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Toulon council hears updates

Several bids received

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

TOULON – Upcoming city projects were the main topic of an Oct. 15 meeting of the Toulon City Council.

City Engineer Justin Reeise spoke for more than an hour about bids for a new water tower, a splash-pad bid, playground-equipment bids, a bid for a basketball court and Motor Fuel Tax bids.

Reeise said the city received one bid for a new 200,000-gallon elevated water storage tank from Maguire Iron, Inc., of Sioux Falls, S.D., for $2.64 million. The council approved this bid. The city received $1.5 million in grant funding for the project and anticipates using Tax Increment Funding to pay the remaining portion.

Reeise said the project came in over the estimated cost but appears consistent with the current bid environment. There were a number of factors adding to the cost including poor soil conditions, electric utilities challenges and

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PHARMACY OPEN

Toulon Telepharmacy had its grand opening on Monday, Oct. 20.

Toulon pharmacy now open

For The Prairie News

TOULON – The long wait for a local pharmacy ended Monday here, then the First Choice Healthcare Clinic officially opened its Toulon Telepharmacy.

The opening of the pharmacy at 120 E. Court St. in Toulon, along with the First Choice Healthcare Toulon clinic, means Stark County residents can now take full advantage of this multi-service healthcare clinic.

Business hours are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The pharmacy closes daily from 12:30-1 p.m. for lunch and is operated by OneroRx. The company currently operates 60 pharmacies in six states, though it closed a telepharmacy in Elmwood earlier this month.

Toulon Telepharmacy can be reached at (309) 852-3220.

Stop-sign talk

Wyoming to vote on signs Nov. 18

By JOHN A. BALLENTINE
For The Prairie News

WYOMING – The Wyoming City Council talked at length about stop signs during Tuesday's meeting but did not take action and will revisit the topic.

Wyoming Police Chief Jim Tiller completed a traffic-flow study on Madison Street, but studies for additional streets will be required before stop signs are installed. The council will vote during its Nov. 18 council meeting on what streets are considered for stop signs.

Luke Leesman from Midwestern Insurance, of Minier, discussed full-time employees' health insurance options for 2026. All employees are to meet with Leesman the second week of November about their preferences. The council will vote on insurance Nov. 18.

Mayor Jim Mercer wrote in his report, "We have received a lot of complaints about dogs running loose. So, we need to start enforcing that ordinance." The city pays $300 a month for animal control to the Stark County Sheriff's Office. Citizens were asked to call the sheriff's office to file a complaint and have the Stark County animal-control officer catch animals that need to be placed in impound.

The council heard that M.E.R.C. Construction, Inc., of rural Wyoming, will replace areas of sidewalk Oct. 27-28 on Seventh St. in front of businesses A Few of My Favorite Things and 111 Tacos.

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Galva has started work on school safety issues

By CAROL TOWNSEND
For The Prairie News

GALVA – Superintendent Joe Becker reported at Monday's meeting of the Galva School Board that maintenance staff has started work on life-safety issues the district was cited for during its recent 10-year inspection.

Other school improvements may also be coming. The School Board plans to research Ameren rebates for putting LED lights in the classrooms at Galva Junior-Senior High School. The board also discussed benefits of lowering ceilings in the school.

"This would change the look of the building completely," Becker said.

He described the building's accoustics as very poor due to the cement-block walls and steel roof.

Becker also reported 60 students attended a free dental clinic held in the district and 50 students received free shoes from the Kewanee United Way and the Galva Rotary.

Becker said a grant Galva received for free breakfast and lunches for every student is huge because students get at least two meals a day during the week. The district will also offer flu shots in the near future.

The board unanimously approved a transfer of $400,000 from working cash to the transportation fund.

Board Member Kaleena Conrad asked why Galva Junior High did not start girls basketball at the same time as neighboring districts. She said other districts played 6-8 games before Galva and she has been getting questions from parents. Coaches told her they were following directions from the administration.

The board reviewed its strategic plan and concluded it has succeeded in being stewards of fiscal responsibility, efficiency and accountability. The board has balanced the school budget and posted financial reports online. Eight other goals are in progress with one left to begin.

Galva students received the Wildcat Pride Award at Monday's School Board meeting were (left to right) Ryder Johnston, Parker Kaiser and Jacob Gravitt. Photo by Carol Townsend.

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TOULON: Bids received for park equipment

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grant requirements.

Projects at Toulon City Park for a $600,000 OSLAD grant are a splash pad, playground equipment and basketball courts. Great Southern Recreation of Murfreesboro, Tenn., made the lone bid of $444,500. The bid was conditionally awarded, with Reeise and Mayor Larry Hollis to work on final details with Great Southern Recreation on change orders. Lowering the flow rate of the splash pad would keep the water tower from being drained and would cost less.

Two bids came from contractors for playground equipment. There are five play-structure options for review with Team Reil, Inc., of Union, who was awarded the contract for $108,120.

Plans for the park's basketball and multi-purpose courts calls for resurfacing, new hoops and a movable pickleball net. Provantage Systems, of Saint Charles had the lone bid of $57,695 and was approved.

No MFT bids arrived by the Oct. 14 deadline.

"The contractors indicated that their current workloads prevented them from bidding on this project," Reeise wrote in an email. He suggested rebidding this project in 2026 to have a late spring project after a review of timelines by the Illinois Department of Transportation.

In other business, Water Operator Kurt Downie said the city should try to secure funding to meet an Illinois mandate to replace all lead water lines in the city by 2027.

The council also discussed the lease on its farm ground and passed paying $1,200 for someone to attend a four-year rural water apprentice program.

The police copier contract for $2,180 for 39 months of service was passed.

Finally, the council held a closed session to discuss hiring a new worker or rehiring Matt Forstrom. On Monday, Oct. 20, the city held a second closed session to talk with Forstrom.

WYOMING: Pickleball grant

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Economic Development Director Denny Rewerts reported Spoon River Bowl is now owned by Jed Nicholson. Also, the city received a $5,000 grant from Apex Energy for a pickleball court at Thomas Park.

City Engineer Justin Reeise reported that bids have been let for water mains. City sidewalk repairs will resume in the spring. Reeise said the cost is unknown to install a water line north of Wyoming near FMC Corportation. The city must obtain a permit from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. FMC agreed to pay half of the cost, with a proposed one fourth payment from both the city and from resident Jason King.

The city received a $2,000 grant to purchase new barricades. Councilman Dan Hardman said the city should raise sewer and garbage rates to help pay for the completed improvements at the sewer plant.

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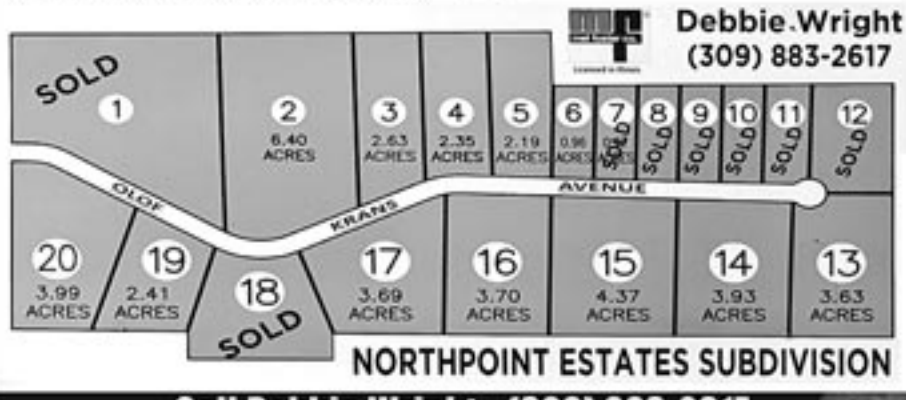

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Incidents & Accidents
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10-12 - Robert R. Holland, 56, Worth, was cited for disobeying a stop sign and improper lane usage. Holland was arrested for driving under the influence, possession of cannabis by a driver, and driving with a cracked and or obstructed windshield. He was released with a court date to appear.

10-15 - Dalen J. Oriley, 23, Kewanee, was cited for adult-use cannabis in a vehicle. His vehicle was towed and impounded.

10-16 - A 17-year-old Canton teen was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

10-17 - A 16-year-old Bradford teen was arrested and charged with domestic battery. He was transported to the Bureau County Jail but was released with a notice to appear.

10-17 - A possible aggravated battery incident was reported in rural Toulon on township road 925 E. The incident remains under investigation.

10-18 - A 17-year-old Kewanee teen was cited for speeding 77 mph in a 55 zone.

Knox County Report

10-10 - Shortly after 3 a.m., Jessica K. Carlton, 39, of Toulon was driving a westbound 2020 Chevrolet Equinox in the 1900 block of Illinois Route 167 east of Victoria when the vehicle struck a deer. Carlton wasn't injured, according to a Knox County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle sustained damage but was drivable. The deer was dispatched.

Galva Report

Officer dispatched:

10-13 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a theft complaint.

10-13 - to the 900 block of W. Division St. for a threats/disturbance complaint. Luke Rawlings, 42, Galva, was arrested for two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of disorderly conduct. He was released with a court date.

10-14 - As the result of an investigation from a theft complaint last week, Rachel Rawlings, 40, Galva, was arrested for criminal damage to state-supported property and theft of utility services over $500. She was released with a court date.

10-15 - to speak with a complainant at City Hall about cannabis plants seen at an overgrown and abandoned property. Officer cut the plants down and destroyed them.

10-15 - to a residence on SW 2nd Ave. for a suspicious-person complaint after the complainant was followed and photographed by an unknown person. Officer was not able to locate the suspect.

10-15 - to assist Henry County with a single-vehicle accident northeast of Galva.

10-16 - As the result of a traffic stop in the 400 block of NE 2nd Ave., Jason Luedee, 52, Galva, was arrested for driving while license suspended and operating an uninsured vehicle. He was released with a court date.

10-16 - to the 1000 block of SW 2nd St. for a neighbor dispute.

10-17 - to the 300 block of Market St. to recover and dispose of an item of drug paraphernalia.

10-17 - along with Stark County Medic to a residence on SE 2nd St. for an unresponsive subject.

10-18 - to Hayes Road west of town for a complaint involving a loose horse in the roadway. The owner took the animal home.

10-18 - to the 200 block of NW 7th Ave. for a runaway-juvenile complaint. The subject was on the roof and went back inside the residence.

10-18 - to the 300 block of NW 4th St. for a complaint involving juveniles damaging property in the area.

10-19 - to the 300 block of NW 4th Ave. for a complaint of burglary and criminal damage to property. This remains under investigation.

10-19 - to the 1000 block of N. Center Ave. for a vehicle vs unknown animal collision. Minor damage was noted.

10-19 - to the 400 block of SE 4th St. for a telephone-harassment complaint.

Property Transfers

10-14 - June G. Orwig and Melissa M., Michael D., Sean M. Williams to SV CSG Toulon 1 LLC - Pt. Sect. 23-13-5 NE - Consideration = $0.

10-15 - Stark County as Trustee to Marco Sawires - Vg. of LaFayette Pt. Block 4 Lots 5 and 6 - 109 Jackson St., LaFayette - Consideration = $0.

10-17 - William R. Coleman to Chuck McGuire - Vg. of Bradford, Pt. Blocks 34 and 35 - 118 South St., Bradford - Consideration = $22,500.

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BRIEFS

Stark Co. school board OKs starting levy work

WYOMING – The Stark County School Board approved starting the-tax levy process at its Oct. 21 meeting. Superintendent Brett Elliott told the board a truth-in-taxation hearing will be held whether the levy increases by more than 5% or doesn't.

The board also approved increasing pay for junior high football officials from $90 to $100, the annual Fiscal Year 2025 audit by Gorenz and Associates and the Oct. 17 resignation of transportation driver Jim McMillen.

Elliott discussed snow-emergency policies that include up to five days of e-learning for emergency days. The board approved this measure.

Elliott said Vicki Nowlan's retirement is set for Oct. 31 and the district applied for a $50,000 ISBE matching grant for window replacement.

Finally, Breann Cart, a former elementary school parent, addressed the board and said Principal Emily Mastin did not return calls or act on her concerns regarding bullying and her daughter. Parent Samantha Berchtold also spoke, saying she grew up here but was disappointed she had to remove her son from the school because the administration does not listen to parents and sweeps concerns under the rug.

– John A. Ballentine

Knowles, Shallenberger appear in Stark court

TOULON – During an appearance in Stark County Circuit Court on Oct. 17, Brant Knowles, 23, of Toulon waived a preliminary hearing and pleaded not guilty to 2024 charges against him for felony burglary, felony theft and a misdemeanor for trespassing on state land. Knowles is next scheduled for a Jan. 26 hearing.

Circuit Court Judge James A. Mack also approved a modification to the GPS monitoring device of David D. Shallenberger, 52, of Wyoming. The device can be modified tif Shallenberger notifies his intentions 48 hours in advance to go beyond the GPS area for grocery shopping or doctor appointments.

Shallenberger faces a felony charge of child pornography possession. His next court appearance is Feb. 9. A bench trial is set for March 16.

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OBITUARIES

Richard C. Carlson

GALVA – Richard C. Carlson, 86, Galva, died at 7:10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 17, 2025, at Arcadia Care in Kewanee.

Carlson

A funeral service was to be held Oct. 22 at Rux Funeral Home in Galva with Pastor Randy Swanson officiating. A visitation was held prior to the service at the funeral home. Cremation was to be accorded following the service and private inurnment was to take place in Rosedale Cemetery in Cambridge. Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

Richard was born on Jan. 22, 1939, in Geneseo, the son of Carl and Eunice (Moody) Carlson. Survivors include his son, Douglas (Sue) Carlson of Galva; his daughter, Angela Carlson Shambaugh of Lincoln, Neb.; eight grandchildren, Tiffany (Justin) Dunn, Travis Shambaugh, Richard Louis (Kyla) Carlson, Billie Jo Swearingen, Wendy Marie Bell, Kerri Ann Halberg, Traci Lynn (Kyle) Chayer and Joshua David Carlson; two great-great grandchildren, Anna and Hailey; and a daughter-in-law, Chris Carlson.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Brian and two brothers, LaVern and Glen.

Richard graduated from Galva High School in 1956 and then graduated from Bradley University in 1965. He served in the Illinois National Guard for three years. He worked as a process engineer from 1965-74 at International Harvester, farmed the family farm and then operated Richard Carlson Realty in Galva until he retired at age 62.

He was a member of Messiah Lutheran Church, and he enjoyed collecting farm toys.

Harley D. Rediger

TOULON – Harley Dean Rediger, 93, of Toulon passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2025, at 3:33 p.m. at The Villas at Kewanee. He was born July 1, 1932, in Marshall County, to Viril and Melissa (Noret) Rediger. He married Bernadette "Bernie" (Sharkey) Rediger on May 26, 1956, at St. John's Catholic Church in Bradford.

Rediger

Harley was a 1951 graduate of Bradford High School and served in the U.S. Army from 1952-54. He was a farmer all his life.

He loved hunting and woodworking. His specialty was duck carving, however, he carved Santa Clauses and snowmen for his children and grandchildren, whom he loved dearly. He was a member of St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Wyoming. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Toulon American Legion. Harley was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan but especially loved following his children's and grandchildren's sporting events throughout the years.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Bernadette; their five children, Sheila (David) Lindahl of Wyoming, Michael (Theresa) Rediger of Toulon, Sherry Emerick of Willoughby, Ohio, Steven (Julie) Rediger of Statesborro, Ga., and Tammy (Scott) Kolbe of Naperville; nine grandchildren, Martiann (Jared) Gavin, Rustin (Aimee) Webster, Joey (Amanda) Rediger, Kelsey (Omar Teugels) Rediger, Jon (Emily) Rediger, Jake (Hannah) Kolbe, Niki Kolbe, Kiley Rediger and JD Rediger; six great-grandchildren, Payton, Braden, Eliza, Oliver, June and Sophia and a great-granddaughter due in January; two sisters, Marijean Bishel of Peoria and Linda Manning of Morton; and one brother, Ralph (Becky) Rediger of Princeton. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral mass was to be Oct. 20, 2025, at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Wyoming. Father Krengiel was to preside. Visitation was prior to the mass, also at the church. Burial was in St. John the Baptist Cemetery in Bradford.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Dominic's Catholic Church or to the Toulon Fire Department. Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting with the arrangements.

Online condolences may be left for Harley's family on his tribute wall at www.haskellfuneral.com.

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Rectory Phone: 309-852-5191
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302 North Main Street PO Box 287 Wyoming, IL, 61491-0287. 309-606-9027
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thewrights62@hotmail.com

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AT 6:00 p.m.
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AGENDA: HOMETOWN CONSULTING

CLAIM NOTICE

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

In Re ESTATE OF
DONALD W. DOWN, Deceased.
CC 2025PR16

NOTICE is given to creditors of the death of **DONALD W. DOWN** on September 6, 2025. Letters of Office were issued by the above entitled Court to **DORITA M. DOWN, of 2839 Township Road 1400E, Wyoming, Illinois 61491**, as Executor, whose attorneys of record are WHITNEY & POTTS, LTD., 118 West Main Street, P. O. Box 368, Elmwood, Illinois, 61529-0368. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Circuit Clerk's Office, Stark County Courthouse, Toulon, Illinois, or with the representative or both on or before the 17th day of April, 2026, or if mailing or delivery of a Notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act of 1975, the date stated in that Notice. Every claim filed must be in writing and state sufficient information to notify the representative of the nature of the claim or other relief sought. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed and the claimant shall file with the Court, proof of any required mailing or delivery of copies.

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DATED this 3rd day of October, 2025.
DORITA M. DOWN, Executor of the Estate of
DONALD W. DOWN, Deceased.

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

Estate of
BARBARA J VANRIPER, deceased
No. 2025-PR-100

DEATH NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of BARBARA J VANRIPER. Letters of Office were issued on October 15, 2025, to Carol J. Hughes, 9000 N. Glenwood Ave., Kansas City, MO 64157, and Randall J. Finnegan, 54 Gregory Way, Baiting Hollow, NY 11933, as Independent Co-Executors, 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.

Massie & Quick, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
HENRY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ESTATE OF
DENNIS F. CARREAU,, Deceased.
No. 2025 PR 65

CLAIM NOTICE
(Publication)

Notice is given of the death of **Dennis F. Carreau**, Letters of Office were issued on **October 16, 2025**, to **Sean D. Carreau, 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 **February 26, 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.

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Barash Everett, LLC
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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Public notice is hereby given that the Kewanee Airport Authority will receive sealed bids to Construct a Snow Removal Equipment Building and Access Pavement at the Kewanee Municipal Airport, until **2:00 PM** on November 10, 2025. The scope includes but is not limited to site preparation and grading, building erection, concrete slab construction, concrete perimeter pavement, utility work, landscaping and erosion control measures at the Kewanee Municipal Airport in Kewanee, Illinois.

Requests for bidding documents will be filled by contacting Springfield Reprographics, 1620 S. 5th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, 217-523-4632, www.springfieldrepro.com. The documents will be purchased by the Contractor, the cost of which will be nonrefundable.

The successful bidder shall be bonded, insured, and required to pay the prevailing rate for each trade or craft per the Davis-Bacon Wage Determinations (U.S. Department of Labor) for Henry County, Illinois and comply with the Federal Provisions included within the bidding documents.

The successful bidder shall have been in business for a period of not less than five (5) years, undertaking work similar in scale, scope, and cost to that included within the proposed project.

Prequalification (required) shall be requested by the proposed bidder (to the Engineer identified in the bidding documents) no later than 5:00 PM on October 31, 2025.

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Kewanee Municipal Airport Terminal Building, Kewanee, Illinois shortly after 2:00 PM on November 10, 2025.

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

Estate of
ROSELLA ANN SAULNIER, deceased
No. 2025-PR-98

DEATH NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of ROSELLA ANN SAULNIER. Letters of Office were issued on September 24, 2025, to Patick M. Moody, 101 Drake Landing Dr., Rincon, GA 31326, 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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SPORTS: Cross country in regionals on Saturday

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and Hunter Ely (18:36) also posted personal records.

The Lady Rebels placed seventh out of 30 teams with 256 points. Shelbyville won with 122 points.

Dusti Smith led Stark County by placing second in 17:07, a PR. Tessa Bowers of Shelbyville won in 16:49.

"(Smith) ran up front with the start, was confident, very composed and smooth," Rennick said. "She was shoulder-to-shoulder with another terrific runner in the last 300 meters up the hill to the finish, had an amazing close out and took second place."

Other Lady Rebels scoring runners were Cheyenh Smith (10th, PR 18:20), Norah Rorem (50th, 20:01), Paytin Terwilliger (126th, 22:22) and Darilis Knobloch (128th, 22:25).

Stark County competes Saturday at Saukie Golf Course in the Class 1A Rock Island Regional.

– Jeff Lampe

• **JH XC** – The Stark County girls placed 15th at the IESA Class 2A state cross country meet last week at Maxwell Park in Normal led by Sedona Smith (52nd, 13:32).

• **Galva VB** – Galva (6-11) lost 25-22, 25-17 to Peoria Heights Oct. 16 and 25-9, 25-16 at Monmouth United on Oct. 15. The Lady Wildcats face Peru St. Bede Tuesday to begin regional competition at Granville.

FOOTBALL: Rebels on 3-game losing streak

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like someone in search of an elusive answer.

That's because Noard appears to believe Stark County didn't pass three consecutive tests against the top teams in the LincolnLand small division.

Princeville held Stark County to minus-13 rushing yards at Gary Johnson Field to hand the Rebels (5-3) their third loss in a row.

"We've got to try to find something," Noard said following the game. "I don't know how."

Stark County lost Oct. 3 to league-leading Annawan-Wethersfield and again the following week to Rushville-Industry. Including the game against Princeville (6-2, 5-2), Stark County was outscored 150-33 in that stretch.

The regular-season finale for Stark County is tonight (Oct. 24), a LincolnLand crossover at Knoxville (4-4), which lost 59-6 last week to Ottawa Marquette.

A victory almost certainly would put Knoxville in the state playoffs and would continue bad momentum for Stark County as it awaits its postseason opponent. Pairings are to be released Saturday night.

"This week is really important for us," Noard said. "We'll have to play well over there. Obviously we've played good teams the last three weeks in a row, but I don't think we played well, either. I don't think we went into it with the right mentality.

"Just not ready to play in a big game when the other team is good."

All was good early against Princeville for Stark County. On the Rebels' second drive of the game, Ben Browning passed 26 yards to Wyatt Snider for a touchdown and a 7-7 tie with 2:26 left in the first quarter.

It took only four ensuing plays from scrimmage for Princeville to take the lead for good, on a 2-yard run by Noah Geiger 43.4 seconds before the end of the quarter. Geiger and Kaiden Sarnes each ran for three touchdowns.

After Geiger's initial score, no remaining Stark County drive lasted longer than six plays.

"Jade always does a good job constructing his offense," Princeville Coach Jon Carruthers said. "He always has his teams ready to play. We had to make some adjustments once he came out and was hitting us. It's always a chess match when we play."

Princeville scored on all three second-period possessions to lead 35-7 at halftime. Big gains were plentiful. Among them were a 36-yard pass from Sarnes to Brady Day, a 19-yard run by Kaden Blunier and a 52-yard Sarnes-to-Blunier TD connection.

"Three weeks in a row we had a hard time getting any stops, and that's a big deal right now," Noard said. "We definitely didn't play with any urgency the last three weeks. We're through the meat grinder. We'll see if we can get a sixth (victory)."

– Nick Vlahos

SCOREBOARD

Princeville 48
Stark County 7

Princeville	14	21	13	0 –	48
Stark County	7	0	0	0 –	7

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

P - Sarnes 16 run (Richeson kick)
SC - Snider 26 pass from Browning (Turnbull kick)
P - Geiger 2 run (Richeson kick)

Second Quarter

P - Geiger 2 run (Richeson kick)
P - Geiger 7 run (Richeson kick)
P - Blunier 52 pass from Sarnes (Richeson kick)

Third Quarter

P - Sarnes 6 run (kick short)
P - Sarnes 48 run (Richeson kick)

Team Statistics

	P	SC
Rushes-yds	33-241	26-(-13)
Yds per carry	7.3	(-0.5)
Comp-Att-Int	4-7-0	4-14-1
Passing yds	128	58

Individual Statistics

P: Sarnes 6-92, Geiger 12-60, Blunier 2-51, Melick 2-29, Benningfield 2-11, Christianson 3-9, McGrath 5-9, Palmer 1-(-20). SC: Knoblauch 5-17, Turnbull 2-8, Sparks 2-0, Steelman 1-(-2), Masters 7-(-6), Gentle 3-(-7), Browning 6-(-23).

Passing - P: Sarnes 4-7-0 128. SC: Browning 4-14-1 58.

Receiving - P: Blunier 1-52, Day 1-36, Benningfield 1-24, Johnson 1-16. SC: Snider 2-37, Holmstrom 2-21.

Tackles - P: Carruthers 8.

Annawan-Wethersfield 42
ROWVA-Williamsfield 6

Annawan-Weth.	14	28	0	0 –	42
ROWVA-Will.	0	0	0	6 –	6

Scoring Summary

First Quarter

AW – Horrie 4 run (Torres kick)
AW – Heitzler 11 run (Torres kick)

Second Quarter

AW - N.Thurston 66 pass from Heitzler (Torres kick)
AW - N.Thurston 6 run (Torres kick)
AW - N.Thurston 18 run (Torres kick)
AW - Heitzler 6 run (Torres kick)

Fourth Quarter

R-W - Gerlach 2 run (extra point failed)

Team Statistics

	AW	RW
Rushes-yds	34-244	25-58
Yds per carry	7.2	2.3
Comp-Att-Int	10-15-0	5-16-1
Passing yds	244	84

Individual Statistics

Rushing - A-W: Heitzler 7-79, Horrie 9-69, N.Thurston 5-38, G.Garcia 3-37, A.Garcia 4-13, Heston 1-12, Jape 1-2, VerStraete 4-(-6). R-W: Soper 11-33, Skala 2-19, Gerlach 10-8, DeJaynes 2-(minus-2).

Passing - A-W: Heitzler 10-15-0 244. R-W: DeJaynes 5-16-1 84.

Receiving - A-W: N.Thurston 4-137, Goodley 4-42, Horrie 1-40, M.Thurston 1-25. R-W: Nichols 2-57, Sornberger 1-14, Skala 1-9, Tamburro 1-4.

LincolnLand - Large

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Farmington	6	0	8	0
Macomb	5	1	7	1
West Hancock	4	3	5	3
Knoxville	4	3	4	4
Elmwood-Brim.	3	3	3	5
Illini West	2	4	4	4
Bureau Valley	1	5	1	7
LVC	0	6	0	8

Last Week

Macomb 42, Elmwood-Brimfield 13
Farmington 42, LVC 0
Ottawa Marquette 59, Knoxville 6
Illini West 42, United 22
West Hancock 48, Bureau Valley 12

Friday, Oct. 24

Illini West at Elmwood-Brimfield
Farmington at Bureau Valley
Stark County at Knoxville
LVC at Macomb
Walther Christian at West Hancock

LincolnLand - Small

	Conf. W	Conf. L	Overall W	Overall L
Annawan-Weth.	7	0	8	0
Rushville-Industry	6	1	6	2
Princeville	5	2	6	2
Stark County	5	3	5	3
Havana	3	4	4	4
Abingdon-Avon	3	4	3	5
South Fulton	1	6	2	6
ROWVA-Willmsfld	1	6	1	7
United	1	6	1	7

Last Week

Princeville 48, Stark County 7
Annawan-Weth. 42, ROWVA-Will. 6
Rushville-Ind. 46, Abingdon-Avon 14
Illini West 42, United 22
Havana 69, South Fulton 50

Friday, Oct. 24

United at Princeville
Stark County at Knoxville
ROWVA-Will. at Abingdon-Avon
Rushville-Industry at Havana
Annawan-Weth. at South Fulton

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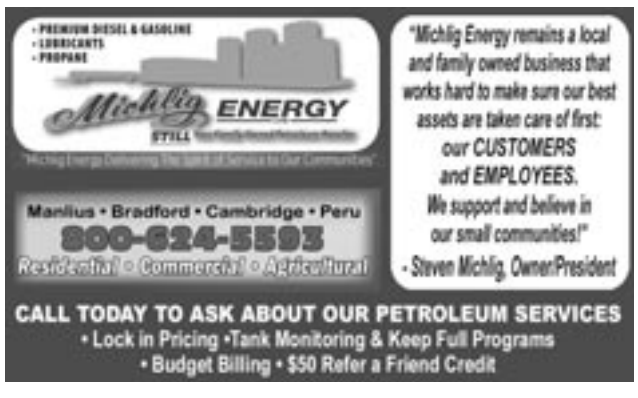

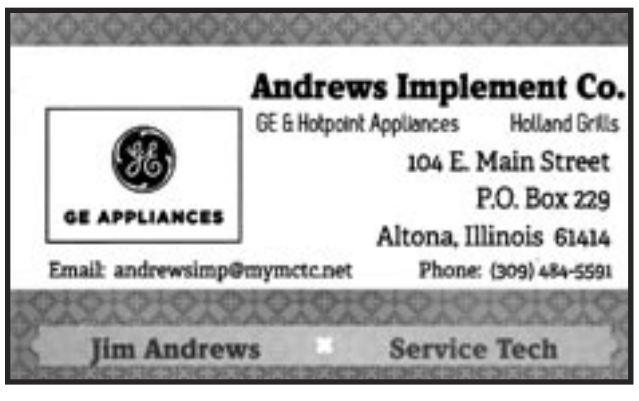

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Stark County volleyball players enjoy cheers from the fans as they run onto the court in special pink t-shirts for a recent Volley for the Cure match that raised more than $1,600 for the fight agains breast cancer.

Stark Co. VB wins pink-out match

By The Prairie News

TOULON – The Stark County volleyball team scored two wins Oct. 15 during a special Volley for the Cure home match.

The Lady Rebels (9-17) not only defeated Ridgewood 26-24, 26-24, in a Lincoln Trail matchup, they also raised $1,600 to benefit the fight against breast cancer.

Coley Johnston recorded seven kills in the pink-out match. Sophie Finnegan defended with three blocks and scored on two kills. Adelynn Gibson added two kills.

Stark County dropped a Monday match to Kewanee Wethersfield, 25-15, 25-8.

Next up for the Lady Rebels is a match Tuesday vs. host Bureau Valley at the Manlius Regional.

– Phil Johnson

• **Stark County XC** – Evan Knobloch topped a field of 295 boys runners last Saturday to win the Patriot Invite at Detweiller Park in 14:48. Knobloch is the first Stark County runner to win the race and the first to post a time under 15 minutes in a 3-mile race.

"(Knobloch's) first mile was 4:50 and he was smooth and under control. He stayed that way the entire race and the pack he was in simply reduced as runners fell off his pace," Rebels Coach Bob Rennick Jr. said. "In the end he simply ran away with it. He wiped out his own school record by 32 seconds."

Jackson Smith (17:32)

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Galva needs 1 win for playoffs

Wildcats on verge of first postseason berth since 1994

By The Prairie News

GALVA – No current Galva football player was alive the last time a Wildcats team made the state playoffs. But this year's roster is very well aware of that 1994 season.

For the past two weeks, Galva players have been chanting "31 years" when they take breaks from practice in recognition of the years that have passed without a postseason berth.

That streak will end today if Galva (4-4) can win on the road at West Prairie/Southeastern (1-7) in an 8-Player regular season finale.

"It's a special group of boys and a special group of coaches I handpicked," said Zach Anderson, who is in his first year coaching Galva. "Seeing everything come to fruition ... it's a big deal in my opinion."

Galva remained in playoff contention last week with a wild 50-44 win at home against Ridgewood (3-5). The Wildcats took the lead for good with 1:15 remaining on a pass from running back Blake Stahl to quarterback MJ Louck.

MJ Louck had a hand in all seven touchdowns for Galva in a 50-44 win over Ridgewood last week. Photo by Collin Fairfield.

"Blake got into some trouble and threw it up for MJ and he came back and got it and he's just so fast, nobody could catch him," Anderson said.

Louck also returned the first two kickoffs Galva received for touchdowns, ran for three scores and passed to JP Sloan for the seventh.

"He's an incredible athlete, but you've got to give credit to (Stahl) who was the workhorse inside," Anderson said. "Two of the runs MJ sprung were thanks to blocking by Blake and the team."

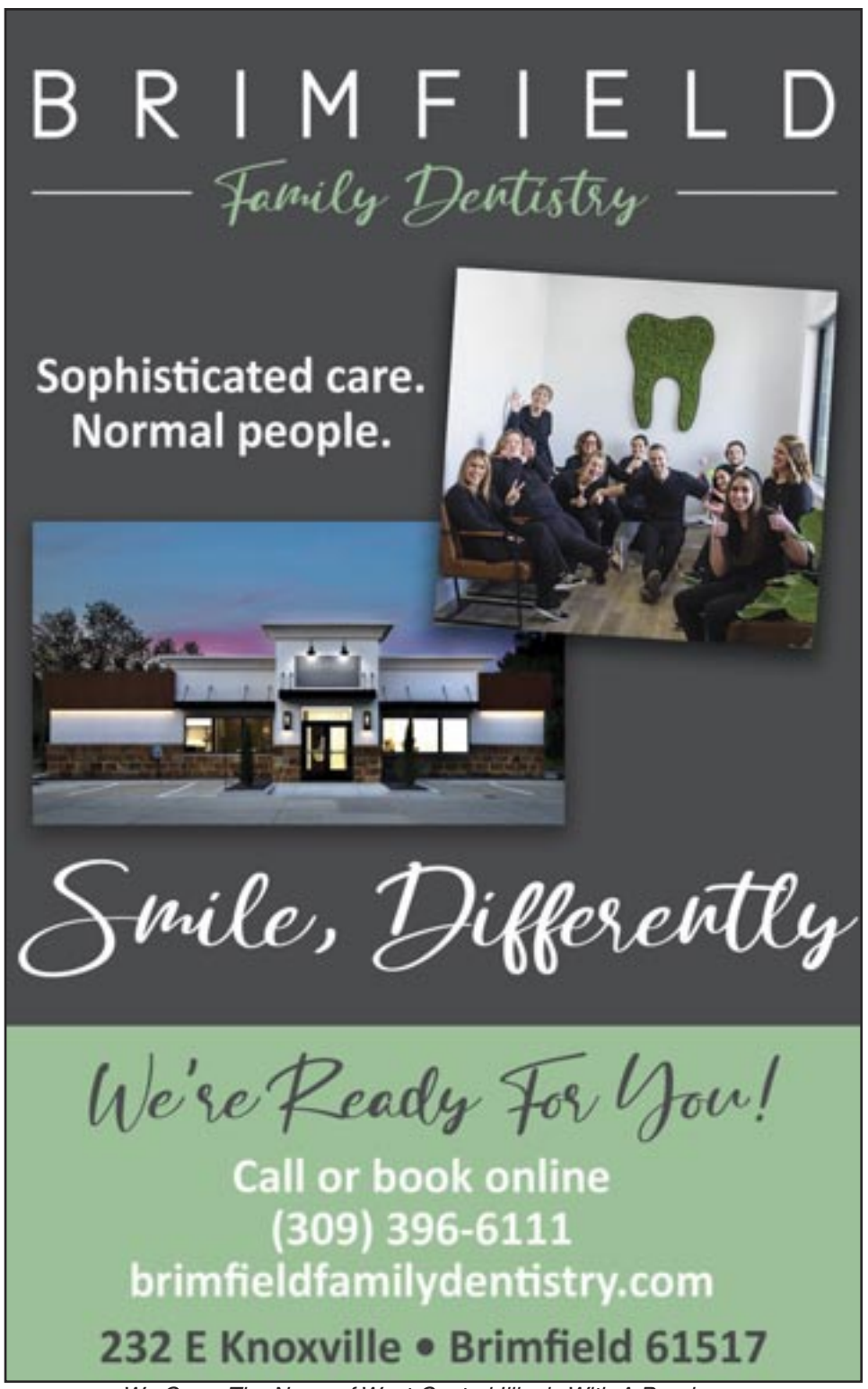
Tommy Funke saved the win for Galva, forcing a West Prairie fumble at the Galva 23-yard line with 20 seconds to go. TJ Hudson recovered the loose ball.

Galva's 1994 team featured the Gale triplets and finished 10-2 before losing to Sterling Newman Central Catholic, 33-15, in the quarterfinals. Galva was also part of football co-ops that reached the playoffs in 2009, 2015 and 2018 as Mid-County.

In all, Galva has four previous football playoff appearances, including 1974, 1983 and 1993.

– Jeff Lampe

Princeville 48
Stark County 7

WYOMING – Following Stark County's Oct. 17 game, Rebels Coach Jade Noard looked and sounded

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