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Motorcycle chase nets bike, thief

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

CASTLETON – The Stark County Sheriff’s office captured a stolen motorcycle and made an arrest on Sept. 20 after an early morning chase.

At approximately 1:45 a.m., Stark County Sheriff’s Deputy Calib Ingel radioed that he was following a blue motorcycle that was allegedly stolen from Kewanee. The slow-speed chase was initiated in the Castleton area and the motorcycle driver cut through numerous bean fields headed toward Illinois Route 40.

Assisting Ingel was Sheriff Steven Sloan who radioed for a Marshall County Sheriff’s deputy to be dispatched. Later, the Marshall County deputy was told to disregard the call.

Pursuit of the motorcycle led Ingel back and forth from the

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HOMECOMING COURTS



The Stark County Homecoming Court has been named for the Oct. 4 festivities. Front row (left to right) Queen & King Candidates - Taylor Libby, Chris Barnwell, Alexis Martinez, Cole Kinsella, Lauren Orwig and Dillon Steelman. Back row (l to r) Attendants - Hallie Newton, Oliver Morgan, Abby Nagode, Ryan Paton, Conner Daum and Audun Frihetsli. Not pictured, Piper Tyree and Alessandro Lorenzi. Photo by John A. Ballentine.



The Galva Homecoming Court has been named for the Oct. 4 festivities. Front row (left to right) freshman Arabella Porsche, sophomore Sabella Wigant, junior Sarah Burris and seniors Clara Gowler, Avery Dooley and Lily Wigant. Back row (l to r) freshman Blaiden Brose, sophomore Randy Collister, junior AJ Traff and seniors, Cole Baulch, Alec Gustafson and Cameron O'Brien. Photo by Carol Townsend.

Galva OKs budget

Enrollment increases over previous year

By CAROL TOWNSEND

For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva school board approved a deficit budget showing \$8,606,633 in expenses and \$7,590,320 in revenue at its meeting on Sept. 23.

The board held a budget hearing at 6:55 p.m. with no comments made concerning the deficit of \$1,021,941.

Superintendent Joe Becker reported that Galva has received a \$150,000 grant to be used for mental health. The grant will fund a therapist who can assist students and families who request help. Becker said the hope is that the therapist can also work in the community.

Becker said he has applied and received a \$10,000 breakfast improvement grant for Fiscal Year 2025 that would update the cafeteria. Galva has also applied for a school maintenance

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nance matching grant up to \$50,000.

Galva’s enrollment this year is 473 students, which marks an increase of 11 students over last school year.

The largest classes are second grade, with 45 students; 10th grade, with 43 students and Kindergarten with 38 students.

In other business, the board approved two seniors to finish their high school careers in December at the end of the first semester.

Elementary Principal Adam Norway and Junior-Senior Principal Kurtis Smyth gave a presentation on school-improvement

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A battle over wind turbines is brewing

When hundreds of people sit in a steamy hall for more than three hours, you know the subject matter is compelling. Or at least you know the crowd feels strongly about the subject.

So it was on Sept. 17 in Brimfield’s American



Jeff LAMPE

Legion hall, where more than 250 gathered for a presentation on the negative aspects of wind turbines.

The event was organized by Dan Heinz of Kickapoo, who has spearheaded a grassroots group called No To Peoria County Windmills.

Heinz became involved after learning about two wind farms proposed for Peoria County, one of which borders his family farm southwest of Laura. Heinz said his parents still live on the farm

and he had at one point hoped to build a home there.

“I’m not going to do that if these things happen,” he said.

Rather than just sit back and complain, Heinz and his group have attracted enough financial backing to advertise, create a website, print signs and hire legal representation. About 200 of those signs were snapped up last week. Another 200 will arrive Friday. Those interested in a sign can

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Dan Heinz of Kickapoo holds one of the 200 signs that were distributed last Tuesday during a meeting in Brimfield held in opposition to proposed wind-turbine fields planned for Peoria and Stark counties.



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Stark Co. schools pass budget, seek grant

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE

For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Stark County School board passed its Fiscal Year 2025 budget without public comment during its meeting on Sept. 23

The board presented the budget at a public hearing held just prior to the regular scheduled monthly meeting. No one from the public was present.

Superintendent Brett Elliott commented that the district added \$7 million to the funding balances, which is the same for the past four years.

Later, during the regular meeting, the budget was approved with the possibility of covering the remainder of the costs for the final track and gym projects.

There was only one bid for fuel and it was by AgView, with gasoline at \$2.89 per gallon and diesel fuel at \$3.29 per gallon – both less than the 2024 cost when gasoline was \$3.16 per gallon and diesel was \$4.10 per gallon. This bid was unanimously approved.

Enrollment of students for the school district declined to 675 stu-

dents, down 14 students.

The board approved Elliott to pursue a \$50,000 matching grant from the Illinois State Board of Education. This is the fifth year in a row for this grant, which can be used for building maintenance. Elliott said he plans to use the funds to offset costs to complete the high school's south parking lot.

During his report, Elliott welcomed Thomas Blumer as the acting high/junior high principal. Blumer will be at the schools while Principal Megan McGann is on maternity leave until approximately mid-December.

Blumer has 40 years in education as a teacher and administrator. He worked in Peoria public schools for 30 years as a middle-school teacher and principal at numerous schools. He retired this past spring after his last assignment at Lincoln K-8 School.

Homecoming Week will be Sept. 29-Oct. 5 and the theme is Out of This World. Events include a JV tailgate on Monday, Sept. 29, at Gary Johnson Field at 6 p.m.; a volleyball game Wednesday, Oct. 2, at

the Wyoming Athletic complex at 6 p.m.; a torpedo dinner on Thursday, Oct. 3, in the high-school cafeteria, to be followed by skit night at 7 p.m. in Glenn Buchert Gymnasium; a parade on Friday, Oct. 4, in Wyoming at 2:30 p.m.; a football game Oct. 4 against ROWVA-Williamsfield at Gary Johnson Field at 7 p.m.; and the Homecoming dance on Saturday, Oct. 5, at 7 p.m. in the gym.

Stark County Homecoming crown bearers are Coleson Knowles and Elaina Berchtold.

After closed executive session, the board approved hiring Preston Parrish as P.M. supervisor, Andrew Collins as assistant junior high school football coach, Emma Miller as detention supervisor, Taylor Libby as elementary school after care supervisor and Kali Breese as high school cheer coach.

The board also accepted the resignation of Sandra Carter as cheer coach and of elementary school second-shift custodian Christine Cole. Finally, the board approved terminating Annabelle Young's employment on the kitchen staff.

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GALVA: Students showing progress

Continued from Page 1 plans. Each building has a committee to monitor students on their progress, as many students fell behind during the COVID year.

Both principals seemed very positive that the numbers are moving in the right direction.

A report was also given on the enthusiasm for the new math curriculum that Galva schools began this year.

The principals continue to work on the importance of attendance.

Homecoming is Oct. 4. The coronation, bonfire and pep rally will be Tuesday, Oct. 1, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school gym. The parade is Friday, Oct. 4, at 2 p.m. and the football game is at 7 p.m. against Peoria Heights. The home-



New Galva teachers this year are (left to right) Christine Betz, business; Kelly DeWitte, junior high English; and Cody Freeman, fourth grade. Not pictured is Kylie Conlin, junior high health and physical education. Photo by Carol Townsend

coming dance is Saturday, Oct. 5, from 7:30-10 p.m. in the high school gym.

The board also approved the following personnel items for the 2024-25 school year:

- Hiring Christine Betz as a high school business teacher.
- Hiring Ann Cromien as

an elementary school aide.

- Hiring Jennifer Robinson as an aide.
- Hiring Jason Rose as the bus garage aide.
- Hiring Zach Hardy as 7th grade boys basketball coach.
- Accepting Dan Russell's resignation as varsity girls basketball coach.

CHASE: Motorcycle damaged in crash

Continued from Page 1 Castleton area toward Route 40. A check of the motorcycle license plate indicated that it was the stolen Kewanee motorcycle.

At 2:15 a.m., an ambulance was dispatched to 800N and Route 40, just west of the rest area there, for a male subject who was eventually captured at that location. Ingel re-

ported that the motorcycle had been hot-wired and sustained substantial damage during a crash.

The subject was later identified as Robert F. Barnes, 38, listed as homeless. He has been charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, aggravated fleeing/eluding police, methamphetamine possession, driving on a suspended/revoked license, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident and speeding 69 mph in a 55 zone.

Barnes was taken to Kewanee's St. Luke Hospital and later taken to the Bureau County Jail. He was also held in custody on a Henry/Knox County arrest warrant.

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PUBLIC RECORD

Traffic Citations

1-27 - Criminal felony - James S. Harlan - Retail theft and criminal damage to property.

7-25 - Criminal felony - Raphyll L. Jordan - Manufacturing/delivering cannabis 30-500 grams.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

9-1 - Christopher M. Schmitt, 50, of Little Canada, Minn., was involved in a single-vehicle accident occurred on 1700N near the intersection of 1700E at 6:16 p.m. Schmitt was traveling west on 1700N when he reportedly did not see the stop sign and locked up the brakes before dropping his motorcycle and skidding to a stop. No injuries were reported but the motorcycle sustained estimated damages of over \$1,500.

9-18 - Hope B. Royer, of Wyoming, reported that her son's bicycle was stolen.

9-19 - Samuel R. Cornell, 22, Germantown Hills, was ticketed for speeding 72 mph in a 55 zone and for illegal adult use of cannabis in a vehicle. He was issued a court date.

9-19 - Lisa M. Thompson, 43, Napoleonset, was cited for not having new vehicle registration, unlawful display of title documents and no vehicle insurance. She was issued a court date.

9-19 - Shytya L. Alexander, 33, Peoria, was ticketed for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

9-19 - Preston D. R. Yoder, 20, Granger, Ind., was cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

9-21 - Justin R. Ludolph, 30, Brimfield, was charged after he attempted to flee from authorities following an incident that began at the Casey's General Store in Toulon. According to the arresting Stark County Deputy William Dorn, he attempted to stop Ludolph after he noticed the motorcycle driver did not have the required safety equipment. Ludolph fled from the deputy at a high rate of speed before losing control and wrecking the motorcycle on 800E south on Illinois Route 17. Ludolph was transported by ambulance to OSF St. Francis Hospital in Peoria to be treated for his injuries. He was later ticketed for driving without necessary special equipment, driving without a valid registration, fleeing or attempting to elude a peace officer, driving with no insurance and driving without the proper driver's license classification. He was issued a court date to appear.

9-22 - Christopher M. Melaga, of Bradford, reported a grain wagon was missing from the 100 block of Second Street in Bradford.

Peoria County report

9-20 - Shawn A. Slightom, 34, of



Toulon was arrested shortly before 3:30 p.m. Sept. 20 and accused of domestic battery/physical contact, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office. Slightom also was being held for another law-enforcement agency.

9-23 - Amy L. Gardner, 47, of Edelstein was arrested shortly before 1:45 a.m. and accused of unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia, unlawful possession of methamphetamine, driving on a revoked license and illegal headlamp use, according to the Peoria County Sheriff's Office.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

9-16 - to the 00 block of SE 6th Ave. for a loose dog complaint. A neighbor recognized the dog and returned it to its property nearby.

9-16 - Officer met with the relative of a resident to turn over firearms that have been held at the Galva Police Department for safekeeping after an earlier suicide attempt.

9-16 - to the 00 block of NE 2nd St. to assist the Kewanee Police Department with a forgery case.

9-16 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 00 block of SW 2nd St. Renee Rose, 22, Bradford, was arrested for driving with a suspended license. She was processed and released with a required court date.

9-17 - to a verbal domestic disturbance involving an out-of-control juvenile in the 200 block of NW 7th Ave.

9-17 - to the 500 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance/remove unwanted subject complaint.

9-17 - to the 300 block of Main St. to investigate a complaint of several juveniles dressed in all black clothing and lurking around businesses after closing hours. Officer was not able to locate them.

9-18 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a criminal damage to vehicle complaint after a windshield was found with damage.

9-18 - to a residence in Galva for a complaint of possible sexual abuse that had occurred.

9-18 - to the 600 block of SE Industrial Ave. for a complaint of a passing motorist dumping a dog out and speeding away. Officer was not able to locate the dog or vehicle.

9-18 - Officer was dispatched to the 700 block of NW 4th Ave. for a traffic complaint involving a utility

trailer parked along the roadway. It was not determined to be a traffic hazard.

9-18 - to the 300 block of SE 6th St. for a complaint involving unknown subjects throwing items at a house. Officer was not able to locate anyone in the area.

9-19 - to the 100 block of E. Division St. to assist a subject who had lost his wallet in the downtown area.

9-20 - While patrolling, the officer noticed that several railroad crossing arms were activated and no trains were present. BNSF was contacted.

9-20 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. to remove an unwanted subject after a disturbance.

9-20 - to the 00 block of SW 4th St. for a trespassing complaint.

9-21 - to the 300 block of Front St. for a disturbance complaint involving several patrons.

9-21 - to a residence on NE 6th Ave. to check the welfare of a subject.

9-21 - to the 700 block of W. Division St. to assist a motorist who locked their keys inside a vehicle. They were referred to a locksmith.

9-21 - to the 300 block of NW 8th Ave. for a utility wire pulled down by farm machinery. Mediacom was contacted for repairs.

9-21 - to the 600 block of NW 4th Ave. for a loose dog. It was taken to impound and later released to its owners from rural Bishop Hill.

9-21 - Troy Anderson, 61, Alpha cited for disobeying a stop sign in the 200 block of SW 2nd St.

9-21 - Roselene Loritan, 31, Rock Falls, cited for operating an uninsured vehicle in the 600 block of SE 2nd St.

9-22 - Officer was dispatched to the 00 block of NE 1st Ave. for a verbal domestic disturbance.

9-22 - to the 400 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. It was impounded and later released to its owner.

9-22 - to the 400 block of N. Center Ave. for a theft complaint.

9-22 - to the 00 block of SW 2nd St. for a welfare check after a child custody exchange occurred.

9-22 - to a subject about a possible violation of an order of protection complaint.

Property Transfers

9-20 - Steven F. and Vicky L. VanDike to VanDike Farms, LLC - Pt Sect. 7-14-7 NW - Consideration = \$0.

9-20 - Deborah A. Sharpe and Troy D. Tilly to David Hamilton - Fair Acres Subdivision Section 1 - Block 14 - 200 N. 3rd St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$50,000.

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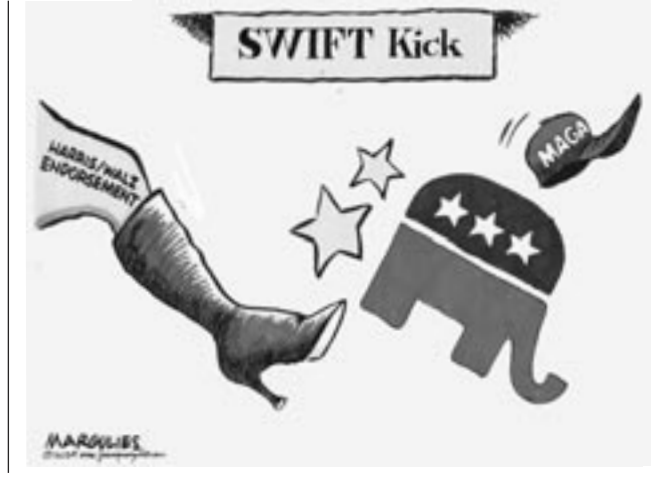
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OLLI broadens horizons and enriches lives

To the Editor:

How did a grounded grandmother in Dunlap learn the fundamentals of flying? The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute showed me the flight path, and it was such a great experience I want to share it with your readers.

I want to encourage all of you to find out more about OLLI at Bradley University as I did, and broaden your horizons with fellow lifelong learners.

I recently took a flier (no pun intended) on a class on aviation and flying that was taught by a retired air-traffic controller, a topic about which I knew next to nothing. Many OLLI students take classes on unfamiliar subjects, just for the love of learning.

Our instructor, like all OLLI instructors, was a volunteer who brought passion and expertise to the class. I learned about the details that go into a flight. And the next time I flew, I understood what the pilot was thinking, the instructions he was getting and the role of the ground crew, all in real time. It made the experience so much more enriching.

OLLI offers a wide variety of classes and study groups for all interests. I think everyone will find something of interest.

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– Lisa Mack, Dunlap

Barb Elliott an asset for Bradford community

To the Editor:

The late Barb Elliott was an important asset to the Bradford American Legion Auxiliary even before she took on the position as Unit President in 1998. Prior to and during her tenure as president, Barb organized and helped with countless auxiliary and legion events.

Elliott served as president of the Bradford American Legion Auxiliary Unit 445 for 25 years from 1998-2023, when she gave up the position due to poor health. She was the auxiliary District 16 president for two years and regularly attended district meetings during her years as local president to represent Bradford.

She was always an advocate of vet-

erans and worked with the Bradford Auxiliary to prove that each veteran is appreciated.

As president, Barb remembered to include the area youth in Americanism by promoting school events highlighting the veterans and service to our country. She was an advocate of Girls State and, with the help of other members, sought recipients to represent Bradford each year.

Each auxiliary member knew that if she received a phone call from Barb, it meant she had a job to do that required their help. They also know the job would benefit the veterans, the Bradford community, or promote the purposes of the American Legion Auxiliary. Barb Elliott will be missed.

– Angie Stange, Bradford

Time to put MAGA politics behind us

To the Editor:

We, the people, with the simple act of our vote this fall, have the chance to put the last 10 years of MAGA politics behind us.

I believe that if we gave the conservative, Republican Party of Mitt Romney and Liz Chaney some time to heal, it could return to value truth telling, ethical and emphatic behavior, the rule of law and the right of personal freedom. Yes, a democratic form of government has its zits and warts but has proven that democracy best represents the people.

We must beware of a would-be autocrat, in a red hat, who is interested only in his narcissistic desires.

– George Tanner, Yates City

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WIND: Science-based testimony delivered

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contact the group via Facebook.

Signs are one thing, but a good lawyer matters more. The group's attorney, Richard Porter of Hinshaw & Culbertson, LLP, of Rockford, was the main speaker last week. Porter had two clear messages.

- Wind turbines are not the "green" sources of energy that wind-energy businesses want you to believe.

"These are not windmills," Porter said. "This is like a coal plant or a nuclear plant. It is literally industry use that is going to be in an agricultural-urban area."

- The Peoria County Board can stop the proposed Four Creeks Wind Farm and the proposed Goldrush Apple Wind Farm.

"This is not a done deal," Porter said several times. "These can be denied."

Specifically, Porter said the county board can vote against special-use permits wind developers need.

How the Peoria County Board's decision could impact the Goldrush Apple Wind Farm in terms of its plans for Stark County is unknown. So far, there does not seem to be a similar groundswell of opposition to the project in Stark County.

That's not the case in Peoria County, though, where the relative merits of wind turbines are a hot topic.

To make his case against wind power, attorney Porter brought along a cadre of experts who testified about what they see as negative impacts of wind turbines on property values, sleep cycles, health and quality of living.

"A lot of people were thankful we brought the experts so they could hear the testimonies," Heinz said. "We still find there are a ton of people in the area that don't know about the project."

The picture painted last Tuesday was not the same often portrayed by folks touting "green energy."

Then again, to some landowners, the "green energy" element in all of this is the money they are paid for leasing land to the wind companies. And certainly, landowners have a right to make money on their property.

Where that right becomes a little less unalienable is when the money-making involves a 700-foot-tall wind turbine that towers over everything else in an otherwise quiet, rural area.

Porter drew plenty of nods from the crowd when he said people who live between Brimfield and Princeville – the part of Peoria County most impacted by the proposed wind farms – probably live there because they enjoy the peace and quiet.

"The overwhelming response is that nobody is in favor of them," Heinz said.

That brings me to the evening's most compelling speaker, Ted Hartke, who along with his wife and two children briefly lived in close proximity to several wind turbines south of Champaign.

Before the turbines went up, Hartke said he was in favor of the wind development. He grew up on a hog farm. He knows about making money in ways that don't always please neighbors. He even took his family to an existing wind farm, where they stood, watched and listened. The impact seemed minimal, he recalls.

"See kids, it's no big deal," Hartke told his family.

Only it was.

"As soon as they turned the turbines on, we were having sleep problems," Hartke said. "It's just an unsettling thing. It wakes you up from a deep sleep."

Eventually, the Hartkes moved

their beds out of bedrooms and into the living room, where they slept for three months. Hartke's daughter even put on headphones to help her sleep.

"My kids shouldn't have to wear headphones to bed," Hartke said. That was one of several times in his talk he became emotional.

Finally, the Hartkes moved into a trailer before finding another home. It took three years to sell their house in the wind farm – to a woman who was being paid for leases on three wind turbines, Hartke said.

Hartke's emotional testimony was a good balance to the dry science. But Heinz said science will matter more with the county board.

"This is more than just feelings, there's actual science to this and health reasons why houses are being abandoned" near wind farms, Heinz said.

Heinz has already spoken with 16 of 18 board members, two of whom were in attendance on Sept. 17.

Members of the grassroots group have started attending meetings of the county board and the Zoning Board of Appeals and plan to continue.

"They are going to gather information and try to make the best educated decision they can," Heinz said of the boards. "We can't say no. They most certainly can."

"If the majority of people in a community aren't in favor of it, that should be a big indicator of how they vote."

That doesn't mean the wind turbines won't be approved. But Heinz is up for the struggle.

"You've got a lot of people who say they don't want (wind turbines), but are you willing to step up and fight?" he asked. "Now's the time. Once they get passed, it's too late."

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BRIEFS

Bradford School Board passes FY2025 budget

BRADFORD – The Bradford School Board on Tuesday voted to approve a 2025 budget following a budget hearing prior to its regular meeting.

Superintendent Chad Gripp had previously reported that the projected budget includes a deficit in the operation and maintenance funds due to a junior high roof project. Other funds balances are “healthy” Gripp said.

In other business, the board approved hiring Morgan Coleman as assistant cheerleading coach and approved posting an itemized compensation report for administrators and teachers on the school website that will also be sent to the Regional Office of Education.

Presidential genealogy subject of meeting

TOULON – The Stark County Genealogical Society will meet Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1:30 p.m. at the Toulon Public Library Community Room.

Tim Pletkovich will speak on “Presidential Genealogy” and will discuss research for his next book, which will focus on U.S. presidents based on interviews with their grandchildren. The program will include a Zoom conversation with Ulysses S. Dietz, a descendant of President Ulysses S. Grant.

Pletkovich grew up in Geneseo, attended Eastern Illinois University and after graduation worked as a scout for the Chicago Cubs. In 1987, he started his teaching career in Queens, N.Y. He later taught middle school in Peoria.

Pletkovich is the author of “Civil



Pictured above (left to right) are Breccan Magee, Lily Wigant and Jatavius Smithwere. They were the recipients of the Wildcat Awards on Monday night at a meeting of the Galva School Board. Photo by Carol Townsend.

War Fathers: Sons of the Civil War in World War II.”

Drive-thru adult flu clinic available Oct. 10

KEWANEE – The Henry and Stark County Health Departments will offer a drive-through adult flu shot clinic in Kewanee on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the health department’s west parking lot, 110 N. Burr Blvd.

The clinic is drive-through only. Bring your Medicare and/or insurance card and \$45 cash or check at the time of vaccination. The clinic is for adults 18 and older only. The health department will be offering the four-component Quadrivalent Seasonal Flu shot.

Stoller staff to visit Bradford, Princeville

State Sen. Win Stoller (R-Germantown Hills) has announced his staff will be on hand throughout the 37th District during the month of October for traveling office hours.

“My team is working hard around

the 37th District to provide constituent services across the entire district this fall,” Stoller said.

Local stops include:

- Oct. 7 – Princeville’s Lillie M. Evans Library, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Oct. 8 – Bradford Public Library, 10-11:30 a.m.

Et cetera

• CHAMPAIGN – Toulon native Elizabeth Strom has been named 2024 Land Broker of the Year by the Illinois chapter of the REALTORS Land Institute.

• BRADFORD – Bicyclists taking part in the 2024 Gold Star 500 ride will make a stop at Bradford’s Elsie Hodge Park today, Sept. 27, at approximately 3 p.m. The 512-mile endurance ride was created to honor fallen Illinois service members and their families and travels from Metropolis in southern Illinois to Rockford in the north.

• SPRINGFIELD – Illinois trout season opens Oct. 1 at 60 locations, including the Hennepin Canal Visitor Center pond and Lock 14 on the I&M Canal in LaSalle.

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FOID revocation without conviction reinstated

By **PETER HANCOCK**
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Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois Supreme Court last week vacated a lower court ruling and reinstated a statute that authorizes the state to revoke a person’s Firearm Owners Identification card once they’ve been charged with a felony, even if they haven’t yet been convicted.

The case involved Aaron and Charles Davis, a father and son who were charged with reckless discharge of a firearm, a felony, for allegedly shooting their rifles into the air over the Fourth of July weekend in 2016.

The Illinois State Police revoked their FOID cards pursuant to a provision of the law that authorizes the agency to revoke permits from anyone “who is prohibited from acquiring or possessing firearms or firearm ammunition by any Illinois State statute or by federal law.”

ISP relied on a federal law that makes it illegal “for any person who is under indictment for a crime punishable by imprisonment for a term exceeding one year to ship or transport in interstate or foreign commerce any firearm or ammunition or receive any firearm or ammunition which has been shipped or transported in interstate or for-

eign commerce.”

The charges were later reduced to misdemeanors and the defendants had their FOID cards reissued after pleading guilty. After receiving their new cards, the Davises sued, arguing they were denied their constitutional right to keep and bear arms for self-defense.

They sought a declaration that the FOID Card Act is unconstitutional as it applies to people who have been charged with, but not convicted of, a felony.

In March 2023, Madison County Judge Ronald Foster granted the Davises’ motion and declared the law unconstitutional as it applied to people charged with, but not convicted of, felonies. He issued a permanent injunction barring the state from enforcing that provision of the law.

The state appealed directly to the Supreme Court, which stayed the lower court order while the appeal was pending. And in a unanimous opinion Thursday, the high court reversed the lower court decision, saying because the Davises had already had their FOID cards reissued, they no longer had standing to sue and claim they were being injured by the law.

Hospital room privacy

The Illinois Supreme Court last week unanimously ruled that patients

admitted to a hospital should not have a universal expectation of privacy that would prevent law enforcement from entering a hospital room to question them or search their belongings.

The case stretches back to October 2016, when Cortez Turner arrived at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital in Murphysboro with a gunshot wound to the leg.

Emergency room staff had already been notified that a gunshot victim would be arriving via ambulance, but Turner was dropped off by a friend two minutes before the ambulance arrived carrying Detrick Rogers, who was fatally wounded by a gunshot to the head.

Detectives showed up to the trauma room in which Turner was being treated. Turner agreed to the officers’ request to seize his blood-stained clothing, which was on the counter in the room.

Eventually, Turner was implicated in Rogers’ death and was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

After trial, Turner Began arguing the evidence should have been suppressed because the detectives should have first obtained a warrant.

On appeal, however, Illinois’ 5th District Appellate Court did not agree.

Quoting from both a

1992 Illinois Supreme Court opinion and a 1990 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, Justice Elizabeth K. Rochford wrote that Fourth Amendment protections against unreasonable searches and seizures “offer protection to people, not places ... but the extent to which they protect people depends upon where the people are.”

Turner’s attorneys tried to argue that he should have the same expectation of privacy, but the justices rejected that reasoning, noting that Illinois law requires hospital personnel to call the police when a gunshot victim enters the emergency room.

Rochford noted appellate courts have previously ruled in favor of a defendant’s expectation of privacy. But those rulings “depend on the totality of the circumstances and those circumstances will vary from person to person and from case to case.”

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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.
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(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Richard E. Newman. Letters of Office were issued on September 4, 2024, to Misty Fike and Shelden J. Newman as Independent Co-Executors whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Estate of
CAROL A. OUART, deceased
No. 2024-PR-96

Notice is given of the death of CAROL A. OUART. Letters of Office were issued on September 5, 2024, to MARK S. OUART, 303 E. Prospect St., Kewanee, IL 61443, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Michael Massie, Massie & Quick, LLC, P.O. Box 205, Galva, IL 61434.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Henry County Circuit Clerk, Henry County Courthouse, 307 W. Center St., Cambridge, IL 61238, or with the representative, or both, within six months from the date of first publication, the BAR DATE, and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY

CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.

No. 2024MR4
ANDREW W. SZPARKOWSKI; 1095 INVESTMENTS LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois ("the Property") that a Petition for Demolition Order was filed in the above-named Court on August 15, 2024, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Andrew W. Szparkowski.
4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Part of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Number Nineteen, Township Thirteen (13) North, Range Six (6) East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Commencing at the Southwest (SW) Corner of Lot No. Ten (10), Block Twelve (12) Original Town, Now City, of Toulon,

Running Thence North, One Hundred Forty-Two (142) Feet; Thence West Sixty-Six (66) Feet; Thence South One Hundred Forty-Two (142) Feet; Thence East Sixty-Six (66) Feet to the Place of Beginning. Situated in the County of Stark and State of Illinois.
PIN: 04-19-331-007

5. The parties to be served by publication are: Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.

6. The date after which a default may be entered against the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois is October 13, 2024.
NOW THEREFORE, unless the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 315 W. Jefferson, Toulon, Illinois file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 W. Main St., Toulon, 61483 on or before October 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition Order.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois,
Stark County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS STARK COUNTY

CITY OF TOULON, an Illinois Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,
v.

No. 2024-MR-2
CHARLES D. SLIGHTOM, SR.; LEAH SLIGHTOM; CHARLES SLIGHTOM, JR.; CAROL HULTMAN; ROBERT HULTMAN; 1095 INVESTMENTS, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS; and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION

The requisite Affidavit for Service by Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to Charles Slightom Jr. and the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois ("the Property"), that a Petition for Demolition Order was filed in the above-named Court on May 17, 2024, and is now pending.

1. The names of all Plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.
2. The Court in which said action was brought is identified above.
3. The name of the title holder of record is: Charles Slightom Sr.
4. The legal description of the real estate is as follows:
Lot Number Nine (9) in Block Number Seven (7) of the Henderson and Whittaker's Addition to the Town, now City of Toulon, situated in Stark County, Illinois.
PIN: 04-19-303-007
5. The parties to be served by publication are: Charles Slightom Jr.; Unknown Owners; Unknown Occupants; and Non-Record Claimants.
6. The date after which a default may be entered against Charles Slightom Jr. and the Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois is October 13, 2024.

NOW THEREFORE, unless Defendants Charles Slightom Jr., Unknown Owners, Unknown Occupants, and Non-Record Claimants of 213 E. Greenwood, Toulon, Illinois file an answer to the Petition for Demolition Order in this cause or otherwise make an appearance therein, in the Office of the Stark County Circuit Clerk, 130 West Main Street, Toulon, Illinois 61483, on or before October 13, 2024, default may be entered at any time after that day and an order for demolition may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Petition for Demolition Order.

JULIE KENNEY
Clerk of the Circuit Court of the Tenth Judicial Circuit of Illinois,
Stark County

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FOR STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION

CARRINGTON MORTGAGE

SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff,
vs.
AMY SIGHTS; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED; JAYCE SIGHTS; SARAH BETH MILLER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.
Case No.: 2024FC3

Property Address:
124 South St, Bradford, IL 61421

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS defendants, that this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, asking for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE WEST SEVENTY-FIVE (75) FEET OF LOT THIRTY-FOUR (34) IN THE VILLAGE OF BRADFORD, STARK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as: 124 South St, Bradford, IL 61421
Names of the titleholders of record: HEIRS AND/OR LEGATEES OF TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, DECEASED.
Date of the Mortgage: November 21, 2008.

Name or names of the mortgagors: TIMOTHY L. SIGHTS, now deceased.

Name of the mortgagee: Taylor, Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp..

Date and place of recording: November 25, 2008; Office of the Recorder of the Deeds of Stark County, Illinois.

Identification of recording: Document No. 2008-94787.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case, on or before October 13, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT.

E-filing is now mandatory with limited exceptions. 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://illinoiscourts.gov/self-help> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. If you cannot e-file, you may be able to get an exemption that allows you to file in-person or by mail. Ask your circuit clerk for more information or visit www.illinoislegalaid.org. For information about defending yourself in a court case (including filing an appearance or fee waiver), or to apply for free legal help, go to www.illinoislegalaid.org. You can also ask your local circuit clerk's office for a fee waiver application.

PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF ROGER L. BETCHER, Deceased
No. 2024 PR 99

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Roger L. Betcher. Letters of Office were issued on September 11, 2024, to Kevin P. Betcher as Independent Executor 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 March 21, 2025. 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.

Barash & Everett, LLC
Attorney for Executor
211 W. 2nd St.
Kewanee, IL 61443
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NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETINGS OF POLICYHOLDERS TO VOTE ON PROPOSED MERGER

TO THE POLICYHOLDERS OF ELMIRA MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY AND LAPRAIRIE MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

Notice is hereby given that at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of Elmira Mutual Insurance Company ("Elmira Mutual") held on August 6, 2024, and at a special meeting of the Board of Directors of LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company ("LaPrairie Mutual") held on July 31, 2024, it was determined by each said Board that a merger of Elmira Mutual, an Illinois farm mutual insurance company of Toulon, Illinois, and LaPrairie Mutual, an Illinois farm mutual insurance company of Henry, Illinois, is desirable, and the said Boards further determined to submit to a vote of policyholders of each company the question of such merger in accordance with the terms approved and recommended by the Boards, the Board of Elmira Mutual by resolution authorizing the President to call a special meeting of the policyholders of the company which will be held on the 5th day of November, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. at Elmira Mutual's office, 127 W. Main Street, Toulon, Illinois, and the Board of LaPrairie Mutual authorizing the President to call a special meeting of the policyholders of the company which will be held on the 5th day of November, 2024, at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at 401 Edwards Street, Henry, Illinois, to consider and vote on the proposed terms of merger approved and recommended by the Boards as aforesaid and further to consider and act on any and all matters that may be brought before said meetings.

THEREFORE, pursuant to such actions and orders, notice is hereby given of such special meetings of policyholders to be held at the times and places aforesaid to consider and vote on the question of merger of said companies and the terms thereof. A Summary of the Proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger is as follows:

Under the terms of the proposed Agreement and Plan of Merger between Elmira Mutual Insurance Company and LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company, the former company will merge with and into the latter company, which shall be the surviving company, the Agreement and Plan of Merger further providing for transfer by the former company to the latter company and acceptance by the latter company of all policies and contracts of insurance issued by the former and all assets and books and records and contracts of the former, for the assumption by the latter of all liabilities of the former, for the protection of rights of creditors and policyholders by the inclusion of a provision that such rights shall not be impaired by such merger, for the retention by any policyholder of the former company of rights under Section 168 of the Illinois Insurance Code, for the effectiveness of the Agreement only after approval thereof by the Board of Directors of each company, said approval having been given by the Board of Directors of Elmira Mutual Insurance Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held August 6, 2024, and by the Board of Directors of LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company at a special meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 31, 2024, and only after the approval of the policyholders of the former company and the policyholders of the latter company

and the Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, and for such other provisions as are appropriate to the effectuation of said merger.

Said vote on the merger of said companies and the terms thereof may, at the election of any policyholder not represented in person at the aforesaid special meetings of policyholders, be effected by proxy, in due form submitted by said policyholder and subject to proof of authenticity by the company.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2024.

Elmira Mutual Insurance Company
By: /s/ Mark Wilson, President
LaPrairie Mutual Insurance Company
By: /s/ Craig Doyle, President
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY TOULON, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as Trustee for the CIM TRUST 2020-R7 Mortgage-Backed Notes, Series 2020-R7 PLAINTIFF

Vs.
Jeffrey Scott; Steven Scott; Gary Scott; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Mary Ann Fail; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Donna Jean Gallentine a/k/a Donna J. Scott; Cody Scott; Linn Perkins, as Special Representative for Mary Ann Fail (deceased)
DEFENDANTS
No. 2024FC2

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Donna Jean Gallentine a/k/a Donna J. Scott
That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 321 First Street Bradford, IL 61421 and which said Mortgage was made by: Mary Ann Fail Charles J. Fail the Mortgagor(s), to American General Financial Services of Illinois, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Stark County, Illinois, as Document No. 2007-93428; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending.

NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Julie A. Kenney Stark County Courthouse 130 West Main, Box 426 Toulon, IL 61483

on or before October 28, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-24-00595

NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3252240
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NOTICE OF SALE

of Property Owned by the City of Galva and Invitation to Bid Thereon
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the corporate authorities of the City of Galva will receive sealed bids for the purchase, under the successful bid, of the fee simple interest in a part of Southwest 3 rd Avenue in the City of Galva, Henry County, Illinois. More particularly bounded and described as follows and bearings are for the purpose of description only:

Commencing at an iron rod at the Northwest Corner of Block 55 in the Original Town of the City of Galva; Thence S 00°02'43" W, along the West line of said Block 55 and also on the East line of said 3 rd Avenue, a distance of 32.00 feet to an iron rod at the Place of Beginning for the tract to be described; Thence continuing S 00°02'43" W, along said West line, a distance of 25.00

feet to an iron rod; Thence N 89°57'17" W, a distance of 20.00 feet to an iron rod; Thence N 00°02'43" E, a distance of 25.00 feet to an iron rod; Thence S 89°57'17" E, a distance of 20.00 feet to the Place of Beginning and containing 500 square feet. Subject to all easements of record.

Bids for the purchase of the aforesaid interest in the above described property are hereby invited and will be received by the City Clerk at 311 N. W. 4 th Avenue, Galva, Illinois, during normal working hours, until 24 May 2021. Said proposals shall be contained within an opaque envelope addressed to:

Mayor and City Council
City of Galva
c/o City Clerk
311 N. W. 4 th Avenue
Galva, IL 61434

and shall bear the legend: Bid for a part of SW 3 rd Avenue.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the regular meeting of the corporate authorities of the City of Galva held at 6:00 p.m. on 24 May 2021.

The property may be awarded to the highest bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the City of Galva. Bidders are encouraged to include a narrative describing their intentions regarding the subject property. The corporate authorities reserve the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The corporate authorities further reserve the right to review and study any and all bids and to make an award within 45 days after the bids have been opened and publicly read.

Any prospective bidder may, by appointment, inspect the subject property. Appointments to tour the property may be scheduled in advance with the City Clerk's office. The City Clerk's office may be reached by calling (309) 932-2555 or in writing to: City Clerk, City of Galva, 311 N. W. 4th Avenue, Galva, Illinois 61434.
Published 9/27/24

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Toulon Community Fire Protection District of Stark County, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2025, will be available to public inspection at the Toulon Fire Department, 420 N. Franklin Street, Toulon, Illinois, in said Fire Protection District, from and after the 27 th day of September 2024.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said budget and appropriation ordinance will be held at 5:00 o'clock P.M., on the 29th day of October 2024, at the Fire Station, Toulon, Illinois, and that final action on said ordinance will be taken by the Board of Trustees of the Toulon Community Fire Protection District in Stark County, Illinois, at a meeting to be held at the Fire Station, Toulon, Illinois on said 29th day of October 2024, at 5:15 o'clock P.M.

By order of the Board of Trustees of said District. Dated this 20th day of September, A.D. 2024.
Toulon Community Fire Protection District
/s/ William S. Foglesong
William S. Foglesong, Secretary
Published 9/27/24

NOTICE OF AUCTION
Bradley Phillips Auction

WHAT: Auction of personal property belonging to Bradley Phillips, living at last known address of 1716 E. 5th St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

WHERE: Stall 30 located at 1109 North Main St., Kewanee, IL 61443
WHEN: Saturday, October 12th, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

ITEMS: Bookshelf, dresser, coffee table, big screen TV, microwave, vacuum, chair, crockpot. Many other misc. items. Cash or credit/debit card only. No personal checks. Photos of items can be provided by email.

Please contact: Tom Greiner tgreinerlbs@gmail.com (319) 863-3232.
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ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Lady Rebels XC 4th, Knobloch 3rd

By The Prairie News

WALNUT – The Stark County girls cross country team placed fourth last Saturday at the 38-school Dale Donner Invitational.

The Lady Rebels beat three teams ranked in the top 25 in Class 1A and finished behind Class 2A squad Sandwich, 1A second-ranked team Williamsville and Ridgewood, No. 12 in 1A.

“This was the best team finish we have ever had at the Donner, coming in better than either of the two teams that have qualified for state final,” Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. “The course is just over 3 miles with tight turns so it is not a (personal-record) course, to say the least. It was certainly hot which combined to hold times down overall but we competed very well.”

Dusti Smith (6th, 19:49) led Stark County and earned an individual trophy, as did Cheyenh Smith (18th, 21:05) and Alexis Martinez (19th, 21:06).

Cheyenh Smith was 36 places better than last year and Martinez moved up 41 spots.

Other scoring runners were Paytin Terwilliger (50th, 23:51) and Sarah Kraklow (66th, 24:35).

Rennick praised Kraklow for overcoming a sore foot.

“If she doesn’t come through like she did, they don’t take home that trophy,” Rennick said. “This is what makes cross country so special in that every runner is critical. If you don’t have strong performances throughout your roster, you cannot be successful.”

On the boys side, Evan Knobloch continued to impress, placing third out of 177 runners in 16:38.

“He was very disciplined off the start coming around several runners that got out in front of him,” Rennick said.

Other finishers were Ethan Grinnell in 21:42 and Hunter Ely in 21:12.

Stark County is at the Augustana Invitational at Rock Island’s Saukie Golf Course on Saturday. The golf course will be the

site of the Class 1A regional and sectional in which Stark County competes.

– Jeff Lampe

• Galva VB – Galva (5-5) defeated DePue 25-15, 25-16 on Sept. 18. The Lady Wildcats had a balanced attack. Reese Sumner scored eight aces, four attacks and three ace serves. McKenna Anderson had six aces, one kill and one block. Addie Moore served two aces, six kills, eight attacks and one block.

Kaylynn Gale led the team in digs with six. Isabelle Wigat added three digs.

Galva fell to Lincoln Trail rival Annawan 25-13, 25-18 on Sept. 16 on the road. Sumner served four aces, scored one kill, was a part of 11 attacks, dug four and assisted on two scores. Moore had one ace, one kill and one block. Bates served one ace, had one kill and six digs.

– Phil Johnson

• Stark Co. VB – Stark County (5-17) lost 16-25, 25-23, 16-25 on Monday at home to West Central. Sophie Finnegan tallied four kills and 12 digs. Kenna Newton also scored four kills. Hallie Newton led in assists with 13 and aces with four. Claire Bowser recorded 12 digs.

SCHS topped Quad City Christian but came up short against ROWVA-Williamsfield, Farmington and Princeville (each in three sets) at the ROWVA-Williamsfield Invite last Saturday.

Coley Johnston and Kenna Newton paced the Lady Rebels in kills for the tournament. Finnegan and Johnston led the team in blocks. Hanna Newton was the assists leader for the day. Bowser led in aces. Cambri Holmstrom and Finnegan paced the team in digs.

Stark County lost to Monmouth United 25-10, 25-20 on the road on Sept. 18. Johnston and Kenna Newton each scored two kills. Bowser served two aces.

SCHS topped Midland at home on Sept. 17, 25-17, 25-23. Johnston scored on five kills.

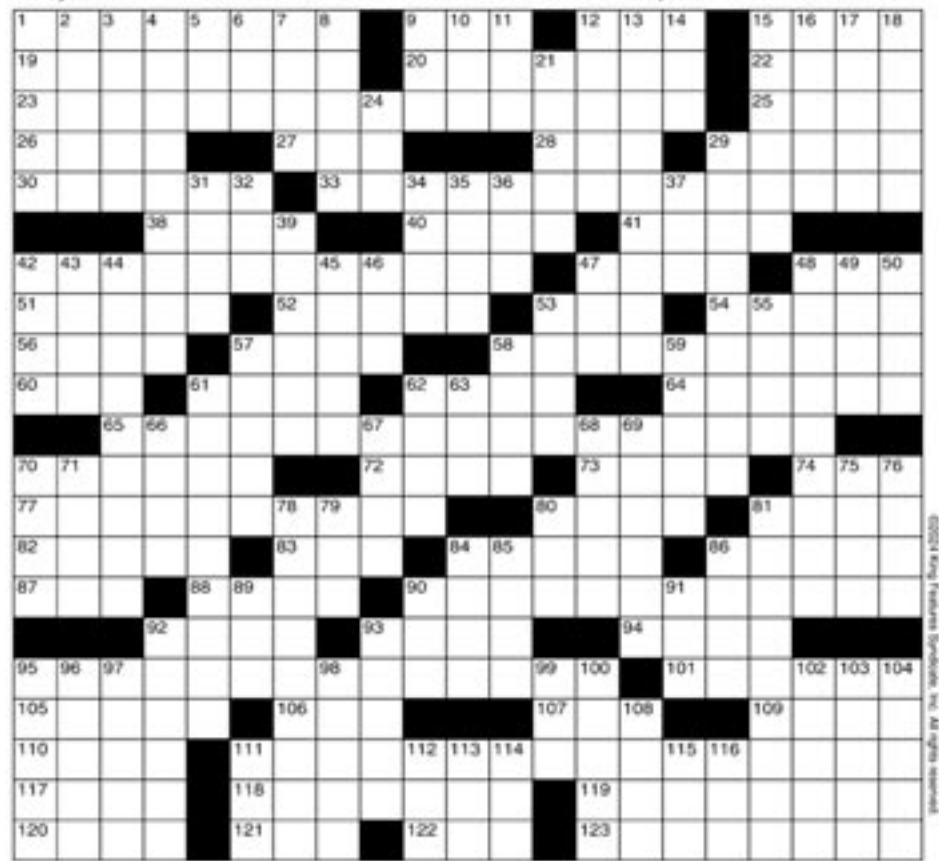
– Phil Johnson

Answers on Page 3

Super Crossword

PLAYING A ROUND

- ACROSS 1 Willing to go along with it 9 Lyric work 12 It follows pi 15 Swindle 19 Receiving steady pay 20 Extreme agitation 22 Woman 23 Golf tee shot that goes down a mountain cliff? 25 Sheriff Taylor's boy 26 Leaking goop 27 Suffix with hero 28 "Ho-hum" 29 Harder to find 30 Pretty soon 33 Brilliant golf shot? 38 Big continent 40 Outfielder Slaughter 41 Intertwine 42 Yearning to play golf again? 47 Bell's ring 48 Your and my 51 Red as — 52 Scarf down 53 Gift topper 54 Singer Fisher 55 Crater parts 57 Eye sore 58 Young woman who's very skilled with metal golf clubs? 60 CBS series set in Vegas 61 "I never — purple cow ..." 62 Actress Dunham 64 Tennis star Andre 65 Precious gem hidden among a golf course's long grass? 70 Immediately 72 — buco 73 In addition 74 Sigh of relief 77 Amazingly executed approach shot that a golfer recalls often? 80 "I Shot Andy Warhol" actress Taylor 81 Lhasa — 82 Circus venue 83 Muffin grain 84 Tot's batting game 86 Food intakes 87 Beistle, in hip-hop 88 Cafe freebie 90 Golfer's cry when a would-be one-under-par shot almost goes in the hole? 92 Sheep group 93 Foal's mother 94 Tears on foot 95 Lettuce or spinach cultivated in a golf putting area? 101 One of the Twin Cities 105 Bolt variety 106 Cattle call 107 Jackie's "O" 109 Height: Prefix 110 Elliptical 111 No matter how an errant golf shot is made? 117 Walk in shallow water 118 — Boys (rap trio) 119 Thrombocyte 120 Winter glider 121 Mag workers 122 Likely (to) 123 Special outdoor mall event 3 Doolittle of "Pygmalion" 4 Places for warships 5 Is plural? 6 Life story, in brief 7 Jeans maker Strauss 8 Idyllic places 9 Slugger Mel 10 "Obviously!" 11 In advance of 12 Bronc riding event 13 Pompous 14 Corrida yell 15 2017 U.S. Open winner Stephens 16 — pants 17 Kin of "Clao!" 18 Clinton aide Dee Dee 21 Viral videos, e.g. 24 On Social Sec., say 29 Group of amateur sports teams playing for fun 31 "— really true?" 32 Stannite yield 34 Brand of lens solution 35 Like spud-peeling GIs 36 Boxing stats 37 Damsel 39 Tot's "terrible" time 42 With 2-Down, stand-up comic who co-starred on Netflix's "GLOW" 43 Heron cousin 44 Rounded roof halves 45 — egg (flop) 46 Native suffix 47 In addition 48 Having an irregular form 49 Road 180s 50 Italian painter Guido — 53 Male bud 55 From corner to corner: Abbr. 57 Lacking in variety, informally 58 Grooving on 59 Native Kiwi 61 Christian rite 62 Speech flaw 63 USNA grad 66 A part of 67 "Get going!" 68 Actress Blunt 69 Hair curler 70 In — rush 71 Actress Garr 75 — Spumante 76 Stockings 78 Sentenced to punishment 79 Cap 80 Testing site 81 Often-restricted flying zones 84 Banks of fashion 85 Telly network, with "The" 86 By — of (due to) 89 Hip-hop mogul Gotti 90 Betty fier 91 Urban vehicle 92 Followed closely, as a dog 93 Cat calls 95 Gets bigger 96 Opponent 97 Sidestep 98 Works by painter Francisco 99 Thai tongue 100 Explode 102 Amtrak train 103 An archangel 104 Singer Lenya 108 Atoll unit 111 1860s prez 112 — glance 113 Quack bark 114 Despite that 115 Multiple-PC system 116 "Addams Family" cousin



Amber Waves



The Spats



Just Like Cats & Dogs



CRIM-BEAT IT



Weekly SUDOKU

Sudoku grid with numbers 7, 3, 5, 3, 9, 6, 4, 8, 3, 2, 7, 1, 5, 1, 4, 8, 4, 9, 7, 2, 4, 6, 3, 2, 1, 5, 9

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: ♦♦♦♦

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. ZOO SOBD ZOVZ NP HNDP BMG EM DEPO EV MNZ XOOWEMH NTZ NP ZOO SNTHQ. JTZ HOZZEMH NTZ BPZOS CO BSO EM. - VNTSYO NJVYTSO

Trivia test

- 1. U.S. STATES: Which state's nickname is The Hawkeye State? 2. MOVIES: What are the bad guys called in "Transformers"? 3. MYTHOLOGY: What happens to people when Medusa turns her gaze on them? 4. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a group of crocodiles in the water called? 5. FOOD & DRINK: What is the main ingredient in bouillabaisse (stew)? 6. ASTRONOMY: How old is our Sun? 7. TELEVISION: Where does Walter White live in "Breaking Bad"? 8. LITERATURE: The character named Ichabod Crane appears in which 19th-century story? 9. MEDICAL: What is a common name for onychocryptosis? 10. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Nova Scotia? Answers 1. Iowa. 2. Decepticons. 3. They turn to stone. 4. A float. 5. Seafood. 6. About 4.6 billion years old. 7. Albuquerque, New Mexico. 8. "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." 9. Ingrown toenail. 10. Halifax. (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

TOP 10 MOVIES

- 1. Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13) 2. Speak No Evil (R) 3. Am I Racist? (PG-13) 4. Deadpool & Wolverine (R) 5. Reagan (PG-13) 6. The Killer's Game (R) 7. Alien: Romulus (R) 8. It Ends with Us (PG-13) 9. The Forge (PG) 10. God's Not Dead: In God We Trust (NR) (c) 2024 King Features Synd., Inc.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Toulon Methodist Church
229 W. Main St., P.O. Box 538, Toulon, IL. 61483
Phone (309) 286-2224
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 286-2224 or (217) 778-1591
Toulon Sunday School 9:15 a.m., all ages & Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.

LaFayette Methodist Church
Illinois Highway 17, P.O. Box 147, LaFayette, IL. 61449
Phone (309) 995-3371
Pastor Glenn Corbly Phone (309) 995-3371 or (217) 778-1591.
LaFayette Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

West Jersey United Methodist Church
Illinois Highway 78, West Jersey, IL. Rev. Pablo Marty
Phone (217) 425-5707
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m.

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OBITUARIES

Donald R. Eble

ALTONA – Donald "Buzz" Richard Eble, 88, of Altona, Ill., formerly of Toulon on Sept. 19, 2024, departed from his earthly life and transitioned to his heavenly one with Christ.

Buzz was born on Oct. 25, 1935, in Bradford, Ill., the son of George and Faye (Comp) Eble. He married Marilyn Dietz on April 21, 1956, at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford.

Buzz was a graduate of Bradford High School and went on to study at the University of Illinois. In his younger years, he farmed in Bradford and Toulon until going to work as a service technician at John Deere in Wyoming and then transferred to Kewanee until his retirement.

While his children were young, he was a Cub Scout Leader for their troop. Buzz was a member of the Toulon Lions Club and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Bradford. He enjoyed ballroom dancing, small home projects and spending time with his dog Rascal. Most of all he loved his family.

Survivors include his loving wife of 68 years, Marilyn of Altona; four children, Teresa Ellis of Toulon, Gary (Janice) Eble of Tiskilwa, Brian (Beth) Eble of Queen Creek, Ariz. and Mary (Robert) Maskiewicz of Altona; three grandchildren, Nathan Eble, Renee Hathaway and Dylan Eble; two great-grandchildren, Will and Rowan Hathaway; one brother, Larry (Janet) Eble of Kewanee; one sister, Judy (Joe) Bachman of Roanoke, Ill.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three siblings, Mary Loudenberg, Jim Eble and Edith Bosch.

Visitation will be from 4 -6 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 30, 2024, at Grant-Johnson Funeral Home in Bradford. Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at St. John the Baptist Catholic



Eble

Church in Bradford, with the Rev. John Baptist Uwigada officiating. Burial of cremated remains will immediately follow at St. John's Cemetery. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorials may be directed to OSF Hospice.

Online condolences may be made at www.grant-johnsonfh.com.

Tracy L. Warner

GALVA – Tracy Lynn Warner Brooks, 65, of Galva, died Sunday, Sept. 22, 2024, at her home.

She was born April 15, 1959, in Kewanee, the daughter of Marvin and Bonnie (Freedeen) Warner. She married Robert Brooks on Nov. 2, 2016, in Kewanee.

Survivors include her husband of Galva; her three sons, Jared (Stephanie) Wexell of Geneva, Ian (Leslie) Wexell of Chicago and Kyle (Lindsey) Wexell of Holland, Mich.; two stepchildren, Robert (Sabrina) Brooks of Indianapolis and Tom Brooks and his fiancée Hannah Hawkins of Galva; a brother, Matt (Laura) Warner of Sherrard, Ill.; and sister, Sandra (Mark) Doumas of Tucson, Ariz.; her eight grandchildren Jayden, Peyton, Grayson, Jocelyn, Addison, Noah, Ethan and Boston; and 13 step-grandchildren, William, Alexis, Taylor, Andrew, Jakob, Jayson, Robert, Caroline, Kristen, Loki, Freyja, Skadi and Odhinn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Robin Ringberg; nephew, Shawn Ringberg; and stepson, James Brooks.

Tracy graduated from Galva High School in 1977 and Illinois Wesleyan University. She was a certified public accountant owning and operating Tracy Warner CPA.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Galva. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts, Sudoku puzzles and starting all kinds of new projects around her home. She cherished her family and was extremely proud of her boys



Warner

and grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Monday, Sept. 30, at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Rev. Rebecca Gearhart officiating. A visitation will be held from 12 p.m. until the time of the services at the funeral home. The burial will be in Galva Cemetery.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

John R. Hand

ELMIRA – John R. Hand, Sr., 74, of Elmira, passed away Sept. 22, 2024, at his home surrounded by family.

John was born July 4, 1950, in Kewanee, the son of Joseph Edward Sr. and Catherine June (Crockett) Hand. He graduated from Toulon High School with the class of 1968. John married Crystle Webber on June 5, 1971, in Elmira; she survives.

John is also survived by two children, Sandra (Mitch) Milnes, Tampico and John (Lisa) Hand, Jr., Kewanee; grandchildren Sydney Hand, Chase (fiancé, Daniella Chino) Milnes, Ben Hand and Drew Milnes; great-granddaughter Katarina Chino-Milnes; brother James (Margaret) Hand of Osceola; sister Janet (Richard) Ingle of Oneida; brother-in-law Kent Vigor, Kewanee; and sister-in-law Janet Hand of Peoria.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Rebecca Vigor; three half-sisters; his brother Joseph Hand Jr.; and his brothers-in-law, Jim Webber and Mike Webber.

John served in the United States Army and was stationed in Germany. He worked at Caterpillar Inc. in Mossville as a machinist, retiring in 2011. He also worked as a mechanic.

John attended Bunker Hill Church, Buda.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Oct. 3, 2024, at Bunker Hill Church, Buda. Memorial services will be at 6 p.m. on Oct. 3, 2024, at the church. A private burial will take place at a later date. Condolences can be left online at www.golnickschuenemanfh.com.

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FOOTBALL: Newcomers boost Galva attack

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 juniors to the roster has added plenty to the Wildcats attack.

One of those newcomers is junior Blake Stahl, who caught two touch-down passes from Cyrus Hurd and passed for another to Tommy Funke.

Stahl finished with six catches for 120 yards as Galva passed for 204 yards total and Hurd went 14-for-28 for 184 yards and two scores. Stahl also led Galva with 10 tackles.

"We've got the size and the guys that know the playbook, so adding four new skill guys to the lineup makes a big difference," Coach Mark Jeffrey said. "They're very athletic. They're basketball players. So that adds a whole other dynamic when you put those guys in."

Galva (4-0) was down just 16-8 after the first quarter but ultimately the influx of players was not enough to top an unbeaten West Central (4-0) squad that racked up 386 rushing yard and averaged 9.2 yards per carry.

Jeffrey is hopeful the bolstered lineup can boost the Wildcats to a win in the next two weeks. Galva is at Peoria Heights this Friday for the Patriots' homecoming. Then the same two foes square off on Oct. 4 for Galva's homecoming.

"We feel like it's just our time now," Jeffrey said.

—Jeff Lampe

Princeville 26 ROWVA-Williamsfield 14

ONEIDA – When opportunity knocked, Cayden Allen answered. So did his Princeville football teammates.

The Princes took full advantage of ROWVA-Williamsfield mistakes Sept. 20 in a showdown of undefeated teams. Princeville (4-0) went to 3-0 in the LincolnLand small-school division to take sole possession of second place.

Quarterback Jake Williams passed for four touchdowns, including three to cap drives that resulted from R-W turnovers. The final one, a fumble at the R-W 42-yard line, came with about five minutes left in the game

as the Cougars (3-1, 2-1) trailed 20-14 and were trying to extend second-half momentum.

"Coming over here and pulling out a win like this, this is a statement game for our kids," said Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers, whose team led 20-0 at intermission.

In his first varsity start at center, sophomore Allen was among those stepper-uppers. Usual starter Logan Olshawsky sustained a knee injury the previous week toward the end of the Princes' 48-19 victory over Knoxville. Olshawsky is expected to return, although Carruthers wasn't sure when.

Allen snapped for one play against Knoxville, on a two-point conversion. That helped him acclimate a little to varsity action, he said. But on the opening drive against R-W, a bad snap resulted in a 12-yard Princeville loss.

"After that, I felt a lot more comfortable," Allen said.

So did Williams, who passed for 178 yards.

"I was a little nervous without Logan this week," Williams said about his fellow senior. "He takes a lot off my chest and makes a lot of pass calls. I think Cayden Allen did a great job."

Princeville established itself following the first R-W drive, which ended with a lost fumble at the Princeville 16. Williams passed on eight of the ensuing nine plays, including a 6-yard touchdown to Brady Day with 9.1 seconds remaining in the quarter. The drive featured a 41-yard completion to Day.

Another R-W lost fumble, this one at midfield early in the second period, led to another Williams TD pass, this one for 17 yards to Jett Benningfield. With 10.6 seconds left in the half, they connected for another score, from 16 yards.

"We had a bad first half. Way too many mistakes," said R-W Coach Grant Gullstrand, whose team plays today (Sept. 27) at South Fulton.

R-W rebounded behind 12 second-half carries from senior Talan Hull.

He ran 14 yards midway through the third quarter for the first R-W score, then caught an 11-yard pass from Drake DeJaynes at 9:50 of the fourth to cut Princeville's lead to one TD.

But on the next R-W drive, a penalty negated a 40-plus-yard Hull gain, then Princeville defender Hunter Johnson recovered a fumble. Seven plays later, with 3:24 remaining, Williams found Day in the end zone again to put the game out of the Cougars' reach.

Princeville travels today to Monmouth United.

Through four games, Williams has completed 41 of 66 passes for 660 yards, 12 touchdowns and two interceptions. Johnson leads with 13 catches for 273 yards and four scores. Jack Lied is leading rusher, with 211 yards and three scores.

—Nick Vlahos

• Elsewhere – Rushville-Industry (3-1, 3-1) broke open a tight game with two scores in the fourth quarter and made all its conversion attempts, while Abingdon-Avon missed three in a 40-26 decision. R-I had three runners over 98 yards, Brady Downs (105 yards, two TDs), Ryan Reimolds (104, two TDs) and Jordan McGinnis 98, 1 TD). ... Annawan-Wethersfield (2-2, 2-2) led 35-0 at halftime in its 42-6 win over Monmouth United (0-4, 0-3). Devon Horrie ran for over 100 yards for the Titans, who also got two passing TDs from quarterback Maddox Heitzler. "We finally played with some violence, trusted our keys and played fast," A-W Coach Tony Gripp told the Kewanee Voice. "We still have everything to play for. We have to win to make the playoffs and we have to win to give our guys more opportunities to play that got injured early in the year." ... Illini West (1-3) topped South Fulton 44-20 for its first win of the season. Illini West led 30-8 at halftime. South Fulton got 119 rushing yards and three touchdowns from Avery Fawcett on nine carries.

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Stark County 33				Scoring Summary			
Havana 13				First Quarter			
Stark County	7	0	13	13	-	33	WC - 9 run (conversion good)
Havana	7	6	0	0	-	13	G - Stahl 75 pass from Hurd (conversion good)
Scoring Summary				Second Quarter			
First Quarter				WC - 10 run (conversion good)			
SC - Orwig 24 run (Frihetsli kick)				Second Quarter			
Second Quarter				WC - 35 run (conversion failed)			
H - Brooks 14 pass from Olson (Turner kick)				WC - 1 run (conversion failed)			
Third Quarter				WC - Interception return (conversion good)			
SC - Orwig 48 run (pass failed)				G - Funke 6 pass from Stahl (conversion failed)			
H - Shaw fumble recovery in end zone (kick failed)				WC - 19 pass (conversion good)			
SC - Orwig 15 run (Frihetsli kick)				Third Quarter			
Fourth Quarter				WC - 5 run (conversion good)			
SC - Barnwell 37 pass from Steelman (Frihetsli kick)				Fourth Quarter			
SC - Holmstrom 45 run (kick failed)				WC - 5 run (conversion good)			
Team Statistics				G - Stahl 14 pass from Hurd (conversion failed)			
	SC	H			SC	WC	
First downs	17	15		First downs	11	23	
Rushes-Yds	35-252	37-125		Rushes-yds	18-47	42-386	
Yds per carry	7.2	3.4		Yds per carry	2.6	9.2	
Comp-Att-Int	4-11-0	13-22-2		Comp-Att-Int	17-34-1	1-4-1	
Passing yds	93	94		Passing yds	204	19	
Fumbles-lost	4-2	4-2		Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1	
Punts-yds	1-35	2-77		Penalties	6-35	2-5	
Individual Statistics				Individual Statistics			
Rushing - SC: Orwig 15-145, Holmstrom 1-45, Steelman 14-36, Barnwell 5-26. H: Green 21-73, Olson 12-57, Foster 3-1, Brooks 1(-6).				Rushing - G: Hurd 13-32, Stahl 1-6, Hulstrom 3-6, Herr 1-3.			
Passing - SC: Steelman 4-11-0 93. H: Olson 13-22-2 94.				Passing - G: Hurd 14-28-1 184, Stahl 2-5-0 12, Gustafson 1-1-0 8.			
Receiving - SC: Barnwell 1-37, Saner 2-35, Orwig 1-21. H: Brooks 8-65, Oatman 3-17, Foster 1-9, Green 2-3.				Receiving - G: Stahl 6-120, J.Smith 3-37, Funke 4-32, Hulstrom 2-9, Gustafson 2-6.			
Tackles - SC: Holmstrom 10, Gillespie 9. H: BURGESS 7, Green 5.				Tackles - G: Stahl 10, Funke 7, Hurd 6, Hudson 6.			
West Central 56, Galva 20				Princeville 26			
Galva	8	6	0	6	-	26	Princeville 7 13 0 6 - 26
West Central	16	26	8	6	-	56	ROWVA-Will. 0 0 7 7 - 14
Scoring Summary							

LincolnLand - Large				LincolnLand - Small					
Overall		Conf		Overall		Conf			
W	L	W	L	W	L	W	L		
Macomb	4	0	4	0	Stark County	4	0	4	0
Elmwood-Brim.	4	0	3	0	Princeville	4	0	3	0
Farmington	4	0	3	0	Rushville-Industry	3	1	3	1
Bureau Valley	2	2	1	1	ROWVA-Willmsfld	3	1	2	1
Knoxville	1	3	1	2	Annawan-Weth.	2	2	2	2
Illini West	1	3	0	3	Abingdon-Avon	1	3	1	3
West Hancock	0	4	0	3	Havana	1	3	1	3
LVC	0	4	0	3	United	0	4	0	3
Last Week				Last Week					
Elmwood-Brim. 60, St. Teresa 29				Princeville 26, ROWVA-Will 14					
Farmington 54, Bureau Valley 6				Stark County 33, Havana 13					
Macomb 48, West Hancock 22				Annawan-Wethersfield 42, United 8					
Knoxville 49, LVC 18				Rushville-Ind. 40, Abingdon-Avon 32					
Illini West 44, South Fulton 20				Illini West 44, South Fulton 20					
Friday, Sept. 27				Friday, Sept. 27					
Farmington at Elmwood-Brim, 7 pm				Princeville at United, 7 pm					
Stark County at W. Hancock, 7 pm				Stark County at W. Hancock, 7 pm					
Knoxville at Bureau Valley, 7 pm				Abingdon-A. at Annawan-Weth., 7 pm					
Breese Mater Dei at Macomb, 7 pm				ROWVA-Will. at South Fulton, 7 pm					
Saturday, Sept. 28				Havana at Rushville-Industry, 7 pm					
Illini West at LVC, 2 pm									
First Quarter				First Quarter					
P - Day 6 pass from Williams (Athen kick)				Yds per carry 1.5 2.5					
Second Quarter				Comp-Att-Int 16-24-1 5-11-0					
P - Benningfield 17 pass from Williams (Athen kick)				Passing yds 178 67					
P - Benningfield 16 pass from Williams (kick blocked)				Individual Statistics					
Third Quarter				Rushing - P: Christianson 7-21, Geiger 8-18, Williams 6-(minus-7). R-W: Hull 16-75, Cordle 17-74, Schroeder 1-1, Traphagan 1-(minus-4), DeJaynes 11-(minus-43).					
R-W - Hull 14 run (Miller kick)				Passing - P: Williams 16-24-1 178.					
Fourth Quarter				R-W: DeJaynes 5-10-0 67, Hull 0-1-0 0.					
R-W - Hull 11 pass from DeJaynes (Miller kick)				Receiving - P: Day 3-53, Blunier 5-49, Benningfield 5-41, Johnson 3-35.					
P - Day 6 pass from Williams (pass failed)				R-W: Traphagan 1-28, Hull 3-27, Cordle 1-12.					
Team Statistics				Tackles - P: Sarnes 13.					
P		RW		P		RW			
Rushes-yds	21-32	Rushes-yds	46-103						

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Late scores lift Rebels

Stark County tops Havana 33-13 to stay unbeaten

By The Prairie News

WYOMING – Stark County football shook off whatever was ailing it in the first half last week. And for part of the second half, for that matter.

The Rebels had three consecutive touchdowns against Havana to break a late third-quarter tie on the way to a 33-13 victory Sept. 20 at Gary Johnson Field. Nolan Orwig ran for three touchdowns and 145 yards.

Ranked No. 6 in the latest AP Class 1A poll, Stark County remained undefeated in four games overall and in the LincolnLand Conference small-school division. The Rebels face a 125-mile, two-plus-hour journey tonight (Sept. 27) to Warsaw to play pass-happy West Hancock in a league-crossover game.

“We know they’re going to throw it around a ton,” Stark County Coach Jade Noard said. “Not only does it take forever to get down there, the game’s going to take forever, too. We’ll be back sometime Saturday.”

If that game ends like the one the previous week did for Stark County, the trip will be worth the effort. Noard probably will be happier if the start this time is a little different, however.

Orwig scored with 7:05 left in the first quarter for Stark County, but Carter Brooks’ 14-yard reception from Kaden Olson with 1:56 remaining in the half allowed Havana (1-3, 1-3) to tie it headed into the break.

Something was amiss with the Rebels,

according to Noard, who couldn’t quite put his finger on it.

“Offensively, we were just out of sorts,” he said. “They did some things to us, but we were out of sorts until we got to re-group at halftime. ... We kind of caught our breath, got our feet back underneath us and did some things that we have confidence in and do well.”

“They’re not a pushover anymore, for sure,” Noard said about Havana. “If you’re not ready to go, they’re going to hurt you. I thought the way we started, it seemed like we were focused in. But we hit a lull all of the second quarter offensively.”

The teams traded touchdowns in the opening minutes of the third period. Stark County allowed a big gain following a kickoff return that led to Havana tying things again, 13-13.

“But after that, I feel like we controlled the rest of the game,” Noard said.

Orwig’s 15-yard scoring run with 48 seconds left in the third quarter gave Stark County a lasting lead. Chris Barnwell returned from injury to catch a 37-yard Dillon Steelman pass for a score with 7:29 left in the game, and Chase Holmstrom’s 45-yard run at 2:12 capped it. That was his only carry of the game.

Barnwell also had key blocks on Orwig’s first and third touchdown runs, according to Noard.

—Nick Vlahos

West Central 56, Galva 20

BIGGSVILLE – Adding four athletic
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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.

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