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Stark County Jail inmate death is second since 2019

By **JOHN A. BALLENTINE**

For The Prairie News

TOULON – A 72-year-old male inmate in the Stark County Jail was found in his cell unresponsive on Sept. 26.

The Prairie News gathered information concerning the death at the jail through a Freedom of Information Act request after the incident was not publicly reported by the Stark County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office deferred answering FOIA questions to the Illinois State Police.

According to the sheriff's office, Toulon first responders and Stark County Ambulance responded to the call after the pris-

oner was found unresponsive.

Not long after, the Stark County Coroner pronounced the prisoner dead.

At that point, the Stark County Sheriff's Office requested the Illinois State Police Division of Criminal Investigation Zone 4 Office to take over the investigation.

According to the state police, the deceased inmate was 72-year-old Tex Anderson.

In an email, the state police said, "This is an ongoing investigation and there is nothing further to release at this time."

In 2022, Tex H. Anderson was charged on Oct. 15 with three

counts involving an incident with Miranda Holman. Count One was a Class 4 felony charge of reckless discharge firearm/endangers.

Count Two was a Class A criminal misdemeanor charge of aggravated assault/use deadly weapon. Count Three was a Class 4 felony charge of aggravated assault/discharge firearm.

The case, according to court documentation, had a bench trial on Sept. 22 this year. Anderson was found guilty of Counts Two and Three and not guilty of Count One.

Sentencing was set for Nov. 3 and Anderson was taken into

custody. Four days later Anderson was found deceased in his cell at the Stark County jail.

On May 3, 2019, Sterling Williams Jr. committed suicide in his cell at the Stark County jail and was pronounced dead at St. Luke Hospital, in Kewanee. In 2021, Williams' family filed a wrongful death lawsuit against Stark County, Stark County Sheriff Steven Sloan and two dispatcher/jailers.

A settlement in that case had Tokio Marine HCC Public Risk Group and U.S. Specialty Insurance pay the Williams family \$260,000 to the estate of Sterling Williams Jr.

Tokio Marine also paid \$175,000 for a lawsuit filed by Toulon resident Fulvio Zerla who sued Stark County and Sheriff Steven Sloan for intimidation and freedom of speech violations.

At an Oct. 16 special meeting of the Stark County Board, John Leezer of the Leezer Insurance Agency informed board members that Tokio Marine Insurance would not insure Stark County any longer. Another insurance company, Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT) said it would insure Stark County but would not

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Better grades

Illinois school report card shows scores, grad rates up

By **PETER HANCOCK**

Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – Elementary and secondary students in Illinois showed consistent improvements in their reading and math scores while the state's high school graduation rate reached a 13-year high for the most recently concluded school year.

Those are some of the conclusions from the most recent annual statewide school report card, released Monday by the Illinois State Board of Education. The report includes data from the 2022-23 academic year, including results of the standardized tests that students took in the spring.

Although statewide average proficiency rates remained below pre-pandemic levels, the results showed improvement over the previous year across all demographic categories.

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PETITION SIGNING PARTY



Politics is heating up not just across the United States but also in Stark County. Pictured above at a recent Republican petition signing event held in Wyoming are (from left to right): Appellate Judge Gene Doherty, Appellate Judge Amy Lannerd, Supreme Court Judge Lisa Holder White and Stark County Republican Party Chair Mike Bigger. Submitted photo.

Pipeline battles not over

Wolf Carbon Solutions still pursuing CO2 deal

Although the Navigator CO2 pipeline project has been canceled, another company is proposing to build a similar pipeline from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to Decatur.

Wolf Carbon Solutions filed an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission on June 16 to build the 166-mile Illinois portion of the line. The pipeline would transport liquefied CO2 under pressure from ethanol plants and other entities to a site near Decatur. There it would be

pumped into sandstone several thousand feet below the surface.

The proposed route of the WCS pipeline enters Illinois in the Quad Cities area and passes through Henry, Stark and Peoria

counties. In Peoria County, the route passes very near the towns of Laura, Brimfield, Oak Hill, Hanna City, Smithville and Mableton.

Some along the route are not happy about the project and have held meetings to inform residents and mobilize opposition. A meeting held in Hanna City on Oct. 24 drew a large crowd of concerned citizens.

Residents opposed to the project cite the risk of a pipeline failure releasing a cloud of carbon dioxide and suffocating anyone caught up in it. They contend such a failure is a very real possibility because the CO2 is under very high pressure, 3,200 psi, twice that of a

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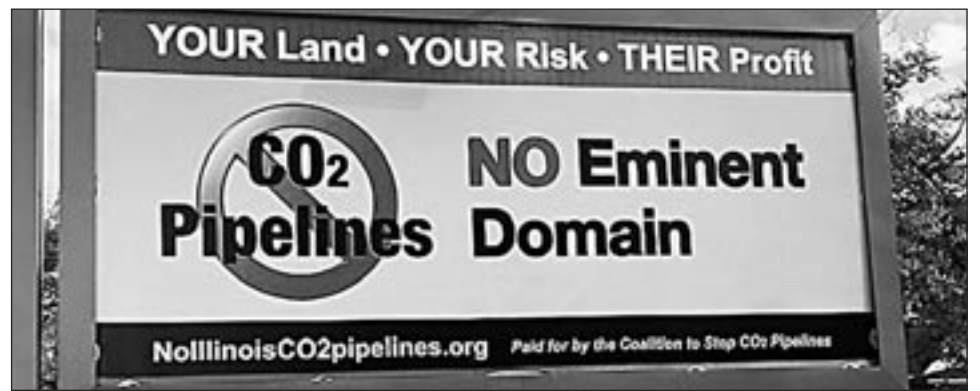


PIPELINE: Concerns over use of eminent domain

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 natural-gas pipeline.

In 2020, such a pipeline fracture occurred about a mile from the town of Sartartia, Miss., discharging CO2 for several hours before it was shut down. A cloud of CO2 settled in the area, causing more than 200 people to be evacuated and 45 hospitalized.

Gaseous CO2 is heavier than air and settles close to the ground, displacing breathable air. A person or



This billboard was recently installed on Illinois Route 78 in Kewanee and can be viewed when driving northbound. Photo by Jim Alwill.

animal caught up in a cloud of CO2 can suffocate for lack of oxygen. Combustion engines cease running for lack of air.

Pipeline company representatives point out that the Sartartia incident is a rare event and that they follow all federal and state guidelines. Opponents say the problem is there are no state guidelines in Illinois. Instead, Illinois relies on the U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

Illinois State Sen. Steve McClure has called for a moratorium on CO2 pipeline construction for two years or until new federal regulations are passed. As of now, for example, there are no regulations regarding the placement of pipelines in relation to a school or hospital.

Pipeline opponents are also concerned about possible contamination of wells and underground aquifers near injection sites. Some researchers say if CO2 leaked from an injection site, chemical reactions could cause harmful contaminants to enter the groundwater.

Other scientists dispute the claim, saying CO2 that has been trapped naturally underground for over 100,000 years has produced no significant levels of contaminants.

Landowners and farmers are concerned about the loss of crop yields in the path of the pipeline. The company says it will make every effort to prevent

valuable topsoil from being mixed with subsoil. Nevertheless, farmers say that soil compaction is inevitable because of the heavy equipment involved. Productivity of disturbed land after the pipeline is completed will be reduced for several years. The company acknowledges the problem and says it will reimburse farmers.

Another concern is potential damage to field tile systems. Reconnecting tiles severed by trenching equipment is no easy task.

On Oct. 24, Brett Seagle, an engineer for the Illinois Commerce Commission and the case manager for the WCS project, testified that the majority of public comments to the commission were negative and that many landowners will not voluntarily enter into a lease agreement.

If a voluntary agreement for lease cannot be negotiated with a landowner, the company can resort to the use of eminent domain. Wolf Carbon Solutions insists it considers eminent domain a last resort.

Seagle said it appears Wolf has not executed any voluntary easements with landowners. In his opinion, using eminent domain to obtain the majority of the land for a project indicates that it is not in the public interest. In his testimony, Seagle also noted that WCS had not yet signed a formal agreement with Archer Daniels Midland Co., its major customer, nor had the company signed final agreements

with customers.

He also said PMHSA is in the process of strengthening its CO2 pipeline regulations. If WCS were to build its pipeline before the new standards were in effect, the project could be out of compliance. Based on his findings, Seagle recommended the WCS project be denied.

Navigator CO2 said it dropped plans to construct a pipeline because of "the unpredictable nature of the regulatory and government processes involved." It's been reported, however, that the company could secure leases with only 15% of landowners.

At the Hanna City meeting, John Feltham, Knox County farmer and retired Marine attorney, said it is absolutely necessary that landowners in the pipeline's path hire an attorney before signing anything. And not just any attorney. He said it's essential to hire a lawyer who is experienced in negotiating leases and eminent-domain situations.

Illinois' geology makes it a prime target for pipeline companies eager to cash in on 2021 legislation that provides billions in tax credits. Currently there are 5,000 miles of CO2 pipelines nationally, but some predict the nation needs 65,000 miles to meet President Biden's net-zero goal.

Attendees at the Hanna City meeting were urged to become fully informed and to visit noillinoisco2pipelines.org.

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I. A public hearing to approve a proposed tax levy increase for the County of Stark for 2023 will be held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at the Stark County Courthouse in the courtroom located at 130 W. Main St, Toulon, Illinois.

Any person desiring to appear at the public hearing and present testimony to the taxing district may contact County Clerk Heather Hollis at 309-286-5911, 130 W. Main St, Toulon, Illinois.

II. The corporate and special purpose property taxes extended or abated for tax year 2022 were \$1,405,359.00.

The proposed corporate and special purpose property taxes to be levied for 2023 are \$1,601,910.00. This represents a 13.99% increase over the previous year.

III. The property taxes extended for debt services and public building commission leases for tax year 2022 were \$ 0.00.

The estimated property taxes to be levied for debt service and public building commission leases for 2023 are \$ 0.00. This represents a 0% increase over the previous year.

IV. The total property taxes extended or abated for 2022 were \$1,405,359.00.

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JAIL: Stark Co. inmates to be sent elsewhere

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Traffic citations & Ordinance violation

- 10-11** - Wendell D. Stahl - No valid registration.
- 10-12** - Jacob M. Painter - Disregard stop sign.
- 10-17** - Lisa L. Holcomb - Driving 1-10 mph above limit.
- 10-17** - James D. Mercer - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 10-17** - Ryan J. Glascock - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 10-23** - Trey G. Fabish - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
- 10-25** - Perry L. Tate - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 10-26** - Tara Sheena Dean - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
- 10-26** - Michaela L. Greenwalt - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 10-26** - Jason P. Kolb - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.
- 10-26** - Jeremiah B. Harts - Driving 15-20 mph above limit.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

- 9-8** - Ordinance violation - Marcus Wilson - Maintaining a nuisance.
- 10-27** - DUI Traffic - A. J. Thomas, Jr. - Driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol BAC .08, and driving without headlights.
- 10-29** - DUI Traffic - Megan E. Ehnle - Driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol BAC .08, improper turn signal.

Incidents & Accidents

- 10-23** - Breanna L. Kiesner, 33, Tremont, was ticketed for not having a valid registration, driving without a valid driver's license and driving a vehicle with no insurance. She was issued a notice to appear in court.
- 10-24** - Michelle L. Henderickson, 54, Kewanee, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance, speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone and illegal transportation of cannabis in a vehicle. She was released with a court date to appear.
- 10-24** - Dean J. Shaw, 35, Kewanee, was arrested for illegal transportation of adult use cannabis in a vehicle. Also arrested in the same traffic stop was Jacqueline N. Alexander, 31, also of Kewanee, charged with possession of a controlled substance, resisting arrest, illegal transportation of adult use cannabis and driving a vehicle with a loud and defective altered exhaust. The pair were released with court dates to appear.
- 10-24** - Johnathan W. Becker, 18, Toulon, was issued a notice to appear for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident. The accident occurred north of Toulon on Vineyard Road and 900N. No injuries were reported.
- 10-25** - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred on 650E and the W. Osceola Rd. The driver was Cody A. Hardy, 30, of Abingdon. No injuries reported, but the vehicle sustained damage estimated over \$1,500.
- 10-25** - August H. Block, 30, Neponset, was cited for driving a vehicle with only one headlight, driving with no insurance and operating a vehicle with a suspended registration for non-insurance.
- 10-25** - Coy C. Miller, 32, Bradford, was cited for driving a vehicle with a suspended registration.
- 10-25** - Ariel R. Harlan, 24, Wyoming, was ticketed for driving a vehicle with an expired plate and for driving a vehicle with no insurance.
- 10-25** - Lois J. McCooly, 68,



Sheffield, ticketed for driving a vehicle with expired registration plate.

10-27 - Angela G. Ralston, 56, Galva, was charged with deceptive practices. She was released with a court date to appear.

10-27 - A.J. Thomas Jr., 48, Peoria, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08 and driving with no lights when required. He was issued a court date.

10-29 - Megan E. Ehnle, 34, Wyoming, was arrested for driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08 and failure to signal when required. She was later released with a notice to appear.

Peoria County Report

Oct. 17 - A Wyoming man declined medical care following a two-vehicle crash east of Dunlap.

The accident happened about 5:15 a.m. Oct. 17 at Cedar Hills Drive and Cline Road, according to a Peoria County Sheriff's Office report. Steven W. Storey was driving a 2012 Ford Fusion east on Cedar Hills Drive when it collided with a 2022 Jeep Cherokee that was northbound on Cline Road. The other driver was Eva J. Milam of Dunlap.

Milam said she had fog issues with her windshield and didn't see the stop sign at the intersection. Storey said he saw Milam's vehicle but thought it was going to stop. Both vehicles sustained front-end damage and were towed. Milam also declined medical attention.

Correction

It was reported last week that Samantha Lang received a citation in Galva for expired registration. This was erroneously reported in the Galva Police report. The driver of the vehicle was Carissa Conley and Samantha Lang was a passenger.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-23 - Makenna Schwab, 22, Knoxville, was cited for speeding in the 100 block of SE 2nd St.

10-24 - to the 400 block of Swank St. to deliver a message from the USPS Postal Inspector.

10-24 - along with the fire department, just southwest of Galva for a field fire near a combine. It was well off the roadway.

10-24 - Officer was flagged down by a pedestrian in the 700 block of SW 4th St. in reference to an unusual animal they saw last week. The description sounded like a badger.

10-24 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 200 block of Front St., Julia Norman, 55, Galva, was cited for improper use of registration. She was released with a court date.

10-24 - to Wiley Park for a complaint involving a physical altercation involving juveniles. Camera footage showed an 11-year-old and a 12-year-old fighting. No charges were filed due to their age and being mutual combatants.

- 10-25** - along with the fire department, to Route 34 near 1700 East for a transformer fire. It was found that a squirrel had been electrocuted and the fuses had tripped. Ameren was contacted for repairs.
- 10-25** - While patrolling, an officer located several tree limbs on the roadway in the 800 block of SE 2nd Street that may have fallen from a vehicle. They were removed.
- 10-25** - to the 600 block of NW 1st Street in reference to a battery complaint.
- 10-25** - John Moraski, 28, Kewanee, cited for having expired registration in the 200 block of Main Street.
- 10-26** - to Route 17 south of the cemetery to check on an abandoned bicycle that was lying near a guardrail. The officer located the bike but did not find anyone around the area.
- 10-26** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of North Center Ave, Danielle French, 32, Cambridge, was cited for operating a vehicle when registration suspended for no insurance and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was released with a required court date.
- 10-26** - to Wiley Park pavilion for a vandalism complaint involving profanity carved into the metal picnic tables with a sharp object.
- 10-27** - to a residence on NE 4th St. for a welfare check on a suicidal subject. They were transported by ambulance for evaluation/treatment.
- 10-27** - to the area near the Galva Cemetery to check the welfare of a subject walking with no shoes. They appeared to be having a mental health crisis and were transported to a family member's house.
- 10-27** - While patrolling, an officer heard a disturbance in the 300 block of Market St. The officer stopped to investigate and became involved in a physical altercation with several people. Bystanders called 911 for assistance. Officers from Henry County, Galva, Kewanee, Stark County and Atkinson responded. As a result, Christopher Hill, 44, Galva, was arrested for aggravated battery to a police officer, aggravated battery-public place, resisting a police officer and domestic battery. Sally Coleman, 43, Galva, was arrested for resisting or obstructing a police officer, aggravated battery to a police officer and disorderly conduct. Both subjects were taken to jail.
- 10-28** - to the 100 block of S. Center Ave. for a hit-and-run accident involving a vehicle striking a trailer, which then struck a garage door. This is under investigation.
- 10-28** - to assist Henry County locate a subject who struck a power pole and then returned to a residence near Galva. The subject was located and turned over to Henry County.
- 10-29** - to assist Henry County with a vehicle pursuit north of Galva. The pursuit was terminated after speeds increased to an unsafe level.

Property Transfers

- 10-26** - Kandice A. O'Malley to Robert E. Trigg - Pt 30-12-7 NW - 12451 S. Valley Rd., Princeville - Consideration = \$191,500.
- 10-27** - Robert L. Clarke, Estate and Nora K. Hooper, Exec to Jason Long - Giles C. Dana's Add'n - 407 S. and 8th St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$194,075.
- 10-27** - Dale Laube to Sonya Jensen and David J. Jones, Sr. - Henderson and Whitaker's Add'n - 301 Commercial St., Toulon - Consideration = \$50,000.

Bradford Community Food Pantry Update

The Bradford Community Food Pantry Board is excited to announce that the pantry has been given recognition by the IRS as an independent 501(c)3 organization. The pantry is located at the First Baptist church at 111 Bonita Ave, Bradford, IL, and is open every Tuesday from 9am-12pm and the first and third Wednesday of the month from 4pm-7pm. All donations to the pantry are tax exempt. We greatly appreciate all of the community support for the pantry!



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The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today.

- Franklin D. Roosevelt

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A picture is worth countless memories

The slightly fuzzy, somewhat over-exposed photograph captures a care-free moment in my brother Christian's childhood. The three-year-old is wearing just a pair of shorts and a bewildered grin. His bare feet and shirtless body confirm what the one edge of 3½-inch square, black-and-white photo already reveals: it's "Aug 68."

I might have guessed the year because right behind him is parked the "Blue Goose," our family's pet name for a used, blue 1961 Ford Galaxie my parents bought after my two older siblings, Richard and Peggy, began to drive. It looks more like a billowy summer cloud atop four black discs than fat-feathered fowl.



Alan
GUEBERT

The Goose sits on a patch of gravel next to our three-sided machine shed. My parents never parked it or the family car, a mid-1960s Ford station wagon, in the shed where some half-awake hired man might nick either on their way to the nearby Havoline oil barrels or, Holy Moses, clobber 'em with a tractor or implement.

Despite the preventive parking, the Goose got cooked – mangled – by Uncle Honey, Dad's machinery-bending uncle, one fall Sunday noon. It was a classic Honey hit: He simply plowed into the Goose's passenger rear panel as he backed an 1850

Oliver and its semi-mounted, five-bottom plow out of the machinery shed and into the parked car.

There was no squawk, honk or alarmed gasp. In true Honey fashion, the sound of grinding metal and sight of flying chrome went completely unnoticed. Without so much as a glance back, Honey then kicked the 1850 into road gear and roared off to plow something else – telephone poles, cows, the heifer barn and maybe a stubble field.

There's another car in the photo that captures the still-intact Goose: hired man Jackie's super sweet, '68 Ford Fairlane 500. Like the Ford Mustang of that vintage, the car's key design features were a very un-Jackie, very non-farm sloping fast-back rear window and trunk that went downhill before sliding into its tail lights.

Jackie called the car "Turtleback" because the trunk lid, almost hidden in the smooth, downward sweep of the car's rear, opened to reveal a cavern deep enough to hold a month of groceries or a week of firewood.

Quiet, purposeful Jackie, however, used it as a locked vault for his most necessary possessions – a well-oiled, 12-gauge pump shotgun, a pair of six-buckle overshoes, a rubber raincoat and a week's stash of unopened Velvet tobacco cans and enough cigarette papers to roll the Velvet in "homemades."

(If he was feeling flush, he'd treat himself to a pack of "store-boughts.")

The Fairlane was Jackie's midlife-

crisis car and he was proud of it. He had traded an owlish, practical Ford Falcon and a wad of sweat-earned cash to buy it outright and he never parked it where Honey might clip it with a silage wagon or sickle mower.

And no one – not his older brother Howard, not my dad, and certainly not my brothers and me – were allowed to drive the modest Mustang wannabe other than the wiry, overall-wearing Jackie even if it was just a mile from its usual parking spot to the house he shared with his brothers, Howard and Orli.

It's a rock-solid safe bet that Honey didn't even notice Jackie's new car. Remember, this was a person who was so singularly focused on the task in front of him that fateful Sunday that he never noticed our 3,500-pound Blue Goose behind him.

Worse, my family was just sitting down to a fried chicken dinner that day so we heard and saw the plucking from start to finish.

Dad, who already had many weary memories of Uncle Honey "incidents," said nothing. It was Sunday, his day off, and a platter of fried chicken and an afternoon nap were staring him in the face. I heard a long sigh, then a quiet, "Let's pray."

"For what," my mother asked sharply, "dinner or Honey?"

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OBITUARIES

Virginia E. Aupperle

TOULON – Virginia E. Aupperle, 93, of Toulon, died Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at her home. Virginia was born March 9, 1930, in Ross County, Ohio, the daughter of Carl W. and Clara E. (Bay) Edgington.



Aupperle

Virginia studied conservation at the Ohio Conservation Laboratory in Carroll County, where she took detailed slides during her work. Because of these slides, she was asked to apply to the IFYE. Virginia was chosen to participate in the program and was able to go to her first choice, Australia. She sailed from San Francisco on Oct. 24 and arrived in Sydney on Nov. 12. While there from Nov. 12, 1959, to April 30, 1960, she lived with 23 host families and participated in their everyday life. Virginia gave 64 talks to Rotary Clubs, schools, churches, the Country Women's Association, Rural Youth Clubs and Young Farmer's Clubs, during her six months abroad. She visited France and Switzerland on her way home. Returning home on the Queen Mary on June 14, 1960. Virginia attended Ohio University, where she obtained a bachelor's degree in elementary education.

She married Eldon "Bud" Aupperle, on August 11, 1968, in Ross County, Ohio; he preceded her in death on March 11, 2023.

Virginia worked as a student teacher in a 4th grade classroom at Chippewa Schools, Cleveland, Ohio. After student teaching, she taught 6th grade at Chippewa Schools, Cleveland, Ohio. She was a substitute teacher for 2nd – 8th grade at Frankfort School, Ross County, Ohio. She enjoyed working, her flowers, and gardening. She also enjoyed traveling. Bud and Virginia served their one of a kind "Uncle Bud's Cider Slush" to many

surrounding communities from their little trailer for 25 years!

Virginia is survived by one brother, David Edgington; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers, Charles (Linda) Edgington and Vernon (Shelba) Edgington; and one niece, Barbara Aupperle.

In accordance with her wishes, a private family memorial service will be held in Illinois. Burial and a graveside service will be at Concord Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Ross County, Ohio at a later date. Memorials may be made to the IFYE Association of the USA, Inc., attn.: Roger Sherer, PO Box 452, Bluffton, IN. 46714-0052. Please leave an online condolence for Virginia's Family at www.golnickschuenemanfh.com.

Kenalene A. Forbeck

PERU – Kenalene Allyn (Snyder) Forbeck, 73, of Peru passed away Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023 at Allure of Peru nursing home, after battling breast cancer since 2019.



Forbeck

Memorial services will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3, 2023, at the Mueller Funeral Home, Peru with Brian Cherpeske elder of the Peru Congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses officiating. Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. until the time of services Friday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Forbeck was born June 20, 1950, in Peoria to Kenneth Milo and Ardis Arlene (Bawn) Snyder. She married Farron Frederick Forbeck on June 24, 1972, in Bunker Hill Church, Buda. Mrs. Forbeck earned an associate degree in science from Illinois Valley Community Hospital, was a registered nurse, worked for hospitals in Illinois and Florida, and worked for the Illinois Department of Public Health conducting nursing home li-

censure inspections throughout the State of Illinois. She was a telephone operator for General and Bell companies, while getting her degree. She farmed with her husband after they married, assisting in all aspects of the farming operation. This included hauling grain to elevators and river terminals using either a tractor with wagon or a truck with trailer.

Mrs. Forbeck was a member of the Bureau County Farm Bureau, Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Peru, and the Illinois Valley Herb Guild, Standard. She enjoyed nature, gardening, pets (especially horses), motorcycling, spending time with her family, dancing, and traveling. She traveled with her husband to virtually every state of the Union, including the non-continental states. During Department of Natural Resources and National Wild Turkey Federation outdoor workshops, as well as on and near the farm, she engaged in target shooting, fishing, archery, and kayaking with her daughter and husband. Mrs. Forbeck was a loving mother prioritizing her children. She tried to be helpful and kind to all. She was very involved in her ministries and loved to share Bible messages with friends and family.

Survivors include her husband, Farron Frederick Forbeck; two children, Rebecca Lyn "Becky" Forbeck of Northbrook and Justin Frederick Forbeck of Alton; six siblings, Nancy Snyder of Kewanee, Kenny Alan (Rose) Snyder of Neponset, Clifford (Cindy) Snyder of Perryville, Mo., Melanie (Clint) Block of Sheffield, David Snyder of Neponset, and Marilyn Collins of Kewanee; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by parents and one sister-in-law, Karol Snyder.

The online guestbook may be viewed and remembrances shared at www.MuellerFH.com.

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Simon

Her friend, Diana Whitney of Galva has designed the artwork, and Nedda has selected words from her full and varied career to add meaning to the cards which are available exclusively at Flowers by Julia in Princeton and at Handverk Galleri in Bishop Hill.

New Bishop Hill event on November 11

BISHOP HILL – The Bishop Hill Museum, located at 304 Bishop Hill St., will host “Old Friend–New Friends” on Saturday, November 11 from 1-3 p.m. Oil paintings by Olof Krans, new acquisitions and colony artifacts will be on display.

Docents will be on hand to answers questions. Quad City artist, Kole Shuda (classically trained guitarist) will perform during the event.

The Bishop Hill Corporation board of directors will be present and refreshments will be served.

This event is sponsored by the Preserve Bishop Hill Corporation and hosted by the IDNR/Bishop Hill State Historic Site. For more



Pictured above (from left to right) are Stark County alumni Lacey McCraney (Krans), Michael Schott, Payton Letko, Keith Bush, Dillon Kelly and Brant Turnbull. The SC Counseling Department organized a College and Career Alumni Panel to allow SC Juniors and Seniors an opportunity to hear from six successful SC Alumni who discussed the importance of high school graduation, asking questions, trying new things, and utilizing high school resources to take the best next steps after graduation. Submitted photo.

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Et cetera

• PRINCETON – The Bureau County Farm Bureau will accept winter clothes donations at 1407 N, Main St., Princeton, before December 15. A donation box will be located just inside the door throughout the holiday season. Winter clothing for all ages is needed. All items will be donated to Bureau County organizations to help families in need.

Some USDA programs will end if not extended

By **TIMOTHY EGGERT**

FarmWeek

Certain USDA programs will begin to go dark unless Congress authorizes a new farm bill that covers the next five years or passes a short-term extension of the existing legislation.

That's already been the case for some programs with funding tied to the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, such as organic farmer support programs like the National Organic Certification Cost Share Program.

The Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) is also being impacted by the lapsed farm bill because the Farm Service Agency's authority to authorize new CRP contracts expired when the bill expired.

Although payments on existing CRP contracts will continue, farmers will not be able to enroll new land in the program or re-enroll land if a contract expired until there's an extension or a new farm bill.

A \$450,000-per-farmer annual payment limit for projects under the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) expired on Sept. 30, too.

And enrollment into the Price Loss Coverage and Agricultural Risk Coverage programs for the 2024 crop year is also on hold. Pay-

ments for the 2022 crop year will continue because the money was authorized before the 2018 bill expired.

19 separate initiatives with mandatory funding that don't have a baseline will temporarily cease if the pot of money they were given in 2018 runs out.

Other funding is linked to the crop year or marketing year, and most of USDA's farm programs, including those covered under the Commodity Title and dairy support measures, officially expire Dec. 31.

Title II conservation programs were extended through fiscal year 2031 under the Inflation Reduction Act. The Federal Crop Insurance Act never expires and funding will keep flowing.

And although the farm bill crafts regulations around the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, funding for the food aid measure is tied to annual appropriations.

Were Jan. 1, 2024, to come without an extension or bill passed, farm programs would be replaced with a set of permanent provisions tied to the Agricultural Acts of 1938 and 1949.

"It would give me, secretary of agriculture, incredible discretion to discern the level of parity for most of the basic commodities and which

farmers would benefit and which farmers would not," Vilsack said Oct. 16 during a farm visit in rural Kankakee County.

While a full farm bill expiration hasn't happened before, Congress has experienced lapses in the legislation.

The "current record holder for the longest stretch" is held by the 2014 farm bill, which was supposed to have been reauthorized in 2012 after the 2011 legislation expired, according to Jonathan Coppess, University of Illinois associate professor and director of the Gardner Agriculture Policy Program.

And the 2018 farm bill, conversely, is the only farm bill in recent history that was reauthorized within the year of the previous bill's expiration, Coppess said during a recent webinar.

"It typically does take more than one Congress in one year to get a farm bill done," Coppess said. "So, if in fact we get into extension territory, or this drags out past 2023, we are not in an anomalous situation."

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REPORT CARD: Chronic absenteeism a worry

“Educators and families should be proud of the remarkable progress we see on the 2023 Illinois report card,” State Superintendent of Education Tony Sanders said during a media briefing.

Robin Steans, president of the education advocacy group Advance Illinois, agreed that the report was positive overall but said it also contains cautionary information, especially regarding racial achievement gaps and attendance rates.

Overall, the biggest area of improvement over the last year was in English language arts, where the proficiency rate rose from 29.9% to 34.6%.

That’s still below the 37.4% proficiency rate in the 2018 to 2019 school year – the last before the COVID-19 pandemic caused major interruptions the next few years.

Math scores also improved in 2023, although the gains were less significant and the overall proficiency rate remained below pre-pandemic levels. White students scored proficiency rates of 35.6%, compared to 14.3% for Hispanic students and 8% for Black students. The statewide proficiency rate rose by just over one percentage point, to 26.9%, while all demographic groups

gained on their scores.

The report card also includes indicators of how well students are progressing toward a successful completion of the preK-12 experience and how ready they will be to enter college or the workforce.

In 2023, 87.4% of ninth-graders were on track to graduate – up from 86.6% in 2022, and the same 86.6% in 2019. According to ISBE, students who finish their ninth-grade year on track are nearly four times as likely to graduate from high school as those who are not on track.

Perhaps more significant is that in 2023, the four-year graduation rate stood

at 87.6%, the highest level recorded in at least 13 years. Black and Hispanic students also saw gains in graduation rates.

One area of concern reflected in the report card was the rate of chronic absenteeism among students.

Last year, 28.7% of students were classified as chronically absent – still well above the pre-pandemic level of 17.5%. The rate was higher for minority and low-income students: 42.1% for Black students; 34.5 for Hispanic students; and 38.2 percent for students classified as low income.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF SIDNEY J. DOUGLAS, Deceased
 No. 2014P19

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Sidney J. Douglas. Letters of Office were issued on October 19, 2023, to Laura Douglas as Independent Representative whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before April 30, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 ESTATE OF MARGARET L. BERLIN, Deceased
 No. 2023PR88

CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)
 Notice is given of the death of Margaret L. Berlin. Letters of Office were issued on October 23, 2023, to Peggy S. Berlin and Thomas P. Berlin as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of court, Henry County Courthouse, Cambridge, Illinois, or with the representative, or both, on or before May 3, 2024. Any claim not filed by that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit: <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 CITY OF KEWANEE, ILLINOIS, an Illinois Municipal corporation, Plaintiff,)
 vs. Case No. 23-OV-69K
 MARCUS WILSON Defendants.
NOTICE OF PROPERTY CLEAN-UP AND LIEN BY PUBLICATION

The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Marcus Wilson, and all Non-Record Claimants, and all Unknown Owners, Defendants in the above-entitled cause, that the above-entitled property clean-up and lien action was filed and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs, the Court in which this action was brought, and the Case Number are identified above.
 2. The name of the titleholder of record: Marcus Wilson
 3. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows: 23Lot 11 in Block 3 of Bauer's Second Addition to the City of Kewanee, Henry County, Illinois
 4. A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows: 415 E. 9th St, Kewanee, IL 61443.
 NOW, THEREFORE, unless you, all Defendants, Non-Record Claimants, and Unknown Owners, must file your answer to the Petition for Property Clean-Up and Lien in this cause or otherwise make your appearance therein, with the Henry County Circuit Clerk, 401 E 3rd St, Kewanee, IL 61443, on or before 30 days after the date of this publication, or a default may be entered.

/s/ Terilyn A. Motley
 Circuit Clerk
 Barash & Everett, LLC
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Toulon Community Fire Protection District Trustees' Report
September 1, 2022 to August 31, 2023
 The Trustees' of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District hereby report the following schedule of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2022 and ending August 31, 2023.

RECEIPTS

Balance from 8/31/2022 (Cash & Savings)	\$223,785.43
Stark County Treasurer (Taxes)	292,517.56
Henry County Treasurer (Taxes)	6,194.46
Illinois Comptroller – replacement taxes	12,960.30
Foreign Tax4,	089.95
Interest Savings & Checking	212.92
Misc/Refunds/ Donation/Grant	7469.00
TOTAL FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$547,229.62

DURING YEAR EXPENDITURES

Clothing Allowance	\$15,465.21
ABC Fire Extinguisher	\$298.00
Accident Fund-Workers Compensation Insurance	\$1,519.00
Ag View FS – fuel	\$2,725.90
Alexis Fire – certification of equipment and repairs	\$4,073.21
Ameren-utilities	\$5,158.11
American Heart – defibrillators	\$7,169.00
Banner Fire Equipment, Inc. -new emergency truck	\$61,580.00
Barash & Everett – attorney fees	\$1,547.00
Emergency Service	\$785.00
ESO Solutions – software	\$1,055.60
Frontier – telephone	\$2,187.37
IL Assoc of Fire Protection – dues	\$325.00
J Mac Metals – materials	\$746.05
Leezers – Insurance	\$11,801.00
Mediacom – internet	\$1,206.45
Municipal Emergency Services – (4) turnout gear/air packs	\$2,984.23
Nutzhorn – Mowing	\$770.00
Orkin – pest control services	\$350.00
SCBAS – air pack maintenance	\$364.00
Stark County Sheriff – dispatch fee	\$1,200.00
Stark County Ambulance – contract fees	\$157,488.00
State Bank of Toulon - Loan	\$43,498.88
Strong Power Supplies	\$279.00
Tracy Peterson – clerical	\$1,200.00
Trustees	\$525.00
University of Illinois – tuition/firemen training	\$900.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

\$328,862.34	
CASH ON HAND	
8/31/2023	\$218,367.28

Respectfully Submitted Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District
 Gary R. Steward
 William S. Foglesong
 John Boardman
 Published 11/3/23

NOTICE
 The Towers, LLC proposes to build a 265-foot Self-Support Communications Tower. Anticipated lighting application is

medium intensity dual red/white strobes. The Site location is 130 Park St, Bradford, Stark County, IL 61421, Lat: 41-10-22, Long: -89-39-56.9. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Antenna Structure Registration (ASR, Form 854) filing number is A1249450. **ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS** – Interested persons may review the application (www.fcc.gov/asr/applications) by entering the filing number. Environmental concerns may be raised by filing a Request for Environmental Review (www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest) and online filings are strongly encouraged. The mailing address to file a paper copy is: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554.
 Published 11/3/23

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY
 CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU, Plaintiff,
 v.
 JUDY A. EBERLE; UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
 Case No. 2023FC6

PUBLICATION NOTICE
 The requisite Affidavits for Service by Publication having been filed in the above-captioned cause NOTICE is hereby given to UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above-captioned cause, that the above-captioned mortgage foreclosure action is now pending in the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois, Stark County, against you and other defendants praying for the foreclosure of the mortgage hereinafter described conveying the real estate legally described as follows:

LOT SIX (6) AND ALL OF LOT FIVE (5), EXCEPTING FROM SAID LOT FIVE (5) FIFTEEN (15) FEET OF EQUAL WIDTH OFF THE EAST SIDE THEREOF, IN BLOCK FIFTEEN (15) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF WYOMING, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF STARK AND STATE OF ILLINOIS; P.I.N. 07-02-215-001; Commonly known as 311 W. Smith St., Wyoming, IL 61491.

The name of the title holder of record and an identification of the mortgage to be foreclosed is as follows:
 (A) Name or names of present owner or owners of the premises: JUDY A. EBERLE; (B) Date of Mortgage: October 9, 2007; (C) Names of Mortgagors: JUDY A. EBERLE and ROGER L. VAIL, DECEASED; (D) Name of Mortgage: CITIZENS EQUITY FIRST CREDIT UNION, an Illinois credit union a/k/a CEFCU;
 (E) Date and place of recording: October 9, 2007, Stark County, Illinois, Office of Recorder of Deeds;
 (F) Identification of recording: Document No. 2007-93362.

And you are further notified that unless on or before December 4, 2023, you shall answer and defend in said suit, default judgment may be entered against you on said date or thereafter. Dated: October 20, 2023.
 Thomas A. McConnaughay, Attorney of Record
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Hearings set for new gun law

By GREG BISHOP
The Center Square

A full month into Illinois' gun ban registry and about 2,400 individuals have disclosed they own at least one banned firearm, attachment or some prohibited ammunition. Illinois State Police Director Brendan Kelly says it's "been slow, but steady."

For the registry that opened Oct. 1, Illinois State Police report 2,430 individuals disclosed possessing nearly 4,600 banned firearms, around 2,400 banned attachments and 44 disclosures of possessing banned .50 caliber ammunition.

With more than 2.4 million Firearm Owners ID card holders, that makes just one-tenth of a percent of FOID card holders registering banned arms.

At an unrelated news conference Tuesday in Springfield, Kelly reacted to the rate of registration with just two months before the Jan. 1 deadline, or criminal penalties could apply.

"It's been slow but steady," Kelly said. "I have no predictions one way or the other about the pace of that and we'll just see how the process continues to work and we'll share the data as we continue on a daily

He also said more information will be shared with the public during hearings

over the next week. "By law and by request of [the Joint Committee on Administrative Rules] when we do that administrative rulemaking process, to provide input," Kelly said. "Well see who shows up and we'll see what the public feedback they wish to provide about that administrative rule process."

ISP will be holding three public hearings about the law over the next week.

The first will at 9:30 a.m. Thursday in Springfield at the state capitol complex.

People wanting to speak publicly at the hearing must register by 12:30 p.m. on Nov. 1 by email-

ing ISP.Legal.PublicComments@illinois.gov.

The second hearing will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday in Chicago with a third hearing being Monday morning in Caseyville. Details about the hearings can be found on the ISP website, which is isp.illinois.gov.

If someone is found not complying with the registry by Jan. 1, 2024, they could face a Class A misdemeanor for the first offense and a Class 3 felony for subsequent offenses.

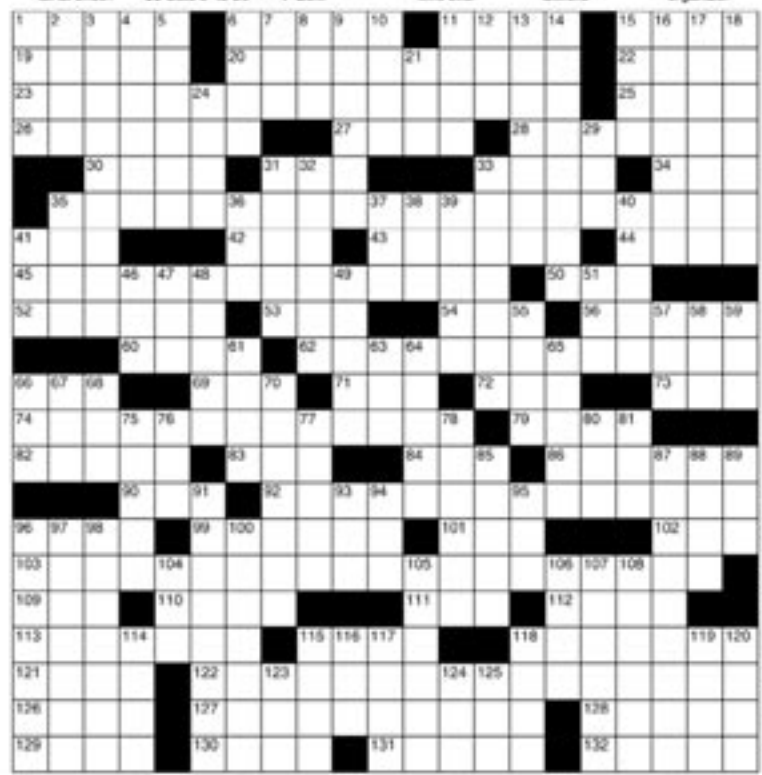
Gun rights groups argue the law is too vague to comply with. Constitutional challenges to the law are pending in several federal jurisdictions.

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Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword "MM, GOOD!"

- ACROSS**
- 1 Kiddle-it elephant
 - 6 Seder bread
 - 11 Woman in the Pro Football Hall of Fame
 - 15 Numbered work of a composer
 - 19 'Til love to help
 - 20 Fictional town in an Edgar Lee Masters title
 - 22 Intensely, with "up"
 - 23 Aged female horse that has won lots of singing awards?
 - 25 Dog food brand
 - 26 Flimsy
 - 27 Hive swarm
 - 28 'Lie Down With Lions' novelist Ken
 - 30 Romanov royal
 - 31 -- A film
 - 33 Michael of "Superbad"
 - 34 Stephen of the screen
 - 35 Time when everybody turned down their radios all at once?
 - 41 -- s. Wade
 - 42 Aussie critter
 - 43 Soporific drug
 - 44 Electrolysis particles
 - 45 Reading quickly in the Scandinavian manner?
 - 50 Novelist Stout
 - 52 Hammer or Spade
 - 53 History topic
 - 54 Hot tub sigh
 - 56 Tranquility
 - 60 Branchial
 - 62 Big meeting to discuss protective metal gear?
 - 66 Foot the bill
 - 69 A-bomb, e.g.
 - 71 -- dare?
 - 72 -- Lily
 - 73 "Tamerlane" poet
 - 74 Cold, damp park birds?
 - 79 Declare
 - 82 Apis locale
 - 83 Elton John's '70s label
 - 84 Figure skater Midori --
 - 86 Bet to win and place
 - 90 Closing stuff
 - 92 Was an overly aggressive barber?
 - 96 Calo's "to be"
 - 99 -- aka Scale
 - 101 Intensely, with "up"
 - 102 Antique auto
 - 103 Trouncing in a number-adding contest?
 - 109 Bulling call
 - 110 Balcony box
 - 111 "Send help!"
 - 112 Netflix rival
 - 113 Medium for burning data
 - 115 Pork serving units
 - 121 Cork's land
 - 122 Decreed to be the most prudish?
 - 126 Observes
 - 127 Computer programming output
 - 128 More skillful
 - 129 Chances
 - 130 Covered with bathroom rolls, slangy
 - 131 Outback food
 - 132 Fiers' homes
 - 1 Strike with the horns
 - 2 Court champ
 - 3 Lead-in to "done that"
 - 4 "Eek!"
 - 5 Add ammo to
 - 6 Emails or texts: Abbr.
 - 7 Wet mo.
 - 8 Come -- halt
 - 9 Body not staying at rest?
 - 10 "My treat!"
 - 11 Family in computer games
 - 12 DuVerney of "Queen Sugar"
 - 13 Flawless
 - 14 Request in advance, in a way
 - 15 Spoken exam
 - 16 Sicily's capital
 - 17 A gazillion
 - 18 Brief plugs for political candidates
 - 21 Breed variety
 - 24 -- Lube (STP alternative)
 - 29 Chou En --
 - 31 Add fuel to
 - 32 Groups on church risers
 - 33 The Flame affair, informally
 - 35 Hammer or spade
 - 36 52-wk. units
 - 37 Dad's partner
 - 38 Longtime wire sec.
 - 39 Moses' peak
 - 40 Seltzer, e.g.
 - 41 ICU VIPs
 - 46 Inbber's hey, offense
 - 47 "-- be nice if ..."
 - 48 Like taffy
 - 49 Bee Arthur sitcom
 - 51 Air-testing gp.
 - 55 Hispanic "hello"
 - 57 Intensely, with "up"
 - 58 Loving sound poetically
 - 61 12-hour clock toggle
 - 63 Lowering sound
 - 64 Fluid dram fraction
 - 65 "Hawaii --" (Jack Lord series)
 - 66 Acer offerings
 - 67 Styled after
 - 68 Orange tuber
 - 70 Say aloud for transcription
 - 75 Not access provider
 - 76 Groom, e.g.
 - 77 "The Dance" singer Brooks
 - 78 Canned heat
 - 80 Good Grips brand
 - 81 Nursery cry
 - 85 Dramatist Clifford
 - 87 Merry-go-rounds
 - 88 Not kosher
 - 89 Hurry-scurry
 - 91 For free
 - 93 Furious state
 - 94 Spill cleaner
 - 95 Sony products
 - 96 1962 Paul Anka hit
 - 97 Tarnished
 - 98 Tarnished
 - 100 Chinese soup with "up"
 - 105 Facet
 - 106 "Surprised to run into you!"
 - 107 University in Greenville, South Carolina
 - 108 In a blazing brandy sauce
 - 114 Fed Elkot
 - 115 Ace or queen
 - 116 Fruit drink brand
 - 117 Tip jar bills
 - 118 Nursery school, briefly
 - 119 Play -- (perform some songs)
 - 120 Erw, ferns
 - 123 Receivable
 - 124 John in court cases
 - 125 High-tech organizer



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by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Trivia test by Fifi Rodriguez

- SCIENCE: What was Joseph Lister's main contribution to science?
- HISTORY: Which pro football team won the very first Super Bowl?
- MUSIC: What is the title of the Rolling Stones' 2023 album?
- MOVIES: Who played the monster in Mel Brooks' "Young Frankenstein"?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS: How much of the popular vote did Abraham Lincoln receive when he was elected president in 1860?
- GEOGRAPHY: In which country is the ancient city of Petra located?
- AD SLOGANS: What product was advertised by a man who kept saying, "I can't believe I ate the whole thing"?
- FOOD & DRINK: What is often called the national dish of Canada?
- LANGUAGE: What does an oologist study?
- TELEVISION: What does SVU stand for in "Law & Order: SVU"?

- Answers**
- Antiseptic surgery.
 - Green Bay Packers.
 - "Hackney Diamonds."
 - Peter Boyle.
 - Less than 40%.
 - Jordan.
 - Alka-Seltzer.
 - Poutine: potato fries, cheese curds and gravy.
 - Eggs.
 - Special Victims Unit.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- Taylor Swift: The Eras Tour (PG-13)
 - Killers of the Flower Moon (R)
 - The Exorcist: Believer (R)
 - PAW Patrol: The Mighty Movie (PG)
 - The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG)
 - Saw X (R)
 - The Creator (PG-13)
 - A Haunting in Venice (PG-13)
 - The Blind (PG-13)
 - The Nun II (R)
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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

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WATAGA, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION

The following very nice real estate, vehicles, tools and outdoor, household and more will be sold at live public auction at 227 E. Cole St. Wataga, IL. (turn east onto W Coal St. in middle of town to sale site), on

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 12TH, 2023 AT 12 NOON

NOTE: The full ad and pictures are online soon at www.folgersauctionservice.com.

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R.E. DESCRIPTION: This nice single family home sits on a .23 acre lot. There are 2 bedrooms, one full bath, living room and kitchen and an enclosed front porch room on the main floor. There is a full dry basement w/plumbing for laundry, bath, etc. Improvements to the house include a new furnace and central air, recent roof and siding, new basement structure supports and much more. The 38'x38' 3-stall garage is amazing with 2 overhead auto, 10'x6.5' doors and one walk in door. The back yard is fenced with a 10'x10' utility shed w/5' roll up door. Terms are a non-refundable 10% down with the balance due upon closing in approx. 30 days. No credit cards may be used for R.E. transactions or titled vehicles.

VEHICLES, TOOLS AND OUTDOOR: Nice 1990 Chevy 1500 Silverado truck, amazing shape, 4.3 L 6 cylinder, cruise, AC, good Firestone tires, cloth interior, clean 90,170 miles, red—1GDCD1423LE246779—2000 Chevy Astro van, front bucket seats, power windows/locks, 2 rear bench seats, good Destination Firestone tires, sound vehicle, 224,407 miles, #1GNDM19W4YB165508—like new Troy Bilt Storm 2840 28" electric start, var. speed, reverse/forward, heated handle bar—like new Troybilt Storm 2860 28" electric start var. speed, reverse, heated handle bar—Briggs and Stratton heavy duty 2800 PSI Elite Series pressure washer—Bolens 15HP 6 speed shift on the go mower, 38" deck—100 gallon 5 HP 220 vertical air compressor on steerable cart—18HP Vanguard motor auto start Coleman Industrial 10,000 watt generator on cart—nice med. sized old anvil—new Tradesman bench table saw—Craftsman 10" radial arm saw on table—2 like new Stihl BG86 gas powered leaf blowers—Kennedy 2 drawer tool box on 2 drawer cart—Craftsman 3 drawer tool box, Craftsman 17" drill press on stand, Craftsman wrenches, ratchets, sockets, extensions, tools, etc.—Camp Hausfeld prof. 2.5" angle finish nailer and air staples—gear wrench/ratchet wrenches—Homelite Super 2 16" bar chain saw—floor post 5-7.5"—B&D battery trimmers—work table on wheels, wheel barrow, 2 ton floor jack, nice cutting torch on cart, 2 7' alum. ramps, 10 gallon shop vac, bug zapper, 1/2 ton chain hoist, hardware, new 2 ton floor jack, masonry tools, magnet on wheels, nice yard tools, new antifreeze, fluids, log chains, charger, Remington LP heater on wheels, power tools, clamps, hose, full organizers, grease guns, etc.—nice glass top patio table w/4 nice chairs and umbrella—Zebco fishing poles, fishing supplies—Huffy Santa Fe men's and ladies bikes—nice Charbroil 1000 gas grill w/side burner—6,8 and 10' Werner ladders, 28' ext. ladder, much misc.

HOUSEHOLD, ETC.: new floral couch and love seat—new dk wood storage cabinet—2 newer Whirlpool, electric dryers sets—Crosley sm. chest freezer—dorm size nice fridge—twin and full new beds w/ new mattresses—nice like new neutral cloth recliner—ant. glass front cabinet—sm. kitchen table 2 chairs—modern Grandmother's clock—wall and mantle older clocks—2 scanners—Dyson DC33 sweeper—newer 60" Element flatscreen TV w/stand—42" Panasonic flatscreen w/stand—Keurig and sm. appliances—basic dishes/household—Black mem. Chalkware old wall hanger—brass horse ant. mantle clock—old ann. clock—Dale Earnhardt coll. tankards and misc.—a few records and 8 tracks—retro stereo bars w/ lights and music—pool table and access.—Dynasty china—sm. Farmland toy truck—old alligator ashtray—figurines—misc. furniture and décor.

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R-W plays its best against a perennial power

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Weekly Post

STERLING — ROWA-Williams-field picked a good time to play its best football game of the season, according to its coach.

The good times for the Cougars will roll into Saturday, when they'll face a familiar opponent in the second round of the Class 1A playoffs.

R-W rolled into Roscoe Eades Stadium and left with a 28-14 first-round victory Oct. 28 over Sterling Newman, a perennial statewide power. R-W (8-2) assumed control in the second half behind two touchdowns by Spencer Brown, who had four overall, and a defense that held the Comets scoreless.

"We just took it to them in the second half physically," R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand said. "I guess if there was a time for it to all come together, it would be in the playoffs. I don't know what it was, exactly, but they were firing on all cylinders."

It all brought the Cougars home for a game at 2 p.m. Saturday in Oneida against Stark County. It'll be the fourth time in a year those Lincoln-

Land Conference small-division rivals have played each other. R-W won twice in 2022, including in the first round of the postseason. On Sept. 29, Stark County won 24-14.

"They know everything that we do, and we know everything that they do," Gullstrand said about the undefeated Rebels. "It's going to be fun."

The Cougars had fun before and during their game at Sterling High School against Newman (7-3), winner of six state championships.

Gullstrand said his players' loosey-goosey pregame routine might have been a clue. They were grooving to a pop song straight out of a junior-high dance, according to their coach.

"I'm not quite sure how many other teams are as strange as we are," Gullstrand said jokingly. "You could tell they weren't stressed out or freaked out about the moment."

"That stadium was bigger than anything we've seen before. There wasn't one 'Look at this' or 'Look at that.' Right from the get-go, you can tell we had a chance."

That became evident from the first play. R-W recovered a too-high

Newman snap deep in Comets territory, and Brown scored from 4 yards within 90 seconds of kickoff.

"For a team that's had negative-51 yards on snaps over the quarterback's head, we were due for one of those," Gullstrand said.

Newman came back to lead 14-12 at halftime. But less than 90 seconds into the third quarter, R-W went ahead to stay, on Brown's 3-yard touchdown run.

"In the second half, they saw something they liked and they exposed it right away, and defensively we were kind of scrambling a little bit," Newman Coach Mike LeMay told Shaw Media.

Brown scored again with 5:22 left. Preston Schroeder's 27-yard pass to Talan Hull on a fake punt set up the TD and was a Newman backbreaker, Gullstrand said. An ensuing do-or-die Newman drive ended with a Devonte Noel interception.

Gullstrand understood the significance of this victory. "It's pretty special to beat a program of that caliber," he said. "Obviously, we want to get to be in that echelon."

XC: Two Lady Rebels have fought through injury

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 who will compete at state on Saturday have faster times than Smith, according to Rennick. He believes she has a real shot at finishing in the top 25 and making all-state.

"Dusti is one of those runners that's almost like a generational runner where you don't know that you'll see the likes of that again," Rennick said. "And it's not just her ability, it's also the desire to make the most of it."

Actually, Rennick said that's true of his entire team, which does not include a senior. Instead of pondering what they could be next year, he said, the Lady Rebels went out and made the most of this year.

The other scoring runners for Stark County were

sophomore Cheyenh Smith (31st, 21:43.98), junior Alexis Martinez (35th, 21:46.54), junior Keagan Hamilton (60th, 22:41.95) and sophomore Paytin Terwilliger (61st, 22:44.17).

Before last spring, Cheyenh Smith had never run a distance race. But after running anchor for Stark County's medal-winning 4x800 relay at state, she has kept progressing through a strong cross country season.

"What I tell everyone about Cheyenh is I have no idea how fast that kid is yet," Rennick said.

Rennick called Martinez the leader of the Rebels team and praised her for recovering from a total knee reconstruction as a freshman.

"When she first came

back, she could barely run a lap on the track," he said.

"She's a team leader and tough. You have to have that mentality, and boy she sets the tone and they all go from there."

Hamilton turned in a second straight gutty performance of her own. In the regional, she rolled her ankle in the first mile of the race, but finished the last two miles in pain. She did not practice until last Thursday and reinjured the ankle Saturday with 700 meters left, Rennick said.

"But she finished," he said. "And I don't think I could stop her from running (at state) if I wanted to."

No. 5 runner Terwilliger has also battled injury this season and rested a few meets to be ready for the postseason. That paid off at Oregon as she was the team's No. 5 runner, just a few seconds behind Hamilton.

Now the question is, what

will that mean in the state meet?

"Whether we can get to 19th or not, it depends on the day," Rennick said. "But I think we're ready to do well."

• **Galva volleyball** — Galva's 2023 campaign ended at 9-19 with a 22-25, 25-15, 19-25 hard-fought first-round regional loss to Ridgewood at Putnam County last Tuesday.

Kendall Rogers was the digs leader with 10, also recording two ace serves. Kaylyn Gale had nine digs. Reese Sumner added two aces.

Addison Yepsen was the assists leader with 11. Ava Strom tallied two aces and six kills. Ava Anderson added six kills on the night.

— Phil Johnson

• **SC volleyball** — Stark County (2-23) was defeated by Henry-Senachwine 25-18, 25-7 in its regional opener at Henry last Tuesday.

— Phil Johnson

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REBELS: Orwig racks up 147 total yards

Continued from Page 12 punt and Princeville taking over at the Rebels 9.

On fourth down, Princeville quarterback Logan Carruthers found Jake Williams in the deep-left corner of the end zone.

Rewerts fumbled away the ball on his team's next play from scrimmage.

Kieser's 2-yard scoring run on the following drive came as the second period started and gave the Princes a 12-0 lead.

It all reminded Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers of how his team began its 48-28 LincolnLand-small defeat Oct. 6 at Stark County. That time, Princeville limited the number of Stark County plays early and led first.

"Things were going our way, just like the first game," Coach Carruthers said. "But it's a long game. You never feel comfortable with a lead in the first quarter. I never do."

Indeed, Rewerts ran 1 yard for a touchdown and passed 15 yards to Connor Wagenbach for another as Stark County led 13-12 at intermission. But as Stark County was driving at the



Braden Lindley holds for Adrian Manzano-Garcia on one of four extra points he kicked last Friday. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Princeville 30 late in the third quarter, Rewerts fumbled. Princeville recovered.

With 2:14 remaining, as he was falling at the Stark County 3, Logan Carruthers pitched the ball forward to Kieser for a touchdown and a 20-13 Princeville lead. But it took about 90 seconds and only five plays for Stark County to tie it, on Rewerts' second 1-yard scoring run.

In the fourth quarter, Rewerts completed consecutive passes of 12, 5 and 19 yards to three different receivers in a drive that ended at 3:49 when Chris Barnwell ran 5 yards to give the Rebels a 27-20 lead.

"We weren't trying to get into such a big hurry," Rewerts said about the decisive drive. "We were trying to slow it down, pick them apart a little bit, trying to exploit some of

their weaknesses. We just wanted to play our game."

Three minutes after Barnwell scored, Matthew Bowser intercepted Logan Carruthers and Nolan Orwig recovered the loose ball at the Princeville 38. On the next play, Orwig ran from there to the end zone. He finished with 99 yards rushing and 48 receiving, both team highs.

"He's a dude. He's a dude for sure," said Rewerts, who finished with 164 yards passing. "And it's good when I might not be playing my best game, he's right there and he's doing his thing."

Late escapes in close games earlier this season served Stark County well the second time around against Princeville, Noard suggested.

"I think all year in crunch time, we've been good," he said. "It's not something I can take credit for. It's just something our kids have built up through the year. We just have a lot of confidence in ourselves to get the job done, no matter how many times we shoot ourselves in the foot earlier."

SCOREBOARD

Farmington 28
Bismarck-H-R-A 23

Bismarck-H-R-A 8 8 7 0 - 23
Farmington 8 14 0 6 - 28

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
B - Ingram 32 pass from Stevenson (Stevenson run)
F - L.Wheelwright 53 run (L.Wheelwright run)
Second Quarter
F - Utt 24 run (kick failed)
B - Ingram 60 pass from Stevenson (Stevenson run)
F - J.Wheelwright 9 run (L.Wheelwright run)
Third Quarter
B - Stevenson 1 run (Thomas kick)
Fourth Quarter
F - J.Wheelwright 7 pass from L.Wheelwright (pass failed)

Team Statistics

BHRA	F
First Downs	26 30
Rushes-Yds	36-110 50-242
Yds per carry	3.1 4.8
Comp-Att-Int	19-27-0 7-17-1
Passing yds	268 82
Fumbles-lost	2-1 2-2
Penalties	7-65 6-28

P - Kieser 2 run (pass failed)
SC - Rewerts 1 run (kick short)
SC - Wagenbach 15 pass from Rewerts (Manzano-Garcia kick)

Third Quarter
P - Kieser 3 pass from L.Carruthers (Kieser pass from L.Carruthers)
SC - Rewerts 1 run (Manzano-Garcia kick)
Fourth Quarter
SC - Barnwell 5 run (Manzano-Garcia kick)
SC - Orwig 38 run (Manzano-Garcia kick)

Team Statistics

P	SC
First Downs	25 31
Rushes-Yds	38-162 31-184
Yds per carry	4.3 5.9
Comp-Att-Int	9-23-1 11-16-1
Passing yds	117 164
Fumbles-lost	1-1 3-2
Penalties-yds	9-49 5-45

IHSA FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS

CLASS 1A First Round
Lena-Winslow 50, Rockford Lutheran 13
Forreston 20, Ottawa Marquette 7
Annawan-Wethersfield 41, Deer Creek-Mackinaw 6
Morrison 34, Fulton 12
Stark County 34, Princeville 20
ROWVA-Williamsfield 28, Sterling Newman Catholic 14
Chicago Hope 58, Peru St. Bede 6
Aurora Christian 38, Gibson City-Melvin-Sibley 7
Camp Point Central 54, Bridgeport Red Hill 0
Hardin Calhoun 42, Heyworth 14
Belleville Althoff 76, Tuscola 41
LeRoy 45, Villa Grove 14
Sesser-Valier 34, Carrollton 8
Salt Fork 7, Winchester West Central 0
Greenfield-NW 52, Nokomis 13
Casey Westfield 49, Cumberland 7

Second Round Saturday, Nov. 4, Games
Forreston (8-2) at Lena-Winslow (10-0), 2 pm
Morrison (9-1) at Annawan-Wethersfield (9-1), 1 pm
Stark County (10-0) at ROWVA-Williamsfield (8-2), 2 pm
Aurora (Christian) (8-2) vs. Chicago Hope (9-1), 1 pm
Camp Point Central (10-0) at Hardin Calhoun (7-3), 2 pm
LeRoy (9-1) at Belleville Althoff (9-1), 1:30 pm
Salt Fork (8-2) at Sesser-Valier (10-0), 2 pm
Casey Westfield (9-1) at Greenfield-NW (10-0), 2 pm

CLASS 2A First Round
Seneca 45, Dwight-Gardner-S. Wilmington 0
Rockridge 37, Westville 21
Tri-Valley 24, El Paso-Gridley 0
Wilmington 41, Mercer County 14
Maroa-Forsyth 42, Chicago Christian 6
Momence 16, Knoxville 8
Bloomington Central Catholic 47, Mendon Unity 0
Farmington 28, Bismarck-Henning-Rossville-Alvin 23
Quincy Notre Dame 21, Arthur-Lovington-Atwood-Hammond 14
Nashville 49, Pana 7
Athens 33, Piasa Southwestern 7
Red Bud 7, Chester 0 (OT)
Shelbyville 48, Trenton Wesclin 0
Vandalia 34, Lawrenceville 22
Johnston City 16, Auburn 8
Breese Mater Dei 40, White County 22

Second Round Saturday, Nov. 4, Games
Seneca (10-0) at Rockridge (9-1), 2 pm
Wilmington (9-1) at Tri-Valley (10-0), 2 pm
Momence (9-1) at Maroa-Forsyth (10-0), 2 pm
Farmington (9-1) at Bloomington Central Catholic (10-0), 1 pm
Nashville (7-3) at Quincy Notre Dame (5-5), 1 pm
Red Bud (8-2) at Athens (8-2), 2 pm
Shelbyville (9-1) at Vandalia (7-3), 2 pm
Johnston City (9-1) at Breese Mater Dei (7-3), 1 pm

Individual Statistics
Rushing - R-W: Brown 18-60, Bertshofer 11-40. N: Grennan 14-26, Rude 3-14, Williamson 3-14, McBride 2-(-2),

Individual Statistics
Rushing - B: Stevenson 25-72, Rangel 5-27, Parish 4-11, Ingram 2-0. F: L.Wheelwright 24-119, J.Wheelwright 18-78, Utt 7-42, Gronewold 1-3.
Passing - B: Stevenson 19-26-0-268, Ingram 0-1-0-0. F: L.Wheelwright 7-17-1-82.
Receiving - B: Ingram 11-208, Thomas 3-21, Dubois 3-16, Rangel 1-16, Hughes 1-7. F: Gronewold 3-38, J.Wheelwright 2-23, Barnes 1-16, Fauser 1-5.
Tackles - F: Utt 7, Lambin 6.5.

Stark County 34
Princeville 20

Princeville 6 6 8 0 - 20
Stark County 0 13 7 14 - 34

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
P - Williams 9 pass from L.Carruthers (pass failed)
Second Quarter

R-W - Brown 4 run (conversion failed)
Second Quarter
N - Grennan 4 run (Jungerman kick)
R-W - Brown 67 pass from Danner (conversion failed)
N - Williamson 3 run (Jungerman kick)
Third Quarter
R-W - Brown 3 run (Danner run)
R-W - Brown 1 run (Danner run)

Team Statistics

R-W	N
First Downs	13 15
Rushes-Yds	29-100 30-24
Yds per carry	3.4 0.8
Comp-Att-Int	12-19-0 11-24-1
Passing yds	218 170
Fumbles-lost	1-1 0-0
Penalties-yds	5-40 4-40

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Rebels rally to second round

Unbeaten Stark County to face familiar foe R-W in Round 2

By NICK VLAHOS

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – Don't get Jade Noard wrong. The Stark County football coach was happy his team beat Princeville 34-20 in a Class 1A first-round state-playoffs game Oct. 27.

But Noard might have preferred less uncertainty about it, particularly early.

"I will give our kids credit – they just keep fighting," Noard said about his 10-0 team. "But I wish we would stop digging ourselves a hole."

The Rebels secured postseason advancement by recovering from deficits of 12 points in the second quarter and seven late in the third at Gary Johnson Field.

"A little too close for comfort, but we see these guys all the time," senior quarterback Luke Rewerts said about his school's neighbor to the south. "It's Princeville, a big rivalry. But we got it done, and that's all that matters."

In the second round, the opponent again will be beyond familiar.

Stark County will travel to Oneida to face ROWVA-Williamsfield at 2 p.m. Saturday.



Stark County defenders Chris Barnwell and Chase Holmstrom bring down Princeville's Tayshaun Kieser last Friday during the Rebels' 34-20 first-round playoff win. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

It'll be the fourth time in one year they have faced each other. R-W (8-2) won the first two, including a 2022 first-round postseason game. Stark County won 24-14 in a LincolnLand Conference small-division meeting Sept. 29.

"They know everything that we do, and we know everything that they do," said R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand, whose team opened with a 28-14 victory at

Sterling Newman. "It's going to be fun."

Noard and his players probably weren't enjoying themselves in the beginning against Princeville (5-5).

Princeville senior Tayshaun Kieser intercepted Rewerts on the third play of the game. The Stark County defense held at its 1-yard line, but the ensuing possession ended with a blocked

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The Stark County girls cross country team will run in the Class 1A state meet Saturday for the first time since 2018. Pictured above (from left to right) are Coach Bob Rennick Jr., Alexis Martinez, Keagan Hamilton, Paytin Terwilliger, Cheyenne Smith, Haylie Moodie, Sarah Kraklow and Dusti Smith.

SC girls off to state

Smith 5th, Lady Rebels 4th at sectional

By JEFF LAMPE

For The Prairie News

OREGON – For the second straight week of the cross country postseason, freshman Dusti Smith and her young Stark County teammates posted an impressive finish.

This time Stark County's fourth-place effort came at the Class 1A Oregon Sectional and propelled the Lady Rebels to Saturday's Class 1A state race at 9 a.m. at Detweiller Park in Peoria.

This is the first time the Stark County girls team has qualified since 2018 when the team placed

19th.

"We only have 200 kids at the school, but if you stay at it and keep working, you can build to moments like this," Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "This crew did a really good job of seeing their moment and making the most out of it."

Smith placed fifth overall with a time of 19:48.38 while Evelyn O'Connor of Seneca was first in 19:07.43. Winnebago was the team winner with 99 points. Stark County scored 158.

Only two freshman runners
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