Prairie Wind opens 40th season Oct. 22

EAST PEORIA - The Prairie Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Jim Tallman, will open its 40th anniversary season on Oct. 22 at the Illinois Central College Performing Arts Center. The concert will be at 2:30

The music selected will represent the American Frontier and famous Western movie themes. There also will be concert band standards based on the natural sites of our country's western states as well as classic music of Aaron Copland.

To add a little variety, there will be some Polish Polka Music featuring Don Niemi playing "The Clarinet Polka." Selections for the concert will include: "Black Canyon of the Gunnison," "The Cowboys Overture," "Go West!" "Grand Canyon Fanfare," "Hoe Down" from "Rodeo", "Prairiesong," "Sun Rise at

Angel's Gate" and "Wayfaring Stranger."

Tallman is in his 25th year at Washington Community High School, where he is director of bands, department chairman for fine arts and a speech communication teacher. He performed with the Prairie Wind Ensemble before being selected its sixth conductor.

Future concert dates include:

- Dec. 10 at Five Points in Washington.
- March 16 at the Performing Arts Center, ICC East Peoria Campus.
- May 11 will be the final concert of the season, held at ICC, and feature the student soloist competition winner.

Tickets for each concert are \$10, \$8 for students and seniors. Children under 12 are free. Tickets are available at 694-5136 and at the door the day of the performance.

Her performance credits include orchestral engagements and solo tours in London, Paris, Bordeaux, Japan, Sao Paulo, Sydney, Tel Aviv, Rome and many other places throughout the world.

In Illinois, she has performed with the Illinois Philharmonic, The Chicago Guitar Society, the Ellnora Guitar Festival in Champaign/Urbana and at Bradley University in

For more information, visit www.anavidovic. com or call Bradley University Department of Music at 677-2595.

Songs of John Prine performed in Princeton

PRINCETON — The Heartache Tonight tribute band will perform The Songs of John Prine at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 21, at Festival 56's Grace Performing Arts Center, 316 S. Main St., Princeton.

The evening of acoustic music celebrates the songs of Chicago-born singer, songwriter and American icon Prine. Numbers include "Sam Stone," "Hello in There," "Illegal Smile," and "Angel from Montgomery."

Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$20 at the door and for purchase at www.festival56.com, 815-879-5656, or stop by the theater. The box office is open 1-4 p.m. Oct. 20 and 21. Beer, wine, and soft drinks are available for sale.

Send in events for Red Letter Dates

The Journal Star is seeking announcements of fine arts events and performances for Red Letter Dates, a special quarterly feature.

The submission deadline is Nov. 8. This is not a general listing of festivals. To be listed, an event must be related to the arts and occur in central Illinois during December, January and February.

Please include times, dates, location addresses, ticket prices and a telephone number the public may call for more information.

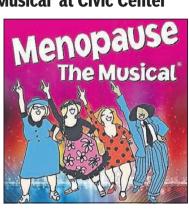
Digital images will be considered for illustrations. Because of space limitations, not everything will be printed. Mail the information to Red Letter Dates, 1 News Plaza, Peoria, IL 61643. Or send the information by email to smckee@pjstar.com

'Menopause The Musical' at Civic Center

PEORIA - "Menopause The Musical" is coming to the Peoria Civic Center for a one-night performance at 7:30 p.m. Feb. 15 in the theater. The show is a

groundbreaking celebration of women who are on the brink of, in the middle of, or have survived "The Change."

Ticketmaster.com or by phone at 1-800-745-3000.



Tickets are on sale at the Civic Center box office,



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From left, Rebekah Farr, Noelle Mefford, Leslie Allen and Cassy Lillwitz in a rehearsal for "Little Women," the musical opening at Bradley University on Oct. 19.

A longtime member of the artistic collective of the Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, the New Yorkbased director/actor received his degree from Penn State University. He most recently directed Arkansas' "The Taming of the Shrew" and played Professor Harold Hill in "The Music Man."

Music Director Susan

Somerville Brown ("Twelfth Night," "Mr. Burns," "High Fidelity," "Spring Awakening," "Sideshow") returns to the Hartmann Center to conduct the show's seven-piece orchestra.

She joins scenic and lighting designer professor Chad Lowell; costume, hair and makeup designer professor Becki Arnold; sound designer Michelle Rice; and stage manager Katie Wilson.

Senior performance major Cassy Lillwitz plays the iconic Jo March and leads the cast of 15, which includes Peoria favorite and guest artist Charles R. Brown as the curmudgeonly Mr.

Laurence. The show is the inaugural Rodney W. Leininger Legacy Production, supported in part by the generosity of the late Peoria native and Bradley Theatre Arts and Speech alumnus,

"Rod" Leininger, whose recent estate gift established the Rodney W. Leininger Theatre Arts Endowment.

The fund is one of the largest private donations in the department's history, and will annually support a wide range of academic initiatives. production activities and student fellowships.

A special pre-show ceremony on opening night will honor Leininger's generosity.

"When I was in L.A. for the premiere of this project, I watched the composer work with the orchestra. There were sections of the soundtrack where the jazz musicians were asked to improvise. Initially, some of the musicians asked, 'Do you want it to sound like it was in the movie, or do you want us to improvise?' and the composer told them to improvise," said Stelluto.

Jazz musicians from Chicago, Milwaukee and Peoria will be in the performance.

"Todd Kelly, from The Brazilionaires, will be playing the lead trumpet part," said Stelluto. "We really had to make sure the people we got could handle it. There are only two rehearsals and you've got to do it."

The movie will be projected onto an 18-by-34-foot screen that will be installed just for the performance.

"There is quite a lot of technology involved," said Stelluto. "The company that produces these show sends all of the equipment and their people to set it up. I've worked with them five times, and they are fantastic. When I'm conducting, I can see the big screen, but I also have a video monitor that's showing the movie with all kinds of technical graphics on top of that, so I know how to coordinate stuff. At any given time in the movie I know exactly where the film is compared to the score."

Stelluto will talk about the technical aspects of the show during the Musical Monday appearance Oct. 16 at Peoria First Federated Church, 3601 N. Sheridan Road. The talk

is free to Peoria Symphony Guild members, \$5 for the general public.

"La La Land in Concert" begins at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 21, with a preconcert party that begins at 6:30 p.m. Guests will get to walk the red carpet into the lobby of the Civic Center Theater. There will be paparazzi shooting photographs against the backdrop, and a chance to be interviewed by "Entertainment Hosts" Stacy Peterson, communication specialist for the city of Peoria, and Jon Neidy, executive director of Bradley University Smith Career Center. A 6-foottall Oscar cutout and a backdrop featuring the Hollywood sign will provide more photo ops.

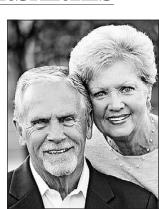
Tickets for "La La Land in Concert" start at \$35, student tickets are \$20, and are available by calling 671-1096, visiting the PSO Box Office at 101 State St. or online at www.peoriasymphony.org.

ANNIVERSARIES



Bielema anniversary

Larry and Mardi Bielema of Washington celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children from 2 to 4 p.m. Oct. 14 at Grace Presbyterian Church followed by a family dinner. Larry Bielema and Mardelle Edlund were married Oct. 14, 1967, at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Morrison.



They have three children: Lisa (and Steve) Galbraith of Morton, Tom (and Wendy) Bielema of Washington and Mike (and Kili) Bielema of Dunlap. They also have nine grandchildren.

Larry was an insurance broker for Callender & Co. for 38 years, retiring in 2015. Mardi was a registered nurse for 30 years, retiring in 2009.



Bunce anniversary

James and Linda Bunce of 2520 Benton Court, Peoria, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner at a later date. James Bunce and Linda Anne Stewart were married Oct. 14, 1967, at St. Philomena Church in Peoria.

They have one



daughter, Amy S. (and Shaun) Riedell of Springfield. They also have four grandchildren.

James was an attorney with Johnson, Bunce & Noble P.C. for 41 years, retiring in 2007. Linda was a teller for First National Bank of Peoria for nine years, last working in 1968.

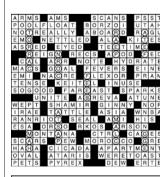
BAZAARS

Oct. 21: St. Peter's Lutheran Church Fall Bazaar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 200 Cole St., East Peoria. Bake sale and lunch available.

Oct. 21: Annual Beta Sigma Phi Craft Show, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Galva High School, 1020 N. Center Ave., Galva. Food will be available.

Oct. 21: Vendor Craft Show sponsored by Pekin Women of the Moose, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Moose Family Center, 2605 Broadway, Pekin. All proceeds benefit Mooseheart for Children, Moosehaven for Seniors and local charities.

Items for the Bazaar/Style Show calendar must be received in writing 30 days prior. Releases must include a signature and daytime phone number. Mail releases to Bazaars/Style Shows, Jennifer Adler, Features Department, Journal Star, 1 News Plaza, Peoria, IL 61643. Items also may be sent by fax to (309) 686-3296 or emailed to jadler@pjstar.com.





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Oswald anniversary

Joseph and Virginia Oswald of Hopedale will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary with an open house hosted by their children from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Oct. 22 at Living Hope Community Church in Hopedale. Joseph Oswald and Virginia Irene Unsicker were married Oct. 12, 1952, at Mackinaw Christian

Church in Mackinaw.

They have five children: Cynthia (and Delmar) Litwiller of Hopedale, Kathleen (and Keith) Kauffmann of Oregon, Ill., Karen (and John) Blair of Bloomington, Marcia Schopp of Minier and Stephen (and Mystee) Oswald of Clinton. They also have 10 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

The couple requests only the gift of your presence.

How to submit announcements

The Journal Star

publishes wedding, engagement and anniversary announcements on Sundays. Basic information is printed for free. There is a range of fees to include specific additional information and photographs in announcements. All announcements must be submitted on a Journal Star form, which are available at the Journal Star, online at www.pjstar.com or call 686-3118.