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Race over but couple still accepts donations for CCFA

A former Hoopeston resident and her husband took part in a race that may help extend her life.

Karen (Evans) Guglielmo and her husband, Jim, participated in the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America (CCFA) Napa Half Marathon held Sunday.

Crohn's disease is a chronic disorder that causes inflammation of the digestive or gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Although it can involve any area of the GI tract it most commonly affects the small intestine and/or colon.

Karen has had Crohn's disease for the past 24 years, undergoing several surgeries, as well as taking medications, many of which have become ineffective.

This year, Karen was selected by the Mid-America Chapter of the CCFA as one of the Honored Heroes for the CCFA Team Challenge Half Marathon in Kona, HA, and Napa Valley, CA.

While Karen walked the half marathon, Jim trained for



KAREN and JIM GUGLIELMO

four months for the 13.1 mile run in Napa.

The couple has a website for donations, which also tells their personal stories about why they participated in the event.

Karen's story talks about her struggle with Crohn's disease. "I was running the mile in Mrs. Duffin's 8th Grade P.E. class when I knew something was terribly wrong," she wrote. "I fell over, cringing in abdominal pain. I didn't know what was wrong then, but it turned out to be Crohn's disease. And 24 years later, after tens of thousands of pills and treatments, 10 abdominal surgeries, an ileostomy,

IV nutrition and hydration, and nearly dying a couple of times from sepsis, I'M STILL HERE! I may only have 3 feet of intestine, BUT I'M STILL HERE!"

To read more of their stories or to donate, go to <http://www.active.com/donate/napa09midamerica/KJGuglielmo>.

RCO to hold annual Dog Days of Summer dog show Aug. 8

Rossville Community Organization will host its annual "Dog Days of Summer" Dog Show on Saturday, Aug. 8 at Christman Park.

Registration will run for one half hour starting at 8:30 a.m., with judging commencing at 9 a.m. The event will be part of the Rossville Sesquicentennial Celebration being held August 5-9.

This year's categories include Cutest Puppy, Best Trick, Look Alike and Best Dressed. Registration will

be \$5 per event. Dogs should only be entered for one event.

Best of Show will be chosen by the judges at the end of the contest. This year's Best of Show will be the Official Dog of the Rossville Sesquicentennial.

In addition there will be door prizes and raffle for a surprise gift basket.

For more information contact Mary Smith at (217) 748-6894 or visit rossondixie.com.

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Artistic Repertory Theatre brings ‘State Fair’ to McFerren Park Civic Center August 7-9



Photo contributed

Artistic Repertory Theatre cast members rehearse “State Fair,” which will be performed August 7-9. Pictured are, from left to right, Ashley Beauvois, Michael Donley, Julie Stump, Brian Morris, Scott Oyer, Alex Linares, and Chelsea Rowe.

Our "State Fair" is a great state fair! Don't miss it, don't even be late. Artistic Repertory Theatre presents Rodgers & Hammerstein's musical that had critics raving from coast to coast. Se in America's heartland, it is perfect summer time entertainment for the entire family. Travel with the Frake family as they leave the routine of farm life for three days adventure at the Iowa State Fair. Mom and Pop, played by Julie Stump of Hoopes-ton and Scott Oyer of Rankin, are set on blue ribbons while their daughter, Chelsea Rowe of Hoopes-ton, yearns for romance and a bigger life for herself. She finds her heart's desire in newspaper reporter Alex

Linares of Hoopes-ton, while her brother, Michael Donley of Hoopes-ton, finds romance and heartbreak when he meets and falls in love with the professional singer at the fair, Ashley Beauvois of Hoopes-ton. All ends well as each family member succeeds in coming home with Blue Ribbons and finding true love. The cast is rounded out by able performances from Brian Morris, Brooke Judy, Corey Rudin, Emily Margevich, Ashley Dobkins, Mike Morgan, Scot Danner, Mike Caparula, Betsy Wagoner, Shawnee Eisenberg, Patty Eisenberg, Ray Stump, Chelsea Barr, Lauryn Edwards, Alex Alwardt, and Matt Oyer.

Directed by Mike Caparula, with music direction by Jessica Brackmann, and set to the beautiful music of an Academy Award winning score of musical highlights such as "It Might as Well Be Spring", "It's a Grand Night for Singing", "That's For Me" and so many more the music will delight you, as will the dance numbers choreographed by Kathleen Margevich. The pit is lead by performance pianist Rick Brackmann. Vince Lober of Cissna Park provides set construction, and Paige Brown, of rural Rossville, is our costume designer and wardrobe mistress. ART is proud that our cast, musicians, and production staff come from all around east-central Illinois, including Champaign, Cissna Park, Danville, Hoopes-ton, Rankin, Rossville, and Wellington. “State Fair” will be presented August 7 and 8 at 7 p.m. and August 9 at 2 p.m., at Hoopes-ton's McFerren Park Civic Center, Rte 1, to Penn Street then east to the park entrance. Doors open 1 hour before show time for lunch counter purchases. All tickets advance sale, reserved table seating, \$8. Order early for best seating by calling (217) 283-6553.

Police News

A 19-year-old Hoopes-ton woman reported at 4:22 p.m. Sunday that someone took wheel rims from her garage in the 200 block of East Lincoln.

New Books at the Library

Non-Fiction:
Where in the Wild?: Camouflaged Animals Concealed and Revealed by David M. Schwartz (poetry)
You Wouldn't Want to be Tutankhamen! By David Stewart
Shape Me a Rhyme: Nature's Forms in Poetry by Jane Yolen

Weather

Mostly sunny today. High 82. Tonight, chance of thunderstorms. Low 61. Tomorrow, chance of thunderstorms. High 82, low 61. For current weather conditions, call Hoopes-ton Weather Service, (217) 283-6221.

Court Dispositions

June 18

William Keele, Hoopes-ton, pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct, fined \$180; payment made in court.
Darryl Hunter, Hoopes-ton, failed to appear for restraint of dogs by owner or keeper, found guilty by default; sentencing August 6.
Wesley T. Williams, Laurel, Md., failed to appear for disorderly conduct, found guilty by default; sentencing August 6.
Theodore Cano, Hoopes-ton, case rescheduled to July 2.
Jamie Moore, Hoopes-ton, pleaded guilty to unlawful assembly, fined \$180, which was converted to 23 hours public service work; status hearing July 16.
Shane M. Baker, Hoopes-ton, pleaded guilty to purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$180; status hearing September 17.
Skylar Pickett, Wellington, pleaded guilty to purchase/acceptance of alcohol by a minor, fined \$180; status hearing September 17.

Classifieds

HOUSES FOR RENT

Rossville: 206 Church. 2 BR, basement. \$450/mo.+ deposit. No pets. Available August. For application, call (217) 304-3477
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