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## STEARMAN FLY-IN

Pilots of Boeing Model 75 Stearman biplanes gathered at Yates City Airport on Tuesday for an open house held by airport owner Dave Shipley. Stearman enthusiasts gather in Galesburg each year around Labor Day and fly daily to various local airports. Photos by Jeff Lampe.

### Classic biplanes no flight of fancy

By **JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

**YATES CITY** – The skies over Knox County are buzzing with biplanes once again this week. The 54th National Stearman Fly-In is underway, attracting airplane enthusiasts from around the country and the world to Galesburg Municipal Airport.

Started in 1972, the annual event regularly draws as many as 100 of the open-cockpit biplanes. Each day of the week-long gathering, pilots fly to nearby airports for food and camaraderie.

For the past six years, Yates City Air-

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Dick Sisson cleans bugs off the wooden propeller of his Stearman biplane Tuesday at Yates City Airport. At left, colorful decorations adorn several of the Stearmans in Knox County this week.

## Team Todd Fundraiser finale is Sept. 6

For The Prairie News

**WYOMING** – Kelly Smith and her daughter, Ashlyn Baumann, are gearing up for the 10th and final Team Todd Fundraiser, to be held at the Stark County Fairgrounds building on Saturday, Sept. 6, starting at 4 p.m.

The event is in memory of their loved one, Todd Smith, who lost his battle to pancreatic cancer in 2016. All money raised is donated to The Theresa Tracy Strive to Survive Organization in East Peoria, which funds local pancreatic cancer research and assists patients fighting the disease.

The Team Todd event has so far generated \$107,500 and is open to the public. Events include a meal, raffles, a 50/50 drawing, music, games and silent and live auctions, ending at 7:30 p.m. and 8.

Smith was diagnosed in August 2014. In 2015, he saw a news segment about the Theresa Tract Trot in East Peoria. He immediately put a team together to attend and Team Todd was formed.

In 2016, Smith and his family hosted the first Team Todd Fundraiser in Toulon and he was overwhelmed by the support. Sadly, that was the only fundraiser Todd could attend. Since then, his wife Kelly and daughter Ashlyn have run the event. To learn more, contact Kelly at (309) 525-5355 or Ashlyn at (309) 525-5274.

Pictured is the 2025 Galva High School Homecoming Court. Front row (left to right) are freshman Kinsley Gale, sophomore Niya Roman, junior Kaylynn Gale and senior queen candidates Ella Ingels and Reese Sumner. Back row (l to r) are freshman Drayce Powe, sophomore Thomas Funke, junior Gage Jurgensen and senior king candidates, Cyrus Hurd, Braden Murphy and Jay Smith. The Pep Rally is Tuesday at 7 p.m. The parade is Friday at 1:45 p.m., followed by the Homecoming football game at 6. The dance is on Saturday, 8-10 p.m. at the high school gym. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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# STEARMAN: Planes have the ‘cool factor’

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port has been the Tuesday gathering spot for Stearmans, officially known as Boeing Model 75s.

“The No. 1 thing they are known for is pilot training in World War II,” said Dave Shipley, owner of the Yates City Airport. “If you can fly a tail-dragger like that, you can fly just about anything.”

Shipley explained that because Stearmans have a wheel in the back of the plane, landing in cross-

winds can be tricky.

“You have to keep your foot on that rudder, otherwise she’s going to turn around on you,” Shipley said.

Tuesday’s relatively wind-free, sunny, 78-degree day was perfect weather for flying an open-cockpit plane, pilots agreed.

Among those on hand was Dick Sisson of Vir-den, a longtime Stearman admirer who acquired his rebuilt 1942 model three years ago.

“Before we had our last child, we said when he graduates college, we’re buying a Stearman,” Sisson recalled.

When son Noah graduated from the University of Illinois-Springfield four years ago, the Sissons started looking for a relatively affordable Stearman.

“Everybody wants to ride in these. It’s got the big motor, the biplane look,” Sisson said. “It’s definitely got the cool factor.”

Stearmans are not a young man’s hobby, though, with prices of \$80,000 to \$250,000, according to Shipley. He said one year, a pilot from the Netherlands took the wings off his plane and shipped it to the United States to attend the Galesburg fly-in.

More than 10,000 Stearmans were built in the 1930s and 1940s and were adapted from a design made by Lloyd Stearman.

After World War II, many Stearmans were used by crop dusters until the 1970s.

Stearmans can be flown from either of their two cockpits and reach speeds of up to 100 mph.

One of the youngest pilots at Yates City on Tuesday was Brien Sager, 39, of Tullahoma, Tenn. A first-timer at the Galesburg gathering, Sager said he has been involved in aviation since he was 6 and was flying his father’s plane during this year’s Fly-In.

“It’s been a blast. Everybody is very friendly,” he said. “It’s cool landing in the grass with corn and beans all around you instead of on pavement. It’s a different type of aviation here.”

Other stops on the Stearman tour included Wednesday in Kewanee, Thursday in Geneseo and Friday at Wolford’s Farm near Abingdon for the grand finale.



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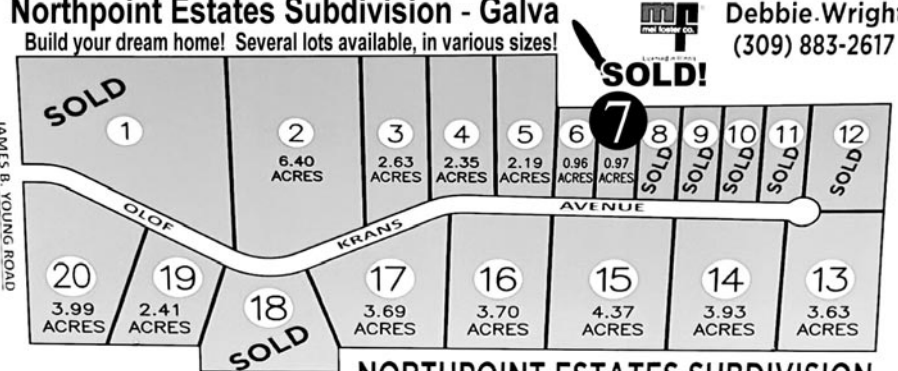
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**8-25** - David M. Davis, 48, Wyoming, was arrested for domestic battery. He was transported to the Bureau County Jail. He was released the next day with a notice to appear.

**8-25** - Justin M. Warner was cited for driving 15-20 mph above limit.

**8-26** - Garrett J. Lass, cited for failure to obey a stop sign.

**8-26** - James L. Garrett, 33, Davenport, Iowa, was ticketed for failure to stop at a stop sign which reportedly caused an accident.

**8-26** - Ana M. Gerrard, 24, Kewanee, cited for speeding 78 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-26** - Matthew T. Peed, 22, Kewanee, cited for speeding 76 mph in a 55 zone and possession of cannabis by a driver.

**8-27** - Jackie D. Hewitt, 56, Sheffield, cited for failure to wear a seat belt. She was also wanted on an outstanding Bureau County warrant for failure to appear on the charge of domestic battery. She was transported to the Bureau County Jail.

**8-29** - Sara A. Smith, 33, Ladd, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-29** - Darryl Beasley, 58, Sterling, cited for speeding 73 mph in a 55 zone and driving while his license was revoked. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

**8-30** - Darwin R. Plank, 18, Arthur, cited for speeding 80 mph in a 55 zone.

**8-31** - Bridget M. Gadd, 38, East Peoria, was cited for speeding 70 mph in a 55 zone, possession of cannabis by a driver and driving without lights when required. Also ticketed in the same stop was Shawna D. Gadd, 34, Peoria, for possession of cannabis by a passenger. The vehicle was impounded.

**8-31** - Gregory P. Hackett, 54, Emden, ticketed for speeding 61 mph in a 55 zone, driving under the influence, driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content over .08, improper lane usage and illegal transportation of alcohol. His vehicle was impounded.

**8-31** - Amanda S. King, 52, Toulon, was arrested for driving under the influence and improper lane usage. Her vehicle was impounded and she was released with a court date.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

**8-25** - to assist Stark County



Medic with a medical emergency in the 00 block of SW 4th St.

**8-25** - to the 400 block of NE 2nd St. for an abandoned vehicle.

**8-25** - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a Facebook Marketplace scam.

**8-25** - to the 500 block of SW 1st Ave. for an abandoned vehicle causing a traffic hazard. The vehicle was towed.

**8-25** - to the 00 block of SW 9th Ave. for a neighborhood dispute.

**8-25** - to the 100 block of SE 6th St. for a suspicious vehicle.

**8-25** - to the 200 block of NW 2nd Ave. for a reckless driving complaint involving vehicle spinning tires in a church parking lot.

**8-25** - Joey Janey, 18, Neponset, was cited for speeding in the 800 block of N. Center Ave.

**8-26** - to the 300 block of SW 3rd Ave. for a complaint involving two dogs running loose. Owner was located and took dogs home.

**8-26** - to the 100 block of NE 4th St. for a domestic disturbance.

**8-26** - to meet with a subject at the Galva Police Department to exchange property from a former girlfriend who has an order of protection.

**8-26** - to the 200 block of SW 4th St. for a suspicious incident involving subjects running through yards with flashlights.

**8-27** - to the 900 block of SE 2nd St. to assist a motorist who locked their keys and young child in a vehicle. Tarletons were able to quickly get the vehicle unlocked.

**8-27** - to the 100 block of NE 2nd St. for an identity-theft complaint.

**8-27** - As the result of a traffic stop in the 800 block of NE 3rd St., Anabelle Twomey, 24, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and possession of adult-use cannabis in a motor vehicle. She was released with a court date.

**8-28** - to the 300 block of Front St. for a complaint involving harassing phone calls/text messages.

**8-29** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suf-

fering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-29** - to meet with a complainant at the Galva PD in reference to a disturbance that occurred just east of town on Route 34.

**8-29** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a domestic disturbance.

**8-29** - to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-30** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a domestic disturbance and to remove an unwanted subject.

**8-30** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a child-custody dispute.

**8-31** - to the 100 block of SW 7th St. to retrieve a debit card found by a resident.

**8-31** - three times to the 700 block of NW 4th St. to assist a citizen apparently suffering from a mental-health crisis.

**8-31** - After a traffic stop in the 600 block of SW 4th Ave., Patrick Hammons, 69, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended, operating an uninsured vehicle and improper lane usage. He was released with a court date.

**8-31** - to the 100 block of NE 9th St. for a child-custody dispute.

**8-31** - to the SW 6th Ave. railroad crossing for a crossing-arm malfunction. BNSF was contacted.

Property Transfers

**8-26** - Daniel Eugene Jr. and Trisha Jean Berchtold to Tanner L. King - Pt. Sect. 24-13-6 SW - 11121 Grain Bin Rd., Wyoming - Consideration = \$80,000.

**8-27** - Robert Michael Price to Tyson J. Price - Pt. Sect. 15-12-5 SW - 3077 Sharkey Highway, Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**8-28** - Debra L. Sinks FKA Waliker to 4 Man LLC - Pt. Sect. 20-14-6 SE - 14180 Elmira Rd., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

**8-29** - Steve Foffel, Howard Simmons, Kelly Smith and Penny Warren to Steve Foffel, Alvin L. Gloyd, Howard Simmons, Kelly Smith and Penny Warren - Turner's Addn. Block 2 Lot 8 - 323 S. Miller St., Toulon - Consideration = \$0.

Divorces

**8-29** - Jennifer K. and Craig E. Schroeder, both of Toulon.

**8-29** - Wendetta Ann German, Wyoming and Christopher Kenneth German, Kewanee.

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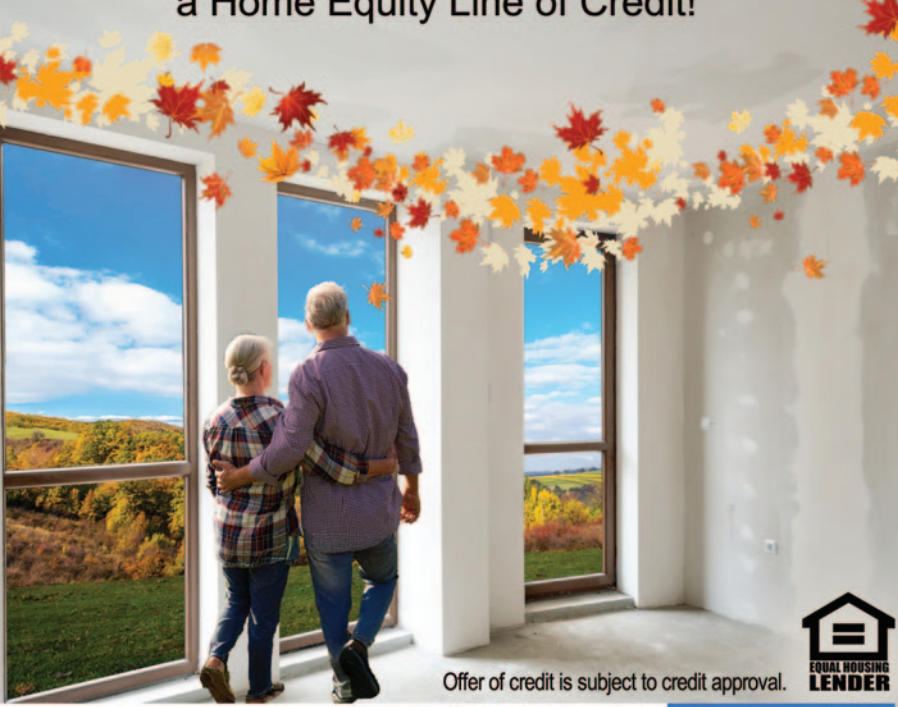


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## OBITUARIES

### Eleanor A. Addis

LaFAYETTE – Eleanor Alma Addis, 99, of Kewanee, formerly of LaFayette and Princeville, passed away at 9:10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 1, 2025, at Courtyard Estates in Kewanee. Eleanor was born on Jan. 8, 1926, in Peoria, to Robert D. and Lenora A. (Plack) Smith. She married John Cutler Addis on April 7, 1946, in Princeville. He preceded her in death on July 27, 2006.

Surviving are one son, James (Mary Alice) Addis of LaFayette; one grandson, Dustin Addis (Ayrten) of Toluca Lake, Calif.; one great-granddaughter, Emma Addis; three sisters, Florence Sachtjen of Middleton, Wis., Caryl Colgan of Peoria and Evelyn Schlehuber of Peoria; and many nieces and nephews. She was also preceded in death by her parents; and one son, John Joseph Addis.

Eleanor began her career woman working as a school teacher and later for R.G. LeTourneau in Peoria before taking time to raise her children and work on the farm alongside her husband. She returned to the workforce as a cook for the West Jersey Grade School, feeding hundreds of kids over her years there. Eleanor was later nominated to be the U.S. Postmaster in LaFayette by Richard M. Nixon and later worked as the postmaster in Toulon until her retirement in 1991.

She was a Sunday School teacher at the West Jersey United Methodist Church, a Methodist Youth Fellowship sponsor, regional vice president for the National Association of Post Masters, and served as an instructor to train postmasters. She enjoyed collecting Hummels, stamps and making applesauce with her nieces.

Her funeral will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025, at Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Princeville. Rev. David Pyell will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Princeville Township Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Toulon Global Methodist Church, West Jersey United Methodist Church or Compassus Hospice in Galesburg. Condolences may be left



**Addis**

### Karen Lorance

LAURA – Karen Lorance passed away peacefully at OSF Richard L. Owens Hospice Home in Peoria on Aug. 24, 2025.

Karen was born on Aug. 8, 1942. She was the daughter of Claude and Myle Lorance, who proceeded her in death along with her brother, Butch, and an infant brother.

Surviving are her sister, Janet (Bob) Walters and many nieces and nephews and her lifetime best friend, Lisa Becker. Karen was raised on a farm in Laura, Ill. She graduated from Princeville High School.

Karen worked for the State of Illinois Department of Agriculture. Her job was to register racehorses, which was a perfect job for her. Karen’s dad and family raced, raised and bred standard breeds for racing. Karen loved to hunt. She was a great shot. She looked forward to deer hunting every season. Karen was a true horse whisperer. She rode, raced and loved horses. She also always had a trusted dog by her side.

Karen had many friends that came over and shared beautiful sunsets on her back porch over her lake.

In Karen’s younger years she closed the night club with Donna Summer’s song “Last Dance.” So, here’s to you Karen and your last dance. We all love you!

Services will be private per her wishes. Memorials can be made to TAPS No-Kill Animal Shelter in her memory. The Cremation Society of Mid-Illinois Pekin/Peoria is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [csmico.com](http://csmico.com).



**Lorance**

### Barbara J. Van Riper

KEWANEE – Barbara Jean Van Riper, 96, formerly of Kewanee, Ill. passed away on Friday, Aug. 22, 2025, at Hillcrest Home in Geneseo, Ill. Barbara was born on Jan. 8, 1929, the daughter of Earl and Zula (Tucker) Woodford.

Barbara graduated from Bradley University in Peoria with her bachelor’s degree. She married Gordon Van Riper in November 1976. He



**Palmer**

### Robert F. Palmer

LOMBARD – Robert F. Palmer, 95, of Lombard, passed away on Aug. 26, 2025, at Elmhurst Hospital. Bob was born on March 6, 1930, in Oak Park.

Bob was the loving husband of JoAnn; adored father of Thomas and Sharon; caring grandfather of Sara Barsaloux; kind father-in-law of Gordon Barsaloux; and fond brother-in-law of Catherine (Kay) Aldridge.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Ann Palmer nee Bellon; brothers-in-law, Francis and Thomas Barnes; and his loving daughter Sharon Barsaloux.

Bob graduated from St. Mary of-Celle, Berwyn, Cosmopolitan Prep High School and Washburne Trade School, both in Chicago.

Bob was a resident of Lombard for many years. He was a carpenter and cabinet maker.

Bob served during the Korean War and was awarded the Korean Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, United Nations Service Medal and Bronze Star GO #120 Hq 25th Inf. Div 11, April 1953.

Funeral Mass was held on Aug. 29, 2025, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Lombard. Interment was in St. Dominic Cemetery, Wyoming, Ill. Condolences can be left online at [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com).



**Palmer**

## LEGAL ADS

### ASSUMED NAME PUBLICATION NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, a certificate was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of STARK COUNTY, Illinois, setting forth the names and post-office addresses of all of the persons owning, conducting, and transacting the business known as: SNYDER FARM REPAIR, 16847 ELMIRA RD. TOULON, IL 61483.

Dated this 19th day of August, 2025.  
Heather L. Hollis, County Clerk  
No. 2025ASN-11747

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

ESTATE OF CHRISTOPHER D. BELL, Deceased  
No. 2025PR85

### CLAIM NOTICE (Publication)

Notice is given of the death of Christopher D. Bell. Letters of Office were issued on August 20, 2025, to Tricia Bell as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are Barash & Everett, LLC.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the clerk of the court, Henry County, Cambridge, Illinois or with the representative, or both on or before February 28, 2026.

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.

Name Barash & Everett, LLC  
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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT STARK COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THEODORE C. FAIRFIELD, Deceased  
Case No. 2025PR11

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE is hereby given that a tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Stark and Marshall Counties, Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 31, 2026, will be on file and conveniently available to public inspection at 7:00 P.M. on the 15th day of September, 2025, at the WYOMING FIRE STATION, 214 East Williams Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois.

NOTICE is further hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:00 P.M., the 15th day of December, 2025 in the WYOMING FIRE STATION, 214 East Williams Street, Wyoming, Stark County, Illinois, and that final hearing and action on this Ordinance will be immediately thereafter taken at a regular meeting of the Trustees of the WYOMING COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

DATED this 29th day of August, 2025.  
/S/ KEITH KNOBLOCH, Secretary  
WYOMING COMMUNITY Fire Protection District.

Published 9/5/25

### WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION

Notice is given of the death of **THEODORE C. FAIRFIELD** of Arcadia Care at Toulon, 17 Highway East, 700 East Main Street, Toulon, Stark County, Illinois, 61483. Letters of Office were issued on August 22, 2025 to **JEFFERY SCOTT FAIRFIELD** as Independent Representative, whose attorney is The Rennick Law Firm, P.C., Box 430, Toulon, IL 61483.

Notice is given to all interested parties, heirs or legatees who are named in a petition filed in the above proceeding to probate a will and whose names or addresses are not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, including, but not limited to, the unknown heirs at law, if any, of the deceased in the above named estate proceeding, that an order was entered by the court on August 22, 2025, admitting the will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date

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## Rebels win opener

Big plays by Daum spark 41-18 win;  
Galva comes close in 26-22 loss

**By NICK VLAHOS and JEFF LAMPE**  
For The Prairie News

ASTORIA – Stark County is taking things one week at a time this football season. So far, so good.

The Rebels head into their home opener – vs. Abingdon-Avon at 7 to-night (Sept. 5) in Wyoming – with

– with momentum. A big night from senior Connor Daum helped give Stark County a 41-18 LincolnLand small-division win Aug. 29 at South Fulton.

It was an important victory for an inexperienced team, according to Stark County Coach Jade Noard. The Rebels started seven sophomores, including two who played both offense and defense.



Daum

“The objective was to win Week 1, and we did,” he said. “We’ve got to make some big strides from Week 1 to Week 2. Hopefully, we’re not quite as hesitant early. They’ll have that game under their belt, so they’re going to know how it’s going to feel.”

Following a feeling-out period early in the game against South Fulton, Daum and the visitors took control.

Daum’s 56-yard interception return in the final minute of the first half expanded the Stark County lead to 14-6. South Fulton scored with 9:28 left in the third quarter to cut its deficit to two, but Daum returned the ensuing kickoff 69 yards for a touchdown.

About six minutes later, he caught a 26-yard scoring pass from Ben Brown for a 28-12 lead and some breathing room. It all atoned for some sputtered early drives and an inter-



Galva quarterback MJ Louck eludes a Kirkland Hiawatha tackler Saturday during Galva’s 26-22 loss at home. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

ception, Noard said.

“After they made it 14-12, it felt like we had the ball a lot and they didn’t,” he said.

Daum finished with 72 yards receiving and 36 rushing, second in that category behind sophomore Jackson Knoblauch (63 yards, two TDs).

“He did a little bit of everything,” Noard said

about Daum. “He had a real nice night. That’s not unexpected. But I just thought there were some kids who had nice, solid games for us and some kids as the game went on got a lot more comfortable with what they were doing on offense and defense.

“I just thought the whole group, the young kids step-

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## Rebels run well

Knobloch 1st twice, Lady Rebels 2nd

For The Prairie News

The Stark County girls cross country team posted two second-place finishes in the past week while freshman Evan Knobloch had two wins.

Knobloch won the IVC Invite on Aug. 29 at Three Sisters Park in Chillicothe in 15:44. The Stark County boys were fourth. On Tuesday, Knobloch won the Titan Invitational at Midland Golf Course in Kewanee in 16:03. The boys team was seventh.

The Lady Rebels ran second to Geneseo in the Titan Invitational. Dusti Smith placed third in 18:57 to lead Stark County. Emily Downing of Ridge-wood won in 18:07. Other scoring runners for SC were Cheyenh Smith (5th, 19:15), Norah Rorem (15th, 20:58), Paytin Terwilliger (25th, 22:23) and Darilis Knobloch (35th, 23:36).

Dusti Smith was second at IVC (18:26) and was followed by Cheyenh Smith (3rd, 18:45), Rorem

(6th, 20:26), Terwilliger (17th, 22:01) and Darilis Knobloch (21st, 22:35).

Stark County runs Sept. 13 at Detweiller Park in the First to the Finish race.

• **Galva VB** – Galva (1-1) got the best of nonconference opponent DePue 25-23, 25-18 on Monday. Reese Sumner, Charley Chamberlain and Isabelle Wigant each served five aces. Sumner led the team in kills with five. Kailynn Townsend assisted on five scores and Wigant recorded four digs in the win.

• **Stark County VB** – Stark County (0-1) battled Peoria Christian in a second-set overtime in its season opener in Peoria last Thursday but came up short, 25-19, 27-26.

Coley Johnston scored seven kills for the Lady Rebels, Kimmie Salisbury added one kill and Hallie Newton served two aces and had two blocks. Sophie Finnegan had 12 digs.

Stark County is at Peoria Richwoods Saturday for tournament action.

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