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Turbine talk

Group asks Princeville to regulate wind turbines

By NICK VLAHOS
For The Prairie News

PRINCEVILLE – Opponents of two proposed wind-energy installations in Peoria County are taking their cause to local municipal boards. In Princeville, they might have some support.

Representatives of No to Peoria County Windmills attended the Princeville Village Board meeting Monday night. They asked the board to consider adopting an ordinance that regulates wind turbines within village zoning jurisdictions. Zoning authority extends 1½ miles beyond village limits.

The proposed Four Creeks and Gold-rush Apple wind farms might feature dozens of wind turbines on farmland in northern and western Peoria County. Developers are expected to ask county officials next year for zoning variances to accommodate their projects.

Boards in Brimfield, Dunlap and Elmwood are among those the grassroots no-windmills group is beseech-

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STARK HOMECOMING WEEK



Pictured above in last week's Stark County High School Homecoming Parade in Wyoming are (left to right) Homecoming Queen Alexis Martinez, Crown Bearer Elaina Berchtold, Homecoming King Chris Barnwell and Crown Bearer Coleson Knowles.

At right, Stark County School administrators dressed up for the parade, whose theme was Out of This World. Photos by John A. Ballentine.



Stark Co. board OKs coffee shop

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County Board of Supervisors gave the green light to a new West Jersey business Tuesday night.

The board approved a rezoning permit for a coffee shop with a drive-through window that was requested by TLS Investments, LLC. The zoning change was previously approved by Stark's Zoning Board of Appeals and Zoning board Planning Commission, shifting the West Jersey property from residential to commercial.

TLS is owned by Tarrah Sornberger of Williamsfield. She purchased the former Larry Bantz prop-

erty on Illinois Route 78 from West Jersey Township and will construct a 32-by-50-foot building on that land for a storage unit and to serve as the coffee business. An alley just west and adjacent to the property will become a one-way thoroughfare, designated as such by the township.

In his report, Stark County Sheriff Steven Sloan told the board he has an ongoing problem with the police union's attorney. Sloan said the attorney will not respond to numerous requests by Sloan or Stark's police union president about negotiating a new contract.

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Galva City Council approves construction of new crematory

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – The Galva Council approved a bid opening for a new business, discussed water penalties and increased cemetery fees 25% at the Galva Cemetery at Monday night's meeting.

The council opened the only bid on a city-owned cement slab for \$1,001 from Zack Thompson. Thompson said he plans to build a building on the slab and will have a crematory for humans only at this time.

He said he might ad pets in the future.

He noted that there is only one crematory in Henry County at this time.

Someone asked if there would be any smell associated with this and he said

"no".

He said that only heat will come out of the stack. It will be computer regulated.

Construction will begin in one month according to Thompson. The council put a stipulation in their motion that construction must begin within a year. The slab is west of the the city-owned building that is north of the semi parking lot.

The council again discussed water penalty fees. City Clerk Debbie Van Wassenhove said there are about 44 water users who are slow to pay until the city puts tags on their doors. This takes a lot of time for city employees. If a bill is not paid on the sixth day after the tag is put on a door, city employees go back to the residence and shuts off the water.

Once water is shut off, a resident must pay their bill in full or make arrangements and must also pay an additional \$50 the first time and \$100 every time after that to get their water back on.

Superintendent Greg Thompson said turning the water valves wears them out and then they need to be replaced, which costs the city \$500 to \$1,000 apiece.

The city heard from a neighboring town which is moving away from the tags and several aldermen thought it would be a good idea for Galva to do away with the tags, also. But water penalties were tabled with no action.

The council approved raising cemetery fees 25%. This includes grave openings

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Pictured above (left to right) are Will Thomson and Kevin Thomson from Dixline Corporation and Galva Mayor Rich Volkert, who presented them with a proclamation celebrating the five-generation family business being in Galva for 100 years. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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GALVA: Cemetery fees to increase 25%

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and the purchase of plots which will go in effect May 1. People can still buy plots before then at the current price of \$1,000 per space.

The council also approved a consumer price increase each May 1.

The Galva Cemetery is losing money, according to City Administrator David Dyer. He said it takes in about \$42,000 a year and expenses

are about \$74,000. He said increased fees will help with the deficit.

Police Chief Kraig Townsend reported that he had received a grant for \$13,000 for five new tasers for the police department. Townsend also requested that residents do not rake their leaves into the streets or burn them in the streets. Burning is allowed in your yard on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from dawn to

dusk unless it is windy.

It was reported that six roll-off containers were filled for fall clean-up last week and eight were filled in the spring. This is the first year the city has done a fall clean-up.

There will be one more yard waste pick-up requiring stickers on the bags on Oct. 21 and then a free one will be announced for a date in November.

COUNTY BOARD: All bridges to be inspected

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As a result, Sloan said he cannot present his budget without the union's contract cost to the county.

Therefore, the county budget remains incomplete. A final budget is due by the end of November.

In other business, the board heard that the front doors of the Stark County Courthouse are scheduled

to be replaced in the near future.

County Engineer Judd Giffin reported that all Stark County bridges will be inspected and that the Illinois Department of Transportation will audit the county's bridge records, plus complete a field audit of the bridges.

Giffins said sealcoat work will be bid for the county roads and he continues to investigate options for a new Highway Department maintenance building.

Related to the new highway building, the county board tabled action again on acquiring property for a county building.

Giffin also reported that he will obtain "bids for a surveyor to conduct a property survey of the county highway department property." On Aug. 13, Phil St. John said during the county board meeting that the northernmost highway department

building extends 1.4 feet onto his property. St. John said this has been the case for approximately three to four years. St. John said he had Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, Inc. of Galesburg survey his property to determine the location of property lines.

Giffin said at that meeting the highway department will move the building if it is on St. John's property. But Giffin said the county will first conduct its own survey.

In his Sept. 10 report to the county board, Giffin wrote that Wallace Land Surveying of Toulon would conduct the survey. The Prairie News called Giffin on Sept. 16 to say that this could possibly be a conflict of interest for Giffin, since he is both a co-owner of Wallace Land Surveying and a county employee.

At Tuesday's meeting, Giffin said it would not

have been a conflict of interest according to people he has spoken with, but added that he will bid the survey out to other companies.

The board approved the appointment of Janelle Down to the health board to replace Dr. Timothy Haas, who resigned in May 2020. This appointment will be a term of 20 months expiring on May 31, 2026.

Also, a resolution appointing Jay Iliff to the Stark County Board of Review was approved. Iliff replaces Steve Jackson who resigned because he moved out of the county. The term of this appointment is one year and expires on Oct. 8, 2025.

Finally, board member Tom Howes will contact Toulon Legion member Sam Rice about repairs to an artillery rifle that will be conducted by Robert Rouse.

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Traffic Citations

9-11 - Marguerite I. Ashwood - Suspended registration.
9-14 - Jennifer L. Moody - Uninsured vehicle, expired registration, failure to yield on private drive and improper traffic lane usage.
9-14 - Amanda L. Hight - No valid registration.
9-24 - Hannah L. Houchin - No valid registration.
9-25 - Reeve L. Winkler - Disregard stop sign.
9-25 - Marselle A. Dunn - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-1 - Braden M. Clark - No valid registration, uninsured vehicle and seatbelt required.
10-3 - Amy Frank - Uninsured vehicle and no valid registration.
10-4 - Cassidy J. Baxter - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-4 - James A. Buehl - Driving 11-14 mph above limit.
10-5 - Davarea D. Loggins - Suspended registration, uninsured vehicle.
10-5 - Jose M. Carcamu Guerara - Unlicensed and smoked/tinted lens.

Incidents & Accidents Stark County

9-12 - Dustin L. Wood, 35, Camp Grove, ticketed for disobeying a stop sign, improper lane usage, illegal transportation of alcohol, failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, driving on a suspended or revoked license, operating an uninsured vehicle, leaving the scene of an accident with damage and possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle. He was released with a court date to appear.
9-29 - Karl E. Griffin, 58, Peoria, cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone.
10-1 - Renee M. Rose, 22, Kewanee, cited for driving while her license was suspended. She was issued a court date to appear.
10-1 - Bui A. Dinh, 22, Peoria, cited for speeding 81 mph in a 55 zone.
10-4 - A Toulon resident reported a possible theft.
10-4 - A battery was reported and investigated in the 100 block of N. Peoria St.
10-4 - Margarita Duarte, 50, Kewanee, ticketed for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone and operating an uninsured vehicle. She was issued a court date.
10-5 - Ian Potter, 35, of Wyoming was involved in a single-vehicle accident on 1120 E. Road, rural Wyoming. The wrecked vehicle was discovered by Stark County Deputy William Dorn at 1:53 a.m. in a ditch with extensive damage.
 Potter later reported to the Stark County Sheriff's Office that he had

been driving the vehicle. According to the accident report, the vehicle was traveling south when it left the roadway on the east side and traveled a few hundred feet before striking a utility pole. The vehicle continued forward for 77 feet before stopping.
 Potter was cited for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, leaving the scene of a property-damage accident and failure to report the crash to authorities at the time of the accident. He was released with a court date to appear.

10-6 - Jason S. Jackson, 49, Bradford, cited for driving with suspended registration and for operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:
9-30 - to the 00 block of SE 3rd St. for a loose dog complaint. Officer contacted an owner, who put the dog back inside the residence.
9-30 - to assist the ambulance on NW 6th St. with a subject who fell against a door, which made it difficult to access him. Officer was able to remove the door and gain access.
9-30 - to the 200 block of SW 7th St. to view messages on a cellular device that were received and mentioned suicidal thoughts. The juvenile offender was located in Kewanee and taken by ambulance for treatment / evaluation.

10-1 - to multiple complaints in the SW part of town about a female screaming and walking around the area. Officer located the subject, who appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis.

10-1 - A 16-year-old Galva juvenile was cited for speeding in the 1200 block of James B. Young Rd.

10-2 - to locate a juvenile who left home on a bicycle after being sent home from school. Officer located the juvenile downtown and followed him home to a waiting parent.

10-2 - to assist the Henry County Housing Authority locate and serve banning letters to three Galva residents.

10-2 - to a few residences after school-aged kids threw toilet paper into trees. No enforcement action was taken.

10-2 - to the 800 block of NE 3rd St. for a domestic disturbance involving a juvenile.

10-3 - to a residence on SE 4th St. for a suicidal subject who had realized they had been scammed. The subject was transported by ambulance for evaluation / treatment.

10-3 - to Hayes Road just west of town for a subject acting irrationally. The subject appeared to be suffering from a mental-health crisis. A family member came out and took the sub-

ject back home.

10-3 - to the 700 block of SW 4th St. for a battery complaint.

10-3 - to the 600 block of SW 4th St. for a juvenile mischief complaint. Several subjects were found to be throwing toilet paper. No enforcement action was taken.

10-3 - Makayla Alldredge, 26, Galva, was issued citations for operating an uninsured vehicle and not having valid registration.

10-4 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a loose-dog complaint. Owner was spoken to and warned about the Illinois leash law.

10-4 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a complaint involving a juvenile possessing a vaping device.

10-4 - to the 200 block of Morgan Rd. for a two-vehicle accident with damage only. As the result, Timothy Meier, 58, Galva, was cited for operating an uninsured vehicle.

10-4 - While patrolling, officer located a disabled vehicle with a flat tire on Main Street and assisted with changing the tire.

10-5 - to the 00 block of SE 2nd Ave. for a forgery complaint. It was determined to be a civil matter.

10-5 - to the 300 block of SE 5th St. for a reckless driving complaint.

10-5 - to the 00 block of Morgan Rd. for a disturbance complaint.

10-5 - to the 300 block of County Highway 5 for a 911-open-line complaint. It was a two-vehicle accident with air-bag deployment. Henry County handled a crash report.

10-6 - to a residence on NE 3rd Street for a report that an 8-year-old had attempted suicide by cutting their throat with a box cutter.

Property Transfers

9-30 - JK Mickley Properties, LLC Series 4 to First Schott Estates, LLC - Original Town of Toulon - Pt. Block 7 Lots 7 and 10 - 107 W. Main St., Toulon - Consideration = \$42,500.

10-1 - Marcella I. Fritch to Chase R. Rosenblad and Sara N. Smith - Wm F. Thomas Add'n - Block 3 Lot 4 - 307 W. Thomas St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$47,000.

10-1 - Fannie Mae Federal National Mortgage Association to Lori Lombera - Original Town of Wyoming - Pt. Block 7 Lots 4 and 5 - 211 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$75,000.

10-4 - Clyde C. Cade to Garry and Randy T. Cade - Pt Sect. 11-14-7 NE - 16704 Lombardville Rd., Bradford - Consideration = \$0.

10-4 - Chase and Teresa J. Anderson to Iliff Veterinary & Consulting PLLC - Original Town of Wyoming - Block 3 Lots 1 - 10 - 611 W. Williams St., Wyoming - Consideration = \$57,500.



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 Thank you!
 Galva Cemetery Board

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GUEST VOICES



A tough 2024 gets tougher for farmers

A late-September, 200-mile drive through the sunny center of northern and central Illinois revealed blue sky, yellowing fields and not one roaring red, green or silver combine gathering in any of the anticipated abundant crops.

“We’re a solid 10 days from corn harvest,” a central Illinois farmer related in conversation later that day. “Delayed planting and a wet May put everything back.”

An early-week moisture test on his corn showed “27, 28%, so we’ll wait.”

And for good reason. With local cash corn prices hovering in the \$3.80-per-bushel area, few need a hefty grain-drying bill to bite into already-pinched profits. Thus the standing corn sunny mile after sunny mile: It’s old-school drying in the field.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture agrees with the waiting farmers. Its September World Agricultural Supply and Demand Estimates ratcheted anticipated 2024-25 average corn price down a dime to \$4.10 per bushel, or about 75 cents per bushel less than 2023’s season average.

For this year’s estimated 15.2-billion bushel crop, the forecasted year-to-year drop means 2024’s crop will generate an estimated \$11.4 billion less in gross farm income. That’s a hard hit to the wallet.

The outlook is equally tough for Midwest farmers’ other top crop, soybeans. Central Illinois cash prices hover in the \$10-per-bushel range, a solid \$2 under June prices just three hopeful months ago. That, too, will cut into 2024-25 gross income.

According to USDA’s September price forecast, farmers can anticipate an average price of \$10.80 per bushel this coming year, or \$1.70 per bushel less than the 2023-24 soybean crop. If that estimate holds – and nothing on the horizon suggests it won’t – collective gross receipts for American soybean growers will drop by \$7.5 billion this year over last.

None of these headed-south prices, however, will bring lower food prices. In late August, USDA estimated “prices for all food are predicted to increase 2.3%” in 2024 and 2% in 2025. The biggest increase will be in “food-away-from-home ... predicted to increase 4.1%.”

The building gloom in today’s ag commodity markets – wheat, barley, oats and cotton farmers all face increased production and decreased prices – has caught the attention of a long-distracted Congress. Two Republican senators recently said they are interested in adding a request for some level of “ad-hoc relief” to must-pass legislation yet this fall.

In early September, the USDA stoked the move by noting the 2024 net income forecast will again drop, this time from \$146.5 billion in 2023 to \$140 billion this year. That modest 4.4% drop, however, comes

on the heels of 19.5% plunge in 2023.

Moreover, the University of Missouri’s Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute predicts the two-year tumble will carry into 2025 when, it noted in mid-September, net farm income will drop to \$129 billion “before a modest recovery in 2026.”

Today’s falling grain prices, falling net farm income and falling farm spirit, however, have combined to reignite Congress’ waning interest in completing the long-delayed 2024 – 2025? – Farm Bill.

Although disagreements over proposed House cuts to food aid, USDA’s green-energy programs and current conservation spending all remain unresolved, the current push centers on raising “reference prices,” the mechanism that triggers crop-insurance subsidies – the Farm Bill’s main income-support element.

Private reports suggest that Republicans hope to raise the reference prices “15%+ ... while (Debbie) Stabenow,” the Democratic Senate Ag Committee boss, “suggests 5%.”

That points to a likely split-the-difference, 10% deal, right?

Sure, but what’s likely in any harvest season is most unlikely in any election season.

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TOTAL ACRES: 79.5
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 77.68
PI: 122.8

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FOR SALE - Online Auction

Location: South of West Jersey, IL 1 mile than East on 200N. The farm is 1 mile on the North side.
TOTAL ACRES: 165.64
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 152.29
PI: 134

EAST AND WEST TRACTS

TOTAL ACRES:	East: 59	West: 107
FSA TILLABLE ACRES:	East: 50.61	West: 101.68
PI:	East: 135.7	West: 133.1

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LEASE: Farm is under Cash Rent until Nov. 1, 2026.
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BRIEFS

Live fiddle concert at Toulon library Oct. 19

TOULON – The Stark County Genealogical Society will present The Music of Our Ancestors with Cluck Old Hen performing old-time fiddle tunes and foot-stomping music on Oct. 19 at 1:30 p.m. at Toulon Public Library.

Cluck Old Hen hails from the greater Peoria area and plays music on mountain dulcimers, guitar, recorder and bass. Group member Lynn Furness, who grew up in Wyoming, and has lived her adult life in Peoria, will give a history of these instruments.

The program, to be held in the library's community room, is free, and the public is always welcome.

Galva's Angel Babies walk is Saturday

GALVA – The second Walk for Angel Babies will be held Oct. 19 at Veteran's Park, Front Street Galva and across the street in the Crescent City Tap banquet room.

The walk will be from 2-3 p.m. at the park. Monetary donations will be accepted for the walk. Participants do not have to walk a full hour, but can walk however long they are comfortable walking.

A live auction, bake sale and 50/50 will be held across the street at the



Jan and Gale Clark of 308 SE 6th St. received the October Property Pride award from the Galva Ready to Grow committee. The Clarks have lived in the home for 11 years after moving from their farmhouse into Galva. Gale still farms part-time and Jan is retired. They both work in their yard. The couple have twogrown children and five grandchildren. They are life-long Galva residents and both graduated from Galva High School. Photo by Carol Townsend.

banquet room starting at 2 p.m., with Auctioneer Travis Spivey starting the live auction at 3:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the walk will be used to towards stillbirth, pregnancy and infant loss awareness. The walk is also a fundraiser for The Rorie Mae Foundation, a local, donation-supported 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that provides financial and emotional support for families.

For more information visit the Facebook page at Walk for Angel Babies or call (309) 883-2896.

Et cetera

GALVA – The 43rd annual Beta Sigma Phi Craft Show will be held Oct. 19 at Galva High School from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Vendors will be inside and outside the school. There is a \$2 admission charge

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FOR SALE - Online Auction

Location: Bureau County, approx. 7 miles East of Kewanee, IL on the South side of Kentville Rd or approx. 9 miles Northwest of Bradford, IL.
TOTAL ACRES: 77.8
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: 72.52
PI: 136

Location: Peoria County, 1/2 a mile North of Princeville, then East on Streitmatter Rd, located on the North side of the road.
TOTAL ACRES: North: 104; South: 105
FSA TILLABLE ACRES: North: 98.05; South: 99.77
PI: North: 107.4; South: 111.3
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5 Years Ago in 2019

- Lampe Publications LLC of Elmwood purchased The Prairie News.
- The Rock Island Trail re-opened after being partially closed in 2017 due to flood-triggered erosion just east of the Spoon River Bridge at mile 22.
- Plans are unveiled for major renovations to Stark County schools. Three proposals are submitted and include renovations to the high school and junior high buildings.
- 10 Years Ago in 2014**
- A committee discussed naming the Stark County High School gymnasium after former educator Glenn Buchert. It was approved to be so named.
- The Toulon Congregational Church congregation rededicated its church building for its 100th year of existence.
- The St. Timothy Lutheran Church, south of Bradford, displayed 66 quilts to be sent around the world to needy people.
- The Wyoming First Congregational Church celebrated the 100th anniversary of its organ. Gary Black performed an organ concert.
- Toulon plans to rebuild the fire-demolished

- grocery store on Main Street with a new building.
- Toulon discussed forming a civic association after failed attempts to form a Chamber of Commerce.
- 25 Years Ago in 1999**
- Kim Wallace-Becker Day is held to honor her dream of making the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team. She was ranked No. 5 among U.S. women pole vaulters.
- Bradford's Boyd Grove United Methodist Church was featured in the U.S. Farm Report and on Chicago's WGN-TV station. It was established in 1851 in Milo Township, east of Bradford.
- Construction begins on a new St. Dominic's Catholic Church Parish Hall in Wyoming.
- The Stark County Rebels clinched the Lincoln Trail Conference East championship, going 5-0 in conference play.
- 35 Years Ago in 1989**
- A Stark County School consolidation was discussed and a Committee of 10 was formed. The measure became a reality in 1992 when Wyoming and Toulon-LaFayette High Schools merged to form the Stark County High School.
- Bryton Technology,

- Inc. moves to the east side of Toulon.
- Body Shaping opened its doors, in Toulon. It was owned and operated by Cindy Lahr.
- Swedman Pharmacy in Toulon closes due to several factors cited, including a shortage of licensed pharmacists.
- 40 Years Ago in 1984**
- No newspaper was published in Stark County between mid-1984 to 1987.
- 50 Years Ago in 1974**
- The Rev. Porter E. Wright accepted a position at the Toulon Congregational Church. He was the congregational minister of Stoutsville, Ohio.
- The Toulon Women's Club celebrated its 96th anniversary.
- The Toulon-LaFayette High School Trojan football team beat Bradford 24-0 during Toulon-LaFayette's Homecoming game.
- Illinois Governor Dan Walker visited Stark County. He was later indicted and pleaded guilty to bank fraud of \$1.4 million in bank loans.
- Stark County Sheriff Kenneth Dison and Deputy Pat Horrie burned six months' worth of confiscated cannabis.



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Pictured above (left to right) are team members of the Jeff Goard Pottery Building in Bishop Hill. Jeff Anderson (pottery), Judy Middleton (bookkeeper), Sherry Wood (pottery) and Jeff Goard (shop owner). Photo by Carol Townsend.

Pottery fest Oct. 12

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News
BISHOP HILL – The Jeff Goard Pottery Building, located at 204 Johnson St., will host a Pottery Festival this Saturday, Oct. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event, which will be on the north side of Bishop Hill Park next to the shop, is sponsored by the Bishop Hill Heritage Association, CSB, J. Goard Pottery and Special Kneads Bakery. Goard has expanded to another building next to P.L. Johnson's with a teaching room in which classes are given.

Goard said he has been asked for years about classes, and now that a building became available, classes have begun. He has six wheels in the building and four teachers are available to assist would-be potters. There will be demonstration and vending booths Saturday in the park. In addition to pottery, other forms of art will be on display, including basketry, woods, stained glass, jewelry and more. Baked goods will also be available at the Special Kneads Bakery tent.



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OBITUARIES

Willard F. Harlan

PRINCEVILLE – Willard F. Harlan, 83, of Princeville, passed away at 9:05 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, 2024, at the Arc of Chillicothe. Born on Aug. 7, 1941, in Princeville, he was the son of the late Wilbert W. and Lavonia M. (Barrett) Harlan. On June 7, 1969, he married Judith Ann Golden at the First Christian Church in Kewanee; she survives.



Harlan

Further surviving is a daughter, Valerie (Steven) Cole of Princeville; five grandchildren, Dustin (Nikki Minton) Cole, Kaitlyn Cole, Ashlyn (Ben) Cole-Senders, Jordan Gibson and Izaiah Cole; nine great-grandchildren, Lizlynn, Erin and Olivia Cole, Wren, Wolfric, Leo, Magnus and Lillyonna Senders, and Merrick Serven; an honorary grandchild, Makaia Minton; and three siblings, Robert (Diane) Harlan of Chillicothe, Helen Harlan of Wyoming and Ralph Harlan of Wyoming. He is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. He was also preceded in death by three sisters, Sally (Roy) Taylor, Patsy (Tracy Porter and William) Hockenberry and Joanne (Donald) Lempke; and a brother, Donald (Beth) Harlan.

Willard was a lifelong farmer who enjoyed woodworking, gardening and reading magazines.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2024, at the Kickapoo Sportsman's Club at 1 p.m. Haskell Funeral and Cremation Services in Princeville is assisting with arrangements.

To leave condolences for Willard's family, please visit www.haskellfuneral.com.

Sam M. Hodgett

SHEFFIELD – Sam M. Hodgett, 88, passed away peacefully on Oct. 3, 2024, at his home in rural Sheffield, Ill., with his daughters by his side. Sam was born on May 11, 1936, to George and Helen (Spears) Hodgett in rural Mineral and graduated from Mineral High School in 1954. Sam married the love of his life, Sandra (Gingrich) Hodgett, on Oct. 14, 1956, and they raised daughters Denise, Jeanette, Jill and Christine.



Hodgett

Sam liked to tell people he lived three different lives – as a farmer, a musician and a harness horse race driver.

Sam and Sandra farmed in Bureau County for over 50 years where he taught his daughters that there was nothing more satisfying than looking back with pride at a clean field of soybeans after the family had walked the entire field, ridding it of weeds.

When not in the field, Sam also worked at the Mineral Elevator and the Kewanee Sale Barn.

Sam was also an accomplished musician, playing trumpet and singing in dance bands from the age of 11 with his grandfather's family band, then with the Melody Five, and finally with Sandra as The Hodgetts. Sam and Sandra played for many dances and special occasions throughout Illinois and the Fort Myers, Fla., area and always took the opportunity to take to the dance floor whenever they weren't the band playing that evening. When raising their daughters and later with their grandchildren, many nights and holidays would be spent in the music room in their home where the whole family would be playing and singing music.

Sam drove in almost 2,000 harness horse races at Illinois and Iowa county fairs, at the Illinois State Fair and at parimutuel tracks throughout Illinois – most frequently at the Quad City Downs in East Moline. He drove his last horse race at the Whiteside County Fair in 2005, and then had the honor of driving the starting car at many Illinois fair races for his good friend, Bob Groter.

Sam was a member of the Church of Peace in rural Kewanee, Bureau County Farm Bureau, United States Trotting Association and the Illinois Harness Horsemen's Association. He also served his community as a member of the Illinois National Guard, the Mineral Township Board and the Bureau County Fair Board.

Sam is survived by his daughters Denise Hodgett of Sheffield, Jeanette Cromien of Galva, Jill Marshall of Petersburg, Ill., and Christine (Shannon) Bumann of Woodhull; grandchildren Maria (Sandy) Dimmer of Decorah, Iowa, and Jack Bumann, Thomas Bumann and William Bumann all of Woodhull; and one great-granddaughter, Pearl Dimmer of Decorah, Iowa. Sam is also survived by his brother Jim Hodgett of Champaign, sister Sharon Hodgett of Ashland, Ore., sister-in-law Debbie Hodgett of Geneseo, sister-in-law Carol (Mike) Bingaman of Ottumwa, Iowa, and many nieces, nephews and other close relatives.

Preceding Sam in death are his beloved wife, Sandra; parents George and Helen; brother Gary Hodgett; sister-in-law Linda Hodgett; brother-in-law Michael Brewer; son-in-law David Marshall; and his precious grandson Benjamin Cromien.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 14, 2024, followed by a memorial service at 6 p.m., both at the Church of Peace in rural Kewanee. This date was chosen as it would have been Sam and Sandra's 68th wedding anniversary. Pastor Andrew Christman will officiate. Private burial will be in the Sheffield Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Galesburg OSF Home Health and Hospice or the Sheffield Rescue Unit. Please

leave an online condolence for Sam's family at www.golnickschuene-manfh.com.

Donald L. Morrissey

WYOMING – Donald L. Morrissey, 97, of Chillicothe, formerly of Wyoming, passed away at 2:17 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria.

Donald was born on Nov. 2, 1926, in Wyoming to parents John and Celia (Krall) Morrissey. He married Barbara J. (Wilson) Morrissey on Feb. 5, 1949, at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville. She preceded him in death on June 6, 2019.

Surviving are two sons, John Steven (Pam) Morrissey of Senoia, Miss., and Philip (Jill) Morrissey of Wyoming; one daughter, Ann (Steve) Jackson of Brownsburg, Ind.; one daughter-in-law, Nancy Morrissey; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; one son, Bob Morrissey; one granddaughter, Elizabeth Morrissey; one great-granddaughter, Scarlet Jackson; one sister, Norma Sands; and two brothers, James "Bud" Morrissey and John "Jack" Morrissey.

Don was a graduate of Wyoming High School and a military veteran, who served as staff sergeant in the U.S. Army. He was a lifelong farmer and was very active and involved in his community. He was a trustee for the Wyoming Fire Department, raised purebred Hampshire and Yorkshire hogs and served on the National Yorkshire Board, which is where his nickname of "Boss Hog" evolved.

He enjoyed dancing at The Hub Ballroom with his wife and also participated with the Caper Dance Club in Peoria. Don was honored to sing at weddings and funerals, and he cherished the friendships he made over the last several years at Evergreen Senior Living in Chillicothe. He especially adored his feline companion, Jamison. Don was a former member of St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church in Princeville and a current member at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming.

His funeral Mass was Oct. 5, 2024, at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Wyoming. Burial was in St. Dominic Catholic Cemetery in Wyoming.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Wyoming Fire Department or Wyoming American Legion Auxiliary Unit 91.

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OBITUARIES

Edward L. Smith

TOULON – Edward Leland Smith, known to all as “Ed,” passed away peacefully on Oct. 5, 2024, at the age of 75. Born on July 28, 1949, to Arthur Freeman (1900-1959) and Catherine Lanpher (1910-2002), Ed was a beloved husband, father, grandfather “Gpa,” brother, uncle and friend who left an unforgettable mark on everyone who knew him.



Smith

It didn't take a lot to make Ed happy in this life — an antique car show, a good meal out, a connection over conversation and an ice-cold Pepsi were among the simple things that brought him joy.

After graduating from East Peoria Community High School in 1969, Ed proudly served his country as a Medical Corpsman in the U.S. Navy. He was on active duty from 1969-71 and continued to serve in the reserves until 1974.

On Sept. 23, 1972, Ed married the love of his life, Marie Elaine Ritthaler. They recently celebrated 52 wonderful years together, a partnership filled with love, laughter and mutual support.

For his career, Ed worked on the assembly line at Caterpillar Inc. for 30 years, retiring in 2002.

Ed's mischievous spark of humor, his willingness to help anyone in need and his profound love for his family will be what people remember most about him.

Ed is survived by his wife Marie Ritthaler Smith; three daughters and their spouses Joy (Shannon) Duling, Shelly (Donald) Montgomery and Misty (Brant) Turnbull; six treasured grandchildren, Alyssa Watt,

Corbin Turnbull, Avery (Rayyan) Aldossary, MacKenzie (Robert) Siebert, Brooke Montgomery, and Khaiden Turnbull; his precious great-granddaughter, Jettlynn Turnbull; and honorary great-granddaughter Kaylynn Gerard; sisters Shirley Stewart, Frieda Dotson and Patricia Edwards; and brothers Gene Smith and Thomas Smith.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers David Smith, Wayne Smith, Ronald Smith and Marvin Smith; sisters Joan Norwood, Kathyleen Smith, Linda Horsley and Diane Belcher; and honorary grandson, Jeff Gerard.

In honor of Ed's wishes, there will be no formal funeral service. Instead, his family and friends will gather for a celebration of life to remember the good times and stories that made him who he was.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that any memorials be made to the East Peoria Community High School Moms Who Care Program, an organization that Ed has supported for many years.

Carolyn E. Tuttle

KEWANEE – Carolyn E. Tuttle, 79, of Kewanee, passed away Thursday, Oct. 3, 2024, at Betty's Garden Memory Care. Carolyn was born June 4, 1945, in Kewanee, the daughter of Leonard and Elizabeth (Cochran) Brooks. She attended and graduated from Toulon High School with the class of 1963.



Tuttle

Carolyn married Ken H. Tuttle on Aug. 10, 1963, in Toulon; he survives.

Carolyn is also survived by son, Dan (Julie) Tuttle, Kewanee; grandchildren, Sara (Jacob) Paxton and Cali Tuttle, Zachary (Alexandria)

Tuttle; and great-grandchildren, Lexi Inman, Wyatt Paxton, Jayden Tuttle, Elliana Tuttle and Dawson Tuttle; nephews, Bobby Brooks, Everett, Wash., Kevin and Brian Elgin; and nieces Cindy and Melanie Elgin; numerous cousins; and very good friends, Linda Hove and Sharon Tibbs. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, Daryl Tuttle; and two brothers, Tom and Dean Brooks.

Carolyn worked at Hove Truck Line and GTE. She was most recently a secretary at the First United Methodist Church for 11 years. Carolyn also worked at Calvert Tax and Accounting part time.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Sarah's Circle and the funeral luncheon committee. She was also very involved in other church committees. Carolyn was also a member of the Rotary Club. She was the first runnerup in the Kewanee Sesquicentennial Miss or Mrs. Queen Pageant.

A master of sewing, crocheting, and baking, Carolyn's creations were not just crafts but extensions of her love and care for those around her. Carolyn was blessed with a close-knit circle of friends. Carolyn's joy was amplified by the laughter and stories shared with her beloved grandchildren, whom she adored more than words could express. She will be deeply missed and forever cherished in the hearts of all who knew her.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at the First United Methodist Church in Kewanee. Memorial services will be at noon on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2024, at the church. Pastor Haley Hausman will officiate. Burial will be in Evergreen Memorial Gardens in Kewanee. Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church.

Please leave an online condolence for Carolyn's family at www.golnick-schuenemanfh.com.

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FOR ANSWERS SEE PAGE 3

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.
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4. Woodrow Wilson.
5. E.
6. Brazil.
7. A prickle.
8. Elton John.
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KNOX COUNTY, IL REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY AUCTION
 The following very nice home, lg. machine shed, barn and personal property will be sold at its 5-acre location at 1481 Knox Rd. 1250 N Gilson, IL 61436 (Take Rt. 150 4.8 miles east from the junction of Rt. 150/97, then 1 mile south on 1500E, then 4/10th of a mile west to sale site), on
SUNDAY OCTOBER 20th, 2024 AT 11 A.M.
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REAL ESTATE DESCRIPTION: This beautiful lg. 1.5 story home sits on 5.03 acres just east of Knoxville, IL. The main level of this house contains a very nice attached garage, 1 1/2 baths, a large office, a vaulted ceiling family room, dining room, a nice sized kitchen, 3 bedrooms, laundry room and much closet space. The upper story of the home has been modified into a complete living quarter bedroom and another full bath. The basement is mostly full, dry and has much potential to be finished into another living area. The vinyl siding is good, along with the central air and furnace. A 60'x112' machine shed is located on the property w/ lg. commercial overhead doors, along with a nice red barn. There is an open front shed also on the property. **TERMS:** A non-refundable 5% deposit will be required the day of the auction with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an As-is auction.
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TRUCKS, OUTDOOR AND TOOLS: 2008 Toyota Tundra crew cab Max C 4x4 truck with 175,300 miles—2000 Chevy S10 2 door 4x4 truck, rough—1987 Chevrolet Camaro Iroc 2-door coupe, has had much work towards restoration, motor installation was completed—nice Cub Cadet 4x4 Volunteer side x side, 750 EFI—snow plow attachment—ATV ramp—nice Polaris 700 Sportsman 4 wheeler, On Demand 4x4—Snow Devil electric start snow blower—deer sled, stands—\$100 IH 4500 Series b fork lift—fork lift metal basket—Big Snatch block pulleys—blocks—tile supplies—old Cincinnati Bickford lathe—old Snapper and Sears 6HP riding mowers, not running—4'to12' clay tile, connectors, tiling and tubes—PCV sewer pipe—PCV 10" Ts—yard fence, gates—cement tube—2 IH 100# suitcase wts.—3 sections radio towers—yard wagons, trailer—heavy duty shelving—lumber, some new—15 gallon Timco yard sprayer w/boom—new sheets of metal—tool cart—12 speed post drill press—Craftsman wood lathe, table saw, planer—Cider block—paint shaker—Stihl BGE 61 electric blower—battery trouble lights/weed eaters—Craftsman and other hand tools—Craftsman top/bottom tools box—anvil—electric items galore—Craftsman 150 drill press—lg. coll. of drill bits—1/2 HP bench grinder—acct. torch set on cart, tanks/oxygen—Milwaukee and other battery tools—Miller welder on stand—welding tools—shop tables—clevises, clamps, straps, rachets, belts, jack stands, cables, hooks, fluids, tires, survey equip., fans, bolt bins full, air tanks, upright 60 gallon compressor, Delta band saw, Atlas table saw, sanders, sawzals, too much to list all—lawn statues, picnic tables, planters, grill, patio furniture, yard tools and more.
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ALL SPORTS ROUNDUP

Stark Co. girls XC places 4th at Elmwood Invite

The Elmwood Invite is a measuring stick of sorts for Stark County Cross Country Coach Bob Rennick Jr.

With a strong field drawn annually to the race at Maple Lane Country Club on the first Saturday of October, the 3-mile, hilly run is a good test of a team.

Given that, Rennick was very happy with his team's performance last weekend.

The Stark County girls placed fourth overall with 135 points. That's the best finish ever at the Elmwood Invite for the Lady Rebels, who finished behind three top-10 ranked teams: invite winner and 5th-ranked Eureka (68 points), 6th-ranked El Paso-Gridley (77) and 4th-ranked Pleasant Plains (81).

Stark County finished five placed better than last year and had two medal winners in Dusti Smith

(7th, 18:40) and Cheyeh Smith (9th, 19:31), who cut 26 seconds off her personal record and moved up 34 places compared to last year.

Other scoring runners were Alexis Martinez (34th, 20:38), Darilis Knobloch (62nd, 21:54, PR) and Paytin Terwilliger (63rd, 21:56).

"Darilis had a tremendous bounce-back race from Augustana and Paytin ran a great race; she targeted a 21 and delivered," Rennick said. "Both runners came into the race with something they wanted to prove and they did exactly that. Sarah also came in 34 places better than last year.

"Our depth is certainly one of our strengths, especially the 4, 5, 6 runners. Sarah, Paytin and Darilis are extremely committed and I love how they pick one another up. Last week Sarah was our 4 with Dar-

ilis our 6 but this week they flipped the script."

In the boys race, freshman Evan Knobloch finished sixth in 15:56.

"That was a terrific result, especially in light of his Tuesday workload (at the El Paso-Gridley Invitational)," Rennick said. "The nearest freshman came in 23 places after him."

The Rebels treated the EPG race on Oct. 1 as a workout and did not race on a hilly course called "The Beast" that includes four water crossings.

Despite not hitting race pace, the Stark County girls placed 10th.

Knobloch also used the race as a workout, but placed sixth in a time of 16:53 and was fastest freshman in the field.

The Rebels were to compete in the Lincoln Trail Conference finals on Thursday at Midland Golf Club in Kewanee.

The Stark County girls were ranked No. 12 by MileSplitIL on Oct. 9 and No. 15 on Oct. 2 by ILXCTF.

— Jeff Lampe

Golf — Stark County sophomore Anna Nagode shot 107 at the par-73 Valley View Club on Oct. 1 to earn a spot in IHSA Class 1A sectional competition.

Nagode did not advance from the sectional to state on Monday, however, shooting a 122 on the par-71 El Paso Golf Club layout.

Stark Co. VB — Stark County (4-23) topped Abingdon Avon in a 26-24, 25-18 sweep at home on Oct. 2.

Claire Bowser scored five kills. Coley Johnston recorded five kills. Hallie Newton passed for 16 assists. Sophie Finnegan was very busy with 17 digs.

Next up for the Lady Rebels is a match at Knoxville on Monday.

— Phil Johnson

Galva VB — Galva (3-15) traveled to Ridgewood for a very hard-fought Lincoln Trail 25-16, 24-26, 16-25 setback on Oct. 2.

The Lady Wildcats are next at Monmouth United for a tournament on Saturday.

Notice to Stark County Voters
 Early voting for the November 5th 2024 General Election will begin September 26th and end November 4th at the office of the Stark County Clerk 130 W. Main, Toulon.
 Voting hours are
 Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
 We will also be open Saturday October 26th from 8-11 and Saturday November 2nd from 9-12 p.m. for early voting.

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, 2024 AT 12:00 NOON
REAL ESTATE: This 2-story cottage style home is conveniently located in between Dahinda and Williamsfield, IL on approx. 1.13 acres. The house has a kitchen, nice sized dining/living room area, 2 bedrooms and 1 full bath on the main level. The 2nd level has an additional 2 bedrooms and one other room for storage etc. The block basement is large with good flooring. The furnace, central air, windows, roof and exterior are in good condition. There is also a generator installed. The property is also improved with a nice 38'x18' unattached garage w/16'x7' overhead door and auto opener. The garage has another 9'x7' overhead rear door, is insulated, has a cement floor, LP hanging heat, and walls lined with plywood. There is a 18'x10' carport attached to the rear of the garage for additional storage. There is another 24'x36' metal shed with cement floor and 10'x8' rolling front door, 10'x10' rolling rear door and is wired with good lighting. A good 12'x20' wooden yard shed w/floor on runners with 2 front doors sits on the property along with a 25'x14' metal lean-to shed for firewood. The property is located in Williamsfield School District. The house is in need of updating but could make for a perfect family country home. An OPEN HOUSE will be held on Tuesday Oct. 22nd from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Contact the auction company for other possible viewing times. **TERMS:** A non-refundable 10% deposit will be required on auction day with the balance to be pd. in full in approx. 30 days. This is an AS-IS auction.
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FOOTBALL: Peoria Heights rallies past Galva

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three of their four previous meetings. “He does a lot of stuff that doesn’t show up on the stat sheet for us on both sides of the ball,” Noard said about Barnwell. “He certainly showed up on the stat sheet this week.”

—Nick Vlahos

Peoria Heights 22, Galva 20

GALVA—A first win was in the grasp for Galva (0-6) last Friday. Wildcats Coach Mark Jeffrey doesn’t think the same can be said for a pass that officials ruled completed on a critical Peoria Heights touchdown. With Galva leading 20-6 partway through the fourth quarter of its Homecoming game, a Peoria Heights receiver appeared to drop a 29-yard pass on fourth down, according to Jeffrey. But after the receiver dropped the ball, he kicked it into the end zone and fell on it and officials ruled the play as a touchdown, Jeffrey said.

Even so, Galva had a chance to finish off its best game of the season. But on a fourth-down play that Jeffrey said Galva runner Blake Stahl made by two yards, officials ruled him short.

“He was past the sticks,” Jeffrey said. “I normally don’t say anything about officials, but it was just rough and there was some questionable stuff. Those were really bad calls.”

From there, Peoria Heights went on to score on a 3-yard run late in the fourth and made a two-point conversion to win its second game against Galva in as many weeks.

The rocky finish undid what had been a very good first three quarters for Galva, which scored first on a 40-yard punt return by Stahl and later went ahead with a 56-yard pass from

Stahl to Alec Gustafson in the second quarter.

Stahl added a 9-yard scoring pass to Logan Herr in the third quarter for a 20-6 lead.

“It’s the best game I’ve seen us play,” Jeffrey said. “We beat (Peoria Heights) two years ago, but we played way better last Friday than we did that night.

“We’ve done what we need to do to get better. Now we just have to finish. We can’t leave it in the hands of the refs.”

The Wildcats return to action today in Sciota at West Prairie (0-6), which beat Peoria Heights in a matchup earlier this season, 44-0.

—Jeff Lampe

Princeville 50 South Fulton 22

PRINCEVILLE—Princeville is on a hot streak heading into Friday’s showdown against Stark County. And the Princes have some added incentive beyond just celebrating Homecoming.

Stark County beat Princeville twice last season. The second time came in the first round of the Class 1A playoffs.

“That adds a little bit to it,” Princes Coach Jon Carruthers said. “The kids know each other. Growing up, they played them their whole lives. It’s going to be a fun atmosphere.”

The Princes certainly had fun Oct. 4, when it beat visiting South Fulton. The victory featured a 35-point second quarter that put the Princes ahead 43-8 at intermission. They scored four times in the final 5:31, including touchdowns with 57 and 25 seconds remaining.

“I can’t remember if they ran one or two plays before we caused a fumble. We got it back and scored on the

next few plays,” Carruthers said about the final TD, a 1-yard Jake Williams run.

Carruthers couldn’t recall the last time one of his teams was able to score multiple times so quickly.

“That was very explosive,” he said. “I was hoping to get some points out of the (previous) drive with our two-minute offense, but to score twice before the half, that was unexpected.”

More expected was the prolific passing of Williams. He completed 75% of his pass attempts, including three for touchdowns, and gained 259 yards. This was the second consecutive week and the third time this season Williams passed for at least 200 yards.

All of it allayed Carruthers’ fears regarding South Fulton, which had upset ROWVA-Williamsfield.

“It was probably the best thing for us, them beating ROWVA,” Carruthers said. “It helped (us) focus. They had some really nice players. ... It was a good game leading up to this week. Sometimes kids can look ahead to the big game, but I thought they did a good job focusing all week.”

—Nick Vlahos

• **Elsewhere**—Rushville-Industry (5-1, 4-1) beat visiting nonconference foe Heyworth (2-4), 42-26. The Rockets ran for 410 yards and 10.5 yards per carry behind Brady Downs (150 yards rushing, two TDs), Ryan Reimolds (148 yards, two TDs) and Jordan McGinnis (116 yards, two TDs).

... Devon Horrie ran for 207 yards and three scores and quarterback Maddox Heitzler ran for two TDs and passed for two more as Annawan-Wethersfield (4-2, 4-2) routed Havana (1-5, 1-5) 61-34.

SCOREBOARD

Stark County 55 ROWVA-Williamsfield 27

ROWVA-Will. 0 6 8 13 - 27
Stark County 14 21 7 13 - 55

Scoring Summary

First Quarter
SC - Steelman 6 run (kick failed)
SC - Orwig 40 interception return (Orwig run)

Second Quarter
SC - Steelman 3 run (Frihetsli kick)
RW - Hull 5 pass from DeJaynes (run failed)

Third Quarter
RW - Hull 25 run (Schroeder pass from DeJaynes)

Fourth Quarter
SC - Steelman 21 run (Lorenzi kick)
RW - Hull 23 pass from DeJaynes (Miller kick)

SC - Sparks 11 run (kick failed)
RW - Soper 5 run (kick failed)

Team Statistics

First downs	17	22
Rushes-yds	30-130	45-394
Yds per carry	4.3	8.8
Comp-Att-Int	14-20-2	4-10-0
Passing yds	124	54
Fumbles-lost	3-2	1-0

Individual Statistics
Rushing - R-W: Jones 3-46, Cordle 13-36, Hull 2-23, Soper 2-12, Schroeder 2-11, Estrada 1-10, DeJaynes 7-(minus-8). SC: Barnwell 15-178, Orwig 13-127, Steelman 6-43, Sparks 4-24, Browning 7-22.
Passing - R-W: DeJaynes 14-20-2 119, Hull 0-1-0 0. SC: Steelman 4-10-0 54.

Receiving - R-W: Hull 7-62, Cordle 2-36, Miller 5-21, Traphagan 1-5. SC: C.Daum 4-54.

Tackles - R-W: Hull 5, Nichols 4. SC: Barnwell, Holmstrom 8.

Peoria Heights 20, Galva 14

Galva 8 0 0 6 - 14
Peoria Heights 12 8 0 0 - 20

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
G - Stahl 40 punt return (conversion failed)

Second Quarter
PH - 31 run (conversion failed)
G - Gustafson 56 pass from Stahl (conversion failed)

Fourth Quarter
PH - 29 pass (conversion good)
PH - 3 run (conversion good)

Team Statistics

First downs	10	18
Rushes-yds	19-134	51-250
Yds per carry	7.1	4.9
Comp-Att-Int	5-12-0	2-4-1
Passing yds	83	24
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-2

Individual Statistics
Rushing - G: Stahl 6-64, Hulstrom 5-50, Herr 5-20.
Passing - G: Stahl 4-11-0 71, Hurd 1-1-0 12.
Receiving - G: Gustafson 1-57, Herr 1-8, J.Smith 1-6, Hulstrom 1-2.
Tackles - G: Stahl 11, Hurd 9, Baulch 8, O'Brien 8.

Princeville 50 South Fulton 22

South Fulton 0 8 0 14 - 22
Princeville 8 35 7 0 - 50

Scoring Summary
First Quarter
P - Johnson 16 pass from Williams

LincolnLand - Large

Overall		Conf		
W	L	W	L	
Farmington	6	0	5	0
Elmwood-Brim.	5	1	4	1
Macomb	5	1	4	1
Bureau Valley	3	3	2	2
Illini West	3	3	2	3
Knoxville	1	5	1	4
West Hancock	1	5	1	3
LVC	0	6	0	5

Last Week
Elmwood-Brim. 27, Bureau Valley 21
Farmington 26, Macomb 20, OT
Illini West 32, Knoxville 20
West Hancock 42, LVC 8

Friday, Oct. 4
Macomb at Elmwood-Brim., 7 pm
Annawan-Weth. at Farmington, 7 pm
Bureau Valley at Illini West, 7 pm
West Hancock at Knoxville, 7 pm
LVC at Macon Meridian, 7 pm

(extra point failed)
P - Safety (South Fulton quarterback tackled in end zone)

Second Quarter
P - Christianson 5 run (Athen kick)
SF - Foglesong 30 run (conversion good)

P - Geiger 15 run (Athen kick)
P - Cunningham 3 pass from Williams (Athen kick)
P - Johnson 65 pass from Williams (Athen kick)
P - Williams 1 run (Athen kick)

Third Quarter
P - Sarnes 2 run (Athen kick)

Fourth Quarter
SF - Foglesong 72 run (conversion good)
SF - Adkins 68 run (extra point failed)

Team Statistics

LincolnLand - Small

Overall		Conf		
W	L	W	L	
Princeville	6	0	5	0
Stark County	6	0	5	0
Rushville-Industry	5	1	4	1
Annawan-Weth.	4	2	4	2
ROWVA-Williamsfield	3	3	2	3
Abingdon-Avon	2	4	2	4
Havana	1	5	1	5
South Fulton	1	5	1	4
United	0	6	0	5

Last Week
Princeville 50, South Fulton 22
Stark County 55, ROWVA-Will. 27
Annawan-Weth. 61, Havana 34
Abingdon-Avon 28, Mon. United 18
Rushville-Industry 42, Heyworth 26

Friday, Oct. 4
Stark County at Princeville, 7 pm
Rushville-Ind. at ROWVA-Will., 7 pm
Abingdon-Avon at Havana, 7 pm
Mon. United at South Fulton, 7 pm
Annawan-Weth. at Farmington, 7 pm

Rushes-yds 29-211 39-156
Yds per carry 7.3 4.0
Comp-Att-Int 1-5-1 12-16-0
Passing yds 7 259

Individual Statistics
Rushing - SF: Foglesong 9-139, Adkins 10-73, Martin 4-8, Fawcett 6-(minus-9). P: Geiger 15-85, Christianson 10-54, Freres 11-15, Sarnes 1-2, Williams 2-0.

Passing - SF: Fawcett 1-5-1 7. P: Williams 12-16-0 259.
Receiving - SF: Adkins 1-7. P: Johnson 4-125, Blunier 2-47, Benningfield 2-45, Sarnes 1-20, Day 2-19, Cunningham 1-3.

Tackles - P: Sarnes 9, Geiger 7, Garza 4.

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The Prairie News Sports

Showdown in Princeville

Battle of unbeatens between Rebels, Princes

By The Prairie News

The showdown of the LincolnLand Conference small-division football season is set for Friday night in Princeville.

Stark County is to travel there Oct. 11 to face the hosts, both teams with 6-0 records overall. They also are 5-0 in the league, one game ahead of Rushville-Industry. Stark County was sixth last week in The Associated Press Class 1A state rankings. Princeville was 12th, among others receiving votes.

Both undefeated teams are guaranteed spots in the state playoffs. Stark County Coach Jade Noard is glad for that, but a game against his team's southern neighbor is taking immediate precedence.

"They're a good team. You don't get to 6-0 by accident," Noard said. "They have some really good athletes. They throw the ball around very well. There's lots of stuff to worry about when you try to gameplan for them. It should be a lot of fun. I think our kids are looking forward to it."



Chris Barnwell ran for 178 yards in Stark County's win over ROWVA-Williamsfield. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

In moving forward, the Rebels had to handle a program that's been giving them fits the past couple of years. They accomplished that emphatically Oct. 4 in Wyoming.

Nolan Orwig and Dillon Steelman each had three touchdowns, and Chris Barnwell capped a big personal week by scoring once and running for 178 yards as Stark County routed ROWVA-Williamsfield, 55-27.

Stark County handled R-W (3-3, 2-3), which lost its

third in a row, from the beginning. Steelman's touchdown midway through the first quarter gave the Rebels the lead on their first possession. Fourteen seconds later, Orwig intercepted a R-W pass and returned it 40 yards for another score.

"We were kind of in control from then, really," Noard said.

By halftime, Stark County led 35-6. Overall, Stark County outgained R-W by almost 200 yards on almost as many attempts.



"I think it was a big deal to get off to a big start," Noard said. "For us it was Homecoming. A lot of coaches would agree that's a worrisome time. Because there are so many distractions, you're worried about whether they're focusing on the right things. I think our kids were."

Barnwell was elected Homecoming king, but he also ruled on the field against R-W. He averaged almost 12 yards per carry against the Cougars, who had beaten the Rebels in *Continued on Page 11*

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