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## HOMECOMING 2021



A group of local Girl Scouts ride aboard a float during last Friday's Homecoming parade through the streets of Toulon. Photo by John Ballentine.



Galva King Josh Dunn and Queen Taylor Burke pose for a photo.



Stark County Queen Yon Van Heijst and King Tristan Gerber were honored last Friday.

## Homecoming royalty in Toulon, Galva

Homecoming royalty is being crowned across the area.

Last week, Tristan Gerber and Yon Van Heijst were crowned Stark County High School 2021 Homecoming King and Queen

on Sept. 24, at halftime, during the football game.

Freshman attendants were Alexis Martinez and Jimmy Langdon; sophomore attendants were Kimora Barnwell and

Owen Gibley; junior attendants were Holly Winans and Ethan Baxter; and the senior court included Abigale Gosnell, Colby Carroll, Chloe Irving, Savannah

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## Galva receives first half of COVID grant money

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – Galva has received \$168,434 as part of a COVID-19 grant. Mayor Rich Volkert told the City Council at its meeting on Monday that the grant can only be used for sewer, water and broadband.

This is only half of the money that Galva will receive.

The council approved a request from Cesar and Tracy Interl to put up a storage building at their property at 420 S.E. 7th Ave.

The council approved the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation to put the shed 2 feet from the West property line rather than the required 5 feet.

Mayor Volkert read a proclamation proclaiming Oct. 19 as Blackhawk College's 75th anniversary date.

The council went into closed session and made a motion when they came into open session to sell a triangle lot near the

### Inside

- The legacy of the late Fred Williams' big tomatoes lives on in Hanna City. **Page 6**
- Fall colors are starting to change across northern Illinois and Iowa. **Page 9**

old water works building and the railroad tracks by taking bids.

The council also heard that Monday, Nov. 15, will be the last yard waste pick up date this year and that fire hydrants will be flushed Oct. 11 through 22.

Superintendent Greg Thompson said the city replaced nine fire hydrants this year and still have more to go.

Thompson reported that the Mid-Century Fiber as hit four water lines and one sewer line so far during their installations. He said Mid-Century is about two-thirds done with installing the underground cable and

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## Record ag exports forecast despite Gulf issues

By DANIEL GRANT

FarmWeek

It could take weeks or even months to reopen most ag facilities at the Gulf of Mexico impacted by Hurricane Ida last month.

But that shouldn't put a huge dent in export sales, despite weighing on the commodity markets in recent weeks. USDA forecast fiscal year 2021 ag exports could increase 24% to a record \$173.5 billion before possibly setting another record in 2022 of \$177.5 billion.

"America's farmers, ranchers and

processors are the world's best, and global demand for their products is a testament to their quality, safety and commitment to sustainability and has led to a projected new record in U.S. agricultural exports," said U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack.

Key factors driving the stout export projections include record volume and value of corn exports, record volume of soybean exports, strong demand from China and reduced foreign competition.

Exports to China are forecast to

reach a record \$39 billion, keeping it the largest export market for the U.S., followed by Canada and Mexico.

Of course, infrastructure issues emerged in the wake of the devastating Hurricane Ida. Dan Basse, president of AgResource Company, believes it could be October before 70-80% of export facilities are back online at the Gulf, where about 60% of U.S. ag exports exit the country after traversing the Mississippi River.

"The Gulf is kind of a mess,"

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Soybeans in an Illinois field. Photo by Illinois Farm Bureau.

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# HOMECOMING: Galva parade today at 2 p.m.

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Potter, Cole Reagan and Avery Whittle.

## Galva Homecoming

Taylor Burke was crowned Galva High School 2021 Homecoming Queen and Josh Dunn was crowned King at the Coronation held Tuesday night at the football field. Burke

is the daughter of Jeff and Laura Burke of rural Galva and Dunn is the son of Shannon Watkins and Josh Dunn both of Galva.

Freshman attendants were Lily Wigant and Cameron O'Brien; sophomore attendants, Jennaca Serres and Jared O'Brien; junior attendants, Alexis Spivey and Jaxson

Meier; and senior attendants, Jenna Suddeth, Savannah Platt., David Mock, Cayden Morse and Blaize Ballard.

The homecoming parade is today at 2 p.m. and the game Saturday at noon in Galva against West Central.

The homecoming dance is Saturday at Galva High School at 8 p.m.

# GALVA: City attorney to codify ordinance book

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added it is very hard to keep ahead of them with locates for underground pipes, wires etc.

The council instructed city attorney Elisa Nelson to codify the ordinance book, as it has not been done since 1994.

First ward alderman Mitch Boston asked Chief Kraig Townsend about the Police dog that the city owns. Chief Townsend replied, "He is idle right now."

Fire Chief Nate Byers was present and said the ISO gave the city a 5 rating and the district a 5X rating. Chief Byers said this is the same rating that was given three years ago. He said 1 is the best and 10 is the worse insurance rating.

He said that OSHA also did an inspection and Galva Fire Department had 15 violations but all have been corrected.

The city has also purchased the former ceramic buildings that are on Front Street in downtown Galva.



At Monday's City Council meeting, Melissa Halsall (left), chairman of Galva Freedom Fest, and her husband Carson (middle), also a member of the committee, presented Galva Mayor Rich Volkert a check for \$20,000 that the committee raised for the July 4th activities. Also pictured is the Halsall's son Walter. Mayor Volkert thanked the committee and said, "This is terrific work and very outstanding." Photo by Carol Townsend.

Cost was \$808 apiece in a tax sale. A structural engineer was to give a report on the structural soundness of the buildings.

**St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming is hosting a concert, featuring international organist, Katelyn Emerson.**

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# AG EXPORTS: China will continue to import grain

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Basse told FarmWeek at the Land Pro fall seminar in Morris. "(Hurricane)

Katrina in 2005, where we had levy failures, was easier to fix. This is electrical and structural (damage to facilities)."

Ongoing supply chain issues initiated by the COVID pandemic also could impede the process of reopening Gulf facilities.

"We know the supply of building material and labor are tight," Basse said.

"We'll have some elevators be out for months."

During that time, Basse looks for ag exports moving by unit trains to the Pacific Northwest to grow and possibly even double on some lines.

"It's now about understanding ways to minimize the Gulf damage and get commodities out the door," he said.

But, even with the infrastructure issues caused by Ida and consumer spending in the U.S. starting to wane

as about 9 million Americans recently came off unemployment, Basse still sees a bright future for ag product demand and prices.

The analyst projects China will maintain an insatiable appetite for grain and oilseeds and the push for renewable diesel fuel in the U.S., which could be comprised of up to 80% soy oil as the main feedstock, will raise the need for U.S. crop acres out to 2025.

Near-term, production issues in Canada could spur sales of up to 250 million bushels of corn there while world competition could slip as drought decimated Brazil's safrinha corn crop while food inflation caused Russia to put an export tax on wheat.

"We believe the corn and wheat market have real bull stories," Basse said. "In spring we peaked corn

at \$7.75 per bushel. We don't see any reason it can't go back to \$6.50 to \$7.50 by spring of next year.

"Soybeans should hold between \$12 and \$14 and wheat may still gallop higher another \$1 or \$2 before the seasonal high the first quarter next year," he noted.

Basse also looks for fertilizer prices to continue to go up due in part to the infrastructure issues in the Gulf, and for interest rates to remain near historic lows, which would continue to support farmland prices.

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**Traffic citations & Ordinance violations**

- 9-17 - Toby J. Roberts - Driving 21-25 mph above the limit.
- 9-18 - James R. Mercer - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
- 9-21 - Sonny Tranh Tran - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.
- 9-21 - Michael R. Zavala - Driving 15-20 mph above the limit.

**Felonies & Misdemeanors**

- 9-10 - Criminal Misdemeanor - Richard F. Carroll II - Possession of a firearm FOID expired.
- 9-21 - Felony - Dylan R. Mammen - Possession of methamphetamine.

**Incidents & Accidents Stark County**

- 9-18 - A two-vehicle crash occurred on Route 17 and Galena Avenue in Wyoming at 8:54 a.m. Driver Ronald R. Craig, 77, of Galva, was traveling north on Galena Avenue when he reportedly failed to yield at a stop sign and struck a truck pulling farm machinery headed east on Route 17 being driven by Lyndon W. Hartz, 39, of Wyoming. No injuries were reported and no tickets were issued.
- 9-20 - A single-vehicle accident occurred at 1250 and 1600E. Driver Nathan D. Sauder, of Tremont, was reportedly traveling north on 1600E at a high rate of speed when he lost control on the gravel road. The vehicle left the road and crashed into a bean field and flipped. No injuries were reported but the vehicle sustained over \$1,500 in estimated damages.
- 9-21 - A single-vehicle accident occurred at the intersection of the North Valley Road and Highway 91. The driver Timothy J. Paxton, 33, of Kewanee, reported that a deer had run in front of his vehicle, and he said he attempted to avoid striking the animal. The vehicle rolled through the stop sign and proceeded to roll over into a bean field. No injuries were reported, but Paxton was cited for disobeying a stop sign, driving without valid proof of insurance, illegal transportation of alcohol and for leaving the scene of an accident with vehicle damage. He was released with a notice to appear.
- 9-20 - Damien A. Newman, 27, Galva, was ticketed for driving without insurance.
- 9-21 - Dylan R. Mammen, 36, Pekin, was arrested for driving without a front registration plate, driving without a rear registration light and driving without insurance. He posted \$2,500 cash bond and was released with a court date to appear.

- 9-22 - Preston L. Nanninga, 21, Annawan, was cited for driving without a valid driver's license and for resisting and or obstructing a peace officer. He was also found wanted on warrants out of Henry County. Nanninga was issued a notice to appear in Stark County and later extradited to Henry County Jail.
- 9-22 - Antonio S. Martinez, 34, Chandler, Ariz., was arrested by authorities from the Stark County



Sheriff's Office and charged with possession of a stolen vehicle. He was later released with a notice to appear in court.

**Galva Report**

- Officer dispatched:**
- 9-20 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 1200 block of SE 2nd St., Kristin Colvin, Bradford, was arrested for aggravated DUI, speeding, no rear registration light, driving while license revoked, operating an uninsured vehicle, DUI with a BAC over .08, and illegal transportation of alcohol. She was transported to the Henry County Jail.
  - 9-20 - to the 300 block of NW 7th Ave. for a suspicious vehicle left abandoned in a private driveway. An officer contacted the owner, who was having car troubles. The vehicle was moved.
  - 9-20 - along with the fire department, Stark County Medic and the Henry County Sheriff's Office to a single-vehicle rollover accident about three miles north of town.
  - 9-20 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. to retrieve a laptop computer that had been located.
  - 9-20 - to the 400 block of NW 1st Ave. to retrieve a bicycle that had been abandoned.
  - 9-21 - to both Galva schools to conduct their annual intruder drills.
  - 9-21 - to the 200 block of NE 3rd St. for a followup in reference to a theft complaint.
  - 9-22 - to the 200 block of SE 2nd St. for a low hanging power wire. Officer directed traffic until Ameren arrived to resolve the issue.
  - 9-22 - to the 300 block of NE 6th Ave. for a suspicious activity complaint. Officer checked on a subject there and he had permission to be there.
  - 9-23 - to escort Abilities Plus clients and staff to Wiley Park for their annual picnic.
  - 9-23 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of NE 6th Ave., Bailey Leverette, 21, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, speeding, and operating an uninsured vehicle. A passenger, Juan Burwell, 18, Macomb, was issued a civil citation for possession of adult use cannabis. Both subjects were released with court dates.
  - 9-23 - to the 100 block of SE 3rd St. for a domestic dispute and damage to property complaint.
  - 9-23 - to the 00 block of NW 4th St. for a complaint of "glass shattering." Officer checked the area and was not able to locate anyone or anything broken.
  - 9-24 - to the 100 block of NE 6th Ave. for an attempted phone scam complaint.
  - 9-24 - to Sentry Estates to remove an unwanted subject.

- 9-24 - to the 200 block of NW 1st Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.
- 9-24 - to remove a deer from the roadway on Route 17 just south of the Galva Cemetery.
- 9-24 - to check on two subjects who were "parked" at the park district after hours. They were advised to move along.
- 9-25 - to the 300 block of SW 2nd Ave. for a loose dog complaint. The owner (from rural Bishop Hill) was contacted and retrieved the dog.
- 9-25 - to Sentry Estates for a burglary complaint.
- 9-26 - to assist Henry County with attempting to locate a Galva resident, who is the owner of a disabled vehicle near Annawan.
- 9-26 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a loud noise complaint.
- 9-26 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of SW 2nd Ave., Jason Williams, 30, Oneida, was arrested for driving while license suspended.
- 9-23 - Coby Frey, 18, Sandusky, Ohio, was issued a citation for speeding in the 900 block of SE 2nd St.
- 9-23 - Michael Watters, 62, Galva, was issued a citation for disobeying a stop sign at the intersection of NW 6th St. and NW 8th Ave.
- 9-23 - Jeremy Owens, 34, Tiskilwa, was issued a citation for speeding in the 1000 block of North Center Avenue.

**Property Transfers**

- 9-20 - William J. Self, Dec'd By Ind. Admin. to Christopher Turner - John Culbertson's Eastern Add'n - Pt 13 - 512 E. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$13,000.
- 9-21 - Caryl L. and Jerry W. Suits to Nicholas Campbell - Pt 1-13-6 SW - 11323 Modena Rd., Wyoming - Consideration = \$265,500.
- 9-24 - Joseph A. and Tracy Purtscher to Michael A. and Molly Horrie - Pt 26-14-7 NE - 516 S. Peoria St., Bradford - Consideration = \$49,900.

**Marriages**

- 9-21 - Cheyenne Nicole Christiansen, Bradford and Benjamin Elias Gleichman, Bradford.
- 9-23 - Kayla Marie Bennett, Neponset and Jared Bryon Allen, Neponset.
- 9-24 - Shane Michael Carlton, Toulon and Jessica Kathryn Galli, Toulon.
- 9-24 - Jaymes Everett Warren, Speer and Taylor Renee Beck, Speer.
- 9-24 - Donna Jean Gallentine, Bradford and Mark Wayne Scott, Bradford.

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**CryptoQuote**

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Find something you really care about and mix that with someone you love. -- Kathleen Hanna.

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## GUEST VOICES



# Of loose change, Clint light & needed feedback

There are many reasons why this era does not suit me. That long list is for another day, when the promise of a gorgeous fall is not beckoning.

Today is one for optimism. After all, the corn and bean harvest is going well and crops are filling wagons and drying nicely in the field. And there's another bounty out there few seem to notice or care about. Loose change.

No matter how busy I imagine myself, there's always time to bend over and pick up coins. In my younger years, these were rare occasions. As a kid you might find a penny or even a dime that slipped through someone's hands.

But we now live in an era of true manna from heaven. Quarters and even occasional dollar bills are out there for the finding. What this says about our spoiled society seems clear. What this means for me is plenty of bending.

Most mornings, I walk to Jordan's Mobil in Elmwood for caffeine. Many mornings I find change along the way. I also regularly find nails, screws and other objects. But it's the

coins that are most exciting.

Jordan's is one of several prime spots that provide my found fortune. The others shall remain secret, so you don't horn in on my enjoyment.

Among the hard-cash hotspots is my own driveway and garage. Trust me, that change is not mine. I'm like a hawk when coins fall. They will be found, even it means getting on my knees and braving the mosquitoes that have made our yard a nightmare this summer (seriously, this is the worst skeeter year ever).

But my children are far too busy to worry about even a quarter that tumbles from their grasp. Where did I go wrong? How can my progeny be too busy to pick up free money, when so much of life is spent working to get paid or worrying about paying bills?

Heightening my frustration is that the kids turned out this way despite painstaking attempts to make them value coins. Each night, I empty my pockets into a mason jar. When the jar is full, I enlist help taking it to the bank. Along the way, we speculate on the total.

I've heard others do something similar. **Becky Hennenfent** of the Whitney & Potts law office saves change to give her kids spending money at the State Fair. Others pay for trips or dinners out.

Once upon a time, proceeds from

our jar (which can hold up to \$202) would be deposited into the boy's accounts. No longer. If they're too busy to pick up coins, then the money should go elsewhere. For now, I'm at a loss how best to use the extra moolah.

But that won't stop me bending to recover a treasure. People pay a lot for reasons to smile. Some of my purest moments of joy in the past few years cost just one penny.

Sadly, I can't list "Cry Macho" among those recent moments of joy. Watching the latest **Clint Eastwood** movie was better than flipping channels at home, but this one will never make a list of the top Clint movies. What saves the movie is seeing Clint clench his jaw and stare sideways at a few people. ... We have been running columns by ag writer **Alan Guebert**, and his submissions have been drawing fire from at least two regular readers. Because we pay for the columns, we want to know what other readers think. What do you think? My favorite was the story of how his **Uncle Honey** lost items - some quite large - all over the Guebert family farm. I'm willing to bet Uncle Honey would have been a very good contributor to my coin jar.

Contact Jeff Lampe at (309) 231-6040 or jeff@wklypost.com



Jeff LAMPE

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# Trump a vehicle for flawed world that fit some

To the Editor:

There was an interesting opinion piece by Jim Nowlan and Allen Andersen in the Sept. 16 issue of The Prairie News ("Explaining the continuing Trump fervor.")

But in my opinion, it was an overly simplistic view. Perhaps that is to be expected in a weekly newspaper with limited space.

While I agree with some of their observations as to the fears local citizens have concerning the past several decades in our country, what concerns me more is the lack of facts for why those years have not gone as many would like.

Blaming the elites or the government to me is an easy out. Where does the citizenry place blame on its self for the direction of the country? We elected the government representatives. We made choices about everything that has gone on. Did we do a good job? Make the right choices? Was the country in a great place at the end of World War II? Was the "Greatest Generation" really that great? Perhaps that's a debate for another time and place.

If you look at the late 1960s, 1970s and beyond, it's not a pretty picture.

Why? Simply because we as a county had some serious cultural and societal issues that needed to be corrected. And we still do.

Some citizens refuse to understand that and, instead of dealing with them, simply want to ignore them and pretend that living in the 1950s is the way to go. Trump is a vehicle for promoting a world that fit many of us. But it was a flawed world. And still is. Going back is a journey to failure, not to progress.

Our country and society for some reason became one of, me first. We wanted cheap goods, cheap government, more leisure time, less work, fancy houses, fancy cars, on and on. We made those choices. That paradigm infects every aspect of our country: government, economy and social systems. We have a naïve perception of our society and ourselves. A slanted view. And we all have become experts at everything.

Yes, our world today is totally different than that of our parents and grandparents, whether we like it or not. We need to stop looking backward and really look forward. I know it's difficult, impossible for some.

We put us in this position. We need to get us out. That means putting so many things before profit, before power, before tribalism, before prejudice, before ignorance and so much more.

Yes, it's scary. The unknown so often is. And it's hard. We have struggled with it for over two centuries. The struggle hasn't changed. It's just ongoing and will be always. It's our choices that matter. Making the right ones.

Was Trump the right one? Is he the right one? Every measurable means that we have at our disposal tells me no. If he were the answer he would have done it. Rather, he divided our country like no other since the Civil War.

Do not look to a flawed real estate sales man/reality TV personality to change the world. That is not going to happen. Not for the better certainly. Look to yourselves. Really educate yourselves and understand each other and look for solutions within each of us, not some crass talk show personality who is using you to make millions.

— **John Maher**, Brimfield  
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# College ag enrollments still steady in Illinois

By KAY SHIPMAN

FarmWeek

Agriculture study remains fruitful as students return in person to the four state universities with agricultural programs. With COVID mitigation guidelines in place, classroom space is at a premium on a couple of campuses.

This fall, agriculture programs continue within the same structures at ISU, the U of I and WIU. In Carbondale, agriculture is part of a restructured College of Agricultural, Life and Physical Sciences (CALPS) at SIU.

Agriculture student enrollment held steady on Western Illinois University's Macomb campus, said Andy Baker, the School of Agriculture director. Baker noted the freshman student enrollment grew to 74, but the school saw a decline in incoming transfers.

Campuswide, WIU maintained a stable enrollment of new students, including freshmen, transfer and graduate students, of 2,346. The total enrollment of 7,455 is nearly level with fall 2020 numbers.

"Our enrollment is stable, the kids are back in and I'm in. We're having labs the way we want to have labs," Baker said.

In Normal, ISU saw a slight decline in agriculture undergraduate

students and an increase in ag graduate students, said Fanson Kidwaro, agriculture department chair.

In fact, ISU received a record number of applicants for agriculture graduate degrees. "We had 57 applicants (to grad school). We usually get 10 to 15," Kidwaro said. Seventeen were admitted to the grad program.

At ISU, the three animal-related programs in pre-veterinary, animal science and animal industry continue to be strong, Kidwaro said, and agriculture business enrollment remains steady.

Campuswide, ISU experienced a 2% decrease in fall enrollment compared to 2020. The decline was attributed to several factors, including travel difficulties for international students and COVID-related impacts.

At the U of I, the College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences (ACES) saw increased enrollment in several categories. A total of 2,820, undergraduates enrolled compared to 2,778 last fall. ACES registered more freshmen, 510, up from 478; more transfer students, 170, up from 162; and more graduate students, 757, up from 743.

A record number of freshmen, 8,303, are on the Urbana-Champaign campus, bringing total student enroll-

ment to 56,299, the most in university history.

"Faculty and staff in ACES just keep saying how wonderful it is to have our students back. The whole place feels different than the last 18 months in all the best ways," said Anna Ball, ACES associate dean of academic programs.

In Carbondale, SIU agriculture programs saw a slight decrease overall with an undergraduate enrollment of 466 but an increase in graduate students with 87 enrolled. The ag program total enrollment is 553 students.

"We have some encouraging numbers this fall," said Eric Brevik, CALPS dean.

Overall, fall CALPS enrollment was not available at presstime. However, SIU Carbondale registered a 4.5% increase in freshmen, the largest in the past five years. Overall, the campus enrollment of 11,266 is considered relatively flat with a 0.9% decline.

Each of the universities is addressing COVID mitigation guidelines on their respective campuses.

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**KNOX COUNTY FARMLAND 75.37+/- ACRES**

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**Thursday, Nov. 4th, 2021 10 A.M.**

**IN PERSON & LIVE ONLINE BIDDING AVAILABLE**

Sale Day Location: Nowhere Bar and Grill, 123 E Main, Victoria, IL 61485; Farm Location: SE1/4 of Section 12, Victoria Township (T.12N.-R.4E.), Knox County, Illinois

3 1/2 miles west of West Jersey, IL on the West Jersey Blacktop to Twp. Road 2350E, then 1/2 mile north to farm, or west of Victoria, IL on Rt. 167, 2 miles to Junction 167 & 180, then south on Rt. 180 2 miles to County Road 24, and west 1 mile to Twp. Road 2350E, then north 1/2 mile to farm.

**Parcel Description: 75.37 +/-** assessed acres with 63+/- tillable acres. A 126.2 Productivity Index as per Surety. Production soils include Ipava, Osco, Rozetta, Keomah, Denny, Fayette, Marsailles and Atlas. The subject parcel had 23+/- acres pattern tilled in 2006. **No Improvements.**

Taxes: Tax ID #08-12-400-005 2020 taxes paid in 2021 \$2,477.94

Plat locations, Aerial Photos, Soil Map and Tile Map information available @ rickrediger.com

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

- 1.) Subject parcel will be sold by the assessed acre.
- 2.) The successful bidder will be required to enter into a standard purchase agreement contract. 10% of the contract purchase price will be due immediately following the auction. The balance will be due and payable on or before December 6, 2021 at closing.
- 3.) The seller shall provide a title insurance policy in the amount of the purchase price of the subject properties.
- 4.) The 2021 real estate taxes due and payable in 2022 will be credited, based on the most current evidence available, by the Seller to the Buyer at closing. All subsequent real estate taxes will be the responsibility of the buyer.
- 5.) The property is being sold in "AS IS" condition, with no implied warranties of any kind.
- 6.) The information is believed to be accurate. However, we strongly urge all prospective buyers to thoroughly research all pertinent data and to draw their own conclusions.
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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH, 2021 AT 12 NOON (R.E. SELLS FIRST)**

**REAL ESTATE:** The legal description of this property is A part of the Northeast Quarter of Section 7 in Rosefield Township, Township 9 North, Range 6 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian. Parcel ID 12-07-200-008. This property consists of 4.446 acres (approx. 3 acres are timber). There is a 20ft. wide easement to allow access to the fields to the west and north of the property. A 2-bedroom ranch style home with full basement sits on this property. The main floor is listed as 1016 sq. ft. A screened in entrance porch leads to a decent sized kitchen, lg. open dining and living room area, 2 bedrooms, and one full bath. There is ample closet space with steps off of the kitchen also leading to a walk-up attic. The basement is full and has laundry set up and another shower. This house was built in 1950. Furnace and central air are in good working condition. The unattached garage is 24' x 38' with 2 8' x 7' overhead doors with lock code and opener on one door. It is headed with an LP furnace and insulated. The ceiling is metal and cement is poured in front of the garage. There is also a 9' x 20' lean to built on to the back. An older garden shed in need of some repair also sits on the property. The house needs remodeling and updating but is structurally sound and would make a beautiful home if redone. The timber acres do provide hunting potential. Terms are non-refundable 10% down the day of auction with the balance to be pd. in full at closing in approx. 30 days. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Wednesday, October 13th from 5-6 p.m.

Watch for the full ad soon of the 1951 very nice old Cadillac, tools, antiques, primitives and more. See pictures and the full ad online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com)

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**WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 2021 AT 10:00 A.M.**

**TRACT I:** Tract I consists of 78.34 +/- acres that are located in the Southwest quarter of Section 8 in Victoria Township along Rt. 167 one mile east of Victoria, IL. This highly productive piece of land gently rolls and includes Ipava, Osco, Sable and a small amount of Sylvan soils. The crop productivity index is 134.1. The ground is bordered by Rt. 167 on the south side and by County Rd. 2250 N on the north. ASCS maps indicate 73.8 acres are tillable with the remainder being in waterways and roads. The farmstead has been surveyed off and sold.

**TRACT II:** Tract II consists of 60 acres +/- located in the Southeast quarter of Section 33 in Lynn Township or 2 miles north of the junction of Rt. 180 and Rt. 167 with frontage on County Rd 2400 North. FSA indicates 23.31 tillable acres with the remainder in woodland, waterways, roads and a building site. The tillable acres are primarily Rozetta soil with a small amount of Hickory and Elco. The crop productivity is 108.2. The woodland offers mature trees and an excellent hunting opportunity with wildlife including deer, turkey and sm. upland game. The farmstead buildings are in poor condition.

**TERMS:** Bidding is not contingent upon financing. The winning bidders will be required to provide a non-refundable 10% down the day of the auction with the balance to be pd. in full upon closing on or before Nov. 27th, 2021. A valid purchase agreement will be signed day of sale. Each Tract will be sold in order with no combination being offered. The buyer or buyers will have possession for the 2022 crop year. See maps online at [www.folgersauctionservice.com](http://www.folgersauctionservice.com).

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# Legacy of big Hanna City 'maters lives

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

HANNA CITY – A visit to family in southern Illinois a few decades ago has forever changed local big to-mato contests.

During that visit to Carrier Mills, the late Fred Williams picked up seeds from a large tomato whose progeny still grow in gardens across Illinois.

That's because, in addition to being large, the tomatoes also taste very good, have relatively few seeds and tender skin. No wonder, then, that Fred always had plenty of takers for the tomatoes he started in wash tubs at his farm located between Trivoli and Hanna City.

"Somebody asked him what they were and he called them 'Hollywood Giants' just for omeriness," laughed his widow, Barb Williams.

That name never stuck. Truth be told, nobody is sure of the heritage of these impressive plants. But around here, they have always been known as Freddy's Tomatoes. And gardeners lucky enough to plant one get the double bonus of tasty tomatoes and a chance to win any contest.

Yes, Barb Williams won this year's Weekly Post Big Tomato Contest with a 3-pound, 3.5-ounce entry that beat out a 2-13 Freddy's Tomato entered by Helen Largent. And Barb's entry wasn't just big.

"It tasted so good we forgot to save the seeds," she said Monday.

"They're so much better than other tomatoes ... it's like the difference between steak and goulash."

Not to worry about those lost seeds. Barb, 85, still has others to carry on the line she has faithfully kept going since Fred died in 2011. Each April, she starts as many as 115 tomato plants, though she has moved the operation from a shed to a west-facing kitchen window.

Once plants are big enough for the garden, she gives them to family and friends. Neighbor Don Danley plants



The late Fred Williams of Hanna City had a knack for growing big vegetables, whether a 21-pound cabbage (above) or a tailgate full of whopper tomatoes. Below right, Fred and wife Barb pose for a photo.

several tomatoes for Barb in her garden, where she helps water and battle weeds.

"I like to hoe a garden. People anymore, if they can't hit it with a rototiller, they don't do it," Barb said. "But my husband was a believer in hoeing a garden and so am I."

The idea of winning contests is nothing new to Barb, since Fred helped run a Gardener of the Year event until his death. Locals would gather at the Warehouse in Hanna City to weigh in their produce for bragging rights. In addition to winning the tomato category, Fred once took first with a 21-pound cabbage. The winner each year could pick the vegetable contest for the next growing season.

"One year it would be for the biggest onion, another year for the biggest cabbage," Barb explained. "Then we'd have a big feed afterwards and everybody would take home produce. It was fun."

Gardening was a way of life for the Williams, who came north so Fred could work at Caterpillar and later Keystone. They raised three children – Jack, Ron and Jennifer – and Barb still lives at the same farm they have called home for 60 years.

Barb used to spend a good part of



her summer canning tomatoes, but today Don and Leslie Danley do most of the picking and canning – leaving Barb with fond memories of her Freddy and the many "Freddy's" planted in gardens all across the area.

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Attendees will leave the session with a better understanding of the OSHA COVID-19 National Emphasis Programs and new Emergency Temporary Standard, including a template for a workplace COVID-19 plan. Specific concerns can be addressed in the program by sending questions to Amber Wood at amber.l.wood@osfhealthcare.org.

The Healthy Workplace event is co-hosted by OSF Employer Relations, OSF Saint Luke Medical Center and OSF Saint Clare Medical Center. Register online by Oct. 4 at www.osfhealthcare.org/saint-luke/calendar/register/5637/.

Bountiful Bargain Harvest Weekend

BISHOP HILL – The shops, restaurants, and museums of Bishop Hill will be participating in a Bargain Harvest Weekend Oct. 1 - 3. A variety of discounts and sale offers can be found at participating businesses and restaurants during normal business hours.

Visitors who collect signatures from six shops or museums will be entered into a drawing for a gift basket at the Colony Store. The drawing will be Sunday at 3:30 p.m. and you don't have to be present to win.

Visitors are invited to participate in



Bradford National Jr. Honor Society painted the Panther Paws on the front sidewalk of the Junior High as their first service activity for the year. Photo by Becki Hoffert.



The Bradford Junior High FCA held the annual See You at the Pole event. The students shared their prayer concerns and then Ms. Brown led the group in a prayer for the school and the country. Photo by Becki Hoffert.

the activities found around town. The Bishop Hill State Museum will have a Paint Brush Toss. The Vasa National Archive will have a craft station available.

Et cetera

• CAMBRIDGE – On Sunday, Oct. 3, at College Square Park in Cambridge from noon until 4 p.m., the Henry County Mental Health Alliance is sponsoring "One Incredible Day!" A Mental Health Celebration! This free event will raise awareness

of how each of us can help ourselves and others in the community with mental health issues.

Cambridge FFA will be serving pork chops, pork burgers, and hot dogs, with all proceeds benefiting Henry County Mental Health Alliance.

Glory Days Garage Band will be playing a mix of 1960's rock and roll songs throughout the day.

A petting zoo, games, mental health testimonies, and more will be part of this event.

Watercolor Artist Featured in Bishop Hill

BISHOP HILL - During the month of Oct., accomplished watercolor artist, Tom "T.F." Hempel will have his works featured at the Bishop Hill Creative Commons, located at 309 N. Bishop Hill St in Bishop Hill, Ill. His creations include a wide array of subject matter, but his specialties are boats, barns, and bungalows, as well as other buildings and landscapes. Mr. Hempel has been painting for almost 50 years, creating beautiful works of art, despite having suffered multiple strokes in years past,

Mr. Hempel did not slow. In fact, he is painting now more than ever and, in his own words, "producing his best work to date".

Hempel has received several awards and teaches his craft. In addition to Hempel's works,

the works of ten other area artists who comprise the Bishop Hill Creative Commons artist cooperative can be viewed as well.

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# Obama returns to break ground on center

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Former President Barack Obama and former first lady Michelle Obama returned to their old neighborhood on Chicago’s South Side on Tuesday to officially break ground on the Obama Presidential Center, a project they hope will become a hub for the development of new leadership and an economic boost to a long-neglected part of the city.

“Chicago is where almost everything that is most precious to me began,” the former president said.

The center is being developed on a 19.3-acre site in Chicago’s Jackson Park, in a location just a few blocks from where the Obamas were married and the hospital where their two daughters were born.

But it’s also an area that Michelle Obama remembered as being far away from the city’s main cultural centers when she was growing up in

the neighborhood.

“I remember that whenever me, my mom, dad, my brother wanted to do something special – to see art, to hear music, take in a new museum exhibit – we had to get my dad’s Buick 225, take Jeffery Boulevard to Lake Shore Drive and head north to downtown,” she said. “And even as a child, I understood this disparity. I understood that whenever there was a huge investment of resources in the city, a new park or infrastructure improvements, or any other beautification effort, it just rarely happened in our neighborhood.”

The Obamas were joined by Gov. JB Pritzker, who noted that the center will be the second presidential museum in Ill. after the Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum in Springfield.

The center will be operated separately from the Obama Presidential Library. The center will be operated privately by a nonprofit foundation.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot noted that the city will also invest some \$200 million into improvements in Jackson Park as well as the surrounding neighborhood.

“This is the future of the South Side that we will be creating in partnership with the community,” she said.

Obama said he wants it to be a cultural and educational center that will help foster new leadership for the community and the nation.

We want this to be a living, thriving home for concerts, cultural events, lectures, trainings, summits, topical dialogues and conversations. We want this to be a hub for in-house fellows with real world experience to share what’s working and what’s not in solving the big problems of the day.”

The center is expected to open in 2025.

## LEGAL ADS

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**CLAIM NOTICE**  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY  
In Re **ESTATE OF STEPHEN L. LOUDENBURG, Deceased.**  
No. 2021P16

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **STEPHEN L. LOUDENBURG** on July 21, 2021. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **MARJORIE A. LOUDENBURG**, of 11118 State Route 93, Bradford, Illinois 61421, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are **WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O.**

**Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368.** Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk’s Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the **7th day of April, 2022**, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the

Probate Act of 2075, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. **Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred.** Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

DATED this 24th day of September, 2021.  
**MARJORIE A. LOUDENBURG, Executor of the Estate of STEPHEN L. LOUDENBURG, Deceased.**

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**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF STARK JUVENILE DIVISION**

IN THE INTEREST OF  
O.P.  
DOB: 6/27/21 a Minor  
CASE NO. 21 JA 1  
NOTICE  
To: Unknown Father  
Take notice that on June 30, 2021, a Petition was filed under the

Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Caroline Borden Campion, Stark County State’s Attorney, in the Circuit Court of Stark County entitled “In the interest of O.P., a minor”, and that in the Stark County courtroom on October 22, 2021, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION.

YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.  
Dated: 9-23-2021

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**ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE**

Public Notice is hereby given that on September 24, 2021, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Stark County, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all persons owning, conducting and transacting the business known as J Warner Home Improvement located at 140 N. Peoria St., Bradford, IL.  
Dated September 24, 2021.

/s/ Heather L. Hollis  
County Clerk  
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## OBITUARIES

### Noah Z. A. Ellis

BLOOMINGTON – Noah Zachary Alan Ellis, 27, of Bloomington, passed away Saturday, Sept. 18, 2021, in Washington, Ill.

He was born Sept. 29, 1993, in Kewanee, Ill., to Edward and Lisa (Appenheimer) Ellis Sr.

He is survived by his mother Lisa Ellis of Kewanee, Ill., one brother Edward “EJ” (Amanda) Ellis Jr of Washington and one sister, Chastity (Justin) Meacham of Lewisburg, Tenn.

Also surviving are six nieces, Hannah, Zoe, Makenna, Taylor, Loretta, and Sawyer; two nephews, Landon and Hunter; one great-niece and one great-nephew; maternal grandmother, Gert Appenheimer, and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Edward, paternal grandparents, and maternal grandfather.

Noah was a member of the Berean Seventh-day Adventist Church in Normal. He enjoyed running and competed in several central Illinois races. Noah was very active in his church, serving on mission trips and other ministry work. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and beloved dogs, Mona and Taco.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2011, with visitation one hour prior to the service at the Toulon United Methodist Church in Toulon, Ill.

Memorials may be made to the



Ellis

family’s GoFundMe page or the St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

### Michael W. McReil

WASHINGTON – Michael W. McReil, 67, of Washington, Ill., formerly of Toulon, passed away at 8:18 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 23, 2021, at UnityPoint Health Proctor.

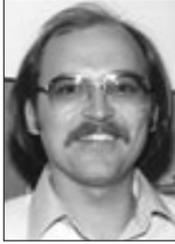
Michael was born July 31, 1954, in Peoria, the son of Charles E. and Myrtle M. (Mason) McReil.

He is survived by two sisters, Laurel Otterstrom of Peoria; and Linda (Lowell) Dean of Toulon; life partner, Kathryn L. Robinson of Washington; niece, Jennifer Perry of Colo.; and an uncle, Ron (Donna) Mason of Carol Stream, Ill. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother-in-law, Daniel Otterstrom; uncle, William Mason and a nephew, Joe Dean.

Michael graduated from Toulon High School in 1972 and from ITT Technical Institute in 1974 with a degree in electronic engineering. He also received a mechanical engineering degree from Indiana University.

After graduation, Michael owned his own business, Ice Bear, where he held several patents and geothermal inventions, which were sold in California, Arizona and Colorado. He later worked at GFS Chemicals in Columbus, Ohio, as an engineer.

The love of his life and his passion was flying his airplane, Mooney. He raced motorcycles, raised pigs in high school and enjoyed music and playing his guitar.



McReil

Family and friends were invited to his graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 29, 2021, at Pleasant View Cemetery in Kewanee. Certified Celebrant, Nicole Reed, officiated. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is in charge of arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Toulon Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for Michael’s family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).

### Justin A. Young

WYOMING – Justin Alexander Young, 47, of Wyoming, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 22, 2021, in his home. Justin was born on Aug. 18, 1974, in Peoria, the son of Robert and Nancy (Peterson) Young.

He is survived by one son, Daniel Young of Bradford; one daughter, Cassandra Young of Kewanee; one grandson, Conner Miller; two sisters, Nicole (Rob) Landergren of Garden City, Kan., and Sabrina Young of Toulon; and two nephews, Sean and Mark Landergren.

Justin had a passion for movies, comic books and all things superhero. He loved his family and will be deeply missed.

There will be no public services at this time. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming is assisting the family with arrangements.

Condolences may be left for Justin’s family on his tribute wall at [www.haskellfuneral.com](http://www.haskellfuneral.com).



Young

## Fall colors starting to show in Illinois, Iowa

The annual show of fall colors has begun across the upper Midwest.

Here in Illinois, colors are just starting to change. Sumac is spotty, with flameleaf nearly done showing its dark shades of maroon. Staghorn sumac is starting to show yellow, with some reds and pinks emerging.

Black walnut trees are defoliating, due most likely to this year’s recent drought and high winds. Cottonwoods and silver maples are also yellowing and a few sugar maples are showing bits of orange and red.

Peak season for northern Illinois

and the Mississippi River is the second week of October. Peak for east-central Illinois is mid-October and southern Illinois is at its most colorful in the last week of the month.

To track Illinois fall colors, visit [www.enjoyillinois.com/plan-your-trip/seasonal-adventures/fall-travel-in-illinois/illinois-fall-color-report](http://www.enjoyillinois.com/plan-your-trip/seasonal-adventures/fall-travel-in-illinois/illinois-fall-color-report).

Fall color show is starting across the northern half of Iowa. Right now, sumac and Virginia creeper are showing off crimson leaves, and many maples are starting to turn.

Areas in central Iowa are just start-

ing to see yellows and oranges from the changing colors of green ash, elm and walnut trees.

In other parts of Iowa, green canopy is still prevalent, but foresters across the state predict that to change quickly in the next couple of weeks.

Peak fall color occurs in northeast Iowa, on average, during the weekend closest to Oct. 10. Typically, peak fall color occurs progressively later the farther south you go in Iowa. To track changes in Iowa, visit [www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Fall-Color](http://www.iowadnr.gov/Conservation/Forestry/Fall-Color).

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# FOOTBALL: Galva Homecoming Saturday at noon

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a strong game at wideout, catching four passes for 57 yards.

“Unhold played really well for us. He ran the ball well,” Noard said. “And Xander Swank had a good game catching the ball for us, which was nice to see.”

The Rebels also got a wild pass play for their second score in the first quarter. On the play, Unhold handed off to Nolan Orwig, who fumbled at the Stark County 18-yard line. Daniel Kieser recovered the ball and passed to Ryne Hillan for what wound up being a 76-yard touchdown.

Kieser also scored on a 3-yard run earlier in the first quarter, as Stark County started the game up 14-8 before yielding 20 points in the second quarter.

Next up for the Rebels is a trip to Oneida tonight at 7 p.m. to face ROWVA-Williamsfield (1-4, 1-3). The Cougars have had success running the ball most of this season, but are coming off a 62-22 loss to Mercer County last Thursday.

**Bushnell-Prairie City 54 Galva 8**  
BUSHNELL – Bushnell-Prairie City jumped to a 24-0 lead after one quarter and was up 40-0 at halftime of this 8-man game.

The Spartans (3-2) then held on for the victory against winless Galva (0-5), which has been hampered by

COVID quarantining that sidelined coach Tyler Nichols and at least one player.

Galva plays its Homecoming game Saturday at noon vs. West Central (3-2), which is coming off a 42-0 loss to Freeport Aquin. West Central did, however, beat Bushnell earlier this year, 38-0.

The Homecoming parade will be today at 2 p.m. and the game Saturday at noon in Galva against West Central.

The homecoming dance will be held Saturday night at Galva High School at 8 p.m.

## Princeville 2, Lewistown 0

The Princes (3-2, 2-2 Lincoln Trail Conference) picked up their easiest win after Lewistown forfeit due to a lack of able bodies.

Friday, Princeville seeks to extend a three-game win streak at home against a Mercer County team that was picked – along with Knoxville – as a preseason LTC favorite before COVID issues sidelined several players.

Denver Hoerr leads Princeville with 307 rushing yards, while Tayshaun Kieser has run for 227 yards and Grant Hunt is at 157 with three scores. Jordan Johnson has completed 15 of 41 passes for 169 yards.

Hoerr leads with 23 tackles, Hunt has 21 and Cole Brower has 18 stops.

## Mercer County 62

### ROWVA-Williamsfield 22

ALEDO – After battling COVID issues for much of this season, Mercer County (2-3, 2-2) enjoyed a return to near full strength with a big win over R-W last Thursday.

Mercer County piled up 503 yards in offense and David Meece ran for 238 yards and four touchdowns on 19 carries. Quarterback Matthew Lucas ran for one score and passed for another as the Golden Eagles jumped to a 22-0 lead.

The Cougars got to within 22-8 and then drove to the Mercer County 2-yard line, but were unable to score.

Mercer County then drove 98 yards to score just before halftime.

### Lincoln Trail Conference

The newcomers in the LTC keep on rolling. Knoxville, ranked No. 7 in Class 2A, got up 21-0 after one quarter of its 48-8 win over Ridge-wood to remain unbeaten. ... Abingdon-Avon, tied for No. 2 in Class 1A, was up 22-0 at halftime and then held off Annawan-Wethersfield, 34-12. After A-Town scored, A-W fumbled its first offensive play and A-Town scored on defense for a 14-0 lead.

The Tornadoes picked up another win already after Havana was forced to forfeit its LTC-Prairieland crossover game due to COVID-19 protocols.

## SCOREBOARD

### United 44, Stark County 22

United 8 20 0 16 - 44  
Stark County 14 0 8 0 - 22

#### Scoring Summary

##### First Quarter

U - Parkins 9 run (Parkins run)  
SC - Kieser 3 run (run failed)  
SC - Hillan 74 pass from Kieser (Kieser pass from Unhold)

##### Second Quarter

U - Jenks 12 pass from Parkins (Wilson pass from Parkins)  
U - Flynn 22 run (run failed)  
U - Parkins 1 run (pass failed)

##### Third Quarter

SC - Unhold 5 run (Meinders run)

##### Fourth Quarter

U - Parkins 7 run (Parkins run)  
U - Flynn 1 run (Wilson pass from Parkins)

#### Team Statistics

	U	SC
First downs	22	14
Rushes-Yds	50-352	29-117
Yds per carry	7.0	4.0
Comp-Att-Int	3-6-0	9-19-1
Passing yds	44	216
Penalties-Yds	7-50	6-40
Fumbles-lost	1-0	3-0

#### Individual Statistics

Rushing - U: Flynn 23-189, Parkins

26-163, Wilson 1-0. SC: Unhold 17-93, Meinders 5-6, Orwig 5-16, Kieser 2-2.

Passing - U: Parkins 3-6-0 44. SC: Unhold 8-18-1 142, Kieser 1-1-0 74.  
Receiving - U: Flynn 1-23, Jenks 1-12, McElwee 1-9. SC: Swank 4-57, Kieser 3-71, Hillan 2-88.  
Tackles - U: McElwee 7, Hall 5, Bushong 5. SC: Shipp 8, Hillan 7, Reverts 6, Orwig 6.

### Mercer County 62

#### ROWVA-Williamsfield 22

Mercer County 14 16 24 8 - 62  
ROWVA-Williamsfield 0 8 6 8 - 22

#### Scoring Summary

##### First Quarter

MC - Meece 3 run (conversion good)  
MC - Meece 10 run (conversion failed)

##### Second Quarter

MC - Lucas 10 run (conversion good)  
RW - Touchdown (conversion good)  
MC - Relander 12 pass from Lucas (conversion good)

##### Third Quarter

MC - Meece 21 run (conversion good)  
MC - 20 10 run (conversion good)

#### Prairieland

	Overall		Conf	
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Rushville-Industry	5	0	5	0
Farmington	5	0	4	0
South Fulton	3	2	3	2
Elmwood-Brim	3	2	2	2
Macomb	3	2	2	2
Illini West	2	3	2	3
Havana	1	5	1	4
Lewistown	1	4	1	3
West Hancock	0	5	0	4

#### Last Week

Elmwood-Brim 52, W. Hancock 18  
Farmington 53, Macomb 6  
South Fulton 38, Havana 6  
Rushville-Industry 34, Illini West 12  
Princeville 2, Lewistown 0 (forfeit)  
**Friday, Oct. 1**  
Elmwood-Brimfield at Macomb  
Rushville-Industry at Farmington  
Illini West at South Fulton  
Lewistown at West Hancock  
Abingdon-Avon 2, Havana 0 (forfeit)

RW - Touchdown (conversion failed)  
MC - Meece 60 run (conversion good)

#### Fourth Quarter

RW - Touchdown (conversion good)

#### Lincoln Trail

	Overall		Conf	
	W	L	W	L
Abingdon-Avon	6	0	5	0
Knoxville	5	0	5	0
Annawan-Weth.	3	2	2	2
Princeville	3	2	2	2
Mercer County	2	3	2	2
United	2	3	2	3
ROWVA-Williamsfield	1	4	1	3
Stark County	1	4	1	3
Ridgewood	0	5	0	5

#### Last Week

Princeville 2, Lewistown 0 (forfeit)  
United 44, Stark County 22  
Abingdon-Avon 34, Annawan-Weth. 12  
Mercer Co. 62, ROWVA-Williamsfield 22  
Knoxville 48, Ridgewood 8

#### Friday, Oct. 1

Mercer County at Princeville  
Stark County at ROWVA-Williamsfield  
Ridgewood at United  
Annawan-Wethersfield at Knoxville  
Abingdon-Avon 2, Havana 0 (forfeit)

MC - 25 11 run (conversion good)

#### Team Statistics

	MC	RW
Rushes-Yds	402	-
Passing yds	101	-

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## Rebels fall to United

### Galva to play Homecoming Saturday

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Better, but still not good enough. That’s the final assessment of a Stark County football team that battled to the end of last Friday’s Homecoming loss to United but did not make enough plays to be on the right side of a 44-22 score.

The Rebels (1-4, 1-3 Lincoln Trail) were down just 28-22 in the fourth quarter before giving up two late scores to United (2-3, 2-3) after failing to convert fourth-down plays.

“There were some things we were better at



Stark County football players enjoy a ride through Toulon on Friday for the Homecoming parade. Photo by John A. Ballentine

that we have been, but ultimately we didn’t make the plays we needed to,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “They converted a third-and-14 and they scored on a fourth-and-goal from the 12. Third and fourth downs continue to kill us.”

And that extends to both sides of the ball, as the Rebels could not convert a pivotal fourth-and-1 play in the second quarter. A fumbled snap and no gain on the run gave pos-

session to United, which then went on a 12-play, 68-yard drive and finished the first half with a 1-yard scoring run by United quarterback Aiden Parkins with six seconds before intermission. Parkins fumbled on the play, but recovered and went in for the score. After a conversion, the Red Storm were up 28-14 at halftime.

The Rebels then scored on their first drive of the third quarter, moving 65 yards in eight plays.

Ethan Unhold capped the drive with a 5-yard touchdown run and turned in a solid game after moving back to quarterback.

Noard had moved Unhold to wideout in last week’s loss to Elmwood-Brimfield in an effort to jumpstart the passing attack. But against United, Unhold connected on 8 of 18 passes for 142 yards and ran for another 93 yards on 17 carries.

And Xander Swank had  
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## Stark County golfers record season bests

By JEFF LAMPE and PHIL JOHNSON

For The Prairie News

MONMOUTH – The Stark County boys golf team put together its best round of the season Monday in a tuneup for regional play that started Wednesday.

Stark County finished with 182 strokes at Gibson Woods as Jack Colgan and Colin Streitmatter had personal-best rounds of 43 and James Groter and Jimmy Langdon carded 48s.

The Rebels placed third behind Knoxville (162) and United (176).

In girls action, CJ Richards shot a season-best round of 58.

The Stark County boys placed fifth with 400 strokes at the Lincoln Trail Conference Railsplitter on Sept. 22 at Midland Golf Club. United won with a team score of 354.

And on Sept. 20, Stark

County topped Galva, 189-236, at Lake Calhoun Country Club.

Groter was medalist with a 42 to place ahead of Galva’s Jaxson Willer, who was second at 46. Langdon, Colgan, Streitmatter and Keagan Newton all shot 49s for Stark County.

Galva’s other scorers were John Bersell (57), Drew DeMay (65) and TJ Connor (68).

### Cross Country

The Stark County girls placed third to Chillicothe IVC and Tremont last Saturday in the Kewanee Boiler Invite at Baker Park Golf Course.

Ashley Orrick (7th, 21:27) and Paige Rewerts (12th, 22:04) earned trophies for their top finishes while the other scoring runners for the Lady Rebels were Keagan Hamilton (23rd, 23:18), Kokone Kasaya (25th, 23:36) and Nina Longa-  
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