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Stark Co. students to go national FFA set for convention

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – Stark County agriculture teacher Taylor Wilkinson is excited to see how well her students perform at this year's national FFA convention in Indianapolis this October.

Several students had their national interviews Wednesday, said Wilkinson, a co-teacher with Preston Parrish, who started at Stark County High School during the 2023-24 school year.

"Ag is exploding in this country as well as industrial arts and home economics," Wilkinson said. "I could not do the ag and FFA programs without (Parrish)."



Stark County High School AG/FFA Instructor Taylor Wilkinson, fifth from left, and her horticulture class students posed during a field trip in Toulon. Also pictured are (left to right): Adam West, Emily Hurst, Chelsey Stotler, Aubri Stahl, Hailee Ales and Maeve Colgan.

She said the support of the Stark County administration, community members, donors, parents and others has boosted the ag and FFA programs.

"It really does take a village to support and run a program as big as FFA," Wilkinson said. "Never in my wildest dreams, when I started here in 2020, did I think that in my fourth year of teaching we would have a national choir member, a national Agri-Science finalist and a

national team competing at the national level.

"And now, in my fifth year, Mr. Parrish and I have three science-fair finalists and a choir member. And just to see the program grow so rapidly is amazing."

Wilkinson also praised Scott Fairfield as a mentor and influence.

"Looking at his years of service – he is a big mentor for the two of us," she said.

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Toulon hires new city water operator

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Toulon City Council hired a new city water operator on Monday at its monthly meeting.

Hired was Kurt Downie, of Utica, who will be paid \$1,500 per month, plus \$15 per hour for extra time. Downie replaces the retired Don McCauley, of Wyoming.

Downie started on Aug. 15 for Toulon's water operator while McCauley's last day was Aug. 30. The city council approved Downie's contract to Aug. 12. Downie is also Wyoming's water operator.

A sidewalk bid last month was misquoted by Mayor Larry Hollis for T&J's \$7,250 bid. Hollis didn't see that it was only a

partial bid and that a second part of the bid was for \$3,050 for a total of \$10,300.

Lufkin Construction also submitted a bid for \$10,075 to replace sidewalks on Jefferson Street and Miller Street. Therefore, Lufkin's bid was approved as the lowest bid and T&J's bid approval was rescinded.

The council discussed a problem that has city employees picking up brush numerous times during a one-month period. Council member Ryan Kelly said he would like to see brush pickup "abolished."

Hollis said the city needs to stick with the ordinance that says only 2-inch diameter branches are accepted and bundles of 8 feet or

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Stark lagging in Sheriff's office salaries

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County board of supervisors met Tuesday to pass one resolution and hear two budget presentations.

Stark County Sheriff Steven Sloan was asked during the police committee report how much the county is behind other Illinois counties in salaries paid to its employees.

"Stark County is \$5 to \$6 an hour lower than other counties presently," Sloan replied.

He said the retention rate of the Sheriff's Office is nearly nonexistent because individuals who are sent to

training to be a deputy sheriff leave for better pay and benefits after they complete training and work for a brief time.

"It's been like that since 1979," Sloan said.

Sloan stated during his report that he can't complete his budget for presentation until the police union enters negotiations with the county police representatives. Sloan said he has attempted to contact the police union's attorney several times, but has received no response.

Dedication of the new E911 Center is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 16, at 2:30 p.m. in the courthouse front yard. The

Peoria County-Stark County Emergency Telephone System Board plans to schedule an open house for the new center.

"Peoria County is fantastic to work with," Sloan said.

He also pointed out that Stark County is the last county in Illinois to obtain E911 service.

County Engineer Judd Giffin presented his budget and said he has included an 8% raise for highway department employees Jeff Webster and Kevin Ferris. Giffin said that he is continuing to investigate options for

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The Painting of the Paws by the Bradford National Junior Honor Society was a success. Members who helped were (left to right) Molly Wellman, Sky Garlisch, Madison Kieser, Bailey McDermott, Erik Knobloch and Creighton Stahl.

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TOULON: Service pumps await installation

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less will be picked up. The engineering report said that the high-service pumps have arrived and await installation and noted that the Illinois Department of Transportation has not contacted the city about the Main Street speed limit. Home Town Consulting's Cole McDaniel gave

a presentation about Toulon's economic development map, website and GIS overview. He also discussed zoning and the Tax Increment Finance district. The council approved, with only Donna Lefler

voting "No", the \$7,500 purchase of a new Hotsy Pressure Washer. The council tabled discussion of the new water, sewer and garbage rates until next month. The finance committee

didn't meet prior to the council meeting, so no approval was given to pay submitted claims. The council will review the submitted claims and reconvene Sept. 16 to vote on payment.

CO. BOARD: Rezoning permit tabled

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the new highway department maintenance building. Sealcoat work on Stark County roads for townships is to be completed with the contractor who started the project. The Scour Correction Plan for bridges within the county has been completed.

A tax sales certification resolution was passed while a Rezoning Permit for TLS Investments was tabled due to a failure of the zoning board to establish a quorum. Also tabled, without, an explanation given, was the "Acquisition of Real Property for the County Highway Facilities."

Finally, Toulon resident and American Legion member Sam Rice spoke during the public comment period that the ordinance rifle that sits in front of the courthouse is in disrepair. He said that it is currently stored by the Toulon American Legion and desperately needs repair work done on it.

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WILKINSON: Stark County native

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Wilkinson became interested in becoming an ag teacher due to the influence of her mother Patty, who taught business education at Stark County and her (recently passed) father Phil. "I saw how hard Mom worked and reaped the benefits from that," Wilkinson said. "My brother is an educator, my cousins are educators, my aunts and uncles are educators, so education is all I've

really known." Taylor Wilkinson said she wants to grow the ag program. Prior to teaching at Stark County, Wilkinson taught ag and horticulture classes at Black Hawk East College from 2017-20. Wilkinson grew up in Wyoming with older brother Travis, who lives in Peoria. A 2011 Stark County graduate, Taylor attended Black Hawk East College, graduating with an Associate of Science

degree, then earned a bachelor of science degree in horticulture and master of science in ag education degree from the University of Illinois. Floral design is an interest for Wilkinson. She is most interested, though, in teaching agriculture "because every day is different - and working with the students outside of the classroom getting them prepared for FFA contests."

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Traffic Citations

9-1 - Jacob D. Brewer - Failure to reduce speed.
 9-1 - Murray J. Johnston - Failure to reduce speed.
 9-3 - James M. Tibbits - Driving 21-25 mph above limit.
 9-3 - Yahil Gonzalez Tirado - Speeding 26-34 mph over limit.
 9-4 - Russell C. Schierer - Leaving the scene and failure to reduce speed.

Misdemeanors & Felonies

8-7 - Criminal felony - Hollis C. VanLeer - Possession of cannabis.
 9-4 - DUI - Courtney R. Pate Evans - Driving under the influence, driving under the influence blood alcohol content .08, unlawful use of cannabis, transportation/carry alcohol and failure to reduce speed.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

9-4 - A deer-related vehicle accident occurred between 1100E and N. Modena Rd. Driver Brian J. Lequia, 48, of Henry reported no injuries, but the vehicle sustained estimated damages over \$1,500.
 9-4 - A single-vehicle accident occurred on Modena Road. Driver Courtney R. Pate-Evans, 37, Bloomington, ran her vehicle off the road and into a ditch, according to a police report. Pate-Evans was arrested for driving under the influence-1, and driving under the influence-2, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle and illegal transportation of alcohol. She was released with a notice to appear.
 9-2 - Harassment and or threats were the source of a complaint reported from a rural Wyoming resident.
 9-3 - Reina A. Garcia, 34, Kewanee, was cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-3 - Thomas M. Leverette, Bradford, reported the theft of a back brace from his vehicle.
 9-3 - James M. Lempfert, 35, Interlachen, Fla., cited for speeding 83 mph in a 55 zone and possession of adult-use cannabis in a vehicle by a driver. He was issued a court date.
 9-3 - Quontarious D. McClinton, 36, Kewanee, ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-4 - Lee J. Chamberlin, 38, Spring Valley, cited for speeding 85 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-4 - Joshua N. Hilst, 22, Havana, ticketed for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-4 - Micah J. Cole, 24, Kewanee, ticketed for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-4 - Ian C. Tucker, 21, Roanoke, cited for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone.
 9-4 - A dog bite was reported by a LaFayette resident after her 8-year-old son was bitten by a neighboring resident's canine while the youngster was riding his bike.



9-6 - Theft from a residence lon Sixth Street in Wyoming was reported to authorities. A wheelbarrow and three electric Gibson guitars and an amp were found missing.

9-6 - Autumn R. Ince, 41, Kewanee, cited for driving without a valid driver's license or insurance.

Galva Report Officer dispatched:

9-2 - Officer spoke to an adult subject by telephone in reference to a complaint of "revenge porn" that had been distributed.
 9-2 - to assist an ambulance with a medical emergency in the 1000 block of SE 2nd St.
 9-2 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a 911 hangup complaint. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 9-3 - to the 100 block of NW 4th St. for a downed telephone wire. Frontier was contacted for repairs.
 9-3 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a civil standby to retrieve property.
 9-4 - to the 400 block of West Division St. for a burglary complaint.
 9-4 - to the intersection of Front and Chester streets for a two-vehicle accident with damage only.
 9-4 - to the 300 block of SW 3rd St. for a complaint involving a subject screaming for help. The subject was suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 9-4 - to a residence on SE 1st St. for a suicidal subject who took a handful of pills and then left on foot. The subject was located and taken by ambulance for treatment/evaluation.
 9-4 - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a solicitor complaint. Officer was not able to locate anyone.
 9-4 - Camden Clark, 19, Princeton, cited for speeding in the 900 block of N. Center Ave.
 9-5 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a single-vehicle accident with damage only.
 9-5 - to meet with a citizen to turn over their FOID card after they received a suspension letter. The FOID card was surrendered.
 9-5 - to a neighbor dispute in the 600 block of NW 5th Ave.
 9-5 - to the 800 block of NE 2nd Ave. for a scam complaint.
 9-5 - to the 700 block of NW 4th Ave. for a parking complaint.
 9-5 - to the 300 block of SE 3rd Ave. for a domestic dispute involving an out-of-control juvenile.
 9-5 - to the 600 block of NW 2nd St. for a juvenile complaint involving harassment.
 9-6 - twice to the 600 block of NW

5th Ave. for a neighbor dispute/harassment complaint.
 9-6 - to a residence on SE 7th Ave. for a suicidal subject who took a handful of pills. The subject was taken by ambulance for evaluation/treatment.
 9-6 - to the 100 block of NW 4th Ave. for a complaint involving a theft from a motor vehicle.
 9-7 - to assist Henry County with a vehicle pursuit that ended up going north and west of Galva. An officer from the Woodhull Police Department ultimately deployed stop sticks and ended the pursuit with several arrests after a short foot pursuit.
 9-7 - to the 500 block of SE 2nd St. for a verbal disturbance. The offender was suffering from a mental-health crisis.
 9-7 - to assist a motorist on Illinois Route 34 just east of town. The subject had run out of gas. Officer transported took the subject to buy a small can and a small amount of fuel.
 9-7 - Officer was notified about a water service leak in the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. A Galva city employee was contacted to turn the water off.
 9-7 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd St. for an illegal burning complaint. The fire was put out.
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 9-8 - to the 600 block of Swank St. for a loose-dog complaint. The dog was eventually returned to its owner.
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Property Transfers

9-3 - Stark Seed and Service, LLC to N. Valley Rd, LLC - Pt Sect. 7-12-7 SE and Sect. 8-12-7 SW - 13014 N. Valley Rd., Wyoming - Consideration = \$0.

9-3 - Keith McClellan Foster to N. Valley Rd, LLC - Pt Sect. 8-12-7 SW - Consideration = \$0.

9-3 - Cindy Rehmer-Ruemker and Clemons R. Ruemker, Jr. to Robin Stotler - Pts Lt 16 Assr's Sect. 24-13-5 SE B.D. Sweet's Add'n and Pts Lot 8 - 422 W. Vine St., Toulon - Consideration = \$140,000.

9-5 - Cody W. Fountain and Emma M. Millard to Cody W. Fountain - John Culbertson's Eastern Add'n Pt Lot 11 - 603 E. Jefferson St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

9-5 - Jedidiah Nicholas to Osceola Enterprises Corp. - Pt Sect. 5-14-6 SE - 7522 W. Osceola Rd., Kewanee - Consideration = \$2.

9-6 - Leila Sue and Paul A. Lantz to Kevin M. and Teresa L. Foster - Castle's Add'n Pt. Block 18 - 1007 N. Main Ave., Wyoming - Consideration = \$16,000.

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The City of Galva will be having a 2ND clean-up week this year beginning September 30 through October 5th for Galva residents only. All residents are asked to bring items to Galva's Maintenance Yard (use the driveway located between Preferred Home Health Care and Mary's Family Dining and Lounge) to be placed in a roll off which will be provided by Eagle Enterprises. Anyone who is handicapped or not able to take their items to the maintenance yard can call City Hall and someone will assist them with scheduling a pick up. Assistance will only be available from 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday September 30, Tuesday October 1st, and Wednesday October 2nd. We will only come to your residence one time for pick up. Items not accepted are shingles, anti-freeze, LP tanks, yard waste, paint, or any hazardous material. Tires will be accepted for a fee depending on their size. Televisions and electronic components will be accepted for a fee at Eagle Enterprises during their normal business hours. Their number is 932-2936 if you have any questions.

The maintenance yard will be open extended hours September 30-October 3rd from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. to allow better response to clean up. October 4th the yard will be open from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. and October 5th the yard will be open from 7 a.m. to noon.

If you have any questions, you can call City Hall 932-2555 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

U.S. agricultural exports continue to slide

When you set a record ag trade deficit for the third consecutive year, the decline isn't an aberration or a coincidence. It is, in fact, growing proof that a key element of your national ag policy is headed in the wrong direction.

And, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Aug. 27 Outlook for U.S. Agricultural Trade, America's ag trade deficit continues to head in the wrong direction with gusto.



Alan GUEBERT

Specifically, "The U.S. food and ag trade deficit will soar to a record \$42.5 billion in the fiscal year opening Oct. 1," reported the Food and Environment Reporting Network, "fueled by steadily growing consumer demand for imported produce, alcohol, coffee, and sugar."

Estimates now show that "U.S. agricultural imports in FY 2025 are forecast at \$212.0 billion, or \$8.0 billion higher than revised FY 2024 estimates."

Meanwhile, ag exports continue to fall: "U.S. agricultural exports in FY 2025 are forecast at \$169.5 billion, down \$4 billion from the revised forecast of FY 2024," noted USDA.

The decline will be driven by lower-valued sales for U.S. ag's Big

Four. "Soybean exports are projected down \$1.5 billion ... corn exports are forecast to fall \$900 million ... cotton exports are forecast \$900 million lower ... [and] beef exports are forecast [to be] down \$1.0 billion."

The August trade outlook does include a few pleasant surprises. For example, USDA foresees a \$1.2 billion rise in U.S. "horticulture" exports – mostly fresh and processed fruits and vegetables – to "a record \$41.5 billion."

Also, 2025 ethanol exports will maintain their record 2024 sales, pegged at 1.9 billion gallons and valued at \$4.3 billion. That's a small slice of good news for corn growers who have watched corn prices slide lower as 2024's big harvest comes into sight.

Even as U.S. ag exports continue their southbound sag, our key ag customers – Canada and Mexico – are holding on to their historical top spots, squeezing relative newcomer China back into third place. Canada is forecast to buy \$28.9 billion of U.S. ag exports in 2025 and Mexico \$28.2 billion.

China, on the other hand, will purchase an estimated \$24 billion of U.S. farm and food goods in FY2025, down \$3 billion from a year ago and down steeply from its best buying year, FY 2022, when it shelled out \$36.4 billion for our ag exports.

USDA also recently dropped current, FY2024 ag exports to China,

lowering them \$700 million "mostly (as) a result of ... continued strong competition from Brazil."

That realization – that many of America's most loyal ag customers are slowly but steadily moving their business to lower cost, equally-productive nations – is nothing new to longtime ag trade watchers.

Indeed, the net value of U.S. ag exports have been on the red side of the books in five of the last eight years. And the net positive years (all FYs) – 2018, 2021 and 2022 – add up to just a collective \$22.6 billion surplus.

Meanwhile, the five (fiscal) years of net ag export losses (2019, 2020, 2023, 2024 and USDA's 2025 forecast) in the last eight equal a collective minus-\$95.1 billion. That's a knee-buckling trend for the deeply trade-dependent U.S. ag sector.

Some policy pundits suggest the trend be countered with more Farm Bill money for "trade promotion" and "market development." For Congress – already authorized to spend at least \$1 billion per year on both efforts – to act on either, however, it first needs to act on the larger problem, passing a now two-year-delayed Farm Bill.

Two years when the ag trade deficit soared \$73 billion.

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NOTE: See pictures and the full ad online at www.folgersauctionservice.com and LIKE US ON FACEBOOK for more. Two rings will be running for the duration of the sale. Car will sell around 1:30 p.m.

REAL ESTATE: This 1935 square ft. house sits on a .44 acre shaded corner lot in Victoria, IL. The main level contains 3 bedrooms, a full-sized bath, an open kitchen and dining room area, a nice sized living room and ample closet space. The attached garage area has been transformed into an extra family room. The dry basement is full with another bathroom. The house has been improved with a new whole house Generac generator, a 2 yr. old roof, 2009 furnace/central air and a 3 yr. old water heater, and mostly new windows. Rowva School District.

TERMS: A non-refundable 10% deposit is due on auction day with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days at closing. This is an As-Is auction.

COINS: Over 60 lots of nice coins. Examples are 2000 Amer. Silver Eagle in color, excellent—1988 thru 2003 American Eagle silver dollars—exc. 2001 Amer. Heroes silver dollar—VG 1926 Peace dollar—1879 and 1888 Morgans in belt buckle and key chain—1985 troy oz coin, 1993 troy oz coin, Sept. 11 exc. troy oz coin, X-mas silver oz coin, VG—Lady Luck \$10 silver coin—lkes—Gold 1972 lke.—RR silver oz bar—Kennedy's—1957 \$1 silver certificates—1953A & B \$2 red note bills, 1928 D & G \$2 red notes—1976 and 95 \$2 bills—2007 proof set—1986 US Liberty \$1 coin—Four Little Indians pennies—steel/wheat pennies—Mercury/Roosevelt dimes—Buffalo nickels—1903 V, 1907 Shield nickels—25 late 1800's and early 1900's Indian Head pennies, foreign coins, misc.

CAR/ANTIQUES: 1931 Model A Tudor Sedan w/good body, 2-door, original interior, title—Model A parts—RR ITEMS: (Burl. Rt fuel can, lanterns, CBQ wrench, 4-way switch light, BN switch engine, cast iron train, Burl. Rt., other old ledgers, CBQ Cent. Of Progress tin train, iron train doorstop, C lock, BQ baggage tag, conductor's punch, old ribbons, pins, badges, Time Tables, Burl. Rt. printed shop rags, switchman's fob, 2 Adlake BN locks, Burl. RR picture, RR Days Galesburg posters from 70's up and fob, Burl. oil can and cigar box, postcards in frame, Zephyr poster, 5-gallon clock, framed CBQ train shop, W. Burl. picture, BN retirement clock, iron Broadway Carline #75 car, old Burl. Rt. dining car plate, 1929 Chicago RR Fair 1949 plate, misc. RR—old Swedish hanging oil lamp w/cherubs—IH metal tool box—Midland Coal Co. lg. sign and lockers from Victoria, IL Coal Mine—Coal mine picks, shovels, books—Camp Ellis Army pillowcase—Indian busts—oil lamps/brackets—Hubley tractor—old kids wagon, very old books, child's hutch, dresser, chairs, bike fender flap, metal toy engine, cast Santa/sleigh, bisque lg doll, Royal Racer hand sled, metal Greyhound bus, metal tractor w/man, Nylint fire truck, cast horse drawn Coke wagon, Remco, Tonka toys, misc. old toys—wooden Grocery/Hardware store display, Russell Farquer Williamsfield, IL—Victoria Elevator yardstick—S. Norville wooden toolbox, bull dog—Galva Heinold yardstick—old 40's and up coll. of license plates,—1800's ledgers from C.A. Sayre Victoria, other stores—1950's Rova scrapbooks, pins, badges—Gov. Jerry Brown clippings from Victoria visit—1937 Hagberg JD Oneida, IL calendar—old local pictures, pens, pencils, calendars, Victoria history—1928 Victoria State Bank calendar—old Register Mails—1931 The School calendars—1967 Clark Nelson local sale bill—Eureka Harness Oil wooden box—Standard Oil box—lg. wooden bowl, prim. utensils, wooden rake, tin churn, oil bottles w/spouts, spoked wheels, wooden boxes and crates, trunks, pictures/frames, lg. baskets—oak comb rack, wall telephone—lg. prim. dept. store bins, hanger display, steel wheels, Avery Saturday garden plow, Nustrom harrow section, wooden Thresher's keg, Ford, Deere and other wrenches, pulleys, spark plugs, hand water pump, corn grinder, old dinner bell, Bethlehem Steel Corp crates, wagon jack, clincker scoop, steam engine and other clocks, wood shoes, planes, lasts, hitching post, carpenter's tool boxes, rolling pins, tins, sledge, saws, Wagner iron skillet—Warm Morning Coal stove—Pyrex nest set, black Pyrex, kitchen misc.—unusual prim. press—old Washington picture—old local Valentine's Day adv. picture—old holiday, card/paperwork—Studebaker hub cap—cameras, projectors—Hamm's ashtray—Falstaff, Hamm's, Schlitz, Blue Ribbon mugs—many brass, copper items—SW and other old pottery pieces—old Bears pin—irons—old Army coat—ball gloves—old yard tools—Gone w/The Wind lamp, electrified—steering knobs—old Mosler safe w/comb.—Nice LG refrigerator, silver—washer/dryer, household staples, sm. appliances and misc.

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BRIEFS

Exchange student returns to visit Galva

GALVA – Former exchange student Petr Pospichal brought his family – wife, Hedvika, and sons Martin, Ondra, Tomas and Marek – to Galva last weekend to visit friends made while he attended Galva High in 1996.

Petr lived with Warren, Sue and Steven Schulz at their Galva home. He was here the year of the Galva tornado.

Petr also spent three days with Dr. Steven Schulz and his family in the Finger Lakes area of New York.

The family, who lives in Prague in the Czech Republic, also spent a few days in Chicago.

Warren and Sue Schulz now live in Bishop Hill.

The Huffiman family – Jim, Cathy and Katie – gave the Pospichal's a taste of rural life and farming during their visit to Galva.

– Carol Townsend



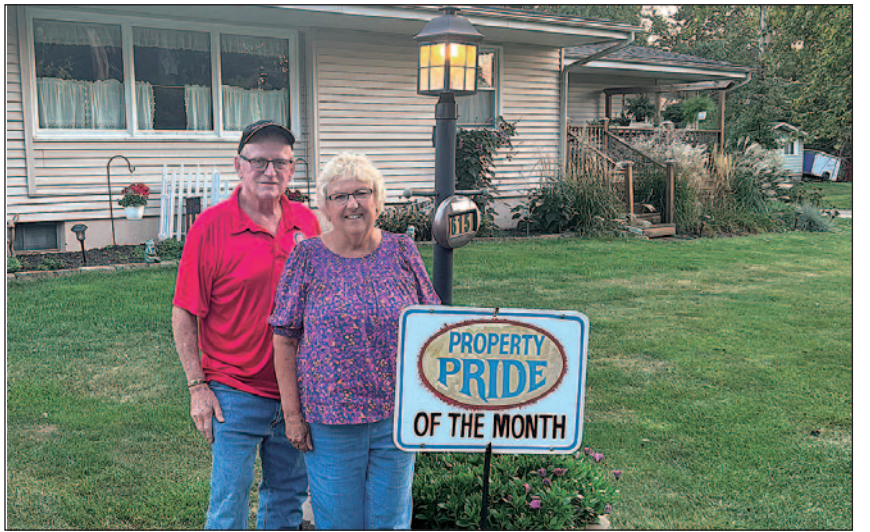
Former Galva exchange student Petr Pospichal, (second from right) his wife Hedvika (far right) and sons Martin, Ondra, Tomas and Marek (from left to right) visited Galva last weekend. Among their stops was Galva High School, where Pospichal attended in 1996. Pospichal and his family live in the Czech Republic. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Moonlight Madness planning underway

WYOMING – The Wyoming Chamber of Commerce is well on its way to planning for the annual Moonlight Madness event on Nov. 22.

At a recent meeting, chamber members mapped out a schedule for events that evening.

Santa will be at the Paramount Theater from 5-7 p.m. and a drawing for ham and turkey will be held at the theater at 7:20 p.m.



Myron "Mouse" and Carol Townsend received the September Property Pride Award from the Galva Ready to Grow committee. The Townsends have lived at 615 NW 3rd Street for almost 17 years. Most of the flowers and grasses are perennials, but Carol likes to decorate with pots and hanging baskets each summer. Mouse is retired from the City of Galva and Carol is Galva correspondent for The Prairie News. The couple have three children, with one deceased, and six grandchildren.

The Gathering Church will hold a live nativity at the four-way stop at 7:30 p.m.

Parade lineup starts at 7:30 p.m. and the parade, sponsored by State

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There are also plans to get Christmas trees up at the library this year. Watch Facebook for details on decorating your business or home.

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In February Chad was diagnosed with Stage 4 metastatic prostate cancer. He had to leave work and start treatment at Mayo clinic in Minnesota. At the end of August he will be done with his chemotherapy and Mayo's wants to try a new treatment plan. It is very expensive, but in hopes it will give him more time here with his family. Chad and his wife have 2 small children and he has 3 older daughters. He was denied long term disability and will no longer have an income or insurance. The rest of his treatments will be out of pocket.

All proceeds raised go towards Chad's medical bills and expenses.
Contact: jenine.himlin@yahoo.com 309-397-1880

Heat wave sparks crop maturation

By DANIEL GRANT
FarmWeek

After an unseasonably cool start to the grain fill period, a blast of hot air the last week of August kicked crop maturation process into overdrive.

The National Agricultural Statistics Service reported 10% of the corn crop was mature and 62% was dented in Illinois as of Aug. 26, which was ahead of the average pace by 7 and 15 points, respectively.

Meanwhile, 93% of soybeans were setting pods and 6% were dropping leaves as of the same date, both well ahead of the average pace across the state.

“Temperatures this (past) week could push that (crop maturation) along rapidly,” said Jeff Guilander, a FarmWeek CropWatcher from Jersey County. “Soybeans are getting a yellow tone as they begin to mature.”

Guilander believes harvest in his area could begin near or just after Labor Day weekend as crops continue to progress rapidly. Other farmers look for harvest to begin later this month around the state.

The recent run of hot, dry weather could also slow the spread of some crop

diseases, particularly tar spot.

But the recent heat and dryness could have a negative impact on some crop yield potential, depending

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10 am : **Face Painting** / Free by playground - Katie Gibler
Obstacle course with pedal tractors / Basketball court - Scott Schaffer (Register for the pedal tractor pull now for the 3:30 pull, age groups 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10, 11-12 w/trophies) Adult pull after, if enough interest

10 am - 2 pm : **Petting Zoo** - Stark County FFA
Element Obstacle Course (All ages - test your skills) - south side of park by restrooms

12 pm : **Lil Miss and Mr. Stark Co Fall Festival 2024 Announcement** - at bandstand followed by **Rivertown Whiskey**

1 pm : **Free Pony Rides** - South end of park / Trico Equestrian Center
WFD Bags Tournament - South end of park / Register with Joe Charvet @ (309) 854-2282

2 pm : **Kids games** - south end of park by restrooms - Stark Co Queens

3:30 pm : **Pedal Pull Competition** - 5 divisions / trophy for each age group - basketball court (if enough adults are interested, they can compete too! Open pull)

5 pm : **Park Closes** - Join us on Sunday!!

September 22nd Sunday

7 am to 11 am : **Biscuits and Gravy etc** - East Pavilion (handicapped accessible) - Cozzi Ranch

9 am to 4 pm : **Park Opens** - food and craft vendors and exhibits, pumpkins and more!

10:30 am : **Community Church Service** - bandstand - Methodist, Nazarene, The Gathering Church and Congregational Church - sharing the pulpit, praise and music teams, God's word! Some seating, lawn chairs are welcome (in case of rain service will be located at 105 N. 7th St.)

12 pm to 4 pm : **DJ Chad Patel** - at bandstand / Register for the "Karaoke Contest" with Chad. Allowed 2 songs each. Prizes to be awarded for 1st and 2nd (3 age groups: 5-9, 10-14, 15-20) Open mic to follow contest for anyone that just wants to share their talent

3 pm : **Clown Car Competition** - How many people can you fit in a car? Gather your crew and put it to the test! Join us at the park at 3 p.m. to see how many clowns (or friends) you can pack into the car. It's time for some fun - don't miss out on this hilarious challenge!

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ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stark County XC faces test Saturday

By The Prairie News
After starting the season with two wins at two invites, the Stark County girls cross country team get a good chance to gauge where it stands statewide on Saturday.
The Lady Rebels will run at Detweiller Park at 8 a.m. in the First to the Finish event, which typically attracts the top cross country programs in the state.
Stark County has been ranked No. 20 by MileSplitIL and was No. 16 in Class 1A according to Illinois Running News, which bumped the Lady Rebels to 21st in its second poll.
• Galva VB - Galva (2-3) swept Peoria Manual 25-11, 25-17 Sept. 5 at home. Reese Sumner led the Lady Wildcats with seven ace serves, five kills,

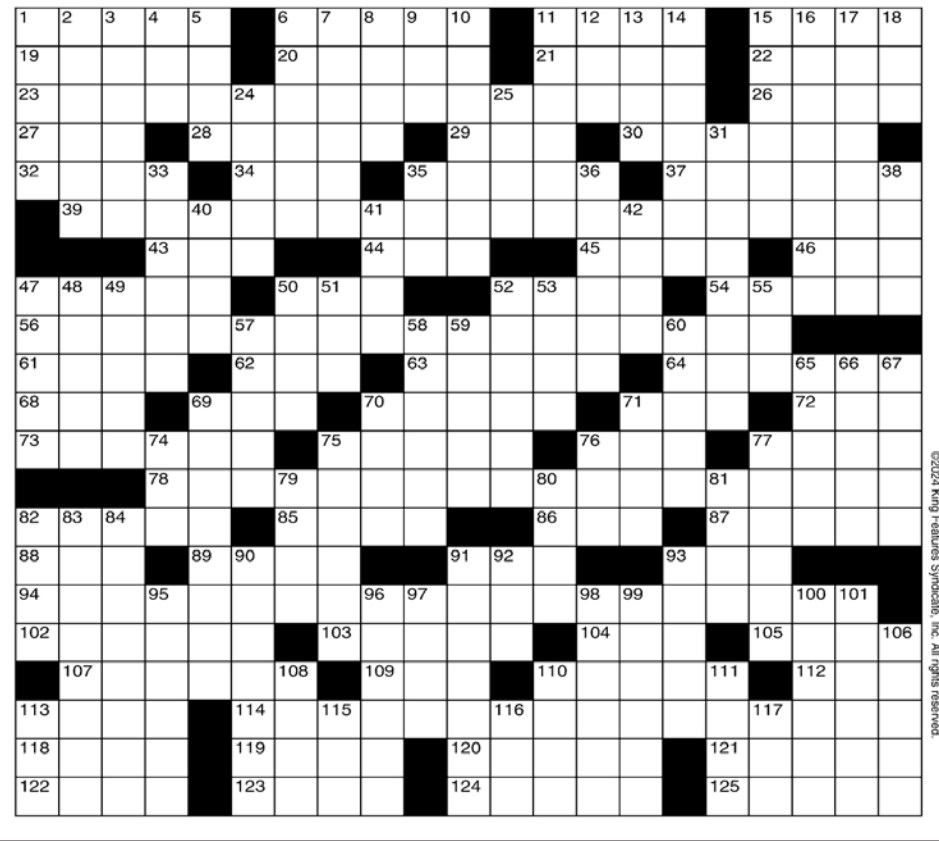
seven attacks and four assists. McKenna Anderson served six aces. Addie Moore scored on four kills. Maddie Bates had five attacks and two digs.
Kailynn Townsend had four assists and three digs. Kaylyn Gale came up with three digs. Sage Kaiser collected two digs.
The Lady Wildcats lost to Putnam County 25-11, 25-17 at home Sept. 4. Anderson recorded two aces and two kills. Gale had one ace and four digs. Moore collected two kills, six attacks and one block.
Sumner collected two kills and six attacks. Karstyn Jones scored on two kills. Townsend set three assists.
Galva is home Monday against Annawan.
• Stark Co. VB - Stark County fell to Rock Island Alleman 10-25, 25-23,

17-25 on the road on Monday. Coley Johnston scored on six kills and defended with two blocks. Claire Bowser recorded four kills and two ace serves.
Hallie Newton collected 10 assists. Cambri Holmstrom recorded 14 digs on the night.
SCHS competed in the Peoria Richwoods Tournament last Saturday. The Lady Rebels topped Canton but fell to Peoria Christian, Elmwood and Pekin.
Sophie Finnegan, Emily Demetreon, Bowser and Johnston all recorded multiple kills during the tourney. Holmstrom led the team in digs. Newton set the most assists while Johnston served the most aces.

Super Crossword

DEFINITELY NOT DICKENS

- ACROSS
1 Lethal snake
6 Racecar sticker
11 "T.N.T." rock band
15 Drug in "Brave New World"
19 Basic truth
20 Cheap, in adspeak
21 Letter carriers carry it
22 Eurasian border river
23 Start of a riddle
26 Harden by heat
27 Negating word
28 Ellipses
29 Wide footwear spec
30 Take off silent mode
32 Goofs up
34 "Time - great healer"
35 Pitcher Hideki -
37 Deep red
39 Riddle, part 2
43 Mommies
44 Hwy. felony
45 Easy throw
46 Shooters' org.
47 Showy feather
50 Good buddy
52 Univ. lecturer
54 Underdog's win
56 Riddle, part 3
61 Served perfectly
62 On in years
63 Set straight
64 Slander
68 Broadway's -Manuel Miranda
69 Begin litigation against
70 Parenthetical comment
71 Gave grub to
72 Issa of HBO's "Insecure"
73 Kooky guy
75 Dunne of film
76 With 86-Across, totally wrong
77 Indication
78 Riddle, part 4
82 Cynically callous
85 Young lady
86 See 76-Across
87 Dentist's filler
88 Enzyme name suffix
89 Pre-1991 world power
91 Antinarcotics org.
93 "Umami" taste source
94 End of the riddle
102 "Oh! Carol" singer Neil
103 Leaks slowly
104 Objective
105 Biz bigwig
107 Green gem sources
109 Third of July?
110 Sam of the Watergate hearings
112 "Dear Yoko" dedicatee
113 Lead singer of U2
114 Riddle's answer
118 Novelist - Easton Ellis
119 Narrow street
120 Wall painting
121 Astronaut's garment
122 Lawn patches
123 Cost of cards
124 U.S. soccer star Lolas
125 "La vista, baby!"
3 Small eatery
4 Aussie leaper
5 Arsenal stuff
6 Corrupt
7 Hygiene product company
8 Boston catches
9 Even one
10 Large intestine's place, for short
11 One-celled swimmer
12 Feline pet
13 God, to Godard
14 "Tom - Jack Ryan" (TV series)
15 Compton, to Los Angeles
16 Speeches
17 Be positive
18 Hoppy brew
24 Bad things
25 Back area
31 Gauged
33 Totaled (up)
35 Debt memo
36 Residential area of a city
38 Pennsylvania, par exemple
40 Max who played Jethro
41 Doing nothing
42 Children's author Syd
47 Holy hymn
48 Saint - (Caribbean nation)
49 Capsize
50 Magnet part
51 Total (up)
52 Lion groups
53 Great anger
55 Many a shareable PC file
57 Small hill
58 Tools utilizing beams
59 "So Wrong" singer Patsy
60 Football's - Beckham Jr.
65 Sans-serif typeface
66 Lava, beneath the surface
67 Tiny, to a tot
69 Ohio city on Lake Erie
70 Part of MFA
71 Fly like a bee
74 West of film
75 Mythical escapee of Crete
76 Stupefaction
77 Dollar bill
79 As well
80 Cotton-tipped stick
81 Menu, e.g.
82 Skull bones
83 City WSW of Raleigh
84 Numbed, as pain
90 Donna of Clinton's Cabinet
91 Sheepskin, so to speak
92 UFO riders
93 Imitate
95 Seers' cards
96 Sobieski of "Branded"
97 Editing mark
98 Auditory canal buildup
99 City in central Italy
100 Second book of the Bible
101 "Don't admit to that"
106 - Rican
108 Comic Laurel
110 Raison d' -
111 Close by
113 Air gun pellets
115 Busy bug
116 Suffix with arm or mouth
117 Org. with U.S. secrets



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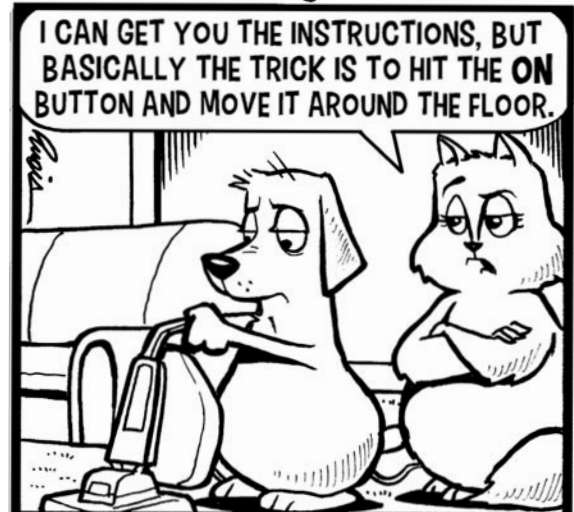
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle
A 9x9 Sudoku grid with numbers 1-9 in some cells and empty boxes for the rest.
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5 2 8
4 7 2
1 5 8
6 9 8 1
5 6 7
8 3 4
9 2 6
7 4 5

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!

FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

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.
EQK'U GIEYS SLMA ELJ WJ
UAS ALHBSTU JQI HSLC WIU
WJ UAS TSSET JQI CNLKU.
-HQWSHU NQIRT TUSBSKTQK.

Trivia test

- 1. MOVIES: What is the name of the fictional country in "The Princess Diaries"?
2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the highest mountain in Africa?
3. HISTORY: Which ancient civilization built Machu Picchu in Peru?
4. TELEVISION: Which city is the setting for the TV drama "The Wire"?
5. U.S. CITIES: Which city's nickname is "City of Roses"?
6. MATH: When is Pi Day celebrated each year?
7. LITERATURE: During what historical period is the graphic novel "Persepolis" set?
8. CHEMISTRY: Which element is also known as quicksilver?
9. SCIENCE: How much of the Earth's water is held by oceans?
10. MUSIC: Who performed the hit song "Never Gonna Give You Up" in 1987?
Answers
1. Genovia.
2. Mount Kilimanjaro.
3. The Inca civilization.
4. Baltimore, Maryland.
5. Portland, Oregon.
6. March 14 (3.14).
7. The 1979 Iranian Revolution.
8. Mercury.
9. 96.5%
10. Rick Astley.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Deadpool & Wolverine (R)
2. Alien: Romulus (R)
3. Twisters (PG-13)=
4. Reagan (PG-13)
5. It Ends with Us (PG-13)
6. Blink Twice (R)
7. The Forge (PG)
8. Despicable Me 4 (PG)
9. Afraid (PG-13)
10. Coraline (PG)
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OBITUARIES

Julianne Gould

TOULON – Julianne “Judy” Gould, 94, of Toulon, passed away peacefully at 3:25 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024, at Toulon Rehabilitation and Health-care Center. She was born on Feb. 5, 1930, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to the late Paul and Irma (Long) Alumbaugh and stepmother, Effie Alumbaugh.



Gould

She married C. John McRell and they had two children, Janice (Art) Witte of Toulon and John P. (Vicki) McRell of LaFayette. They later divorced. She married the late James “Jim” Day and they had a son, Joseph (Angie) Day of Galva. She then married the late Willis Gould, leaving two stepchildren, Michael Gould of Kewanee and Gloria (Jared) Miller of Colona.

She further spent 18 years with her best friend and partner, the late Alfred Hill, leaving his daughter, Marinna (Ed) Lewis of Estes Park, Colo. She is further survived by 11 grandchildren, Aaron, Miranda, Heather, Rachael, Kristina, AJ, Amanda, Jessica, Missy, Al and Cora; and 19 great-grandchildren. Judy was a homemaker who loved caring for and spending time with her family. She enjoyed traveling, camping and working on her lawn and garden. She especially enjoyed her cats, Taff, Midge and Milo.

A funeral service was to take place on Sept. 12, 2024, at Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Wyoming. Visitation was to take place at the funeral home from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will take place privately at Toulon Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Meals on Wheels.

Condolences may be left for Judy's family on her tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

Malcolm Stambaugh

GALVA – Malcolm Stambaugh, 65, of Galva, Ill., passed away peacefully at his home on Sept. 4, 2024, with his wife and his dog by his side. Malcolm was born Aug. 16, 1959, in Indianapolis to E. Bob and Betty

(Baumgardner) Stambaugh. He was the third child of nine. Malcolm grew up on a farm and agriculture was always an important part of his life. Once he was able to reach the pedals and steering wheel, he was helping his dad and brothers drive trucks, tractors and combines. His love for farm machinery lasted his whole life and he passed this love onto his son and grandsons.



Stambaugh

Malcolm became a dad when he was young, and he left high school to get his GED and support his family. He later received a degree from Purdue University. Being outside was one of Malcolm's favorite things and he worked in agriculture his entire career. He was no stranger to hard work and recently retired from his job at AgView FS, where he sold seed and fertilizers to farmers. He always said that his favorite part about his job was the relationships that he built.

Malcolm is survived by his wife, Cathy, of the home; his children, Bob (Sheila) Stambaugh and daughter Anecea (Chris) Stambaugh-Groth both of Lindsborg, Kans., a daughter Brittany (Kerry) Noble of Greenville, Ohio, a daughter Brandy Murphey of Atlanta, Ga., stepson, Tommy Hufft (Carly) of Parkville, Miss., and stepdaughter, Jessica (Jack) Curtis of Overland Park, Kan.

One of Malcolm's greatest joys was his grandchildren. He is survived by Joey (Caitlyn), Logann (Caleb), Kaylyn (Manuel), Ahnya (Noah), Myah (Ru), Trystan, Gavin, Ella, Easton, Landon, Jacob, Mallie, Emma, Cody, Austin (Adrianna), Dylan, Brody, Gentry and Grady, Alexander and Makayla. Malcolm is also survived by seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind his parents, E. Bob and Betty Stambaugh of Colfax, Ind., and Betty Babineau of Lebanon, Ind.

Malcolm was blessed to have nine siblings, Debbie (Jaime), Chuck (Tammy), Ed (Melanie), Lisa (Denny), Lora (Mark), Shawn (Joe), Jimmy (Cheryl), Paula (Andy) and Travis (Polly), all of Indiana. He is also survived by stepbrothers, Todd

(Amanda) and Karl (Brenda). Malcolm has a host of nieces, nephews (59 at last count), cousins and friends who survive him as well.

A celebration of life service will be at Colfax Christian Church Colfax, Ind., on Oct. 6, 2024, at 3 p.m. A meal will follow. The family requests that attendees wear red, white and blue, as Malcolm was very patriotic and the family would like to honor him in this way.

If you are unable to attend the service, the family would love for you to honor Malcolm by spending time outside, playing with your dog, grilling a good steak, having a beer with your friends, listening to Chris Stapleton and giving giant bear hugs to those you love the most. These were some of his favorite things to do and we couldn't think of a better way to honor him.

Memorials may be made to the Clinton Prairie Future Farmers of America program, to be used for continued agriculture education. Clinton-Prairie High School 2390 S. County Rd 450W Frankfort, Ind. 46041.

Harlan F. Nelson

GALESBURG – Harlan F. Nelson, 94, of Galesburg, formerly of Galva, died peacefully Sept. 6, 2024, at his home.

Funeral services were Sept. 11, 2024, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva. Burial will be in the Galva Cemetery, where military rites will be accorded by the Galva Fusiliers. Memorials may be directed to The Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva, the Dahinda Methodist Church in Dahinda, or the Galva American Legion Post 45.

He was born Sept. 13, 1929, the son of Frank and Myrtle (Anderson) Nelson. He married Sally Finch on Jan. 16, 1988. Survivors include his wife of Galesburg; a stepson Mark (Mindy) Finch of Aurora; and grandchildren, Robert, Tony and Hailey.

Harlan graduated from Galva High School in 1947. He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church in Galva, the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, the Galva American Legion, and the Henry County Farm Bureau.

Harlan was a lifelong farmer and was very proud to say that his family farm had been around for over 100 years.

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The Prairie News Sports



Chris Barnwell takes a handoff from Stark County quarterback Dillon Steelman last Friday while Nolan Orwig (22) and Chet Gillespie (56) prepare to clear a path. The Rebels upset Annawan-Wethersfield 14-13. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

Rebels upset Titans

Late run by Orwig, PAT by Frihetsli lift SC past A-W

By The Prairie News

WYOMING – The less Audun Frihetsli knew about the importance of his final extra-point kick Sept. 6, the better.

Frihetsli's PAT following Nolan Orwig's 4-yard scoring run with 1:02 left in the game gave Stark County a 14-13 football victory over preseason league favorite Annawan-Wethersfield.

The victory gave Stark County a 2-0 record, both overall and in the Lincoln-Land Conference small-school division headed into a league game tonight (Sept. 13) at Abingdon-Avon. It also gave the Rebels a victory over a rival in an early-season showdown. Unlike his teammates, Frihetsli wasn't as aware of that.

Frihetsli is a foreign-exchange student from Norway. His experience with American football is limited, according to Stark County Coach Jade Noard. But coming from a soccer culture, Frihetsli knows how to kick.

In the final seconds against A-W (1-1, 1-1), partial ignorance was bliss.

"We were saying that I don't know that he completely understands the gravity of the situation," Noard said. "He doesn't know that A-W is a rival. It's probably best that way.

"I didn't say a word to him. I wanted him to think it was just another kick for him. He's a really good kid, and he can kick the ball. ... He's got a good leg."

Frihetsli also punted last week for the first time, because Stark County didn't need to do so in its 27-6 season-opening victory at Rushville-Industry. He punted out of the end zone twice, Noard said.

"By the end of the season, he might look back and say, 'Man, that was a lot more stressful than I realized,'" the coach said.

This game was stressful all the way

around. Neither team exceeded 200 yards in total offense. A-W was missing two key players – all-state running back Zeb Rashid (hamstring) and quarterback/linebacker Brody Childs (collarbone).

Chris Barnwell's 13-yard scoring run with 4:00 left in the second quarter gave Stark County a 7-0 lead at intermission. Devon Horrie scored twice within about two minutes to give A-W a 13-7 lead with 4:09 left in the game.

But A-W missed the extra-point kick following Horrie's second score. The Titans had two cracks at it, thanks to a Stark County penalty.

"Stuff like that, you think, 'It's not that big a deal, we're still up a score,'" Noard said. "But mentally (for us), it's like, 'We can punch one across and win this game.' It gives you a little bit of a boost."

Orwig's TD capped the ensuing Stark County drive, aided by a 15-yard A-W penalty. The Titans then drove to the Rebels 21 and threw into a far corner of the end zone on the game's final play. Barnwell and Blair Daum knocked down the ball, and Stark County survived.

"It was a nail-biter," Noard said.

– Nick Vlahos

Ridgewood 56, Galva 14

WOODHULL – Even after falling behind 50-6 by halftime in an eventual second lopsided loss, Galva Coach Mark Jeffrey finds reason for optimism.

"We had lots of good plays on offense and some good drives we got going," Jeffrey said, praising Alec Gustafson and Braxton "Moose" Hulstrom as standouts.

Hulstrom scored one of Galva's two touchdowns on a 4-yard run in the second quarter. Quarterback Cyrus Hurd had the other, a 20-yard run in the fourth quarter

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