

# Community Spotlight



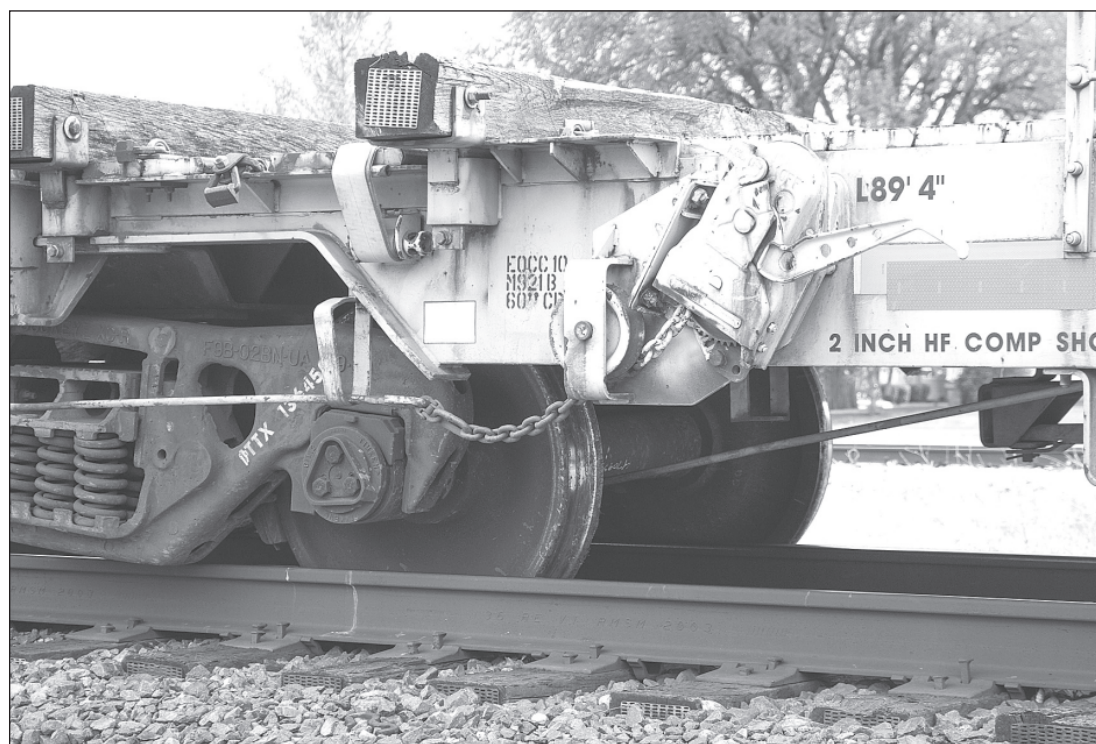
LIDIA MANZELLA, Dee Lenzi, Darla Gardner and Kathy Frye from the Tuscola Women's club hold up signs and pinwheels during the April 29 walk for child abuse and domestic violence awareness. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



THE TUSCOLA FFA CLUB sold a variety of garden and house plants. Carleigh Kleiss and FFA Advisor Sarah Schoon hold two coleus varieties, marigold and petunia planter. Profits from the sale will help fund the FFA club. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



GRANT KAUFFMAN AND MOLLY MACAULAY were crowned prom king and queen April 29 at Tuscola High School. Photo by Dominik Stallings.



A TRAIN MOVING on the west-east track downtown derailed in the early afternoon on April 30. The image shows the train wheels off the rails. Pacific Union crew workers came to work on the train and decoupled part of it to allow traffic to move through town. A passenger Amtrak train moving south was delayed by the derailment. Photo by Dominik Stallings.

## Obituaries

### Jerry D. Wilson

Jerry D. Wilson, 77, of Villa Grove passed away on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at Carle Hospital in Urbana.

Jerry was born on December 5, 1945 in Villa Grove to Jessie and Mattie (Davis) Wilson. He married Lois M. Wengler on August 5, 1983 in Tuscola.

He is survived by six children, Kyle (Cindi Comerford) Quinn, Windy Fultz, Gerald "Jp" (Traice) Quinn, James Arbuckle, Jason (Michelle) Wilson, and Ericka (Micheal Akers) Wilson; 11 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Marlene Phillips and Ronald (Fran) Wilson; and several nieces and nephews.



Jerry D. Wilson

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, one grandson, one great-grand-

child, and three siblings.

While attending Villa Grove High School Jerry started working as a meat cutter in Villa Grove. He also worked as a meat cutter at the U of I, for the EMT service in Villa Grove, owned and operated the Pub & Grub in Villa Grove with his wife Lois, proudly served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and at Cabot for 35 years before his retirement.

He enjoyed woodworking and being outdoors either fishing or hunting.

A celebration of Jerry's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to an organization of the donor's choice.

See more obituaries in B Section

**VFW**  
**47th Annual**  
**Loyalty Day Parade**  
**Saturday, May 14**


Along Main Street, Villa Grove • Line up starts at Harrison Park  
*Line up at 10:00am • Parade begins at 11:00am*  
**All are welcome to be a part of this patriotic event!**  
Spaghetti Luncheon Available at the VFW Hall after Parade  
**Donations to Freedom Paws Appreciated!**

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