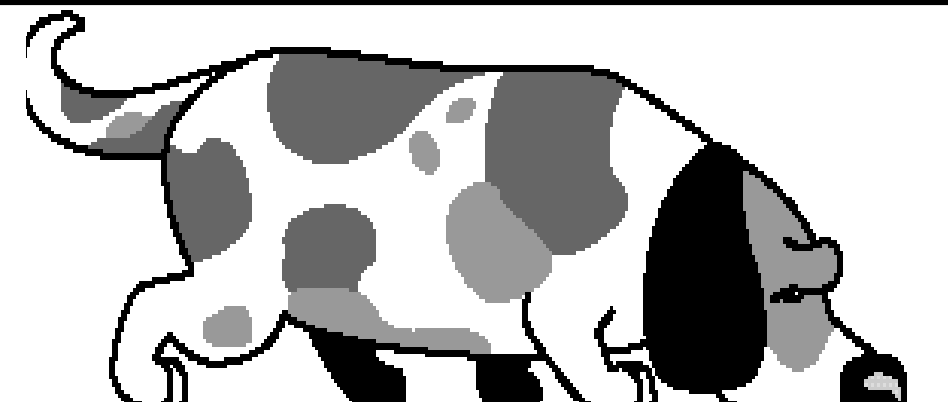
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Cardinals Get Pair Of Wins

By Rob West

The North Clay Cardinals have had to learn to fight through adversity early in the fall season as they have won their last four games and built a 6-2 record.

The Cardinals hosted Dieterich Thursday and got all they could handle from the Maroons.

Lawson Britton got the Cardinals started with a lead off home run in the first inning for a quick 1-0 lead.

Dieterich scored a run to tie the game in the top of the third with a sacrifice fly.

The Cardinals went back on top with three runs in their half of the third inning. Stetsen Traub came home on a base hit to left by Jordan Byers. Collin Warren reached on an error by the third baseman and Byers came home. Warren scored the final run of the inning on a base hit to center by Michael Lovett for a 4-1 lead.

But Dieterich wouldn't go away as they put up three runs of their own in the top of the fourth inning to again tie the game.

The see saw battle continued in the fourth inning as North Clay went back in front to stay with three more runs.

Dylan Bailey hit a sacrifice fly to center that scored Braden McNeely and let Adam Cox move to second base. Cox and Traub later scored on a base hit to left field by Byers.

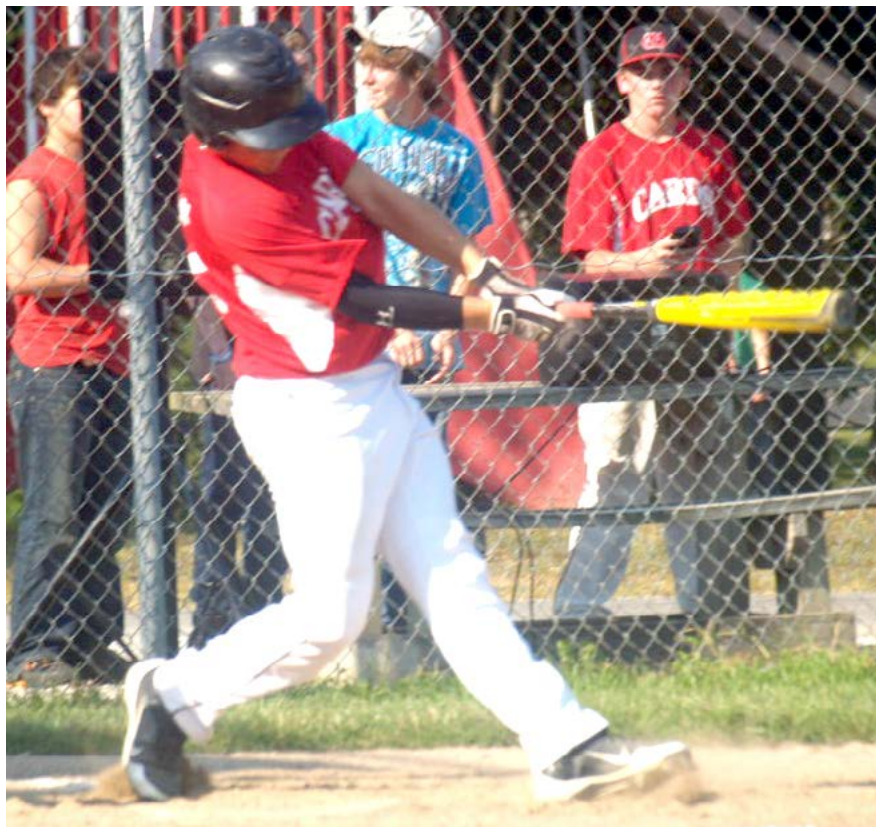
Byers pitched the first five innings giving up four runs on seven hits with two strikeouts and three walks. Dylan Bailey made his pitching debut with two innings of scoreless baseball. He struck out one and walked none.

North Clay vs. Noble

The Cardinals used a 14 hit attack on Friday as they defeated the Noble/Clay City Wildcats 15-1 in five innings.

Britton was 3-4 at the plate with a double, three runs scored, an RBI, and a stolen base. McNeely was 2-4 with a double and three RBIs. Warren was 3-3 with three RBIs and three runs scored.

Adam Cox started the game and pitched just one inning and struck out the side. The Cardinals scored nine runs in the first inning and Cox was replaced on the mound with Warren. He pitched the final four innings giving up just one hit and striking out five.



Lawson Britton led off the Cardinals' game against Dieterich with a home run Thursday afternoon. The Cardinals held on for a 7-4 win.

Wolfgals Finish Off Clay County Sweep

By Rob West

The Flora Wolfgals battled the Clay City Lady Wolves in the oven of Conley Gym to open their season. The Wolfgals battled through the heat to win the match in two straight sets.

Last Thursday it wasn't 300 degrees in Conley Gym as the Wolfgals took on their other county opponent in the North Clay Lady Cardinals.

The Lady Cardinals put up quite a battle against the Wolfgals. North Clay held a 4-1 lead in the first set before the Wolfgals tied it at 4-4 with a pair of kills by Crimson Jones and a service error by Connie Warren.

It remained a close game when Jones slammed down a kill to even the score at 8-8 before she went back to serve.

The Wolfgals scored 15 straight points with Jones at serve. During the stretch, the sophomore had six aces. Her teammates helped her with two kills by Jessica Staley and Hannah Bute each and one from Bria Krutsinger.

When Staley was called for a lift to end the streak, the Wolfgals were in charge 23-9. They would go on to win the first set 25-10.

Second Set

The teams came out in the second set and were even at the onset. But a service error by Kate Miglin, and kill from Jones, and a net call on Kourtney Stanfield put the Wolfgals up 8-5.

Kills by Jones and Staley gave Flora a 10-6 lead when North Clay mounted a comeback. A pair of errors by the Wolfgals preceded an ace by Molly Rinehart.

Teahanna Wyatt came up with a block and a kill that gave the Cardinals an 11-10 lead.

The Wolfgals came back with the help of a couple of North Clay errors. Bute recorded an ace and Brooke Bayles had a kill during a six point run that put the Wolfgals back on top 16-11.

A kill by Bute gave the Wolfgals a 22-20 lead late in the set. But the Cardinals responded with a block by Stanfield. Rachel Smith had a pair of kills. A lift call and a passing error on the Wolfgals gave the Lady Cardinals the second set 25-22.

Third Set

The Wolfgals jumped out quickly in the third and deciding set with Bria Krutsinger at serve. She had two aces, Staley and Bute knocked down kills, and North Clay was called for a rotation violation as the Wolfgals built an early 5-0 lead.

The Lady Cardinals had two-three point runs as they were able to tie the score at 8-8. Flora went back on top with a hitting error on Smith and an ace by Jones gave Flora a two point lead.

It remained a tight set when Flora was able to get some breathing room. They were up 16-15 when they got control of the serve with a hitting error on Rinehart. A kill by Jones and a passing miscue by Warren gave the Wolfgals a 19-15 lead.

A timeout by Coach Sarah Newby calmed her Cardinals down and threw the Wolfgals off their game. Coming out of the timeout, Stanfield hammered down



Flora's Bria Krutsinger puts up a set as Jessica Staley prepares for the kill attempt.

a kill and the Wolfgals committed a pair of passing errors by Bute and Jones as the score was narrowed to 19-18.

It was a 22-21 game when the Cardinals committed hitting errors by Smith and Wyatt to put the Wolfgals on the verge of winning. A combo block by Staley and Krutsinger gave the Wolfgals the match 25-21.

"We came out locked and loaded.

Set one went quick once Crimson Jones setpped to the service line and rattled off 15 straight points," Coach Jim Earleywine said. "Set two was a little different. The Cardinals stepped up their serve receive and defense as they started to battle. We held a lead at 19-13 but let off the accelerator and they took advantage. The third set wasn't much different as we couldn't get our passing down and we didn't play to our full potential."

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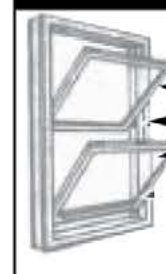
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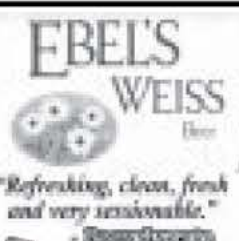
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